

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	343
Beverages and tobacco	52
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	143
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	405
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	992
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	997
Machinery and transport equipment	3 740
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 136
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	61
Total imports	7 890

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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