

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	September 2003	October 2003	November 2003
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	436	453	398
Beverages and tobacco	95	105	75
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	156	170	164
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	848	785	653
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	31	22	23
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 175	1 492	1 061
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 423	1 446	1 260
Machinery and transport equipment	5 209	5 374	4 856
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 799	1 816	1 521
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	315	187	201
Total imports	11 487	11 851	10 210

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics of Australia's merchandise imports classified according to the broadest level (1 digit sections) of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification. The data are compiled from information submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data are available through the National Information and Referral Service, by subscription to AusStats, a 24 hour Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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