

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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JULY IMPORTS

	\$m
Food and live animals	319
Beverages and tobacco	50
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	134
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	464
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	25
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	887
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 116
Machinery and transport equipment	3 817
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 280
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	88
Total imports	8 181

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 from Client Services Statistical Support 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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