

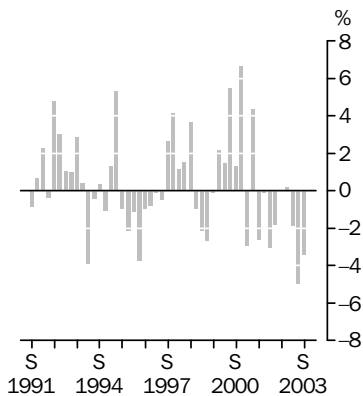
# INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRICE INDEXES

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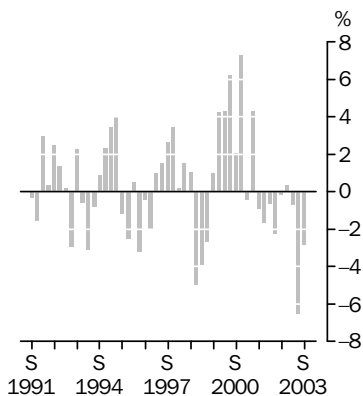
## IMPORT PRICE INDEX: all groups

Quarterly % change



## EXPORT PRICE INDEX: all groups

Quarterly % change



## KEY FIGURES

	<i>Jun Qtr 03 to Sep Qtr 03</i>	<i>Sep Qtr 02 to Sep Qtr 03</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
<b>Import Price Index all groups</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
Food and live animals	-3.7	-3.9
Beverages and tobacco	-3.2	-3.6
Crude materials	-3.0	-5.1
Mineral fuels, etc.	-4.5	-5.3
Animal and vegetable oils, etc.	-3.4	-2.5
Chemicals and related products	-2.1	-6.1
Manufactured goods by material	-2.9	-7.2
Machinery and transport equipment	-3.7	-12.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	-3.7	-11.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.s.	0.3	-3.4
<b>Export Price Index all groups</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-9.5</b>
Food and live animals	-2.7	-9.7
Beverages and tobacco	-10.0	-13.7
Crude materials	-3.0	-6.2
Mineral fuels, etc.	-4.7	-13.0
Chemicals and related products	-0.8	-12.0
Manufactured goods by material	-1.6	-7.9
Machinery and transport equipment	-1.9	-9.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	-2.1	-13.3

## KEY POINTS

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX

- The Import Price Index fell by 3.4 % in the September quarter. The decrease was predominantly driven by the significant appreciation of the Australian dollar against all major currencies. Falls were registered for prices of most commodities, with crude petroleum, computing and telecommunication equipment, and machinery and transport equipment being the major contributors. Small offsetting price increases were observed for a few commodities, with refined petroleum products being the only significant ones.

### EXPORT PRICE INDEX

- The Export Price Index fell by 2.8 % in the September quarter. The decrease was predominantly driven by the significant appreciation of the Australian dollar against all major currencies. Falls were registered for the majority of commodities. In particular, falls were observed for prices of wool, coal, and crude petroleum products. Small offsetting price increases were registered for a few commodities, with fresh beef being the most significant.

## INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or Steve Whennan on Canberra (02) 6252 6251.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Both the Import Price Index and the Export Price Index have been reweighted in the September quarter 2003. This is in line with the ABS' policy of reweighting these indexes annually in the September quarter, as explained in paragraphs 8-10 of the Explanatory Notes. The new weighting patterns are provided in an Appendix to this issue.

As a consequence of this annual reweighting, points contribution data for June quarter 2003 shown in Tables 2, 8 and 17 differ from those published in the previous issue of this publication.

## RELATED STATISTICS

For more information about statistics in this publication and about other 'ABS data available on request', contact Steve Whennan on 02 6252 6251, or email <steve.whennan@abs.gov.au>.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADP	automatic data processing
AHECC	Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
BEC	Classification by Broad Economic Categories
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	free on board
HTISC	Harmonized Tariff Item Statistical Classification
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification

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## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a): Index numbers &amp; percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Index numbers</i>	<i>% change from previous period</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>1999–2000</b>	120.2	0.3	..
<b>2000–01</b>	134.3	11.7	..
<b>2001–02</b>	132.3	-1.5	..
<b>2002–03</b>	126.0	-4.8	..
<b>1998</b>			
December	121.7	-1.0	5.5
<b>1999</b>			
March	119.1	-2.1	2.1
June	115.9	-2.7	-2.2
September	115.8	-0.1	-5.8
December	118.3	2.2	-2.8
<b>2000</b>			
March	120.1	1.5	0.8
June	126.7	5.5	9.3
September	128.4	1.3	10.9
December	137.0	6.7	15.8
<b>2001</b>			
March	132.9	-3.0	10.7
June	138.7	4.4	9.5
September	135.1	-2.6	5.2
December	134.9	-0.1	-1.5
<b>2002</b>			
March	130.8	-3.0	-1.6
June	128.4	-1.8	-7.4
September	128.5	0.1	-4.9
December	128.8	0.2	-4.5
<b>2003</b>			
March	126.4	-1.9	-3.4
June	120.1	-5.0	-6.5
September	116.0	-3.4	-9.7

.. not applicable

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a), SITC contribution to all groups index

Category		Jun Qtr 2003(b)	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2003
ALL GROUPS				
All groups		120.1	116.0	-4.1
SITC SECTIONS—CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS (INDEX POINTS)				
0	Food and live animals chiefly for food	4.90	4.71	-0.19
1	Beverages and tobacco	1.04	1.00	-0.04
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.90	1.85	-0.05
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and other related materials	10.05	9.61	-0.44
4	Animal and vegetable oils, etc.	0.36	0.34	-0.02
5	Chemicals and related products n.e.s.	14.44	14.14	-0.30
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	14.98	14.56	-0.42
7	Machinery and transport equipment	55.55	53.49	-2.06
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.43	15.83	-0.60
9	Commodities and transactions n.e.s.	0.48	0.48	—
SELECTED SITC DIVISIONS—CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS (INDEX POINTS)				
03	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	1.17	1.10	-0.07
24	Cork and wood	0.83	0.81	-0.02
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	10.05	9.61	-0.44
51	Organic chemicals	2.23	2.24	0.01
52	Inorganic chemicals	0.68	0.64	-0.04
59	Chemical materials and products n.e.s.	1.46	1.42	-0.04
64	Paper, paperboard and articles made of paper	2.35	2.25	-0.10
65	Textile yarn, fabrics and related products	2.41	2.31	-0.10
69	Manufactures of metals n.e.s.	2.94	2.88	-0.06
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	2.88	2.73	-0.15
72	Machinery specialised for particular industries	4.41	4.27	-0.14
74	General industrial machinery, equipment and parts	6.67	6.46	-0.21
75	Office machines and ADP machines	6.81	6.30	-0.51
76	Telecommunications and sound recording equipment	6.32	6.06	-0.26
77	Electrical machinery, etc. and parts thereof	6.62	6.40	-0.22
78	Road vehicles	16.22	15.79	-0.43
79	Other transport equipment	5.62	5.47	-0.15
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	2.88	2.79	-0.09
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	5.85	5.62	-0.23

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Differs from previously published June quarter 2003 due to annual reweighting.

(a) Reference base of each index 1989–90 = 100.0.

## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a), SITC section

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)</i>	<i>Beverages and tobacco (1)</i>	<i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)</i>	<i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and other related materials (3)</i>	<i>Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (4)</i>	<i>Chemicals and related products n.e.s. (5)</i>	<i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (6)</i>	<i>Machinery and transport equipment (7)</i>	<i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)</i>	<i>Commodities and transactions n.e.s. (9)</i>
<b>1999-2000</b>	116.9	127.0	124.9	135.4	138.5	111.0	120.2	119.4	126.1	89.8
<b>2000-01</b>	121.4	128.5	139.9	188.0	122.6	128.1	131.3	129.7	140.0	99.6
<b>2001-02</b>	122.5	132.9	124.9	158.4	122.1	128.5	133.9	128.2	143.0	110.8
<b>2002-03</b>	125.1	139.9	123.1	174.9	141.0	120.2	129.2	118.7	132.1	115.4
<b>1998</b>										
December	126.3	130.3	119.3	85.1	185.8	116.4	124.9	123.9	129.1	94.9
<b>1999</b>										
March	123.1	130.0	117.2	75.4	179.7	112.2	122.2	122.4	127.5	91.2
June	120.5	129.8	114.9	93.0	166.5	107.4	117.6	117.6	123.9	84.2
September	116.6	126.3	115.8	111.3	148.9	105.7	117.2	116.5	122.9	79.9
December	116.0	126.6	120.2	128.4	147.9	106.6	118.4	118.6	123.9	92.1
<b>2000</b>										
March	116.3	127.7	127.0	143.7	126.8	111.4	119.7	118.4	125.5	92.2
June	118.7	127.5	136.6	158.3	130.3	120.3	125.4	124.2	132.0	95.0
September	117.8	125.1	140.5	184.2	126.6	120.5	125.1	123.8	133.5	96.5
December	121.9	129.2	147.8	216.5	126.1	125.9	132.8	131.3	140.6	101.5
<b>2001</b>										
March	121.4	128.7	137.8	167.5	117.5	128.7	131.3	129.6	139.8	99.4
June	124.3	131.0	133.3	183.9	120.1	137.1	136.1	134.0	146.2	101.1
September	121.3	132.1	127.6	180.4	121.2	131.1	133.8	130.1	144.1	107.1
December	122.9	133.1	124.7	156.5	123.9	132.8	135.8	131.3	146.4	109.0
<b>2002</b>										
March	123.8	133.7	125.1	136.0	122.7	127.8	134.4	127.9	143.0	112.8
June	121.9	132.6	122.3	160.5	120.5	122.1	131.6	123.4	138.3	114.2
September	124.1	139.9	124.3	165.1	137.9	122.0	131.0	123.3	136.6	115.1
December	126.3	139.2	123.7	179.3	143.6	122.3	131.4	121.9	135.6	115.6
<b>2003</b>										
March	126.0	140.9	122.5	191.5	143.2	119.6	129.1	117.4	131.4	120.0
June	123.8	139.4	121.7	163.6	139.2	117.0	125.2	112.1	124.9	110.9
September	119.2	134.9	118.0	156.3	134.5	114.6	121.6	107.9	120.3	111.2

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a): Consumption goods

Period	BEC END	BROAD BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CATEGORIES						
	USE	Consumption goods total	Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	Household electrical items	Non-industrial transport equipment	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Toys, books and leisure goods	Consumption goods n.e.s.
<b>1999–2000</b>		126.9	122.0	109.9	152.9	117.1	136.8	120.4
<b>2000–01</b>		137.3	128.0	119.3	162.3	133.1	142.9	132.1
<b>2001–02</b>		139.4	129.9	118.6	169.8	137.8	145.4	132.7
<b>2002–03</b>		133.5	132.8	107.9	164.7	127.7	138.0	126.4
<b>1998</b>								
December		130.9	127.4	112.3	153.9	118.4	138.0	126.6
<b>1999</b>								
March		128.8	125.2	111.5	152.0	118.8	137.4	123.3
June		125.8	124.1	108.0	149.5	114.5	134.8	119.6
September		124.5	121.0	107.5	149.4	113.8	134.3	118.1
December		125.9	121.5	108.8	153.2	116.2	137.2	118.1
<b>2000</b>								
March		126.2	121.0	109.1	153.6	114.4	135.9	119.6
June		131.1	124.6	114.0	155.2	124.0	139.9	125.7
September		132.0	123.7	115.0	156.3	124.9	138.6	127.5
December		137.7	127.8	121.0	160.7	133.7	144.4	132.5
<b>2001</b>								
March		137.1	128.9	119.7	162.0	132.9	143.1	131.4
June		142.4	131.4	121.5	170.3	140.8	145.5	137.1
September		139.8	128.8	119.6	170.6	137.8	144.1	133.8
December		141.7	130.7	120.1	172.7	140.1	147.8	135.4
<b>2002</b>								
March		139.7	131.4	119.0	169.6	138.7	147.2	132.1
June		136.4	128.8	115.8	166.1	134.7	142.3	129.3
September		136.0	132.2	113.8	165.9	132.7	140.7	128.6
December		135.7	133.7	109.0	166.1	132.1	140.5	128.6
<b>2003</b>								
March		133.4	133.4	107.0	164.7	126.7	138.1	126.3
June		129.0	131.9	101.8	162.0	119.4	132.8	121.9
September		125.5	127.7	97.5	158.9	114.7	128.3	119.3

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a): Capital goods

Period	BROAD BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CATEGORIES						
	Capital goods total	Machinery and industrial equipment	ADP equipment	Telecommunications equipment	Civil aircraft	Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	Capital goods n.e.s.
<b>1999-2000</b>	116.9	138.3	50.3	67.0	132.3	163.6	137.3
<b>2000-01</b>	126.9	152.8	51.7	68.1	161.8	173.6	151.9
<b>2001-02</b>	125.7	155.2	43.6	67.3	173.8	178.2	155.3
<b>2002-03</b>	116.7	145.1	35.5	62.9	158.8	175.4	143.9
<b>1998</b>							
December	121.3	143.0	59.8	70.5	135.2	165.4	136.1
<b>1999</b>							
March	119.9	142.4	56.2	70.9	132.9	165.2	134.4
June	115.2	135.7	52.8	71.7	128.8	157.3	132.0
September	114.2	133.7	51.4	70.0	127.6	157.7	134.3
December	115.8	136.5	50.3	65.2	128.8	165.4	133.7
<b>2000</b>							
March	115.7	137.1	48.5	64.9	130.4	163.3	137.0
June	122.0	145.8	50.9	67.8	142.3	167.8	144.3
September	121.3	145.0	49.9	67.0	145.8	167.4	143.8
December	128.4	154.5	53.2	68.6	162.8	174.9	152.9
<b>2001</b>							
March	126.8	152.8	51.7	67.9	162.7	172.6	151.7
June	131.2	158.7	52.1	68.9	175.7	179.4	159.0
September	127.4	156.2	46.2	67.6	174.7	179.3	155.3
December	129.0	160.9	45.7	68.0	178.0	181.6	158.0
<b>2002</b>							
March	125.3	155.2	42.8	67.1	176.1	177.4	156.3
June	121.1	148.6	39.6	66.5	166.5	174.4	151.5
September	121.4	149.1	38.9	66.5	164.6	178.9	147.8
December	119.9	147.5	37.5	66.7	164.9	176.6	147.1
<b>2003</b>							
March	115.4	144.5	34.4	61.7	157.5	174.4	143.2
June	110.1	139.2	31.2	56.7	148.2	171.7	137.6
September	106.3	134.8	28.8	54.6	144.1	169.0	133.9

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.



## IMPORT PRICE INDEX(a): Intermediate &amp; other merchandise goods

Period	BROAD BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CATEGORIES								
	Intermediate and other merchandise goods total	Intermediate and other merchandise goods total excluding non-monetary gold	Food and beverages, mainly for industry	Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.	Fuels and lubricants	Parts for transport equipment	Parts for ADP equipment	Other parts for capital goods	Organic and inorganic chemicals
<b>1999-2000</b>	113.4	113.7	123.8	114.4	156.3	135.7	41.7	115.7	107.1
<b>2000-01</b>	130.8	131.2	105.5	127.8	219.2	149.1	43.0	127.4	124.6
<b>2001-02</b>	126.0	126.2	103.1	125.2	183.3	153.7	35.7	122.9	124.2
<b>2002-03</b>	121.7	121.7	125.7	126.9	204.0	146.0	28.5	111.9	110.0
<b>1998</b>									
December	112.9	113.2	169.5	125.8	90.9	136.5	53.3	125.7	111.4
<b>1999</b>									
March	109.4	109.7	160.1	123.1	79.9	136.4	48.9	121.9	106.5
June	106.9	107.2	145.4	119.8	102.2	131.8	45.2	113.5	103.4
September	107.5	107.9	132.0	116.3	125.9	131.3	43.2	111.9	100.6
December	110.7	111.0	122.7	110.5	148.1	134.7	41.9	114.2	102.5
<b>2000</b>									
March	114.0	114.4	123.3	111.0	166.3	135.5	39.5	115.0	108.2
June	121.2	121.6	117.3	119.7	184.7	141.2	42.3	121.6	116.9
September	124.9	125.3	112.2	120.5	214.9	141.2	41.5	120.8	116.8
December	135.6	136.1	113.4	128.2	253.4	151.3	44.2	129.2	121.9
<b>2001</b>									
March	128.1	128.4	95.6	128.6	194.6	148.8	43.0	127.6	124.6
June	134.7	135.1	100.6	133.7	213.7	154.9	43.4	132.0	135.2
September	130.9	131.2	102.4	130.2	209.9	154.6	38.0	125.0	128.6
December	128.3	128.5	100.0	122.2	181.0	155.3	37.5	126.0	130.4
<b>2002</b>									
March	122.7	122.8	101.4	125.2	156.2	154.9	35.0	123.0	123.6
June	122.2	122.3	108.7	123.3	186.2	149.9	32.2	117.7	114.1
September	122.6	122.7	119.1	124.8	192.0	148.9	31.4	116.7	113.2
December	124.6	124.7	127.3	128.1	209.2	149.4	30.2	115.7	112.9
<b>2003</b>									
March	123.5	123.6	131.8	128.4	223.8	144.9	27.6	110.4	108.9
June	115.9	115.9	124.6	126.2	190.8	140.6	24.9	104.8	104.8
September	111.3	111.4	134.1	122.3	182.6	134.4	22.9	100.1	104.1

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

BROAD BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CATEGORIES *cont.*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Paper and paperboard</i>	<i>Textile yarn and fabrics</i>	<i>Iron and steel</i>	<i>Plastics</i>	<i>Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.</i>	<i>Non- monetary gold</i>
<b>1999–2000</b>	107.7	111.7	105.9	114.6	124.5	89.9
<b>2000–01</b>	121.4	125.5	116.0	136.6	136.7	99.8
<b>2001–02</b>	122.5	126.3	111.9	137.6	139.0	110.9
<b>2002–03</b>	113.6	117.8	114.4	128.9	134.2	115.5
<b>1998</b>						
December	109.4	118.0	110.0	115.8	126.3	95.0
<b>1999</b>						
March	109.7	115.7	106.0	115.1	123.7	91.3
June	107.7	110.1	102.6	106.9	119.7	84.3
September	107.2	108.1	101.9	106.1	120.6	80.0
December	106.0	109.2	102.7	110.8	123.0	92.1
<b>2000</b>						
March	105.9	111.0	106.1	115.8	125.0	92.3
June	111.6	118.5	112.9	125.7	129.3	95.1
September	116.9	113.2	111.7	129.0	130.4	96.6
December	121.3	129.7	118.3	138.1	137.5	101.6
<b>2001</b>						
March	121.2	126.7	115.7	136.5	137.9	99.5
June	126.1	132.3	118.3	142.6	141.0	101.3
September	122.3	128.2	112.9	140.0	139.5	107.2
December	125.0	129.2	114.3	140.5	141.7	109.1
<b>2002</b>						
March	122.3	127.0	111.7	137.6	138.8	112.9
June	120.5	120.8	108.7	132.4	136.1	114.3
September	116.5	121.3	111.9	134.5	135.8	115.2
December	115.4	120.7	116.1	131.2	136.3	115.7
<b>2003</b>						
March	112.4	116.6	115.9	126.2	134.5	120.1
June	110.2	112.6	113.7	123.8	130.0	111.0
September	105.6	107.5	112.4	117.2	125.8	111.3

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX (a): All groups index numbers &amp; percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Index numbers</i>	<i>% change from previous period</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>1999–2000</b>	98.0	2.4	..
<b>2000–01</b>	114.8	17.1	..
<b>2001–02</b>	116.7	1.7	..
<b>2002–03</b>	111.7	-4.3	..
<b>1998</b>			
December	96.9	-5.0	-2.3
<b>1999</b>			
March	93.1	-3.9	-6.3
June	90.6	-2.7	-10.2
September	91.5	1.0	-10.3
December	95.4	4.3	-1.5
<b>2000</b>			
March	99.5	4.3	6.9
June	105.7	6.2	16.7
September	107.9	2.1	17.9
December	115.8	7.3	21.4
<b>2001</b>			
March	115.3	-0.4	15.9
June	120.3	4.3	13.8
September	119.2	-0.9	10.5
December	117.2	-1.7	1.2
<b>2002</b>			
March	116.4	-0.7	1.0
June	113.8	-2.2	-5.4
September	113.6	-0.2	-4.7
December	114.0	0.4	-2.7
<b>2003</b>			
March	113.2	-0.7	-2.7
June	105.8	-6.5	-7.0
September	102.8	-2.8	-9.5

.. not applicable

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX(a): SITC contribution to all groups index

Category	Jun Qtr 2003(b)	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2003
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## ALL GROUPS

All groups	105.8	102.8	-3.0
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## SELECTED SITC SECTIONS—CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS (INDEX POINTS)

0	Food and live animals chiefly for food	19.58	19.05	-0.53
1	Beverages and tobacco	2.59	2.33	-0.26
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.59	18.02	-0.57
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	21.77	20.75	-1.02
5	Chemicals and related products n.e.s.	8.61	8.54	-0.07
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12.83	12.62	-0.21
7	Machinery and transport equipment	13.03	12.78	-0.25
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.93	2.87	-0.06

## SELECTED SITC DIVISIONS—CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS (INDEX POINTS)

00	Live animals	1.08	1.08	—
01	Meat and meat preparations	5.36	5.19	-0.17
02	Dairy products and eggs	2.42	2.43	0.01
03	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	1.20	1.15	-0.05
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	5.55	5.47	-0.08
05	Vegetables and fruit	1.52	1.48	-0.04
11	Beverages	2.59	2.33	-0.26
21	Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.66	0.73	0.07
26	Textiles	5.61	5.02	-0.59
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	9.75	9.67	-0.08
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	10.76	10.32	-0.44
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7.51	7.03	-0.48
52	Inorganic chemicals	3.98	4.03	0.05
54	Medical and pharmaceutical products	2.48	2.43	-0.05
61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s.	0.49	0.46	-0.03
67	Iron and steel	2.16	2.06	-0.10
68	Non-ferrous metals	8.01	7.98	-0.03
71-75	Power generating machinery and equipment	4.63	4.48	-0.15
76-77	Telecommunications and electrical machinery n.e.s.	2.53	2.52	-0.01
78	Road vehicles	4.12	4.07	-0.05
79	Other transport equipment	1.75	1.71	-0.04
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	0.62	0.61	-0.01

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Differs from previously published June quarter 2003 due to annual reweighting.

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX(a): Selected SITC section

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)</i>	<i>Beverages and tobacco (1)</i>	<i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)</i>	<i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and other related materials (3)</i>	<i>Chemicals and related products n.e.s. (5)</i>	<i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (6)</i>	<i>Machinery and transport equipment (7)</i>	<i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)</i>
<b>1999–2000</b>	95.7	131.5	82.6	127.1	102.5	101.0	98.8	112.5
<b>2000–01</b>	109.6	137.8	95.7	162.7	119.9	116.7	104.1	118.4
<b>2001–02</b>	118.9	142.8	99.0	164.7	113.0	105.1	105.6	119.2
<b>2002–03</b>	109.3	143.8	97.0	160.9	100.4	102.1	100.6	104.5
<b>1998</b>								
December	96.9	128.0	84.4	123.8	99.4	87.2	97.7	109.6
<b>1999</b>								
March	95.3	129.2	81.7	113.8	93.8	82.3	97.7	112.7
June	91.3	127.7	79.1	112.5	90.4	83.7	96.1	110.2
September	91.5	129.4	79.2	114.5	93.5	88.6	96.3	110.0
December	94.8	130.8	81.2	121.2	97.2	95.7	98.2	111.5
<b>2000</b>								
March	95.9	131.1	81.8	131.9	105.3	106.6	98.6	112.0
June	100.7	134.7	88.3	140.8	114.1	113.0	102.2	116.6
September	101.4	135.0	89.2	148.3	114.8	111.6	100.8	113.1
December	108.3	137.4	94.7	166.7	122.1	119.5	105.1	120.3
<b>2001</b>								
March	111.3	138.8	96.3	161.1	120.9	116.8	104.7	119.2
June	117.5	140.1	102.4	174.8	121.7	118.8	105.8	121.1
September	118.2	142.8	99.9	174.1	118.4	110.0	106.4	121.0
December	121.5	141.4	98.0	166.3	115.1	103.2	107.0	121.3
<b>2002</b>								
March	120.7	145.1	100.6	159.4	111.0	103.4	105.8	119.9
June	115.0	142.0	97.5	158.9	107.3	103.6	103.1	114.7
September	111.3	146.0	96.4	163.7	106.7	103.8	103.7	109.9
December	111.9	145.5	98.5	166.4	101.1	103.7	102.8	107.5
<b>2003</b>								
March	110.7	143.7	99.8	163.9	99.0	103.5	100.0	103.2
June	103.3	140.0	93.2	149.4	94.7	97.2	96.0	97.3
September	100.5	126.0	90.4	142.4	93.9	95.6	94.2	95.3

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS GROUPS

<i>Period</i>	<i>Rural goods total</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereal grains and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Other rural</i>
<b>1999–2000</b>	<b>83.8</b>	99.2	82.5	54.6	114.9
<b>2000–01</b>	<b>98.7</b>	115.4	98.6	66.4	133.2
<b>2001–02</b>	<b>107.7</b>	133.8	105.3	75.6	141.0
<b>2002–03</b>	<b>104.0</b>	118.5	104.8	94.8	125.1
<b>1998</b>					
December	<b>83.7</b>	89.2	88.0	52.6	119.3
<b>1999</b>					
March	<b>81.4</b>	88.8	86.0	50.5	115.3
June	<b>80.0</b>	89.0	82.1	52.2	110.3
September	<b>80.4</b>	95.0	79.2	52.8	110.0
December	<b>82.6</b>	95.7	82.7	54.2	112.8
<b>2000</b>					
March	<b>82.8</b>	98.4	81.8	52.4	115.3
June	<b>89.3</b>	107.7	86.4	59.1	121.4
September	<b>91.5</b>	104.8	90.3	61.7	124.8
December	<b>96.9</b>	110.4	97.5	62.6	133.3
<b>2001</b>					
March	<b>100.3</b>	115.9	100.9	67.0	135.7
June	<b>106.2</b>	130.6	105.6	74.1	138.8
September	<b>107.2</b>	129.0	105.1	72.4	143.9
December	<b>108.4</b>	137.9	106.6	66.8	146.0
<b>2002</b>					
March	<b>109.6</b>	136.6	107.9	77.2	142.5
June	<b>105.7</b>	131.7	101.6	85.9	131.4
September	<b>103.5</b>	123.7	100.9	83.6	130.5
December	<b>106.1</b>	120.7	107.5	96.2	127.8
<b>2003</b>					
March	<b>107.1</b>	116.4	111.5	104.3	125.1
June	<b>99.3</b>	113.3	99.3	95.0	117.1
September	<b>96.2</b>	109.8	97.8	84.1	116.3

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS GROUPS

<i>Period</i>	<i>Non-rural goods total (excluding non-monetary gold)</i>	<i>Metal ores and minerals</i>	<i>Coal, coke and briquettes</i>	<i>Other minerals</i>	<i>Metals (excluding non-monetary gold)</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other manufactures</i>	<i>Other non-rural</i>	<i>Non-monetary gold</i>
<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>107.5</b>	102.2	102.1	186.1	99.3	91.0	113.1	107.9	84.0	91.1
<b>2000-01</b>	<b>126.2</b>	119.5	117.3	267.1	113.9	94.3	126.9	125.0	88.4	101.2
<b>2001-02</b>	<b>123.7</b>	116.4	136.9	238.0	102.2	94.2	131.7	121.4	87.7	112.5
<b>2002-03</b>	<b>117.1</b>	103.3	120.3	258.7	99.4	89.4	126.4	112.5	82.4	117.1
<b>1998</b>										
December	<b>105.1</b>	106.2	122.3	127.1	86.1	90.4	112.7	101.7	97.4	95.8
<b>1999</b>										
March	<b>100.2</b>	101.8	110.8	120.7	80.6	91.0	111.5	102.8	97.3	92.4
June	<b>97.6</b>	96.2	103.3	133.9	82.3	89.4	110.1	101.2	84.9	85.2
September	<b>99.5</b>	97.1	99.4	150.1	87.3	89.4	110.4	102.1	83.7	80.8
December	<b>103.4</b>	98.9	100.5	169.8	94.1	90.5	111.4	103.7	84.8	93.2
<b>2000</b>										
March	<b>110.3</b>	103.6	102.4	201.5	105.5	90.8	112.3	106.4	85.3	94.0
June	<b>116.6</b>	109.3	106.0	222.8	110.3	93.2	118.3	119.5	82.0	96.4
September	<b>118.9</b>	112.3	106.9	243.3	109.1	92.3	120.8	120.2	83.8	97.9
December	<b>128.5</b>	121.2	115.6	281.8	116.9	95.3	127.9	126.7	88.4	103.1
<b>2001</b>										
March	<b>126.2</b>	120.0	115.3	265.8	114.0	94.8	127.6	125.3	89.0	100.9
June	<b>131.3</b>	124.4	131.2	277.5	115.7	94.8	131.2	127.6	92.4	102.8
September	<b>128.3</b>	120.3	138.7	262.0	106.7	95.1	132.5	125.5	89.6	108.8
December	<b>124.5</b>	117.5	140.4	236.7	99.7	95.6	133.1	123.8	87.3	110.7
<b>2002</b>										
March	<b>122.2</b>	116.2	138.5	219.8	101.3	94.5	131.8	119.3	89.7	114.5
June	<b>119.8</b>	111.4	129.9	233.5	101.1	91.7	129.2	117.0	84.0	115.9
September	<b>120.5</b>	110.1	128.6	251.0	101.2	92.4	129.4	115.9	81.4	116.8
December	<b>119.8</b>	104.7	126.9	262.8	100.8	91.1	129.6	114.7	83.4	117.3
<b>2003</b>										
March	<b>117.7</b>	102.2	118.2	272.3	100.9	88.6	126.1	111.6	82.9	121.8
June	<b>110.5</b>	96.0	107.5	248.6	94.5	85.4	120.3	107.6	82.0	112.6
September	<b>107.3</b>	95.7	103.1	235.5	93.3	83.5	118.5	105.0	73.0	112.8

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains indexes measuring changes in the prices of imports of merchandise that are landed in Australia each quarter—the import price index (tables 1–6), and exports of merchandise that are shipped from Australia each quarter—the export price index (tables 7–11).

**2** The indexes are calculated on the reference base 1989–90=100.0.

### SCOPE

**3** The import price index excludes the following items (representing approximately 5% of the value of merchandise imported during the weighting period) because of the inherent difficulties in pricing the items to constant quality (see paragraph 15 below):

- live animals (not for food)
- jewellery and other articles of precious metal n.e.s.
- military equipment
- commodities not classified according to kind
- works of art, collectors' pieces, antiques
- ships of various types.

**4** The export price index includes re-exports of merchandise (i.e. goods which are imported into Australia and exported at a later date without physical transformation).

### CLASSIFICATIONS

**5** Index numbers for selected sections of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) are provided in table 3 (import price index) and table 9 (export price index).

**6** The import price index is also presented by End Use Class of the United Nations' Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) in tables 4–6. These have been disaggregated into balance of payments groupings.

**7** The export price index is also presented by balance of payments export groupings in tables 10 and 11.

### ITEMS AND WEIGHTS

**8** The import price index and export price index are annually reweighted chained Laspeyres indexes. This method of weighting was introduced in the September quarter 2000 and replaces the "fixed-base" method of weighting in which the weighting patterns are updated infrequently (generally once every 5 or 10 years).

**9** The annual reweighting and chaining process involves a number of steps in order to provide new weights each year. The current weighting basis for the import price index was derived from the average value of import items during 2002–03. This differs slightly from the export price index which has used the average value of export items during 2001–02 and 2002–03, due to the greater volatility associated with the value of export items. These weights were revalued to reflect link period (June quarter 2003) price levels. Indexes derived by using the new weights for the September quarter 2003 were then linked to the already published June quarter 2003 (link period) levels which were derived using the previous series weights. Using this methodology, long-term chain linked series can be constructed over time on a consistent reference base for continuity and user convenience, but using annually refreshed weights. The reference base for each index series continues to be 1989–90=100 even though the weights are being updated each year. The current series weighting patterns (in link period prices) are contained in the Appendix to this issue.

**10** The commodities directly represented in each index (the index items) were selected on the basis of the significance of their import and export values in the period 1999–00 for imports and 1998–99 & 1999–00 for exports. All significant commodities were selected for pricing. The weights for minor commodities which are not directly priced are included with those of comparable directly priced items whose prices are likely to move in a similar way.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### PRICE MEASUREMENT

**11** In general, prices of individual shipments are obtained from major importers and exporters of the selected items and relate to the quarter in which the imported goods physically arrive in Australia and the exported goods physically leave Australia.

**12** Imports are priced on a 'free on board' (f.o.b), country of origin basis. Therefore freight and insurance charges involved in shipping goods from foreign to Australian ports are excluded from the prices used in the index, as are Australian import duties and taxes. Similarly, exports are priced on a f.o.b basis at the main Australian ports of export. Exports are exempt from taxes on products.

**13** As the prices used in the indexes are expressed in Australian currency, changes in the relative value of the Australian dollar and overseas currencies can have a direct impact on price movements for the many commodities that are bought and sold in currencies other than Australian dollars. Prices reported in a foreign currency are converted to Australian dollars using relevant exchange rates. Where imports or exports are transacted in prices expressed in terms of a foreign currency and forward exchange cover is used, the prices in the indexes exclude the forward exchange cover.

**14** The main pricing methodology used is specification pricing, under which a manageable sample of precisely specified products is selected, in consultation with each reporting business, for repeat pricing. In specifying the products, care is taken to ensure that they are fully defined in terms of all the characteristics which influence their transaction prices. As such, all the relevant technical characteristics need to be described (e.g. make, model, features) along with the unit of sale, type of packaging, conditions of sale (e.g. delivered, payment within 30 days), etc. The goods are also specified by country and market in order to lessen the impact of price variations attributable solely to changes over time in the mix of countries, or markets.

**15** When the quality or specifications of an item being priced change over time, adjustments are made to the reported prices so that the index captures only pure price change. That is, any element of price change attributable to a change in quality is removed. If there is an increase (decrease) in the quality of an item, then the price index is adjusted downwards (upwards) to reflect the 'worth' of the quality change. This technique is known as pricing to constant quality.

**16** Wherever possible, prices from volume selling products being traded with predominant countries, or markets, are obtained to ensure specifications have a good chance of being re-priced over time and index series are representative of overall price movements. Individual product weights and weights between markets and countries are regularly reviewed to keep the indexes up to date.

### INDEX NUMBERS

**17** Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the relevant quarterly index numbers.

### ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES

**18** Care should be exercised when interpreting quarter-to-quarter movements in the indexes as short-term movements do not necessarily indicate changes in trend.

**19** Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods:

Import price index, All groups index number:

September quarter 2003	116.0 (see table 1)
less September quarter 2002	128.5 (see table 1)
Change in index points	-12.5
Percentage change	$-12.5/128.5 \times 100 = -9.7$

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES *continued*

**20** Tables 2 and 8 provide analyses of the contribution which SITC sections and divisions make to the All groups import price index and export price index, respectively. For example, mineral fuels, etc. contributed 9.61 index points to the All groups import price index number of 116.0 for September quarter 2003 and 0.44 index points to the net change of -4.1 index points between June and September quarters 2003.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

**21** Further information on recent price index developments in the ABS is presented in the following publications:

*An Analytical Framework for Price Indexes in Australia*, cat. no. 6421.0

*Producer Price Index Developments*, cat. no. 6422.0

*Review of the Import Price Index and Export Price Index, Australia*,  
cat. no. 6424.0

*Price Indexes and The New Tax System*, cat. no. 6425.0

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**22** Users may also wish to refer to the following related publications, which are available from ABS bookshops:

*Producer Price Indexes, Australia*, cat. no. 6427.0

*Consumer Price Index, Australia*, cat. no. 6401.0

*Wage Cost Index, Australia*, cat. no. 6345.0

*Australian National Accounts, Input-Output Tables*, cat. no. 5209.0

*Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia*,  
cat. no. 5302.0

**23** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

### ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**24** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS has other international trade price index series (many at detailed commodity levels) which are available on request. Inquiries should be made to Steve Whennan on 02 6252 6251.

## APPENDIX INDEX STRUCTURES & WEIGHTING PATTERNS

### COMPOSITION

Both the Import Price Index and the Export Price Index have been reweighted in the September quarter 2003. This is in line with the ABS' plan to reweight these indexes annually each September quarter, as explained in paragraphs 8 - 10 of the explanatory notes. The new weighting patterns for both the Import Price Index and Export Price Index, based on the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) (Revision 3), are presented in this Appendix. Corresponding new weighting patterns based on classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC), Harmonized Tariff Item Statistical Classification (HTISC) and Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) for the Import Price Index and Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) and ANZSIC for the Export Price Index are available on request.

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX GROUPED BY SITC (a)

<i>SITC</i>	<i>Divisions to Sections</i>	<i>Divisions &amp; Sections to All Groups</i>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4.07</b>
02 Dairy products and eggs	8.68	0.35
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and preparations thereof	23.93	0.98
05 Vegetables and fruit	23.91	0.97
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	17.84	0.73
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	25.64	1.04
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.86</b>
11 Beverages	70.39	0.60
12 Tobacco	29.61	0.26
<b>2 Crude materials</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.58</b>
23 Crude rubber	10.42	0.17
24 Cork and wood	43.71	0.68
25 Pulp and paper waste	18.29	0.29
26 Textile	13.34	0.21
27 Crude fertilizers, minerals	14.24	0.23
<b>3 Mineral fuels, etc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.37</b>
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	100.00	8.37
<b>4 Animal &amp; vegetable oils, etc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	100.00	0.30
<b>5 Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12.02</b>
51 Organic chemicals	15.41	1.85
52 Inorganic chemicals	4.72	0.57
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	3.65	0.44
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	35.64	4.28
55 Essential oils etc.	8.79	1.06
56 Fertilizers (excl. crude)	5.35	0.64
57 Plastics in primary forms	9.54	1.15
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	6.77	0.81
59 Chemical materials and products n.e.s.	10.13	1.22
<b>6 Manufactured goods by materials</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12.47</b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s.	0.93	0.12
62 Rubber manufactures	11.13	1.39
63 Cork and wood manufactures	4.74	0.59
64 Paper, paperboard and articles made of paper pulp	15.66	1.95
65 Textile yarn, fabrics and related products	16.07	2.00
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12.98	1.62
67 Iron and steel	12.68	1.58
68 Non-ferrous metals	6.17	0.77
69 Manufactures of metal n.e.s.	19.64	2.45

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## APPENDIX INDEX STRUCTURES & WEIGHTING PATTERNS *continued*

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX GROUPED BY SITC (a) *continued*

SITC	<i>Divisions to Sections</i>	<i>Divisions &amp; Sections to All Groups</i>
<b>7 Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>46.25</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	5.18	2.39
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	7.94	3.67
74 General industrial machinery, equipment and parts	12.01	5.56
75 Office machines and A.D.P. machines	12.25	5.67
76 Telecommunications and sound recording equipment	11.38	5.26
77 Electrical machinery, etc. and parts thereof	11.92	5.51
78 Road vehicles	29.21	13.51
79 Other transport equipment	10.11	4.68
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13.68</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings & fixtures n.e.s.	2.49	0.34
82 Furniture & parts thereof	8.60	1.18
83 Travel goods & handbags	2.61	0.36
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19.34	2.65
85 Footwear	5.58	0.76
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	17.50	2.39
88 Photographic and optical goods	8.26	1.13
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	35.62	4.87
<b>9 Commodities and transactions n.e.s.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.40</b>
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	100.00	0.40

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## APPENDIX INDEX STRUCTURES & WEIGHTING PATTERNS *continued*

### EXPORT PRICE INDEX GROUPED BY SITC (a)

SITC		Division to Sections	Divisions & Sections to All Groups
0	<b>Food and Live animals</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>18.50</b>
00	Live animals	5.50	1.02
01	Meat and meat preparations	27.36	5.06
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	12.39	2.29
03	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	6.15	1.14
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	28.37	5.25
05	Vegetables and fruit	7.75	1.43
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7.89	1.46
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	1.18	0.22
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2.98	0.55
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	0.43	0.08
1	<b>Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.44</b>
11	Beverages	100.00	2.44
2	<b>Crude materials</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>17.57</b>
21	Hides, skins and furskins, raw	3.53	0.62
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	5.24	0.92
24	Cork and wood	6.25	1.10
26	Textiles	30.17	5.30
27	Crude fertilizers and minerals	2.34	0.41
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	52.47	9.22
3	<b>Mineral fuels, etc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>20.57</b>
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	49.42	10.17
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	34.48	7.09
34	Gas, natural and manufactured	16.10	3.31
4	<b>Animal and vegetable oils, etc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.28</b>
41	Animal oils and fats	100.00	0.28
5	<b>Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.14</b>
51	Organic chemicals	0.09	0.01
52	Inorganic chemicals	46.19	3.76
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	8.15	0.66
54	Medical and pharmaceutical products	28.83	2.35
57	Plastics in primary form	5.22	0.42
58	Plastics in non-primary form	4.06	0.33
59	Chemical materials and products n.e.s.	7.46	0.61
6	<b>Manufactured goods by material</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12.12</b>
61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s.	3.86	0.47
62	Rubber manufactures	1.32	0.16
64	Paper, paperboard and articles made of paper	6.58	0.80
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures n.e.s.	8.95	1.09
67	Iron and steel	16.85	2.04
68	Non-ferrous metals	62.44	7.56
7	<b>Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12.32</b>
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	35.54	4.38
76-77	Telecommunications and electrical machinery n.e.s.	19.43	2.39
78	Road vehicles	31.61	3.89
79	Other transport equipment	13.42	1.66
8	<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.77</b>
81-82	Prefabricated buildings and furniture and parts thereof	10.02	0.28
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	37.60	1.04
88	Photographic & optical goods	31.21	0.86
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	21.17	0.59
9	<b>Commodities and transactions n.e.s.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.29</b>
97	Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	100.00	5.29

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