

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE TRADE**

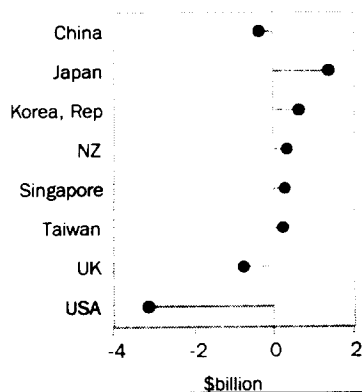
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Exports and Imports



Balance by country
December quarter 1997



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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	\$m	% change Sep Qtr 1997 to Dec Qtr 1997	% change Dec Qtr 1996 to Dec Qtr 1997
Merchandise exports	23 152	7.6	17.1
Merchandise imports	23 065	5.7	12.1

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

BY COUNTRY

- Japan, surplus up 16% to \$1,487 million
- Republic of Korea, surplus down 30% to \$762 million
- UK, deficit up 4% to \$730 million
- USA, deficit up 5% to \$3,090 million

BY COMMODITY

MAJOR EXPORTS

- Coal, up 4% to \$2,401 million
- Non monetary gold, up 23% to \$1,431 million
- Wheat, up 27% to \$991 million
- Iron ore, up 2% to \$969 million

MAJOR IMPORTS

- Passenger motor vehicles, down 1% to \$1,540 million
- Data processing machines, steady at \$1,045 million
- Crude petroleum, up 6% to \$921 million.

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This publication has been produced using an improved publications production system and as a result, there are some changes to the format, presentation and numbering of the tables.

The only change to the content in this new publication is a slight reduction in the number of major import commodities in Table 10 (previously Table 4).

REVISIONS

Revisions since the last issue of this publication have:

- increased total exports for the September quarter 1997 by \$55 million, and increased total exports for the year ended September 1997 by \$73 million;
- increased total imports for the September quarter 1997 by \$14 million; and increased total imports for the year ended September 1997 by \$39 million; and
- decreased the merchandise trade deficit for the September quarter 1997 by \$42 million; and increased the merchandise trade surplus for the year ended September 1997 by \$34 million.

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

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QUARTERLY ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

In the December quarter 1997 merchandise exports exceeded merchandise imports by \$86 million, a turnaround of \$404 million from the deficit recorded in the September quarter 1997.

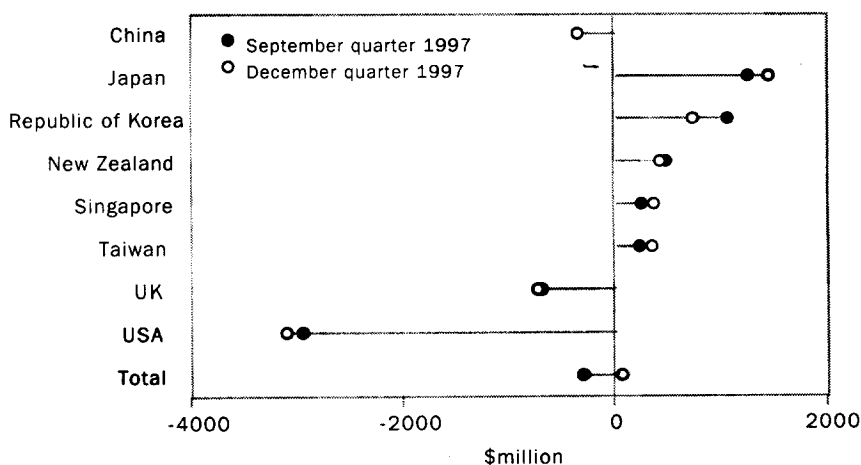
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced surpluses with:

- Japan, up \$202 million (16%) to \$1,487 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$334 million (30%) to \$762 million;
- New Zealand, down \$53 million (10%) to \$456 million;
- Singapore, up \$120 million (42%) to \$407 million; and
- Taiwan, up \$108 million (41%) to \$373 million.

Deficits were recorded with:

- USA, up \$158 million (5%) to \$3,090 million;
- UK, up \$29 million (4%) to \$730 million; and
- China, up \$1 million to \$347 million.

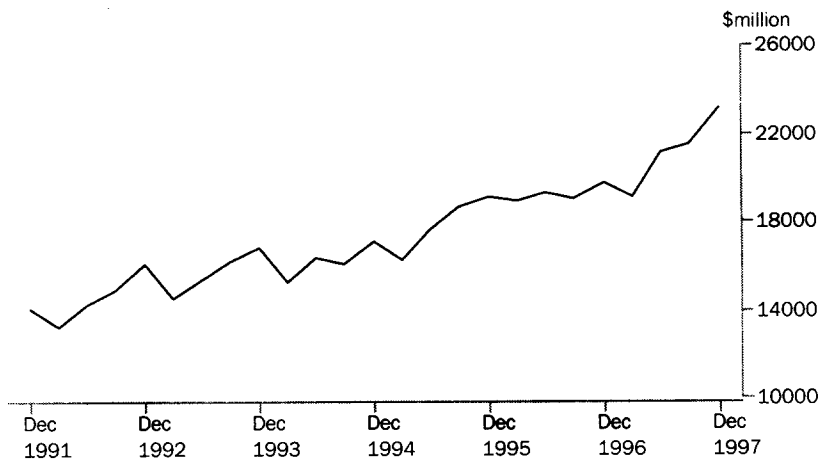
AUSTRALIA'S QUARTERLY TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for December quarter 1997 were \$23,152 million, up \$1,645 million or 8% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



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

- *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, up \$478 million (30%) to \$2,079 million (due mainly to increased exports of non-monetary gold);
- *food and live animals*, up \$393 million (9%) to \$4,537 million (due mainly to increased exports of cereals and cereal preparations; dairy products and birds' eggs; meat and meat preparations which were partly offset by decreased exports of sugars, sugar preparations and honey);
- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, up \$288 million (7%) to \$4,696 million (due mainly to increased exports of metalliferous ores and metal scrap); and
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$201 million (5%) to \$4,058 million (due mainly to increased exports of coal, coke and briquettes; and natural and manufactured gas).

Decreases were recorded for *chemical and related products, nes*, down \$20 million (2%) to \$822 million (due mainly to decreased exports of medicinal and pharmaceutical products); and *beverages and tobacco*, down \$10 million (4%) to \$255 million (due mainly to decreased exports of beverages).

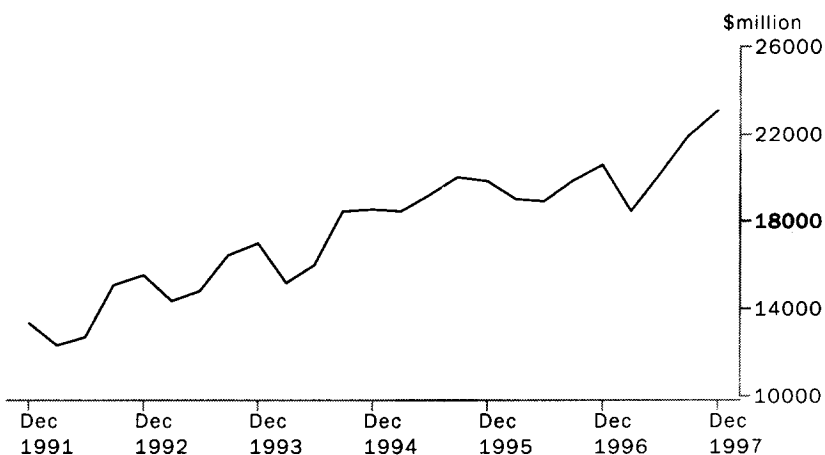
In the December quarter 1997 the major exports destination for Australia's goods were:

- Japan, up \$280 million (6%) to \$4,678 million;
- USA, up \$21 million (1%) to \$1,759 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$266 million (14%) to \$1,632 million;
- New Zealand, down \$28 million (2%) to \$1,444 million;
- Hong Kong, up \$197 million (20%) to \$1,177 million;
- Taiwan, up \$127 million (13%) to \$1,106 million;
- Singapore, up \$131 million (14%) to \$1,063 million; and
- China, up \$12 million (1%) to \$1,061 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

Merchandise imports for December quarter 1997 were \$23,065 million, up \$1,240 million, or 6% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS



MERCHANDISE IMPORTS
continued

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

- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$695 million (7%) to \$10,784 million (due mainly to increased imports of transport equipment excluding road vehicles; telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment; and general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes);
- *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, up \$174 million (89%) to \$370 million (due mainly to increased imports of non-monetary gold);
- *chemicals and related products, nes*, up \$162 million (7%) to \$2,534 million (due mainly to increased imports of organic chemicals; and medicinal and pharmaceutical products; which were partly offset by decreased imports of chemical materials and products, nes); and
- *food and live animals*, up \$93 million (11%) to \$915 million (due mainly to increased imports of fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates; and vegetable and fruit; which were partly offset by decreased imports of miscellaneous edible products and preparations.).

Decreases were recorded for *animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes*, down \$11 million (15%) to \$62 million (due mainly to decreased imports of fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated); and *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, down \$2 million to \$420 million.

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

- USA, up \$179 million (4%) to \$4,849 million;
- Japan, up \$78 million (3%) to \$3,191 million;
- China, up \$13 million (1%) to \$1,408 million;
- UK, up \$19 million (1%) to \$1,394 million;
- Germany, up \$118 million (10%) to \$1,315 million;
- New Zealand, up \$25 million (3%) to \$988 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$68 million (8%) to \$870 million; and
- Indonesia, up \$270 million (52%) to \$789 million.

ANNUAL ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

For the year ended December 1997 merchandise exports exceeded merchandise imports by \$1,397 million, a turnaround of \$2,822 million from the deficit recorded for the previous year.

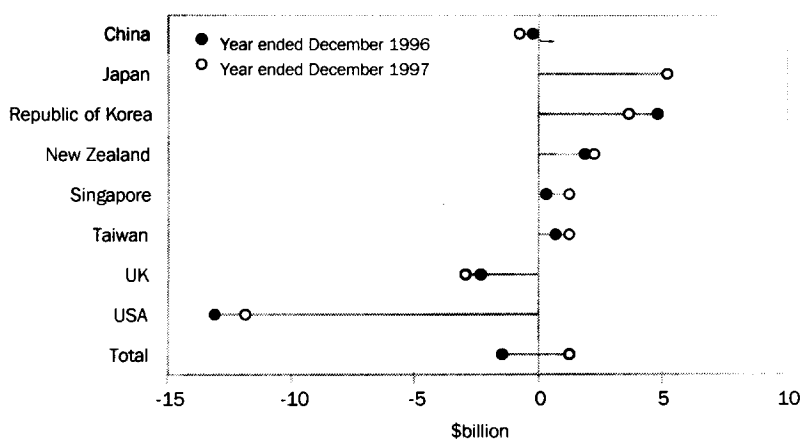
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced deficits with:

- USA, down \$1,177 million (9%) to \$11,862 million;
- UK, up \$620 million (27%) to \$2,893 million; and
- China, up \$523 million (213%) to \$768 million.

Surpluses were recorded with:

- Japan, up \$36 million (1%) to \$5,388 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$1,186 million (24%) to \$3,794 million;
- New Zealand, up \$460 million (23%) to \$2,449 million;
- Taiwan, up \$516 million (58%) to \$1,401 million; and
- Singapore, up \$894 million (180%) to \$1,392 million.

AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for the year ended December 1997 were \$84,842 million, up \$7,857 million or 10% on the previous year.

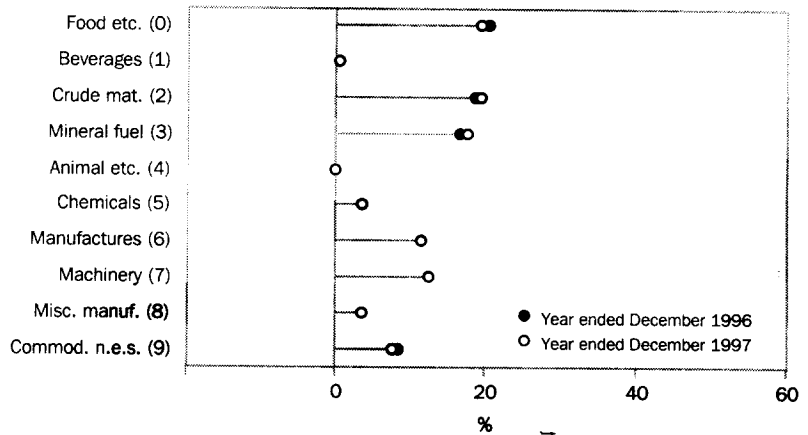
The exports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, up \$2,084 million (14%) to \$17,093 million (due mainly to increased exports of metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and textile fibres and their wastes);
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, up \$1,976 million (15%) to \$14,977 million (with all categories contributing to the increase: coal, coke and briquettes being the most significant);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$1,358 million (14%) to \$11,318 million (due mainly to increased exports of transport equipment (excluding road vehicles); road vehicles; and telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment); and
- *food and live animals*, up \$1,369 million (9%) to \$17,173 million (due mainly to increased exports of meat and meat preparations; and cereals and cereal preparations; and fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates).

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS
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The only commodity group to record a decrease was *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, down \$87 million (1%) to \$6,901 million (due mainly to decreased exports of non-monetary gold).

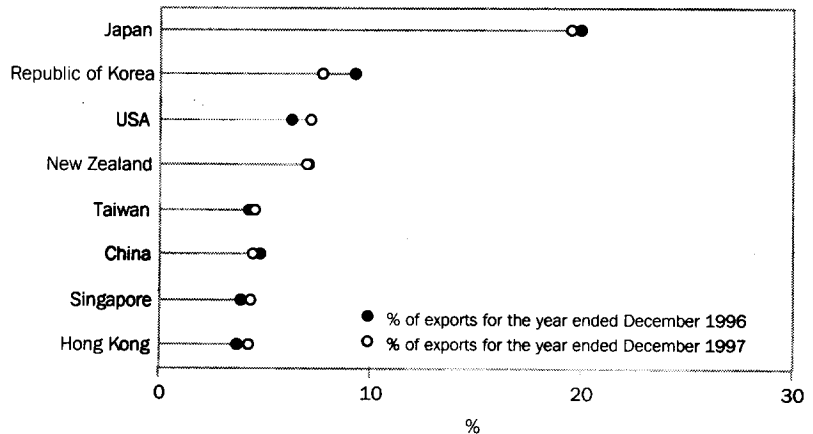
COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF EXPORTS



Australia's major exports destinations were:

- Japan, up \$1,233 million (8%) to \$16,798 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$542 million (7%) to \$6,763 million;
- USA, up \$1,346 million (27%) to \$6,324 million;
- New Zealand, up \$491 million (9%) to \$6,150 million;
- Taiwan, up \$625 million (18%) to \$4,054 million;
- China, up \$95 million (2%) to \$3,972 million;
- Singapore, up \$713 million (22%) to \$3,882million; and
- Hong Kong, up \$785 million (26%) to \$3,783 million.

COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS



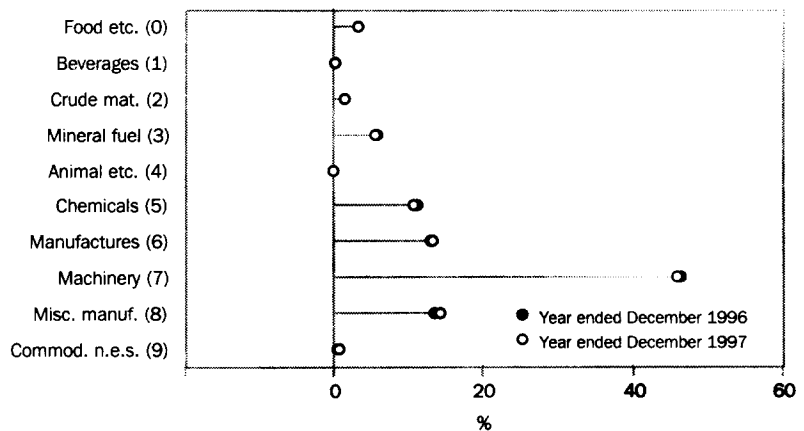
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

Merchandise imports for the year ended December 1997 were \$83,445 million, up \$5,035 million or 6% on the previous year.

All imports commodity groups recorded increases on the previous year, the most significant were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$1,902 million (5%) to \$38,711 million (due mainly to increased imports of road vehicles; office machines and automatic data processing machines; general industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes; which were partly offset by decreased imports of transport equipment (excluding road vehicles));
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, up \$1,242 million (11%) to \$12,294 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); and
- *manufactured good classified chiefly by material*, up \$921 million (9%) to \$11,532 million (with all categories contributing to increase: manufactures of metals, nes, and iron and steel being the most significant).

COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF IMPORTS

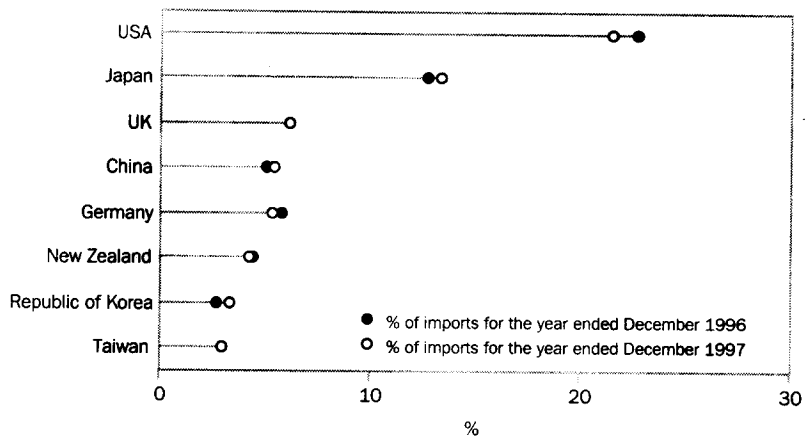


Australia's major import sources were:

- USA, up \$169 million (1%) to \$18,186 million;
- Japan, up \$1,197 million (12%) to \$11,410 million;
- UK, up \$293 million (6%) to \$5,324 million;
- China, up \$618 million (15%) to \$4,740 million;
- Germany, down \$32 million (1%) to \$4,669 million;
- New Zealand, up \$31 million (1%) to \$3,701 million
- Republic of Korea, up \$644 million (28%) to \$2,969 million; and
- Taiwan, up \$109 million (4%) to \$2,653 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS
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COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS



BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has recently undertaken a bilateral reconciliation study with Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) covering merchandise trade flows between Australia and New Zealand. New Zealand is Australia's third largest trading partner, accounting for 7.9% of Australia's exports and 4.7% of Australia's imports in the 1996-97 financial year.

If identical concepts and definitions were applied by each country to both imports and exports, and if there was no time difference between the recording of the export by one country and the import by the other, Australia's exports to New Zealand should be identical to New Zealand's imports from Australia and vice versa. The purpose of this study was to quantify and adjust for conceptual and methodological differences so that the remaining differences could be investigated in order to identify any major coverage or quality deficiencies in the statistics produced by each agency.

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 New Zealand'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 \$A1 = \$NZ1.2503 in 1993, and \$A1 = \$NZ1.2314 in 1994.

COMPARISON OF PUBLISHED TOTALS

In 1993, Australia recorded imports of \$3,035 million from New Zealand while New Zealand recorded exports to Australia of \$3,116 million (in AUD). The discrepancy of \$81 million represents 2.7% of Australia's imports from New Zealand. In the same year, Australia recorded exports of \$3,691 million to New Zealand while New Zealand recorded imports from Australia of \$2,814 million. The discrepancy of \$877 million represents 23.8% of Australia's exports to New Zealand.

In 1994, Australia recorded imports from New Zealand of \$3,382 million while New Zealand recorded exports of \$3,564 million to Australia. The discrepancy of \$182 million represents 5.4% of Australia's imports from New Zealand. In the same year, Australia recorded exports of \$4,390 million to New Zealand while New Zealand recorded imports from Australia of \$3,244 million. The discrepancy of \$1,146 million represents 26.1% of Australia's exports to New Zealand.

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES

The international recommendations contained in the United Nations (UN) publication, *International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions*, Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 52, Rev. 1 are generally followed by both countries in the compilation of their international trade statistics. There are still, however, definitional and conceptual differences in the data, and 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 another, 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.

WESTBOUND TRADE

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

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BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

CONCEPTUAL AND
METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
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Coverage

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

In Australia, import entries lodged on informal clearance documents for values not exceeding \$250 per transaction line are excluded. In addition, imported parcel post items valued under \$1,000 are excluded. In New Zealand, merchandise trade statistics generally exclude export shipments valued under \$799 (\$NZ1,000); individual transactions under \$NZ1,000 where the total value of a shipment exceeds \$NZ1,000 are, however, included.

To adjust for this differing treatment, an estimate of Australia's direct imports less than \$799 (\$NZ1,000) in value was applied as a negative adjustment, to exclude its low value trade. The estimate of New Zealand's individual transactions under \$NZ1,000 was then added back as a positive adjustment, to account for its inclusion in New Zealand's figures. The resulting net adjustments made for low value trade in the reconciliation tables were -\$11 million in 1993 and -\$17 million in 1994.

Valuation

In Australian statistics imports are valued 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. New Zealand values its exports on an FOB basis.

No adjustment for valuation was made in the reconciliation study. The difference between Australia's import value on an FOB basis and on a Customs value basis in both years was found to be insignificant.

Country classification

In accordance with international recommendations, New Zealand 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.

In concept at least, export and import 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-exports of merchandise and goods traded through intermediate countries.

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

BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES *continued*

New Zealand's re-exports. Goods which are imported by New Zealand and are subsequently re-exported to Australia should be recorded in New Zealand's exports to Australia but not in Australia's imports from New Zealand. Consequently, for data reconciliation purposes, the value of New Zealand's re-exports to Australia needs to be subtracted from New Zealand's export statistics. New Zealand re-exports of Australian and third country merchandise totalled \$180 million in 1993 and \$264 million in 1994. If in fact some of these transactions have been recorded in Australian import statistics as originating in New Zealand, this adjustment may be overstated.

Australia's indirect imports. When Australia imports goods of New Zealand origin from a country other than New Zealand, they will be included in Australian imports from New Zealand, but will generally not be included in New Zealand's exports to Australia. This assumes that the New Zealand exporter is unaware of the subsequent re-trading.

However in some instances the New Zealand exporter will be aware of the ultimate destination of the goods and these transactions will be included in New Zealand's exports to Australia. It is impossible to distinguish between these two circumstances.

In the reconciliation, adjustments of -\$9 million in 1993 and -\$8 million in 1994 have been included. This is the value of merchandise of New Zealand origin imported by Australia from third countries. Since some of Australia's indirect imports will undoubtedly be recorded as exports to Australia by New Zealand, this adjustment may somewhat overstate the effect of trade via third countries.

Timing

The timing adjustment accounts for merchandise trade 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 each end of the reference period.

The shipping adjustment was calculated on the assumption that it took, on average, 5 days to ship goods by sea from New Zealand to Australia. Australia's January 1994 statistics included \$14 million of imports which arrived by sea between 1 January and 5 January, while Australia's January 1995 statistics included \$30 million of imports which arrived between 1 January and 5 January. It is assumed that these imports would have been included in New Zealand's 1993 and 1994 exports respectively. Using these figures, the overall shipping adjustment for 1994 was calculated as \$16 million. Similar calculations resulted in a shipping adjustment of -\$9 million for 1993.

BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

CONCEPTUAL AND
METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
continued

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. \$17 million of Australia's imports from New Zealand recorded in January 1994 actually arrived in December 1993 or earlier and were out of scope of the reconciliation. \$12 million of Australia's imports from New Zealand recorded in January 1995 actually arrived in Australia in 1994 and should have been included in the reconciliation. Therefore, the overall processing adjustment for 1994 was -\$5 million. Similarly, the overall processing adjustment for 1993 was -\$9 million.

In aggregate, the total westbound timing adjustments for 1993 and 1994 were -\$18 million and \$11 million respectively.

Other differences

After conceptual adjustments have been made, discrepancies often still exist between each country's data. Comparison of data at the commodity level identified some goods that were included in Australia's import statistics but were omitted from New Zealand's export statistics. Adjustments of -\$12 million in 1993 and -\$8 million in 1994 have been made to account for these.

EASTBOUND TRADE The adjustments shown in Table B represent the changes needed to transform Australian published exports to the same basis as New Zealand's published imports. They do not reflect revisions to either country's official statistics.

Coverage

The most significant coverage difference known to affect eastbound trade statistics relates to differing treatment of low value records.

In Australia, individual transaction lines within an export consignment where the value of the goods is less than \$A500 are excluded. In addition, exported parcel post items valued under \$2,000 are excluded. In New Zealand, Customs data generally excludes import shipments valued under \$799 (\$NZ1,000); individual transactions under \$NZ1,000 where the total value of a shipment exceeds \$NZ1,000 are, however, included.

To adjust for this differing treatment, an estimate of Australia's direct exports less than \$799 (\$NZ1,000) in value was applied as a negative adjustment, to exclude its low value trade. The estimate of New Zealand's individual transactions under \$NZ1,000 was then added back as a positive adjustment, to account for its inclusion in New Zealand's figures. The resulting net adjustment made for low value trade in the reconciliation tables was \$20 million in 1993 and \$21 million in 1994.

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

Valuation

Australia values its exports on an FOB transactions value basis, while New Zealand values its imports on a 'customs value' basis. However, investigations have shown the differences between the two valuation methods to be insignificant.

BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

CONCEPTUAL AND
METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
continued

Country classification

Australia classifies its exports by country of final destination and New Zealand 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.

Export and import 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.

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

Australian re-exports. When goods are imported by Australia and are subsequently re-exported to New Zealand, these goods should be recorded in Australia's exports to New Zealand but not in New Zealand's imports from Australia. Consequently, for data reconciliation purposes, the value of Australia's re-exports to New Zealand needs to be subtracted from Australia's export statistics. Australian re-exports of New Zealand and third country merchandise totalled \$694 million in 1993 and \$852 million in 1994. If in fact some of these transactions have been recorded in New Zealand's import statistics as originating in Australia, this adjustment may be overstated. It is also possible that some re-export transactions have not been recorded as such in Australia's export statistics. In this case the adjustment shown may understate the actual value of adjustment needed.

New Zealand's indirect imports. When New Zealand imports goods of Australian origin from a country other than Australia, they will be included in New Zealand's imports from Australia, but will generally not be included in Australia's exports to New Zealand. 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 New Zealand. It is impossible to distinguish between these two circumstances.

In the reconciliation, adjustments of \$21 million for 1993 and \$31 million for 1994 have been included. These are the estimated values of merchandise of Australian origin imported by New Zealand from third countries. The value of Australia's exports to New Zealand via third countries was examined with a view to subtracting these from New Zealand's indirect imports, but the commodity match between this and New Zealand's indirect imports data was not particularly good, so the extra adjustment was not made.

Timing

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. For eastbound trade, it is based on the amount of time it takes a shipment to reach New Zealand. As there is no significant processing lag in the recording of New Zealand's imports, no additional processing adjustments are required. Adjustments are made for each end of the reference period.

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BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES *continued*

When calculating the shipping adjustment it was assumed that it took, on average, 5 days to ship goods by sea from Australia to New Zealand. Based on this journey length, an estimate of the value of goods that left Australia by sea after 26 December was calculated, as these goods were likely to have arrived in New Zealand in January of the following year.

Using these assumptions, the value of goods in Australia's 1993 exports that are assumed to be in New Zealand's 1994 imports was calculated as \$17 million and Australia's 1994 exports assumed to be in New Zealand's 1995 imports was \$27 million. The overall eastbound timing adjustments was therefore -\$10 million in 1994. Using similar calculations, the timing adjustment for 1993 was \$2 million.

RESIDUAL DISCREPANCIES WESTBOUND TRADE

The residual discrepancies of -\$49 million in 1993 and -\$60 million in 1994, shown in Table A, represent the difference remaining after the application of the adjustments to westbound trade described above. The residual discrepancies are negative, indicating that the adjusted Australian merchandise imports figures are higher than the published New Zealand merchandise exports figures.

One reason identified for the residual discrepancy is the differing application of rules of origin by Australia and New Zealand when determining whether goods are domestic produce or foreign produce (re-exports). In Australian statistics, a re-export is defined as a good imported into a country and subsequently exported in the same condition or after undergoing minor operations which leave it essentially unchanged, such as shelling, bottling or labelling. If the good is processed to any greater extent, such as the assembly of a computer from imported parts, it is then considered to be the produce of the processing country. New Zealand's definition of domestic produce is stricter than this - the amount of further manufacturing must increase the value of the good by at least 50% before it is classified as a good originating from the processing country. The differing application of rules of origin leads to differences in country attribution which affect the reconciliation results. Several examples in westbound trade have been identified where goods are imported into New Zealand from a third country, undergo significant further manufacturing, although less than 50% value added, and are then exported to Australia. In such an instance, New Zealand identifies the transaction as a re-export, deeming it to originate from the third country. In the reconciliation procedure the transaction is included in the re-exports adjustment which is added to Australia's imports figure, as it is assumed that re-exports are not included in Australia's imports figure. Under Australia's rules of origin, however, the good is regarded as originating from New Zealand and is already included in its imports. The re-exports adjustment (calculated using New Zealand's figures) is thus overstated by this amount. It has not been possible to quantify this overstatement, so no further adjustment has been made for it in the reconciliation process.

Other possible reasons for the residual discrepancy include: valuation differences; additional timing differences; minor coverage differences; and currency conversion practices.

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BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

EASTBOUND TRADE The application of the adjustments to eastbound trade described above have reduced the discrepancies to -\$226 million in 1993 and -\$336 million in 1994.

A large proportion of the relatively high residual discrepancy is likely to be due to problems associated with correct country attribution for goods imported by Australia from third countries and re-exported to New Zealand. This is similar to the problem described above in westbound trade but it is more significant in eastbound trade. Any good which is imported from a third country by Australia, undergoes manufacturing that changes the essential nature of the good, and is then exported to New Zealand, is treated by Australia as an export of domestic produce rather than a re-export. If the value of the good has been increased by less than 50%, however, it is not classified by New Zealand as an import from Australia. In addition, even when by Australian rules the goods are re-exports, they may not be identified as such by the exporter in the documentation supplied to Australian Customs. The re-exports adjustment in the reconciliation is understated by such transactions. Several instances of this problem have been identified, however as with westbound trade it has not been possible to quantify the effect, so no further adjustment has been made.

Other possible reasons for the residual discrepancy include: valuation differences; additional timing differences; minor coverage differences; and currency conversion practices.

CONCLUSION This reconciliation study has demonstrated that a significant part of the 'asymmetry' in Australia-New Zealand 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.

For westbound trade the initial discrepancies were 2.7% and 5.4% of Australia's imports in 1993 and 1994 respectively, and the residual discrepancies are 1.6% and 1.8% respectively. The greatest contributor to the narrowing of the gap was the adjustment for New Zealand's re-exports of goods originating from third countries to Australia.

For eastbound trade in 1993 and 1994, the initial discrepancies were 23.8% and 26.1% respectively of Australia's exports, and the residual discrepancies were 6.1% and 7.7% respectively. The greatest contributor to the narrowing of the gap in each year was the adjustment relating to Australia's re-exports to New Zealand of goods originating from third countries. The residual discrepancies that remain after adjusting for conceptual differences are likely to be largely due to differing treatment of re-export transactions.

A further reconciliation study for the two countries is planned. This study will concentrate on analysing areas where country attribution appears to be a problem. Results will be published in a later issue of this publication.

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AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND MERCHANDISE TRADE

BILATERAL RECONCILIATION OF STATISTICS, 1993 AND 1994

TABLE A

AUSTRALIA/NZ MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION, Westbound Trade

	1993	1994
	\$A m	\$A m
Australia's published imports	3 035	3 382
Adjustments		
Coverage		
Low value trade	-11	-17
Country classification		
New Zealand's re-exports	180	264
Australia's indirect imports	-9	-8
Timing	-18	11
Other differences	-12	-8
Residual discrepancy	-49	-60
New Zealand's published exports	3 116	3 564

TABLE B

AUSTRALIA/NZ MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION, Eastbound Trade

	1993	1994
	\$A m	\$A m
Australia's published exports	3 691	4 390
Adjustments		
Coverage		
Low value trade	20	21
Country classification		
Australia's re-exports	-694	-852
New Zealand's indirect imports	21	31
Timing	2	-10
Residual discrepancy	-226	-336
New Zealand's published imports	2 814	3 244

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Country

Period	China \$m	Japan \$m	Korea, Republic of \$m	New Zealand \$m	Singapore \$m	Taiwan \$m	United Kingdom \$m	United States of America \$m	Total \$m
1994-95	2 964	16 282	5 250	4 791	3 643	3 102	2 275	4 643	67 052
1995-96	3 781	16 429	6 615	5 609	3 556	3 452	2 829	4 619	76 005
1996-97	3 584	15 376	7 134	6 214	3 410	3 620	2 357	5 528	78 935
1996									
March	1 071	3 923	1 583	1 310	858	921	774	1 108	18 939
June	1 084	3 988	1 820	1 371	787	855	719	1 169	19 293
September	816	3 775	1 925	1 500	768	852	600	1 254	18 985
December	906	3 880	1 977	1 479	755	801	664	1 447	19 768
1997									
March	862	3 794	1 537	1 365	920	948	462	1 260	19 078
June	999	3 928	1 696	1 870	967	1 020	631	1 566	21 105
September	1 049	4 398	1 898	1 472	932	979	674	1 738	21 507
December	1 061	4 678	1 632	1 444	1 063	1 106	664	1 759	23 152

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

Period	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) \$m	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) \$m	Developing Countries (DCs) \$m	European Union (EU) \$m
1994-95	52 263	10 439	29 650	7 498
1995-96	57 617	11 717	35 895	8 464
1996-97	59 331	12 257	38 620	8 174
1996				
March	13 971	2 726	9 157	2 186
June	14 539	2 839	9 264	2 110
September	14 681	3 050	9 188	1 878
December	14 807	2 955	9 458	2 208
1997				
March	13 973	2 899	9 612	1 915
June	15 870	3 353	10 362	2 173
September	16 388	3 267	10 392	2 127
December	17 005	3 467	11 096	2 449

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

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Country

Period	China \$m	Japan \$m	Korea, Republic of \$m	New Zealand \$m	Singapore \$m	Taiwan \$m	United Kingdom \$m	United States of America \$m	Total \$m
1994-95	3 649	12 777	2 028	3 554	2 246	2 570	4 439	16 044	74 619
1995-96	4 010	10 816	2 293	3 591	2 613	2 585	4 882	17 545	77 792
1996-97	4 203	10 241	2 550	3 685	2 620	2 522	5 182	17 642	78 998
1996									
March	1 030	2 498	511	867	571	617	1 172	4 599	19 014
June	825	2 581	561	868	670	610	1 231	4 442	18 952
September	1 145	2 583	626	918	640	642	1 338	4 430	19 873
December	1 122	2 552	627	1 017	791	675	1 290	4 546	20 571
1997									
March	958	2 463	585	845	550	563	1 229	3 962	18 482
June	978	2 643	712	906	638	643	1 326	4 704	20 073
September	1 395	3 113	802	963	645	714	1 375	4 670	21 825
December	1 408	3 191	870	988	656	733	1 394	4 849	23 065

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

Period	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) \$m	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) \$m	Developing Countries (DCs) \$m	European Union (EU) \$m
1994-95	50 313	6 419	19 825	18 218
1995-96	52 008	7 372	21 702	19 388
1996-97	52 447	8 300	23 317	19 666
1996				
March	12 841	1 777	5 200	4 634
June	12 658	1 857	5 218	4 684
September	13 040	1 949	5 780	5 117
December	13 767	2 271	6 134	5 046
1997				
March	12 121	1 914	5 470	4 633
June	13 519	2 167	5 933	4 870
September	14 774	2 337	6 805	5 195
December	15 610	2 748	7 265	5 597

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

EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Country(a)

Period	China \$m	Japan \$m	Korea, Republic of \$m	New Zealand \$m	Singapore \$m	Taiwan \$m	United Kingdom \$m	United States of America \$m	Total \$m
1994-95	- 685	3 505	3 221	1 237	1 398	533	-2 164	-11 401	-7 567
1995-96	- 229	5 613	4 322	2 017	943	867	-2 053	-12 926	-1 787
1996-97	- 619	5 136	4 584	2 529	790	1 098	-2 825	-12 114	-63
1996									
March	41	1 425	1 073	442	287	304	- 398	-3 491	-75
June	259	1 407	1 259	503	118	245	- 512	-3 273	341
September	- 329	1 192	1 299	582	128	210	- 738	-3 176	- 888
December	- 216	1 327	1 349	462	-36	126	- 625	-3 099	- 803
1997									
March	-96	1 331	952	520	369	385	- 767	-2 701	596
June	21	1 284	984	964	328	378	- 694	-3 138	1 032
September	- 346	1 285	1 096	509	287	265	- 701	-2 932	- 318
December	- 347	1 487	762	456	407	373	- 730	-3 090	86

(a) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)(b)

Period	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) \$m	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) \$m	Developing Countries (DCs) \$m	European Union (EU) \$m
1994-95	1 950	4 021	9 825	-10 720
1995-96	5 610	4 345	14 193	-10 924
1996-97	6 884	3 957	15 303	-11 493
1996				
March	1 130	950	3 957	-2 448
June	1 881	982	4 047	-2 574
September	1 641	1 101	3 408	-3 239
December	1 040	685	3 323	-2 838
1997				
March	1 852	985	4 142	-2 718
June	2 352	1 186	4 429	-2 697
September	1 614	930	3 588	-3 068
December	1 395	719	3 831	-3 149

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

(b) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country

Country	SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Algeria	4	—	13	—	20	—	29	—
Angola	3	—	1	—	3	—	4	—
Argentina	33	19	23	20	100	88	118	86
Australia (Re-imports)	—	87	—	92	—	156	—	308
Austria	6	95	9	136	25	394	23	420
Bahamas	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	4
Bahrain(a)	17	9	36	3	56	14	97	26
Bangladesh	36	13	86	9	224	22	253	50
Barbados	1	—	2	—	3	1	4	1
Belgium-Luxembourg	222	185	245	180	825	741	925	734
Bolivia	—	1	—	4	1	5	2	5
Brazil	102	110	120	100	396	384	376	373
Brunei	15	—	13	1	70	—	58	1
Bulgaria	1	2	7	1	16	5	18	7
Cambodia	2	—	3	—	20	1	12	2
Canada	285	311	367	368	1 300	1 453	1 155	1 252
Cayman Islands	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	5
Chile	40	18	38	33	178	100	164	89
China	1 049	1 395	1 061	1 408	3 877	4 122	3 972	4 740
Christmas Island	4	3	5	2	19	3	18	6
Cocos (Keeling) Island	1	—	2	—	5	—	4	3
Colombia	9	6	12	6	37	17	62	24
Cook Islands	1	—	1	1	4	1	5	1
Costa Rica	1	2	—	1	1	6	2	7
Cote d'Ivoire	—	1	—	3	—	5	1	7
Croatia	2	2	6	2	3	7	12	7
Cuba	1	—	—	1	6	3	1	4
Cyprus	1	1	2	2	10	2	12	4
Czech Republic	11	12	20	12	32	53	47	48
Denmark	17	96	10	110	118	360	84	389
Dominican Republic	2	1	—	—	—	1	2	2
Ecuador	4	1	4	1	16	2	27	2
Egypt(a)	56	4	65	3	435	11	454	13
Ethiopia	—	1	—	—	4	1	2	2
Fiji	144	76	140	78	511	270	531	283
Finland	77	181	65	184	321	580	289	687
France	199	450	235	569	684	1 955	901	1 905
French Polynesia	21	2	20	2	77	4	73	7
Germany	255	1 197	323	1 315	1 072	4 701	1 109	4 669
Ghana	26	1	10	2	35	5	73	6
Greece	9	19	15	21	38	88	46	88
Guam	4	—	4	—	16	—	17	—
Guatemala	7	1	—	—	1	2	7	4
Hong Kong	980	284	1 177	277	2 998	907	3 783	996
Hungary	2	14	5	13	6	30	8	45
Iceland(a)	1	1	1	1	3	4	5	5
India	381	184	425	183	1 225	564	1 690	637
Indonesia	929	519	924	789	3 083	1 712	3 455	2 267
Iran	32	6	43	8	651	28	694	25
Iraq	56	4	108	12	20	—	301	16
Ireland	13	186	16	207	50	436	57	667
Israel	25	97	31	103	109	282	108	348
Italy	383	646	539	630	1 248	2 309	1 642	2 369
Jamaica	2	—	2	—	5	1	10	1
Japan	4 398	3 113	4 678	3 191	15 565	10 213	16 798	11 410
Jordan	24	9	6	6	117	18	51	32

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country *continued*

Country	SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Kenya	10	4	4	5	44	13	43	15
Kiribati	5	—	5	—	23	—	20	1
Korea, Republic of	1 898	802	1 632	870	7 305	2 325	6 763	2 969
Kuwait	33	20	52	19	162	116	181	104
Laos	1	—	—	—	5	—	7	—
Lebanon	10	1	11	2	16	5	43	6
Libya	26	—	39	—	20	—	93	—
Lithuania	1	—	2	—	6	1	6	1
Macau	1	2	2	2	12	8	7	7
Madagascar	1	—	1	—	3	1	4	1
Malawi	2	1	—	2	2	5	2	5
Malaysia	588	554	654	563	2 214	1 705	2 352	2 102
Maldives	1	—	2	—	4	—	4	—
Malta	2	1	4	1	10	6	11	6
Marianas Northern	1	—	1	—	2	—	4	—
Marshall Islands	1	—	2	—	5	—	4	—
Mauritius	21	1	25	1	102	2	89	2
Mexico	37	50	49	51	121	164	154	193
Micronesia Fed States of	8	—	4	—	9	—	15	—
Morocco	4	7	4	6	27	15	33	15
Mozambique	6	—	3	—	9	—	15	—
Myanmar	7	2	8	4	15	7	24	11
Namibia	—	2	1	2	3	6	2	8
Nauru	6	1	10	4	23	9	24	11
Nepal	1	—	2	—	6	1	7	2
Netherlands	146	211	175	223	664	739	602	856
Netherlands Antilles	1	—	5	1	3	1	7	1
New Caledonia	44	10	52	13	213	44	198	42
New Zealand	1 472	963	1 444	988	5 659	3 670	6 150	3 701
Nigeria	8	—	3	—	8	58	21	58
Norfolk Island	3	—	4	—	23	—	13	—
Norway	35	32	33	60	125	169	153	169
Oman	50	19	46	—	110	—	166	83
Pakistan	166	43	160	46	261	145	521	156
Palau	—	—	1	—	7	—	1	—
Panama	1	—	1	—	3	1	3	—
Papua New Guinea	313	201	306	201	1 240	1 182	1 202	959
Peru	10	7	22	4	35	24	52	20
Philippines	335	109	349	131	1 134	284	1 324	377
Poland	9	8	12	64	38	26	80	85
Portugal	5	29	13	31	45	103	35	112
Puerto Rico	2	82	2	15	7	271	8	221
Qatar	10	34	14	35	54	144	40	115
Romania	22	2	30	2	105	10	107	8
Russian Federation	40	4	59	4	75	19	157	20
Samoa	10	17	8	13	45	64	35	58
Samoa (American)	11	2	20	2	26	3	54	6
Saudi Arabia	109	202	149	154	468	855	461	809
Seychelles	3	—	1	—	4	—	6	1
Singapore	932	645	1 063	656	3 169	2 671	3 882	2 490
Slovak Republic	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Slovenia	2	7	1	8	12	25	11	28
Solomon Islands	25	1	26	1	85	3	90	4
South Africa	246	124	285	154	946	453	1 019	473
Spain	76	142	106	173	277	504	373	536
Sri Lanka	29	19	54	19	231	56	186	66
Sudan	10	—	9	—	10	—	37	—
Sweden	46	383	33	426	259	1 539	145	1 538
Switzerland	91	217	249	257	448	933	424	898

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country *continued*

Country	SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Taiwan	979	714	1 106	733	3 429	2 544	4 054	2 653
Tanzania	6	1	7	1	14	6	39	5
Thailand	398	338	385	409	1 678	1 082	1 647	1 332
Tonga	7	—	4	—	15	1	17	1
Trinidad and Tobago	4	1	4	—	4	1	14	2
Tunisia	1	1	—	—	1	6	3	2
Turkey	161	31	148	30	381	75	513	98
Uganda	1	1	1	2	2	6	3	6
Ukraine	2	—	7	—	10	2	12	2
United Arab Emirates	208	165	310	106	574	657	889	636
United Kingdom	674	1 375	664	1 394	2 758	5 031	2 431	5 324
United States of America	1 738	4 670	1 759	4 849	4 978	18 017	6 324	18 186
United States Virgin Islands	—	3	8	2	—	8	8	9
Uruguay	1	1	3	1	11	5	6	4
Vanuatu	10	—	13	—	44	1	43	1
Venezuela	2	—	4	1	7	1	8	2
Vietnam	62	170	71	196	204	393	236	586
Wallis and Futuna Islands	1	—	1	—	6	—	6	—
Yemen	35	—	35	—	72	—	142	—
Zimbabwe	16	5	25	9	46	19	53	18
Zone of Coop A-Timor Gap	39	—	14	—	26	—	101	—
Other Countries	20	6	39	7	67	37	85	80
Destination or Origin Unknown	—	15	—	16	—	44	1	57
International Waters	68	—	55	—	93	—	123	—
No Country Details(a)	93	—	49	—	328	—	282	—
Ship and aircraft stores	152	—	155	—	657	—	617	—
Unidentified(b)	—	—	110	—	—	—	110	—
Total trade	21 507	21 825	23 152	23 065	76 985	78 410	84 842	83 445

(a) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from country totals and included in the 'No Country Details' category.

(b) Includes \$25 million of exports for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by country.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Major Country Group

Country group	SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Asia Pacific Economic								
Co-operation (APEC)	16 388	14 774	17 005	15 610	57 997	52 306	63 236	56 024
Australia (Re-imports)	—	87	—	92	—	156	—	308
Brunei(a)	15	—	13	1	70	—	58	1
Canada	285	311	367	368	1 300	1 453	1 155	1 252
Chile	40	18	38	33	178	100	164	89
China	1 049	1 395	1 061	1 408	3 877	4 122	3 972	4 740
Hong Kong	980	284	1 177	277	2 998	907	3 783	996
Indonesia(a)	929	519	924	789	3 083	1 712	3 455	2 267
Japan	4 398	3 113	4 678	3 191	15 565	10 213	16 798	11 410
Korea, Republic of	1 898	802	1 632	870	7 305	2 325	6 763	2 969
Malaysia(a)	588	554	654	563	2 214	1 705	2 352	2 102
Mexico	37	50	49	51	121	164	154	193
New Zealand	1 472	963	1 444	988	5 659	3 670	6 150	3 701
Papua New Guinea	313	201	306	201	1 240	1 182	1 202	959
Philippines(a)	335	109	349	131	1 134	284	1 324	377
Singapore(a)	932	645	1 063	656	3 169	2 671	3 882	2 490
Taiwan	979	714	1 106	733	3 429	2 544	4 054	2 653
Thailand(a)	398	338	385	409	1 678	1 082	1 647	1 332
United States of America	1 738	4 670	1 759	4 849	4 978	18 017	6 324	18 186
Association of South East								
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	3 267	2 337	3 467	2 748	11 570	7 853	12 985	9 166
Brunei(a)	15	—	13	1	70	—	58	1
Indonesia(a)	929	519	924	789	3 083	1 712	3 455	2 267
Laos	1	—	—	—	5	—	7	—
Malaysia(a)	588	554	654	563	2 214	1 705	2 352	2 102
Myanmar	7	2	8	4	15	7	24	11
Philippines(a)	335	109	349	131	1 134	284	1 324	377
Singapore(a)	932	645	1 063	656	3 169	2 671	3 882	2 490
Thailand(a)	398	338	385	409	1 678	1 082	1 647	1 332
Vietnam	62	170	71	196	204	393	236	586
European Union (EU)								
European Union (EU)	2 127	5 195	2 449	5 597	8 382	19 482	8 663	20 295
Austria	6	95	9	136	25	394	23	420
Belgium-Luxembourg	222	185	245	180	825	741	925	734
Denmark	17	96	10	110	118	360	84	389
Finland	77	181	65	184	321	580	289	687
France	199	450	235	569	684	1 955	901	1 905
Germany	255	1 197	323	1 315	1 072	4 701	1 109	4 669
Greece	9	19	15	21	38	88	46	88
Ireland	13	186	16	207	50	436	57	667
Italy	383	646	539	630	1 248	2 309	1 642	2 369
Netherlands	146	211	175	223	664	739	602	856
Portugal	5	29	13	31	45	103	35	112
Spain	76	142	106	173	277	504	373	536
Sweden	46	383	33	426	259	1 539	145	1 538
United Kingdom	674	1 375	664	1 394	2 758	5 031	2 431	5 324

(a) Also included in other country groups.

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Dec Qtr 1996		Sep Qtr 1997		Dec Qtr 1997	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals(a)						
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	55	0.3	53	0.2	47	0.2
Meat of bovine animals fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	540	2.7	653	3.0	712	3.1
Meat of sheep and goats fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	153	0.8	143	0.7	203	0.9
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	295	1.5	211	1.0	310	1.3
Cheese and curd (024)	140	0.7	108	0.5	183	0.8
Crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	189	1.0	158	0.7	215	0.9
Wheat (including spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	899	4.5	778	3.6	991	4.3
Rice (042)(a)	84	0.4	91	0.4	124	0.5
Barley, unmilled (043)	202	1.0	128	0.6	142	0.6
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	8	—	19	0.1	3	—
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (including fruit and vegetable juices) (057-059)(a)	144	0.7	186	0.9	126	0.5
Sugar, beet or cane, raw, in solid form (061.11,12)	429	2.2	645	3.0	511	2.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)						
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13,20)	51	0.3	64	0.3	62	0.3
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	69	0.3	58	0.3	90	0.4
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	142	0.7	154	0.7	164	0.7
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	159	0.8	492	2.3	261	1.1
Wool, greasy (including fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	672	3.4	574	2.7	792	3.4
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	188	1.0	207	1.0	213	0.9
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excluding roasted iron pyrites) (281.50, 60)	744	3.8	953	4.4	969	4.2
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	179	0.9	175	0.8	233	1.0
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	61	0.3	60	0.3	63	0.3
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	634	3.2	645	3.0	734	3.2
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	66	0.3	59	0.3	87	0.4
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	115	0.6	136	0.6	153	0.7
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc. (287.81-85)(a)	140	0.7	125	0.6	135	0.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	1 996	10.1	2 306	10.7	2 401	10.4
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	473	2.4	604	2.8	544	2.4
Petroleum products (334,335)	537	2.7	467	2.2	535	2.3
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	474	2.4	475	2.2	569	2.5
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58)(a)	106	0.5	126	0.6	119	0.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Iron and steel (67)	382	1.9	367	1.7	468	2.0
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excluding master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	93	0.5	105	0.5	72	0.3
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	126	0.6	106	0.5	117	0.5
Aluminium (684)	506	2.6	762	3.5	841	3.6
Lead and lead alloys, unwrought (685.11,12)	109	0.6	101	0.5	104	0.4
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	77	0.4	97	0.5	120	0.5
Machinery and transport equipment						
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	224	1.1	296	1.4	281	1.2
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	313	1.6	313	1.5	313	1.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	405	2.0	419	1.9	474	2.0
Cars and other road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles) (78)	568	2.9	454	2.1	532	2.3
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	147	0.7	174	0.8	155	0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	97	0.5	129	0.6	146	0.6
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC						
Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates) (971)	1 166	5.9	1 165	5.4	1 431	6.2
Total major commodities(a)	14 156	71.6	15 343	71.3	16 745	72.3
Total trade	19 768	100.0	21 507	100.0	23 152	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Dec Qtr 1996		Sep Qtr 1997		Dec Qtr 1997	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals						
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	172	0.8	144	0.7	193	0.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	1 143	5.6	865	4.0	921	4.0
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	282	1.4	234	1.1	199	0.9
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Organic chemicals (51)(a)	501	2.4	497	2.3	553	2.4
Inorganic chemicals (52)(a)	184	0.9	141	0.6	159	0.7
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	492	2.4	589	2.7	620	2.7
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57, 58)(a)	394	1.9	449	2.1	461	2.0
Chemical materials and products, n.e.s. (59)	249	1.2	265	1.2	293	1.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	167	0.8	176	0.8	191	0.8
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64)	468	2.3	488	2.2	509	2.2
Textile yarn (651)	120	0.6	129	0.6	129	0.6
Woven fabrics of cotton or man-made textile material (excluding narrow or special fabrics) (652, 653)	160	0.8	197	0.9	186	0.8
Clay and refractory construction materials and mineral manufactures, n.e.s. (662, 663)	114	0.6	122	0.6	138	0.6
Glass, glassware and pottery (664, 665, 666)	121	0.6	133	0.6	133	0.6
Iron and steel (67)	296	1.4	386	1.8	405	1.8
Manufactures of base metals n.e.s. (699)	193	0.9	243	1.1	238	1.0
Machinery and transport equipment(a)						
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof n.e.s (713)	247	1.2	248	1.1	254	1.1
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	120	0.6	111	0.5	132	0.6
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723)	341	1.7	275	1.3	314	1.4
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	451	2.2	271	1.2	299	1.3
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	217	1.1	234	1.1	268	1.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	827	4.0	1 049	4.8	1 045	4.5
Parts and accessories for office and automatic data processing machines (759)	455	2.2	520	2.4	529	2.3
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761, 762)	276	1.3	224	1.0	266	1.2
Telecommunication equipment n.e.s. and parts n.e.s. and accessories (764)	660	3.2	647	3.0	769	3.3
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	211	1.0	235	1.1	235	1.0
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment n.e.s. (775)(a)	199	1.0	202	0.9	242	1.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.s. (778)	372	1.8	362	1.7	361	1.6
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles) including station wagons and racing cars (781)	1 252	6.1	1 553	7.1	1 540	6.7
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782.10)	417	2.0	440	2.0	529	2.3
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	384	1.9	503	2.3	458	2.0
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	435	2.1	335	1.5	410	1.8
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	222	1.1	39	0.2	164	0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	404	2.0	574	2.6	526	2.3
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s. (874)	318	1.5	362	1.7	396	1.7
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	137	0.7	151	0.7	153	0.7
Printed matter (892)	223	1.1	254	1.2	253	1.1
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	266	1.3	332	1.5	322	1.4
Total major commodities(a)	13 491	65.6	13 977	64.0	14 792	64.1
Total trade	20 571	100.0	21 825	100.0	23 065	100.0

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—quarterly

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1996		SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	3 983	789	4 144	822	4 537	915
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	158	16	203	23	150	30
01 Meat and meat preparations	769	18	883	16	1 007	19
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	507	55	361	49	590	55
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	250	172	271	144	305	193
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1 302	46	1 139	60	1 372	63
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	258	166	310	132	273	180
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	488	24	710	27	562	25
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	51	115	54	161	55	163
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	127	32	137	37	143	34
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	72	146	76	173	81	153
1 Beverages and tobacco	198	153	265	151	255	172
11 Beverages	179	105	249	116	241	136
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	19	48	15	35	14	36
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	3 872	374	4 408	422	4 696	420
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	135	—	133	1	163	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	25	26	55	28	62	28
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3	33	2	34	2	29
24 Cork and wood	169	110	179	127	189	125
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	36	4	28	6	37
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1 158	36	1 440	40	1 437	37
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	99	36	96	46	103	46
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	2 221	40	2 443	57	2 670	55
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	59	57	57	59	64	63
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	3 487	1 517	3 857	1 183	4 058	1 200
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	2 004	3	2 311	4	2 410	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	1 010	1 489	1 070	1 154	1 079	1 174
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	474	25	475	25	569	22
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	62	63	73	73	81	62
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	51	1	51	2	55	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	2	56	11	66	13	55
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	9	6	11	5	13	5
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	747	2 245	842	2 372	822	2 534
51 Organic chemicals(b)	24	501	43	497	31	553
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	82	184	81	141	91	159
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	103	105	116	113	114	113
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	237	492	292	589	274	620
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	73	165	77	193	76	191
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	4	155	4	126	5	145
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	65	212	86	251	74	251
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	40	182	39	198	45	210
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	118	249	103	265	113	293

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—quarterly *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1996		SEP QTR 1997		DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	2 295	2 676	2 661	3 113	2 730	3 162
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	119	40	137	38	140	36
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	36	269	42	288	44	307
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	27	83	30	92	33	103
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	99	468	112	488	100	509
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	157	569	167	659	172	638
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	209	310	303	366	197	363
67 Iron and steel	382	296	367	386	468	405
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	1 049	151	1 305	200	1 384	184
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	216	490	199	596	193	617
7 Machinery and transport equipment(b)	2 815	9 649	2 840	10 089	3 026	10 784
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	224	449	296	529	281	518
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	313	1 210	313	1 047	313	1 082
73 Metal working machinery	63	194	73	145	54	181
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	334	1 190	296	1 299	291	1 464
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	405	1 373	419	1 667	474	1 671
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	170	1 044	306	961	311	1 146
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	345	1 273	328	1 357	325	1 366
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	568	2 245	454	2 697	532	2 774
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	393	671	354	388	444	582
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	736	2 919	816	3 406	868	3 447
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	23	60	23	70	26	73
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	28	143	28	184	25	187
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4	102	3	104	4	107
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	84	404	113	574	86	526
85 Footwear	17	158	17	217	14	165
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	155	477	189	555	226	594
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	154	328	176	349	197	380
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	271	1 247	267	1 354	291	1 413
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	1 572	185	1 601	196	2 079	370
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	140	8	117	10	154	11
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	30	4	21	2	52	4
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 166	152	1 165	165	1 431	334
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(c)(d)	235	21	298	20	441	21
Total trade	19 768	20 571	21 507	21 825	23 152	23 065

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$25 million for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—12 month totals

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	15 804	2 920	17 173	3 191
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	660	91	737	121
01 Meat and meat preparations	2 891	55	3 431	70
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1 761	201	1 831	194
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1 049	605	1 204	630
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	5 763	166	6 041	203
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1 083	597	1 154	591
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1 649	86	1 721	90
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	195	485	195	580
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	499	105	555	133
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	254	527	303	579
1 Beverages and tobacco	737	512	887	543
11 Beverages	674	342	830	401
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	63	170	57	142
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	15 009	1 511	17 093	1 560
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	495	3	543	3
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	217	100	256	92
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	10	147	9	129
24 Cork and wood	621	420	679	462
25 Pulp and waste paper	14	156	17	123
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	4 284	164	5 199	150
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	385	132	382	163
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	8 760	173	9 783	198
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	222	218	226	240
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	13 001	4 900	14 977	5 026
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	7 817	16	8 824	14
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	3 508	4 799	4 112	4 919
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 676	84	2 040	94
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	238	265	270	271
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	193	5	196	9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	12	237	31	240
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	33	23	43	22
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3 000	9 077	3 206	9 400
51 Organic chemicals(b)	92	2 006	143	2 070
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	332	795	331	635
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	419	405	439	425
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	942	1 936	1 054	2 215
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	300	622	297	676
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	22	746	21	661
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	299	869	315	925
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	153	719	160	754
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	441	978	445	1 039



EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—12 month totals *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	9 436	10 611	9 953	11 532
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	471	159	508	159
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	158	1 119	159	1 143
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	107	317	109	365
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	342	1 770	416	1 834
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	567	2 320	623	2 385
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	771	1 209	783	1 336
67 Iron and steel	1 623	1 263	1 665	1 466
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	4 619	602	4 914	692
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	779	1 851	777	2 151
7 Machinery and transport equipment(b)	9 960	36 809	11 318	38 711
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	879	2 037	1 032	1 954
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1 088	4 106	1 185	4 034
73 Metal working machinery	200	604	221	598
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	1 219	4 568	1 141	5 040
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1 781	5 882	1 662	6 495
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	655	3 724	942	3 770
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	1 347	5 099	1 247	5 086
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1 542	8 243	1 874	9 591
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1 249	2 546	2 014	2 145
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	2 812	11 052	3 065	12 294
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	83	225	88	260
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	100	495	98	613
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	15	342	14	358
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	338	1 801	371	2 050
85 Footwear	65	608	59	659
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	595	1 892	735	2 139
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	577	1 240	664	1 317
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	1 038	4 449	1 036	4 898
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	6 988	753	6 901	918
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	508	31	516	38
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	126	10	130	9
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	—	1	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	5 235	643	4 924	795
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)(d)	1 117	70	1 331	75
Total trade	76 985	78 410	84 842	83 445

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(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$25 million for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	44	25	204	78	177	87
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	4	—	2	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	9	—	26	—	30	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	3	—	10	1	11	1
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	26	4	27	10	84	12
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	3	2	6	4	8
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1	11	23	41	11	43
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	—	—	102	1	25	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2	2	4	6	4	7
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	2	—	4	—	5	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	—	4	1	12	2	14
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	2	2	4	6	8
11 Beverages	2	—	2	—	6	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	2	—	4	—	7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	626	7	1 693	34	2 182	36
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	8	—	47	—	46	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	28	1	—	10	31	7
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Cork and wood	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	289	—	838	—	1 075	1
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	2	8	9	3	10
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	296	1	777	2	1 010	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5	3	21	12	17	14
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	58	18	225	63	303	39
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	23	1	98	—	89	3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	18	17	42	63	88	36
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	16	—	85	—	126	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	8	1	48	2	42	4
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	8	—	47	—	39	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	1	1	2	2	4
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	1	—	1	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	26	51	67	155	82	184
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	1	18	1	53	2	64
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	5	14	4	42	8	46
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	7	3	25	5	23	8
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	4	6	24	23	22	23
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	3	1	7	3	10
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	2	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	5	—	7	3	13	2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	3	2	8	5	9
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	3	3	12	6	20

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	64	222	210	655	212	746
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	7	1	21	3	22	3
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	8	1	27	1	31
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	10	2	26	2	30
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	5	12	5	33	21	40
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	5	78	8	274	13	278
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	27	6	88	5	92
67 Iron and steel(b)	12	6	87	21	39	29
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	23	10	54	15	86	26
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	8	69	25	167	22	217
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	40	355	143	859	157	1 036
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1	6	6	21	6	23
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	7	7	40	14	27	21
73 Metal working machinery	3	4	4	13	5	14
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	11	38	49	72	37	94
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	3	64	4	159	8	226
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	3	101	5	245	15	273
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	10	107	27	262	28	308
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2	28	1	72	4	73
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	1	6	2	27	3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	12	710	42	2 222	37	2 549
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	21	3	55	1	68
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	31	1	52	1	86
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	62	—	171	—	196
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	7	260	15	970	16	1 094
85 Footwear(a)	—	80	—	280	—	302
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	3	9	7	22	9	25
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	1	21	—	56	3	64
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	2	226	16	616	7	715
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	180	16	1 243	50	774	51
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	7	—	4	—	9	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	—	—	—	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	173	16	1 238	50	765	51
Total trade	1 061	1 408	3 877	4 122	3 972	4 740

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Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	793	11	2 946	37	2 923	41
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	5	—	15	—	19	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	393	—	1 253	—	1 389	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	96	—	328	—	327	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	127	3	417	13	488	16
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	18	1	224	4	116	4
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	40	1	137	1	113	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7	—	231	1	87	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	13	1	40	4	37	4
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	85	1	269	5	305	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	11	3	32	8	44	10
1 Beverages and tobacco	8	1	32	23	30	10
11 Beverages	8	1	31	2	30	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	1	20	—	8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	961	14	3 223	47	3 631	52
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	4	—	23	—	22	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	10	—	139	—	147	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	2	—	11	—	10
24 Cork and wood	166	—	551	—	590	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	119	1	494	5	514	6
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	6	6	32	15	15	19
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	640	2	1 936	5	2 293	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	16	3	48	10	49	11
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 290	3	4 185	9	4 624	11
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1 088	—	3 555	2	3 970	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	145	3	464	7	480	11
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	57	—	165	—	173	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	7	—	13	—	22	—
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	2	—	7	—	7	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	2	—	—	—	4	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	3	—	6	—	11	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	46	124	190	412	190	434
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	2	40	14	125	21	130
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	12	13	49	26	47	47
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	8	10	34	30	31	33
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	8	15	27	41	29	49
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	2	7	7	7	7
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	15	3	67	4	63
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	18	4	68	2	66
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	13	11	53	45	49	38

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Japan *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	470	270	1 211	1 105	1 480	1 093
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	3	—	11	1	10	2
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	8	96	20	373	27	373
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	5	—	16	—	19	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	22	7	68	4	90
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	3	23	9	103	12	91
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	26	22	125	94	126	84
67 Iron and steel(b)	22	76	88	321	68	334
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	396	8	911	24	1 189	29
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	5	23	24	120	26	91
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	138	2 497	440	7 681	459	8 834
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	23	52	71	267	89	176
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	14	138	28	402	28	570
73 Metal working machinery(b)	1	75	5	154	5	200
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	12	201	56	694	48	699
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38	267	136	988	148	1 056
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	2	162	5	534	10	527
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	6	139	31	562	24	484
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	39	1 461	85	4 049	87	5 068
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	3	3	22	32	21	54
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	36	238	153	718	142	810
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	1	5	23	3	20
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	2	10	9	5	7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	3	1	2	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	2	17	6	11	8
85 Footwear(a)	—	—	1	—	1	—
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	16	52	40	174	49	179
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	5	68	13	272	18	249
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	11	113	64	234	53	345
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	929	33	3 171	182	3 297	125
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	—	30	3	19	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	4	—	11	—	8	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	66	—	466	—	205	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(c)	856	32	2 664	178	3 063	123
Total trade	4 678	3 191	15 565	10 213	16 798	11 410

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Korea, Republic Of

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	81	5	449	17	308	19
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	5	—	8	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	54	—	158	—	163	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	14	—	30	—	44	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	1	7	7	4	5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	4	1	7	1	15	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1	—	6	—	8	—
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	2	—	213	2	43	2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2	—	5	1	7	2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	—	—	4	—	6	—
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	2	1	13	5	9	7
1 Beverages and tobacco	—	—	2	1	2	1
11 Beverages	—	—	2	—	2	1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	246	2	1 035	10	1 064	7
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	1	—	4	—	3	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3	—	7	—	13	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	10	—	23	—	45	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	1	—	1	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	44	1	292	8	296	5
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	11	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	184	—	693	—	698	—
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1	—	4	1	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	340	1	1 248	19	1 191	9
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	283	—	1 058	—	980	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	57	1	190	16	211	9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	3	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	4	—	11	—	16	—
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	8	—	7	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	3	—	2	—	6	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	2	—	3	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	31	42	96	159	124	159
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	4	10	3	27	11	36
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	2	14	6	8	8
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	2	53	7	62	9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	4	1	8	3	14	3
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2	—	4	3	7	1
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	13	5	61	5	48
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	10	2	37	3	37
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	4	6	15	16	18

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	169	158	692	519	734	597
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	5	1	27	4	24	5
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	1	25	2	91	2	91
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	2	—	11	—	8	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	14	2	53	2	67
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	3	55	14	193	12	211
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	5	14	16	13	19
67 Iron and steel(b)	39	37	133	85	168	124
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	116	3	473	16	496	17
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	2	17	15	59	9	64
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	140	496	379	1 388	502	1 779
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	103	2	223	12	338	14
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	3	9	11	47	12	36
73 Metal working machinery	—	8	4	4	11	12
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	11	40	31	61	36	121
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	10	43	59	170	35	189
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	1	89	2	147	1	255
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	5	39	17	157	17	150
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	7	209	30	786	48	884
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1	57	1	4	4	118
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	35	35	105	141	125	129
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	—	1	1	1	1
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	1	2	2	2	4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	6	—	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3	6	5	25	8	24
85 Footwear(a)	—	5	—	14	—	13
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6	2	17	9	18	11
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	20	3	58	7	77	9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	5	16	21	77	17	63
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	586	132	3 288	72	2 697	268
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	—	2	—	2	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	352	101	2 882	2	1 852	160
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	233	31	403	70	842	108
Total trade	1 632	870	7 305	2 325	6 763	2 969

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Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	117	154	466	558	464	565
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	5	12	9	64	11	74
01 Meat and meat preparations	6	4	19	21	19	17
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	8	33	24	114	26	116
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	2	35	5	114	6	115
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	25	11	60	28	91	33
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	24	36	80	126	81	119
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	9	4	118	14	64	14
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	13	4	47	11	52	11
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	8	1	38	5	36	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	18	15	66	62	78	61
1 Beverages and tobacco	32	11	73	24	89	31
11 Beverages	31	11	67	23	84	30
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1	—	5	1	5	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	17	86	85	303	73	321
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	3	—	20	1	13	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	2	—	2	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	—	7	—	5	—
24 Cork and wood	2	45	5	-147	6	167
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	21	—	71	—	68
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1	13	6	48	6	49
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	2	1	22	2	16	2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	5	2	13	5	13	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3	5	10	28	13	27
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	129	61	385	306	516	339
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1	1	1	10	2	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	128	57	383	291	513	326
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	2	1	5	1	8
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	2	1	7	4	6	3
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	3	1	1	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	1	—	1	2	1	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	3	1	3	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	186	85	695	298	705	292
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	6	2	25	6	25	9
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	10	2	29	6	28	6
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	18	2	50	13	53	11
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	66	6	252	23	261	24
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	31	23	121	112	120	85
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	1	—	3	3	3	3
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	19	6	73	23	72	21
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	14	14	54	39	54	47
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	22	28	88	72	88	86

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	219	243	891	918	885	863
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	13	14	70	10	55
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	7	11	35	46	27	42
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	5	20	14	72	16	73
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	56	60	151	263	203	197
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	32	42	132	154	127	151
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	24	3	91	11	94	9
67 Iron and steel(b)	27	24	135	70	113	84
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	31	35	154	112	152	126
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	35	35	164	121	143	126
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	402	168	1 891	568	2 165	599
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	26	2	63	12	82	8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	28	18	152	62	128	58
73 Metal working machinery	5	2	23	12	26	4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	41	44	187	165	156	176
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	104	5	418	13	440	17
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	20	10	75	29	81	34
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	71	66	310	233	292	243
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	86	8	511	22	340	27
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	22	13	152	20	620	32
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	214	120	795	424	815	449
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	7	2	29	10	26	10
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	9	13	28	53	32	52
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	1	5	5	5	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	33	33	156	118	153	128
85 Footwear(a)	5	7	28	30	28	31
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	29	7	107	21	115	26
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	30	1	84	2	97	2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	99	56	357	187	359	196
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	125	59	373	266	433	238
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	38	—	89	—	129	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	5	52	10	221	14	206
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	82	6	273	44	289	31
Total trade	1 444	988	5 659	3 670	6 150	3 701

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(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Singapore

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	90	25	386	78	375	78
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	8	—	6	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	14	—	39	—	50	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	25	—	112	—	107	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	14	4	38	14	41	11
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	3	1	14	5	11	5
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	25	—	108	1	110	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	2	—	37	—	20	—
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3	14	12	36	11	42
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	1	6	2	6	2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	4	4	12	20	13	16
1 Beverages and tobacco	5	1	17	2	18	2
11 Beverages	4	1	16	2	14	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1	—	—	—	4	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	4	3	13	16	17	12
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	1	—	1	—	2	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	5	—	5
24 Cork and wood	1	—	1	1	2	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	—	—	1	—	2	—
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	1	4	1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1	—	1	7	2	2
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1	—	5	2	5	2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	154	78	312	498	455	342
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	154	78	312	493	454	341
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	4	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	3	1	10	3	13
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	—	—	2	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	2	—	9	1	11
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	1	1	1	2
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	37	49	139	163	143	176
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	1	21	3	64	3	75
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	1	10	3	7	3
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	6	1	29	5	26	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	14	3	39	6	51	14
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	4	4	15	12	14	15
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	3	9	19	36	17	33
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	3	2	11	9	11	6
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	8	12	27	14	25

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Singapore *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	94	23	421	80	359	88
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	3	—	8	—	10	—
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	2	2	12	7	8	7
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	2	—	5	1	5	1
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	6	5	24	17	22	18
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	6	2	19	8	22	9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	8	2	38	6	31	5
67 Iron and steel(b)	27	4	79	12	88	14
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	31	1	143	2	109	3
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	11	6	91	26	64	30
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	179	376	790	1 526	706	1 485
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	6	1	42	7	22	8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	21	11	77	200	82	25
73 Metal working machinery	2	1	10	3	9	3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	31	14	117	47	117	45
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40	271	297	955	180	1 065
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	8	34	31	125	48	150
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	24	41	96	176	91	180
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	8	1	46	5	35	3
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	39	1	75	8	123	6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	72	49	201	162	236	169
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	3	—	5	3	8	2
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	3	1	13	2	9	4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	1	1	1	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	1	9	1	9	2
85 Footwear(a)	—	—	1	1	1	1
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	19	15	27	50	43	49
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	29	2	86	11	108	9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	16	30	58	93	57	101
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	427	50	888	137	1 569	125
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	5	—	16	—	16	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	1	—	4	—	5	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	372	29	802	—	1 436	29
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	50	21	66	136	113	96
Total trade	1 063	656	3 169	2 671	3 882	2 490

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Taiwan

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	131	9	544	32	580	31
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	1	—	—	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	48	—	94	—	161	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	18	—	91	—	82	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	45	5	212	17	213	17
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2	1	23	2	13	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	5	1	20	3	27	3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	2	—	57	1	47	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2	—	8	—	7	—
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	4	1	31	4	17	2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	4	1	7	4	12	4
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	3	4	14	10	13
11 Beverages	2	—	4	—	10	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	3	—	14	—	13
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	170	5	505	24	644	26
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	1	—	2	—	6	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	1	—	1	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	1	—	2
24 Cork and wood	4	—	8	1	9	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	56	3	269	17	258	16
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	—	3	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	106	1	212	1	360	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	—	9	4	6	4
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	318	—	865	17	1 106	8
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	223	—	525	—	757	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	96	—	340	17	349	8
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	9	—	29	1	35	1
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	7	—	25	—	29	—
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, n.e.s.	2	—	5	1	6	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	27	45	119	144	114	164
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	7	1	18	3	21
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	2	10	8	9	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	4	1	14	5	16	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	12	1	44	4	43	5
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	3	6	13	18	12	23
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	1	—	1	—	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	3	9	18	25	17	29
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	17	5	59	4	66
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	2	14	5	10	6

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	258	180	816	556	858	633
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	8	1	42	4	33	5
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	1	12	3	40	5	44
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	5	2	10	10	14	7
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	2	8	8	30	11	31
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	5	50	10	191	12	189
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	11	13	36	16	40
67 Iron and steel(b)	73	21	234	40	187	67
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	160	3	480	8	572	8
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	1	72	15	196	10	241
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	52	365	154	1 291	181	1 333
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	10	8	13	32	32	31
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	2	20	11	56	9	59
73 Metal working machinery	—	8	2	34	1	35
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	4	39	23	94	22	116
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	16	172	58	690	71	695
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	1	22	3	90	3	85
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	5	61	34	210	22	219
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	13	33	8	80	20	85
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	2	1	5	2	7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	26	117	50	402	74	401
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	9	2	23	1	25
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	14	2	51	2	52
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	3	—	8	—	9
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	8	2	28	1	30
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	—	7	—	9
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	4	7	8	23	10	22
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	14	12	21	36	43	40
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	6	62	16	227	17	214
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	113	9	344	62	451	44
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	6	—	23	—	24	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	4	—	17	—	9	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	30	—	10	—	74	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	73	9	294	62	344	43
Total trade	1 106	733	3 429	2 544	4 054	2 653

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—United Kingdom

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	46	29	175	101	196	115
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	4	—	6	—	10
01 Meat and meat preparations	26	—	97	—	107	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	5	1	25	2	27	3
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	2	1	7	—	7
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	2	3	2	17	4	14
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	8	2	36	4	40	6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3	3	12	7	7	12
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	7	1	33	1	33
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	1	1	2	8	4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	—	7	1	22	2	27
1 Beverages and tobacco	94	38	258	110	314	113
11 Beverages	94	37	258	106	314	110
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	1	—	4	—	4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	86	9	278	51	303	41
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	2	—	4	—	5	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	1	—	1	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	3	—	3
24 Cork and wood	1	—	7	1	6	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	34	4	103	26	109	19
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	1	3	5	3	4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	46	1	155	9	173	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	2	4	8	6	7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	64	1	246	6	270	5
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	50	—	244	—	255	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	1	—	6	—	5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	14	—	2	—	15	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	1	2	2	3	3
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	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	—	—	—	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	34	313	147	1 032	136	1 150
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	1	57	—	252	1	226
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	7	4	42	8	31
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	1	12	1	36	2	43
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	25	166	116	442	100	567
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	1	22	8	69	8	79
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	3	—	17	—	14
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	12	1	39	—	50
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	16	10	54	9	60
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	18	6	81	7	81

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—United Kingdom *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	77	165	244	523	281	629
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	—	1	1	6	1	6
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	6	15	17	56	20	56
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	—	1	2	2	1	3
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	—	19	1	59	1	69
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	9	25	36	96	38	99
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	24	8	84	18	94
67 Iron and steel(b)	—	29	6	76	2	106
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	53	12	155	29	183	54
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	4	40	17	115	16	142
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	101	583	624	2 309	435	2 283
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	9	56	38	261	38	249
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	10	80	32	296	34	316
73 Metal working machinery	4	5	10	33	13	28
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	21	101	89	264	84	353
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	17	59	71	202	52	212
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	5	83	21	379	17	322
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	13	69	52	267	51	281
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4	110	18	373	14	419
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	17	20	294	235	132	104
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	33	241	121	829	126	909
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	4	2	10	1	13
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	5	2	15	4	18
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	2	—	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	7	11	23	12	28
85 Footwear(a)	1	5	2	18	3	17
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	10	49	30	178	38	200
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	5	14	21	41	11	45
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	14	158	52	542	57	584
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	128	14	664	67	367	76
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	1	7	4	5	6
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	1	1	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	166	—	17	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(c)	127	13	490	63	345	69
Total trade	664	1 394	2 758	5 031	2 431	5 324

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—United States of America

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	223	106	747	281	882	341
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	1	2	8	2	13
01 Meat and meat preparations	165	1	451	1	638	6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	15	1	32	6	34	4
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	17	12	40	40	73	32
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	7	4	14	3	23
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	10	38	43	106	66	109
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	5	3	155	18	43	12
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2	13	1	15	4	37
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	5	12	13	23	15	48
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	18	6	51	4	57
1 Beverages and tobacco	44	24	100	92	156	92
11 Beverages	44	18	100	55	156	60
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	—	6	—	37	—	31
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	92	77	243	316	268	295
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	2	—	—	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4	23	3	79	10	72
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	5	—	22	—	19
24 Cork and wood	2	14	5	69	6	60
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	5	—	22	—	18
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	62	5	159	25	156	20
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	2	8	12	32	12	32
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	16	1	35	13	55	10
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	6	17	27	55	28	63
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	106	54	291	213	468	195
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1	—	8	—	4	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	105	54	282	212	464	193
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	1	5	7	4	5
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	1	1	1	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	3	1	2
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	1	4	3	2	3
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	64	650	175	2 333	206	2 381
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	105	1	440	1	409
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	8	36	19	198	22	147
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	6	25	5	89	22	97
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	15	92	37	276	54	316
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	4	67	12	171	13	218
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	91	—	362	—	337
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	61	2	210	1	224
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	59	4	218	6	221
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	28	113	94	370	87	411

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—United States of America *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	166	435	494	1 389	543	1 587
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	10	1	37	4	44	6
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	7	47	5	160	16	173
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	9	7	19	9	27
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	2	97	4	315	4	342
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	14	67	46	220	44	244
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	19	37	77	111	65	135
67 Iron and steel(b)	66	32	240	108	217	117
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	26	24	31	71	75	94
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	18	121	47	382	68	449
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	550	2 593	1 400	10 354	1 950	9 941
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	31	235	59	888	114	877
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	37	369	143	1 406	141	1 423
73 Metal working machinery	16	20	39	82	66	94
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	25	417	96	1 363	105	1 469
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	110	487	335	1 776	332	1 857
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	17	174	33	519	62	606
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	37	292	149	1 369	133	1 183
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	167	332	331	1 233	615	1 128
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	109	266	216	1 716	383	1 303
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	112	800	326	2 662	374	2 958
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	5	2	28	2	24
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2	12	10	37	10	45
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	3	1	12	2	10
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10	17	43	56	35	61
85 Footwear(a)	4	4	13	12	8	15
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	44	267	126	878	156	994
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	10	121	25	386	35	450
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	41	371	107	1 255	127	1 358
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	401	109	1 197	370	1 475	390
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	5	6	16	16	13	20
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	8	—	10	1	23	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1	—	—	1	14	1
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	387	103	1 170	351	1 424	368
Total trade	1 759	4 849	4 978	18 017	6 324	18 186

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	2 095	564	8 641	1 754	8 382	1 937
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	77	26	412	83	466	102
01 Meat and meat preparations	790	17	2 373	48	2 848	64
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	395	35	1 363	123	1 336	124
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	296	154	1 018	474	1 181	491
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	87	40	462	97	379	128
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	176	109	727	366	764	360
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	35	11	1 477	47	514	43
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	48	74	170	205	170	269
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	121	27	424	81	468	104
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	69	72	214	231	256	253
1 Beverages and tobacco	114	48	310	186	393	182
11 Beverages	109	35	293	93	372	111
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5	13	18	93	20	71
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	2 416	308	7 976	1 161	9 150	1 178
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	22	1	115	1	107	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	47	25	159	94	211	87
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	2	24	10	121	8	105
24 Cork and wood	185	116	603	395	664	434
25 Pulp and waste paper	5	36	13	147	17	118
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	776	27	2 880	120	3 219	111
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	21	21	114	71	79	80
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1 317	18	3 933	68	4 696	84
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	40	39	149	145	151	157
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	2 647	755	8 315	2 929	9 669	2 836
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1 692	3	5 443	14	6 067	10
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	857	744	2 590	2 876	3 225	2 789
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	98	8	282	39	377	37
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	42	29	133	118	156	128
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	20	—	100	3	92	3
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	12	25	8	98	29	109
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	10	4	25	17	34	16
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	647	1 166	2 313	4 112	2 491	4 273
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	20	223	74	770	100	807
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	59	78	183	334	191	316
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	97	52	351	187	385	199
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	200	133	669	425	761	475
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	66	113	255	353	256	392
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	4	109	18	520	19	454
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	65	135	253	454	269	474
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	37	140	124	479	128	500
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	98	183	386	590	382	656

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	2 116	1 918	7 356	6 380	7 769	6 954
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	49	20	217	97	201	87
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	33	223	111	815	116	834
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	29	71	92	210	97	244
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	94	273	320	969	394	974
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	109	407	333	1 513	383	1 542
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	126	170	517	542	501	620
67 Iron and steel(b)	416	241	1 483	714	1 511	881
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	1 117	105	3 642	338	3 962	383
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	145	409	641	1 183	604	1 389
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	2 236	7 778	7 332	26 233	8 526	28 059
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	247	346	706	1 338	864	1 247
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	204	638	800	2 327	792	2 362
73 Metal working machinery(b)	36	122	146	310	162	373
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	215	933	910	2 723	840	3 030
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	389	1 506	1 562	5 393	1 431	5 897
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	150	797	302	2 377	500	2 595
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	240	931	1 061	3 517	974	3 497
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	355	2 138	1 219	6 366	1 353	7 479
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	399	368	626	1 881	1 611	1 580
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	689	2 451	2 222	7 814	2 414	8 733
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	19	47	61	155	63	171
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	22	135	82	342	80	439
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	79	12	235	12	257
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	67	390	281	1 384	280	1 564
85 Footwear(a)	10	120	52	412	45	446
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	157	399	406	1 240	495	1 419
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	178	276	499	891	606	966
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	233	1 005	828	3 156	832	3 470
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	4 003	593	13 398	1 618	14 287	1 744
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	114	7	390	22	399	25
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	20	4	55	8	54	7
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 190	317	4 744	567	4 595	725
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	2 679	264	8 209	1 021	9 238	987
Total trade	17 005	15 610	57 997	52 306	63 236	56 024

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Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	494	202	2 191	594	2 148	681
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	56	—	352	—	386	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	66	—	195	1	250	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	212	—	740	—	708	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	19	88	61	246	61	281
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	35	13	126	37	137	44
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	62	23	275	67	313	80
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7	2	312	6	134	6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	9	48	42	137	38	161
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	15	10	53	36	70	38
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	15	19	35	64	51	70
1 Beverages and tobacco	10	2	36	5	35	8
11 Beverages	9	1	35	2	29	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2	1	1	3	5	6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	231	60	850	242	1 012	234
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	3	—	10	—	7	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	2	—	3	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	17	2	85	2	70
24 Cork and wood	1	28	8	96	5	103
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	3	12	5	14	7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	165	2	619	9	754	8
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	7	1	22	2	23	4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	48	3	161	20	189	18
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	6	15	25	15	23
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	314	617	757	1 810	1 083	2 015
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	34	1	76	1	98	1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	255	610	651	1 779	908	1 987
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	24	5	30	30	77	27
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	5	25	9	98	19	111
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	6	—	6	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	2	23	—	86	8	100
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	2	2	4	12	6	11
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	166	121	634	384	682	470
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	6	36	25	85	32	128
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	9	4	42	13	39	32
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	31	6	132	21	138	19
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	57	6	177	16	208	27
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	14	9	60	25	61	35
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	2	1	3	74	7	56
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	18	29	76	56	80	74
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	9	14	28	41	30	44
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	20	17	92	54	87	56

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—ASEAN *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	531	298	2 149	792	2 137	983
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	7	2	32	10	30	10
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	6	19	27	68	25	71
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	5	29	26	79	20	100
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	15	50	75	114	73	159
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	23	64	67	259	88	255
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	23	36	99	106	98	123
67 Iron and steel(b)	127	36	410	51	522	101
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	275	8	1 178	20	1 067	31
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	49	53	236	85	215	133
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	618	967	2 028	2 928	2 091	3 419
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	20	5	119	21	89	14
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	86	16	284	210	308	39
73 Metal working machinery	9	1	55	6	40	6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	81	118	348	198	333	247
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	55	414	368	1 323	240	1 632
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	56	192	135	684	198	669
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	67	163	365	426	299	653
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	28	52	194	51	144	147
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	216	6	161	9	439	12
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	148	272	390	783	481	901
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	7	3	15	10	23	13
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	6	59	22	135	20	189
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	6	2	17	1	20
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5	50	17	130	18	167
85 Footwear(a)	—	24	2	82	2	85
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	36	24	63	66	89	75
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	59	9	138	34	188	32
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	36	96	131	309	140	321
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	950	184	2 525	218	3 298	343
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	19	—	71	—	54	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	1	—	6	—	6	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	417	125	1 151	4	1 718	125
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	515	59	1 298	214	1 521	218
Total trade	3 467	2 748	11 570	7 853	12 985	9 166

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Developing Countries (DCs)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	1 351	372	5 255	1 136	5 176	1 235
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	139	13	626	1	699	19
01 Meat and meat preparations	288	—	713	2	886	2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	426	1	1 289	5	1 310	5
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	150	116	559	354	618	382
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	59	23	248	60	271	75
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	166	80	628	276	742	264
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	25	6	855	20	284	21
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	24	83	98	251	92	283
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	28	14	118	56	125	59
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	44	35	121	112	150	125
1 Beverages and tobacco	34	31	119	86	132	96
11 Beverages	28	10	94	25	100	31
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6	21	24	60	32	64
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	1 574	142	4 958	490	5 905	519
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	70	—	181	1	194	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	43	4	58	20	82	16
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	17	3	87	4	75
24 Cork and wood	17	32	47	108	65	115
25 Pulp and waste paper	5	4	13	7	17	10
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	714	8	2 478	39	2 959	35
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	12	23	55	52	41	77
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	687	38	2 037	113	2 460	125
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	25	15	85	63	85	65
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 512	911	4 871	3 477	5 534	3 714
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	948	2	3 158	1	3 363	4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	513	890	1 595	3 398	1 957	3 626
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	52	19	118	78	214	84
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	63	35	176	140	210	155
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	47	1	152	2	167	5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	9	32	10	125	24	137
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	6	3	15	13	19	12
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	386	366	1 348	1 221	1 533	1 386
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	13	101	39	266	62	340
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	31	47	96	129	114	162
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	73	17	289	58	303	67
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	122	20	369	72	454	81
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	31	23	119	70	120	88
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	3	20	8	174	10	173
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	52	53	212	161	226	167
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	22	53	65	178	74	187
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	40	32	150	113	169	121

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—Developing Countries (DCs) *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	1 377	1 130	5 064	3 434	5 210	3 971
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	40	13	175	51	157	61
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	13	72	57	256	54	268
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	17	46	60	125	59	151
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	35	99	156	290	178	356
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	92	368	272	1 312	321	1 373
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	63	131	237	407	238	464
67 Iron and steel(b)	315	122	1 019	268	1 149	403
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	698	38	2 692	129	2 673	136
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	105	242	396	594	380	759
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	1 358	2 488	3 926	7 327	4 584	8 528
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	160	32	469	121	556	130
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	150	60	511	369	586	196
73 Metal working machinery(b)	20	26	99	67	80	79
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	149	271	608	506	578	688
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	147	735	678	2 551	529	2 917
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	124	445	225	1 261	368	1 396
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	148	453	648	1 347	579	1 650
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	197	332	405	1 023	606	1 225
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	265	134	284	82	704	247
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	365	1 396	1 052	4 349	1 200	4 917
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	15	40	35	94	46	121
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	11	112	41	262	40	354
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2	85	5	248	4	274
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	33	427	78	1 465	107	1 686
85 Footwear(a)	2	129	9	442	7	479
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	75	52	161	163	203	172
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	139	83	404	233	474	259
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	89	468	320	1 441	319	1 572
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	3 076	394	10 298	672	11 977	952
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	67	—	196	1	185	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	13	2	34	—	28	2
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 145	243	4 275	79	4 410	355
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	1 850	149	5 792	592	7 354	594
Total trade	11 096	7 265	37 067	22 332	41 462	25 472

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—European Union (EU)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	121	201	443	500	445	598
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	4	—	8	2	11
01 Meat and meat preparations	57	2	205	6	202	5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	20	18	42	67	67	60
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	7	9	21	31	16	31
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	5	19	15	58	13	60
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	21	22	123	74	100	88
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7	10	22	30	23	36
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	1	38	3	137	4	145
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	2	2	9	8	15	8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	78	4	81	4	154
1 Beverages and tobacco	116	101	333	267	398	299
11 Beverages	112	92	324	228	391	266
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	4	8	10	38	8	33
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	803	39	2 189	156	2 653	147
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	34	—	112	1	124	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2	—	9	—	9	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	5	—	20	—	18
24 Cork and wood	3	4	12	14	11	16
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	8	—	3
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	528	6	1 117	36	1 514	30
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	11	4	48	16	47	14
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	215	2	849	12	908	10
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	11	18	42	48	40	55
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	316	4	941	16	1 127	16
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	292	1	922	2	1 094	2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	4	17	15	1	14
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	24	—	2	—	31	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	2	22	3	104	6	95
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	2	1	2	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	20	—	97	1	89
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	1	1	6	2	5
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	89	966	382	3 323	346	3 593
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	5	216	5	820	14	823
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	21	26	112	122	86	110
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	7	46	34	161	22	165
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	41	408	170	1 210	165	1 454
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6	68	24	242	21	253
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	10	—	58	—	64
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	55	2	204	1	216
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	4	59	15	196	16	210
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	78	19	309	21	299

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—European Union (EU) *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	DEC QTR 1997		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1996		12 MONTHS ENDED DEC QTR 1997	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	229	859	713	2 893	791	3 146
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	79	6	198	27	259	25
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	7	74	31	261	25	266
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	27	8	95	5	107
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)(b)	1	193	2	629	3	671
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	16	100	71	381	72	382
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	9	139	50	502	48	518
67 Iron and steel(b)	23	107	39	319	41	369
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	78	53	260	160	276	207
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	14	161	54	518	64	599
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	251	2 587	1 367	9 449	1 035	9 412
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	15	158	106	654	103	648
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	33	389	91	1 650	104	1 505
73 Metal working machinery	10	48	24	257	32	192
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(b)	35	460	167	1 622	150	1 785
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	53	150	132	461	147	553
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	22	310	109	1 185	69	1 047
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	28	340	137	1 247	115	1 243
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	23	596	83	1 820	80	2 006
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	31	135	518	553	235	433
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	82	728	318	2 448	329	2 620
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	20	7	64	5	72
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	44	6	126	6	144
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	16	1	74	1	64
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6	45	32	147	53	157
85 Footwear(a)	1	25	3	123	4	131
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	36	169	122	564	126	635
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	9	66	35	255	25	231
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	30	342	111	1 094	108	1 186
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	439	91	1 692	326	1 534	369
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	3	14	7	11	12
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	21	—	45	1	49	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	176	2	19	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	415	88	1 457	316	1 455	355
Total trade	2 449	5 597	8 382	19 482	8 663	20 295

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EXPORTS, By State(a)

State	December quarter 1996 \$m	March quarter 1997 \$m	June quarter 1997 \$m	September quarter 1997 \$m	December quarter 1997 \$m
Australian produce	18 888	18 208	20 077	20 491	22 030
New South Wales	4 374	4 237	4 714	5 175	5 235
Victoria	3 987	3 892	4 663	3 817	4 439
Queensland	3 496	2 884	3 540	4 228	4 168
South Australia	1 390	1 398	1 191	1 219	1 296
Western Australia	4 824	5 065	5 008	5 181	5 933
Tasmania	455	388	523	421	494
Northern Territory	273	271	366	356	304
Australian Capital Territory	2	2	4	1	2
State not available for publication(b)	88	71	69	93	159
Re-exports	880	870	1 028	1 016	1 122
Total trade	19 768	19 078	21 105	21 507	23 152

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

(b) Includes \$25 million of exports for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 submitted via the EXIT system which cannot yet be allocated by state. These shipments will be appropriately classified as more details become available.

IMPORTS, By State(a)

	<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>March quarter 1997</i>	<i>June quarter 1997</i>	<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>December quarter 1997</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
New South Wales	8 708	7 836	8 915	9 452	9 922
Victoria	6 588	5 777	6 254	6 963	7 297
Queensland	2 364	2 132	2 118	2 378	2 446
South Australia	862	862	827	1 026	936
Western Australia	1 850	1 653	1 745	1 781	2 195
Tasmania	110	114	97	94	93
Northern Territory	86	106	111	127	175
Australian Capital Territory	2	2	6	4	2
Total trade	20 571	18 482	20 073	21 825	23 065

(a) State in which the goods were released from
Customs control. See paragraph 27 of the
Explanatory Notes for further details.

EXPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	December quarter 1996 \$m	March quarter 1997 \$m	June quarter 1997 \$m	September quarter 1997 \$m	December quarter 1997 \$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 480	2 969	3 002	2 700	2 757
01 Agriculture	2 135	2 752	2 313	1 967	2 301
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	177	35	531	513	280
03 Forestry and logging	15	19	17	18	17
04 Commercial fishing	152	163	142	202	159
B Mining	4 461	4 454	4 813	5 102	5 344
11 Coal mining	1 998	2 021	2 059	2 307	2 403
12 Oil and gas extraction	947	972	1 019	1 079	1 113
13 Metal ore mining	1 455	1 415	1 689	1 671	1 779
14 Other mining	60	45	46	45	49
C Manufacturing	12 435	11 202	12 866	13 269	14 426
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	2 908	2 469	2 732	3 240	3 540
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	706	674	760	808	793
23 Wood and paper products	278	238	288	301	303
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	113	96	101	113	119
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	1 380	1 345	1 364	1 427	1 485
26 Non-metallic mineral products	104	86	95	99	99
27 Metal products	3 595	3 567	3 782	3 821	4 383
28 Machinery and equipment	3 164	2 548	3 588	3 244	3 495
29 Other manufacturing	188	178	157	216	208
Other industries(a)(b)	392	453	424	437	624
Total trade	19 768	19 078	21 105	21 507	23 152

(a) Includes \$25 million of exports for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by industry of origin.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

IMPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	185	210	184	199	216
01 Agriculture	160	189	158	175	189
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	2	2	4	4	2
03 Forestry and logging	2	1	1	2	1
04 Commercial fishing	22	19	21	19	24
B Mining	1 237	1 157	1 011	979	1 033
11 Coal mining	3	4	1	2	4
12 Oil and gas extraction	1 168	1 100	924	890	942
13 Metal ore mining	31	17	50	41	46
14 Other mining	35	36	35	46	41
C Manufacturing	19 072	17 044	18 809	20 555	21 733
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	919	807	793	956	1 037
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	1 279	1 324	1 243	1 600	1 478
23 Wood and paper products	649	587	606	683	726
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	425	348	413	466	515
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	3 154	3 024	3 159	3 263	3 428
26 Non-metallic mineral products	261	233	249	279	295
27 Metal products	1 200	1 225	1 271	1 468	1 665
28 Machinery and equipment	10 592	9 067	10 554	11 127	11 884
29 Other manufacturing	592	430	522	712	705
Other industries(a)	77	70	69	92	83
Total trade	20 571	18 482	20 073	21 825	23 065

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

EXPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Broad Economic Categories	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	4 065	4 448	4 259	4 315	4 699
<i>Primary</i>	1 695	2 449	2 082	1 648	1 783
Mainly for industry	1 303	2 056	1 609	1 183	1 353
Mainly for household consumption	392	393	473	465	429
<i>Processed</i>	2 370	1 999	2 177	2 667	2 916
Mainly for industry	668	422	389	848	744
Mainly for household consumption	1 702	1 577	1 788	1 819	2 172
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	8 107	7 603	8 735	9 044	9 703
Primary	3 132	2 722	3 535	3 698	3 787
Processed	4 974	4 881	5 201	5 347	5 916
Fuels and lubricants	3 475	3 519	3 519	3 848	4 047
Primary	2 469	2 477	2 596	2 911	2 946
<i>Processed</i>	1 006	1 042	923	937	1 101
Motor spirit	63	86	73	80	95
Other	943	956	850	857	1 006
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	1 772	1 482	1 802	1 900	2 076
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	820	639	831	880	1 055
Parts and accessories	952	842	971	1 020	1 021
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	1 155	873	1 099	1 039	1 092
Passenger motor cars	397	286	236	226	351
<i>Other</i>	297	169	353	247	223
Industrial	259	153	309	213	201
Non-industrial	38	17	44	34	23
Parts and accessories	461	418	510	565	518
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	769	660	765	830	814
Durable	145	117	138	139	153
Semi-durable	221	188	228	248	231
Non-durable	404	355	398	444	430
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)(b)	424	494	926	531	720
Total trade	19 768	19 078	21 105	21 507	23 152

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes \$25 million of exports for November 1997 and \$85 million for December 1997 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

IMPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Broad Economic Categories	December quarter 1996	March quarter 1997	June quarter 1997	September quarter 1997	December quarter 1997
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	938	859	811	986	1 090
<i>Primary</i>	221	218	200	221	270
Mainly for industry	62	80	77	88	85
Mainly for household consumption	159	138	123	133	185
<i>Processed</i>	717	642	611	765	820
Mainly for industry	84	92	74	103	93
Mainly for household consumption	632	550	537	661	727
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4 873	4 693	4 938	5 362	5 717
<i>Primary</i>	216	193	227	240	239
<i>Processed</i>	4 657	4 501	4 711	5 122	5 479
Fuels and lubricants	1 466	1 385	1 188	1 145	1 160
<i>Primary</i>	1 146	1 083	900	867	925
<i>Processed</i>	320	302	288	278	236
Motor spirit	55	78	60	22	6
Other	264	224	228	257	230
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	6 403	5 692	6 480	6 643	7 051
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	4 337	3 701	4 317	4 440	4 671
Parts and accessories	2 066	1 991	2 164	2 203	2 380
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	3 225	2 811	3 372	3 625	3 855
Passenger motor cars	1 252	1 009	1 207	1 553	1 540
<i>Other</i>	866	770	981	748	1 028
Industrial	717	667	876	609	839
Non-industrial	149	102	104	139	189
Parts and accessories	1 108	1 033	1 183	1 325	1 286
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	3 531	2 962	3 207	3 990	4 113
Durable	1 073	748	890	1 043	1 180
Semi-durable	1 360	1 248	1 232	1 631	1 611
Non-durable	1 098	966	1 085	1 317	1 321
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)	134	79	77	74	80
Total trade	20 571	18 482	20 073	21 825	23 065

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	8 086	8 018	8 033	8 523	9 884	9 252
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 (excluding unmilled cereals)	148	210	240	278	257	257
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	29	48	76	98	100	113
1 Beverages and tobacco	85	151	258	247	242	310
11 Beverages	70	133	234	226	225	289
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	15	19	24	21	17	21
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	9 009	9 897	12 227	14 135	13 537	13 398
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 (including 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 (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding 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, n.e.s.	70	97	114	126	148	159
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7 977	7 309	6 882	6 434	8 419	10 706
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
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	142	124	141	124	118	138
41 Animal oils and fats	116	90	119	103	106	118
42 Fixed vegetable fats & 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, n.e.s.	12	11	9	10	11	16
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	593	665	903	1 076	1 261	1 377
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 (excluding 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, n.e.s.	102	142	174	196	177	175

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	9 716	11 679	12 967	12 565	15 272	16 312
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	2 958
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 (excluding unmilled cereals)(d)	356	467	385	387	458	531
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	145	144	194	209	231	283
1 Beverages and tobacco	366	417	506	551	648	780
11 Beverages	346	385	474	508	605	713
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	21	32	32	44	43	67
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	13 617	13 112	12 917	14 073	14 752	15 591
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 (including synthetic and reclaimed)	9	11	10	12	11	10
24 Cork and wood	444	465	519	627	624	618
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	4 619
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding 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	9 028
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	181	197	208	226	223	219
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10 878	12 102	11 116	11 242	12 591	13 705
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	3 805
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 017	1 236	1 185	1 355	1 562	1 895
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	136	192	207	263	238	232
41 Animal oils and fats	115	156	170	220	197	184
42 Fixed vegetable fats & 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, n.e.s.	18	31	31	38	29	38
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	1 662	1 996	2 351	2 679	3 015	3 045
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	132	172	208	258	300	296
56 Fertilisers (excluding 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, n.e.s.	226	324	408	405	423	455

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	3 280	3 841	4 897	5 845	6 073	6 404
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	88	118	161	148	167	180
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	19	43	68	64	65	65
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding 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, n.e.s., and related products	221	246	222	153	179	210
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(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, n.e.s.	190	244	284	321	369	477
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1 612	2 612	2 706	2 780	3 684	4 630
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, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	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 (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	181	255	290	293	363	470
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	262	438	517	420	595	847
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	206	577	381	440	619	657
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	659	854	1 031	1 050	1 381	1 319
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	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, n.e.s.	162	177	212	199	255	276
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	203	250	276	260	231	255
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	228	326	407	444	676	553
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 350	2 337	3 643	3 794	4 479	4 865
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 (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	2	2	1	2	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	786	1 348	2 431	2 491	2 872	3 672
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(e)	451	694	938	921	1 138	787
Total trade	32 793	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	6 690	7 341	7 911	9 022	9 844	9 280
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	221	284	368	515	463	470
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	79	108	120	146	157	150
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding 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, n.e.s., and related products	236	307	385	465	553	582
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(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, n.e.s.	561	551	625	694	725	809
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5 033	6 415	7 502	8 138	9 720	10 672
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	610	615	586	732	826	914
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	535	695	822	924	1 078	1 160
73 Metal working machinery	84	105	92	140	163	207
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	536	719	891	943	1 143	1 194
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	832	995	1 370	1 589	1 903	1 627
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	307	502	674	541	719	631
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	595	763	968	1 222	1 394	1 297
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	770	989	1 074	1 081	1 199	1 832
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	765	1 031	1 024	965	1 295	1 811
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 619	1 887	2 106	2 314	2 718	2 843
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	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	355
85 Footwear	30	41	61	58	66	65
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	329	395	416	442	543	630
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	287	397	460	511	562	580
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	701	722	798	857	1 039	1 016
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	5 309	5 562	6 965	6 205	7 208	6 476
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	211	219	348	413	459	517
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	300	267	253	206	145	116
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	1	1	1	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	4 023	4 315	5 269	4 699	5 545	4 717
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	775	759	1 095	886	1 058	1 125
Total trade	55 027	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 935

(a) See paragraph 25 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 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	1 418	1 612	1 669	1 833	1 898	1 916
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 (excluding unmilled cereals)	38	55	48	73	69	65
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	97	147	187	202	246	313
1 Beverages and tobacco	298	327	345	366	396	395
11 Beverages	200	211	234	273	304	293
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	98	116	111	92	92	103
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1 023	1 083	1 323	1 607	1 539	1 220
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 (including 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 (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding 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, n.e.s.	82	100	104	107	120	110
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 927	1 749	2 039	2 014	2 540	3 129
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
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	94	91	108	117	124	129
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, n.e.s.(d)	49	25	17	13	12	13
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	3 025	3 472	4 290	4 985	5 235	5 118
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 (excluding 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, n.e.s.(d)	412	394	474	564	627	629

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	2 058	2 228	2 478	2 821	2 894	2 985
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 (excluding unmilled cereals)	90	67	102	109	94	122
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	306	389	441	451	520	542
1 Beverages and tobacco	392	438	467	522	503	502
11 Beverages	281	319	332	336	339	351
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	111	119	135	186	165	152
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	1 280	1 506	1 595	1 794	1 576	1 487
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 (including synthetic and reclaimed)	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 (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding 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, n.e.s.	123	146	165	193	206	223
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(d)	2 731	3 857	3 441	3 668	4 312	5 164
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	5 055
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	10	21	23	38	59	97
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	150	190	203	232	268	266
41 Animal oils and fats	2	2	3	3	5	8
42 Fixed vegetable fats & 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, n.e.s.	13	17	18	20	23	23
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	5 575	6 625	7 045	8 009	8 901	9 028
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 (excluding 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, n.e.s.(d)	659	773	878	896	975	968

SITC code and commodity description	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-1990	1990-91
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	5 620	6 185	7 104	7 954	8 219	7 396
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	126	152	159	151	137	121
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	450	462	571	682	750	661
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding 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, n.e.s., and related products(d)	1 678	1 831	1 924	1 999	1 955	1 818
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(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, n.e.s.(d)	929	1 009	1 130	1 192	1 349	1 201
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	15 141	15 389	16 381	20 623	23 452	21 687
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, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(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 (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	1 843	1 886	2 137	2 358	2 718	2 521
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	3 771	2 719	3 139	4 807	5 062	4 459
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	605	1 312	1 061	2 035	2 801	3 156
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	4 669	5 185	5 590	6 429	6 880	6 955
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	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, n.e.s.	845	907	964	1 065	1 144	1 199
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	635	720	718	782	783	778
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(d)	1 949	2 160	2 374	2 883	3 015	2 994
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 477	1 894	1 748	1 112	1 050	966
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 (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	8	2
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	114	140	80	151	285	623
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(e)	114	153	241	188	123	108
Total trade	34 691	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

SITC code and commodity description	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	7 884	8 779	9 445	10 908	11 039	10 724
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	127	134	146	167	164	162
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	748	812	954	1 045	1 125	1 115
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding 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, n.e.s., and related products(d)	2 021	2 144	2 246	2 454	2 359	2 284
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(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(d)	380	465	498	679	645	619
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(d)	1 283	1 569	1 674	1 876	1 890	1 902
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	21 995	25 911	28 911	35 160	36 458	36 782
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1 292	1 605	1 690	1 769	1 998	1 895
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, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(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	5 984
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 (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(d)	2 836	3 362	4 051	4 909	5 316	4 912
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4 808	6 161	7 108	8 678	7 980	8 579
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	2 499	2 154	1 620	2 050	2 487	2 443
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	7 768	8 918	9 798	10 708	11 035	11 349
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(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, n.e.s.	1 282	1 569	1 707	1 834	1 911	1 944
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	839	977	1 066	1 206	1 258	1 252
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	3 419	3 733	4 160	4 462	4 479	4 585
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 150	1 122	1 086	797	804	712
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 (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	1
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 040	1 021	981	710	708	590
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	74	69	72	59	62	80
Total trade	50 984	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Country or country group	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Association of South East												
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	2 153	2 410	3 085	3 875	5 110	6 388	7 337	8 780	9 038	10 439	11 717	12 257
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	3 305
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	2 332
Myanmar	2	10	24	—	9	29	15	7	4	11	13	15
Philippines	204	259	266	422	470	437	513	598	699	839	1 075	1 226
Singapore	728	779	1 190	1 446	1 985	2 769	3 189	3 787	3 197	3 643	3 556	3 410
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
European Union (EU)	4 830	5 837	6 455	6 385	7 083	6 608	7 148	7 341	7 605	7 498	8 464	8 174
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	145	136	139	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
Other countries												
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	524
Hong Kong	727	1 087	1 961	1 856	1 342	1 560	2 106	2 597	2 797	2 632	3 052	3 105
India	428	425	500	551	588	667	754	889	865	979	1 185	1 492
Iran	305	344	363	334	546	477	261	371	535	237	541	925
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	6 214
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	5 528
Other countries	3 684	3 150	3 187	3 899	4 015	2 707	2 977	3 159	3 495	3 198	3 954	4 857
Country Unknown	—	—	1	1	7	6	5	1	3	—	1	1
International Waters	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	188	249	—	93	—
Ship and Aircraft Stores	471	408	467	429	486	679	568	617	566	574	656	612
Unidentified	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	62	—	—	—	—
Total trade	32 793	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399	55 027	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 935

(a) From 1987-88 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(b) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Country or country group	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Association of South East												
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	1 616	1 926	2 585	2 837	2 983	3 484	4 119	5 018	5 303	6 418	7 372	8 300
Brunei	—	32	28	32	24	41	82	50	17	22	—	—
Indonesia	209	311	588	419	441	784	995	1 305	1 105	1 198	1 522	1 864
Laos	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaysia	325	410	591	687	658	732	867	974	1 103	1 421	1 636	1 891
Myanmar	2	2	1	1	1	5	4	11	11	8	7	9
Philippines	123	113	127	165	150	129	143	177	188	259	260	282
Singapore	745	756	899	1 090	1 213	1 271	1 301	1 509	1 792	2 246	2 613	2 620
Thailand	201	284	331	420	479	505	647	756	794	970	1 005	1 201
Vietnam	11	17	20	21	17	18	79	237	291	295	329	433
European Union (EU)												
Austria	128	141	157	178	189	203	210	226	223	279	313	423
Belgium-Luxembourg	287	312	320	403	433	380	387	512	541	686	755	760
Denmark	173	177	190	202	251	207	230	274	300	340	336	383
Finland	208	263	293	352	311	303	322	415	463	635	684	606
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	4 558
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	498
Italy	1 095	1 110	1 330	1 374	1 635	1 390	1 229	1 349	1 617	2 026	2 231	2 304
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	5 182
Other countries												
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	4 203
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
Iran	19	4	17	10	11	10	14	14	16	21	22	26
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	2 550
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
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	818	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	2 522
Turkey	13	20	33	32	55	32	46	39	45	58	73	74
United Arab Emirates	135	176	216	396	452	419	469	698	617	627	475	800
United States of America	7 285	8 118	8 532	10 129	12 373	11 475	11 743	13 004	14 017	16 044	17 545	17 642
Other countries	1 309	1 444	1 604	1 638	1 825	1 512	1 382	1 534	1 815	2 082	2 326	2 617
Country unknown	8	11	9	19	21	21	35	40	32	31	46	47
International waters	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	4	—	—
Unidentified	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total trade	34 691	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912	50 984	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989-90 are not fully comparable with 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 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 paragraphs below briefly describe the concepts and methods used in their compilation.

RELATIONSHIP TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STATISTICS

3 The basic source of balance of payments data on goods 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 see Chapter 6 of *Balance of Payments, Australia: Summary of Concepts, Sources and Methods* (5351.0).

SOURCE OF DATA

4 International merchandise trade 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

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

Excluded are:

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

COVERAGE

6 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:

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

For exports only:

- sales of aircraft (and parts or components) which were imported into Australia prior to 1 July 1987 for use on overseas routes;
- fish and other sea products landed abroad directly from the high seas by Australian ships; and
- 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COVERAGE *continued*

For imports only:

- bunkers, aviation fuel and stores supplied abroad to Australian ships and aircraft;
- prior to 1 July 1987 the delivery of certain aircraft (and parts and components) intended for use on overseas routes; and
- 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

7 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.

8 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.

9 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 25.

STATISTICAL PERIOD

10 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.

11 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% of total import trade by value shown for a particular month reflects shipments which arrived in that month, while approximately 10% reflects shipments which arrived during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value arriving in earlier or later months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

12 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

13 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

VALUATION *continued*

14 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.

15 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

16 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.

17 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 7 and 33 which show exports by country also include the item "Ship and aircraft stores". "Ship and aircraft stores" comprise fuel, food and other goods loaded onto foreign owned vessels and aircraft to be consumed during international journeys.

18 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.

19 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).

20 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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COUNTRY *continued*

21 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); and
- European Union (EU).

22 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, ASEAN and as a Developing Country. The countries that belong to more than one group are identified with a footnote in the Appendix.

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

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

24 Commodity export and import statistics in Tables 9 to 24 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.

25 Tables 31 and 32 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.

STATE

26 State information for exports presented in Table 25 refers to the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

27 State information for imports presented in Table 26 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.

INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

28 Exports and imports statistics classified by subdivisions of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) are shown in Tables 27 and 28. The statistics are compiled by allocating statistical items of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (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).

BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

29 Merchandise trade in Tables 29 and 30 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 AHECC and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the appropriate BEC.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

CONFIDENTIALITY

30 Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total Australian export and import figures, but they can affect statistics at all lower 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

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

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

32 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, 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
- *International Merchandise Imports, Australia* (5439.0)—issued monthly
- *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (5368.0)—issued monthly

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) 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.

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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
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
- n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
- .. not applicable

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)

Aghhanistan
Albania
Algeria
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

Developing Countries (DCs)(b) *continued*

Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
Fiji
French Polynesia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guam
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong(a)
Hungary
India
Indonesia(a)
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Johnston Islands
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, People's Democratic Republic of
Korea, Republic of(a)
Kuwait
Laos(a)
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Macau
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia(a)
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marianas, Northern
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico(a)
Micronesia, Fed States of
Midway Islands
Mongolia
Montserrat
Morocco
Mozambique

APPENDIX

MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

Developing countries (DCs)(b) continued

Myanmar(a)
Nauru
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands Antilles
New Caledonia
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines(a)
Pitcairn Island
Poland
Qatar
Romania
Rwanda
St Christopher and Nevis
St Helena
St Lucia
St Pierre and Miquelon
St Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore(a)
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syria
Taiwan(a)
Tanzania
Thailand(a)
Togo
Tokelau
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turks and Caicos Islands
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Vietnam(a)
Virgin Islands of the United States
Wake Island
Wallis and Futuna Islands
Yemen
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

European Union (EU)

Austria
Belgium-Luxembourg
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

(a) Also included in other country groups.

(b) Developing Countries as defined in Schedule 1 of the Harmonized Tariff (includes Forum Island Countries, Developing Countries and places treated as Developing Countries). Excludes Papua New Guinea.

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