

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	April 2005	May 2005	June 2005
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	476	438	463
Beverages and tobacco	77	72	66
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	167	166	160
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 392	1 510	1 530
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29	32	29
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 561	1 468	1 428
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 479	1 506	1 424
Machinery and transport equipment	5 495	5 775	5 908
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 673	1 573	1 589
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	230	277	276
TOTAL	12 579	12 819	12 875

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, an Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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