

# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

**AUSTRALIA**

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## **MARCH IMPORTS**

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Food and live animals	373
Beverages and tobacco	57
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	143
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	717
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	33
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 253
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 210
Machinery and transport equipment	4 298
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 302
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	237
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9 621</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, 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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The April 2002 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 16 May 2002, and the May to September 2002 issues are expected to be released on 19 June 2002, 16 July 2002, 16 August 2002, 17 September 2002 and 17 October 2002.

### **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).

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Sharyn Sturgeon on 02 6252 5310, or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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