

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	October 2004	November 2004	December 2004
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	488	501	498
Beverages and tobacco	100	103	107
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	151	182	146
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 297	1 331	1 365
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	27	29	26
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 421	1 389	1 434
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 515	1 576	1 455
Machinery and transport equipment	5 677	5 936	5 590
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 916	1 906	1 560
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	193	206	225
TOTAL	12 785	13 160	12 405

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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