

# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

**AUSTRALIA**

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## **KEY FIGURES**

	<b>December 2003</b>	<b>January 2004</b>	<b>February 2004</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Food and live animals	478	406	353
Beverages and tobacco	77	65	61
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	184	151	132
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	875	749	873
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29	28	24
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 112	1 220	1 200
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 256	1 243	1 134
Machinery and transport equipment	5 215	4 401	4 080
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 472	1 382	1 399
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	295	295	196
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10 994</b>	<b>9 939</b>	<b>9 452</b>

## **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 are available through the National Information and Referral Service, by subscription to AusStats, a 24 hour Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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The March 2004 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 20 April 2004, and the April 2004 to August 2004 issues are expected to be released on 18 May 2004, 17 June 2004, 16 July 2004, 17 August 2004 and 16 September 2004.

### 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) which is accessible on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>, select Themes then International Trade then Publications.

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