

# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS** AUSTRALIA

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## JUNE IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	316
Beverages and tobacco	44
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	143
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	334
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	23
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	934
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 119
Machinery and transport equipment	3 980
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 268
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	306
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>8 468</b>

## NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

This publication presents Australia's merchandise imports 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.

### CHANGE IN NEXT ISSUE

For imports data from July 1998, there will be a change to the value threshold used in the compilation of merchandise import statistics. To date, import statistics have included individual transaction lines (within an import consignment) of less than \$250 in value. These transaction lines are usually part of an import consignment whose total value exceeds \$250. Goods of less than \$250 in value that have been screened free or entered on informal clearance documents have always been excluded from the statistics. When compiling import statistics for July 1998 onwards, the ABS will ignore transaction lines where the value is less than \$250. The total of such lines included in the June 1998 statistics is \$17 million (0.2% of total imports). For information on this change, contact Margaret Hausknecht on (02) 6252 5501.

### 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.

### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The July 1998 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 18 August 1998.

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