



# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

**AUSTRALIA**

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## SEPTEMBER IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	316
Beverages and tobacco	58
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	143
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	352
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	944
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 154
Machinery and transport equipment	3 874
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 424
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	271
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>8 563</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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### 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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