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INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES AUSTRALIA

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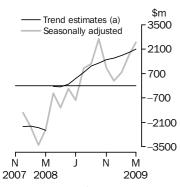
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Balance on Goods and Services



(a) A trend break of \$2,725m has been applied to April 2008.

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BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

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KEY POINTS

BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

- The trend estimate of the *balance on goods and services* was a surplus of \$2,108m in March 2009, an increase of \$193m on a revised surplus in February 2009.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, the *balance on goods and services* was a surplus of \$2,498m in March 2009, an increase of \$746m on a revised surplus in February 2009.
- The increase in the seasonally adjusted surplus was primarily due to the fall in *goods and services debits*, mainly in *other goods* and *capital goods*.

CREDITS (EXPORTS OF GOODS & SERVICES)

- Seasonally adjusted, *goods and services credits* rose \$16m to \$24,647m. *Rural goods* rose \$257m (10%) while *other goods* fell \$139m (6%) and *non-rural goods* fell \$126m (1%). *Services credits* rose \$25m (1%).
- The rise in *rural goods* was largely driven by the *cereal grains and cereal preparations component*, which rose \$249m (41%).

DEBITS (IMPORTS OF GOODS & SERVICES)

- Seasonally adjusted, *goods and services debits* fell \$730m (3%) to \$22,149m. *Other goods* fell \$640m (33%), *capital goods* fell \$563m (12%) and *intermediate and other merchandise goods* fell \$207m (3%), while *consumption goods* rose \$661m (15%). *Services debits* rose \$19m.
- The fall in *other goods* was driven by *non-monetary gold*, down \$806m (46%).
- The components in *consumption goods* with the largest increases were *consumption goods n.e.s.*, up \$206m (13%), *textiles, clothing and footwear*, up \$134m (21%) and *non–industrial transport equipment*, up \$104m (13%).

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REVISIONS

Revisions have been made to incorporate the latest available data relating to merchandise trade and international trade in services. In original terms, these revisions have:

- decreased the surplus on goods and services for February 2009 by \$356m
- increased the surplus for the eight months to February 2009 by \$124m
- increased the deficit on goods and services for 2007–08 by \$238m, with:
 - goods credits decreasing by \$242m
 - goods debits decreasing by \$4m.

CHANGES TO

The *Information paper: Changes to international trade in goods industry statistics, July 2009* (cat. no. 5368.0.55.011) released on 18 December 2008 described changes to industry statistics being implemented in the July 2009 issue of this publication. Available with the information paper were correspondences between the relevant industry and commodity classifications. Since the release of the information paper one change has been made to the correspondences in Tables 1 and 2 and one industry code has been removed from Table 5. The updated tables are available from the Downloads tab of the information paper.

AVAILABILITY OF RELATED DATA

Commentary summarising the country breakdown for Australia's major trading partners for the calendar year 2008 will not be available in this issue due to the delay in the release of services calendar year data. As advised in the February 2009 issue, the services time series data cube Table 9 is available in this issue but other related data cubes will be released on 17 June 2009 (not 19 June as previously advised).

INFORMATION PAPER

The *Information paper: Revisions to international standards in monthly international trade in goods and services statistics from August 2009* (cat. no. 5368.0.55.012) will be released on 4 June 2009. This paper outlines the changes to the international standards and the impact on the presentation of statistics in *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (cat. no. 5368.0). It also describes the background to the changes, timing of the proposed changes and provides mock-ups of the proposed publications and the related spreadsheets.

Brian Pink Australian Statistician

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TRADE IN SERVICES DATA CUBES

Trade in Services data are usually updated on an annual basis - with the March issue of 5368.0 for calendar year and with the September issue for financial year. However, tables 1 to 8, 10 and 11 for the 2008 calendar year will be released on 17 June 2009. Table 9 is released with the March issue.

For financial year data cubes see cat. no. 5368.0.55.003 and for calendar year see 5368.0.55.004. The following tables are included in both sets of data cubes:

- 1 International trade in services, credits, state by year
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ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of the balance on goods and services was a surplus of \$2,108m in March 2009, an increase of \$193m on a revised surplus in February 2009.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services was a surplus of \$2,498m in March 2009, an increase of \$746m on a revised surplus in February 2009.

The sum of the seasonally adjusted balances for the three months to March 2009 was a surplus of \$5,015m, an increase of \$1,034m on the surplus of \$3,981m for the three months to December 2008. However, if the seasonal factors used in compiling quarterly Balance of Payments are applied, the March quarter 2009 surplus was \$5,050m, an increase of \$879m on the revised December quarter 2008 surplus of \$4,171m.

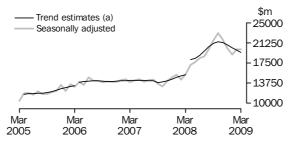
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of goods and services credits fell \$380m (2%) between February 2009 and March 2009 to \$24,139m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services credits rose \$16m to \$24,647m. Rural goods rose \$257m (10%) while other goods fell \$139m (6%) and non-rural goods fell \$126m (1%). Services credits rose \$25m (1%).

Exports of goods

GOODS CREDITS



(a) Trend breaks of \$819m to April 2005, \$500m to April 2006 and \$2,725m to April 2008 have been applied.

RURAL GOODS

In trend terms, exports of rural goods rose \$53m (2%) to \$2,697m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, exports of rural goods rose \$257m (10%) to \$2,844m.

The main component contributing to the rise in the seasonally adjusted estimates was cereal grains and cereal preparations, up \$249m (41%).

In original terms, exports of rural goods rose \$467m (19%) to \$2,985m.

NON-RURAL GOODS

In trend terms, exports of non-rural goods fell \$603m (4%) to \$14,589m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, exports of non-rural goods fell \$126m (1%) to \$14,842m.

The main components contributing to the fall in seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- coal, coke and briquettes, down \$210m (5%)
- other mineral fuels, down \$98m (6%).

Partly offsetting these decreases were:

- other non-rural, up \$115m (13%)
- transport equipment, up \$64m (18%).

Exports of goods continued

NON-RURAL GOODS continued

In original terms, the largest increase was in metal ores and minerals, up \$354m (8%) with non-agglomerated iron ore, up \$259m (9%), with volumes up 19% and prices down 8%. Coal, coke and briquettes rose \$212m (5%) with volumes of high rank coal up 21%, volumes of semi-soft coking coal up 67% and volumes of non-metallurgical coal up 2%.

In original terms, exports of non-rural goods rose \$1,158m (8%) to \$14,826m.

OTHER GOODS

In trend terms, exports of other goods rose \$145m (7%) to \$2,215m.

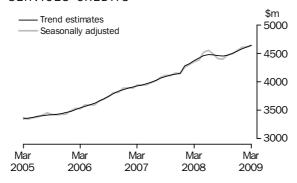
In seasonally adjusted terms, other goods fell \$139m (6%) to \$2,327m.

The main component contributing to the fall in seasonally adjusted estimates was non-monetary gold, down \$108m (5%).

In original terms, exports of other goods fell \$132m (5%) to \$2,327m.

Exports of services

SERVICES CREDITS



In trend terms, services credits rose \$26m (1%) to \$4,638m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, services credits rose \$25m (1%) to \$4,635m.

The components contributing to the rise in the seasonally adjusted estimates were travel services, up 32m (1%) and other services up 5m, while transportation services fell 13m (2%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, tourism related services credits rose 24m (1%) to 2.973m.

IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of goods and services debits fell \$573m (3%) between February 2009 and March 2009 to \$22,031m.

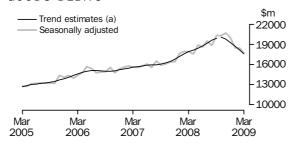
In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services debits fell \$730m (3%) to \$22,149m. Other goods fell \$640m (33%), capital goods fell \$563m (12%) and intermediate and other merchandise goods fell \$207m (3%), while consumption goods rose \$661m (15%). Services debits rose \$19m.

IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES continued

Preliminary analysis shows that, in seasonally adjusted terms, goods imports volumes decreased about 8.7% during the March quarter 2009 and the implicit price deflator fell 2.2%. In original terms, the Chain Laspeyres price index fell about 2.9% while the implicit price deflator fell 1.7%. The final volume and price outcomes will be published in the March quarter 2009 issue of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0).

Imports of goods

GOODS DEBITS



(a) A trend break of \$167m has been applied to Capital goods, n.e.s. debits and related aggregates in October 2008.

CONSUMPTION GOODS

In trend terms, imports of consumption goods fell \$77m (2%) to \$4,953m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of consumption goods rose \$661m (15%) to \$5,146m.

All components contributed to the rise in the seasonally adjusted estimates with:

- consumption goods n.e.s., up \$206m (13%)
- textiles, clothing and footwear, up \$134m (21%)
- non-industrial transport equipment, up \$104m (13%).

In original terms, imports of consumption goods rose \$897m (22%) to \$4,944m.

CAPITAL GOODS

In trend terms, imports of capital goods fell \$73m (2%) to \$4,097m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of capital goods fell \$563m (12%) to \$4,223m.

The component contributing the most to the fall in the seasonally adjusted estimates was capital goods n.e.s. (which includes civil aircraft and confidential commodities), down \$732m (45%).

Partly offsetting this fall was the machinery and industrial equipment component, up \$202m (13%).

In original terms, imports of capital goods rose \$195m (5%) to \$4,349m.

Imports of goods continued

INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER MERCHANDISE GOODS

In trend terms, imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods fell 438m (6%) to 7,006m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods fell \$207m (3%) to \$7,006m.

The main components contributing to the decrease in the seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- fuels and lubricants, down \$188m (10%)
- iron and steel, down \$127m (28%).

Partly offsetting these decreases was the other parts for capital goods component, up \$76m (7%).

In original terms, imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods rose \$329m (5%) to \$7,056m.

OTHER GOODS

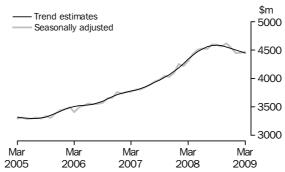
In trend terms, imports of other goods rose \$34m (2%) to \$1,525m.

In both original and seasonally adjusted terms, other goods debits fell \$640m (33%) to \$1,305m.

The main component contributing to this decrease was non-monetary gold, down \$806m (46%) while goods for processing increased \$165m.

Imports of services

SERVICES DEBITS



In trend terms, services debits fell \$21m to \$4,449m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, services debits rose \$19m to \$4,469m.

The main component contributing to the rise in the seasonally adjusted estimates was other services, up \$15m (1%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, tourism related services debits rose \$3m to \$2,062m.



${\tt GOODS\ AND\ SERVICES(a),\ Summary:\ \textbf{Seasonally\ Adjusted\ and\ Trend\ Estimates}}$

	BALANCE	CREDITS					DEBITS					
						•••••						•••••
	On	Total					Total				Inter-	
	goods	goods			Non-rural		goods		Con-		mediate	
	and	and	Total	Rural	and other	Total	and	Total	sumption	Capital	and other	Total
	services	services	goods	goods(b)	goods(b)	services	services	goods	goods	goods	goods	services
Months	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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2008												
January	-2 330	19 558	15 303	2 147	13 156	4 255	-21 888	-17 633	-5 121	-3 778	-8 734	-4 255
February	-3 401	18 723	14 417	2 126	12 290	4 306	-22 124	-17 902	-5 173	-4 059	-8 669	-4 222
March	-2 510	19 725	15 372	2 219	13 153	4 353	-22 234	-17 930	-5 170	-4 179	-8 581	-4 305
April	-438	21 561	17 178	2 401	14 777	4 383	-21 999	-17 568	-4 904	-3 774	-8 891	-4 430
May	-1 249	22 160	17 640	2 395	15 245	4 519	-23 408	-18 900	-5 243	-3 878	-9 780	-4 508
June	-163	22 969	18 417	2 249	16 168	4 552	-23 131	-18 605	-5 209	-4 148	-9 247	-4 527
July	-815	23 200	18 717	2 219	16 498	4 483	-24 015	-19 498	-5 145	-4 030	-10 323	-4 517
August	1 012	24 448	20 043	2 292	17 750	4 406	-23 436	-18 839	-5 050	-4 246	-9 544	-4 597
September	1 274	26 184	21 787	2 260	19 527	4 397	-24 910	-20 319	-5 104	-4 433	-10 783	-4 591
October	2 684	27 528	23 058	2 569	20 489	4 470	-24 844	-20 289	-5 238	-4 463	-10 588	-4 556
November	1 017	26 345	21 853	2 488	19 366	4 492	-25 328	-20 711	-5 338	-4 427	-10 946	-4 617
December	280	24 825	20 279	2 540	17 739	4 546	-24 545	-20 015	-5 438	-5 255	-9 322	-4 530
2009												
January	765	23 682	19 076	2 496	16 580	4 607	-22 918	-18 473	-5 166	-4 472	-8 836	-4 444
February	1 752	24 631	20 021	2 587	17 434	4 610	-22 879	-18 429	-4 485	-4 786	-9 158	-4 450
March	2 498	24 647	20 012	2 844	17 169	4 635	-22 149	-17 680	-5 146	-4 223	-8 311	-4 469
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2008												
January	-2 310	19 072	14 790	2 128	12 662	4 282	-21 381	-17 192	-5 040	-3 857	-8 295	-4 189
February	-2 413	19 416	15 097	2 202	12 895	4 319	-21 830	-17 568	-5 094	-3 921	-8 553	-4 262
March	-2 547	19 688	15 317	2 262	13 055	4 370	-22 235	-17 897	-5 117	-3 960	-8 820	-4 337
April(c)	-45	22 531	18 110	2 293	15 817	4 422	-22 577	-18 167	-5 109	-3 978	-9 080	-4 410
May	-70	22 827	18 368	2 298	16 070	4 460	-22 898	-18 426	-5 083	-4 002	-9 341	-4 471
June	94	23 367	18 891	2 294	16 597	4 476	-23 274	-18 754	-5 060	-4 058	-9 636	-4 520
July	409	24 141	19 669	2 298	17 371	4 472	-23 732	-19 175	-5 065	-4 140	-9 970	-4 557
August	768	24 963	20 504	2 317	18 187	4 458	-24 194	-19 614	-5 117	-4 232	-10 265	-4 580
September	1 126	25 615	21 164	2 355	18 809	4 452	-24 489	-19 903	-5 183	-4 296	-10 424	-4 586
October(d)	1 302	25 926	21 462	2 411	19 051	4 464	-24 624	-20 048	-5 226	-4 444	-10 378	-4 576
November	1 508	25 813	21 317	2 475	18 842	4 496	-24 306	-19 751	-5 227	-4 387	-10 137	-4 555
December	1 592	25 405	20 866	2 533	18 332	4 539	-23 812	-19 286	-5 184	-4 346	-9 756	-4 526
2009												
January	1 739	24 931	20 352	2 589	17 763	4 579	-23 192	-18 695	-5 111	-4 254	-9 330	-4 497
February	1 915	24 519	19 906	2 644	17 262	4 612	-22 604	-18 134	-5 030	-4 170	-8 935	-4 470
March	2 108	24 139	19 501	2 697	16 804	4 638	-22 031	-17 582	-4 953	-4 097	-8 531	-4 449

⁽b) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Non-rural and other goods.

⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) A trend break of \$2,725m has been applied to Non-rural and other goods credits and related aggregates in April 2008.

⁽d) A trend break of \$167m has been applied to Capital goods, n.e.s. debits and related aggregates in October 2008.

GOODS AND SERVICES(a), Summary: Original

	BALANCE	CREDITS					DEBITS					
	•••••		•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••	•••••				•••••	••••••
	On	Total					Total				Inter-	
	goods	goods			Non-rural		goods		Con-		mediate	
	and	and	Total	Rural	and other	Total	and	Total	sumption	Capital	and other	Total
	services	services	goods	goods(b)	goods(b)	services	services	goods	goods	goods	goods	services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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2005-06	-14 520	196 274	154 425	25 266	129 159	41 849	-210 794	-169 716	-50 221	-40 077	-79 418	-41 078
2006-07	-12 757	215 695	169 514	25 075	144 439	46 181	-228 452	-184 024	-54 913	-41 765	-87 346	-44 428
2007–08	-21 508	233 835	182 816	25 480	157 336	51 019	-255 343	-205 089	-59 371	-45 351	-100 367	-50 254
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2008					WO	11113						
January	-3 828	17 736	13 562	1 829	11 733	4 174	-21 564	-17 113	-4 844	-3 526	-8 743	-4 451
February	-2 480	18 222	13 747	2 137	11 610	4 475	-20 702	-16 885	-4 812	-3 640	-8 433	-3 817
March	-1 017	20 061	15 537	2 370	13 167	4 524	-21 078	-17 007	-4 594	-4 120	-8 293	-4 071
April	-987	21 159	16 711	2 432	14 279	4 448	-22 146	-17 850	-4 958	-3 748	-9 1 44	-4 296
May	-452	22 477	18 104	2 626	15 478	4 373	-22 929	-18 608	-5 016	-3 821	-9 771	-4 321
June	137	22 652	18 428	2 172	16 256	4 224	-22 515	-17 912	-4 769	-4 224	-8 919	-4 603
July	-1 023	23 413	18 858	2 149	16 709	4 555	-24 436	-19 764	-5 284	-4 048	-10 432	-4 672
August	1 832	25 170	20 662	2 288	18 374	4 508	-23 338	-18 771	-5 073	-4 208	-9 490	-4 567
September	-176	26 008	21 786	2 217	19 569	4 222	-26 184	-21 210	-5 578	-4 555	-11 077	-4 974
October	1 899	28 940	24 314	2 677	21 637	4 626	-27 041	-22 203	-6 134	-4 809	-11 260	-4 838
November	621	26 466	21 903	2 506	19 397	4 563	-25 845	-21 409	-5 790	-4 756	-10 863	-4 436
December	506	25 625	21 115	2 610	18 505	4 510	-25 119	-20 382	-5 528	-5 515	-9 339	-4 737
2009												
January	-238	21 997	17 474	2 199	15 275	4 523	-22 235	-17 593	-4 846	-4 045	-8 702	-4 642
February	2 533	23 328	18 645	2 518	16 127	4 683	-20 795	-16 873	-4 047	-4 154	-8 672	-3 922
March	2 996	24 950	20 138	2 985	17 153	4 812	-21 954	-17 654	-4 944	-4 349	-8 361	-4 300
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2008	-20 206	167 547	129 573	18 250	111 323	37 974	-187 753	-150 719	-44 628	-33 558	-72 533	-37 034
2009	8 950	225 897	184 895	22 149	162 746	41 002	-216 947	–175 859	-47 224	-40 439	-88 196	-41 088

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9 MONTHS ENDED MARCH Feb Jan Mar 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2009 2009 2009 2008 2009 Change % \$m \$m \$m \$m \$m \$m \$m **Total goods credits** 154 425 169 514 182 816 17 474 18 645 20 138 129 573 184 895 42.7 Rural goods 25 266 25 075 25 480 2 199 2 518 2 985 18 250 22 149 21.4 Meat and meat preparations 6 709 7 078 6 540 391 627 687 4 752 5 733 20.6 Cereal grains and cereal preparations 4 171 4 9 7 6 927 3 147 4 995 4 852 620 687 58.7 Wool and sheepskins 2 544 3 065 2 796 130 205 227 2 140 1 798 -16.0Other rural(a) 11 161 10 761 11 168 1 058 999 1 144 8 211 9 623 17.2 Non-rural goods 118 210 131 813 143 138 13 631 13 668 14 826 100 698 146 691 45.7 Metal ores and minerals 28 934 35 315 41 337 4 013 4 231 4 585 28 626 41 467 44.9 Coal, coke and briquettes 24 599 45 166 195.2 24 352 21 928 4 520 3 970 4 182 15 300 Other mineral fuels 13 218 15 642 18 889 1 639 1 481 1 402 13 496 17 088 26.6 Metals (excl. non-monetary gold) 11 271 14 820 14 038 823 786 881 10 340 9 782 -5.4Machinery 8 066 8 422 6 600 6 935 5.1 8 792 513 724 787 Transport equipment 5 314 4 648 5 719 237 328 400 4 142 4 399 6.2 1 370 Other manufactures 14 996 16 268 17 000 1 123 1 563 12 570 13 507 7.5 Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages) 12 059 14 770 12 764 763 778 1 026 9 624 8 347 -13.3Other goods 10 949 12 626 2 459 2 327 10 625 16 055 14 198 1 644 51.1 Goods for processing 276 200 588 194.0 368 417 79 110 93 Repairs on goods 74 90 103 7 7 8 72 74 2.8 1 379 1 547 Goods procured in ports by carriers 1 420 129 129 1 125 1 339 19.0 121 Non-monetary gold 9 087 10 740 12 272 1 429 2 213 2 105 9 228 14 054 52.3

⁽a) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.



9 MONTHS ENDED MARCH

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				Jan	Feb	Mar			
	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2009	2009	2009	2008	2009	Change
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
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Total goods debits	-169 716	-184 024	-205 089	-17 593	-16 873	-17 654	-150 719	-175 859	16.7
Consumption goods	-50 221	-54 913	-59 371	-4 846	-4 047	-4 944	-44 628	-47 224	5.8
Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	-6 169	-7 182	-7 840	-754	-616	-755	-5 946	-6 848	15.2
Household electrical items	-4 191	-4 525	-5 051	-367	-318	-362	-3 819	-4 063	6.4
Non-industrial transport equipment	-13 596	-14 894	-16 872	-915	-664	-865	-12 399	-10 370	-16.4
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-6 364	-6 805	-7 051	-863	-707	-755	-5 450	-6 540	20.0
Toys, books and leisure goods	-4 057	-4 328	-4 561	-365	-296	-403	-3 430	-4 014	17.0
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-15 844	-17 179	-17 996	-1 582	-1 446	-1 804	-13 584	-15 389	13.3
Capital goods	-40 077	-41 765	-45 351	-4 045	-4 154	-4 349	-33 558	-40 439	20.5
Machinery and industrial equipment	-14 347	-15 330	-16 480	-1 567	-1 283	-1 807	-12 342	-14 685	19.0
ADP equipment	-6 158	-7 008	-7 074	-514	-473	-623	-5 249	-5 476	4.3
Telecommunications equipment	-5 320	-5 315	-5 790	-428	-488	-623	-4 394	-4 881	11.1
Civil aircraft(b)	-2 967	-1 667	-2 691	na	na	na	-1 829	na	na
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-5 491	-6 454	-7 554	-470	-397	-411	-5 473	-5 581	2.0
Capital goods n.e.s.(b)	<i>–</i> 5 794	-5 991	-5 762	-1 066	-1 513	-885	-4 271	-8 292	94.1
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-72 737	-79 923	-90 618	-7 385	-6 727	-7 056	-65 624	-76 399	16.4
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-651	-819	-923	-112	-84	-93	-681	-923	35.5
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.	-1 186	-1 552	-1 477	-205	-79	-142	-1 099	-1 615	47.0
Fuels and lubricants	-21 014	-21 470	-29 697	-1 820	-1 885	-1 697	-20 784	-22 716	9.3
Parts for transport equipment	-7 315	-8 355	-8 833	-628	-559	-670	-6 548	-6 808	4.0
Parts for ADP equipment	-1 857	-1 620	-1 115	-82	-73	-102	-837	-815	-2.6
Other parts for capital goods	-10 166	-11 780	-11 990	-1 196	-1 033	-1 249	-8 837	-10 719	21.3
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-4 133	-4 406	-4 673	-475	-437	-358	-3 433	-4 248	23.7
Paper and paperboard	-2 303	-2 368	-2 359	-207	-175	-192	-1 787	-1 943	8.7
Textile yarn and fabrics	-1 361	-1 366	-1 334	-111	-94	-115	-1 009	-1 059	5.0
Iron and steel	-3 240	-3 817	-3 721	-502	-420	-341	-2 672	-4 699	75.9
Plastics	-2 517	-2 957	-3 064	-232	-207	-242	-2 292	-2 423	5.7
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-15 863	-17 794	-20 013	-1 732	-1 591	-1 778	-14 536	-17 288	18.9
Other merchandise goods(b)	-1 131	-1 619	-1 419	-83	-90	-77	-1 109	-1 143	3.1
Other goods	-6 681	-7 423	-9 749	-1 317	-1 945	-1 305	-6 909	-11 797	70.7
Goods for processing	-445	-507	-233	-170	-1	-166	-81	-635	
Repairs on goods	-115	-131	-117	-11	-25	-27	-85	-151	77.6
Goods procured in ports by carriers	-1 406	-1 468	-1 771	-151	-151	-150	-1 212	-1 521	25.5
Non-monetary gold	-4 715	-5 317	-7 628	-985	-1 768	-962	-5 531	-9 490	71.6

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⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) From December 2008, the Civil aircraft series and commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Capital goods n.e.s.. From September to November 2008 commodities with these restrictions are included in Civil aircraft and for earlier periods are included in Other merchandise goods.



GOODS CREDITS: Seasonally Adjusted

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Total goods credits	18 417	18 717	20 043	21 787	23 058	21 853	20 279	19 076	20 021	20 012
Rural goods	2 249	2 219	2 292	2 260	2 569	2 488	2 540	2 496	2 587	2 844
Meat and meat preparations	567	582	591	631	724	656	635	608	660	648
Cereal grains and cereal preparations	569	487	512	390	502	472	632	578	610	859
Wool and sheepskins	182	216	212	217	243	203	187	183	197	184
Other rural(a)	932	933	977	1 023	1 100	1 157	1 085	1 127	1 120	1 153
Non-rural goods	15 111	14 876	16 264	18 008	18 691	17 750	16 186	14 929	14 968	14 842
Metal ores and minerals	4 265	4 453	4 694	5 553	5 034	4 352	3 965	4 361	4 532	4 521
Coal, coke and briquettes(b)	4 067	3 845	4 774	5 492	6 409	6 280	5 485	4 438	4 316	4 106
Other mineral fuels(c)	2 050	1 866	1 761	1 907	2 077	2 085	1 947	1 738	1 682	1 584
Metals (excl. non-monetary gold)(c)	1 187	1 217	1 303	1 298	1 258	1 191	1 021	878	889	847
Machinery	698	712	773	757	795	877	763	701	785	782
Transport equipment	498	529	527	542	626	472	499	435	360	424
Other manufactures	1 416	1 438	1 474	1 528	1 542	1 554	1 514	1 454	1 495	1 552
Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages)	931	816	958	931	949	937	993	923	910	1 025
Other goods	1 057	1 622	1 487	1 519	1 799	1 616	1 553	1 650	2 466	2 327
Goods for processing(d)	23	31	40	36	100	52	47	79	110	93
Repairs on goods(d)	10	9	10	8	5	8	12	7	7	8
Goods procured in ports by carriers(c)	142	147	158	162	166	159	139	135	136	121
Non-monetary gold(d)	882	1 435	1 279	1 313	1 528	1 397	1 355	1 429	2 213	2 105

⁽a) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

⁽b) Only a length-of-month effect has been applied to this component.

⁽c) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.

⁽d) This component is not seasonally adjusted.



${\tt GOODS\ DEBITS\,(a):\ \textbf{Seasonally\ Adjusted}}$

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Total goods debits	-18 605	-19 498	-18 839	-20 319	-20 289	-20 711	-20 015	-18 473	-18 429	-17 680
Consumption goods	-5 209	-5 145	-5 050	-5 104	-5 238	-5 338	−5 <i>4</i> 38	-5 166	-4 485	-5 146
Food and beverages, mainly for										
consumption	-696	-693	-696	-737	-748	-751	-779	-761	-691	-790
Household electrical items	-576	-514	-373	-409	-445	-470	-432	-457	-386	-417
Non-industrial transport equipment	-1 360	-1 388	-1 411	-1 278	-1 208	-1 171	-1 234	-1 010	-794	-898
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-612	-600	-615	-650	-706	-734	-777	-751	-646	-780
Toys, books and leisure goods	-403	-425	-385	-427	-445	-447	-463	-447	-379	-463
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-1 562	-1 524	-1 571	-1 601	-1 685	-1 765	-1 753	-1 739	-1 591	-1 797
Capital goods	-4 148	-4 030	-4 246	-4 433	<i>–4 463</i>	-4 427	-5 255	-4 472	<i>–</i> 4 786	-4 223
Machinery and industrial equipment	-1 457	-1 514	-1 526	-1 533	-1 615	-1 656	-1 670	-1 605	-1 520	-1 722
ADP equipment	-517	-551	-594	-595	-758	-683	-658	-598	-592	-580
Telecommunications equipment	-459	-497	-481	-557	-570	-549	-487	-564	-596	-612
Civil aircraft(b)(c)	-500	-180	-382	-512	-185	-265	na	na	na	na
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-710	-801	-777	-752	-668	-614	-606	-505	-460	-424
Capital goods n.e.s.(b)	-505	-486	-486	-484	-667	-660	-1 833	-1 199	-1 618	-886
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-8 333	-9 152	-8 493	-9 557	-9 572	-9 163	-8 339	-7 519	-7 213	-7 006
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-77	-78	-91	-105	-108	-119	-109	-107	-98	-103
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.(d)	-141	-176	-178	-158	-175	-257	-196	-193	-101	-143
Fuels and lubricants(c)	-2 863	-3 663	-2 691	-3 202	-3 291	-2 417	-2 050	-1 820	-1 885	-1 697
Parts for transport equipment	-770	-774	-806	-809	-814	-842	-722	-685	-621	-669
Parts for ADP equipment	-86	-86	-84	-88	-90	-117	-93	-91	-88	-91
Other parts for capital goods	-1 027	-1 010	-1 078	-1 152	-1 197	-1304	-1 283	-1 265	-1 162	-1 238
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-460	-435	-467	-495	-517	-595	-524	-454	-420	-349
Paper and paperboard	-207	-208	-208	-223	-222	-224	-207	-209	-194	-194
Textile yarn and fabrics	-105	-106	-111	-117	-130	-123	-125	-115	-106	-114
Iron and steel	-405	-429	-486	-569	-625	-585	-661	-461	-454	-327
Plastics	-275	-269	-261	-281	-302	-285	-266	-234	-231	-247
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-1 803	-1 801	-1 881	-1 991	-1 999	-2 225	-2 012	-1 802	-1 764	−1 756
Other merchandise goods(b)(c)	-114	-117	-149	-366	-101	-70	-90	-83	-90	-77
Other goods	-914	-1 171	-1 051	-1 226	-1 016	-1 783	-983	-1 317	-1 945	-1 305
Goods for processing(c)	-7	-155	-1	-1	-1	-139	-1	-170	-1	-166
Repairs on goods(c)	-9	-11	-11	-16	-11	-17	-22	-11	-25	-27
Goods procured in ports by carriers(c)	-185	-199	-199	-202	-156	-156	-157	-151	-151	-150
Non-monetary gold(e)	-713	-806	-840	-1 007	-848	-1 471	-803	-985	-1 768	-962

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⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) From December 2008, the Civil aircraft series and commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Capital goods n.e.s.. From September to November 2008 commodities with these restrictions are included in Civil aircraft and for earlier periods are included in Other merchandise goods.

⁽c) These components are not seasonally adjusted.

⁽d) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.

⁽e) From October 1995, this component is not seasonally adjusted.



GOODS CREDITS: Trend Estimates

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Total goods credits	18 891	19 669	20 504	21 164	21 462	21 317	20 866	20 352	19 906	19 501
Rural goods	2 294	2 298	2 317	2 355	2 411	2 475	2 533	2 589	2 644	2 697
Meat and meat preparations	586	605	622	637	649	654	652	647	643	638
Cereal grains and cereal preparations	543	516	490	473	479	513	563	620	677	735
Wool and sheepskins	207	210	214	216	214	209	200	193	187	183
Other rural(a)	958	967	992	1 029	1 069	1 099	1 118	1 129	1 137	1 142
Non-rural goods	15 292	15 981	16 711	17 268	17 451	17 169	16 557	15 849	15 192	14 589
Metal ores and minerals(b)	4 458	4 671	4 813	4 841	4 769	4 624	4 474	4 374	4 327	4 293
Coal, coke and briquettes(c)	4 050	4 469	4 979	5 451	5 718	5 684	5 401	5 001	4 588	4 191
Other mineral fuels	1 906	1 919	1 941	1 963	1 969	1 950	1 899	1 821	1 736	1 648
Metals (excl. non-monetary gold)	1 233	1 260	1 272	1 263	1 217	1 141	1 051	964	889	829
Machinery	724	737	757	776	788	790	784	775	768	764
Transport equipment	514	530	546	550	538	513	480	446	416	391
Other manufactures	1 452	1 469	1 488	1 504	1 518	1 522	1 517	1 511	1 508	1 506
Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages)	955	927	917	921	934	946	952	955	959	968
Other goods	1 305	1 390	1 475	1 541	1 601	1 673	1 775	1 914	2 070	2 215
Goods for processing	27	34	42	49	57	65	72	80	88	94
Repairs on goods	10	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Goods procured in ports by carriers	147	152	156	159	158	153	147	139	132	126
Non-monetary gold	1 121	1 195	1 269	1 324	1 377	1 447	1 548	1 687	1 842	1 986

⁽a) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

⁽b) A trend break of \$725m has been applied to metal ores and minerals, and related aggregates in April 2008. This trend break will be reassessed witth the annual seasonal reanalysis. Trend estimates from April 2008 should be used with caution.

⁽c) A trend break of \$2,000m has been applied to coal, coke and briquettes, and related aggregates in April 2008. This trend break will be reassessed witth the annual seasonal reanalysis. Trend estimates from April 2008 should be used with caution.



GOODS DEBITS(a): Trend Estimates

	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	0ct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Total goods debits	-18 754	-19 175	-19 614	-19 903	-20 048	-19 751	-19 286	-18 695	-18 134	-17 582
Consumption goods	-5 060	-5 065	-5 117	-5 183	-5 226	-5 227	-5 184	-5 111	-5 030	-4 953
Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	-694	-702	-716	-730	-741	-750	-753	-754	-754	-753
Household electrical items	-397	-399	-407	-420	-431	-438	-439	-434	-427	-417
Non-industrial transport equipment	-1 423	-1 383	-1 346	-1 305	-1 251	-1 180	-1 099	-1 018	-940	-879
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-602	-614	-637	-667	-695	-717	-732	-738	-741	-741
Toys, books and leisure goods	-405	-410	-419	-428	-435	-440	-441	-440	-438	-434
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-1 539	-1 557	-1 591	-1 634	-1 673	-1 702	-1 719	-1 726	-1 729	-1 729
Capital goods	-4 058	<i>–4</i> 140	-4 232	<i>−</i> 4 296	-4 444	-4 387	-4 346	-4 254	<i>–4</i> 170	<i>−</i> 4 097
Machinery and industrial equipment	-1 485	-1 505	-1 537	-1 569	-1 597	-1 614	-1 624	-1 630	-1634	-1 639
ADP equipment	-555	-572	-603	-636	-660	-665	-652	-631	-609	-587
Telecommunications equipment	-474	-492	-510	-525	-536	-544	-552	-563	-576	-586
Civil aircraft(b)	-326	-335	-339	-334	-312	-284	na	na	na	na
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-724	-744	-750	-732	-691	-633	-575	-522	-475	-436
Capital goods n.e.s.(b)(c)	-493	-491	-494	-499	-650	-647	np	np	np	np
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-8 634	-8 908	-9 145	-9 247	-9 139	-8 830	-8 382	-7 894	-7 444	-7 006
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-82	-86	-93	-101	-106	-109	-109	-108	-105	-103
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.	-147	-159	-175	-189	-197	-197	-189	-175	-160	-145
Fuels and lubricants	-3 136	-3 202	-3 181	-3 052	-2 826	-2 548	-2 262	-2 007	-1 805	-1 613
Parts for transport equipment	-779	-792	-806	-812	-802	-777	-742	-705	-671	-643
Parts for ADP equipment	-85	-86	-88	-92	-95	-96	-96	-95	-93	-91
Other parts for capital goods	-1042	-1064	-1 103	-1 153	-1 201	-1 236	-1 252	-1 252	-1 246	-1 234
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-428	-453	-483	-510	-525	-522	-503	-472	-436	-401
Paper and paperboard	-206	-210	-214	-218	-219	-216	-212	-206	-201	-195
Textile yarn and fabrics	-107	-110	-114	-118	-121	-122	-120	-117	-114	-112
Iron and steel	-407	-455	-509	-559	-588	-587	-558	-513	-461	-408
Plastics	-268	-274	-279	-282	-280	-274	-264	-254	-244	-235
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-1 816	-1 864	-1 928	-1 989	-2 022	-2 015	-1 972	-1 907	-1 838	-1 770
Other merchandise goods(b)	-132	-154	-171	-174	-157	-130	-103	-83	-70	-57
Other goods	-1 002	-1 062	-1 120	-1 177	-1 239	<i>−</i> 1 307	<i>−</i> 1 374	<i>−</i> 1 436	-1 491	-1 525
Goods for processing	-61	-55	-48	-41	-41	-52	-68	-84	-101	-113
Repairs on goods	-11	-12	-12	-13	-14	-16	-18	-20	-22	-24
Goods procured in ports by carriers	-193	-196	-192	-184	-174	-164	-156	-151	-148	-146
Non-monetary gold	-737	-800	-868	-938	-1 010	-1 075	-1 132	-1 181	-1 220	-1 242

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⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) From December 2008, the Civil aircraft series and commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Capital goods n.e.s.. From September to November 2008 commodities with these restrictions are included in Civil aircraft and for earlier periods are included in Other merchandise goods. Trend estimates for the Capital goods n.e.s. series from December 2008 have been suppressed due to the change in the composition of the series.

⁽c) A trend break of \$167m has been applied to Capital goods, n.e.s. debits and related aggregates in October 2008.



							9 MONTHS ENDED MAR	CH	
	2005–06	2006-07	2007-08	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	<i>Mar</i> 2009	2008	2009	Change
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
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Services credits	41 849	46 181	51 019	4 523	4 683	4 812	37 974	41 002	8.0
Transportation services	8 208	8 617	9 216	752	708	692	6 945	6 536	-5.9
Passenger(c)	4 104	4 237	4 118	404	360	346	3 222	3 046	-5.5
Freight	608	609	621	48	48	46	466	509	9.2
Other	3 496	3 771	4 477	300	300	300	3 257	2 981	-8.5
Travel services	22 624	25 161	28 227	2 523	2 727	2 872	21 138	23 071	9.1
Other services	11 017	12 403	13 576	1 248	1 248	1 248	9 891	11 395	15.2
Services debits	-41 078	-44 428	-50 254	-4 642	-3 922	-4 300	-37 034	-41 088	10.9
Transportation services	-14 508	-15 360	-16 380	-1 214	-1 072	-1 209	-12 136	-12 752	5.1
Passenger(c)	-6 284	-6 876	-7 278	-436	-425	-514	-5 329	-4 915	-7.8
Freight	-7 776	-8 036	-8 600	-726	-595	-647	-6 446	-7 381	14.5
Other	-448	-448	-502	-52	-52	-48	-361	-456	26.3
Travel services	-15 090	-15 934	-18 204	-1 782	-1 198	-1 434	-13 591	-14 069	3.5
Other services	-11 480	-13 134	-15 670	-1 646	-1 652	-1 657	-11 307	-14 267	26.2
Memorandum items:									
Tourism related service credits(d)	26 728	29 398	32 345	2 927	3 087	3 218	24 360	26 117	7.2
Tourism related service debits(d)	-21 374	-22 810	-25 482	-2 218	-1 623	-1 948	-18 920	-18 984	0.3

For more detailed trade in services components, see table 11.

⁽c) Passenger services includes agency fees and commission receipts for air transport.

⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes.



SERVICES(a), Summary: Seasonally Adjusted and Trend Estimates

	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	• • • • • •	SEAS	ONALLY	ADJUS	STED	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •		• • • • •
Services credits	4 552	4 483	4 406	4 397	4 470	4 492	4 546	4 607	4 610	4 635
Transportation services	788	763	756	749	681	696	701	699	689	676
Passenger(b)	335	333	324	319	304	318	326	338	332	323
Freight(c)	53	65	65	63	53	54	52	52	52	50
Other(c)	400	365	367	367	323	324	324	308	306	302
Travel services	2 548	2 491	2 409	2 397	2 524	2 522	2 563	2 610	2 618	2 650
Other services(c)	1 216	1 229	1 241	1 251	1 265	1 274	1 282	1 298	1 304	1 309
Services debits	-4 527	-4 517	-4 597	-4 591	-4 556	-4 617	-4 530	-4 444	-4 450	-4 469
Transportation services	-1 482	-1 459	-1 463	-1 488	-1 489	-1 513	-1 436	-1 267	-1 216	-1 218
Passenger(b)	-669	-605	-605	-594	-569	-545	-507	-483	-507	-507
Freight Other(d)	-765 -49	-812 -42	-816 -42	-852 -42	-862 -58	-910 -58	-866 -62	-732 -52	-657 -52	-663 -48
` '	-1 581			-1 563						
Travel services		-1 544	-1 606		-1 537	-1 556	-1 539	-1 520	-1 552	-1 555
Other services(c)	-1 463	-1 514	-1 528	-1 540	-1 529	-1 548	-1 555	-1 657	-1 682	-1 697
Memorandum items: Tourism related service credits(e)	2 882	2 824	2 734	2 716	2 829	2 840	2 888	2 948	2 949	2 973
Tourism related service debits(e)	-2 250	-2 150	-2 211	-2 15 7	-2 106	-2 101	-2 047	-2 003	-2 059	-2 062
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • •	TRE	END ES	TIMATE	S	• • • • • •	• • • • •	• • • • • •		• • • • •
Services credits	4 476	4 472	4 458	4 452	4 464	4 496	4 539	4 579	4 612	4 638
Transportation services	786	767	748	729	714	703	695	690	685	682
Passenger(b)	337	330	323	318 60	318 58	320	323	327	330	332 50
Freight Other	57 391	60 378	61 364	351	338	55 328	53 319	51 311	51 305	301
Travel services	2 472	2 471	2 467	2 470	2 487	2 519	2 559	2 595	2 625	2 647
Other services	1 219	1 233	1 243	1 253	1 263	1 274	1 285	1 294	1 302	1 309
Services debits	-4 520	-4 557	-4 580	-4 586	-4 576	-4 555	-4 526	-4 497	-4 470	-4 449
Transportation services	-1 459	-1 474	-1 489	-1 495	-1 480	-1 443	-1 390	-1 330	-1 271	-1 218
Passenger(b)	-632	-625	-610	-588	-563	-540	-522	-507	-497	-490
Freight	-783	-805	-834	-858	-864	-848	-812	-767	-720	-676
Other	-44	-45	-46	-49	-52	-55	-56	-55	-54	-52
Travel services	-1 577	-1 576	-1 572	-1 563	-1 554	-1 547	-1 542	-1 540	-1 540	-1 544
Other services	-1 484	-1 507	-1 519	-1 528	-1 542	-1 565	-1 594	-1 627	-1 659	-1 687
Memorandum items:										
	2 809	2 801	2 790	2 788	2 804	2 839	2 883	2 922	2 954	2 979
Tourism related service credits(e) Tourism related service debits(e)	-2 209		-2 181	-2 151	-2 117		-2 064	-2 048	-2 037	-2 034

⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) Passenger services includes agency fees and commission receipts for air transport.

⁽c) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.

⁽d) This component is not seasonally adjusted.

⁽e) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes.



	CREDITS				DEBITS			
	Jun Qtr 2008	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Mar Qtr 2009	Jun Qtr 2008	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Mar Qtr 2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Services	13 045	13 285	13 699	14 018	-13 220	-14 213	-14 011	-12 864
Transportation services	2 271	2 261	2 123	2 152	-4 244	-4 555	-4 702	-3 495
Passenger(c) Freight Other	896 155 1 220	949 201 1 111	987 166 970	1 110 142 900	-1 949 -2 154 -141	-1 938 -2 491 -126	-1 602 -2 922 -178	-1 375 -1 968 -152
Travel services	7 089	7 345	7 604	8 122	-4 613	-5 080	-4 575	-4 414
Business Personal Education-related Other	687 6 402 3 767 2 635	704 6 641 4 174 2 467	640 6 964 3 723 3 241	657 7 465 4 329 3 136	-811 -3 802 -201 -3 601	-775 -4 305 -309 -3 996	-618 -3 957 -175 -3 782	-688 -3 726 -211 -3 515
Communication services(d)	216	297	237	258	-229	-324	-366	-363
Construction services	8	42	30	24	_	_	_	_
Insurance services	181	186	186	186	-233	-243	-243	-243
Financial services	258	270	270	270	-155	-162	-162	-162
Computer and information services	425	453	465	405	-394	-399	-420	-432
Royalties and license fees	220	228	177	159	-888	-876	-885	-792
Other business services	1 974	1 797	2 208	2 001	-1 947	-1 872	-2 157	-2 328
Merchanting and other trade-related Operational leasing Miscellaneous business, professional and technical Legal, accounting, management consulting and public	321 23 1 630	249 30 1 518	288 33 1 887	255 36 1 710	-53 -219 -1 675	-63 -183 -1 626	-60 -222 -1 875	-51 -243 -2 034
relations Advertising, market research and public opinion polling Research and development Architectural, engineering and other technical services Agriculture, mining and on-site processing Services between affiliated enterprises n.i.e. Other	279 64 134 520 99 335 199	342 90 159 420 90 237 180	399 117 165 522 72 390 222	372 81 129 573 69 282 204	-165 -66 -41 -496 -391 -256 -260	-165 -42 -60 -468 -348 -267 -276	-210 -54 -90 -573 -369 -270 -309	-261 -57 -81 -627 -420 -228 -360
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	186	192	198	225	-277	-510	-288	-432
Audiovisual and related services Personal, cultural and recreational services	52 134	36 156	36 162	63 162	-248 -29	-480 -30	-237 -51	-336 -96
Government services n.i.e.	217	214	201	216	-240	-192	-213	-203
Memorandum items: Tourism related services(e)	7 985	8 294	8 591	9 232	-6 562	-7 018	-6 177	-5 789

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

⁽a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) For more information see paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽c) Passenger services includes agency fees and commission receipts for air transport.

(d) Communications services includes other services n.i.e.

⁽e) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes.



INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS(a), By commodity

					Per cent of total	9 MONTH ENDED M	
		Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	merchandise exports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
• • •	MAJOR (COMMODITIES	S(c)	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • •
011	Meat of bovine animals	236	403	459	2.3	3 153	3 913
	Wheat and meslin	472	470	691	3.5	1 733	3 504
	Wool and other animal hair	112	180	195	1.0	1 913	1 551
	Iron ore and concentrates	3 055	2 880	3 168	15.8	13 638	27 412
283	Copper ores and concentrates	144	226	233	1.2	3 209	2 535
	Aluminium ores and concentrates	451	482	437	2.2	4 429	5 003
	Coal, not agglomerated	4 486	3 965	4 173	20.9	15 176	44 991
	Crude petroleum oils	401	570	555	2.8	6 731	6 703
	Refine petroleum oils	232	208	200	1.0	2 730	2 214
	Natural gas	1 068	752	698	3.5	4 156	8 518
	Copper	171	178	139	0.7	2 270	2 130
	Aluminium	398	347	430	2.1	4 141	4 305
	Motor vehicles for transport of people	108	173	190	0.9	2 410	2 470
	Gold, non-monetary	1 379	2 156	2 024	10.1	9 045	13 563
• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • •		
	SECTION AND	DIVISION OF	THE SITC				
0	Food and live animals						
00	Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquat	tic					
	invertebrates	64	85	106	0.5	702	894
01	Meat and meat preparations	391	628	687	3.4	4 754	5 734
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	199	221	220	1.1	2 002	2 033
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquat	tic					
	invertebrates, and preparations thereof	131	85	91	0.5	814	895
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	620	687	927	4.6	3 144	4 994
05	Vegetables and fruit	114	140	170	0.8	951	1 145
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	20	24	25	0.1	169	203
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	19	26	28	0.1	196	221
08	Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	102	116	121	0.6	584	1 002
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	54	56	57	0.3	345	498
	Total Food and live animals			2 433	12.2	13 661	17 619
		1 713	2 068	2 433		10 001	
1	Beverages and tobacco	1 713	2 068	2 455		10 001	
1 11	Beverages and tobacco Beverages	1 713 153	2 068 198	227	1.1	2 188	2 008
					1.1 —		2 008 101
11	Beverages	153	198	227		2 188	
11 12 2	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	153 11	198 11	227 9	_	2 188 101	101
11 12 2 21	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco	153 11	198 11	227 9	_	2 188 101	101
11 12 2 21 22	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	153 11 164	198 11 208	227 9 235	_ 1.2	2 188 101 2 289	101 2 108
11 12 2 21	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw	153 11 164	198 11 208	227 9 235		2 188 101 2 289 517	101 2 108 517
11 12 2 21 22	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	153 11 164 32 190	198 11 208 42 62	227 9 235 57 126	0.3 0.6	2 188 101 2 289 517 273	101 2 108 517 489
11 12 2 21 22 23	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	153 11 164 32 190 1	198 11 208 42 62 1	227 9 235 57 126 1	0.3 0.6	2 188 101 2 289 517 273 6	101 2 108 517 489 10
11 12 2 21 22 23 24	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed) Cork and wood Pulp and waste paper Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or	153 11 164 32 190 1 80 16	198 11 208 42 62 1 74 17	227 9 235 57 126 1 86 20	0.3 0.6 0.4 0.1	2 188 101 2 289 517 273 6 938 193	101 2 108 517 489 10 947 204
11 12 2 21 22 23 24 25 26	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed) Cork and wood Pulp and waste paper Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	153 11 164 32 190 1 80 16	198 11 208 42 62 1 74	227 9 235 57 126 1 86	0.3 0.6 0.4	2 188 101 2 289 517 273 6 938	101 2 108 517 489 10 947
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11 12 2 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Beverages Tobacco and tobacco manufactures Total Beverages and tobacco Crude materials, inedible, except fuels Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed) Cork and wood Pulp and waste paper Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric) Crude fertilizers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude mineral (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones) Metalliferous ores and metal scrap Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s. Total Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	153 11 164 32 190 1 80 16 132 8	198 11 208 42 62 1 74 17 215 30 4 201 15	227 9 235 57 126 1 86 20 223 30 4 555 20		2 188 101 2 289 517 273 6 938 193 2 292 374 28 306 142	101 2 108 517 489 10 947 204 1 935 283 41 189 184
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⁽a) Some SITC sections and divisions exclude commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 98. For more information see paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

⁽b) Per cent of total merchandise is calculated for the most recent month.

⁽c) The 'Major commodities' section lists commodities at the SITC Rev 4 3-digit level which are the most significant (by value) or are of particular interest. Abbreviated descriptors have been used. The list of 'Major commodities' is reviewed annually.



INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS(a), By commodity continued

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Per cent of total merchandise	9 MONTH ENDED M	
		2009	2009	2009	exports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
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	SECTION AND DIVI	SION OF	THE STIC				
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes						
41	Animal oils and fats	16	25	28	0.1	255	247
42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	14	18	12	0.1	71	139
43	Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or						
	preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	1	1	_	10	9
	Total Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	31	44	41	0.2	337	394
5	Chemicals and related products, nes						
51	Organic chemicals	8	11	17	0.1	132	130
52	Inorganic chemicals	23	40	73	0.4	627	437
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	38	40	57	0.3	454	424
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	277	286	357	1.8	2 909	2 996
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing						
	and cleansing preparations	41	49	60	0.3	418	468
56	Fertilisers (excl. crude)	38	33	20	0.1	224	642
57	Plastics in primary forms	16	21	23	0.1	269	232
58	Plastics in non-primary forms	28	33	41	0.2	240	295
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	86	83	113	0.6	657	851
	Total Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	555	594	761	3.8	5 931	6 474
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
61	Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	12	19	25	0.1	283	207
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	15	15	20	0.1	196	196
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	10	14	18	0.1	117	124
64	Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of						
	paperboard	48	54	60	0.3	505	508
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles n.e.s., and related products	19	31	30	0.2	298	276
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	54	133	56	0.3	587	687
67	Iron and steel	67	80	71	0.4	987	1 143
68	Non-ferrous metals	756	706	810	4.0	9 351	8 638
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	60	82	86	0.4	783	823
	Total Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 039	1 134	1 175	5.9	13 106	12 602
7	Machinery and transport equipment						
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	50	68	73	0.4	911	698
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	94	157	182	0.9	1 296	1 482
73	Metal working machinery	8	17	14	0.1	161	147
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine						
	parts, n.e.s.	110	152	162	0.8	1 256	1 430
75	Office machines and automatic data processing machines	82	102	106	0.5	852	948
76	Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing						
-	apparatus and equipment	72	93	103	0.5	684	862
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, parts (incl.						
-	non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	92	131	145	0.7	1 405	1 333
78	Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	159	245	262	1.3	3 322	3 244
79	Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	78	83	138	0.7	821	1 155
	Total Machinery and transport equipment	745	1 048	1 183	5.9	10 707	11 300

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS(a), By commodity continued

		la a	5- 1-	44	Per cent of total	9 MONTHS	
		Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	merchandise exports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
• • •	SECTION AND DIVI	SION OF	THE SITC	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •
_		31011 01	1112 3110				
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
81	Prefabricated buildings and sanitary, plumbing, heating and					400	400
00	lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	6	9	11	0.1	102	103
82	Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports,	-	10	4.4	0.4	04	100
83	cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	7 2	13 2	11 3	0.1	81 22	100 23
84	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15	21	23	0.1		23 187
85	Footwear	3	4	23 5	U.1 —	197 35	40
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus,	3	4	5	_	33	40
01	n.e.s.	147	181	210	1.0	1 400	1 687
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical	141	101	210	1.0	1 400	1 007
00	goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	25	31	37	0.2	241	285
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	141	164	202	1.0	1 757	1 748
03	Total Miscellaneous manufactured articles	347	425	501	2.5	3 835	4 174
	Total Missolianeous manaractica articles	077	,20	001	2.0	0 000	, 1, ,
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC						
93	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to						
	kind	132	179	167	8.0	904	1 269
95	Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal						
	tender	50	57	81	0.4	185	494
96	Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	_	_	_	_	_	_
97	Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1 379	2 156	2 024	10.1	9 045	13 563
98	Combined confidential items excl. some of SITC 280 (exports only)						
	and some of SITCs 510 and 520 (imports only)	474	416	583	2.9	5 719	4 466
	Total Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the						
	SITC	2 035	2 807	2 856	14.3	15 853	19 792
	Total merchandise exports	17 392	18 556	20 002	100.0	128 612	183 655
	Balance of Payments Adjustments	82	89	136		961	1 240
	Goods credits (exports) on a Balance of Payments Basis	17 474	18 645	20 138		129 573	
	22222 2222 (25,60.60) 0.1 4 24,400 0.1 43,1101.10 24010		200.0	_0 _00	• •		_3.000

^{..} not applicable

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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⁽b) Per cent of total merchandise is calculated for the most recent month.



INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS(a), By commodity

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Per cent of total merchandise	9 MONTH ENDED M	
		2009	2009	2009	imports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
• • • •	MAJOR COMM	IODITIES	(0)	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • •
	WAJOR COWN	IODITIES	(0)				
	Crude petroleum oils	708	890	743	4.3	12 309	11 531
	Refined petroleum oils	802	832	815	4.7	7 896	9 931
	Medicaments	582	586	751	4.3	4 791	5 390
	Paper and paperboard	177	152	162	0.9	1 516	1 628
	Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment	291	208	244	1.4	2 919	2 842
	Office machines	162	124	177	1.0	1 421	1 512
	Automatic data processing machines	412	375	508	2.9	4 093	4 403
	Televisions	197	168	155	0.9	2 346	2 145
	Telecommunications equipment	490	555	701	4.0	5 143	5 566
	Motor vehicles for the transport of people Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	761 337	564 309	750 333	4.3 1.9	11 012 4 385	8 985 4 293
	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	199	155	192	1.9	1 951	1 937
	Gold, non-monetary	1004	1 768	1 127	6.5	5 206	9 615
311	dold, non-monetary	1 004	1700	1 121	0.5	3 200	3 013
0	SECTION AND DIVIS			• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •		• • • • •
0 00	Food and live animals Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic						
00	invertebrates	15	14	11	0.1	82	82
01	Meat and meat preparations	48	47	66	0.4	295	430
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	46	43	44	0.3	451	460
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic						
	invertebrates, and preparations thereof	124	99	110	0.6	870	1 013
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	59	53	69	0.4	478	623
05	Vegetables and fruit	148	126	141	0.8	1 157	1 303
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	28	18	21	0.1	177	199
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	96	83	100	0.6	726	910
80	Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	56	49	54	0.3	364	481
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	150	97	139	0.8	1 056	1 149
	Total Food and live animals	770	628	755	4.4	5 656	6 650
1	Beverages and tobacco						
11	Beverages	116	92	115	0.7	1 025	1 197
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	15	17	30	0.2	135	160
	Total Beverages and tobacco	130	110	145	0.8	1 161	1 357
2	Overda mataviala inadibla avaant fuala						
2 21	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels					2	4
22	Hides, skins and furskins, raw Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4	4	4	_	2 42	1 45
23	Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	13	9	11	0.1	131	152
23 24	Cork and wood	49	50	48	0.3	494	470
25	Pulp and waste paper	13	22	20	0.3	222	234
26	Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	9	10	11	0.1	104	102
27	Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals	9	10	11	0.1	104	102
۷.	(excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	27	6	16	0.1	175	420
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	99	5	19	0.1	452	510
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	38	31	30	0.2	229	277
23	Total Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	251	138	158	0.2	1 851	2 212
2		231	130	130	0.9	1 651	2 212
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4	4	4		4.4	0.4
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	4	1 757	1 622	- 0.4	20,602	24
33 34	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials Gas, natural and manufactured	1 584 423	1 757 256	1 622 231	9.4 1.3	20 603 823	22 042 2 063
34	Total Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	423 2 011	256 2 014	231 1 854	1.3 10.7	823 21 437	2 063 24 129
	गणका स्थापनावा पाटाञ, पाठापिवास्त वर्गाप स्थितस्य मार्वस्थावाञ	2 011	2 014	1 004	10.7	21 437	24 123

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⁽b) Per cent of total merchandise is calculated for the most recent month.

⁽c) The 'Major commodities' section lists commodities at the SITC Rev 4 3-digit level which are the most significant (by value) or are of particular interest. Abbreviated descriptors have been used. The list of 'Major commodities' is reviewed annually.



$INTERNATIONAL\ MERCHANDISE\ IMPORTS (a),\ By\ commodity\ {\it continued}$

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Per cent of total merchandise	9 MONTH ENDED M	
		2009	2009	2009	imports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
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	SECTION AND DIVI	SION OF	THE SITC				
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes						
41	Animal oils and fats	2	1	2	_	26	29
42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	42	35	42	0.2	339	408
43	Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or						
	preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	5	4	5		40	51
	Total Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	49	40	49	0.3	405	488
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.						
51	Organic chemicals	316	314	227	1.3	2 558	2 657
52	Inorganic chemicals	160	123	132	0.8	878	1 594
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	65	48	52	0.3	474	551
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	727	714	908	5.2	5 899	6 634
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing						
	and cleansing preparations	146	132	175	1.0	1 238	1 380
56	Fertilisers (excl. crude)	54	119	132	0.8	834	1 378
57	Plastics in primary forms	113	110	125	0.7	1 311	1 308
58	Plastics in non-primary forms	119	97	118	0.7	982	1 115
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	188	159	170	1.0	1 387	1 684
	Total Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1 887	1 816	2 038	11.8	15 560	18 301
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
61	Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	14	11	13	0.1	135	133
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	211	201	233	1.3	1 843	2 076
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	72	61	60	0.3	506	556
64	Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of						
	paperboard	243	208	230	1.3	2 068	2 273
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	210	191	221	1.3	1 904	2 027
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	226	210	255	1.5	1 839	2 195
67	Iron and steel	502	420	341	2.0	2 673	4 702
68	Non-ferrous metals	160	153	159	0.9	1 530	1 618
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	461	404	461	2.7	3 607	4 509
	Total Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2 097	1 859	1 972	11.4	16 105	20 089
7	Machinery and transport equipment						
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	445	443	497	2.9	3 270	4 220
72	Machinery specialised for particular industries	705	522	588	3.4	5 834	6 359
73	Metal working machinery	55	45	82	0.5	582	602
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine						
	parts, n.e.s.	992	839	1 231	7.1	7 346	9 229
75	Office machines and automatic data processing machines	669	581	795	4.6	6 432	6 832
76	Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing						
	apparatus and equipment	755	786	953	5.5	8 481	8 736
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec.						
	counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	808	699	904	5.2	6 716	7 788
78	Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	1 473	1 153	1 410	8.1	19 058	17 005
79	Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	217	183	159	0.9	3 789	3 012
	Total Machinery and transport equipment	6 119	5 253	6 619	38.2	61 508	63 784

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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS(a), By commodity continued

					Per cent	9 MONTHS	
					of total	ENDED MA	ARCH
		Jan	Feb	Mar	merchandise		
		2009	2009	2009	imports(b)	2008	2009
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m
• • •	SECTION AND DIVI	ISION OF	THE SITC	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • •
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting						
	fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	66	53	63	0.4	529	638
82	Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports,						
	cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	234	169	203	1.2	1 968	2 225
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	69	55	59	0.3	532	657
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	601	483	517	3.0	3 522	4 348
85	Footwear	158	121	125	0.7	945	1 142
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus,						
	n.e.s.	375	377	452	2.6	3 233	3 782
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods,	,					
	n.e.s.; watches and clocks	126	115	128	0.7	1 030	1 167
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	791	690	883	5.1	7 311	8 669
	Total Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2 421	2 064	2 429	14.0	19 071	22 628
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC						
93	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to						
	kind	5	9	6	_	32	45
95	Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal						
	tender	_	_	1	_	4	4
96	Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	_	_	_	_	_	1
97	Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1 004	1 768	1 127	6.5	5 206	9 615
98	Combined confidential items excl some of SITC 280 (exports only)						
	and some of SITCs 510 and 520 (imports only)	419	852	166	1.0	405	3 576
	Total Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the						
	SITC	1 428	2 630	1 300	7.5	5 647	13 242
	Total merchandise imports	17 164	16 551	17 318	100.0	148 401	172 881
	Balance of Payments Adjustment	429	322	336		2 318	2 978
	Goods Debits (imports) on a Balance of Payments Basis	17 593	16 873	17 654		150 719	175 859

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${\tt INTERNATIONAL\ MERCHANDISE\ TRADE(a),\ By\ Country\ and\ country\ groups}$

									MERCHANI	
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS (I	2)			TRADE	DISE
	LAFORIS	•••••	•••••		IMPORTS	••••••	•••••	•••••		•••••
			9 months	9 months			9 Months	9 Months		9 Months
			ended	ended			Ended	Ended		Ended
		Mar	March	March		Mar	March	March		March
	2007-08	2009	2008	2009	2007-08	2009	2008	2009	2007-08	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
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Belgium	1 327	63	958	1 157	1 727	138	1 262	1 402	-400	-246
Brazil	936	117	660	1 312	1 041	54	728	912	-105	401
Canada	1 620	124	1 216	1 188	2 187	167	1 646	2 040	-567	-852
China	27 034	4 352	18 800	28 704	30 994	2 962	23 293	28 936	-3 960	-232
Denmark	177	15	126	135	895	100	641	840	-718	-706
Egypt(c)	310	51	231	312	17	2	14	27	292	285
Fiji	380	33	281	299	122	13	90	121	258	179
Finland	1 138	34	785	530	945	70	683	788	194	-258
France	1 500	106	1 033	1 366	4 989	425	3 631	3 747	-3 488	-2 380
Germany	1 450	153	1 006	1 786	10 576	916	7 726	8 650	-9 126	-6 864
Hong Kong (Sar of China)	2 838	297	2 125	2 420	1 380	105	1 077	1 129	1 458	1 291
India	9 328	1 129	6 604	11 313	1 606	215	1 187	1 597	7 722	9 716
Indonesia	3 957	389	2 891	3 236	4 585	385	3 359	3 898	-629	-661
Iran	164	125	135	462	54	2	30	87	110	376
Iraq	94	1	9	101	23	_	23	31	71	70
Ireland Israel	241 254	11 25	180	106 208	2 006 685	203	1 492 441	1 768 590	–1 764 –431	-1 661 -381
	254 1 456	123	161 1 092	1 368	4 895	46 407	3 664	4 139	-431 -3 439	-381 -2 771
Italy Japan	34 967	3 868	24 057	44 160	19 679	1 543	14 484	13 844	-5 459 15 288	30 316
Korea, Republic of	14 240	1 506	10 164	15 558	6 163	580	4 622	4 819	8 076	10 739
Kuwait	577	40	424	342	363	32	213	348	213	-6
Malaysia	3 426	249	2 471	2 890	8 081	529	6 092	6 570	-4 656	-3 680
Mexico	551	77	410	689	1 238	137	876	1 047	-687	-358
Netherlands	2 864	198	1 999	2 835	1 555	140	1 115	1 396	1 309	1 439
New Zealand	9 529	764	7 088	6 738	7 044	556	5 183	5 505	2 485	1 233
Pakistan	491	23	405	302	154	19	116	138	336	164
Papua New Guinea	1 616	126	1 167	1 192	2 748	284	2 056	2 350	-1 132	-1 158
Philippines	1 280	64	957	1 144	763	37	575	469	517	675
Saudi Arabia	2 247	290	1 651	1 892	908	40	677	722	1 339	1 170
Singapore	5 226	466	3 575	4 193	13 685	1 105	9 051	11 308	-8 459	-7 115
South Africa	2 408	124	1 894	1 722	1 497	69	1 080	1 028	911	694
Spain	902 445	41	608	542 477	1 996	126	1 437 1 811	1 378	-1 094 2 015	-836 1 449
Sweden Switzerland	944	14 41	277 809	396	2 461 2 129	262 194	1 546	1 924 1 863	-2 015 -1 186	-1 448 -1 467
Taiwan	6 479	603	4 484	6 513	4 127	308	3 145	3 373	2 352	3 140
Thailand	4 645	461	3 133	3 774	8 846	903	6 490	8 668	-4 201	-4 894
Turkey	655	76	473	730	404	46	293	398	251	332
United Arab Emirates	3 133	128	2 201	3 074	2 542	69	1 796	1 337	591	1 737
United Kingdom	8 309	1 850	6 560	10 107	8 498	570	6 087	7 285	-189	2 822
United States of America	10 602	913	7 683	9 405	24 325	2 191	18 098	19 836	-13 723	-10 431
Viet Nam	1 814	144	1 392	889	5 133	298	3 854	3 527	-3 319	-2 638
Other Countries(b)	9 305	788	6 437	8 085	9 241	1 072	6 717	13 048	64	-4 963
Total	180 857	20 002	128 612	183 655	202 307	17 318	148 401	172 881	-21 451	10 774
APEC	131 015	14 463	92 384	133 798	143 827	12 290	106 010	119 922	-12 812	13 877
ASEAN	20 471	1 787	14 518	16 234	42 219	3 306	30 369	35 384	-21 747	-19 150
Developing Countries	95 171	11 152	67 200	95 149	97 810	8 275	71 691	84 581	-2 638	10 568
Least Developed Countries	1 637	224	1 149	1 591	243	26	189	177	1 394	1 415
European Union(d)	20 462	2 649	15 100	20 787	43 226	3 597	31 517	35 802	-22 764	-15 015
OECD	93 496	10 015	66 906	99 558	107 367	9 126	79 027	86 047	-13 871	13 511

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

BALANCE OF

⁽a) See Time series spreadsheets for details of all countries.

 ⁽a) See Time series spreadsheets for details of all countries.
 (b) From September 2008 imports data with confidentiality restrictions 'no
 (d) The European Union includes 27 member countries. commodity details' or 'no value details' are included in Other countries.

⁽c) Exports of Alumina to Egypt are excluded from country total and included in the 10ther Country. in the 'Other Countries' category.

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		9 MONTH	S
		ENDED M	ARCH
	Mar	••••••	••••••
2007-08	2009	2008	2009
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PORTS (a)			
30 091	3 321	21 770	30 689
20 539	1 804	15 213	15 991
35 318	4 198	23 927	45 548
10 338	807	7 453	7 402
68 843	8 261	48 892	69 437
3 635	294	2 622	2 636
4 544	520	3 134	5 088
4	4	4	10
895	50	643	689
6 650	742	4 954	6 165
180 857	20 002	128 612	183 655
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MPORIS			
75 906	6 658	56 426	61 294
56 058	4 359	41 364	44 769
32 360	2 187	23 463	26 890
7 342	567	5 335	5 502
27 355	2 937	19 510	26 669
691	48	491	758
2 581	395	1 803	3 530
14	1	9	6
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⁽a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

⁽b) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from the state totals and included in 'State not available for publication'.

⁽c) From September 2008 imports data with confidentiality restrictions 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' are included in State not available for publication.



PERIOD AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATES(a): Per Australian dollar

Period	United States dollar	UK pound sterling	Euro	Japanese yen	Trade-weighted index of value of the A\$(b)
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2005-06	0.7474	0.4205	0.6143	85.90	63.3
2006-07	0.7863	0.4066	0.6018	93.21	64.8
2007-08	0.8968	0.4479	0.6099	98.63	69.7
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2008					
January	0.8815	0.4479	0.5993	95.16	68.2
February	0.9128	0.4647	0.6192	97.84	70.2
March	0.9260	0.4622	0.5964	93.36	69.8
April	0.9298	0.4695	0.5899	95.30	70.0
May	0.9491	0.4828	0.6098	98.90	72.2
June	0.9508	0.4840	0.6116	101.75	72.8
July	0.9625	0.4840	0.6102	102.71	73.3
August	0.8810	0.4668	0.5890	96.33	68.6
September	0.8205	0.4558	0.5700	87.49	64.9
October	0.6894	0.4070	0.5173	69.20	56.1
November	0.6557	0.4279	0.5155	63.55	54.4
December	0.6690	0.4480	0.4973	61.02	54.6
2009					
January	0.6784	0.4678	0.5095	61.37	55.4
February	0.6490	0.4503	0.5074	59.97	54.2
March	0.6646	0.4680	0.5093	64.92	56.0

⁽a) These exchange rates and the trade-weighted index are derived using rates provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia in respect of each trading day.

⁽b) May 1970 = 100. The Trade-weighted index is reweighted annually on 1 October and on special occasions as required.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- **1** This publication presents preliminary estimates of Australia's international trade in goods and services on a balance of payments basis and merchandise import and export statistics on a recorded trade basis.
- **2** Merchandise trade statistics on a recorded trade basis are compiled from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service (ACS). Adjustments for coverage, timing and valuation are made to recorded trade data to convert them to a balance of payments basis. The main source for services data is the quarterly Survey of International Trade in Services.
- **3** More comprehensive quarterly estimates of Australia's trade in goods and services, together with comprehensive details of Australia's balance of payments are included in the quarterly publication, *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0). Detailed monthly statistics on merchandise trade are available on Time Series Spreadsheets or by subscription to tailored services.

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

- **4** The conceptual framework used in compiling Australia's merchandise trade statistics can be found in *International Merchandise Trade*, *Australia: Concepts*, *Sources and Methods*, *2001* (cat. no. 5489.0).
- 5 The conceptual framework used in compiling Australia's balance of payments statistics is based on the Fifth Edition of the International Monetary Fund's *Balance of Payments Manual* (BPM5,1993). Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of the balance of payments and the sources, methods and terms used in compiling the estimates are presented in *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0). To bring merchandise trade statistics on a recorded trade basis to a balance of payments basis, timing adjustments are made to ensure that the transaction is recorded in the period in which ownership changed, rather than in the period in which the transaction was recorded by ACS. Adjustments are also made to account for the change of ownership of goods not included in merchandise trade statistics. Chapter 6 of cat. no. 5331.0 provides more detail on the relationship between statistics on international merchandise trade on a recorded trade basis and on a balance of payments basis.
- **6** Both of the Concepts, Sources and Methods publications are available to download for free from the ABS website. Select *Methods, Classifications, Concepts & Standards*, then choose *ABS concepts, classifications and statistical standards* and then the catalogue numbers as above.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

- 7 The estimates of international trade in goods and services on a balance of payments basis are seasonally adjusted, however the merchandise exports and imports statistics on a recorded trade basis are not. Monthly original estimates are volatile, being subject to calendar–related and large irregular influences. Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing from the original series systematic calendar related effects, such as seasonal, trading day, length of month and moving holiday influences. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non–seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. These irregular influences may reflect both random economic events and difficulties of statistical recording.
- **8** The seasonally adjusted statistics in this publication use the concurrent seasonal adjustment technique and Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) Modelling to estimate factors for the current and previous months. Under concurrent seasonal adjustment, the estimates of seasonal factors are fine tuned as new original estimates become available each period. The seasonally adjusted estimates are subject to revisions at each reference month as the estimates of seasonal factors are improved. For more information on seasonal adjustment methods, see *Information Paper: An Introductory Course on Time Series Analysis, Jan 2005* (cat. no. 1346.0.55.001), *Time Series Analysis*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT continued

Frequently Asked Questions, 2003 (cat. no. 1346.0.55.002), alternatively contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345 or e-mail <time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au>.

ARIMA MODELLING

9 ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. ARIMA modelling is used on a case–by–case basis where it results in reduced revisions to seasonally adjusted series when subsequent data become available. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis and, following the 2008 annual re–analysis, 41 of the 42 directly seasonally adjusted trade in goods and services time series use an ARIMA model. For more information on the details of ARIMA modelling see *Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions* in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

10 The month—to—month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour because they include irregular or non—seasonal movements. Trend estimates are derived by applying a 13—term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The use of a 13—term Henderson average can result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent six months as additional observations become available. Revisions can also occur because of changes in the original data and as a result of the re—estimation of the seasonal factors. For more information on trend estimates methods, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0), alternatively contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345 or e—mail <time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au>.

SIGN CONVENTION

11 In keeping with balance of payments conventions, where statistics are on a balance of payments basis, credit entries (exports) are shown without sign and debit items (imports) are shown as negative entries. For statistics on a recorded trade basis, both imports and exports are shown without sign. The calculation of percentage changes on balance of payments debit items are made without regard to sign. References to balance of payments debit items in Key Figures, Key Points, and Analysis and Comments are also made without regard to sign.

COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS
OF GOODS

- **12** For details of the classifications used to present goods exports (credits) and imports (debits) on a balance of payments basis, see tables 6.6 and 6.7, respectively, in *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0).
- **13** The correspondences used to compile statistics on a Balance of Payments basis were updated in the July 2008 issue with estimates for all time periods recompiled on the basis of the revised correspondences to maintain consistency in the time series.
- **14** The recorded trade statistics shown in tables 12 and 13 are classified by the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). Imports and exports of goods at a more detailed level are available from the Time Series spreadsheets. All data from July 2005 are presented according to SITC Rev 4 and data prior to July 2005 are presented according to SITC Rev 3. For details refer to the July 2008 issue of this publication.

COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS
OF SERVICES

15 The quarterly detailed services data published in table 11 are consistent with the monthly aggregates shown in table 9.

COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS
OF SERVICES continued

16 Monthly indicators for many of the services components that are only surveyed quarterly are not available. In particular, the Freight and Other transportation components of Total services credits are not available for publication on a monthly basis. The estimates for these items shown in table 9 are therefore derived by dividing the quarterly estimate by three. Where quarterly survey data are not available, freight debits are derived directly from imports data for the reference month as a difference between total merchandise cost, insurance and freight (CIF) and free on board (FOB), adjusted to reflect timing and processing adjustments. For freight credits and other transportation credits and debits, estimates are derived by extrapolating the last month's data by an average of movements for the same month over the three previous years.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS 17 The release of statistics for certain merchandise trade commodities is restricted in order to prevent the identification of the activities of an individual business, where this is requested by the business concerned. These restrictions do not affect the total value of exports and imports, but they can affect statistics at the country, state and commodity levels. Imports data that have the confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are aggregated into a single confidential commodity code. For data prior to September 2008, these data are added back into the appropriate state total and country total (i.e. these totals show the correct level of trade). From September 2008 these confidential data are not added back. Instead the confidential data are published as 'No country details' in the country totals and 'State not available for publication' in the state totals. Therefore, country and state totals from September 2008 may not represent the actual amount of trade in each country/state but only the trade in commodities without a 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' restriction. For information on the confidentiality restrictions applied to the merchandise trade statistics in this publication, refer to the current International merchandise trade: Confidential Commodities List (CCL) (cat. no. 5372.0.55.001) which can be accessed from ABS web site.

TOURISM RELATED SERVICES

- **18** The tourism related services memorandum items provide timely indicators of the movements in tourism related activities, not an absolute measure of the level of these activities. These series are not compiled on a balance of payments conceptual basis. However, they do provide a reasonable approximation of world tourism related activities.
- 19 The memorandum items have been derived by re–aggregating relevant components of the international trade in services series of the balance of payments accounts. The tourism related indicator has been derived by combining total travel services (business, education–related and other personal travel) and passenger transportation services (which includes agency fees and commission receipts for air transport).

SERVICES BY STATE AND BY PARTNER COUNTRY

- **20** Annual services data by state and by partner country are released twice yearly. Calendar year data are usually released with the March issue of this publication and financial year data are released with the September issue. Refer to Time series data for details.
- 21 Services credits are classified by the state of provision, while services debits are classified by the state of consumption. The state allocations for transportation, travel and communication services are based on a number of indicators including merchandise trade statistics by state, overseas passenger arrivals and departures by state of clearance and data provided by the Department of Education, Science and Training. The allocation for other services (about 25% of all trade in services) is primarily based on the location of the business reporting the information, which serves as a proxy for the state of provision/consumption of that service. The data should be used with care but are considered suitable for analysis over time.

SERVICES BY STATE AND BY PARTNER COUNTRY continued

22 A comprehensive explanation of the data sources used and the methodology applied in the compilation of partner country statistics is provided in Chapter 17 of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia – Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5331.0). Approximately 7% of total services credits and 5% of total services debits for both 2006–07 and 2007–08 are either confidential, or unable to be allocated to individual countries.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE

- **23** More detailed balance of payments and recorded merchandise trade data, including forward seasonal factors are available as time series spreadsheets or data cubes from the ABS website.
- **24** More detailed merchandise trade data by commodity, country and state, and statistics included in this and related publications are available on request. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service as shown on the back of this publication.

RELATED PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- **25** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which can be downloaded free of charge from the ABS web site:
 - Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia (cat. no. 5302.0) issued quarterly
 - International Merchandise Imports, Australia (cat. no. 5439.0) issued monthly
 - International Trade Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6457.0) issued quarterly
 - Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 5331.0)
 - Information Paper: Quality of Australian Balance of Payments Statistics (cat. no. 5342.0)
 - International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 5489.0)
 - A Guide to Australian Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics (cat. no. 5362.0.55.001).
- **26** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the *Statistics View*. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

CAUTIONARY NOTE

27 The tables in this publication are presented on two bases. Tables 1–11 contain estimates of Australia's international trade in goods and services which have been adjusted for coverage, valuation and timing to a balance of payments basis. Tables 12–15 contain estimates of merchandise exports and imports based on Australian Customs Service records. Paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes provides an explanation of the difference between these bases.

ROUNDING

28 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Percentage movements are calculated from data at the level of precision presented in this publication (i.e. \$m) except for international merchandise trade tables.

ABBREVIATIONS \$b billion (thousand million) dollars

\$m million dollars

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

APEC Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation

ASEAN Association of South-East Asian Nations

n.e.s. not elsewhere specifiedn.i.e. not included elsewhere

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

SAR Special Administrative Region

SITC Standard International Trade Classification

APPENDIX RELATED ARTICLES

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⁽b) This article can be found in pdf format by referring to the Downloads page of the specified issue of this publication on the ABS web site.

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