

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2003	May 2003	Jun 2003
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	471	394	403
Beverages and tobacco	80	75	68
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	152	164	138
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	953	743	828
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	37	30	24
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1 347	1 328	1 150
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 277	1 344	1 199
Machinery and transport equipment	4 954	4 662	5 336
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 498	1 367	1 357
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	184	265	225
Total Imports	10 953	10 371	10 729

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

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