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CORRIGENDUM

Errors have been detected in the January 2005 exports data released on 28 February 2005 in the publication International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia (cat. no. 5368.0).

Exports data on both a balance of payments and merchandise trade basis are affected and, as a result, total goods credits for January 2005 will be revised from \$8,859m to \$9,230m in original terms and from \$10,138m to \$10,458m in seasonally adjusted terms. Data for earlier periods are not affected.

Exports data are compiled from information submitted by exporters or their agents to the Australian Customs Service. It has been identified that incomplete data was transferred to the ABS in January and February.

The February issue of International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia (cat. no. 5368.0) will contain broad level goods credits data. However, detailed exports data for January and February 2005 normally presented in a number of tables in the publication and released via AusStats and other special data services will not be available until the release of the March 2005 issue of International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia (cat. no. 5368.0) on 5 May 2005.

While a delay to the release of detailed exports data is regretted, the ABS priority is to ensure the continued availability of key macro-economic indicators.

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