

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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AUGUST IMPORTS

	\$m
Food and live animals	297
Beverages and tobacco	53
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	140
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	351
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	16
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	886
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 111
Machinery and transport equipment	3 726
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 325
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	256
Total imports	8 161

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics of Australia's merchandise imports classified according to the broadest level (1 digit sections) of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification. The data are compiled from information submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Client Services Statistical Support on Canberra 02 6252 5400 . This information can also be provided on subscription.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the quarterly ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade* (Cat. No. 5422.0).

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