

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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FEBRUARY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	406
Beverages and tobacco	57
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	159
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	784
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	20
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 293
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 243
Machinery and transport equipment	4 473
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 382
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	409
Total imports	10 225

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 through the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. 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 ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5489.0).

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