

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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MAY IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	338
Beverages and tobacco	56
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	189
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	969
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 161
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 284
Machinery and transport equipment	4 730
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 349
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	265
Total imports	10 369

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents Australia's merchandise imports for 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.

MAY IMPORTS

The total value of imports includes about \$1.3 billion of imports that arrived in Australia in April. This is a higher than normal level of delayed lodgements, which have averaged about \$0.7 billion over the past year. This is mainly due to the combined influences of Easter, ANZAC Day and school holidays late in April.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Information Consultancy 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).

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

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