

**INTERNATIONAL  
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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**KEY FIGURES**

	<i>Jun 2003</i>	<i>July 2003</i>	<i>August 2003</i>
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Food and live animals	403	406	383
Beverages and tobacco	68	78	77
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	138	169	168
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	821	624	749
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	24	38	40
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1 148	1 206	1 215
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 197	1 331	1 310
Machinery and transport equipment	5 335	4 959	5 083
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 357	1 588	1 619
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	226	216	235
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10 717</b>	<b>10 614</b>	<b>10 878</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 are available through the National Information and Referral Service, by subscription to AusStats, a 24 hour Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the ABS publication International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 5489.0) which is accessible on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>, select Themes then International Trade then Publications.

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