

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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JULY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	347
Beverages and tobacco	69
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	169
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	747
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	26
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 104
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 151
Machinery and transport equipment	4 692
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 405
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	103
Total imports	9 814

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents Australia's merchandise imports for 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.

VALUATION

The valuation basis for ABS trade statistics is unaffected by the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax from 1 July 2000. Imports are shown at Customs Value, which is before the imposition of duties or taxes. This is consistent with international standards.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Information Consultancy 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, Australia* (Cat. No. 5422.0).

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- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Sharyn Sturgeon on Canberra 02 6252 5310, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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