

# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS** AUSTRALIA

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## FEBRUARY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	354
Beverages and tobacco	43
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	151
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	586
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	19
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 050
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 109
Machinery and transport equipment	3 742
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 279
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	292
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>8 624</b>

## 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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The March 2000 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 18 April 2000, and the April to August 2000 issues are expected to be released on 16 May 2000, 19 June 2000, 18 July 2000, 16 August 2000 and 18 September 2000.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Sharyn Sturgeon on Canberra 02 6252 5310, or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

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