

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	July 2003	August 2003	September 2003
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	406	383	436
Beverages and tobacco	78	77	95
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	169	168	156
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	625	750	850
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	38	40	31
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 205	1 214	1 175
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 330	1 310	1 424
Machinery and transport equipment	4 951	5 080	5 214
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 588	1 619	1 797
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	216	235	315
Total imports	10 606	10 876	11 493

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

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