

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	514	501	478
Beverages and tobacco	97	102	106
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	169	188	138
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 379	1 479	1 720
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	31	32	29
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 613	1 530	1 370
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 645	1 588	1 508
Machinery and transport equipment	5 910	6 033	5 854
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2 027	2 025	2 067
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	362	252	130
TOTAL	13 747	13 731	13 401

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. More detailed merchandise imports data are available from AusStats or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service.

CUSTOMS AND ABS CHANGES TO IMPORTS FROM OCTOBER 2005

For more information on these changes refer to the article '*Impact of Customs and ABS changes on import statistics from October 2005*', released on the ABS website concurrently with this issue. To access this article select: *Themes* then *International Trade* then *Topics of Interest* then *Methodological issues*.

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The November 2005 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 22 December 2005, and the December 2005 to April 2006 issues are expected to be released on 18 January 2006, 16 February 2006, 16 March 2006, 20 April 2006 and 16 May 2006.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details see the ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5489.0) which is accessible on the ABS web site.

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