

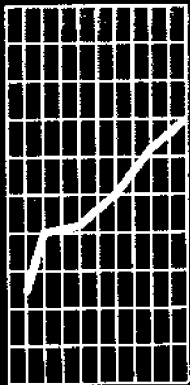


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

September quarter 1997 compared with June quarter 1997—

Excess of merchandise exports or imports

In the September quarter 1997 merchandise imports exceeded merchandise exports by \$360 million, a turnaround of \$1,403 million from the surplus recorded in the June quarter 1997.

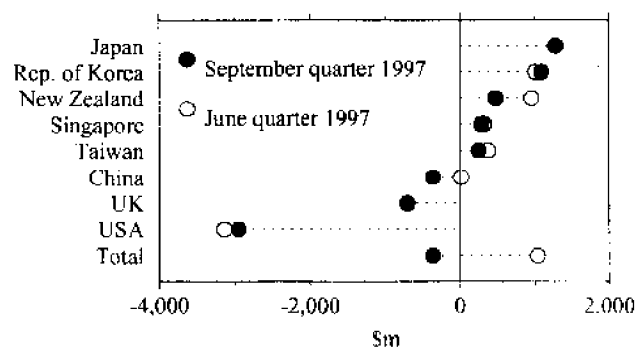
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced surpluses with:

- Japan, up \$2 million to \$1,287 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$85 million (8%) to \$1,098 million;
- New Zealand, down \$479 million (50%) to \$480 million;
- Singapore, down \$37 million (11%) to \$291 million; and
- Taiwan, down \$125 million (33%) to \$252 million.

Deficits were recorded with:

- USA, down \$193 million (6%) to \$2,949 million;
- UK, up \$14 million (2%) to \$708 million; and
- China, \$361 million, a turnaround of \$382 million from a surplus in the previous quarter.

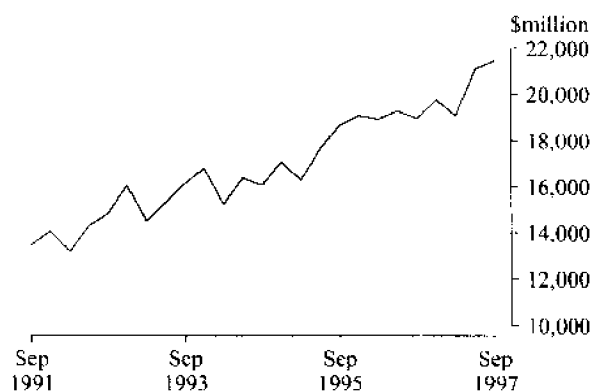
GRAPH 1: AUSTRALIA'S QUARTERLY TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES
Excess of exports(+) or imports(-)



Merchandise exports

Merchandise exports for September quarter 1997 were \$21,452 million, up \$360 million or 2 per cent on the previous quarter.

GRAPH 2: MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



The export commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous quarter were:

- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$342 million (10%) to \$3,872 million (due to increased exports of coal, coke and briquettes; and petroleum, petroleum products); and
- *manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*, up \$271 million (11%) to \$2,637 million (due mainly to increased exports of non-ferrous metals; and non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes).

Decreases were recorded for *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$421 million (13%) to \$2,800 million (due mainly to significantly decreased exports of transport equipment); and *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, down \$44 million (1%) to \$4,403 million (due mainly to decreased metalliferous ores and metal scrap; oil seeds and oleaginous fruits which were partly offset by increased exports of textile fibres and their wastes; and cork and wood).

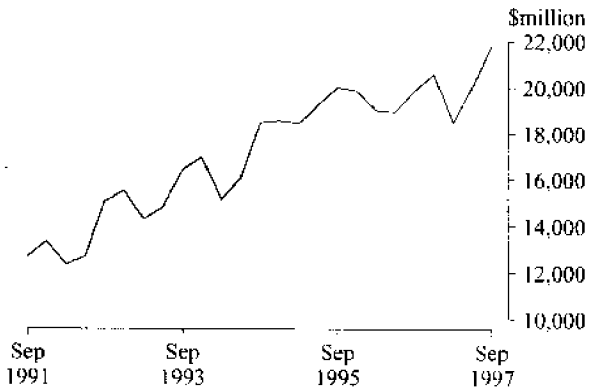
In the September quarter 1997 the major export destinations for Australia's goods were:

- Japan, up \$472 million (12%) to \$4,401 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$175 million (10%) to \$1,870 million;
- USA, up \$163 million (10%) to \$1,729 million;
- New Zealand, down \$423 million (23%) to \$1,442 million;
- China, up \$36 million (4%) to \$1,035 million;
- Taiwan, down \$54 million (5%) to \$966 million;
- Hong Kong, up \$100 million (12%) to \$960 million; and
- Singapore, down \$30 million (3%) to \$936 million.

Merchandise imports

Merchandise imports for September quarter 1997 were \$21,811 million, up \$1,762 million, or 9 per cent on the previous quarter.

GRAPH 3: MERCHANDISE IMPORTS



The import commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous quarter were:

- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, up \$630 million (23%) to \$3,413 million (due mainly to increased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes; articles of apparel and clothing accessories; and footwear);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$485 million (5%) to \$10,089 million (due mainly to increased imports of road vehicles; general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes; machinery specialised for particular industries which were partly offset by decreased imports of transport equipment; and office machines and automatic data processing machines);
- *manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*, up \$399 million (15%) to \$3,114 million (due mainly to increased imports of manufactures of metals, nes; and textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles, nes); and
- *food and live animals*, up \$117 million (17%) to \$822 million (due mainly to increased imports of miscellaneous edible products and preparations; and coffee, tea, cocoa, spices).

The only commodity group to record a decrease was *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$48 million (4%) to \$1,183 million (due to decreased imports of petroleum and petroleum products).

In the September quarter 1997 the major sources for Australian imports were:

- USA, down \$28 million (1%) to \$4,679 million;
- Japan, up \$471 million (18%) to \$3,114 million;
- China, up \$418 million (43%) to \$1,396 million;
- UK, up \$51 million (4%) to \$1,376 million;
- Germany, \$65 million (6%) to \$1,19 million;

- New Zealand, up \$57 million (6%) to \$963 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$89 million (13%) to \$771 million; and
- Taiwan, up \$71 million (11%) to \$714 million.

Year ended September 1997 compared with year ended September 1996 —

Excess of merchandise exports or imports

For the year ended September 1997 merchandise exports exceeded merchandise imports by \$473 million, a turnaround of \$1,839 million from a deficit recorded for the previous year.

Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced deficits with:

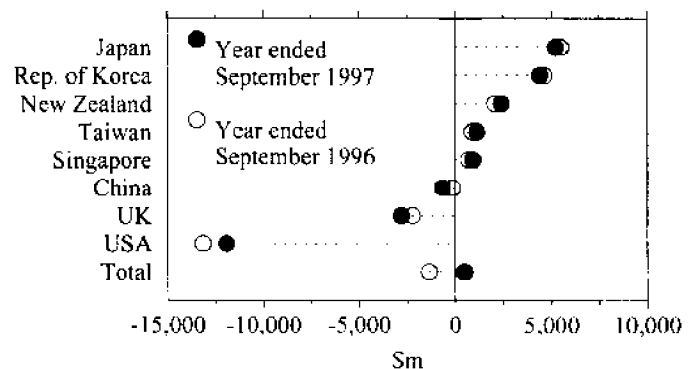
- USA, down \$1,235 million (9%) to \$11,892 million;
- UK, up \$566 million (25%) to \$2,795 million; and
- China, up \$529 million (427%) to \$653 million.

Surpluses were recorded with:

- Japan, down \$280 million (5%) to \$5,231 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$247 million (5%) to \$4,413 million;
- New Zealand, up \$344 million (17%) to \$2,420 million;
- Taiwan, up \$250 million (28%) to \$1,141 million; and
- Singapore, up \$255 million (37%) to \$952 million.

GRAPH 4: AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES

Excess of exports(+) or imports(-)



Merchandise exports

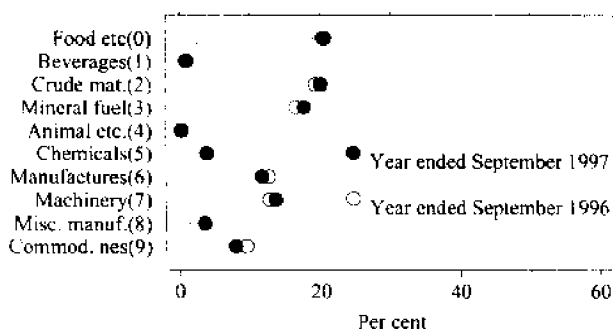
Merchandise exports for the year ended September 1997 were \$81,385 million, up \$5,074 million or 7 per cent on the previous year.

The exports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$1,803 million (14%) to \$14,421 million (with all categories contributing to the increase; petroleum, petroleum products being the most significant);
- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, up \$1,498 million (10%) to \$16,261 million (due mainly to increased exports of textile fibres and their wastes; and metalliferous ores and metal scrap);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$1,364 million (14%) to \$11,061 million (due mainly to increased exports of road vehicles; and other transport equipment); and
- *food and live animals*, up \$836 million (5%) to \$16,593 million (due mainly to increased exports of cereals and cereal preparations; and meat and meat preparations).

Decreases were recorded for *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, down \$734 million (10%) to \$6,441 million (due mainly to decreased exports of non-monetary gold); *manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*, down \$113 million (1%) to \$9,491 million (due mainly to decreased exports of metals).

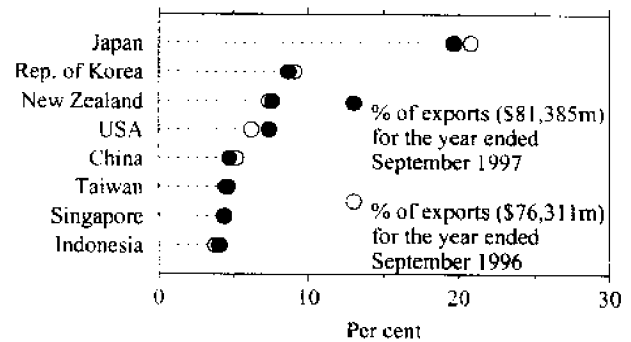
GRAPH 5. COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF EXPORTS



Australia's major export destinations were:

- Japan, up \$111 million (1%) to \$16,003 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$120 million (2%) to \$7,079 million;
- New Zealand, up \$500 million (9%) to \$6,150 million;
- USA, up \$1,279 million (27%) to \$6,002 million;
- China, down \$152 million (4%) to \$3,802 million;
- Taiwan, up \$300 million (9%) to \$3,735 million;
- Singapore, up \$242 million (7%) to \$3,578 million; and
- Indonesia, up \$466 million (16%) to \$3,349 million.

GRAPH 6: COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS



Merchandise imports

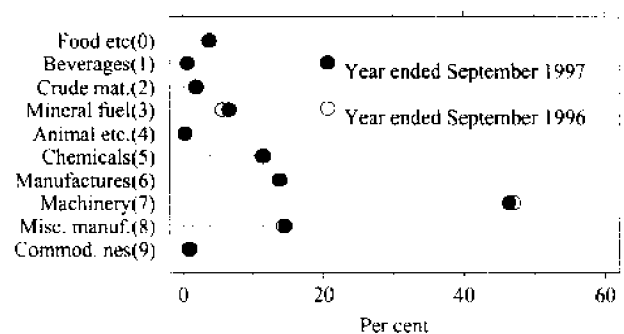
Merchandise imports for the year ended September 1997 were \$80,912 million, up \$3,235 million or 4 per cent on the previous year.

The imports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$1,010 million (3%) to \$37,579 million (due mainly to increased imports of road vehicles; machinery specialised for particular industries; office machines and automatic-data processing machines; general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes);
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$999 million (23%) to \$5,343 million (due mainly to increased imports of petroleum, petroleum products); and
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, up \$770 million (7%) to \$11,774 million (due mainly to increased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes; articles of apparel and clothing accessories; and professional scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes).

Decreases were recorded for *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, down \$92 million (12%) to \$674 million (due to decreased imports of non-monetary gold); and *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, down \$36 million (2%) to \$1,514 million.

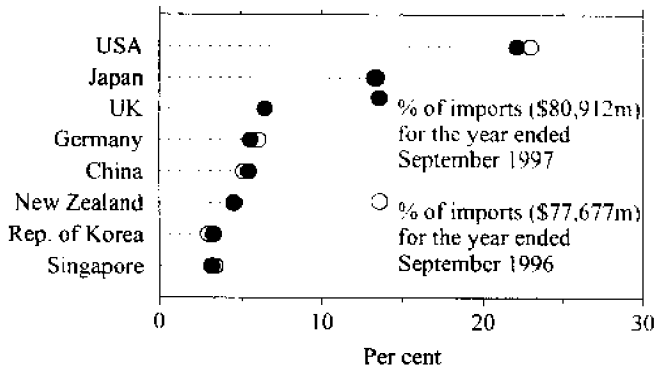
GRAPH 7: COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF IMPORTS



Australia's major import sources were:

- USA, up \$44 million to \$17,894 million;
- Japan, up \$391 million (4%) to \$10,772 million;
- UK, up \$207 million (4%) to \$5,220 million.
- Germany, down \$141 million (3%) to \$4,559 million;
- China, up \$377 million (9%) to \$4,455 million;
- New Zealand, up \$156 million (4%) to \$3,730 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$367 million (16%) to \$2,666 million; and
- Singapore, down \$13 million to \$2,626 million.

GRAPH 8. COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS



REVISIONS

Revisions since the last issue of this publication have:

- increased total exports for the June quarter 1997 by \$23 million, and increased total exports for the year ended June 1997 by \$33 million;
- decreased total imports for the twelve months ended June 1997 by \$2 million; and
- increased the merchandise trade surplus for the June quarter 1997 by \$22 million; and decreased the merchandise trade deficit for the year ended June 1997 by \$35 million.

These revisions resulted from generally small changes to a large number of commodities and countries, with no significant contributor.

CHANGES IN NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of this publication which is scheduled for release on 20 February 1998 will be produced using an improved publications production system.

As a result of the new system, there will be some changes to the format, presentation and numbering of tables in the publication.

The only change to publication content will be a slight reduction in the number of major import commodities in the current Table 4.

TRACKING AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE

INTRODUCTION

International merchandise trade statistics measure Australia's exports and imports of goods. They provide essential information about Australia's trading role within the global economy.

2. These statistics are integral to the compilation of Australia's Balance of Payments and National Accounts statistics. They are some of the most valuable decision-making tools available for analysing commodity and regional trading patterns and directions, formulating and reviewing trade policy, undertaking trade negotiations and evaluating the domestic market implications of import and export activity.

3. This article is aimed at providing users with an understanding of the processes involved in collecting, compiling and disseminating Australia's international merchandise trade statistics, and the data that are available.

COLLECTION

4. International merchandise trade statistics are collected by the Australian Customs Service (ACS) as part of Customs' responsibility to administer government policy on tariffs and barrier control. Exporters, importers or their agents are required under the Customs Act to submit details of their transactions to ACS. The majority of transactions are completed electronically.

Exports

5. A formal entry for all goods intended for export must be lodged with the ACS where the goods are valued over \$500 per commodity (for air and sea cargo) and over \$2,000 per consignment (for postal cargo). The entry may be lodged by the exporter or their agent either electronically via the Customs Export Integration (EXIT) system, or manually by contacting the nearest ACS office.

6. Export entries may be lodged up to 12 months in advance but are usually lodged shortly prior to export. For each consignment the exporter or agent is required to enter details about the type of goods being exported, State of origin of the goods, mode of transport, Australian port of loading and overseas port of discharge, country of final destination, quantity and value of the goods, intended date of export and permit details if applicable. All exports must be classified according to the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC). This commodity classification is based on the international Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), with extra detail to meet Australian statistical needs.

7. The EXIT system interrogates the data and issues an Export Clearance Number (ECN) to the exporter or agent. The data examination is aimed at ensuring that all necessary information has been included, that the codes used (for AHECC, country, etc) are valid, and that valid permit numbers are quoted where necessary.

Where errors are detected, EXIT issues an error message and the exporter or agent must resubmit an amended entry which is then re-checked. 'Unit value' edits are also applied to all records classified to an AHECC where net quantity is required to be reported. These edits check that the unit value of each record is consistent with historical unit values for that commodity. If the unit value of a record is outside the normal range, EXIT notifies the exporter or agent that they must either confirm the entry by resubmitting it unchanged, or lodge a replacement entry.

8. An ECN free of errors (a 'clear' ECN) must be obtained prior to loading on a ship or aircraft for export. The exporter passes the ECN to the next link in the transport chain and this ECN is quoted by the international carrier when compiling manifests. The existence of a clear ECN is not evidence that an export has taken place, it merely signifies an intention to export. It is not until a clear ECN is reported on a manifest that it can be regarded as an export.

9. If the goods are not exported, the ECN should be withdrawn by the exporter or agent. The ACS monitors all ECNs to determine if the goods have been exported within 7 days of the intended date of export. ECNs of goods not exported within this time become 'idle' and the ACS contacts exporters/agents to confirm whether the goods have been exported. For varying reasons, ECNs are not always quoted on manifests. These are usually identified during the check of 'idle' ECNs.

10. The ACS recently completed a major review into the operation of the EXIT system and is presently examining the report's findings. Changes may result to the current policy and operation of the system as a result of the review.

Imports

11. An import entry must be lodged with the ACS for all import consignments valued over \$250 (for air and sea cargo) and over \$1,000 (for postal cargo). The entry may be created and lodged by the importer or their customs broker through a system called COMPILE (Customs Online Method for Producing from Invoices Lodgeable Entries). Import information must be lodged and finalised before access to the goods can be obtained, and may be lodged well in advance of the expected arrival of the goods. For each consignment the importer or agent is required to supply details about the type of goods being imported, the country of origin of the goods, mode of transport, overseas port of loading and Australian port of discharge, port of final destination, quantity and value of the goods and information to assist in determining the amount of duty to be paid. All imports must be classified according to the Harmonized Tariff Item Statistical Code (HTISC). This classification is based on the international HS, with extra detail to meet Australian Customs and statistical needs.

12. COMPILE edits and validates data, reporting any errors for immediate on-line correction. The edits are mainly aimed at ensuring all necessary information has been included and the reported codes are valid. Unit value checks have also been recently introduced. In addition, COMPILE handles currency and quantity conversions; determines the customs value of the goods and calculates any customs duty and sales tax payable; and adjusts quota/import credit balances where applicable. The recent introduction of EDIFICE (Electronic Data Interchange For Input of Customs Entries) has further streamlined the process. Where the information already exists electronically, it removes the need for manual keying. This creates entries faster and reduces keying errors.

Use of the information by ACS

13. The information collected from exporters, importers and their agents is used by the ACS to assess and collect Customs duty and other revenue payable on imported and exported goods and to facilitate the monitoring and control of the physical movement of goods into and out of Australia.

14. At present, greater attention is given by the ACS to accurate reporting of import transactions than export transactions because of the revenue implications of tariffs. For that reason, other things being equal, import data from ACS can be expected to have been checked more closely, and therefore be of better quality, than export data.

15. ACS compliance management activities have generally been conducted in a post-transaction environment where their main objective was to ensure the correct amount of duty was paid. More recently, the ACS has implemented a more co-ordinated approach to compliance management responsibilities, and is aiming to maximise compliance by seeking to achieve a continual improvement in the level of voluntary compliance. The focus is on ensuring future compliance rather than the correction of past errors, and ensuring that an appropriate balance exists between service and enforcement. Compliance improvement officers have an industry sector focus and are responsible for checking the compliance of companies in that industry across all activities of Customs interest.

16. Earlier this year the ACS launched its Cargo Management Strategy (CMS) which aims to facilitate the movement of cargo and streamline the flow of related information. One of the major initiatives of the CMS is the development of partnership arrangements between international traders, ACS and other relevant government agencies. These arrangements will enable more flexible reporting arrangements while still allowing ACS to manage associated risk effectively and collect the appropriate amount of government revenue. Authorised importers and exporters are intended to be permitted to account to Customs for their trading activities at the end of an accounting period. Eight companies have been selected to participate in a trial of the partnership concept and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has been involved in the preliminary discussions that ACS has held with these companies.

The implementation of partnerships is hoped to improve the quality of reporting, but could have an impact on the availability of some minor data items.

Passing to ABS

17. Once the entries have been lodged and cleared by ACS, they are copied electronically to the ABS for statistical processing and compilation.

COMPILATION

Conceptual framework

18. In principle, international merchandise trade statistics measure all moveable goods which add to or subtract from the stock of Australia's material resources, as a result of their movement into or out of Australia. In compiling these statistics, the ABS follows the international recommendations as set out in the United Nations publication *International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions*, Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 52, Rev. 1 (1982). Some of the transactions that must be reported to Customs do not fall within the scope of international merchandise trade statistics and so are excluded by the ABS. Such goods are classified as 'non-merchandise trade' and primarily comprise goods imported or exported on a temporary basis (e.g. art work for temporary exhibition). In addition, the international recommendations recognise that the customs record will not be able to capture certain transactions that otherwise fall within the scope of merchandise trade. Details of the types of transactions which are excluded are shown in the explanatory notes at the back of this publication.

19. The UN has recently reviewed the concepts and definitions used for international trade statistics, and is preparing a publication which will outline the revised standards and supersede *International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions*, Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 52, Rev. 1 (1982). The review does not recommend radical changes, and the implementation of the recommendations is expected to have a minimal impact on Australia's international merchandise trade statistics. Once the revised UN standards are finalised, the ABS intends to produce a publication outlining the concepts, sources and methods used in compiling Australia's international merchandise trade statistics.

Receipt of data

20. Data are received from ACS on a daily basis - on cartridge tape for imports, and by direct line transfer for exports. There are approximately 120,000 export entries and 650,000 import entries passed to the ABS each month. This equates to 1.4 million export and 7.8 million import transactions per year.

21. Imports data received from ACS can be loaded straight to the ABS' imports unit record database. Export data, however, undergoes a matching process prior to loading. This is because of the reliance of exports

on two pieces of information, an 'intention to export' (ECN) and a confirmation of export (via the carrier's manifest). The ABS system stores the ECN and manifest information and creates export records where both ECN and manifest details exist. These export records are then loaded to the exports unit record database.

Editing procedures

22. Given the reliance of business and policy makers on international merchandise trade statistics, it is vital that they are as accurate as possible at all levels of aggregation. To achieve this, the ABS subjects trade data to a range of quality checking procedures designed to detect and correct significant inaccuracies before statistics are compiled and published.

23. The ABS maintains separate multistage exports and imports computer processing systems. These systems perform similar checks for both exports and imports data, including:

- identification of all transactions with a value of \$1 million or more. These are then thoroughly checked and details are confirmed with the exporter, importer or agent if necessary;
- legality checks to ensure that valid and up-to-date codes are reported and all mandatory fields are completed;
- internal consistency checks (e.g. if the mode of transport is reported as sea, the Australian and overseas ports should be sea ports);
- unit value checks of all records in classifications for which unit of quantity is mandatory. A unit value range is calculated from the median 80% or 90% of transactions reported within the same classification during the preceding 6 months. Tolerance factors (calculated on a sliding scale and decreasing as the value of the transaction increases) are applied to these ranges and the unit value of each record is compared with this adjusted range. Those records which fall outside the range are flagged for investigation; and
- tailored edits for specific commodities and/or countries and/or States (e.g. bulk raw sugar is generally only exported from Queensland or Western Australia, so any exports from other States are flagged for investigation).

24. On average, 6 per cent of exports records and 0.5 per cent of imports records generate error messages that require examination by editors. Other records are automatically adjusted by the system to correct obvious errors. Editors identify and resolve the problem signalled by the error message. This may involve contacting the exporter, importer or agent for clarification. Each editor concentrates on a series of chapters of the relevant commodity classification, and so builds up knowledge regarding the characteristics of the commodities they edit. Although the editing process is time consuming and clerically intensive, it is necessary

in order to ensure that the statistics are as accurate as possible.

25. Some of the ABS edits duplicate similar checks that have already been performed on the records by the ACS system. However, the ACS checks are not as rigorous and involve sending system generated messages to the data supplier rather than personal contact. For example, although ACS apply unit value edits to both exports and imports, they are only warnings of possible errors and data suppliers can confirm their reported unit value by resubmitting the entry unchanged. If the record when it reaches the ABS fails the ABS unit value edits, the data supplier will be contacted to confirm their data. In many instances, although the records have been confirmed correct by resubmitting them unchanged to ACS, errors exist in either the quantity, the value or the commodity classification code. Approximately 4 per cent of export records and 0.3 per cent of import records are amended as a result of editing by ABS.

26. Further contact with exporters is necessary on a monthly basis. As outlined above, for exports ABS receives both ECN and manifest information and matches the two to form export records. Despite ongoing follow up of 'idle' ECNs by ACS, a significant number of these remain at the end of each month. Prior to producing preliminary results, ABS analyses all ECNs that may have departed Australia in the previous month but that have not yet been quoted on a manifest. At this stage, all exporters with 'idle' ECNs totalling over \$500,000 are followed up by either ABS or ACS to determine whether the goods actually departed in that month. If departure is confirmed, ABS includes the ECN in the month's exports. The follow up of idle ECNs is a clerically intensive process which also places extra burden on those exporters and agents who are approached for confirmation of the export. However, if these large value 'idle' ECNs were not followed up, preliminary estimates of exports would be subject to significant revision as these shipments were eventually manifested and processed.

Aggregation and confidentiality

27. At the end of the month, when all entries have been processed, data are aggregated for release. During this process, concordances to other classifications are accessed, allowing international trade statistics to be produced not just according to the Harmonized System classifications, but also according to classifications such as the UN's Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC R3), the UN's Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC), and the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), which may be more appropriate than the HS classifications for some users.

28. Aggregate international trade statistics are available in great detail, although not all statistics are available for release. Where an exporter or importer considers that release of certain statistics would be likely to enable the identification of their organisation, the ABS investigates these cases and may place a re-

striction on the release of those statistics. Where there are no requests for restrictions, all data are available. These confidentiality restrictions are required to be applied in accordance with the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* and the *Statistics Determination* in force under section 13 of that Act.

29. Where it is necessary to restrict the release of some international merchandise trade statistics, the ABS, in consultation with the person or organisation who may be identified, chooses a form of restriction which protects the interests of that person or organisation and still allows useful statistical information to be released. For example, for a particular commodity the exports from one State may be restricted, but total Australian exports of that commodity may still be able to be released.

30. Confidentiality restrictions do not affect total export and import data. If the severest form of restriction ('no commodity details') is applied, no data are shown for that particular commodity. However, data for all commodities covered by 'no commodity details' restrictions are aggregated into a 'dump' commodity code, so are still included in total exports and imports.

31. To assist users in the interpretation of trade statistics, a list of commodities which are subject to restrictions is available, together with an Information Paper - *International Merchandise Trade and Shipping Statistics, Australia: Data Confidentiality* (Cat. No. 5487.0) - which contains further information on restrictions and how they may affect the data received. Both of these documents are free of charge and may be obtained by contacting Chris Lumb, the Confidentiality Manager, on (02) 6252 5409.

Feedback from clients

32. Because of the sheer volume of export and import transactions, the limited resources available for quality control and the requirement to produce timely monthly statistics, it is inevitable that there will be some errors and misclassifications remaining in the statistics when they are first released. The ABS relies on feedback from users who are often able to use their knowledge and understanding of the market for products within their industry to identify inconsistencies in preliminary output. Client queries are investigated, and where errors are identified, the data are amended and the revisions incorporated in the next release of output. On average, 10 queries on exports data and 55 queries on imports data are received each month.

33. Most queries relate to unit value data and the most common field amended is quantity. Errors frequently occur when the goods exported or imported are recorded in a different unit of quantity from that specified in the classification. Common quantity errors are the recording of kilograms instead of tonnes and square feet instead of square metres.

34. Another common source of error is recording incorrect commodity classification codes. It would seem that exporters, importers or their brokers sometimes de-

fault to the easiest statistical code when there is doubt as to the correct classification. In many cases, data are misclassified to the 'other' category of a classification group. Generally the 'other' classification code should have relatively small amounts of trade reported against it, as goods in which there are significant trade would have their own specific classification.

35. While the ABS appreciates that determining the correct classification for a commodity can be difficult (due to the complexity of the classification, the inadequacy of the goods description in the supporting documentation or a lack of detailed knowledge about the commodity), misclassification errors are of very real concern to ABS clients. Misclassifications can also lead to incorrect unit values. When clients query the classification of statistics, it can be difficult for ABS staff to resolve the problem, as they do not have detailed product knowledge or access to supporting documentation such as invoices. The ABS, therefore, normally checks with brokers or the exporting/importing company for resolution.

36. Another area where errors are frequently detected is in the reported country of origin and/or destination. For imports, such errors are often found by the ACS if the duty rate is wrong, but for exports or for imports which incur no duty, the problem is not often identified until the ABS' clients query the statistics.

37. Information received when investigating client queries has been used to set up a system which enables the items queried to be monitored and allows persistent instances of misreporting to be identified and corrected prior to data release. This has resulted in reduced provider load and improved data quality as well as freeing up resources to concentrate on other areas of concern. The ACS are advised if persistent quality problems are detected in particular areas of the classification.

38. Any queries that clients may have in relation to the statistics received should be forwarded to the ABS as soon as possible after receipt of the data and include as much detail as possible. All queries should be directed to Denise Burton, the Exports Manager, on (02) 6252 5401, or Carol Ward, the Imports Manager, on (02) 6252 6142, or fax (02) 6252 8011.

Revisions

39. Revisions to published data can arise because an amending entry has been supplied to ACS (and passed to ABS) or because errors have been identified by the ABS in following up a client query or through other investigations.

40. Exports data for the most recent 18 months and imports data for the most recent 6 months are retained on the unit record database and revisions are made as errors are identified. Revisions beyond these periods are made only in exceptional circumstances. Because most revisions to export and import statistics are made within the first two or three months after the release of the initial estimate, this revisions policy is likely to

have minimal effect on the quality of the statistics. Revisions to broad aggregates are not normally significant, but individual commodity statistics may register significant changes.

Other investigations

41. Other investigations are undertaken by ABS staff to assist in assessing and improving the quality of international trade statistics. These include:

- Commodity investigations - which involve investigating records relating to specific commodities or chapters of the HS classification with particular data quality problems. They aim to determine reasons for inaccuracies, and can result in changes to the edit program to better detect these errors.
- Bilateral reconciliation studies with Australia's trading partners - which involve comparing partner countries' estimates of their transactions with Australia with Australia's estimates of its transactions with those countries. Bilateral studies can alert statistical agencies to possible coverage or quality deficiencies in their statistics.
- Analyses of internal processes and procedures to ensure they are efficient and effective.

DISSEMINATION

Frequency and timeliness

42. The ABS releases monthly, quarterly and annual international merchandise trade statistics. ABS policy is to release initial monthly estimates as soon as possible after the reference month. Export statistics are released 21 working days after the end of the reference month while import statistics are released 12 working days after the end of the reference month. More time is required to process exports data as it is necessary to follow up and match manifest information with the ECNs.

Classifications

43. ABS international merchandise trade statistics are compiled in accordance with several different classifications. The classification used for the collection of international trade data is the World Customs Organisation's Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS). Australia collects more detail by extending the 6-digit HS to 8-digit level for exports (AHECC) and to 10-digit level for imports (HTISC).

44. Australia disseminates international trade data according to the extended HS and according to a number of other classifications: the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3; the UN Classification by Broad Economic Categories; and by industry of origin according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification.

Data items available

45. Statistics for reference periods commencing from July 1981 are retained in electronic form for retrieval. These data are available on an HS basis back to 1988 and earlier statistics may be supplied from publications or microfiche.

46. Statistics are available for exports, imports and import clearances.

Exports reflect goods that leave the country and include both goods that have been produced or manufactured in Australia, and re-exports of foreign goods.

Imports reflect goods that arrive in the country and include:

- goods brought into Australia directly for home consumption following the payment of any duty; plus
- goods which are entered into the country but are not cleared for home consumption; the goods instead go into Customs (bonded) warehouses and duty is not paid at that time.

Import clearances reflect goods that are cleared into the Australian market for home consumption and include:

- goods brought into Australia directly for home consumption following the payment of any duty; plus
- goods cleared from a bonded warehouse following the payment of any duty.

47. The information available for both exports and imports includes:

- commodity information at various levels of detail;
- value of goods:
 - customs value (imports and import clearances);
 - free on board value (exports and imports);
 - cost, insurance, freight value (imports);
- quantity of goods;
- gross weight of goods:
 - by all other data fields for exports;
 - by Australian and/or overseas port, by mode of transport, and at total level for imports (from July 1992 onwards);
- overseas countries:
 - country of origin for imports and import clearances;
 - country of final destination for exports;
- overseas ports (from 1 July 1992 onwards):

port of loading for imports;
port of discharge for exports;

- Australian States and ports:
 - State and/or port of discharge for imports, and State of final destination, for both imports and import clearances;
 - State of origin and State and/or port of loading for exports;
- country groups:
 - Australia's trade with selected country groups such as ASEAN, OECD and the European Union;
- commodity groups:
 - Australia's trade in commodities grouped in response to specific client needs;
- mode of transport;
- nature of entry (imports and import clearances):
 - field used to distinguish between goods brought directly into Australia and those which involve the use of a bonded warehouse; and
- duty-related fields (import clearances):
 - include duty rates, amount of duty paid, and various fields indicating whether special duty rates have been claimed.

Publications

48. Two international trade publications are produced by the ABS:

International Merchandise Imports, Australia (Cat. No. 5439.0). This monthly publication is available within 12 working days of the end of the month to which it refers and costs \$13.50 per issue. It presents total imports (international trade basis) for the reference month only, together with commodity aggregates at the one digit level of the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3). No analysis is provided.

International Merchandise Trade, Australia (Cat. No. 5422.0). This quarterly publication is available within 35 working days of the end of the quarter to which it refers and costs \$30.00 per issue. It provides commentary on the results and main findings arising from the current quarter's data, and includes tables presenting information on the value of merchandise exports and imports classified by country, commodity, country by commodity, State, broad economic category and industry of origin. It also includes articles analysing various aspects of Australia's trade (e.g. Australia's trade with particular countries or country groups; results of bilateral reconciliation studies with our major trading partners); or discussing statistical quality issues.

49. In addition, monthly data on merchandise exports and imports on a balance of payments basis are included in the monthly publication *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (Cat. No. 5368.0). These data are adjusted for coverage, timing and (imports only) valuation to put them on a balance of payments basis.

50. Time series data in publication format are available from 1974-75 onwards. Publications covering earlier periods are available for consultation in ABS libraries.

51. There is also an international trade Information Kit available, free of charge, which outlines concepts and definitions, classifications, confidentiality, data availability, and products and services.

Consultancy Services

52. International merchandise trade statistical and related information is available through consultancy services operating in each ABS State or Territory office, and through Central Office in Canberra. Consultants develop tailored information solutions in response to individual client needs.

53. These solutions may take the form of ad hoc statistical reports accompanied by supporting information to assist in interpreting the data, or regularly delivered reports provided on a subscription basis and similarly accompanied by explanatory notes and annotations.

54. Consultancy prices are dependant upon the nature of the interrogation and the quantity of information retrieved. Quantities are determined by the number of commodities, countries, states and ports against which trade data sets are interrogated, and the number of time periods and data items (quantity, value, etc.) included. ABS client service staff will provide quotes for international trade consultancies upon request.

55. Clients wanting information more detailed than that published in standard products are required to pay for all costs incurred beyond the costs of collection and production of clean unit record files from which the information is produced. That is to say, they are required to cover dissemination rather than data costs.

56. Clients who have general enquiries about data formats and the availability of international merchandise trade data should contact the ABS Information Services in their capital city or International Trade Client Services on (02) 6252 5400, 1800 020 513 or by fax on (02) 6253 1400.

BILATERAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RECONCILIATION: AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN, 1994

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Japan's Customs and Tariff Bureau (JCTB) have recently undertaken a bilateral reconciliation study covering merchandise trade flows between Australia and Japan. The ABS acknowledges the contribution of the JCTB in carrying out this study.

2. Japan is Australia's largest trading partner, accounting for 13.0 per cent of Australia's imports and 19.5 per cent of Australia's exports in the year ended June 1997. In 1994, the year for which the reconciliation has been undertaken, Japan's share of Australia's imports and exports was even higher, accounting for 17.8 per cent and 24.7 per cent respectively.

3. In 1994, Australia recorded imports of \$12,100 million from Japan while Japan recorded exports to Australia of \$11,986 million. The discrepancy of \$114 million represents 0.9 per cent of Australia's imports from Japan. In the same year, Australia recorded exports of \$15,992 million to Japan while Japan recorded imports from Australia of \$18,794 million. The discrepancy of \$2,802 million represents 17.5 per cent of Australia's exports to Japan.

4. There are many reasons why discrepancies exist in the recording of trade flows by trading partners. The purpose of this study was to quantify and adjust for conceptual and methodological differences so that the significance of the remaining differences could be determined.

5. Outcomes of the reconciliation study are shown in Tables A and B. These tables show the value of Australia's exports or imports, the value of adjustments made, and the value of Japan's imports or exports. Also shown is the residual discrepancy - this is the discrepancy that remains between the two sets of figures after all conceptual and practical adjustments have been made. All figures are in Australian dollars, converted using an average annual exchange rate of SA1 = ¥74.25, applicable in 1994. Previous investigations have shown that the impact of using an average annual rate rather than a monthly rate is likely to be minor.

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES

6. Although both countries generally follow the international recommendations contained in the United Nations (UN) publication, *International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions*, Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 52, Rev. 1, there are still definitional and conceptual differences in the data. The adjustments made to account for these differences in this reconciliation are outlined in this section. For more detailed information on the possible causes of differences between the exports of one country and the imports of the other, see the article *Bilateral Merchandise Trade Statistics Reconciliation: Australia and the United States of*

America, 1991 to 1994 which was published in the September Quarter 1996 issue of this publication.

Southbound trade

7. The adjustments shown in Table A represent the changes needed to transform Australia's published imports to the same basis as Japan's published exports. They do not reflect revisions to either country's official statistics.

• Coverage

8. The most significant coverage difference affecting southbound trade relates to differing treatment of low value records.

9. In Australia, import entries lodged on informal clearance documents for values not exceeding \$250 are excluded. In addition, imported parcel post items valued under \$1,000 are excluded. In Japan, merchandise trade statistics exclude export shipments valued under \$2,694 (¥200,000) regardless of mode of transport.

10. To adjust for this difference, the value of all Australian records less than \$2,694 (¥200,000) in value was determined, resulting in a low value trade adjustment of -\$256 million being applied.

• Valuation

11. Australia values its imports on a 'Customs value' basis. Customs value is the FOB transactions value adjusted for any transaction where the Australian Customs Service considers the FOB transactions value to be not a true market value.

12. An adjustment for the difference between Australia's import value on an FOB basis and on a Customs value basis was made in the reconciliation study. The FOB value was higher than the Customs value, and an adjustment of +\$8 million was made.

• Country classification

13. In accordance with international recommendations, Japan classifies its exports by country of final destination and Australia classifies its imports by country of origin. Classification of exports by country of final destination can be a difficult task as the exporter is sometimes not in a position to know whether the goods are to be further manufactured or otherwise consumed in the country to which they are consigned, or whether they will be traded with yet another country. When the country of final destination is not known at the time of exportation, the exporter declares the country of last shipment (country of consignment) in place of the country of final destination.

14. In concept at least, exports and imports statistics will only be symmetrical between trading partners when exports are shipped directly from the country of origin to the country of final destination. Discrepancies occur when third countries are involved, as with re-ex-

ports of merchandise and goods traded through intermediate countries.

15. In the case of southbound trade, the following adjustments were applied to adjust for differences in country attribution principles.

- Japan's re-exports

When goods are imported by Japan and are subsequently re-exported to Australia, these goods should be recorded in Japan's exports to Australia but not in Australia's imports from Japan. Consequently, for data reconciliation purposes, the value of Japan's re-exports to Australia needs to be subtracted from Japan's export statistics. In 1994, Japan's re-exports of Australian and third country merchandise totalled +\$171 million.

- Australia's indirect imports

When Australia imports goods of Japanese origin from a country other than Japan, they will be included in Australian imports from Japan, but will generally not be included in Japan's exports to Australia. This assumes that the Japanese exporter is unaware of the subsequent re-trading. However in some instances the Japanese exporter will be aware of the ultimate destination of the goods and these transactions will be included in Japan's exports to Australia. It is impossible to distinguish between these two circumstances.

In the reconciliation an adjustment of -\$480 million has been made, which is the value of merchandise of Japanese origin imported by Australia from third countries. This is the largest adjustment made to southbound trade. Since some of Australia's indirect imports will undoubtedly be recorded as exports to Australia by Japan, this adjustment may somewhat overstate the effect of trade via third countries.

• **Timing**

16. The timing adjustment accounts for merchandise which is likely to have been recorded in different years in the statistics of the exporting and importing countries. It is made up of an adjustment based on the amount of time it takes a shipment to reach Australia (shipping adjustment) and an adjustment for the time taken by the Australian Customs Service to process the import entry (processing adjustment). Adjustments are made for either end of the reference period.

17. When calculating the shipping adjustment it was assumed that it took, on average, 23 days to ship goods by sea from Japan to Australia. No adjustment is made for air freight. Australia's January 1994 statistics included \$536 million of imports which arrived by sea between 1 January and 23 January, while Australia's January 1995 statistics included \$879 million of imports which arrived by sea between 1 January and 23 January. It is assumed that these imports would have been included in Japan's 1993 and 1994 exports respectively. Using these figures, the overall shipping

adjustment for the reference period was calculated as +\$343 million.

18. The second component of the timing adjustment, the processing adjustment, is made to account for goods arriving in Australia outside the year in which they were recorded in Australia's import statistics. This adjustment applies to both sea and air freight and is necessary because Australia's imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are finalised by Customs, rather than the month of arrival. \$50 million of Australia's imports from Japan recorded in January 1994 actually arrived in December 1993 or earlier and were out of scope of the reconciliation. \$73 million of Australia's imports from Japan recorded in January 1995 actually arrived in Australia in 1994 and should have been included in the reconciliation. Therefore, the overall processing adjustment was +\$23 million.

19. The total southbound timing adjustment was +\$366 million.

Northbound trade

20. The adjustments shown in Table B represent the changes needed to transform Australia's published exports to the same basis as Japan's published imports. They do not reflect revisions to either country's official statistics.

• **Coverage**

21. After comparing the goods excluded from each country's statistics, the following adjustments were applied to account for known differences in coverage between the two sets of statistics.

- Low value trade

In Australia, individual transaction lines within an export consignment where the value of the goods is less than \$500 are excluded. In addition, exported parcel post items valued under \$2,000 are excluded. In Japan, Customs data exclude import shipments valued under \$2,694 (¥200,000) regardless of mode of transport.

To adjust for this difference, the value of all Australian records less than \$2,694 (¥200,000) in value was determined, resulting in a low value trade adjustment of -\$22 million.

- Gold coin

Gold coins are included in Australia's merchandise trade statistics, but excluded from Japan's statistics. An adjustment of -\$14 million has been made to account for Australia's exports to Japan of gold coin in 1994.

- Fish

Fish caught in Australian waters and shipped directly to Japan are not landed in Australia and are therefore not included in Australia's export statistics. However, they are included in Japan's import statistics as originating from Australia. An

adjustment of +\$37 million was made based on the difference between Australia's exports of both fresh and frozen fish, and Japan's imports of fresh and frozen fish.

22. Investigations have indicated that the discrepancy due to any other coverage differences would be minimal.

• Valuation

23. Australia values its exports on an FOB transactions value basis, while Japan values its imports on a 'cost, insurance and freight' (CIF) basis. Japan does not compile separate information on the freight and insurance component of the CIF value, so it was necessary to estimate this for the purposes of the reconciliation study.

24. The freight and insurance component was estimated for each commodity at the 6-digit level of the Harmonised System classification. For each commodity one of the following methods was used:

- For the 25 major commodities imported by Japan from Australia, information on freight and insurance rates were obtained by contacting Australian exporters.
- For codes within chapters 01, 06, 08, 69, 84, 85 and 90, freight and insurance rates were calculated by Japan (at the chapter level) based on an examination of a sample of one month's import documents.
- For commodities that Australia also imports from Japan (other than those in the above 2 categories), calculations were based on the CIF/FOB ratio for that commodity from Australia's imports data.
- For the remaining commodities, the average CIF/FOB ratio from Australia's imports data was used.

25. The resulting adjustment of +\$2,622 million represented the largest adjustment made to northbound trade.

• Country classification

26. Australia classifies its exports by country of final destination and Japan classifies its imports by country of origin. As noted above, the exporter is not always aware of the country of final destination and in this case the country of last shipment (country of consignment) is reported.

27. Exports and imports statistics can be expected to be symmetrical between trading partners only when exports are shipped directly from the country of origin to the country of final destination. Discrepancies occur when third countries are involved, as with re-exports of merchandise and goods traded through intermediate countries.

28. In the case of northbound trade, the following adjustments were applied to adjust for differences in country attribution principles.

- Australia's re-exports

When goods are imported by Australia and are subsequently re-exported to Japan, these goods should be recorded in Australia's exports to Japan but not in Japan's imports from Australia. Consequently, for data reconciliation purposes, the value of Australia's re-exports to Japan needs to be subtracted from Australia's export statistics. Australia's re-exports of Japanese and third country merchandise resulted in an adjustment of -\$184 million in 1994.

- Japan's indirect imports

When Japan imports goods of Australian origin from a country other than Australia, they will be included in Japan's imports from Australia, but will generally not be included in Australia's exports to Japan. This assumes that the Australian exporter is unaware of the subsequent movement. However in some instances the Australian exporter will be aware of the ultimate destination of the goods and these transactions will be included in Australia's exports to Japan. It is impossible to distinguish between these two circumstances.

In the reconciliation an adjustment of +\$312 million has been made, which is the estimated value of merchandise of Australian origin imported by Japan from third countries. This estimate was calculated by Japan based on an examination of a sample of one month's import documents. Since some of Australia's indirect imports will undoubtedly be recorded as exports to Japan in Australian trade statistics, this adjustment may somewhat overstate the effect of trade via third countries. The value of Australia's exports to Japan via third countries was examined with a view to subtracting these from Japan's indirect imports, but the commodity match between this and Japan's indirect imports data was not particularly good, so the extra adjustment was not made.

- Japan's re-imports

Re-imports are goods originally exported which are imported to the originating country in either the same condition in which they were exported or after undergoing repair or minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.

Goods of Japanese origin that have been re-imported into Japan from Australia are recorded under a special commodity code in Japanese statistics as imports from Australia. In Australian statistics they would be classified as re-exports to Japan, and therefore have been removed from the reconciliation as part of the re-export adjustment. Consequently it is necessary to adjust for Japan's re-imports as well. In 1994 these amounted to +\$47 million.

A similar adjustment is not necessary for southbound trade, as goods of Australian origin that have been re-imported into Australia are included in Australia's published import figures as imports with

country of origin Australia, and do not impact on the reconciliation.

• **Timing**

29. The timing adjustment accounts for merchandise which is likely to have been recorded in different years in the statistics of the exporting and importing countries. It is made up of an adjustment based on the amount of time it takes a shipment to reach Japan (shipping adjustment) and an adjustment for the time between arrival in Japanese ports and Customs clearance of the import entry (processing adjustment). Adjustments are made for either end of the reference period.

30. When calculating the shipping adjustment it was assumed that it took, on average, 17 days to ship goods by sea from Australia to Japan. Northbound journeys have a shorter duration on average than southbound journeys because many northbound vessels travel directly from Australian ports to Japan, while southbound vessels often call at several ports. Based on a journey length of 17 days, the value of goods that left Australia by sea after 14 December was determined (as these goods were likely to have arrived in Japan in January of the following year).

31. The second component of the timing adjustment, the processing adjustment, is made to account for goods arriving in Japan outside the year in which they were recorded in Japanese import statistics. In calculating this adjustment it was assumed that the processing delays on average amounted to 4 days.

32. Using these assumptions, the value of goods in Australia's 1993 exports that are assumed to be in Japanese 1994 imports was calculated as \$797 million, and the value of goods in Australia's 1994 exports that are assumed to be in Japan's 1995 imports was \$803 million. The overall northbound timing adjustment is therefore -\$6 million.

• **Other differences**

33. Comparison of data at the commodity level identified a discrepancy in tobacco. Subsequent investigation determined that some tobacco that was imported by Australia from Japan for further processing and subsequent re-export to Japan was treated differently in the two sets of statistics. An adjustment of +\$19 million has been included in the reconciliation to account for this.

RESIDUAL DISCREPANCIES

Southbound trade

34. The residual discrepancy of +\$77 million, shown in Table A, represents the difference remaining after the application of the adjustments to southbound trade described above. The residual discrepancy is positive, indicating that the adjusted Australian merchandise imports figure is lower than the published Japanese merchandise exports figure. The residual discrepancy is 0.6 per cent of Australia's imports, compared with an initial discrepancy of 0.9 per cent.

35. Possible reasons for the residual discrepancy include: problems associated with correct country attribution; valuation differences; additional timing differences; minor coverage differences; and currency conversion practices.

Northbound trade

36. The application of the adjustments to northbound trade described above have reduced the discrepancy to almost zero. The residual discrepancy of -\$9 million, shown in Table B, represents less than 0.1 per cent of Australia's exports. This compares with an initial discrepancy of 17.5 per cent.

CONCLUSION

37. This reconciliation study has demonstrated that a significant part of the 'asymmetry' in Japan-Australia bilateral merchandise trade data results from the conceptual factors underlying the compilation of the data. As previously indicated, the adjustments presented in the reconciliation do not represent revisions to the official published statistics of either country, nor do they imply, in general, errors in either country's published statistics.

38. For southbound trade the initial discrepancy was 0.9 per cent of Australia's imports, and the residual discrepancy 0.6 per cent. The greatest contributors to the narrowing of the gap were the adjustment for Australia's imports of Japanese origin goods via third countries, and differences in the treatment of low value transactions.

39. For northbound trade the initial discrepancy was 17.5 per cent of Australia's imports, and the residual discrepancy 0.1 per cent. The greatest contributor to the narrowing of the gap was the adjustment relating to insurance and freight, which are included in published Japanese imports, but not in Australian exports.

40. Japan is Australia's largest trading partner, accounting for 21.1 per cent of Australia's trade in 1994. The small magnitude of the residual discrepancies encourages a reasonable degree of confidence in the accuracy of Australia's import and export data, at least at the aggregate level.

41. Further reconciliation studies with Japan are not planned at this stage. However, work on a reconciliation study with New Zealand is nearing completion and the results of this study will be published in a later issue of this publication.

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TABLE A. AUSTRALIA / JAPAN MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION - 1994
SOUTHBOUND TRADE
 (\$A million)

AUSTRALIA'S PUBLISHED IMPORTS	12,100
Adjustments	
Coverage	
- Low value trade	-256
Valuation	
- FOB adjustment	8
Country classification	
- Japan's re-exports	171
- Australia's indirect imports	-480
Timing	366
Residual discrepancy	77
JAPAN'S PUBLISHED EXPORTS	11,986

TABLE B. AUSTRALIA / JAPAN MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION - 1994
NORTHBOUND TRADE
 (\$A million)

AUSTRALIA'S PUBLISHED EXPORTS	15,992
Adjustments	
Coverage	
- Low value trade	-22
- Gold coin	-14
- Fish	37
Valuation	
- CIF adjustment	2,622
Country classification	
- Australia's re-exports	-184
- Japan's indirect imports	312
- Japan's re-imports	47
Timing	-6
Other differences	
- Tobacco	19
Residual discrepancy	-9
JAPAN'S PUBLISHED IMPORTS	18,794

TABLES

TABLE 1. AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE BY COUNTRY
(Smillion)

	China	Japan	Korea Republic of	New Zealand	Singapore	Taiwan	United Kingdom	United States of America	Other Countries	Total
EXPORTS										
1994-95	2,964	16,282	5,250	4,791	3,643	3,102	2,275	4,643	24,102	67,052
1995-96	3,781	16,429	6,615	5,609	3,556	3,452	2,829	4,619	29,116	76,005
1996-97	3,584	15,376	7,134	6,208	3,409	3,620	2,357	5,527	31,702	78,918
<i>1995-96</i>										
Dec. qtr.	983	4,207	1,631	1,470	923	807	690	1,191	7,193	19,095
Mar. qtr.	1,071	3,923	1,583	1,310	858	921	774	1,108	7,391	18,939
June qtr.	1,084	3,988	1,820	1,371	787	855	719	1,169	7,499	19,293
<i>1996-97</i>										
Sept. qtr.	816	3,774	1,925	1,500	768	852	600	1,254	7,495	18,984
Dec. qtr.	906	3,880	1,977	1,479	755	801	664	1,447	7,859	19,768
Mar. qtr.	862	3,794	1,537	1,364	920	948	462	1,260	7,928	19,074
June qtr.	999	3,929	1,695	1,865	966	1,020	631	1,566	8,420	21,092
<i>1997-98</i>										
Sept. qtr.	1,035	4,401	1,870	1,442	936	966	668	1,729	8,404	21,452
IMPORTS										
1994-95	3,649	12,777	2,028	3,554	2,246	2,570	4,439	16,044	27,313	74,619
1995-96	4,010	10,816	2,293	3,591	2,613	2,585	4,882	17,545	29,457	77,792
1996-97	4,204	10,241	2,520	3,685	2,620	2,522	5,182	17,645	30,355	78,974
<i>1995-96</i>										
Dec. qtr.	1,078	2,720	602	921	759	675	1,271	4,379	7,433	19,838
Mar. qtr.	1,030	2,498	511	867	571	617	1,172	4,599	7,150	19,014
June qtr.	825	2,581	561	868	670	610	1,231	4,442	7,165	18,952
<i>1996-97</i>										
Sept. qtr.	1,145	2,583	626	918	640	642	1,338	4,430	7,552	19,873
Dec. qtr.	1,122	2,552	627	1,017	791	675	1,290	4,546	7,950	20,571
Mar. qtr.	958	2,463	585	845	550	563	1,229	3,962	7,327	18,482
June qtr.	978	2,643	682	906	638	643	1,325	4,707	7,525	20,049
<i>1997-98</i>										
Sept. qtr.	1,396	3,114	771	963	646	714	1,376	4,679	8,153	21,811
EXCESS OF EXPORTS OR IMPORTS (-)										
1994-95	-685	3,505	3,221	1,237	1,398	533	-2,164	11,401	-3,211	-7,567
1995-96	-229	5,613	4,322	2,017	943	867	-2,053	-12,926	-341	-1,787
1996-97	-619	5,135	4,613	2,522	790	1,098	-2,825	-12,118	1,347	-56
<i>1995-96</i>										
Dec. qtr.	-95	1,488	1,029	549	163	131	-581	-3,188	-240	-743
Mar. qtr.	41	1,425	1,073	442	287	304	-398	-3,491	241	-75
June qtr.	259	1,407	1,259	503	118	245	-512	-3,273	335	341
<i>1996-97</i>										
Sept. qtr.	329	1,192	1,299	582	128	210	-738	-3,176	-57	-889
Dec. qtr.	-216	1,328	1,349	462	-36	126	-625	-3,099	-91	-803
Mar. qtr.	-96	1,331	952	519	369	385	767	-2,701	601	593
June qtr.	21	1,285	1,013	959	328	377	-694	-3,142	895	1,043
<i>1997-98</i>										
Sept. qtr.	-361	1,287	1,098	480	291	252	708	-2,949	251	-360

TABLE 2. AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP (a)
(Million)

	<i>Asia Pacific Economic Co- operation (APEC)</i>	<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i>	<i>Developing Countries (DCs)</i>	<i>European Union (EU)</i>	<i>Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)</i>
EXPORTS					
1994-95	52,263	10,439	29,650	7,498	3,190
1995-96	57,617	11,717	35,895	8,464	4,501
1996-97	59,318	12,252	38,611	8,173	5,777
<i>1995-96</i>					
Dec. qtr.	14,597	3,075	8,974	2,139	1,105
Mar. qtr.	13,971	2,726	9,157	2,186	1,185
June qtr.	14,539	2,839	9,264	2,110	1,198
<i>1996-97</i>					
Sept. qtr.	14,681	3,050	9,188	1,878	1,238
Dec. qtr.	14,807	2,955	9,458	2,208	1,448
Mar. qtr.	13,970	2,898	9,610	1,914	1,424
June qtr.	15,861	3,349	10,354	2,172	1,668
<i>1997-98</i>					
Sept. qtr.	16,266	3,259	10,300	2,119	1,414
IMPORTS					
1994-95	50,313	6,419	19,825	18,218	2,882
1995-96	52,008	7,372	21,702	19,388	3,259
1996-97	52,421	8,300	23,290	19,667	3,831
<i>1995-96</i>					
Dec. qtr.	13,296	1,952	5,658	4,934	780
Mar. qtr.	12,841	1,777	5,200	4,634	818
June qtr.	12,658	1,857	5,218	4,684	900
<i>1996-97</i>					
Sept. qtr.	13,040	1,949	5,780	5,117	841
Dec. qtr.	13,767	2,271	6,134	5,046	1,030
Mar. qtr.	12,121	1,914	5,470	4,633	996
June qtr.	13,493	2,167	5,906	4,871	964
<i>1997-98</i>					
Sept. qtr.	14,755	2,337	6,776	5,199	950
EXCESS OF EXPORTS OR IMPORTS (-)					
1994-95	1,950	4,021	9,825	-10,720	309
1995-96	5,610	4,345	14,193	10,924	1,242
1996-97	6,897	3,952	15,321	11,494	1,946
<i>1995-96</i>					
Dec. qtr.	1,302	1,123	3,317	-2,795	325
Mar. qtr.	1,130	950	3,957	-2,448	367
June qtr.	1,881	982	4,047	-2,574	298
<i>1996-97</i>					
Sept. qtr.	1,640	1,101	3,408	-3,239	396
Dec. qtr.	1,040	685	3,324	-2,838	417
Mar. qtr.	1,849	984	4,141	-2,718	428
June qtr.	2,368	1,182	4,448	-2,698	704
<i>1997-98</i>					
Sept. qtr.	1,511	922	3,524	-3,079	464

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	September quarter 1996		June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	153	0.8	178	0.8	173	0.8
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	607	3.2	676	3.2	642	3.0
Aluminium (684)	614	3.2	662	3.1	757	3.5
Barley, unmilled (043)	129	0.7	141	0.7	128	0.6
Cars and other road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles) (78)	377	2.0	442	2.1	448	2.1
Cheese and curd (024)	104	0.5	134	0.6	107	0.5
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	1,883	9.9	2,056	9.7	2,309	10.8
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	141	0.7	196	0.9	175	0.8
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excl. master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	81	0.4	92	0.4	105	0.5
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	385	2.0	511	2.4	490	2.3
Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	132	0.7	254	1.2	157	0.7
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (incl. fruit juices) (057-059)(a)	190	1.0	170	0.8	186	0.9
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	425	2.2	479	2.3	479	2.2
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (971)	1,223	6.4	1,177	5.6	1,123	5.2
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13.20)	49	0.3	58	0.3	64	0.3
Iron and steel (67)	411	2.2	445	2.1	367	1.7
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excl. roasted iron pyrites) (281.50,60)	767	4.0	865	4.1	961	4.5
Lead and lead alloys, unwrought (685.11,12)	92	0.5	91	0.4	101	0.5
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	288	1.5	302	1.4	309	1.4
Meat of bovine animals fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	467	2.5	612	2.9	649	3.0
Meat of sheep and goats fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	108	0.6	155	0.7	141	0.7
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	224	1.2	270	1.3	209	1.0
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	112	0.6	84	0.4	106	0.5
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	57	0.3	61	0.3	62	0.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	—	2.4	402	1.9	413	1.9
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc (287.81-85)(a)	114	0.6	150	0.7	123	0.6
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	419	2.2	540	2.6	613	2.9
Petroleum products (334,335)	414	2.2	435	2.1	467	2.2
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	93	0.5	106	0.5	129	0.6
Plastics in primary and non-primary form (57,58)(a)	115	0.6	128	0.6	123	0.6
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	234	1.2	253	1.2	285	1.3
Rice (042)(a)	66	0.3	78	0.4	91	0.4
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	46	0.2	42	0.2	52	0.2
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	62	0.3	58	0.3	57	0.3
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	49	0.3	10	—	19	0.1
Sugar, beet or cane, raw, in solid form (061.11,12)	674	3.5	171	0.8	643	3.0
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	38	0.2	72	0.3	59	0.3
Wheat (incl. spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	765	4.0	1,165	5.5	778	3.6
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	118	0.6	139	0.7	153	0.7
Wool, greasy (incl. fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	444	2.3	526	2.5	571	2.7
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	167	0.9	207	1.0	204	1.0
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	88	0.5	96	0.5	97	0.5
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	118	0.6	149	0.7	137	0.6
Total major commodities(a)	13,496	71.1	14,838	70.3	15,265	71.2
Total Trade	18,984	100.0	21,092	100.0	21,452	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	September quarter 1996		June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	561	2.8	594	3.0	335	1.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	487	2.5	420	2.1	574	2.6
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	902	4.5	1,134	5.7	1,050	4.8
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	301	1.5	215	1.1	333	1.5
Chemical materials and products, nes (59)	238	1.2	242	1.2	265	1.2
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723)	248	1.2	245	1.2	275	1.3
Clay and refractory construction materials and mineral manufactures, nes (662,663)	124	0.6	111	0.6	122	0.6
Coffee and coffee substitutes (071)	50	0.3	65	0.3	75	0.3
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	213	1.1	213	1.1	236	1.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus nes (778)	357	1.8	342	1.7	364	1.7
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	139	0.7	140	0.7	144	0.7
Glass, glassware and pottery (664,665,666)	125	0.6	117	0.6	133	0.6
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment nes (775)(a)	173	0.9	195	1.0	202	0.9
Inorganic chemicals (52)(a)	181	0.9	163	0.8	142	0.7
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof nes (713)	258	1.3	283	1.4	248	1.1
Iron and steel (67)	324	1.6	339	1.7	386	1.8
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	208	1.0	223	1.1	270	1.2
Manufactures of base metals nes (699)	187	0.9	201	1.0	243	1.1
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus nes (874)	316	1.6	352	1.8	361	1.7
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	500	2.5	544	2.7	589	2.7
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782,10)	396	2.0	443	2.2	440	2.0
Non-electrical parts and accessories of machinery nes (749)	48	0.2	51	0.3	61	0.3
Organic chemicals (51)	519	2.6	502	2.5	498	2.3
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64)	464	2.3	421	2.1	488	2.2
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	459	2.3	405	2.0	503	2.3
Parts and accessories for office and automatic data processing machines (759)	476	2.4	562	2.8	520	2.4
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles) incl. station wagons and racing cars (781)	1,184	6.0	1,207	6.0	1,553	7.1
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	716	3.6	900	4.5	864	4.0
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	212	1.1	250	1.2	234	1.1
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	156	0.8	142	0.7	151	0.7
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58)(a)	412	2.1	392	2.0	453	2.1
Printed matter (892)	227	1.1	214	1.1	255	1.2
Printing and bookbinding machinery, and parts thereof (726)	86	0.4	74	0.4	71	0.3
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	218	1.1	217	1.1	235	1.1
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	193	1.0	189	0.9	176	0.8
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	21	0.1	113	0.6	39	0.2
Telecommunication equipment nes and parts nes and accessories (764)	608	3.1	665	3.3	647	3.0
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761,762)	250	1.3	184	0.9	223	1.0
Textile yarn (651)	126	0.6	132	0.7	129	0.6
Tools for use in the hand or in machines (695)	104	0.5	107	0.5	121	0.6
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	98	0.5	129	0.6	111	0.5
Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (248,20,40)	87	0.4	95	0.5	104	0.5
Woven cotton fabrics (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (652)	86	0.4	67	0.3	69	0.3
Woven fabrics of man-made textile material (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (653)	116	0.6	96	0.5	128	0.6
Total major commodities(a)	13,150	66.2	13,697	68.3	14,418	66.1
Total Trade	19,873	100.0	20,049	100.0	21,811	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY
(\$million)

Country or country group	June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
					Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
<i>Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) —</i>								
Australia (Re-imports)	—	71	—	87	—	126	—	265
Brunei(a)	12	—	15	—	72	—	59	—
Canada	267	295	285	312	1,297	1,502	1,073	1,248
Chile	38	17	40	18	169	119	168	75
China	999	978	1,035	1,396	3,954	4,078	3,802	4,455
Hong Kong	860	243	960	284	3,006	912	3,286	944
Indonesia(a)	945	500	925	518	2,883	1,577	3,349	1,991
Japan	3,929	2,643	4,401	3,114	15,892	10,381	16,003	10,772
Korea, Republic of	1,695	682	1,870	771	6,959	2,299	7,079	2,666
Malaysia(a)	572	544	583	554	2,282	1,647	2,283	2,016
Mexico	37	49	37	50	115	169	134	186
New Zealand	1,865	906	1,442	963	5,650	3,574	6,150	3,730
Papua New Guinea	300	213	310	201	1,118	1,115	1,262	1,108
Philippines(a)	339	70	335	110	1,124	269	1,280	316
Singapore(a)	966	638	936	646	3,336	2,639	3,578	2,626
Taiwan	1,020	643	966	714	3,435	2,544	3,735	2,594
Thailand(a)	449	295	397	338	1,771	1,033	1,661	1,248
United States of America	1,566	4,707	1,729	4,679	4,723	17,850	6,002	17,894
<i>Total APEC</i>	<i>15,859</i>	<i>13,494</i>	<i>16,266</i>	<i>14,755</i>	<i>57,786</i>	<i>51,804</i>	<i>60,904</i>	<i>54,134</i>
<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) —</i>								
Brunei(a)	12	—	15	—	72	—	59	—
Indonesia(a)	945	500	925	518	2,883	1,577	3,349	1,991
Laos	2	—	1	—	11	—	8	—
Malaysia(a)	572	544	583	554	2,282	1,647	2,283	2,016
Myanmar	4	2	7	2	15	6	18	9
Philippines(a)	339	70	335	110	1,124	269	1,280	316
Singapore(a)	966	638	936	646	3,336	2,639	3,578	2,626
Thailand(a)	449	295	397	338	1,771	1,033	1,661	1,248
Vietnam	57	117	61	170	196	362	226	482
<i>Total ASEAN</i>	<i>3,349</i>	<i>2,167</i>	<i>3,259</i>	<i>2,337</i>	<i>11,691</i>	<i>7,535</i>	<i>12,461</i>	<i>8,688</i>
<i>European Union (EU) —</i>								
Austria	5	81	6	95	34	356	20	394
Belgium-Luxembourg	210	178	222	186	738	755	921	747
Denmark	17	97	17	96	113	344	101	384
Finland	80	169	77	181	345	619	283	660
France	233	452	198	450	695	1,865	851	1,897
Germany	270	1,132	257	1,197	1,069	4,700	1,081	4,559
Greece	7	26	9	19	34	87	43	88
Ireland	18	151	13	186	51	438	52	572
Italy	385	557	381	647	1,270	2,281	1,466	2,318
Netherlands	149	174	145	211	668	723	587	833
Portugal	10	27	5	29	43	100	28	106
Spain	107	118	75	144	262	523	347	473
Sweden	48	383	46	383	207	1,565	208	1,499
United Kingdom	631	1,325	668	1,376	2,784	5,013	2,425	5,220
<i>Total EU</i>	<i>2,172</i>	<i>4,871</i>	<i>2,119</i>	<i>5,199</i>	<i>8,313</i>	<i>19,369</i>	<i>8,414</i>	<i>19,748</i>
<i>Other Countries —</i>								
Algeria	8	—	4	—	11	—	24	—
Argentina	20	21	32	19	115	84	111	97
Bahrain(b)	20	10	17	9	46	8	86	29
Bangladesh	56	22	35	13	190	24	255	47
Bermuda	—	—	5	—	—	—	5	—
Brazil	81	77	102	110	413	420	333	365
Christmas Island	6	1	4	3	20	4	16	5
Colombia	16	5	9	6	39	17	64	22
Croatia	3	2	2	2	12	7	7	7
Czech Republic	8	12	11	12	26	51	36	50
Ecuador	—	—	4	1	16	2	24	2
Egypt(b)	148	3	56	4	378	9	493	13
Fiji	124	67	142	76	493	257	536	271
French Polynesia	11	1	20	2	77	4	73	7
Ghana	24	2	26	1	27	4	78	6
Guam	4	—	4	—	15	—	17	—
Guatemala	—	1	7	1	1	2	7	4
Hungary	1	10	2	14	5	1	5	40

TABLE 5. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY — *continued*
(*Smillion*)

Country or country group	June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
					Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
India	387	133	380	185	1,189	563	1,555	594
Iran	260	5	32	6	606	22	848	27
Iraq	110	—	56	4	14	—	199	4
Israel	26	79	25	97	115	290	100	312
Jordan	13	5	24	9	113	14	72	34
Kenya	27	4	10	4	35	13	53	13
Kiribati	5	—	5	—	20	—	22	1
Kuwait	50	21	33	20	146	107	170	113
Lebanon	10	1	10	1	14	5	38	5
Libya	18	—	26	—	16	—	59	—
Mauritius	25	1	21	1	93	2	92	2
Micronesia Fed States of	2	—	8	—	9	—	14	—
Morocco	16	1	4	7	28	15	29	13
Mozambique	4	—	6	—	5	—	17	—
Nauru	5	4	6	1	22	11	21	10
New Caledonia	52	11	44	10	205	44	204	43
Nigeria	1	26	8	—	8	58	20	58
Norway	54	42	35	32	116	128	142	185
Oman	26	35	49	19	105	—	155	83
Pakistan	93	33	165	43	250	143	433	146
Peru	13	5	10	7	26	18	40	22
Poland	54	7	9	8	40	27	75	29
Puerto Rico	1	46	2	82	7	263	8	282
Qatar	9	33	10	34	46	198	46	93
Romania	37	2	22	2	88	10	112	9
Russian Federation	27	3	40	4	90	19	113	24
Samoa	8	18	10	17	43	59	38	63
Samoa (American)	11	2	11	2	32	4	36	5
Saudi Arabia	85	194	108	202	451	818	476	879
Slovenia	—	6	2	7	13	27	10	26
Solomon Islands	21	1	25	1	83	5	88	4
South Africa	249	100	245	124	870	473	984	418
Sri Lanka	52	14	29	19	220	53	176	63
Sudan	7	—	9	—	8	—	30	—
Switzerland	41	226	90	217	476	959	255	877
Tanzania	14	2	6	1	18	5	34	6
Tonga	3	—	7	—	16	1	17	1
Trinidad and Tobago	4	—	4	1	3	1	12	2
Turkey	110	19	161	31	354	73	464	87
United Arab Emirates	181	183	210	166	533	530	756	772
Vanuatu	11	1	10	—	44	1	41	1
Yemen	30	—	35	—	79	—	126	—
Zimbabwe	6	3	16	5	46	17	32	17
Zone of Coop A-Timor Gap	33	—	34	—	29	—	89	—
Other Countries	58	49	62	31	322	156	249	199
Destination or Origin Unknown	—	16	—	15	—	47	1	54
International Waters	—	—	68	—	93	—	68	—
No Country Details(b)	69	—	93	—	309	—	321	—
Ships' Stores	147	—	152	—	657	—	618	—
Unidentified(c)	—	—	90	—	—	—	90	—
Total Trade	21,092	20,049	21,452	21,811	76,311	77,677	81,385	80,912

(a) Also included in other country groups. (b) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from country totals and included in the 'No Country Details' category. (c) Includes \$15 million of exports for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by country.

TABLE 6. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COMMODITY
(Million)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1996		June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	163	19	211	24	203	23
01 Meat and meat preparations	647	14	846	16	874	16
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	374	50	455	47	359	49
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	209	139	335	140	269	144
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1,123	52	1,502	44	1,138	60
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	317	143	307	131	309	132
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	757	23	212	20	708	27
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	53	131	42	131	52	161
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	129	27	139	37	133	37
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	65	144	75	114	74	173
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	3 837	742	4 124	705	4 120	822
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	194	95	188	80	248	116
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	21	33	15	36	15	35
TOTAL SECTION 1	215	129	203	116	263	151
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	123	1	125	--	131	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	37	32	79	12	55	28
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	3	38	2	32	2	34
24 Cork and wood	138	109	165	117	178	127
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	43	6	30	4	28
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1,139	42	1,412	39	1,430	40
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	95	32	98	35	95	46
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	2,137	48	2,505	60	2,451	57
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	57	50	55	57	57	59
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	3 730	394	4 447	382	4 403	421
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1,898	3	2,076	1	2,313	4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	833	975	976	1,204	1,080	1,153
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	425	25	479	25	479	25
TOTAL SECTION 3(b)	3 156	1 004	3 530	1 231	3 872	1 183
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	43	1	48	3	51	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	1	60	3	62	11	66
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	9	6	10	5	11	5
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)	53	67	61	70	72	73
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals	23	519	35	502	43	498
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	76	181	83	163	81	142
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	94	104	102	101	115	113
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	253	500	268	544	287	589
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	79	178	77	155	75	193
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	7	157	8	196	4	128
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	77	219	86	220	85	251
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	38	193	42	172	39	202
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	107	238	114	242	102	265
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	756	2 289	814	2 297	830	2 380

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 6. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1996		June quarter 1997		September quarter 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	119	37	118	45	134	38
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	41	300	43	288	41	288
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	29	79	26	81	30	92
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	91	464	111	421	110	488
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	142	627	158	571	164	659
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)	223	326	140	315	299	366
67 Iron and steel	411	324	445	339	367	386
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	1,160	159	1,125	157	1,300	200
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	207	474	200	498	192	596
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	2,423	2,790	2,366	2,715	2,637	3,114
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	234	538	253	502	285	529
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	288	928	302	899	309	1,047
73 Metal working machinery	50	142	52	129	73	145
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	307	1,182	307	1,151	291	1,300
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	453	1,454	402	1,781	413	1,668
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	135	962	208	937	305	960
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(b)	358	1,275	312	1,277	323	1,356
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	377	2,214	442	2,208	448	2,697
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	203	597	943	720	352	388
TOTAL SECTION 7(b)	2,406	9,294	3,221	9,604	2,800	10,089
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings, sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	23	57	22	64	23	70
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	25	147	25	133	27	184
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4	90	3	72	3	104
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	99	487	94	420	111	574
85 Footwear	20	188	15	121	17	217
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	154	478	177	527	183	555
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	135	336	150	303	175	349
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	266	1,208	254	1,144	266	1,360
TOTAL SECTION 8(b)	726	2,988	740	2,783	805	3,413
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	133	7	127	9	118	10
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	29	2	14	2	21	2
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1,223	142	1,177	118	1,123	135
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)(d)	297	24	268	16	387	20
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)(d)	1,683	175	1,586	145	1,650	166
TOTAL TRADE	18,984	19,873	21,092	20,049	21,452	21,811

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$15 million for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY
(Smillion)
CHINA

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	2	—	3	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	7	—	27	—	29	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	2	—	11	1	10	1
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	17	4	21	12	66	10
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	2	2	5	3	8
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	2	9	22	38	10	42
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	31	1	71	1	87	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1	2	5	6	4	6
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	1	—	3	—	4	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	3	1	12	2	12
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	64	21	167	75	218	82
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	1	—	1	—	6	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	2	—	4	—	6
TOTAL SECTION 1	1	2	1	4	6	7
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	9	—	39	—	55	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3	2	—	10	3	8
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Cork and wood	—	—	—	—	—	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	326	1	775	—	1,039	1
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	4	5	8	7	10
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	282	1	789	3	891	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	3	3	21	11	18	14
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	622	11	1,629	33	2,013	36
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	25	2	84	—	89	2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	36	18	55	35	70	53
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	22	—	37	—	146	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	83	20	176	35	306	55
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	11	—	47	—	46	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	1	1	2	2	3
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	11	1	48	2	48	3
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	20	1	50	1	59
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	12	4	38	4	44
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	7	2	26	6	19	6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	8	6	27	25	23	22
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	—	3	2	7	1	9
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	1	—	3	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	3	1	8	2	9	2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	2	3	7	5	9
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	2	4	3	11	4	20
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	24	51	73	149	66	172

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
CHINA — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	5	—	16	3	26	3
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	—	8	1	28	2	29
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	1	8	2	25	2	28
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	6	12	4	32	18	38
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	4	75	7	274	11	273
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	1	25	5	88	4	89
67 Iron and steel(b)	6	8	79	21	46	27
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	22	7	71	15	71	21
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	4	61	23	168	21	196
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	49	204	208	655	200	704
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2	7	6	18	6	24
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	6	7	45	12	38	20
73 Metal working machinery	1	5	4	13	4	14
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	7	24	45	77	46	80
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2	63	8	153	7	208
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	7	75	38	240	15	253
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	7	76	62	268	27	276
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	1	26	2	75	3	70
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	15	1	6	2	28	2
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	49	285	216	859	172	948
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	1	22	3	54	2	64
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	28	1	51	1	72
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	58	—	172	—	188
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4	304	16	968	11	1,029
85 Footwear(a)	—	95	—	268	—	302
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	2	6	14	21	8	23
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes: watches and clocks(b)	—	19	3	55	2	62
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	2	250	13	616	10	665
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	9	784	50	2,205	34	2,403
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	—	5	—	2	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	—	2	—	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	122	17	1,380	57	735	45
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	123	17	1,385	59	738	45
TOTAL TRADE	1,035	1,396	3,954	4,078	3,802	4,455

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
JAPAN

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	5	—	13	—	19	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	355	—	1,392	—	1,292	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	77	—	346	—	314	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	133	5	430	13	464	15
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	37	2	226	3	123	4
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	37	—	142	1	120	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	101	—	144	1	271	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	11	1	41	4	34	4
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	69	—	266	4	287	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	11	2	28	9	43	9
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	835	11	3,027	36	2,968	40
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	7	—	30	2	29	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	1	26	—	14
TOTAL SECTION 1	7	1	30	29	29	15
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	6	—	23	—	25	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	36	—	135	—	149	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	3	—	10	—	10
24 Cork and wood	155	—	532	—	568	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	143	2	468	5	495	6
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	2	5	34	18	17	16
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	598	1	1,907	6	2,167	5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	13	3	50	10	48	11
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	955	14	3,148	49	3,470	48
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1,035	—	3,555	6	3,769	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	132	3	375	5	521	10
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	56	—	153	—	169	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	1,223	3	4,083	12	4,459	10
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	6	—	7	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	2	—	—	—	2	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	3	—	5	—	10	—
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	6	—	12	—	19	—
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	5	32	9	125	24	122
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	10	11	47	28	48	41
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	7	9	37	29	32	30
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	8	13	28	41	29	45
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	1	3	6	7	6	7
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	19	3	69	4	64
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	17	4	71	2	64
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	10	10	54	52	49	36
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	43	114	187	423	195	410

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
JAPAN — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	3	1	11	1	10	2
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	7	87	20	379	23	361
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	5	--	14	--	18	1
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	22	8	70	5	83
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	4	26	9	108	11	91
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	51	21	130	97	133	84
67 Iron and steel(b)	14	102	95	356	66	322
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	327	9	1,001	25	966	26
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	6	26	29	133	26	96
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	418	294	1,316	1,171	1,258	1,064
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	30	43	69	278	87	175
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	6	140	30	401	25	545
73 Metal working machinery	1	41	5	117	6	183
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	11	181	55	695	47	676
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	43	291	153	1,010	134	1,003
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	3	137	4	568	10	503
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	6	128	30	560	24	494
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	22	1,492	98	4,085	66	4,657
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	3	2	23	32	19	54
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	127	2,454	468	7,747	419	8,289
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	--	2	6	22	3	21
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	2	11	6	6	7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	--	--	3	1	2	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	3	16	6	14	8
85 Footwear(a)	--	--	2	--	1	--
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	14	45	37	174	40	169
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	5	66	14	279	17	254
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	16	83	68	231	55	305
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	40	201	157	719	138	765
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	--	27	3	25	2
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	--	--	17	--	8	--
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	--	--	--	--	--	--
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	26	--	655	--	195	--
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	718	22	2,765	192	2,821	128
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	747	22	3,465	195	3,049	130
TOTAL TRADE	4,401	3,114	15,892	10,381	16,003	10,772

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	2	—	5	—	7	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	54	—	153	—	168	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	12	—	30	—	38	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	1	7	8	5	5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	5	1	7	1	14	2
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	2	—	6	—	8	—
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	127	—	125	2	257	2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	2	—	7	2	7	1
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	—	—	4	—	6	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	2	3	12	5	9	7
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	208	6	355	18	520	19
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	—	—	2	—	2	1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL SECTION 1	—	—	2	—	2	1
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	2	—	7	—	3	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	5	—	7	—	11	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	12	—	26	—	40	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	1	—	1	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	90	1	289	10	314	5
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	—	11	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	194	—	708	—	668	—
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	1	—	3	1	3	1
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	304	2	1,053	12	1,044	7
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	254	—	1,040	—	973	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	58	1	115	15	263	9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	3	—	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	312	1	1,155	18	1,236	10
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	2	—	6	—	9	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	2	—	1	—	5	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1	—	2	—	3	—
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	4	—	8	—	17	—
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	5	9	4	29	9	32
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	1	13	7	11	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	18	3	52	7	63	9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	3	—	6	3	12	3
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	—	5	2	6	2
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	12	4	65	5	50
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	9	2	39	3	36
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	2	5	6	13	12	18
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	33	41	94	165	120	157

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	8	1	31	4	26	5
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	—	23	2	95	2	85
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	2	—	11	—	9	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	19	3	46	2	68
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	3	64	13	202	14	200
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	3	5	16	16	13	18
67 Iron and steel(b)	26	30	151	88	147	107
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	120	7	483	16	481	18
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	1	16	12	60	11	62
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	165	165	722	527	705	563
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	82	3	216	14	293	15
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	3	12	10	51	14	39
73 Metal working machinery	6	2	6	4	11	5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	8	34	37	63	33	99
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	9	53	69	171	33	182
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	—	64	3	140	1	219
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	2	42	16	191	16	143
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	19	287	32	713	48	910
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	3	1	2	4	4	60
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	134	496	390	1,351	454	1,671
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	1	—	1	1	1	1
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	1	2	2	2	3
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	7	—	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	7	4	25	8	23
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	—	15	—	12
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	4	2	14	6	18	12
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	18	3	60	7	69	8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	6	17	22	83	19	66
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	32	34	102	147	118	130
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	—	—	2	—	2	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	3	—	1	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	517	—	2,583	—	2,240	2
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	160	25	490	60	622	107
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	678	25	3,078	60	2,864	108
TOTAL TRADE	1,870	771	6,959	2,299	7,079	2,666

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
NEW ZEALAND

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	2	14	9	62	7	75
01 Meat and meat preparations	6	3	19	20	18	18
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	8	32	26	114	25	112
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	26	5	115	6	112
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	26	9	58	27	83	30
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	26	26	77	131	80	113
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	28	4	110	14	93	14
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	13	3	47	12	49	11
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	9	1	37	6	36	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	20	16	61	62	76	61
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	138	135	448	564	473	549
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	21	9	66	23	72	26
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1	—	5	1	5	1
TOTAL SECTION 1	22	9	71	24	78	27
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	3	—	23	1	16	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	2	—	2	1
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	—	7	—	5	—
24 Cork and wood	2	46	5	147	6	160
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	19	—	84	—	62
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	2	13	6	46	6	49
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	4	1	22	2	18	2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	4	1	14	8	11	5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	3	6	9	29	12	27
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	20	86	89	317	76	308
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1	1	1	9	2	6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	93	91	376	182	485	406
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	2	1	3	1	8
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	93	93	378	194	488	419
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	3	1	2	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	1	2	1	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1	—	3	1	4	1
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	2	1	7	4	7	3
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	9	2	26	8	24	8
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	7	2	26	9	26	5
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	3	47	14	50	12
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	78	7	253	25	252	22
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	33	20	118	111	121	92
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	1	1	3	3	3	3
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	18	5	72	24	71	21
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	14	13	54	42	54	44
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	26	16	79	70	93	78
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	199	71	679	305	694	284

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Million)
NEW ZEALAND — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes(b)	3	11	14	74	11	58
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	6	11	35	49	25	41
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	5	19	13	70	15	74
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	44	51	131	277	198	196
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	32	39	135	156	128	149
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	23	2	91	10	93	10
67 Iron and steel(b)	29	21	136	67	118	78
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	42	34	154	110	161	122
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	38	33	173	111	147	130
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	223	220	882	924	896	858
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	26	3	62	11	72	8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	32	17	154	70	139	57
73 Metal working machinery	6	1	21	2	27	13
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	40	39	191	165	163	173
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	110	5	439	14	433	16
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	19	7	65	26	88	32
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	74	66	312	231	299	240
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	75	9	505	22	383	24
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	34	14	196	13	637	30
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	417	161	1,946	555	2,242	593
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	7	3	26	10	27	9
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	9	14	27	57	32	51
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	1	5	5	5	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	44	35	155	119	154	124
85 Footwear(a)	8	9	26	29	31	33
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	31	7	102	21	111	25
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	27	1	80	2	92	2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	91	53	356	184	358	193
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	218	122	777	427	809	441
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	29	—	68	—	123	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	3	57	9	221	12	212
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	78	8	295	39	253	35
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	110	65	373	261	388	248
TOTAL TRADE	1,442	963	5,650	3,574	6,150	3,730

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
SINGAPORE

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	2	—	8	—	7	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	13	—	40	—	47	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	24	—	115	—	112	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	10	2	42	14	37	11
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	3	1	15	5	12	5
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	28	—	106	1	114	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	16	—	25	—	49	—
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	3	14	12	38	11	34
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	1	1	5	1	6	2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	5	12	18	13	17
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	102	23	380	79	410	71
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	4	—	17	2	15	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2	—	1	—	2	1
TOTAL SECTION 1	5	—	18	2	17	2
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	—	—	2	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	2	—	5	—	4
24 Cork and wood	1	1	1	1	2	2
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1	—	1	—	2	—
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	1	4	1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1	—	1	6	2	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	2	1	6	2	5	2
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	5	4	13	16	16	12
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	132	96	299	454	383	387
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	4	—	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	132	96	300	459	383	388
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	1	—	1	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	2	—	8	1	12
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	—	—	1	2	1	2
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	1	3	1	10	3	14
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	1	18	4	65	3	68
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	1	14	3	7	3
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	5	1	24	5	28	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	13	5	35	6	48	12
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	4	14	12	15	14
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	—	—	—	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	5	8	19	34	18	34
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	3	1	10	9	12	6
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	3	6	13	25	13	25
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	34	45	134	159	144	168

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — continued
(Smillion)
SINGAPORE — continued

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	2	—	7	—	9	—
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	2	2	13	7	11	7
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	1	—	5	2	5	1
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	6	7	24	17	22	18
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	6	3	21	9	21	8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	9	1	40	5	32	5
67 Iron and steel(b)	26	3	79	11	83	14
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	29	1	166	2	108	3
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	16	9	84	27	75	30
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	96	26	438	80	366	87
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	6	2	41	6	24	9
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	19	5	75	22	82	194
73 Metal working machinery	3	—	9	2	10	3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	32	12	116	49	116	44
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40	254	315	929	201	1,015
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	19	48	29	107	50	159
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	20	54	93	185	92	177
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	10	1	48	5	38	3
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	16	2	49	243	125	7
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	165	378	774	1,549	738	1,610
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	2	—	4	3	7	3
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2	1	13	2	10	4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	1	1	1	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	1	10	2	9	2
85 Footwear(a)	—	—	1	1	1	1
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	11	12	29	51	29	46
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	27	2	81	10	103	10
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	14	29	57	102	56	93
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	59	45	196	172	216	158
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	—	15	—	15	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	—	4	—	5	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	310	—	979	—	1,208	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	20	24	84	115	57	115
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	336	24	1,081	116	1,285	115
TOTAL TRADE	936	646	3,336	2,639	3,578	2,626

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*Smillion*)
TAIWAN

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	1	—	1	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	46	—	106	—	137	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	19	—	91	—	86	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	30	5	210	15	215	18
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2	1	24	2	14	2
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	5	1	19	3	25	3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	37	—	46	1	82	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	2	—	8	—	7	—
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	4	—	27	4	21	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	1	6	4	10	4
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	148	8	537	29	597	32
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	4	—	4	—	9	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	3	—	15	—	13
TOTAL SECTION 1	4	3	4	15	9	14
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	2	—	1	—	6	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	1	—	1	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	3	—	5	1	9	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	69	4	252	18	270	17
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	4	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	87	1	196	1	320	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	2	1	9	4	6	4
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	164	7	468	26	615	26
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	201	—	520	—	657	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	56	6	389	13	318	16
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	1	—	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	257	6	909	14	975	16
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	7	—	33	—	26	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1	—	4	—	6	1
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	8	—	37	—	32	1
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	5	1	18	3	19
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	2	12	8	8	8
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	4	1	17	5	15	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	12	1	43	4	42	5
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	6	14	19	12	22
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	4	7	17	27	18	26
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	19	4	59	4	62
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	2	2	15	5	11	6
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	27	44	123	145	114	154

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
TAIWAN — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	6	1	33	4	40	5
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	1	11	4	41	5	42
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	3	2	10	10	11	8
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	4	9	7	27	11	31
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	2	52	9	189	11	188
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	4	10	12	36	15	38
67 Iron and steel(b)	34	18	250	38	151	57
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	135	2	488	9	513	8
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	3	67	15	201	12	221
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	194	174	827	554	768	597
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	11	7	11	32	26	31
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	3	16	11	57	10	56
73 Metal working machinery	1	10	1	34	2	34
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	4	31	24	89	23	110
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	18	179	55	703	71	674
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	2	22	2	96	4	86
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	4	57	36	211	20	214
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	2	20	6	79	11	79
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	—	1	1	5	2	7
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	44	343	149	1,305	167	1,291
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	—	7	2	23	1	24
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	19	2	51	2	51
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	3	—	8	—	9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	7	3	28	1	29
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	—	7	—	8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	2	6	8	23	7	21
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	12	13	21	38	34	39
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	4	62	15	225	14	219
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	19	120	51	404	59	400
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	7	—	29	—	23	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	17	—	9	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	21	—	9	—	41	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	73	9	275	51	325	63
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	101	9	330	51	398	63
TOTAL TRADE	966	714	3,435	2,544	3,735	2,594

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
UNITED KINGDOM

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	3	—	6	—	8
01 Meat and meat preparations	28	—	94	—	108	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	5	—	22	2	29	2
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	1	—	7	1	6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	7	2	17	3	15
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	11	1	36	4	38	5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	5	16	7	7	11
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	—	12	1	32	1	35
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	2	1	1	3	7	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	—	8	1	22	2	25
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	49	39	173	100	195	111
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	103	33	236	105	290	101
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	1	—	4	—	4
TOTAL SECTION 1	103	34	236	109	290	105
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	2	—	3	—	5	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	1	—	1	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	3	—	3
24 Cork and wood	1	—	6	1	8	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	21	5	97	25	103	21
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	1	3	5	2	4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	39	2	143	9	171	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	2	2	4	7	5	8
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	66	11	257	51	295	43
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	82	—	227	—	274	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	1	—	6	—	5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	—	2	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	82	1	227	6	276	6
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	1	1	2	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	1	—	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	1	1	2	2	3	2
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	32	1	237	1	230
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	7	3	44	9	33
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	1	12	2	35	2	40
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	28	147	113	428	106	516
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	28	7	64	8	77
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	4	—	14	—	16
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	12	1	41	1	48
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	19	11	56	9	63
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	1	21	7	79	7	81
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	36	281	146	998	141	1,105

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
UNITED KINGDOM — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes(b)	—	2	1	5	1	7
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	6	13	15	55	20	54
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	—	1	2	2	2	3
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	21	1	65	1	68
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	12	25	34	98	39	98
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	10	22	9	85	15	91
67 Iron and steel(b)	1	28	10	77	2	97
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	61	23	149	29	171	51
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	4	39	17	116	17	133
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	94	173	238	532	267	601
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	10	54	40	258	37	250
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	7	88	29	302	33	306
73 Metal working machinery	4	8	9	31	12	32
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	18	100	97	266	84	321
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	11	51	77	181	52	213
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	3	60	22	397	14	322
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	18	76	51	272	52	277
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	3	90	19	360	14	411
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	29	49	249	275	223	147
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	102	575	592	2,342	520	2,279
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	—	3	2	11	2	12
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	5	2	14	4	17
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	2	—	3
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	7	11	24	12	26
85 Footwear(a)	1	4	2	18	2	17
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	9	48	28	181	36	195
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	2	9	15	41	16	42
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	14	167	54	526	54	574
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	30	245	114	817	126	886
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	1	8	3	5	6
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	1
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	7	—	208	—	17	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	95	15	584	52	290	76
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	104	17	799	56	313	83
TOTAL TRADE	668	1,376	2,784	5,013	2,425	5,220

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*\$million*)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	6	3	7	1	14
01 Meat and meat preparations	168	1	469	1	597	5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	3	1	30	6	29	3
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	17	6	38	39	63	31
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	6	3	13	4	20
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	34	18	43	100	62	108
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	59	4	133	19	117	14
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1	6	1	12	3	29
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	3	14	14	20	13	44
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	14	6	57	3	53
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	288	74	741	273	894	321
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	48	18	94	54	138	60
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	8	—	35	—	34
TOTAL SECTION 1	48	26	94	89	138	94
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	2	—	1	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4	22	3	76	7	72
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	5	—	23	—	19
24 Cork and wood	1	15	4	69	6	62
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	3	—	25	—	17
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	40	6	173	27	131	19
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	3	7	12	37	13	33
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	8	1	38	12	45	14
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	6	16	25	49	28	61
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	63	73	258	317	230	297
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	—	—	8	—	5	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	176	52	214	188	468	202
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	176	53	221	189	473	204
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	1	1	1	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	3	—	2
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	—	1	3	3	3	3
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	1	1	4	6	4	6
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	102	2	426	1	417
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	3	26	23	168	20	169
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	6	27	5	83	16	96
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	15	84	38	258	47	303
55 Essential oils and resins and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	58	11	166	13	197
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	60	—	345	—	320
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	64	3	212	1	215
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	56	4	218	5	217
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	16	115	89	371	87	389
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	45	591	175	2,247	191	2,322

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	10	1	29	3	48	5
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	5	46	5	154	11	168
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	3	6	6	18	8	25
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	84	4	317	2	328
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	11	67	48	228	41	234
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	19	39	70	108	68	128
67 Iron and steel(b)	45	27	231	117	203	115
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	25	36	38	67	54	89
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	19	116	46	372	63	431
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	137	423	477	1,384	497	1,523
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	34	273	53	935	101	829
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	40	406	137	1,328	138	1,447
73 Metal working machinery	31	30	34	83	61	95
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	30	389	86	1,325	110	1,404
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	80	452	342	1,836	301	1,793
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	24	171	30	551	54	568
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	33	318	170	1,399	131	1,215
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	149	274	147	1,126	659	1,142
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	90	262	202	1,668	338	1,439
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	511	2,575	1,201	10,251	1,894	9,931
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	—	7	1	28	2	25
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	3	14	10	36	10	43
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	3	—	12	2	10
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11	16	46	55	35	59
85 Footwear(a)	3	5	14	12	8	14
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	38	264	118	877	145	949
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	10	115	25	394	32	419
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	35	338	101	1,276	113	1,314
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	100	761	316	2,690	347	2,833
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	5	18	17	12	17
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	—	10	1	19	1
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	3	—	—	1	13	1
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	352	94	1,206	384	1,290	343
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	360	100	1,235	403	1,335	363
TOTAL TRADE	1,729	4,679	4,723	17,850	6,002	17,894

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Million)
OTHER COUNTRIES

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	191	1	612	19	700	10
01 Meat and meat preparations	197	12	756	26	789	44
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	209	16	1,099	72	1,102	76
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	59	95	304	380	291	400
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	59	31	236	90	252	101
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	163	75	572	316	680	301
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	309	13	570	42	681	46
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	19	116	77	386	74	403
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	43	19	128	54	154	71
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	32	121	107	336	128	381
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	1,282	498	4,461	1,721	4,851	1,834
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	60	55	189	150	206	179
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	13	21	47	84	54	81
TOTAL SECTION 1	73	76	236	234	260	260
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	59	1	240	2	227	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	6	4	74	14	45	10
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	22	3	105	3	86
24 Cork and wood	3	65	19	197	18	221
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	6	16	66	13	42
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	738	9	2,022	36	2,550	31
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	16	29	89	68	79	88
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	366	49	1,395	143	1,493	144
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	25	27	95	95	94	106
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	1,216	212	3,954	726	4,522	730
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	611	1	2,082	4	2,276	4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	397	855	1,452	3,267	1,545	4,033
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	18	23	41	59	61	88
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	1,025	878	3,575	3,330	3,882	4,125
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	29	1	99	3	97	6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	6	59	8	224	8	213
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	4	3	11	16	13	15
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	39	64	119	243	118	233
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	19	204	40	783	54	779
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	49	55	188	202	174	206
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	53	51	209	201	204	200
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	105	325	343	1,095	400	1,159
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	28	70	117	225	111	231
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	3	62	22	342	16	329
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	53	68	184	232	178	229
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	15	63	61	229	61	221
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	39	82	164	327	171	330
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	364	981	1,330	3,634	1,369	3,683

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(\$million)
OTHER COUNTRIES — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes(b)	97	18	329	59	314	71
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	13	87	64	312	54	314
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	10	55	42	187	34	206
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	48	248	127	954	155	877
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	84	289	259	1,022	314	1,009
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	69	240	240	742	237	816
67 Iron and steel(b)	187	131	682	524	763	481
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	427	77	1,747	323	1,588	305
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	101	219	362	625	420	688
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	1,036	1,363	3,852	4,748	3,879	4,767
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	85	137	368	553	321	546
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	191	352	555	1,605	692	1,479
73 Metal working machinery(b)	21	48	87	222	96	231
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	140	478	530	1,700	555	1,805
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	100	320	441	946	355	1,094
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	170	360	403	1,486	397	1,420
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	143	509	625	1,773	582	1,840
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	167	499	420	1,590	680	1,766
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	161	56	451	416	580	490
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	1,178	2,758	3,880	10,291	4,259	10,672
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	11	23	36	68	40	85
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	10	101	30	261	33	321
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	36	5	145	3	132
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	40	194	72	556	123	629
85 Footwear(a)	4	98	13	237	11	266
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	72	163	226	547	265	583
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	74	116	262	440	256	410
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	85	337	355	1,105	336	1,221
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	296	1,068	997	3,358	1,067	3,647
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	72	2	307	6	293	9
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	15	1	91	5	65	6
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	235	78	960	441	891	339
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	1,573	174	5,818	563	7,155	650
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	1,895	256	7,175	1,015	8,404	1,005
TOTAL TRADE	8,404	8,153	29,578	29,300	32,611	30,955

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
 (\$million)
 NO COUNTRY DETAILS

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	1,003	—	4,931	—	5,461	—
05 Vegetables and fruit	—	—	28	—	2	—
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	—	—	504	—	—	—
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	—	7	—	—	—	8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1	—	5	—	5	—
TOTAL SECTION 0	1,005	7	5,467	—	5,467	8
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	49	—	158	—	176	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	—	1	—	4	—	5
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	66	—	214	—	231	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	872	—	3,522	—	3,574	—
TOTAL SECTION 2	987	1	3,893	4	3,981	5
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	105	—	248	—	375	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	—	30	—	88	—	111
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	382	—	1,347	—	1,569	—
TOTAL SECTION 3	487	30	1,595	88	1,944	111
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	—	2	—	8	—	9
TOTAL SECTION 4	—	2	—	8	—	9
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals	4	74	1	234	15	286
52 Inorganic chemicals	4	25	12	296	15	146
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	—	3	—	6	—	13
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	16	—	39	—	54	—
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	—	—	—	—	—	1
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	—	—	1	—	—	—
57 Plastics in primary forms	—	54	—	186	—	197
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	—	2	—	7	—	7
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	—	4	6	17	2	13
TOTAL SECTION 5	24	162	59	746	85	663

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*Smillion*)
TOTAL

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	203	23	652	95	746	107
01 Meat and meat preparations	874	16	3,056	48	3,184	69
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	359	49	1,769	195	1,745	194
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	269	144	1,058	602	1,148	609
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	1,138	60	5,505	164	5,969	186
05 Vegetables and fruit(d)	309	132	1,050	596	1,138	577
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	708	27	1,744	86	1,646	89
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	52	161	197	492	190	531
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(d)	133	37	485	92	535	132
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	74	173	240	526	292	571
TOTAL SECTION 0(d)	4,120	822	15,757	2,895	16,593	3,065
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	248	116	639	336	766	371
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	15	35	54	169	62	153
TOTAL SECTION 1	263	151	693	506	828	524
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	131	1	496	3	514	3
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	55	28	223	101	219	91
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	2	34	11	152	9	132
24 Cork and wood	178	127	599	416	657	448
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	28	18	176	14	122
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1,430	40	4,085	168	4,909	149
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)(e)	95	46	396	139	377	154
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	2,451	57	8,712	187	9,342	183
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	57	59	223	207	220	233
TOTAL SECTION 2(d)(e)	4,403	421	14,763	1,550	16,261	1,514
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	2,313	4	7,765	19	8,420	12
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(e)	1,080	1,153	3,274	4,254	4,052	5,234
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	479	25	1,579	71	1,949	98
TOTAL SECTION 3(e)	3,872	1,183	12,618	4,344	14,421	5,343
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(d)	51	2	198	5	191	9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	11	66	11	248	20	241
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	11	5	29	23	40	22
TOTAL SECTION 4(d)	72	73	238	275	251	272
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals	43	498	88	1,974	136	2,018
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)(e)	81	142	343	803	323	661
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	115	113	419	390	428	417
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	287	589	926	1,883	1,012	2,087
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	75	193	295	613	292	651
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(d)	4	128	27	709	20	673
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)(e)	85	251	310	893	304	886
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	39	202	153	737	154	730
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	102	265	438	971	448	995
TOTAL SECTION 5(d)(e)	830	2,380	3,000	8,974	3,119	9,119

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TABLE 7. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*\$million*)
TOTAL — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	134	38	470	158	485	163
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(e)	41	288	159	1,126	151	1,104
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(d)	30	92	106	314	104	346
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	110	488	309	1,839	413	1,793
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	164	659	548	2,345	602	2,316
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(d)	299	366	741	1,193	792	1,284
67 Iron and steel	367	386	1,714	1,349	1,579	1,358
68 Non-ferrous metals(e)	1,300	200	4,796	610	4,574	660
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(e)	192	596	761	1,858	792	2,024
TOTAL SECTION 6(d)(e)	2,637	3,114	9,604	10,794	9,491	11,048
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	285	529	867	2,104	967	1,887
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	309	1,047	1,059	3,869	1,181	4,162
73 Metal working machinery	73	145	176	511	228	611
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	291	1,300	1,180	4,522	1,177	4,767
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	413	1,668	1,900	5,943	1,586	6,196
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	305	960	664	3,712	801	3,667
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(e)	323	1,356	1,398	5,195	1,261	4,994
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	448	2,697	1,276	8,055	1,903	9,061
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	352	388	1,178	2,659	1,956	2,235
TOTAL SECTION 7(e)	2,800	10,089	9,697	36,569	11,061	37,579
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(e)	23	70	80	220	85	247
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	27	184	96	481	100	569
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	104	15	353	14	353
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	111	574	332	1,784	367	1,928
85 Footwear	17	217	66	587	62	652
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	183	555	576	1,902	658	2,022
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(e)	175	349	560	1,266	619	1,265
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	266	1,360	1,042	4,412	1,015	4,737
TOTAL SECTION 8(e)	805	3,413	2,767	11,004	2,920	11,774
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	118	10	479	29	499	35
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	21	2	143	6	108	9
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	2	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1,123	135	5,402	665	4,617	554
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)(f)	387	20	1,151	65	1,215	75
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)(f)	1,650	166	7,175	766	6,441	674
TOTAL TRADE	21,452	21,811	76,311	77,677	81,385	80,912

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or 'No Country Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or 'No Country Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (e) Excludes imports commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (f) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$15 million for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY
(\$million)
Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev.3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	132	20	409	87	486	90
01 Meat and meat preparations	747	14	2,534	40	2,681	62
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	275	34	1,417	123	1,302	119
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	264	115	1,020	469	1,125	474
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	107	36	460	97	379	114
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	228	77	714	365	774	355
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	610	12	1,092	47	1,487	44
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	46	77	172	209	163	243
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	107	27	411	74	451	101
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	61	67	199	235	249	242
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	2,578	478	8,428	1,745	9,096	1,844
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	103	32	281	94	338	105
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6	16	18	94	20	81
TOTAL SECTION 1	108	48	299	187	358	186
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	24	1	111	1	120	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	51	27	154	91	179	87
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	2	28	10	128	8	106
24 Cork and wood	175	120	584	391	639	420
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	28	17	168	14	117
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	980	30	2,727	122	3,156	110
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	17	19	114	79	87	76
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1,231	24	3,930	82	4,360	81
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	38	39	147	135	150	156
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	2,520	316	7,794	1,198	8,714	1,155
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1,577	3	5,394	17	5,749	10
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	857	631	2,363	2,448	3,160	2,999
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	96	9	221	32	370	39
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	2,530	642	7,978	2,497	9,279	3,048
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	23	1	107	3	99	3
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	10	33	7	100	18	111
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	8	4	22	17	32	17
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	41	37	136	120	150	131
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	30	200	69	754	100	779
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	45	72	186	311	180	329
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	104	55	346	179	375	195
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	210	125	666	409	720	454
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	65	104	249	349	252	372
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	3	83	18	493	19	464
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	71	131	262	465	261	451
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	32	131	124	486	124	482
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	89	173	379	590	386	620
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	648	1,074	2,299	4,034	2,415	4,146

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	48	20	194	101	222	89
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	29	208	109	825	109	804
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	27	63	90	209	93	231
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	105	261	286	973	392	954
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	99	428	328	1,540	363	1,509
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	158	171	514	533	509	592
67 Iron and steel(b)	336	235	1,563	762	1,439	803
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	1,041	118	3,810	351	3,621	359
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	149	374	623	1,183	632	1,302
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	1,991	1,878	7,517	6,477	7,378	6,645
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	244	363	677	1,389	792	1,184
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	199	638	781	2,065	819	2,500
73 Metal working machinery	57	92	126	267	172	356
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	214	777	867	2,679	886	2,826
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	359	1,516	1,672	5,471	1,384	5,632
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	151	690	310	2,362	436	2,489
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	239	935	1,113	3,613	996	3,431
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	339	2,167	1,037	6,208	1,437	7,072
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	243	295	639	2,075	1,390	1,640
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	2,045	7,473	7,223	26,129	8,312	27,131
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	16	48	58	154	62	164
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	23	134	81	334	80	405
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	76	12	239	11	249
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	81	435	279	1,379	277	1,472
85 Footwear(a)	14	140	52	400	49	442
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	121	371	393	1,235	440	1,334
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	162	261	494	901	554	927
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	217	972	818	3,160	821	3,353
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	638	2,438	2,188	7,803	2,294	8,346
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	94	7	365	21	393	23
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	6	1	61	5	50	7
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	---	---	---	---	1	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1,051	115	4,850	592	4,480	482
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	2,015	246	8,647	1,025	7,983	992
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	3,166	369	13,924	1,643	12,907	1,504
TOTAL TRADE	16,266	14,755	57,787	51,835	60,903	54,135

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Million)
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev.3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	106	—	352	—	410	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	62	—	190	1	240	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	132	—	780	—	701	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	15	65	65	243	57	269
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	34	11	124	35	137	41
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	89	22	269	63	318	76
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	143	2	240	6	357	6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	10	45	42	142	40	139
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	17	9	48	33	69	40
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	11	20	33	62	47	68
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	619	176	2,143	585	2,376	640
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	6	—	35	2	29	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2	1	2	2	4	6
TOTAL SECTION 1	9	2	37	5	33	9
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	1	—	10	—	9	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	2	—	3	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	18	2	90	2	70
24 Cork and wood	1	27	9	96	7	102
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	1	15	5	13	4
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	255	2	562	9	732	8
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	6	1	21	2	21	3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	47	4	171	21	193	20
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	4	6	15	22	16	24
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	318	60	807	245	995	233
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	26	—	70	1	90	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	246	466	642	1,587	803	1,884
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	17	6	30	24	52	30
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	289	472	742	1,613	946	1,914
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	6	—	6	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	4	31	—	90	5	102
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1	2	3	12	5	11
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	6	33	9	102	16	114
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	10	28	23	82	31	113
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	10	12	45	12	40	32
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	38	5	125	20	142	20
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	52	8	171	16	193	25
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	14	10	58	27	62	32
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	1	10	3	66	5	68
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	23	19	78	54	81	60
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	8	11	27	41	28	40
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	23	14	93	52	89	54
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	178	118	623	370	670	444

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
 (Smillion)
 Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	7	3	30	10	32	9
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	6	18	28	69	26	70
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	6	27	25	82	22	90
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	22	46	73	110	75	141
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	22	70	65	265	83	256
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	27	34	99	105	100	117
67 Iron and steel(b)	134	21	460	47	521	77
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	293	8	1,223	21	1,063	27
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	49	39	219	86	234	103
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	565	266	2,221	793	2,157	891
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	26	3	116	20	92	12
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	73	9	276	32	301	207
73 Metal working machinery	9	1	42	5	52	6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	87	56	335	190	342	196
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	56	407	395	1,265	259	1,538
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	51	177	130	619	170	689
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	63	185	353	436	328	593
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	35	41	196	37	165	122
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	64	3	140	246	284	8
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	463	881	1,984	2,857	1,994	3,372
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	5	4	15	10	22	13
82 Furniture, parts thereof, bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	5	57	21	127	20	174
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	6	2	18	1	19
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6	46	17	126	19	149
85 Footwear(a)	1	28	2	77	2	85
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	20	21	60	67	68	67
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	47	11	136	30	166	36
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	38	94	120	314	144	310
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	123	268	374	770	442	852
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	16	—	65	—	55	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	—	6	—	6	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	351	—	1,354	5	1,564	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	320	61	1,327	196	1,205	220
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	689	61	2,753	201	2,831	221
TOTAL TRADE	3,259	2,337	11,691	7,535	12,461	8,688

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*Smillion*)
Developing Countries (DCs)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	195	—	619	1	711	6
01 Meat and meat preparations	227	1	724	2	810	2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	250	2	1,294	5	1,261	6
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	113	88	550	352	595	370
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	65	22	253	57	271	70
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	173	64	593	275	722	257
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	406	6	627	20	902	20
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	25	76	99	256	95	253
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	30	16	109	48	125	64
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	35	35	116	110	141	120
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	1,519	309	4,986	1,127	5,632	1,166
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	24	9	94	29	96	28
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	10	17	24	59	31	65
TOTAL SECTION 1	34	25	118	88	128	93
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	35	—	172	1	172	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	9	5	69	23	47	16
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	20	3	94	3	75
24 Cork and wood	18	30	46	108	63	114
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	2	18	7	14	7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	892	10	2,333	43	2,884	35
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	9	23	56	49	44	70
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	648	39	2,050	112	2,264	117
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	22	17	85	61	82	65
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	1,637	145	4,831	498	5,573	301
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	891	2	3,080	1	3,194	2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	515	858	1,542	3,081	1,882	3,731
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	40	23	70	66	200	88
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	1,447	882	4,693	3,149	5,276	3,821
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	46	1	155	2	163	5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	8	40	9	132	15	141
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	4	3	13	13	16	13
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	59	43	177	148	195	159
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	19	80	42	253	58	308
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	34	41	100	118	106	149
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	84	18	287	54	298	66
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	120	22	358	70	422	78
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	29	25	119	73	118	82
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	1	31	11	159	8	186
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	64	44	223	166	217	154
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	17	51	67	182	68	179
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	41	30	156	109	164	119
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	409	343	1,362	1,184	1,458	1,321

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(*Million*)
Developing Countries (DCs) — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes(b)	37	15	165	48	170	61
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	14	72	55	265	58	257
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	16	41	61	128	56	139
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	54	103	143	278	181	340
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	81	389	250	1,320	310	1,332
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	71	128	236	405	234	441
67 Iron and steel(b)	256	100	1,127	290	1,073	345
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	678	38	2,774	145	2,563	123
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	80	213	375	598	385	680
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	1,288	1,099	5,186	3,478	5,028	3,718
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	149	35	453	115	505	128
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	160	53	509	200	580	366
73 Metal working machinery	21	20	85	68	93	70
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	145	175	597	499	590	582
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	127	750	742	2,510	525	2,774
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	110	370	260	1,193	303	1,342
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	141	448	673	1,398	600	1,535
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	135	382	334	938	557	1,216
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	174	28	251	323	536	127
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	1,162	2,261	3,903	7,244	4,290	8,141
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings, sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	13	37	34	93	41	111
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	12	111	38	251	41	323
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	81	5	252	3	265
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	31	479	74	1,450	93	1,578
85 Footwear(a)	2	153	10	424	8	475
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	47	45	156	163	172	161
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	125	79	398	228	434	250
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	82	499	310	1,446	319	1,511
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	312	1,484	1,026	4,309	1,110	4,674
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	42	—	190	1	169	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	3	—	35	—	24	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1,036	20	4,203	79	4,277	73
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	1,352	163	5,875	553	6,561	618
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	2,433	184	10,303	633	11,032	692
TOTAL TRADE	10,300	6,776	36,584	21,856	39,722	24,285

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
European Union (EU)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	3	1	8	2	9
01 Meat and meat preparations	49	2	205	6	199	6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	13	14	37	60	60	64
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	3	7	26	30	16	31
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	21	15	55	10	58
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	26	21	125	74	100	86
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	10	11	27	29	22	35
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1	41	3	137	4	142
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	4	2	10	8	15	8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	37	4	80	4	98
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	109	158	452	486	430	538
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	127	77	300	223	366	243
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	9	4	38	9	34
TOTAL SECTION 1	128	85	304	261	376	277
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	37	—	114	1	121	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2	—	8	—	9	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	5	—	19	—	19
24 Cork and wood	2	4	11	14	12	16
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	7	—	4
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	340	8	1,074	38	1,351	32
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	9	4	52	15	48	14
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	228	2	814	14	920	10
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	9	12	44	47	38	51
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	627	35	2,118	156	2,500	146
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	272	—	869	2	1,055	2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	4	17	15	2	14
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	8	—	9	—
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	273	4	894	16	1,066	16
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	2	1	2	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	23	—	100	1	85
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1	1	1	5	1	5
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	2	25	3	107	4	91
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	5	189	5	825	9	800
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	19	29	120	127	92	112
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	2	41	35	161	24	158
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	43	393	164	1,178	171	1,353
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials, toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	5	80	25	236	20	251
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	22	—	57	—	64
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	59	3	209	2	212
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	3	59	15	204	16	205
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	3	77	22	301	20	301
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	80	949	389	3,299	353	3,455

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
 (\$million)
European Union (EU) — *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes(b)	75	7	216	27	218	26
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	7	68	34	256	25	258
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	1	25	9	93	4	101
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	183	3	710	3	633
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	22	100	68	389	72	373
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	18	139	50	497	50	506
67 Iron and steel(b)	3	91	39	344	30	342
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	91	58	259	151	274	202
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	21	174	50	526	65	570
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	240	843	728	2,992	740	3,011
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	27	151	119	665	112	646
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	22	366	91	1,658	93	1,516
73 Metal working machinery	9	44	22	209	29	224
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	32	468	171	1,594	152	1,734
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	37	140	137	448	130	524
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	15	239	116	1,206	75	1,033
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	35	326	143	1,257	118	1,219
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	18	495	84	1,797	77	1,903
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	41	71	430	502	380	492
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	235	2,300	1,311	9,336	1,165	9,292
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	1	17	7	61	7	71
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	40	5	121	7	134
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	18	1	80	1	69
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19	38	31	146	58	151
85 Footwear(a)	1	50	3	120	4	128
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	33	164	119	574	123	610
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	5	60	27	263	30	229
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	24	323	122	1,058	103	1,152
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	84	711	315	2,423	332	2,544
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	3	14	6	11	10
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	7	1	52	1	39	2
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	7	—	218	2	24	1
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	326	86	1,515	284	1,374	364
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	343	89	1,799	293	1,449	378
TOTAL TRADE	2,119	5,199	8,313	19,369	8,414	19,748

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — *continued*
(Smillion)
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	96	—	318	—	392	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	39	—	145	—	175	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	42	—	188	—	216	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	4	2	8	3	12
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	3	1	15	4	13	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	32	4	86	20	92	21
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	79	1	41	3	171	3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	3	12	10	32	12	32
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(a)	8	—	26	1	34	1
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	2	1	6	4	7	4
TOTAL SECTION 0(a)	305	24	837	71	1,117	76
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	3	—	15	—	12	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3	—	4	1	8	1
TOTAL SECTION 1	6	—	19	1	21	1
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	3	—	1	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	—	2	—	—
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	6	1	40	1	29
24 Cork and wood	—	6	6	28	3	27
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	1	11	3	10	3
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	144	2	301	7	411	5
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	3	—	15	—	8	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	12	3	39	12	37	12
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	1	—	5	1	5	1
TOTAL SECTION 2(a)(b)	163	18	380	93	477	78
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	16	—	53	—	66	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	78	578	248	2,201	259	2,658
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	16	—	51	—	68
TOTAL SECTION 3(a)(b)	94	594	301	2,252	325	2,726
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	5	—	4	—	13	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	2	—	3	—	6
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	—	—	1	—	2	—
TOTAL SECTION 4(a)(b)	6	2	5	3	16	6
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	6	7	10	9	14	27
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	9	14	19	26	29	32
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	1	33	5	46	4
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	5	—	11	—	15	—
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	1	17	2	17	2
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(a)	—	12	2	69	3	61
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	7	9	23	15	27	21
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	3	6	10	7	12
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)(b)	10	2	31	2	33	3
TOTAL SECTION 5(a)(b)	55	49	152	137	191	162

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TABLE 8. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRY GROUP AND COMMODITY — continued
(Million)
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) — continued

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	September quarter 1997		Twelve months ended			
	Exports	Imports	September quarter 1996		September quarter 1997	
			Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	3	—	7	—	7	—
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	4	5	9	14	11	18
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	2	16	11	45	10	51
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	3	28	10	72	9	91
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)(b)	9	37	15	153	31	136
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)(b)	3	14	21	33	18	43
67 Iron and steel(b)	43	6	120	5	156	34
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	94	1	338	6	354	3
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	18	6	76	13	93	18
TOTAL SECTION 6(a)(b)	178	111	607	341	689	393
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	10	—	35	1	34	1
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	38	—	91	2	118	2
73 Metal working machinery	3	—	9	—	14	—
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(b)	20	2	106	7	91	7
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	3	3	22	13	16	14
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	6	12	30	26	25	52
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)(a)(b)	21	15	124	22	105	35
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	57	2	83	9	247	10
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	22	7	18	2	85	8
TOTAL SECTION 7(a)(b)	181	41	518	83	735	128
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(b)	1	1	4	1	6	2
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	22	3	51	3	61
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	2	1	4	—	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	15	4	38	6	46
85 Footwear(a)	—	15	—	41	—	42
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	3	—	9	1	13	1
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	2	1	15	2	8	5
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	3	14	16	51	21	47
TOTAL SECTION 8(a)(b)	12	69	53	189	58	207
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	8	—	33	—	26	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	1	—	1	—
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	16	—	16	—	16	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(c)	388	43	1,804	169	2,281	162
TOTAL SECTION 9(c)	413	43	1,854	169	2,324	162
TOTAL TRADE	1,414	950	4,726	3,339	5,953	3,940

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or 'No Country Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or 'No Country Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
(Smillion)

<i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision</i>	<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>June quarter 1997</i>	<i>September quarter 1997</i>
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing					
01 Agriculture	1,791	2,135	2,752	2,313	1,964
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	404	177	35	530	511
03 Forestry and logging	11	15	19	17	18
04 Commercial fishing	121	152	163	142	202
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,327</i>	<i>2,480</i>	<i>2,969</i>	<i>3,001</i>	<i>2,695</i>
B Mining					
11 Coal mining	1,885	1,998	2,021	2,059	2,309
12 Oil and gas extraction	843	947	972	1,019	1,092
13 Metal ore mining	1,410	1,455	1,415	1,688	1,680
14 Other mining	63	60	45	46	44
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,201</i>	<i>4,461</i>	<i>4,454</i>	<i>4,812</i>	<i>5,125</i>
C Manufacturing					
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	2,920	2,908	2,469	2,730	3,213
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	691	706	674	758	794
23 Wood and paper products	244	278	238	287	298
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	101	113	96	101	111
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	1,281	1,380	1,344	1,366	1,413
26 Non-metallic mineral products	94	104	85	95	98
27 Metal products	3,740	3,595	3,567	3,779	3,767
28 Machinery and equipment	2,745	3,164	2,547	3,583	3,199
29 Other manufacturing	186	188	178	156	211
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,002</i>	<i>12,435</i>	<i>11,798</i>	<i>12,857</i>	<i>13,103</i>
Other Industries(a)(b)	455	392	453	422	528
Total Trade	18,984	19,768	19,074	21,092	21,452

(a) Includes \$15 million of exports for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by industry of origin. (b) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 10. IMPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
(Smillion)

<i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision</i>	<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>June quarter 1997</i>	<i>September quarter 1997</i>
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing					
01 Agriculture	143	160	189	158	175
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	3	2	2	4	4
03 Forestry and logging	2	2	1	1	2
04 Commercial fishing	14	22	19	21	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>199</i>
B Mining					
11 Coal mining	2	3	4	1	2
12 Oil and gas extraction	738	1,168	1,100	925	889
13 Metal ore mining	34	31	17	50	41
14 Other mining	31	35	36	35	46
<i>Total</i>	<i>805</i>	<i>1,237</i>	<i>1,157</i>	<i>1,012</i>	<i>978</i>
C Manufacturing					
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	875	919	807	793	957
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	1,443	1,279	1,324	1,243	1,601
23 Wood and paper products	650	649	587	607	683
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	408	425	348	413	469
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	3,134	3,154	3,024	3,159	3,272
26 Non-metallic mineral products	274	261	233	249	279
27 Metal products	1,218	1,200	1,225	1,241	1,438
28 Machinery and equipment	10,209	10,592	9,067	10,557	11,128
29 Other manufacturing	609	592	430	522	712
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,821</i>	<i>19,072</i>	<i>17,044</i>	<i>18,784</i>	<i>20,539</i>
Other Industries(a)	85	77	70	69	95
Total Trade	19,873	20,571	18,482	20,049	21,811

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 11. EXPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
(\$million)

BEC	September quarter 1996	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997
<i>Food and beverages</i>	3,947	4,065	4,447	4,258	4,292
Primary	1,572	1,695	2,449	2,082	1,644
Mainly for industry	1,146	1,303	2,056	1,609	1,182
Mainly for household consumption	426	392	393	473	462
Processed	2,374	2,370	1,999	2,176	2,648
Mainly for industry	908	668	422	388	845
Mainly for household consumption	1,467	1,702	1,577	1,787	1,803
<i>Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified</i>	8,101	8,107	7,602	8,731	8,965
Primary	3,020	3,132	2,721	3,533	3,695
Processed	5,081	4,975	4,881	5,198	5,270
<i>Fuels and lubricants</i>	3,143	3,475	3,519	3,520	3,863
Primary	2,302	2,469	2,477	2,596	2,922
Processed	841	1,006	1,042	924	941
Motor spirit	59	63	86	73	80
Other	782	943	956	850	862
<i>Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof</i>	1,736	1,772	1,482	1,799	1,873
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	786	820	639	829	869
Parts and accessories	950	952	842	970	1,004
<i>Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof</i>	780	1,155	871	1,097	1,018
Passenger motor cars	202	397	286	236	224
Other	97	297	168	352	246
Industrial	77	259	152	308	212
Non-industrial	20	38	17	44	34
Parts and accessories	481	461	417	509	548
<i>Consumer goods not elsewhere specified</i>	781	769	660	764	818
Durable	133	145	117	138	139
Semi-durable	235	221	188	228	243
Non-durable	414	404	355	398	436
<i>Goods not elsewhere specified(a)(b)</i>	495	424	494	923	622
Total Trade	18,984	19,768	19,074	21,092	21,452

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes \$15 million of exports for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

TABLE 12. IMPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
(\$million)

BEC	September quarter 1996	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997
<i>Food and beverages</i>	896	938	859	811	986
Primary	191	221	218	200	221
Mainly for industry	67	62	80	77	88
Mainly for household consumption	124	159	138	123	133
Processed	705	717	642	612	765
Mainly for industry	90	84	92	74	103
Mainly for household consumption	615	632	550	537	662
<i>Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified</i>	4,972	4,873	4,693	4,909	5,337
Primary	205	216	193	227	240
Processed	4,767	4,657	4,501	4,682	5,097
<i>Fuels and lubricants</i>	966	1,466	1,385	1,189	1,145
Primary	718	1,146	1,083	901	866
Processed	248	320	302	288	279
Motor spirit	32	55	78	60	22
Other	217	264	224	228	257
<i>Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof</i>	6,010	6,403	5,692	6,483	6,647
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,959	4,337	3,701	4,319	4,442
Parts and accessories	2,051	2,066	1,991	2,164	2,205
<i>Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof</i>	3,401	3,225	2,811	3,374	3,625
Passenger motor cars	1,184	1,252	1,009	1,207	1,553
Other	934	866	770	981	748
Industrial	806	717	667	876	609
Non-industrial	128	149	102	104	139
Parts and accessories	1,284	1,108	1,033	1,186	1,325
<i>Consumer goods not elsewhere specified</i>	3,566	3,531	2,962	3,205	3,997
Durable	978	1,073	748	889	1,044
Semi-durable	1,430	1,360	1,248	1,232	1,635
Non-durable	1,158	1,098	966	1,085	1,318
<i>Goods not elsewhere specified(a)</i>	61	134	79	77	74
Total Trade	19,873	20,571	18,482	20,049	21,811

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. EXPORTS BY STATE(a)
(\$million)

State	September quarter 1996	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997
Australian produce					
New South Wales	4,400	4,374	4,236	4,709	5,118
Victoria	3,767	3,987	3,891	4,662	3,788
Queensland	3,647	3,496	2,884	3,538	4,227
South Australia	1,035	1,390	1,398	1,190	1,213
Western Australia	4,435	4,824	5,064	5,007	5,152
Tasmania	343	455	388	523	422
Northern Territory	336	273	270	364	356
Australian Capital Territory	2	2	2	4	1
State not available for publication(b)	92	88	71	69	183
Total	18,056	18,888	18,205	20,066	20,459
Re-exports	928	880	870	1,026	993
Total Trade	18,984	19,768	19,074	21,092	21,452

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs. (b) Includes \$15 million of exports for August 1997 and \$75 million for September 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by State.

TABLE 14. IMPORTS BY STATE(a)
(\$million)

State	September quarter 1996	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997
New South Wales	8,762	8,703	7,836	8,919	9,459
Victoria	6,500	6,612	5,791	6,281	6,969
Queensland	2,013	2,354	2,131	2,111	2,381
South Australia	863	862	862	827	1,026
Western Australia	1,563	1,845	1,642	1,704	1,750
Tasmania	75	110	114	97	94
Northern Territory	95	83	104	103	128
Australian Capital Territory	2	2	2	6	4
Total Trade	19,873	20,571	18,482	20,049	21,811

(a) State in which goods were released from Customs control. See the Explanatory Notes for further details.

TABLE 15. HISTORICAL EXPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c)
(\$million)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	279	319	302	297	193	160
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,701	2,249	2,522	2,275	2,942	3,180
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	437	467	515	596	709	721
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	485	600	703	611	674	720
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	3,929	2,793	2,308	2,828	3,301	2,438
05 Vegetables and fruit	372	551	591	537	536	628
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	650	716	715	935	1,103	948
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	57	65	62	68	68	88
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	148	210	240	278	257	257
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	29	48	76	98	100	113
<i>Total Section 0(d)</i>	<i>8,086</i>	<i>8,018</i>	<i>8,033</i>	<i>8,523</i>	<i>9,884</i>	<i>9,252</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	70	133	234	226	225	289
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	15	19	24	21	17	21
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>310</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	395	542	680	495	575	413
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	51	40	32	70	50	48
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	4	6	7	16	8	9
24 Cork and wood	265	361	404	430	396	437
25 Pulp and waste paper	15	28	32	36	25	28
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	3,207	3,870	5,507	6,274	4,739	3,745
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	153	103	177	232	222	263
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	4,848	4,850	5,274	6,456	7,375	8,296
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	70	97	114	126	148	159
<i>Total Section 2(d)</i>	<i>9,009</i>	<i>9,897</i>	<i>12,227</i>	<i>14,135</i>	<i>13,537</i>	<i>13,398</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	5,240	5,456	4,706	4,805	5,933	6,481
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	2,276	1,622	1,919	1,468	1,996	3,220
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	461	231	257	161	489	1,006
<i>Total Section 3(d)</i>	<i>7,977</i>	<i>7,309</i>	<i>6,882</i>	<i>6,434</i>	<i>8,419</i>	<i>10,706</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats	116	90	119	103	106	118
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	14	23	13	11	2	4
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	12	11	9	10	11	16
<i>Total Section 4</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>138</i>
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals	54	51	101	93	89	113
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	59	66	71	91	164	201
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	30	35	85	148	262	186
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	147	166	206	235	270	321
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	59	57	78	94	89	124
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	2	5	7	8	10	19
57 Plastics in primary forms	8	5	79	151	134	161
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	133	137	102	60	66	77
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	102	142	174	196	177	175
<i>Total Section 5(d)</i>	<i>593</i>	<i>665</i>	<i>903</i>	<i>1,076</i>	<i>1,261</i>	<i>1,377</i>

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TABLE 15. HISTORICAL EXPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — *continued*
(\$million)

<i>SITC code and commodity description</i>	<i>1991-92</i>	<i>1992-93</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	209	247	323	452	660	706
01 Meat and meat preparations	3,436	3,744	4,044	3,661	3,296	2,957
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	815	1,102	1,287	1,413	1,673	1,761
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	832	952	1,115	1,144	1,114	1,087
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	2,353	2,953	3,206	2,522	4,929	5,954
05 Vegetables and fruit(d)	728	872	932	873	1,008	1,146
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	747	1,074	1,316	1,729	1,710	1,695
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	97	125	166	174	193	191
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)(d)	356	467	385	387	458	531
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	145	144	194	209	231	283
<i>Total Section 0(d)</i>	<i>9,716</i>	<i>11,679</i>	<i>12,967</i>	<i>12,565</i>	<i>15,272</i>	<i>16,310</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	346	385	474	508	605	713
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	21	32	32	44	43	67
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>506</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>648</i>	<i>780</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	362	388	392	487	504	505
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	63	80	121	110	206	201
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	9	11	10	12	11	10
24 Cork and wood	444	465	519	627	624	616
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	12	16	44	27	13
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	4,614	4,017	3,977	4,595	4,065	4,617
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	297	369	358	367	426	377
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	7,639	7,572	7,315	7,604	8,666	9,027
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	181	197	208	226	223	219
<i>Total Section 2(d)</i>	<i>13,617</i>	<i>13,112</i>	<i>12,917</i>	<i>14,073</i>	<i>14,752</i>	<i>15,587</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	6,948	7,623	7,255	6,938	7,840	8,005
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	2,912	3,244	2,676	2,949	3,188	3,806
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1,017	1,236	1,185	1,355	1,562	1,895
<i>Total Section 3(d)</i>	<i>10,878</i>	<i>12,102</i>	<i>11,116</i>	<i>11,242</i>	<i>12,591</i>	<i>13,705</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats	115	156	170	220	197	184
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	3	4	7	4	11	10
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	18	31	31	38	29	38
<i>Total Section 4(d)</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>232</i>
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(d)	89	88	81	84	87	116
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	229	197	257	309	365	318
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	241	328	363	402	435	407
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	456	564	701	771	894	979
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(d)	132	172	208	258	300	296
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)(d)	14	12	19	24	26	24
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	189	210	201	283	326	297
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	86	100	113	143	159	154
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	226	324	408	405	423	454
<i>Total Section 5(d)</i>	<i>1,662</i>	<i>1,996</i>	<i>2,351</i>	<i>2,679</i>	<i>3,015</i>	<i>3,044</i>

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TABLE 15. HISTORICAL EXPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — *continued*
(Smillion)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	88	118	161	148	167	180
62 Rubber manufactures, nes	19	43	68	64	65	65
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(d)	8	9	15	11	23	37
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	75	104	102	124	162	188
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	221	246	222	153	179	210
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(d)	150	175	259	356	460	507
67 Iron and steel	580	591	526	492	767	981
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	1,948	2,312	3,260	4,176	3,882	3,758
69 Manufactures of metals, nes	190	244	284	321	369	477
<i>Total Section 6(d)</i>	<i>3,280</i>	<i>3,841</i>	<i>4,897</i>	<i>5,845</i>	<i>6,073</i>	<i>6,404</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	229	296	337	326	428	543
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	241	306	305	340	423	517
73 Metal working machinery	27	26	40	37	69	82
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	180	237	287	341	384	475
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	220	390	429	417	564	720
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	66	88	121	167	238	320
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	181	255	290	293	363	470
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	262	438	517	420	595	847
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	206	577	381	440	619	657
<i>Total Section 7(d)</i>	<i>1,612</i>	<i>2,612</i>	<i>2,706</i>	<i>2,780</i>	<i>3,684</i>	<i>4,630</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings: sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	10	16	21	28	30	43
82 Furniture, parts thereof, bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	22	34	41	36	44	34
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	4	4	5	6	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	23	39	60	62	114	130
85 Footwear	7	9	11	16	24	24
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	162	177	212	199	255	276
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks	203	250	276	260	231	255
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	228	326	407	444	676	553
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>854</i>	<i>1,031</i>	<i>1,050</i>	<i>1,381</i>	<i>1,319</i>
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	109	284	223	147	185	174
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	4	10	48	234	283	230
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	2	2	1	2	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	786	1,348	2,431	2,491	2,872	3,672
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(e)	451	694	938	921	1,138	787
<i>Total Section 9(e)</i>	<i>1,350</i>	<i>2,337</i>	<i>3,643</i>	<i>3,794</i>	<i>4,479</i>	<i>4,865</i>
Total Trade	32,793	35,806	40,721	44,007	49,078	52,399

TABLE 15. HISTORICAL EXPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — *continued*
(Smillion)

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	221	284	368	515	463	470
62 Rubber manufactures, nes	79	108	120	146	157	151
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(d)	63	66	92	98	104	103
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	212	259	258	267	296	394
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	236	307	385	465	553	580
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(d)	616	558	666	739	746	716
67 Iron and steel	1,144	1,211	1,496	1,580	1,757	1,623
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	3,558	3,996	3,900	4,518	5,043	4,434
69 Manufactures of metals, nes	561	551	625	694	725	806
<i>Total Section 6(d)</i>	<i>6,690</i>	<i>7,341</i>	<i>7,911</i>	<i>9,022</i>	<i>9,844</i>	<i>9,277</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	610	615	586	732	826	916
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	535	695	822	924	1,078	1,160
73 Metal working machinery	84	105	92	140	163	206
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	536	719	891	943	1,143	1,193
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	832	995	1,370	1,589	1,903	1,626
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	307	502	674	541	719	631
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	595	763	968	1,222	1,394	1,296
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	770	989	1,074	1,081	1,199	1,832
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	765	1,031	1,024	965	1,295	1,807
<i>Total Section 7(d)</i>	<i>5,033</i>	<i>6,415</i>	<i>7,502</i>	<i>8,138</i>	<i>9,720</i>	<i>10,667</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	72	63	45	52	76	85
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	42	64	71	77	97	97
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	5	7	9	15	14	15
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	154	199	247	304	320	356
85 Footwear	30	41	61	58	66	65
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	329	395	416	442	543	630
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks	287	397	460	511	562	580
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	701	722	798	857	1,039	1,016
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>1,619</i>	<i>1,887</i>	<i>2,106</i>	<i>2,314</i>	<i>2,718</i>	<i>2,842</i>
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	211	219	348	413	459	515
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	300	267	253	206	145	116
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	1	1	1	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	4,023	4,315	5,269	4,699	5,545	4,717
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(e)	775	759	1,095	886	1,058	1,125
<i>Total Section 9(e)</i>	<i>5,309</i>	<i>5,562</i>	<i>6,965</i>	<i>6,205</i>	<i>7,208</i>	<i>6,473</i>
Total Trade	55,027	60,702	64,548	67,052	76,005	78,918

(a) See paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. (c) See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 16. HISTORICAL IMPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c)
(Smillion)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	81	113	148	156	139	73
01 Meat and meat preparations	17	16	19	30	22	36
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	78	81	88	91	106	124
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	333	423	409	437	425	447
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	69	73	72	72	94	105
05 Vegetables and fruit	263	271	285	375	415	383
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	23	28	34	44	51	61
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	419	405	379	353	331	309
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	38	55	48	73	69	65
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	97	147	187	202	246	313
<i>Total Section 0(d)</i>	<i>1,418</i>	<i>1,612</i>	<i>1,669</i>	<i>1,833</i>	<i>1,898</i>	<i>1,916</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	200	211	234	273	304	293
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	98	116	111	92	92	103
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>395</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	4	4	10	12	12	10
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	8	10	19	50	27	58
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	76	88	100	114	93	77
24 Cork and wood	328	298	382	561	518	436
25 Pulp and waste paper	104	171	225	-224	243	147
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	135	150	166	179	149	132
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	260	224	248	281	230	118
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	26	39	69	78	146	132
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	82	100	104	107	120	110
<i>Total Section 2(d)</i>	<i>1,023</i>	<i>1,083</i>	<i>1,323</i>	<i>1,607</i>	<i>1,539</i>	<i>1,220</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	3	3	5	11	18	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,924	1,742	2,029	1,999	2,505	3,116
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	—	4	5	4	16	8
<i>Total Section 3</i>	<i>1,927</i>	<i>1,749</i>	<i>2,039</i>	<i>2,014</i>	<i>2,540</i>	<i>3,129</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats	1	2	1	3	2	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	44	64	90	102	110	115
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes(d)	49	25	17	13	12	13
<i>Total Section 4(d)</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>129</i>
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(d)	766	881	1,106	1,160	1,071	1,004
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	249	322	515	682	767	661
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(d)	143	189	196	217	233	233
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	393	508	647	694	820	942
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	221	241	269	292	331	338
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	147	140	138	214	252	276
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	16	14	266	717	650	595
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	679	784	678	444	484	439
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(d)	412	394	474	564	627	629
<i>Total Section 5(d)</i>	<i>3,025</i>	<i>3,472</i>	<i>4,290</i>	<i>4,985</i>	<i>5,235</i>	<i>5,118</i>

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 16. HISTORICAL IMPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — *continued*
(*\$million*)

<i>SITC code and commodity description</i>	<i>1991-92</i>	<i>1992-93</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	60	60	77	101	94	103
01 Meat and meat preparations	43	33	46	47	46	67
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	135	159	161	173	193	195
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	474	500	542	609	601	604
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	112	136	143	207	166	178
05 Vegetables and fruit	469	470	515	534	590	588
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	59	77	67	86	86	85
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	309	337	383	505	504	502
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	90	67	102	109	94	122
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	306	389	441	451	520	542
<i>Total Section 0</i>	<i>2,058</i>	<i>2,228</i>	<i>2,478</i>	<i>2,821</i>	<i>2,894</i>	<i>2,985</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11 Beverages	281	319	332	336	339	351
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	111	119	135	186	165	152
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>392</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>467</i>	<i>522</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>502</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	6	5	3	4	2	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	61	68	81	133	98	95
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)(d)	82	104	117	153	155	136
24 Cork and wood	459	571	659	613	421	430
25 Pulp and waste paper	142	157	126	160	191	136
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	141	144	162	188	175	151
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	139	147	141	171	150	139
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	129	165	141	179	178	174
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	123	146	165	193	206	223
<i>Total Section 2(d)</i>	<i>1,280</i>	<i>1,506</i>	<i>1,595</i>	<i>1,794</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>1,487</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	9	7	27	22	18	11
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(d)	2,712	3,829	3,392	3,608	4,234	5,056
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	10	21	23	38	59	97
<i>Total Section 3(d)</i>	<i>2,731</i>	<i>3,857</i>	<i>3,441</i>	<i>3,668</i>	<i>4,312</i>	<i>5,165</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES						
41 Animal oils and fats	2	2	3	3	5	8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	134	171	181	208	241	235
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	13	17	18	20	23	23
<i>Total Section 4(d)</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>266</i>
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES						
51 Organic chemicals(d)	1,095	1,402	1,615	1,795	1,919	2,040
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	720	655	488	639	832	700
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	270	320	340	372	385	408
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1,053	1,393	1,427	1,562	1,830	1,998
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	383	463	527	568	609	636
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	312	351	394	535	669	703
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	602	706	741	923	925	855
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	483	562	635	719	757	721
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(d)	659	773	878	896	975	968
<i>Total Section 5(d)</i>	<i>5,575</i>	<i>6,625</i>	<i>7,045</i>	<i>8,009</i>	<i>8,901</i>	<i>9,028</i>

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TABLE 16. HISTORICAL IMPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — *continued*
(\$million)

<i>SITC code and commodity description</i>	<i>1985-86</i>	<i>1986-87</i>	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	126	152	159	151	137	121
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(d)	450	462	571	682	750	661
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	168	169	203	233	227	214
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	842	1,013	1,191	1,296	1,297	1,155
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(d)	1,678	1,831	1,924	1,999	1,955	1,818
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(d)	654	713	849	965	1,069	958
67 Iron and steel	609	634	830	1,078	1,039	883
68 Non-ferrous metals	165	203	246	357	396	385
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(d)	929	1,009	1,130	1,192	1,349	1,201
<i>Total Section 6(d)</i>	<i>5,620</i>	<i>6,185</i>	<i>7,104</i>	<i>7,954</i>	<i>8,219</i>	<i>7,396</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	991	1,217	1,210	1,126	1,384	1,259
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(d)	2,052	1,735	1,988	2,359	2,756	2,148
73 Metal working machinery	385	481	384	376	392	317
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(d)	1,854	1,984	2,307	2,518	2,977	2,716
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2,174	2,558	2,646	3,327	3,557	3,375
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,466	1,497	1,508	1,717	1,805	1,737
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	1,843	1,886	2,137	2,358	2,718	2,521
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	3,771	2,719	3,139	4,807	5,062	4,459
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	605	1,312	1,061	2,035	2,801	3,156
<i>Total Section 7(d)</i>	<i>15,141</i>	<i>15,389</i>	<i>16,381</i>	<i>20,623</i>	<i>23,452</i>	<i>21,687</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings, sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	80	75	100	125	145	139
82 Furniture, parts thereof: bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	238	235	252	285	338	291
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	147	180	187	190	210	215
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	568	657	717	759	908	956
85 Footwear	208	251	279	338	339	384
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	845	907	964	1,065	1,144	1,199
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(d)	635	720	718	782	783	778
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(d)	1,949	2,160	2,374	2,883	3,015	2,994
<i>Total Section 8(d)</i>	<i>4,669</i>	<i>5,185</i>	<i>5,590</i>	<i>6,429</i>	<i>6,880</i>	<i>6,955</i>
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1,235	1,585	1,396	752	599	214
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	13	15	31	20	35	20
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	8	2
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	114	140	80	151	285	623
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(e)	114	153	241	188	123	108
<i>Total Section 9(e)</i>	<i>1,477</i>	<i>1,894</i>	<i>1,748</i>	<i>1,112</i>	<i>1,050</i>	<i>966</i>
Total Trade	34,691	36,988	40,597	47,040	51,333	48,912

TABLE 16. HISTORICAL IMPORTS BY COMMODITY(a)(b)(c) — continued
(\$million)

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	127	134	146	167	164	162
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(d)	748	812	954	1,045	1,125	1,115
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	238	259	288	329	317	333
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	1,334	1,419	1,518	1,859	1,942	1,769
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(d)	2,021	2,144	2,246	2,454	2,359	2,284
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(d)	928	1,033	1,080	1,213	1,188	1,244
67 Iron and steel	825	945	1,041	1,287	1,410	1,295
68 Non-ferrous metals	380	465	498	679	645	619
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(d)	1,283	1,569	1,674	1,876	1,890	1,902
<i>Total Section 6(d)</i>	<i>7,884</i>	<i>8,779</i>	<i>9,445</i>	<i>10,908</i>	<i>11,039</i>	<i>10,724</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1,292	1,605	1,690	1,769	1,998	1,896
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,903	2,646	3,061	3,792	3,924	4,043
73 Metal working machinery	320	288	378	573	492	608
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(d)	2,718	3,110	3,638	4,299	4,470	4,649
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	3,637	4,239	4,828	5,728	6,033	5,983
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,981	2,347	2,538	3,362	3,759	3,669
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	2,836	3,362	4,051	4,909	5,316	4,913
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	4,808	6,161	7,108	8,678	7,980	8,579
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	2,499	2,154	1,620	2,050	2,487	2,444
<i>Total Section 7(d)</i>	<i>21,995</i>	<i>25,911</i>	<i>28,911</i>	<i>35,160</i>	<i>36,458</i>	<i>36,785</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes(d)	155	177	191	218	221	234
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	320	350	396	444	464	532
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	241	270	286	338	362	339
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,100	1,330	1,480	1,637	1,766	1,841
85 Footwear	411	512	512	570	574	623
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	1,282	1,569	1,707	1,834	1,911	1,945
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(d)	839	977	1,066	1,206	1,258	1,252
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	3,419	3,733	4,160	4,462	4,479	4,585
<i>Total Section 8(d)</i>	<i>7,768</i>	<i>8,918</i>	<i>9,798</i>	<i>10,708</i>	<i>11,035</i>	<i>11,349</i>
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC						
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	28	30	31	25	28	32
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	9	2	1	2	5	9
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1,040	1,021	981	710	708	561
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(e)	74	69	72	59	62	80
<i>Total Section 9(e)</i>	<i>1,150</i>	<i>1,122</i>	<i>1,086</i>	<i>797</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>683</i>
Total Trade	50,984	59,575	64,470	74,619	77,792	78,974

(a) See paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable to data for previous periods. (c) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. (d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes. (e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 17. HISTORICAL EXPORTS BY COUNTRY (a)(b)

(Million)

Country or country group	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</i>												
Brunei	10	13	14	11	14	15	19	53	61	55	77	59
Indonesia	522	528	593	762	1,030	1,462	1,627	1,715	1,906	2,113	2,716	3,301
Laos				1	2	1	5	28	25	35	15	8
Malaysia	516	592	665	743	925	985	1,103	1,311	1,759	2,033	2,289	2,331
Myanmar	2	10	24	29	9	29	15	7	4	11	13	15
Philippines	204	259	266	422	470	437	513	598	699	839	1,075	1,226
Singapore	528	779	1,190	1,446	1,985	2,769	3,189	3,787	3,197	3,643	3,556	3,409
Thailand	164	224	324	468	591	665	816	1,205	1,278	1,560	1,779	1,693
Vietnam	7	5	9	22	84	25	50	76	111	150	198	211
<i>Total ASEAN</i>	<i>2,154</i>	<i>2,410</i>	<i>3,085</i>	<i>3,875</i>	<i>5,110</i>	<i>6,388</i>	<i>7,337</i>	<i>8,780</i>	<i>9,040</i>	<i>10,439</i>	<i>11,717</i>	<i>12,252</i>
<i>European Union (EU)</i>												
Austria	21	12	18	11	22	26	24	27	28	32	36	21
Belgium-Luxembourg	267	298	374	386	482	448	594	618	458	466	668	923
Denmark	128	162	89	67	79	89	95	67	63	100	117	100
Finland	56	50	80	100	84	80	114	116	117	247	335	303
France	708	908	973	981	870	774	939	850	792	794	727	800
Germany	901	1,122	1,053	1,132	1,249	1,056	1,092	991	1,006	1,083	1,152	1,058
Greece	68	35	71	63	48	30	46	41	25	20	34	39
Ireland	8	6	8	7	16	16	19	22	28	42	50	53
Italy	687	823	1,053	1,012	1,038	923	979	872	1,052	1,250	1,282	1,354
Netherlands	439	598	601	681	1,042	1,016	856	876	703	707	695	586
Portugal	72	35	44	52	48	32	28	41	26	50	48	32
Spain	232	293	266	207	221	196	286	289	268	277	292	328
Sweden	90	121	124	137	148	127	136	136	136	155	200	220
United Kingdom	1,154	1,375	1,701	1,548	1,736	1,796	1,930	2,394	2,901	2,275	2,829	2,357
<i>Total EU</i>	<i>4,830</i>	<i>5,837</i>	<i>6,455</i>	<i>6,385</i>	<i>7,083</i>	<i>6,608</i>	<i>7,148</i>	<i>7,341</i>	<i>7,695</i>	<i>7,498</i>	<i>8,464</i>	<i>8,173</i>
<i>Other Countries</i>												
Brazil	98	139	100	115	128	138	225	289	319	307	389	333
Canada	460	650	706	710	760	802	845	1,158	1,149	1,150	1,267	1,178
China	1,497	1,592	1,230	1,257	1,171	1,348	1,458	2,268	2,590	2,964	3,781	3,584
Fiji	205	174	124	153	203	240	246	327	325	378	479	522
Hong Kong	727	1,087	1,961	1,856	1,342	1,560	2,106	2,597	2,797	2,632	3,052	3,104
India	428	425	500	551	588	667	754	889	865	979	1,185	1,492
Japan	9,308	9,083	10,667	11,978	12,781	14,378	14,574	15,206	15,924	16,282	16,429	15,376
Korea, Republic of	1,319	1,504	1,787	2,211	2,700	3,237	3,365	3,970	4,706	5,250	6,615	7,134
New Zealand	1,506	1,777	2,210	2,258	2,616	2,545	2,830	3,365	4,009	4,791	5,609	6,208
Pakistan	175	101	93	157	217	153	206	253	221	191	259	304
Papua New Guinea	562	651	761	789	815	779	883	855	954	933	1,048	1,272
Saudi Arabia	486	298	260	253	287	218	266	329	344	277	452	448
South Africa	138	154	149	156	112	178	226	334	350	566	776	1,015
Switzerland	57	365	339	359	712	1,256	655	302	270	286	519	237
Taiwan	1,061	1,229	1,355	1,593	1,821	1,962	2,519	2,680	2,757	3,102	3,452	3,620
Turkey	81	117	182	79	88	169	171	264	206	228	366	384
United Arab Emirates	179	222	224	266	274	278	329	408	417	338	542	665
United States of America	3,240	4,190	4,608	4,498	5,426	5,778	5,220	4,940	5,075	4,643	4,619	5,527
Other Countries	3,692	3,272	3,313	3,933	4,251	2,948	2,872	2,952	3,512	2,959	3,946	5,157
Ships' Stores	471	408	467	429	486	679	568	617	566	574	656	612
Other(c)	121	121	144	147	106	89	223	576	547	285	383	320
Total Trade	32,793	35,806	40,721	44,007	49,078	52,399	55,027	60,702	64,548	67,052	76,005	78,918

(a) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. (b) See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Includes Destination Unknown, International Waters and Unidentified.

TABLE 18. HISTORICAL IMPORTS BY COUNTRY (a)(b)
(\$million)

Country or country group	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
<i>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) —</i>												
Brunei		32	28	32	24	41	82	50	17	22		1,864
Indonesia	209	311	588	419	441	784	995	1,305	1,105	1,198	1,522	
Laos		410	591	687	658	732	867	974	1,103	1,421	1,636	1,891
Malaysia	2	2	1	1	1	5	4	11	11	8	7	9
Myanmar		113	127	165	150	129	143	177	188	259	260	282
Philippines	745	756	899	1,090	1,213	1,271	1,301	1,509	1,792	2,246	2,613	2,620
Singapore	201	284	331	420	479	505	647	756	794	970	1,005	1,201
Thailand	11	17	20	21	17	18	79	237	291	295	329	433
Vietnam		1,926	2,585	2,836	2,984	3,484	4,179	5,078	5,301	6,479	7,372	8,300
<i>Total ASEAN</i>												
<i>European Union (EU)</i>												
Austria	128	141	157	178	189	203	210	226	223	279	313	423
Belgium-Luxembourg	287	312	330	403	433	380	387	512	541	686	755	760
Denmark	173	177	190	202	251	207	230	274	300	340	336	382
Finland	208	263	293	352	311	293	322	415	463	635	684	605
France	776	829	892	1,267	1,166	1,233	1,336	1,481	1,542	1,754	1,867	1,980
Germany	2,728	2,795	2,932	2,970	3,443	3,115	3,007	3,383	3,759	4,861	4,862	4,557
Greece	47	45	50	77	68	45	49	51	52	63	78	95
Ireland	150	184	202	171	186	199	193	255	296	432	448	499
Italy	1,095	1,110	1,330	1,374	1,635	1,390	1,229	1,349	1,617	2,026	2,231	2,305
Netherlands	431	487	596	601	520	550	588	624	664	712	702	817
Portugal	35	32	47	58	61	52	59	63	66	81	94	106
Spain	156	141	190	208	219	204	179	218	288	484	519	458
Sweden	658	655	777	841	896	767	793	1,013	1,072	1,426	1,617	1,497
United Kingdom	2,516	2,706	3,012	3,454	3,356	3,302	3,102	3,395	3,698	4,439	4,882	4,182
<i>Total EU</i>	9,388	9,877	10,987	12,156	12,732	11,957	11,685	13,238	14,582	18,278	19,388	16,037
<i>Other Countries</i>												
Brazil	246	220	299	430	352	316	316	329	348	452	447	351
Canada	691	750	863	1,067	1,228	902	849	984	1,055	1,278	1,557	1,265
China	435	589	851	1,026	1,241	1,503	1,976	2,557	3,120	3,649	4,010	4,204
Fiji	50	28	44	99	93	90	101	130	163	185	235	264
Hong Kong	676	800	845	888	847	741	792	796	801	923	970	900
India	171	203	228	247	278	260	288	362	427	532	549	577
Japan	8,248	7,710	7,817	9,757	9,872	8,849	9,290	11,139	11,700	12,777	10,816	10,241
Korea, Republic of	557	891	1,020	1,262	1,254	1,254	1,213	1,696	1,882	2,028	2,293	2,520
New Zealand	1,455	1,431	1,733	1,970	2,173	2,150	2,399	2,785	3,201	3,554	3,591	3,685
Pakistan	40	61	65	79	82	76	96	132	141	141	132	144
Papua New Guinea	171	190	109	105	235	584	953	1,254	1,296	1,125	1,220	1,091
Saudi Arabia	471	437	419	458	676	843	643	812	593	750	874	858
South Africa	158	155	99	98	119	99	114	192	268	302	433	424
Switzerland	429	490	544	497	567	664	580	721	618	991	966	895
Taiwan	1,161	1,517	1,744	1,920	1,946	1,752	1,979	2,213	2,362	2,570	2,585	2,572
Turkey	13	20	33	32	55	32	46	39	45	58	73	74
United Arab Emirates	35	176	216	396	452	419	469	698	617	627	475	801
United States of America	285	8,118	8,532	10,129	12,373	11,475	11,743	13,004	14,017	16,044	17,545	17,645
Other Countries	1,288	1,387	1,556	1,570	1,754	1,446	1,300	1,417	1,693	1,961	2,217	2,499
Other(c)	8	11	9	19	21	21	35	41	40	35	46	47
Total Trade	34,691	36,988	40,597	47,040	51,333	48,912	50,984	59,575	64,470	74,619	77,792	78,974

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable to data for previous periods. (b) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. (c) Includes Origin Unknown, International Waters and Unidentified.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains quarterly statistics of Australia's merchandise trade with its major trading partners and selected country groups.

2. The merchandise export and import statistics in this publication are compiled in broad agreement with the United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of international trade statistics. The sections below briefly describe the concepts and methods used in their compilation.

Source of data

3. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service (ACS).

Scope

4. Merchandise trade covers all movable goods which add to (imports) or subtract from (exports) the stock of material resources in Australia.

Excluded are:

- (a) direct transit trade, i.e. goods being trans-shipped or moved through Australia for purposes of transport only;
- (b) ships and aircraft moving through Australia while engaged in the transport of passengers or goods between Australia and other countries; and
- (c) non-merchandise goods, consisting primarily of goods moving on a temporary basis (eg mobile equipment; goods under repair; goods for exhibition; and passengers' effects).

Coverage

5. The United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of merchandise trade statistics recognise that the basic source used by most compiling countries - the customs record - will not be able to capture certain transactions. In Australia the following types of goods which fall within the scope of merchandise trade, are excluded because customs entries are not required:

- (a) certain materials under inter-governmental agreements for defence and similar projects;
- (b) migrants and passengers' effects exported or imported and parcel post exports and imports of small value;
- (c) the sale or delivery of certain ships intended for use on overseas routes; and

For exports only:

- (d) sales of aircraft (and parts or components) which were imported into Australia prior to 1 July 1987 for use on overseas routes; sales of aircraft (and parts or components) which were imported into Australia on or after 1 July 1987 for use on overseas routes are included in recorded export statistics;

- (e) fish and other sea products landed abroad directly from the high seas by Australian ships; and
- (f) from 1 July 1986 individual transaction lines (within an export consignment) where the value of the goods is less than \$500. Prior to that date, the value level was \$250.

For imports only:

- (g) bunkers, aviation fuel and stores supplied abroad to Australian ships and aircraft;
- (h) prior to 1 July 1987 the delivery of certain aircraft (and parts and components) intended for use on overseas routes; and
- (i) entries lodged on informal clearance documents (ICDs) for values not exceeding \$250. From 21 October 1985 onwards, ICDs for postal articles valued between \$250 and \$1000 are excluded.

In addition, although merchandise trade statistics should include illegal transactions, such as smuggled goods, these transactions are omitted as there is no practical way to collect this information.

Basis of compilation

6. The merchandise trade statistics in this publication are recorded on a general trade basis, i.e. exports include both Australian produce and re-exports, and imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into bonded warehouses.

7. Australian produce is defined as goods, materials or articles which have been produced or manufactured in Australia. Processing and assembly operations that leave imported components and products essentially unchanged are not considered as production or manufacture.

8. Re-exports are defined as goods, materials or articles originally imported into Australia which are exported in the same condition or after undergoing minor operations (e.g. blending, packaging, bottling, cleaning, husking and shelling) which leave them essentially unchanged. Information on re-exports is shown in Table 13.

Statistical Period

9. From January 1988, exports are recorded in the calendar month in which the goods departed from Australia. Prior to January 1988, exports are recorded in the month in which the entries were processed by the ACS. For further details on the impact of the changed compilation basis on the merchandise export series refer to the article 'Changed timing basis for compilation of merchandise exports statistics' in the June 1992 issue of this publication.

10. Imports are generally recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are finalised by the ACS. Import entries may be lodged early and finalised prior to arrival, or their finalisation may be delayed because of the various validation checks carried out by ACS. Currently, approximately 85 per cent of total import trade by value shown for a particular month reflects shipments which arrived in that month, while approximately 10 per cent reflects shipments which arrived during

the previous month with the remaining 5 per cent by value arriving in earlier or later months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

11. Occasionally significant delays occur in the lodgement, rather than processing, of import entries. When the affected entries are for significant values, they are recorded statistically in the month that they should have been lodged and finalised.

Valuation

12. The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars. Goods shipped on consignment are initially valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale. Exporters who do not know the value of the goods at shipment and enter an approximate value must subsequently submit an entry either confirming or revising the estimated return.

13. The value of imports is the Australian Customs value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

14. Changes in Customs valuation introduced from 1 July 1989 with the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1989* are likely to have marginally raised Customs valuations. Data for periods from 1 July 1989 are therefore not fully comparable with data for previous periods. However, investigations of imports valuations, for years before and after the change have shown no measurable effect on the valuation of imports that can be attributed to the change in legislation. For details of the changes in legislation see the note '*Change in the Valuation of Imports*' at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the 1989-90 issue of *Foreign Trade, Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (5410.0).

Country

15. For the purposes of international merchandise trade statistics, a country is defined as a geographical entity which trades, or has the potential to trade, with Australia in accordance with ACS provisions. External territories under Australian administration are treated as separate countries while self-governing territories and dependent territories under the administration of other countries may be treated as individual countries in Australian international merchandise trade statistics.

16. For exports, 'country' refers to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export. Where the country of consignment is not known at the time of export, and where it is impossible to determine the destination, goods are recorded as 'Destination Unknown'. Tables 5 and 17 which show exports by country also include the item "Ships' stores". "Ships' stores" comprise fuel, food and other goods loaded onto foreign owned vessels and aircraft to be consumed during international journeys.

17. For imports, 'country' refers to the country of origin of the goods, which is defined as the country of production for Customs purposes. Where the country of origin is not known at the time of import and where it is impossible to determine the origin, goods are recorded as 'Origin Unknown'. Goods reported with country of origin

'Australia' (i.e. goods of Australian origin exported and subsequently re-imported) are shown as country 'Australia (Re-imports)' and are included in the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation country group.

18. Wherever possible, statistics for countries and country groups for all time periods included in this publication reflect the composition of those countries and country groups on the last day of the reference period of this publication. Thus, after the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic were reunited, statistics for all periods both before and after re-unification refer to the combined entity (called Germany in country classified statistics).

19. However, in the case of a country that breaks into a number of component entities, it is not possible to provide data for earlier periods for the new entities. For example, from October 1991, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are each separately identified in the statistics, but for earlier periods trade data for these three republics are included indistinguishably in data for the USSR.

20. The country groups shown in this publication are selected economic groups with which Australia trades, namely:

- Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC);
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN);
- Developing Countries (DCs);
- European Union (EU);
- Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

21. A list of the countries included in each of the above groups is shown in the Appendix. Country groups may not be mutually exclusive e.g. Indonesia is included in APEC, OPEC, ASEAN and as a Developing Country. The countries that belong to more than one group are identified with a footnote in the Appendix.

22. More details on the composition of countries identified in these statistics are available from the *Classification Manager* on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.

Commodity classification

23. Commodity export and import statistics in Tables 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of this publication are presented according to the codes and descriptions of the third revision of the United Nations' *Standard International Trade Classification* (SITC Rev3) with the addition of dummy codes to take account of Australia's treatment of gold coin, whether or not legal tender, and other legal tender coin and confidential items.

24. Tables 15 and 16 of this publication are presented according to the second revision of SITC for 1985-86 to December 1987 and according to SITC Rev3 from January 1988. See Appendix B of the 1988-89 issue of *Foreign Trade Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (5410.0) for details of Divisions significantly affected by this change.

Broad Economic Categories

25. Merchandise trade in Tables 11 and 12 are classified according to the categories of the United Nations' *Classification By Broad Economic Categories* (BEC). The BEC classifies international merchandise trade statistics for the purposes of general economic analysis according to the main end use of the commodities traded. The statistics are compiled by allocating the statistical items of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the appropriate BEC.

Industry of origin

26. Exports and imports statistics classified by subdivisions of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) are shown in Tables 9 and 10. The statistics are compiled by allocating statistical items of the AHECC and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the ANZSIC industry of origin based upon the main economic activities of those industries with which the commodities are primarily associated. A full description of ANZSIC classes is contained in the publication *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993 Edition* (1292.0).

State

27. State information for exports presented in Table 13 refers to the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

28. State information for imports presented in Table 14 refers to the State where imported goods were released from Customs control, also called the State of final destination. The State of final destination is not necessarily the State in which the port of discharge of the goods is located. Goods can be forwarded interstate after discharge either under ACS control or not, but are recorded as being imported into the State where they are released by the ACS.

Confidentiality

29. Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export and import figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. More details on the confidentiality process can be obtained from the *Confidentiality Manager* on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.

Reliability

30. Statistics in this publication for recent periods should be considered preliminary. Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing data quality checks.

Relationship to balance of payments statistics

31. The basic source of balance of payments data on merchandise exports and imports is 'international merchandise trade statistics'. However, because of conceptual differences, various coverage, timing and (imports only) valuation adjustments are necessary before international

trade statistics can be put on a balance of payments basis. For more information on the relationship between international merchandise trade statistics and balance of payments statistics on merchandise trade see Chapter 9 of *Balance of Payments, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5331.0).

Related publications

32. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

International Merchandise Imports, Australia (5439.0) — issued monthly

International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia (5368.0) — issued monthly

Balance of Payments, Australia (5302.0) — issued quarterly

Balance of Payments, Australia: Summary of Concepts, Sources and Methods (5351.0) — irregular issue

Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0) — issued quarterly

Import Price Index, Australia (6414.0) — issued quarterly

33. In addition, current statistics on international merchandise trade are contained in the *Year Book Australia* (1301.0), the *Pocket Year Book Australia* (1302.0), the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0), and the *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0).

34. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and the Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

Related International Trade products

35. A wide range of standard and customised International Trade data services is available on computer printout, floppy disk, magnetic tape or via electronic mail. These services are available on either a subscription or ad hoc basis. More information may be obtained by telephoning (02) 6252 5400.

Rounding

36. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Symbols and other usages

37. The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:

— nil or rounded to zero
nes not elsewhere specified

APPENDIX

MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION (APEC)

Australia
Brunei (a)
Canada
Chile (a)
China (a)
Hong Kong (a)
Indonesia (a)
Japan
Korea, Republic of (a)
Malaysia (a)
Mexico (a)
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Philippines (a)
Singapore (a)
Taiwan (a)
Thailand (a)
United States of America

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN
NATIONS (ASEAN)

Brunei (a)
Indonesia (a)
Laos (a)
Malaysia (a)
Myanmar (a)
Philippines (a)
Singapore (a)
Thailand (a)
Vietnam (a)

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DCs) (b)

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria (a)
American Samoa
Angola
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bermuda
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
British Indian Ocean Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei (a)
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile (a)
China (a)
Colombia
Comoros, Republic of
Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador (a)
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
Fiji
French Polynesia
Gabon (a)
Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guam
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong (a)
Hungary
India
Indonesia (a)
Iran (a)
Iraq (a)
Israel
Jamaica
Johnston Islands
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, People's Democratic Republic of
Korea, Republic of (a)
Kuwait (a)
Laos (a)
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya (a)

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MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

Macau	Swaziland
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Syria
Madagascar	Taiwan (a)
Malawi	Tanzania
Malaysia (a)	Thailand (a)
Maldives	Togo
Mali	Tokelau
Malta	Tonga
Mariannas, Northern	Trinidad and Tobago
Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Mauritania	Turkey
Mauritius	Turks and Caicos Islands
Mexico (a)	Tuvalu
Micronesia, Fed States of	Uganda
Midway Islands	United Arab Emirates (a)
Mongolia	Uruguay
Montserrat	Vanuatu
Morocco	Venezuela (a)
Mozambique	Vietnam (a)
Myanmar (a)	Virgin Islands of the United States
Nauru	Wake Island
Namibia	Wallis and Futuna Islands
Nepal	Yemen
Netherlands Antilles	Zaire
New Caledonia	Zambia
Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Niger	
Nigeria (a)	EUROPEAN UNION (EU)
Niue	Austria
Oman	Belgium-Luxembourg
Pakistan	Denmark
Palau	Finland
Panama	France
Paraguay	Germany
Peru	Greece
Philippines (a)	Ireland
Pitcairn Island	Italy
Poland	Netherlands
Qatar (a)	Portugal
Romania	Spain
Rwanda	Sweden
St Christopher and Nevis	United Kingdom
St Helena	
St Lucia	
St Pierre and Miquelon	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	ORGANISATION OF PETROLEUM
Samoa	EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC)
Sao Tome and Principe	Algeria (a)
Saudi Arabia (a)	Gabon (a)
Senegal	Indonesia (a)
Seychelles	Iran (a)
Sierra Leone	Iraq (a)
Singapore (a)	Kuwait (a)
Slovak Republic	Libya (a)
Slovenia	Nigeria (a)
Solomon Islands	Qatar (a)
Somalia	Saudi Arabia (a)
Sri Lanka	United Arab Emirates (a)
Sudan	Venezuela (a)
Suriname	

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