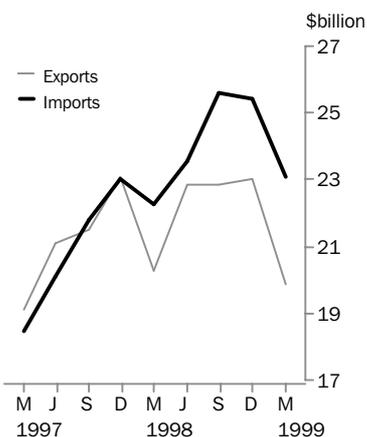


INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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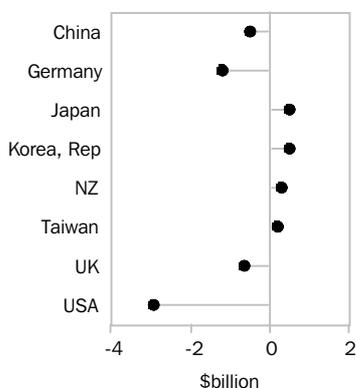
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Exports and imports



Balance by country

March quarter 1999



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MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

	\$m	% change Dec Qtr 1998 to Mar Qtr 1999	% change Mar Qtr 1998 to Mar Qtr 1999
Merchandise exports	19 870	-13.6	-2.1
Merchandise imports	23 056	-9.3	3.6

MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

BY COUNTRY

- Republic of Korea, surplus down 8% to \$636 million
- Japan, surplus down 37% to \$600 million
- Germany, deficit down 1% to \$1,181 million
- USA, deficit down 22% to \$2,914 million

BY COMMODITY

MAJOR EXPORTS

- Coal, down 6% to \$2,278 million
- Non monetary gold, down 36% to \$1,226 million
- Wheat, up 27% to \$986 million
- Iron ore, down 13% to \$895 million

MAJOR IMPORTS

- Passenger motor vehicles, up 6% to \$1,660 million
- Data processing machines, down 1% to \$1,059 million
- Telecommunication equipment, up 8% to \$878 million

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REVISIONS

Revisions since the last issue of this publication have:

- increased total exports for the December quarter 1998 by \$3 million, and decreased total exports for the year ended December 1998 by \$1 million;
- decreased total imports for the December quarter 1998 by \$10 million, and decreased total imports for the year ended December 1998 by \$13 million; and
- decreased the merchandise trade deficit for the December quarter 1998 by \$14 million, and decreased the merchandise trade deficit for the year ended December 1998 by \$11 million.

These revisions resulted from generally small changes to a large number of commodities and countries, with no significant contributor.



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QUARTERLY ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

In the March quarter 1999 merchandise imports exceeded merchandise exports by \$3,186 million, a \$761 million increase from the merchandise trade deficit recorded in the December quarter 1998.

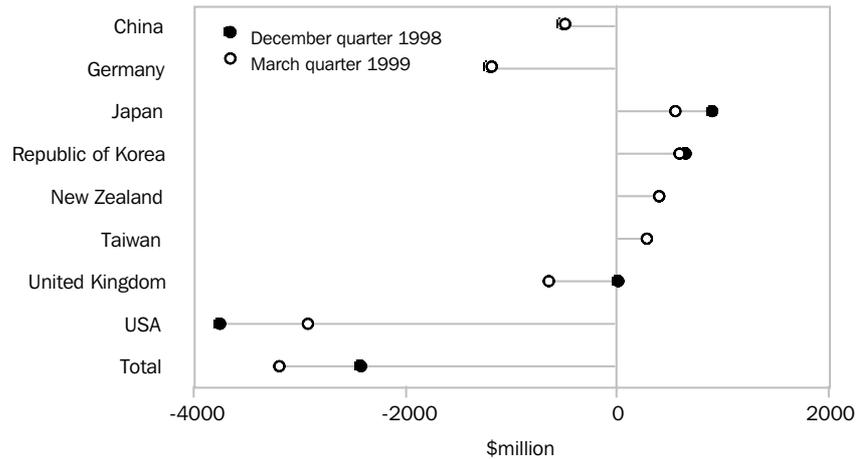
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced surpluses with:

- Republic of Korea, down \$59 million (8%) to \$636 million;
- Japan, down \$348 million (37%) to \$600 million;
- New Zealand, down \$8 million (2%) to \$438 million; and
- Taiwan, down \$5 million (2%) to \$315 million.

Deficits were recorded with:

- USA, down \$829 million (22%) to \$2,914 million;
- Germany, down \$16 million (1%) to \$1,181 million;
- United Kingdom, \$640 million, a turnaround of \$701 million from a surplus in the previous quarter; and
- China, down \$28 million (6%) to \$480 million.

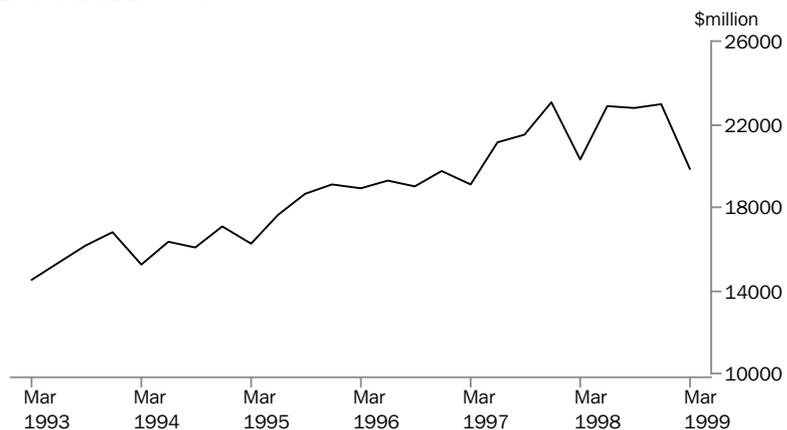
AUSTRALIA'S QUARTERLY TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for March quarter 1999 were \$19,870 million, down \$3,127 million or 14% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS
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All export commodity groups recorded decreases on the previous quarter. The most significant were:

- *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, down \$972 million (32%) to \$2,063 million (due mainly to decreased exports of non-monetary gold; and combined confidential items);
- *crude materials, inedible, except fuels*, down \$777 million (16%) to \$3,957 million (due mainly to decreased exports of metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and textile fibres and their wastes; which were partly offset by increased exports of oil seeds and oleaginous fruits);
- *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$633 million (22%) to \$2,289 million (due mainly to decreased exports of machinery specialised for particular industries; road vehicles; and telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment); and
- *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$285 million (8%) to \$3,368 million (due mainly to decreased exports of coal, coke and briquettes; and petroleum, petroleum products and related materials).

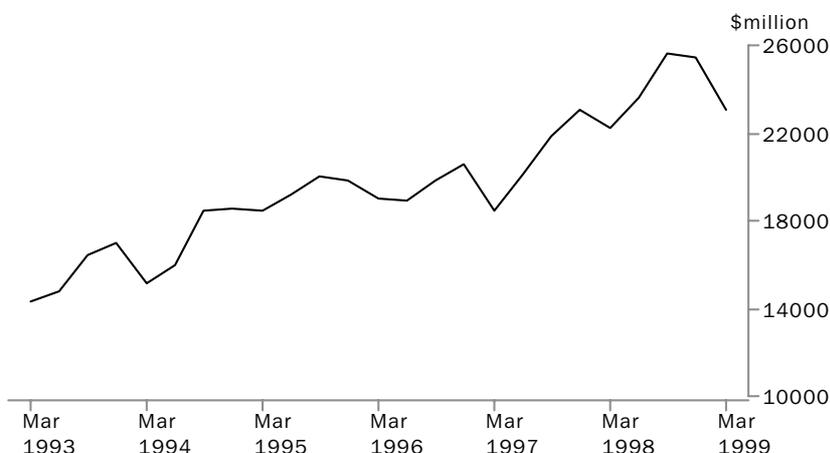
In the March quarter 1999 the major export destinations for Australia's goods were:

- Japan, down \$574 million (13%) to \$3,879 million;
- USA, down \$301 million (15%) to \$1,759 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$94 million (6%) to \$1,538 million;
- New Zealand, down \$146 million (10%) to \$1,347 million;
- Taiwan, down \$100 million (9%) to \$1,005 million;
- China, down \$108 million (10%) to \$982 million;
- Hong Kong, up \$94 million (13%) to \$830 million; and
- Singapore, down \$147 million (16%) to \$788 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

Merchandise imports for March quarter 1999 were \$23,056 million, down \$2,366 million, or 9% on the previous quarter.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS



MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

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The import commodity groups recording significant decreases on the previous quarter were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$983 million (8%) to \$10,715 million (due mainly to decreased imports of transport equipment (excluding road vehicles); general industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.; and machinery specialised for particular industries);
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, down \$455 million (12%) to \$3,318 million (due mainly to decreased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.; and photographic equipment, optical goods, n.e.s., watches and clocks; which were partly offset by increased imports of articles of apparel and clothing accessories);
- *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, down \$412 million (49%) to \$424 million (due mainly to decreased imports of non-monetary gold); and
- *manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*, down \$224 million (7%) to \$3,089 million (due mainly to decreased imports of manufactures of metals, n.e.s.; and textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products).

The only commodity group to record an increase was *chemical and related products, n.e.s.*, up \$15 million (1%) to \$2,927 million.

In the March quarter 1999 the major sources for Australian imports were:

- USA, down \$1,130 million (19%) to \$4,673 million;
- Japan, down \$225 million (6%) to \$3,279 million;
- Germany, down \$37 million (2%) to \$1,529 million;
- China, down \$137 million (9%) to \$1,461 million;
- United Kingdom, down \$75 million (5%) to \$1,320 million;
- New Zealand, down \$139 million (13%) to \$909 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$35 million (4%) to \$902 million; and
- Italy, up \$16 million (2%) to \$750 million.

ANNUAL ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

EXCESS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS OR IMPORTS

For the year ended March 1999 merchandise imports exceeded merchandise exports by \$9,077 million, an increase of \$7,889 million from the deficit recorded for the previous year.

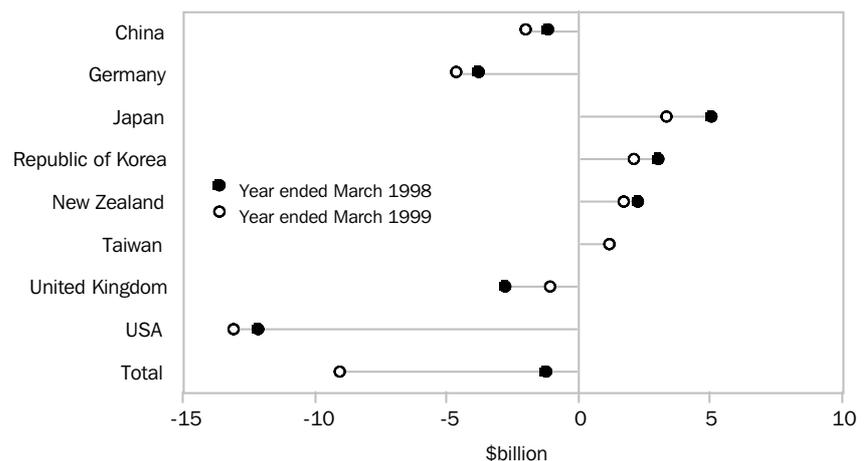
Australia's trade with its major trading partners produced deficits with:

- USA, up \$889 million (7%) to \$13,039 million;
- Germany, up \$848 million (23%) to \$4,620 million;
- China, up \$854 million (74%) to \$2,015 million; and
- United Kingdom, down \$1,737 million (63%) to \$1,038 million.

Surpluses were recorded with:

- Japan, down \$1,700 million (33%) to \$3,528 million;
- Republic of Korea, down \$895 million (28%) to \$2,258 million;
- New Zealand, down \$560 million (23%) to \$1,853 million; and
- Taiwan, up \$53 million (4%) to \$1,359 million.

AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL TRADE WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)



MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Merchandise exports for the year ended March 1999 were \$88,564 million, up \$2,564 million or 3% on the previous year.

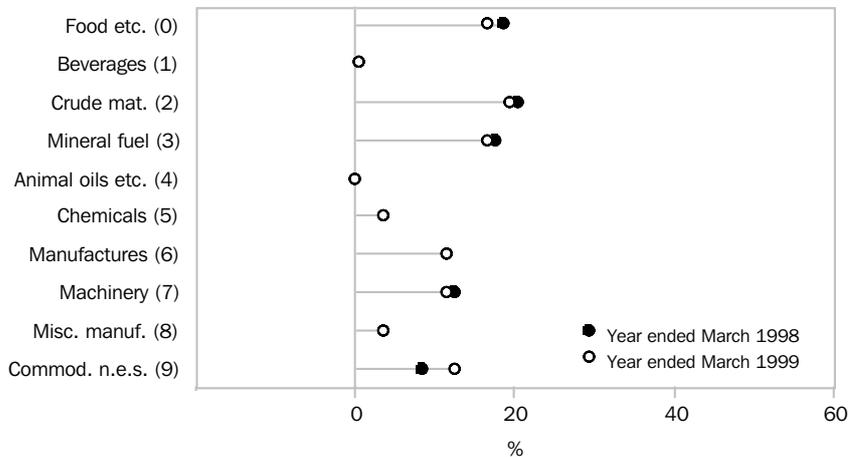
The exports commodity group *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC* recorded a significant increase. Exports in this group were up \$3,598 million (47%) to \$11,181 million (due mainly to increased exports of non-monetary gold; and combined confidential items). Increases of at least \$200 million were also recorded for *miscellaneous manufactured articles, beverages and tobacco* and *chemical and related products n.e.s.*

The most significant decrease was recorded for *food and live animals*, down \$1,052 million (6%) to \$15,378 million (due mainly to the movement of bulk sugar exports from the sugar, sugar preparations and honey category to the combined confidential items category from January 1998). Decreases were also recorded for *machinery and transport equipment*, down \$544 million (5%) to \$10,771 million; and *minerals fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$368 million (2%) to \$14,759 million.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

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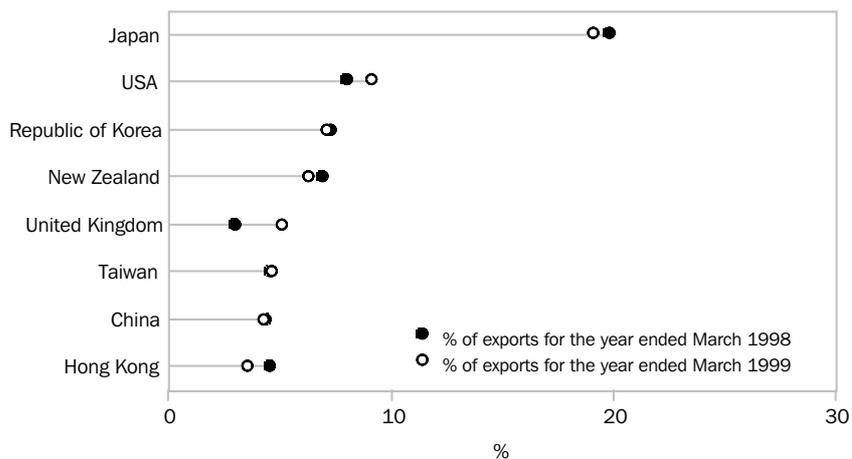
COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF EXPORTS



Australia's major export destinations for the year ended March 1999 were:

- Japan, down \$151 million (1%) to \$17,075 million;
- USA, up \$1,154 million (16%) to \$8,233 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$33 million (1%) to \$6,451 million;
- New Zealand, down \$391 million (6%) to \$5,732 million;
- United Kingdom, up \$1,949 million (72%) to \$4,664 million;
- Taiwan, up \$249 million (6%) to \$4,317 million;
- China, down \$13 million to \$3,938 million; and
- Hong Kong, down \$737 million (18%) to \$3,336 million.

COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS



MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

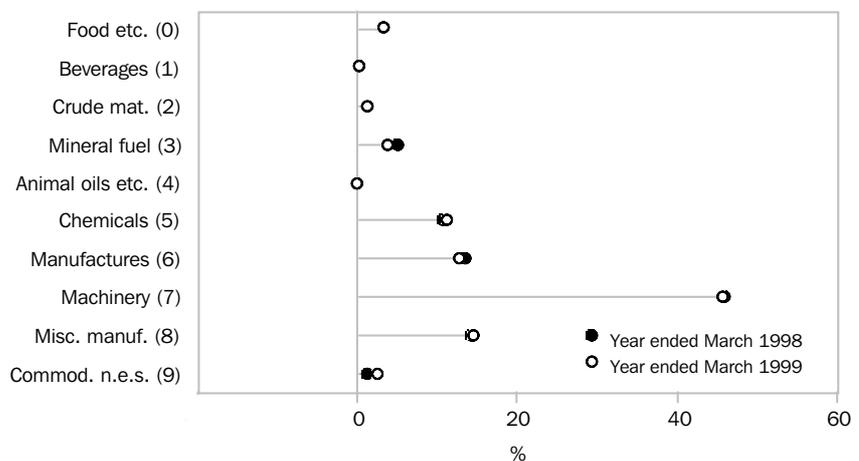
Merchandise imports for the year ended March 1999 were \$97,641 million, up \$10,453 million or 12% on the previous year.

The imports commodity groups recording significant increases on the previous year were:

- *machinery and transport equipment*, up \$4,659 million (12%) to \$45,114 million (with almost all categories contributing to the increase, road vehicles being the most significant);
- *miscellaneous manufactured articles*, up \$1,830 million (14%) to \$14,667 million (due mainly to increased imports of miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.; professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.; and articles of apparel and clothing accessories);
- *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC*, up \$1,572 million (106%) to \$3,053 million (due mainly to increased imports of non-monetary gold); and
- *chemical and related products, n.e.s.*, up \$1,471 million (15%) to \$11,315 million (with all categories contributing to the increase, medicinal and pharmaceutical products being the most significant).

The only commodity group to record a decrease was *mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*, down \$511 million (11%) to \$4,237 million (due mainly to decreased imports of petroleum, petroleum products and related materials).

COMMODITY COMPOSITION (SITC SECTION) OF IMPORTS



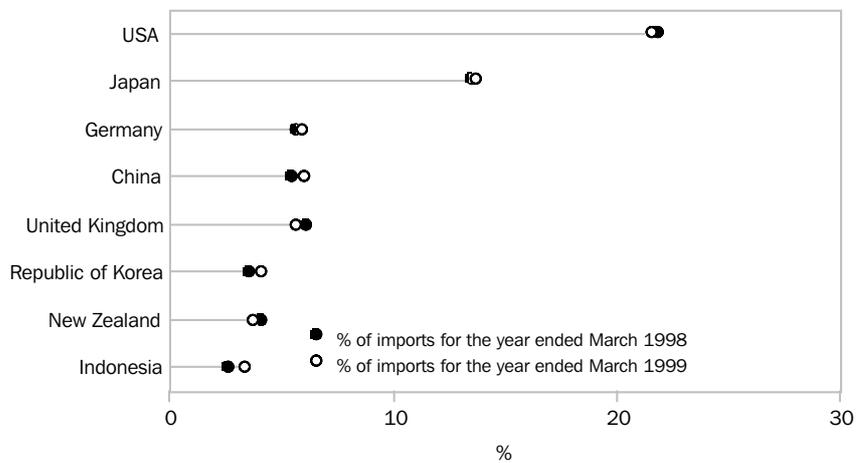
Australia's major import sources for the year ended March 1999 were:

- USA, up \$2,043 million (11%) to \$21,272 million;
- Japan, up \$1,549 million (13%) to \$13,547 million;
- Germany, up \$1,142 million (23%) to \$6,069 million;
- China, up \$841 million (16%) to \$5,953 million;
- United Kingdom, up \$212 million (4%) to \$5,702 million;
- Republic of Korea, up \$928 million (28%) to \$4,193 million;
- New Zealand, up \$169 million (5%) to \$3,879 million; and
- Indonesia, up \$1,012 million (40%) to \$3,516 million.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS

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COUNTRY COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS



MEASURING EXPORTS BY REGION OF ORIGIN

INTRODUCTION

The ABS has received a number of requests for information on exports originating in particular Australian regions. This article assesses the extent to which existing data sources can be used to provide an indication of the region of origin of Australia's exports.

BACKGROUND

Merchandise export statistics are compiled from information reported by exporters or their agents to the Australian Customs Service (Customs). The information reported on export entries is provided to ABS and includes the name and phone number of the owner of the goods, the State of origin of the goods, the Australian port where the goods are loaded onto the ship or aircraft for export, and the commodity code and description of the goods. In addition, Customs maintain a reference file containing the address and phone number of all organisations registered to lodge export entries.

PROBLEMS USING EXPORT DATA

There are some general problems in using data from the export entries to provide an indication of region of origin:

- Determining a single region of origin is difficult when there may be several stages in the manufacturing process, each of which may take place in a different region or even in a different State. For example, fruit may be grown in one region, canned in another, and exported from another.
- Some commodities are stockpiled prior to export, and when these goods are finally exported identification of the region where a particular shipment originated is likely to be virtually impossible.
- Many exports of 'mixed goods' include goods from a variety of origins.
- For some States, a significant amount of export data is not available at the commodity level because of confidentiality restrictions. These data would also need to be suppressed for the regions within that State. In addition, the extra disaggregation which would be created if regional data were made available would be likely to result in further requests to confidentialise output.

USE OF DATA ITEMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

While recognising that problems exist in using export information collected by Customs to determine region of origin, the data items collected by Customs were examined to determine whether any would provide useful indicators in determining the region of origin of exported goods.

State of Origin

The State of origin reported on export entries refers to the State of production, or the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurred. Any expansion of this item to identify region as well as State is likely to be met with resistance, since there is increasing pressure to reduce reporting load.

Australian Port of Loading

The Australian port of loading (the port where the goods are loaded onto the ship or aircraft which will transport the goods from Australia) provides some information which could help in regionalising data for certain areas. However, most ports handle export goods produced in a variety of regions, and this is especially the case for ports which specialise in handling specific commodities.

USE OF DATA ITEMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE continued

Owner Address and Telephone Number

If the location of the owner could be accurately determined from the information on the export entry or the reference file, this may provide some indication of the region of origin of the goods. However, determining the location of the owner is not a straightforward process.

For exporters who lodge their own export entries the postcode or phone number on the reference file could potentially be used to determine the location of the owner. However, the majority of export entries are lodged by agents. The only owner information available for these exports is the owner name and phone number which is reported on each export entry lodged by an agent. These fields are not always completed accurately or consistently. For example, phone number is sometimes reported without the area code, sometimes mobile phone numbers are entered, and sometimes the agent's phone number is entered.

Even if the location of the owner of the goods could be accurately determined, it does not necessarily accurately reflect the region of origin of the goods. For example, the owner address and phone number provided often relate to offices which may not be in the same region (or even State) as the area the goods originate from.

In order to gauge the accuracy of using information on the owner's telephone number as an indicator of region of origin, a sample of 170 export entries lodged by a mixture of owners and agents was examined. All exporters were contacted to determine the correct region of origin of their goods, and the main findings are summarised below.

- In only 51% of cases could the exporter's location be determined using the available telephone number information. In the other 49% of entries, the telephone number information was either not reported (field was blank), not complete (did not include the area code), or not correct.
- In only 54% of cases did the exporter's location reflect the region of origin of the goods.

It is clear from this that even if the phone number was reported in a format that would enable identification of the exporter's location in all instances, this would not be sufficient to determine the region of origin.

CONCLUSION

Based on the small sample of export entries examined in detail, Customs data cannot be used to provide an accurate dissection of exports by region of origin. A possible success rate of 54% does not justify the cost of making the necessary systems changes, particularly considering that for some regions, much of the data would need to be suppressed due to confidentiality concerns.

OTHER REGIONAL DATA STUDIES

Further work on estimating regional exports has been carried out in the Queensland and South Australian offices of the ABS using data from sources other than Customs. The Queensland exercise involved obtaining information from exporters, marketing bodies, industry associations, regional development bodies, Government departments and agencies and has provided useful results for the three regions examined in detail (Mackay, Bundaberg, and Central Highlands). Clients who are interested in more information about this work should contact Brian Holliday on (07) 3222 6132.

AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE WITH JAPAN

INTRODUCTION

This article traces the growth in merchandise trade between Australia and Japan over the ten years to 1998. An update on performance in the first three months of 1999 is also included. It analyses the trade flows between Australia and Japan and the importance of this trade for Australia in terms of the various commodities exported and imported.

The statistics are presented on an international trade basis (rather than a balance of payments basis) and are classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification Rev. 3 (SITC).

TOTAL TRADE FLOWS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

Tables A (exports) and B (imports) show the value of Australia's trade flows with Japan by broad commodity for the 10 years to 1998. Table C shows the proportion of Australia's world wide exports and imports that is traded with Japan, and the excess of exports over imports (the balance of merchandise trade) for each of the 10 years. Data are shown on a calendar year basis.

TABLE A: AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO JAPAN

<i>SITC code & commodity</i>	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	\$m									
0 Food and live animals (a)	2 039	1 981	2 218	2 325	2 815	3 036	3 040	2 946	3 043	3 012
1 Beverages and tobacco	18	14	16	19	25	34	28	32	30	51
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (a)	3 635	3 704	3 909	3 578	3 333	3 282	3 169	3 223	3 636	3 827
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (a)	3 086	3 995	4 924	5 261	5 374	4 887	4 536	4 185	4 626	4 811
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (a)	11	8	8	13	12	12	13	13	22	25
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s. (a)	98	97	98	97	108	137	169	190	190	198
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (a)	1 779	1 518	1 449	1 151	1 109	1 275	1 422	1 211	1 480	1 577
7 Machinery and transport equipment (a)	166	267	409	446	492	524	484	440	462	396
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles (a)	48	60	66	62	84	103	140	153	143	161
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC (b)	1 560	1 798	1 722	1 797	2 275	2 703	3 565	3 171	3 181	3 345
Total Australian exports to Japan	12 441	13 441	14 820	14 749	15 627	15 993	16 566	15 565	16 814	17 403

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details -Japan' restriction.

(b) Includes exports subject to a confidentiality restriction.

TABLE B: AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN

SITC code & commodity	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals (a)	37	44	45	42	37	40	36	37	41	52
1 Beverages and tobacco	3	3	2	3	21	41	28	23	10	3
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (a)	51	44	48	53	58	57	50	47	52	52
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (a)	7	21	10	7	14	16	12	9	11	22
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (a)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s. (a)	370	343	347	391	429	448	464	412	434	472
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (a)	1 253	1 099	1 003	1 092	1 199	1 223	1 355	1 105	1 093	1 213
7 Machinery and transport equipment (a)	7 941	6 979	6 400	7 483	9 119	9 325	9 027	7 681	8 835	10 387
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles (a)	657	643	686	782	861	808	784	718	809	916
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC (b)	188	182	187	183	148	142	209	182	124	201
Total Australian imports from Japan	10 508	9 358	8 728	10 037	11 885	12 100	11 965	10 213	11 409	13 319

(a) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details -Japan' restriction.

(b) Includes imports subject to a confidentiality restriction.

TABLE C: AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE AND TRADE SHARES WITH JAPAN

	Exports to Japan	Share of Australia's total exports	Imports from Japan	Share of Australia's total imports	Balance of trade with Japan (a)
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m
1989	12 441	26	10 508	20	1 933
1990	13 441	26	9 358	19	4 083
1991	14 820	28	8 728	18	6 092
1992	14 749	25	10 037	18	4 712
1993	15 627	25	11 885	19	3 742
1994	15 993	25	12 100	18	3 893
1995	16 566	23	11 965	15	4 601
1996	15 565	20	10 213	13	5 352
1997	16 814	20	11 409	14	5 405
1998	17 403	20	13 319	14	4 084

(a) exports less imports

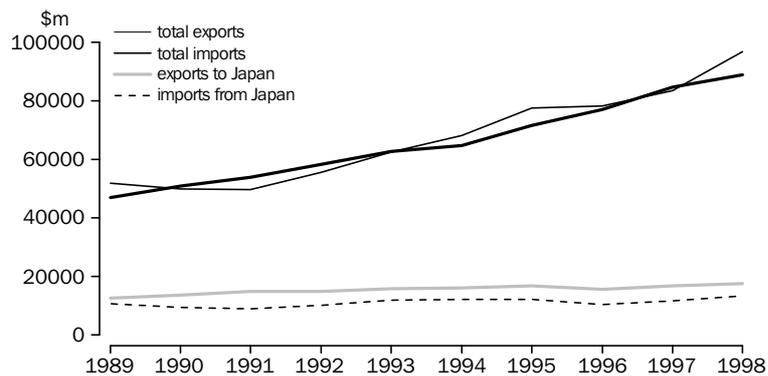
TOTAL TRADE FLOWS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN continued

Japan is still Australia's most important trading partner although over the past 10 years its relative significance, both as an export destination and as a source of Australian imports, has declined.

In each of the years from 1989 to 1998, Japan was Australia's largest trading partner. The value of Australia's total trade (exports plus imports) with Japan increased by 34% – from \$23 billion in 1989 to nearly \$31 billion in 1998. Japan's share of Australia's total trade, however, has decreased significantly – from 23% in 1989 to 17% in 1998. While Australia's total exports increased by 89% over the period, our exports to Japan increased by only 40%. Similarly, while our total imports increased by 87%, our imports from Japan increased by only 27%.

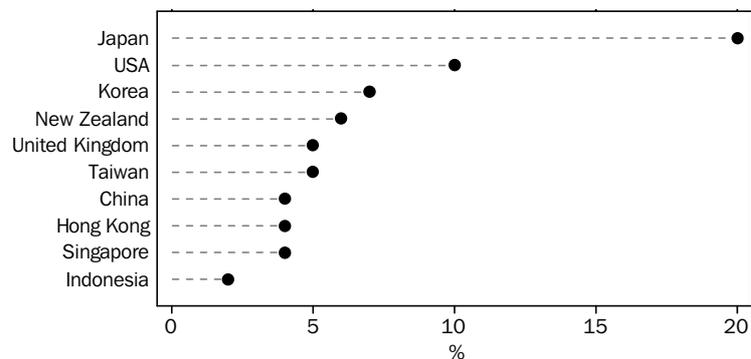
In each of the last 10 years, Japan was Australia's most important export destination and the second largest import supplier, after the United States of America. In 1998 Japan was the destination for 20% of our exports and supplied 14% of our imports (see Graphs 2 and 3).

GRAPH 1: AUSTRALIA'S TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE & TRADE WITH JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

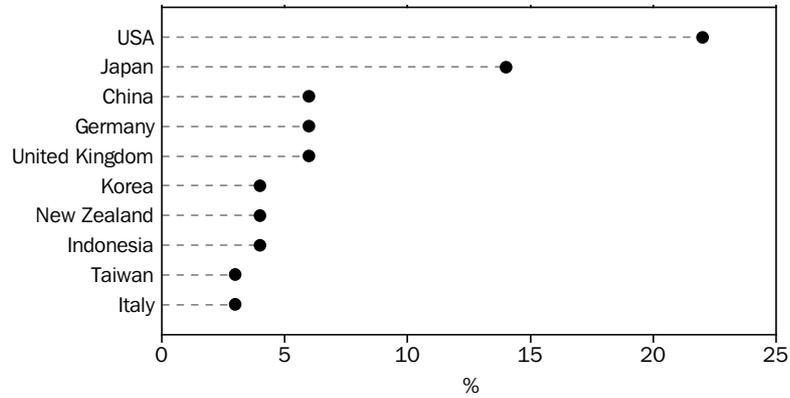
GRAPH 2: MAJOR AUSTRALIAN EXPORT DESTINATIONS, Share Of Total Australian Merchandise Exports—1998



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

TOTAL TRADE FLOWS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN continued

GRAPH 3: MAJOR AUSTRALIAN IMPORT SOURCES, Share Of Total Australian Merchandise Imports—1998



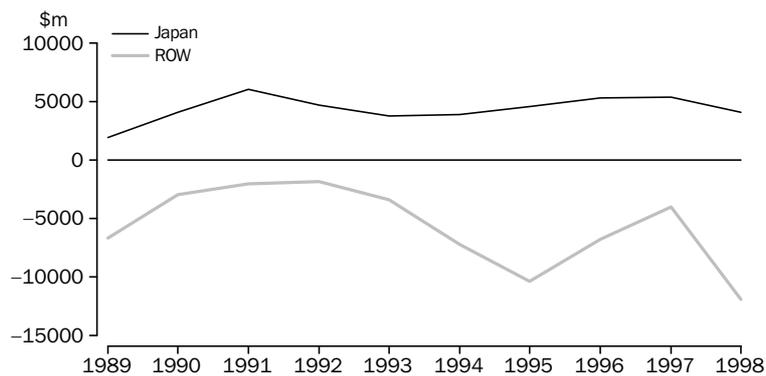
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From Japan's perspective, Australia is significantly less important as a trading partner for both merchandise exports and merchandise imports. In the year ending June 1998, Australia was the destination for only 2% of Japan's exports and the source of 4% of Japan's imports – a small decrease over the corresponding percentages for 1989 of 3% and 5% respectively ¹.

AUSTRALIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE WITH JAPAN

Australia has recorded merchandise trade surpluses with Japan in each of the last 10 years. The surplus with Japan grew from \$2 billion in 1989 to \$6 billion in 1991 before declining to just under \$4 billion in 1993. From 1994, the surplus steadily increased once again, exceeding \$5 billion in 1997 before falling back 24% to a \$4 billion surplus in 1998, due largely to increasing imports of passenger motor vehicles from Japan.

GRAPH 4: AUSTRALIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE WITH JAPAN AND THE REST OF THE WORLD (ROW)



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

AUSTRALIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE WITH JAPAN *continued*

As a proportion of the value of total merchandise trade (exports plus imports) between Australia and Japan, the trade surplus with Japan increased from 8% in 1989 to peak at almost 26% in 1991. The surplus subsequently showed a steady decline to a little under 14% in 1993 and 1994, before steadily increasing once again to 21% in 1996. By 1998, however, the surplus had fallen to just 13% (see Graph 5).

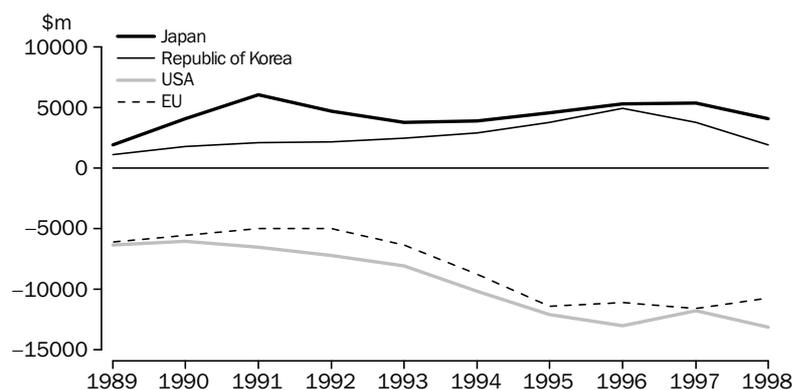
GRAPH 5: AUSTRALIA'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH JAPAN AS A PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIA'S TOTAL TRADE (EXPORTS PLUS IMPORTS) WITH JAPAN



Source: *International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)*

The continuing trade surplus with Japan contrasts with Australia's persistent trade deficit with the rest of the world which grew 79% from a little under \$7 billion in 1989 to \$12 billion in 1998. Continuing trade deficits with the United States of America and the European Union have been only partly offset by surpluses with Japan as well as with the Republic of Korea (see Graph 6).

GRAPH 6: AUSTRALIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNER

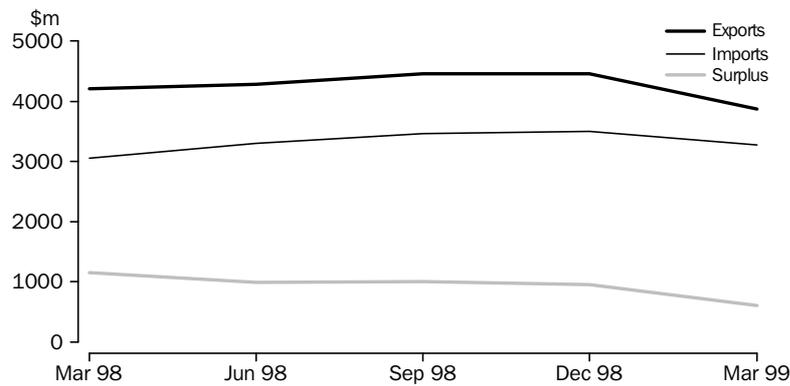


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1999 UPDATE

In the March quarter 1999, Australia's merchandise trade surplus with Japan was \$600 million, a significant decline from the surplus of \$1,155 million recorded for the corresponding quarter in 1998. The fall in the surplus since the December quarter 1998 is a result of a significant decline in Australia's total merchandise exports to Japan (mainly wool and coal). Between the March quarters 1998 and 1999, exports to Japan declined 8% – from \$4,206 million to \$3,879 million, while imports from Japan increased by 7% – from \$3,052 million to \$3,279 million (see Graph 7).

GRAPH 7: AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE WITH JAPAN, March 1998 - March 1999



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

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COMMODITY ANALYSIS OF TRADE WITH JAPAN

Tables D and E show Australia's trade flows with Japan for the two years 1989 and 1998 for major selected commodities, the share of total trade with Japan represented by each commodity in 1989 and 1998, and the proportion of Australia's world wide trade in each of the major commodities traded with Japan.

Some of the data in Tables D and E are affected by confidentiality restrictions. In making comparisons at the commodity level it should be noted that, in Australia's international trade statistics, confidential commodity data are not reported against the commodity, but rather are classified to SITC 98 – *combined confidential items of trade*. While confidentiality restrictions do not affect total import and export statistics, they do affect data comparability at the commodity level. In particular, it should be noted that Australia's export commodity statistics with Japan are significantly affected by confidentiality restrictions.

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Over the 10 years to 1998, Australia exported mainly primary products to Japan. *Mineral fuels and lubricants* (SITC 3) was the largest group of commodities by value exported from Australia to Japan from 1989 to 1998, accounting for nearly a third of Australia's exports to Japan over the decade. In 1998, exports of mineral fuels and lubricants accounted for \$5 billion (28%) of Australia's total exports to Japan – up 56% on the \$3 billion (25%) in 1989, but down on the 35% share achieved in the early 1990's.

TABLE D: JAPAN'S IMPORTANCE TO AUSTRALIA AS A DESTINATION FOR SELECTED MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Selected SITC code & commodity	1989.....		1998.....			
	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
0 Food and live animals (a)	2 039	16	21	3 012	17	20
Of which :						
011 Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen	773	6	37	1 341	8	47
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (a)	3 635	29	26	3 827	22	21
Of which :						
246 Wood in chips or particles and wood waste	378	3	96	609	3	97
268 Wool and other animal hair (incl. wool tops)	1 004	8	20	193	1	7
281 Iron ore and concentrates (b)	1 122	9	54	1 789	10	45
283 Copper ore and concentrates	142	1	81	381	2	39
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (a)	3 086	25	43	4 811	28	32
Of which :						
321 Coal, not agglomerated	2 858	23	55	4 148	24	42
333 Crude petroleum oil	35	0	5	336	2	19
343 Natural gas (c)	112	1	100	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (a)	1 779	14	29	1 577	9	15
Of which :						
684 Aluminium	1 405	11	55	1 251	7	37
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (d)	1 560	13	39	3 345	19	29
Of which :						
97 Gold, non-monetary	686	6	26	394	2	5
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes (d)	836	7	..	2 937	17	..
	(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details -Japan' restriction.			(b) Excludes agglomerated pellets of iron ore and concentrates subject to a 'No Country Details' restriction from July to December 1989.		
	(c) Commodity subject to a 'No Country Details' restriction from August 1995.			(d) Includes exports subject to a confidentiality restriction.		

EXPORTS continued

The main item exported under SITC 3 is *coal* (SITC 321). In 1998 exports of coal were valued at \$4 billion, representing 24% of Australia's total exports to Japan in that year. Japan is Australia's most important coal export destination, accounting for 42% of Australia's world wide coal exports in 1998, down from 55% in 1989.

Australia's coal exports to Japan rose from 1989 to 1993 but fell 15% in 1994 due to falling demand and consequent falling contract prices. From 1995 onwards, base contract prices rose resulting in a recovery in the value of Australian coal exports to Japan² (see Graph 8). It should be noted that some coal exports were subject to confidentiality restrictions during 1995, so the graph understates the value of coal exports to Japan in that year. Australia remained Japan's largest source of coal imports in volume terms over the 10 year period; imports from Australia accounted for 56% of Japan's total coal imports in 1998, up from 52% in 1989³.

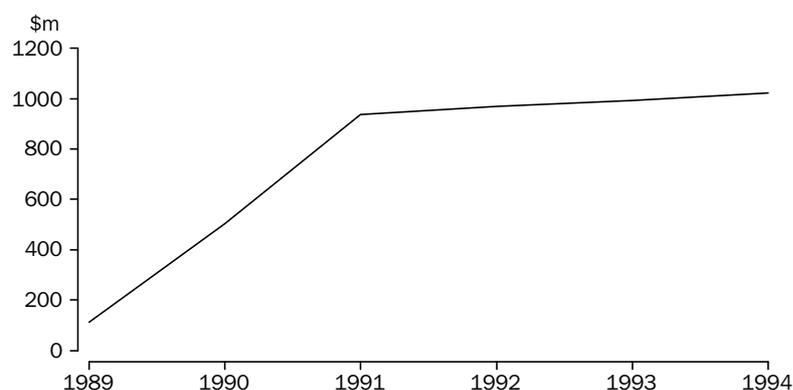
GRAPH 8: AUSTRALIAN COAL (SITC 321) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

Since exports of *liquefied natural gas* (SITC 343) from the North West Shelf began in 1989, gas has also been a substantial export to Japan within the mineral fuels and lubricants group. Between 1989 and 1994, exports of natural gas increased 813% – from \$112 million to \$1,023 million (see Graph 9). By 1994, Japan was by far our most important market with natural gas exports representing 6% of our total exports to Japan. Since August 1995, Australia's gas exports have been subject to confidentiality restrictions and are now included in SITC 98 – *combined confidential items of trade*.

GRAPH 9: AUSTRALIAN NATURAL GAS (SITC 343) EXPORTS TO JAPAN

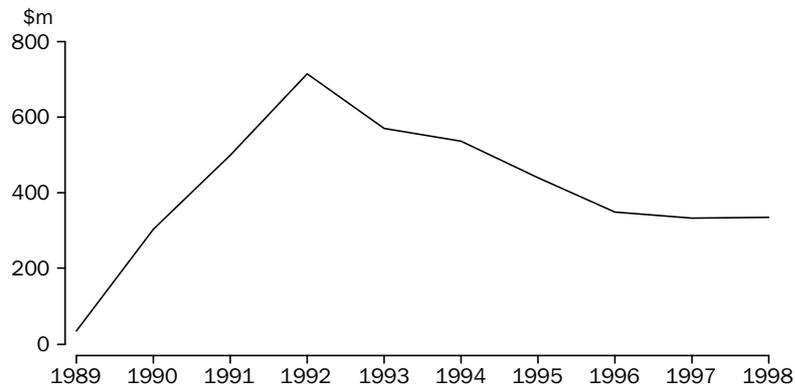


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Another important export to Japan within SITC 3 is *crude petroleum oil* (SITC 333) with exports rising more than twenty fold from \$35 million in 1989 to \$715 million in 1992 (representing 5% of Australia's total exports to Japan). From 1993 onwards, export values declined due to falling world prices and declining Japanese demand. By 1998 crude petroleum exports were down to \$336 million, representing only 2% of our total exports to Japan. Japan's importance as a destination for our crude petroleum exports has varied over the decade – in 1989 it was the destination for 5% of our crude petroleum exports; this grew to 40% in 1992 and then fell to 19% by 1998.

GRAPH 10: AUSTRALIAN CRUDE PETROLEUM OIL (SITC 333) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



Source: *International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)*

The second major category of Australian exports to Japan is commodities classified as *crude materials* (SITC 2). Some confidential commodities (principally nickel mattes and mineral sands) which would otherwise be classified to SITC 2, are included in *commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere* (SITC 9).

The most important components of crude material exports to Japan are *iron ore* (SITC 281) and *copper ore* (SITC 283), which together accounted for 12% of Australia's total exports to Japan in 1998. Exports of iron ore to Japan grew from \$1,122 million in 1989 to \$1,789 million in 1998 (see Graph 11). Exports of copper ores also increased over the 10 year period, from \$142 million in 1989 to \$381 million in 1998.

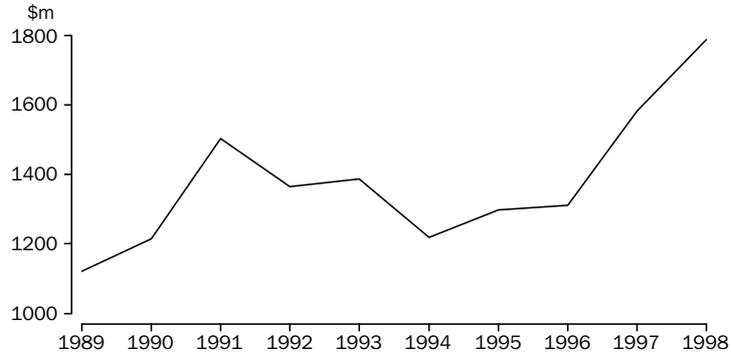
Japan is Australia's principal market for both iron and copper ores. Australian exports of iron ore to Japan accounted for 45% of our world wide exports of these goods in 1998 – down from 54% in 1989, while exports of copper ore to Japan accounted for 39% of our world wide copper ore exports – down from 81% in 1989.

Fluctuations in the value of iron ore exports to Japan over the 10 year period (see Graph 11) were caused by changing contract prices, reflecting changes in overall global supply and demand and increasing competition for market share, particularly from Brazil.

However, Australia remained Japan's largest import source, accounting in volume terms for 51% of its world wide iron ore imports in 1998 – up from 44% in 1989⁵.

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GRAPH 11: AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE (SITC 281) EXPORTS TO JAPAN

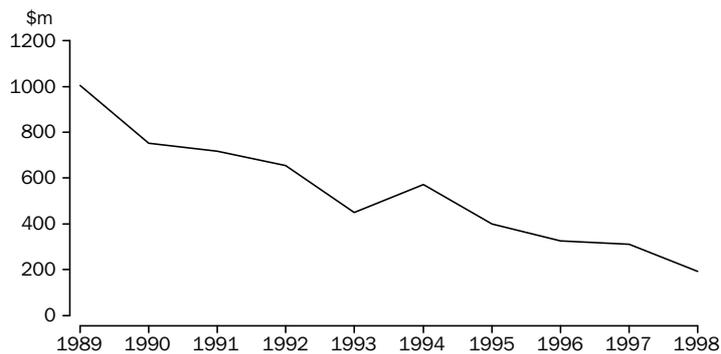


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Between 1989 and 1998, Australian exports of *wool* (SITC 268) to Japan declined dramatically in value. In 1989, exports of Australian wool to Japan were worth \$1,004 million and accounted for 8% of our total exports to Japan and 20% of our world wide exports of wool. By 1998, Australian exports of wool to Japan were worth just \$193 million, a decline of 81% over the ten year period (see Graph 12). Australian wool exports to Japan in 1998 represented only 1% of our total exports to Japan and just 7% of our world wide wool exports.

The fall in the value of wool exports to Japan was caused by a combination of factors including, high stocks of semi-processed wool, substitution of cotton and synthetic fibres for wool, falling world export prices and a decline in Australian wool production due to a drought in 1995². Despite the sharp fall in the value of wool exports over the 10 year period, Australia remained Japan's largest import source, in volume terms accounting for 79% of Japan's total wool imports in 1997-98⁴.

GRAPH 12: AUSTRALIAN WOOL (SITC 268) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



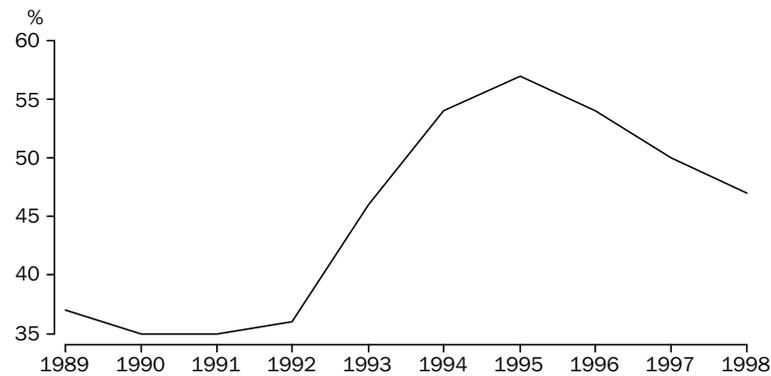
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Over the period 1989 to 1998, Japan has consistently taken virtually all of Australia's exports of *woodchips* (SITC 246). In 1998, exports of woodchips to Japan were worth \$609 million – up 61% on the 1989 figure of \$378 million. In 1998, woodchip exports to Japan represented 3% of our total exports to Japan and 97% of our global woodchip exports.

EXPORTS continued

Food and live animals (SITC 0) was the third largest group of commodities exported to Japan. The major export within this group is *beef, fresh, chilled or frozen* (SITC 011). Australia's beef exports to Japan almost doubled, from \$773 million in 1989 to \$1,341 million in 1998. In 1989 Japan's share of Australia's beef exports was 37%. Between 1992 and 1995, however, Japan's market share rose steeply and from 1993 onwards, Japan overtook the United States of America as Australia's largest export destination, taking 47% of Australia's beef exports in 1998 (see Graph 13).

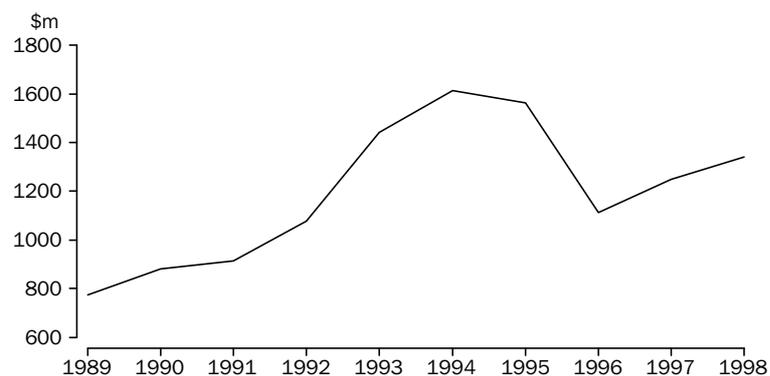
GRAPH 13: JAPAN'S SHARE OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF (SITC 011) EXPORTS



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

The sharp rise in beef exports to Japan up until 1994 reflected the combined effect of increasing consumer demand, gradual tariff reductions and the continued strength of the yen. The downturn in exports in 1995 and 1996 was due, in large measure, to an appreciating Australian dollar and growing competition from the United States of America. Between 1996 and 1998, the value of beef exports to Japan rose once again due to slightly lower Japanese domestic production, a favourable exchange rate and higher US beef prices² (see Graph 14).

GRAPH 14: AUSTRALIAN BEEF (SITC 011) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

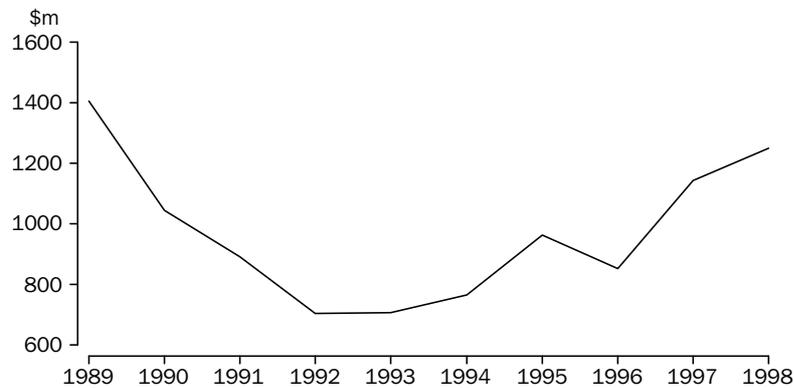
Exports to Japan of *manufactures classified by material* (SITC 6) are also substantial, accounting for 9% of Australia's exports to Japan in 1998. The major commodity within this group is *aluminium* (SITC 684) with Japan being Australia's principal market.

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In 1989, exports of aluminium to Japan were worth \$1,405 million, representing 11% of Australia's total exports to Japan and 55% of Australia's world wide exports of aluminium. By 1998 exports of aluminium to Japan were 11% lower on \$1,251 million, representing just 7% of Australia's total exports to Japan in that year and 37% of Australia's world wide exports of aluminium (see Graph 15).

A significant decline in the value of aluminium exports to Japan from 1989 to 1992 was caused by a decrease in the world aluminium price, reduced Japanese demand, and strong competition from the United States of America, Brazil and the USSR. Despite the overall fall in the value of exports to Japan over the 10 year period, from Japan's perspective, Australia remained one of its major import sources. In volume terms, Australia supplied 24% of Japan's aluminium imports in both 1989 and 1998, although in the intervening years Australia's share was generally 15% to 17%⁴.

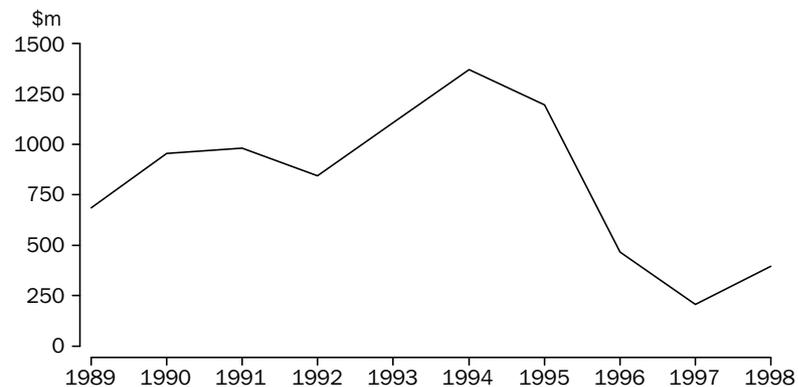
GRAPH 15: AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM (SITC 684) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

Exports of *non-monetary gold* (SITC 97) to Japan doubled between 1989 and 1994 – from \$686 million to \$1,372 million. In 1994, exports of non-monetary gold accounted for 9% of Australia's total exports to Japan and 29% of our world wide exports of non-monetary gold. However, between 1995 and 1998, the value of Australia's non-monetary gold exports to Japan declined by 71%, to \$394 million, representing just 2% of our total exports to Japan in 1998 and 5% of our world wide exports of non-monetary gold (see Graph 16).

GRAPH 16: AUSTRALIAN NON-MONETARY GOLD (SITC 97) EXPORTS TO JAPAN



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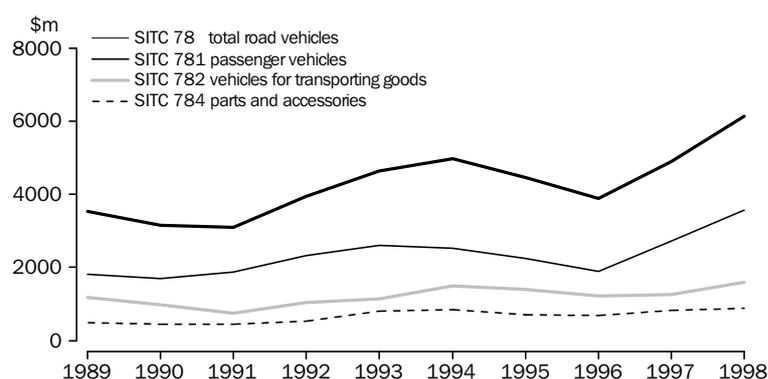
By far the largest group of commodities by value imported by Australia from Japan is *machinery and transport equipment* (SITC 7). Imports of these goods accounted for 78% of Australia's total imports from Japan in 1998. Japan was the source for 23% of Australia's total imports of machinery and transport equipment in 1998. The largest single component of this commodity group is *road vehicles* (SITC 78).

Over the last 10 years there has been a dramatic rise in the relative importance of road vehicle imports from Japan. In 1998 imports were \$6,361 million, representing 48% of total Australian imports from Japan, up 75% on the 1989 level of \$3,638 million (or 30% of imports from Japan) (see Graph 17). Japan continues to be the major source of Australia's road vehicle imports, although its relative importance has declined in recent years, falling to 54% in 1998 after peaking at 74% in 1991.

Within the road vehicle group, imports of *passenger motor vehicles* (SITC 781) are the most significant single component. In 1998, passenger motor vehicle imports were worth \$3,573 million, nearly double the 1989 level of \$1,806 million. In 1998, imports of these goods accounted for 27% of Australia's total imports from Japan and 55% of our total imports of passenger motor vehicles. In contrast, imports of *motor vehicles for transporting goods* (SITC 782) have remained fairly steady over the 10 year period; in 1998 imports of these goods were worth \$1,591 million, accounting for 12% of Australia's total imports from Japan and 72% of Australia's world wide imports of these goods.

Australia's imports of *motor vehicle parts and accessories* (SITC 784) from Japan have increased by 82% over the last decade, from \$485 million in 1989 to \$881 million in 1998 (see Graph 17). Japan has remained Australia's dominant supplier over the 10 year period, accounting in 1998 for 42% of our total imports of motor vehicle parts and accessories.

GRAPH 17: AUSTRALIAN ROAD VEHICLE (SITC 78) IMPORTS FROM JAPAN



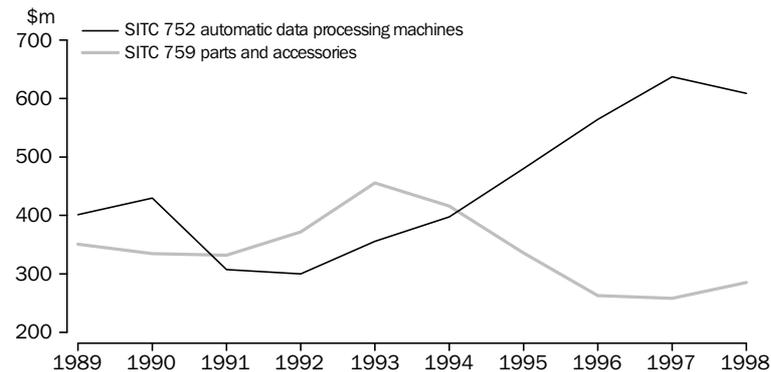
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Imports of *automatic data processing machines* (SITC 752) from Japan rose by 52% over the 10 year period, from \$401 million in 1989 to \$609 million in 1998 (see Graph 18). Imports of these goods from Japan accounted for 4% of our total Japanese imports in 1989 compared with 5% in 1998. However, as a source of Australia's world wide imports of automatic data processing machines, Japan's share fell from 20% in 1989 to 14% in 1998.

In the last 10 years, imports of *computer parts and accessories* (SITC 759) from Japan have fallen in both value terms and as a percentage of Australia's total imports of computer parts. In 1989, imports of Japanese computer parts were worth \$350 million and Japan's market share of Australian imports was 31%; by 1993, imports of computer parts had risen to \$455 million but subsequently suffered a significant decline to just \$257 million in 1997. In 1998, imports of computer parts and accessories rose slightly, to \$285 million (see Graph 18), but Japan's world wide market share of Australia's imports has fallen to 12% due to increasing competition from Singapore, Taiwan and the United States of America.

GRAPH 18: AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (SITC 752) & PARTS AND ACCESSORIES (SITC 759) FROM JAPAN

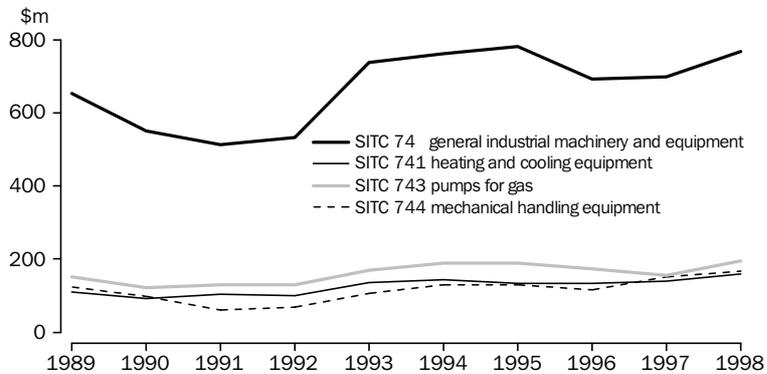


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In 1998, imports of *general industrial machinery and equipment* (SITC 74) were worth \$769 million and accounted for 6% of Australia's total imports from Japan in that year. *Heating and cooling equipment* (SITC 741), *pumps for gas* (SITC 743) and *mechanical handling equipment* (SITC 744) were the major items imported; imports were valued at \$159 million, \$194 million and \$167 million respectively (see Graph 19). Australia's imports from Japan in 1998 of general industrial machinery and equipment accounted for 13% of Australia's world wide imports of these goods.

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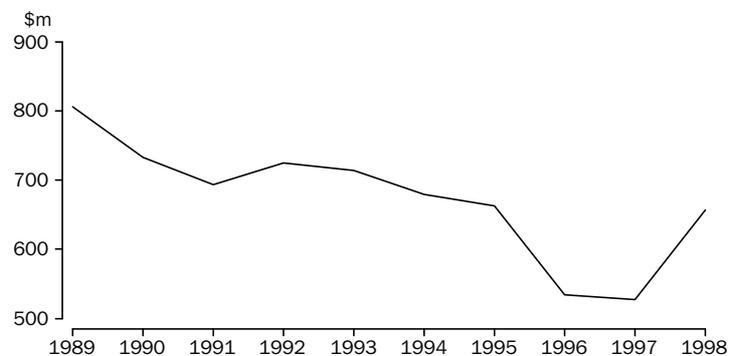
GRAPH 19: AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (SITC 74) FROM JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

Imports of *telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus* (SITC 76) are also significant contributors to the value of Australian imports from Japan. In 1998, imports of these goods were valued at \$655 million, down from \$806 million in 1989 (see Graph 20). In 1998, Australia's imports from Japan accounted for 16% of Australia's world wide imports of these goods compared with 43% in 1989.

GRAPH 20: AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (SITC 76) FROM JAPAN



Source: International Trade, Australia - Information Consultancy Ad Hoc Service (5466.0)

Imports of *manufactured goods classified by material* (SITC 6) from Japan in 1998 were valued at \$1,213 million and accounted for 9% of Australia's total imports from Japan in that year; Japan was the source for 9% of Australia's imports of these goods.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics, December 1998.
- ² Source: ABARE, Australian Commodities Forecasts and Issues, various issues
- ³ Source: ABARE, Minerals, Energy and Resources Branch.
- ⁴ Source: ABARE, unpublished data.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Country

	China	Germany	Japan	Korea, Republic of	New Zealand	Taiwan	United Kingdom	United States of America	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	3 781	1 152	16 429	6 615	5 609	3 452	2 829	4 619	76 005
1996-1997	3 584	1 058	15 377	7 134	6 214	3 620	2 357	5 526	78 932
1997-1998	3 873	1 243	17 582	6 397	5 663	4 180	3 040	7 794	87 769
1997									
June	999	270	3 928	1 696	1 870	1 020	631	1 566	21 104
September	1 049	255	4 398	1 898	1 476	979	674	1 739	21 523
December	1 066	324	4 693	1 632	1 468	1 111	667	1 774	23 086
1998									
March	836	306	4 206	1 192	1 308	957	742	2 001	20 287
June	921	358	4 284	1 675	1 410	1 132	957	2 281	22 873
September	946	374	4 460	1 605	1 482	1 075	1 572	2 134	22 823
December	1 090	369	4 453	1 632	1 493	1 105	1 455	2 060	22 997
1999									
March	982	348	3 879	1 538	1 347	1 005	680	1 759	19 870

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Developing Countries (DCs)	European Union (EU)
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	57 925	11 717	35 895	8 464
1996-1997	59 678	12 257	38 621	8 171
1997-1998	64 213	11 504	40 150	10 236
1997				
June	15 967	3 353	10 362	2 172
September	16 512	3 272	10 400	2 129
December	17 178	3 405	11 067	2 462
1998				
March	14 539	2 287	8 820	2 483
June	15 984	2 540	9 863	3 162
September	15 891	2 498	9 934	3 411
December	16 114	2 769	10 287	3 254
1999				
March	14 361	2 286	9 158	2 487

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Country

	China	Germany	Japan	Korea, Republic of	New Zealand	Taiwan	United Kingdom	United States of America	Total
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	4 010	4 862	10 816	2 293	3 591	2 585	4 882	17 545	77 792
1996-1997	4 203	4 558	10 241	2 550	3 685	2 522	5 182	17 642	78 998
1997-1998	5 303	5 207	12 660	3 767	3 723	2 809	5 593	19 834	90 684
1997									
June	978	1 133	2 643	712	906	643	1 326	4 704	20 073
September	1 395	1 197	3 112	802	962	714	1 374	4 670	21 821
December	1 408	1 315	3 191	868	988	733	1 393	4 839	23 042
1998									
March	1 331	1 282	3 052	884	854	672	1 397	5 016	22 252
June	1 169	1 413	3 306	1 213	919	690	1 429	5 309	23 569
September	1 725	1 561	3 458	1 141	1 003	792	1 559	5 487	25 594
December	1 598	1 566	3 504	937	1 048	785	1 395	5 803	25 422
1999									
March	1 461	1 529	3 279	902	909	690	1 320	4 673	23 056

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)

	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Developing Countries (DCs)	European Union (EU)
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	52 390	7 372	21 702	19 388
1996-1997	52 923	8 300	23 317	19 666
1997-1998	62 542	10 495	28 136	21 824
1997				
June	13 643	2 167	5 933	4 870
September	14 952	2 336	6 805	5 193
December	15 795	2 746	7 256	5 595
1998				
March	15 333	2 576	6 843	5 398
June	16 461	2 837	7 233	5 638
September	17 924	3 221	8 399	6 070
December	17 936	3 137	7 945	5 978
1999				
March	15 797	2 880	7 296	5 764

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

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EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Country(a)

Period	China	Germany	Japan	Korea, Republic of	New Zealand	Taiwan	United Kingdom	United States of America	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	- 229	-3 710	5 613	4 322	2 017	867	-2 053	-12 926	-1 787
1996-1997	- 619	-3 500	5 136	4 584	2 528	1 098	-2 825	-12 116	-66
1997-1998	-1 431	-3 964	4 921	2 631	1 940	1 371	-2 553	-12 040	-2 915
1997									
June	22	- 863	1 284	984	964	378	- 694	-3 139	1 031
September	- 346	- 942	1 286	1 097	514	266	- 700	-2 931	-298
December	- 342	- 990	1 502	764	480	378	- 726	-3 065	44
1998									
March	- 495	- 977	1 155	308	454	285	- 655	-3 016	-1 965
June	- 248	-1 055	978	462	491	442	- 472	-3 029	-696
September	- 779	-1 187	1 002	464	479	283	12	-3 353	-2 771
December	- 508	-1 197	948	695	446	320	61	-3 743	-2 425
1999									
March	- 480	-1 181	600	636	438	315	- 640	-2 914	-3 186

(a) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

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EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS, By Major Country Group(a)(b)

Period	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)	Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Developing Countries (DCs)	European Union (EU)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-1996	5 535	4 345	14 193	-10 924
1996-1997	6 755	3 957	15 304	-11 495
1997-1998	1 671	1 008	12 014	-11 588
1997				
June	2 323	1 186	4 429	-2 698
September	1 560	936	3 596	-3 063
December	1 383	659	3 811	-3 133
1998				
March	- 795	- 289	1 978	-2 915
June	- 477	- 297	2 630	-2 476
September	-2 034	- 723	1 535	-2 659
December	-1 821	- 368	2 342	-2 724
1999				
March	-1 436	- 594	1 862	-3 276

(a) Countries included in country groups are shown in the Appendix.

(b) A negative sign indicates that imports exceed exports.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country

Country	DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Algeria	19	—	15	—	34	1	61	—
Angola	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	—
Argentina	75	19	37	25	104	85	177	77
Australia (Re-imports)	—	72	—	82	—	313	—	347
Austria	12	117	8	115	27	424	44	474
Bahamas	—	2	—	4	2	5	4	10
Bahrain(a)	25	6	14	6	99	30	90	25
Bangladesh	104	8	72	11	252	58	304	42
Barbados	2	—	2	—	4	1	5	1
Belgium–Luxembourg	257	168	284	160	965	729	1 208	677
Bolivia	—	1	—	—	1	6	1	2
Brazil	100	84	85	92	385	376	420	331
Brunei	11	—	11	5	53	5	45	5
Bulgaria	5	2	2	2	16	6	38	7
Cambodia	3	—	2	—	12	1	12	1
Canada	362	382	307	373	1 165	1 337	1 387	1 551
Cayman Islands	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Chile	59	22	44	15	171	88	224	59
China	1 090	1 598	982	1 461	3 951	5 112	3 938	5 953
Christmas Island	3	4	2	1	18	7	11	9
Cocos (Keeling) Island	1	—	—	—	5	—	4	—
Colombia	7	5	6	4	40	21	21	20
Cook Islands	2	1	1	—	5	1	6	2
Costa Rica	1	5	1	9	2	9	3	19
Cote d'Ivoire	—	3	—	4	2	7	1	13
Croatia	4	2	1	2	13	8	7	8
Cuba	—	1	1	1	2	5	3	3
Cyprus	4	1	3	1	8	4	13	3
Czech Republic	19	15	6	22	48	49	61	64
Denmark	26	122	19	113	62	392	223	455
Dominican Republic	8	1	3	1	5	2	16	3
Ecuador	2	1	1	1	17	2	10	3
Egypt(a)	227	3	145	3	377	13	571	12
Ethiopia	1	—	6	1	1	3	27	2
Fiji	155	93	121	85	523	297	542	346
Finland	50	144	40	156	310	702	209	613
France	245	542	243	570	855	1 965	951	2 205
French Polynesia	22	4	18	1	112	6	100	8
Germany	369	1 566	348	1 529	1 156	4 927	1 449	6 069
Ghana	13	3	11	1	77	7	48	7
Greece	11	22	12	30	39	89	64	101
Guam	5	—	5	—	16	—	18	—
Guatemala	4	1	10	—	9	5	19	4
Hong Kong	736	384	830	251	4 073	1 039	3 336	1 210
Hungary	2	17	1	14	12	51	9	67
Iceland(a)	2	—	—	1	4	4	6	4
India	465	164	330	160	1 622	657	2 050	684
Indonesia	559	839	421	656	3 212	2 504	2 099	3 516
Iran	118	5	205	7	444	23	485	25
Iraq	80	52	75	23	375	16	286	75
Ireland	30	280	24	224	63	777	101	950
Israel	31	95	34	92	108	369	155	392
Italy	444	734	368	750	1 724	2 480	1 676	2 941
Jamaica	5	—	6	—	10	1	20	1
Japan	4 453	3 504	3 879	3 279	17 226	11 998	17 075	13 547
Jordan	18	8	24	4	55	29	86	32

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Country *continued*

Country	DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Kenya	8	4	22	6	46	17	57	19
Kiribati	8	—	7	—	20	—	28	1
Korea, Republic of	1 632	937	1 538	902	6 418	3 265	6 451	4 193
Kuwait	80	22	81	7	181	90	274	66
Laos	1	—	1	—	4	—	4	—
Lebanon	15	3	6	1	40	6	35	7
Libya	25	—	19	—	127	—	65	—
Lithuania	2	—	1	—	6	1	9	1
Macau	3	1	5	2	6	9	15	7
Madagascar	1	—	1	—	3	1	5	1
Malawi	—	3	—	2	2	7	3	6
Malaysia	499	764	410	648	2 230	2 294	1 832	2 735
Maldives	3	—	1	—	4	—	6	—
Malta	4	1	2	1	11	6	13	4
Marianas Northern	1	—	—	—	4	1	3	—
Marshall Islands	1	—	1	—	4	—	6	—
Mauritius	30	—	22	1	94	2	100	2
Mexico	77	89	95	101	191	221	311	367
Micronesia Fed States of	3	—	5	—	16	—	14	—
Morocco	16	9	4	6	52	17	29	25
Mozambique	6	—	6	—	15	—	25	—
Myanmar	3	4	3	4	27	12	13	13
Namibia	—	2	—	3	2	7	1	6
Nauru	3	2	5	2	26	11	18	9
Nepal	5	—	7	—	6	2	15	2
Netherlands	191	267	260	208	725	810	929	910
Netherlands Antilles	3	—	2	—	7	1	7	2
New Caledonia	45	14	40	8	187	43	179	44
New Zealand	1 493	1 048	1 347	909	6 123	3 710	5 732	3 879
Nigeria	3	—	4	12	15	26	12	12
Norfolk Island	6	—	3	—	14	—	17	1
Norway	47	48	23	47	159	192	151	221
Oman	50	—	28	5	182	54	145	16
Pakistan	58	45	154	40	496	167	367	166
Palau	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—
Panama	—	—	1	—	3	—	6	1
Papua New Guinea	248	169	253	175	1 209	805	1 009	683
Peru	9	3	5	5	51	18	73	16
Philippines	300	106	280	92	1 270	393	1 136	402
Poland	6	11	4	7	82	86	27	39
Portugal	17	34	11	37	33	116	49	137
Puerto Rico	3	20	1	32	9	151	7	93
Qatar	24	10	16	14	49	146	73	114
Romania	9	2	23	2	115	7	78	8
Russian Federation	26	8	35	3	187	14	187	22
Samoa	7	16	6	13	34	58	30	58
Samoa (American)	3	1	2	1	15	6	16	5
Saudi Arabia	242	102	137	163	453	705	760	531
Seychelles	1	—	1	—	8	1	9	—
Singapore	935	674	788	743	3 733	2 597	3 286	2 765
Slovak Republic	1	2	1	3	3	3	5	8
Slovenia	8	9	3	6	4	28	15	31
Solomon Islands	23	1	24	1	99	5	95	4
South Africa	255	129	212	130	1 074	530	983	540
Spain	112	166	165	151	414	595	588	674
Sri Lanka	58	20	70	15	195	70	223	75
Sudan	14	—	18	—	32	—	50	—
Sweden	35	423	25	402	158	1 561	160	1 542
Switzerland	139	286	63	263	673	934	846	1 056
Syria	3	—	3	—	7	1	9	1

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Country	DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Taiwan	1 105	785	1 005	690	4 068	2 762	4 317	2 958
Tanzania	12	1	18	1	35	5	60	4
Thailand	359	489	291	495	1 524	1 412	1 284	1 765
Tonga	5	—	4	—	18	1	17	1
Trinidad and Tobago	7	—	7	—	22	2	32	1
Tunisia	2	—	13	4	9	6	16	14
Turkey	129	32	43	31	540	104	481	114
Uganda	1	1	—	2	3	6	4	6
Ukraine	5	2	4	1	12	2	10	7
United Arab Emirates	279	31	235	31	984	580	1 095	242
United Kingdom	1 455	1 395	680	1 320	2 715	5 490	4 664	5 702
United States of America	2 060	5 803	1 759	4 673	7 079	19 229	8 233	21 272
United States Virgin Islands	—	—	—	—	8	8	1	—
Uruguay	3	1	2	2	8	3	11	6
Vanuatu	14	—	12	—	43	1	49	1
Venezuela	8	1	4	1	9	2	17	2
Viet Nam	102	261	80	237	264	608	394	873
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	—	1	—	5	—	7	—
Yemen	28	12	43	12	155	—	115	24
Zimbabwe	2	5	2	3	50	19	16	12
Zone of Coop A-Timor Gap	10	—	1	—	108	—	81	—
Other Countries	38	24	37	16	115	38	164	74
Destination or Origin Unknown	—	21	—	17	—	58	1	69
International Waters	79	—	46	—	123	—	210	—
No Country Details(a)	118	—	89	—	273	—	429	—
Ship and aircraft stores	124	—	113	—	600	—	479	—
Unidentified(b)	—	—	65	—	—	—	65	—
Total trade	22 997	25 422	19 870	23 056	86 000	87 188	88 564	97 641

(a) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from country totals and included in the 'No Country Details' category.

(b) Includes \$5 million of exports for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by country.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Major Country Group

Country group	DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Asia Pacific Economic								
Co-operation (APEC)	16 114	17 936	14 361	15 797	64 195	59 724	62 350	68 118
Australia (Re-imports)	—	72	—	82	—	313	—	347
Brunei(a)	11	—	11	5	53	5	45	5
Canada	362	382	307	373	1 165	1 337	1 387	1 551
Chile	59	22	44	15	171	88	224	59
China	1 090	1 598	982	1 461	3 951	5 112	3 938	5 953
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United States of America	2 060	5 803	1 759	4 673	7 079	19 229	8 233	21 272
Viet Nam(a)	102	261	80	237	264	608	394	873
Association of South East								
Asian Nations (ASEAN)	2 769	3 137	2 286	2 880	12 316	9 825	10 093	12 075
Brunei(a)	11	—	11	5	53	5	45	5
Indonesia(a)	559	839	421	656	3 212	2 504	2 099	3 516
Laos	1	—	1	—	4	—	4	—
Malaysia(a)	499	764	410	648	2 230	2 294	1 832	2 735
Myanmar	3	4	3	4	27	12	13	13
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Denmark	26	122	19	113	62	392	223	455
Finland	50	144	40	156	310	702	209	613
France	245	542	243	570	855	1 965	951	2 205
Germany	369	1 566	348	1 529	1 156	4 927	1 449	6 069
Greece	11	22	12	30	39	89	64	101
Ireland	30	280	24	224	63	777	101	950
Italy	444	734	368	750	1 724	2 480	1 676	2 941
Netherlands	191	267	260	208	725	810	929	910
Portugal	17	34	11	37	33	116	49	137
Spain	112	166	165	151	414	595	588	674
Sweden	35	423	25	402	158	1 561	160	1 542
United Kingdom	1 455	1 395	680	1 320	2 715	5 490	4 664	5 702

(a) Also included in other country groups.

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Mar Qtr 1998		Dec Qtr 1998		Mar Qtr 1999	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals(a)						
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	50	0.2	54	0.2	45	0.2
Meat of bovine animals fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	601	3.0	765	3.3	670	3.4
Meat of sheep and goats fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	178	0.9	188	0.8	155	0.8
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	274	1.4	369	1.6	295	1.5
Cheese and curd (024)	138	0.7	200	0.9	143	0.7
Crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	207	1.0	187	0.8	224	1.1
Wheat (including spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	988	4.9	778	3.4	986	5.0
Rice (042)(a)	97	0.5	105	0.5	118	0.6
Barley, unmilled (043)	112	0.6	193	0.8	199	1.0
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	12	0.1	6	—	9	—
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (including fruit and vegetable juices) (057-059)(a)	136	0.7	134	0.6	153	0.8
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)						
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13,20)	47	0.2	63	0.3	53	0.3
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	76	0.4	29	0.1	23	0.1
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	154	0.8	171	0.7	130	0.7
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	75	0.4	395	1.7	189	0.9
Wool, greasy (including fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	473	2.3	453	2.0	317	1.6
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	212	1.0	145	0.6	136	0.7
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excluding roasted iron pyrites) (281.50, 60)	857	4.2	1 027	4.5	895	4.5
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	179	0.9	333	1.4	240	1.2
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	60	0.3	19	0.1	11	0.1
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	708	3.5	811	3.5	640	3.2
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	78	0.4	97	0.4	100	0.5
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	136	0.7	163	0.7	176	0.9
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc. (287.81-85)(a)	147	0.7	170	0.7	116	0.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	2 341	11.5	2 415	10.5	2 278	11.5
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	378	1.9	411	1.8	326	1.6
Petroleum products (334,335)	464	2.3	351	1.5	343	1.7
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	498	2.5	471	2.0	416	2.1
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58)(a)	89	0.4	101	0.4	90	0.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Iron and steel (67)	505	2.5	352	1.5	368	1.9
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excluding master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	94	0.5	66	0.3	103	0.5
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	90	0.4	116	0.5	91	0.5
Aluminium (684)	797	3.9	833	3.6	788	4.0
Lead and lead alloys, unwrought (685.11,12)	69	0.3	78	0.3	79	0.4
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	89	0.4	93	0.4	106	0.5
Machinery and transport equipment						
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	208	1.0	204	0.9	150	0.8
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	245	1.2	503	2.2	258	1.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	412	2.0	375	1.6	359	1.8
Cars and other road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles) (78)	360	1.8	593	2.6	461	2.3
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	143	0.7	186	0.8	222	1.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	95	0.5	106	0.5	98	0.5
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC						
Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates) (971)	1 632	8.0	1 904	8.3	1 226	6.2
Total major commodities(a)	14 506	71.5	16 014	69.6	13 788	69.4
Total trade	20 287	100.0	22 997	100.0	19 870	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction.
See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity description and SITC code	Mar Qtr 1998		Dec Qtr 1998		Mar Qtr 1999	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Food and live animals						
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	184	0.8	215	0.8	195	0.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	864	3.9	933	3.7	794	3.4
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	192	0.9	158	0.6	194	0.8
Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)						
Organic chemicals (51)(a)	595	2.7	672	2.6	633	2.7
Inorganic chemicals (52)(a)	178	0.8	204	0.8	169	0.7
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	598	2.7	722	2.8	742	3.2
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57, 58)(a)	451	2.0	508	2.0	469	2.0
Chemical materials and products, n.e.s. (59)	274	1.2	327	1.3	300	1.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material						
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	201	0.9	204	0.8	188	0.8
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64)	495	2.2	525	2.1	510	2.2
Textile yarn (651)	135	0.6	133	0.5	131	0.6
Woven fabrics of cotton or man-made textile material (excluding narrow or special fabrics) (652, 653)	182	0.8	182	0.7	172	0.7
Clay and refractory construction materials and mineral manufactures, n.e.s. (662, 663)	142	0.6	154	0.6	139	0.6
Glass, glassware and pottery (664, 665, 666)	121	0.5	159	0.6	146	0.6
Iron and steel (67)	430	1.9	374	1.5	348	1.5
Manufactures of base metals n.e.s. (699)	220	1.0	251	1.0	227	1.0
Machinery and transport equipment(a)						
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof n.e.s (713)	271	1.2	286	1.1	242	1.0
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	155	0.7	178	0.7	133	0.6
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723)	293	1.3	306	1.2	288	1.2
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	216	1.0	287	1.1	187	0.8
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	267	1.2	327	1.3	266	1.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	1 045	4.7	1 066	4.2	1 059	4.6
Parts and accessories for office and automatic data processing machines (759)	558	2.5	517	2.0	545	2.4
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761, 762)	187	0.8	293	1.2	208	0.9
Telecommunication equipment n.e.s. and parts n.e.s. and accessories (764)	600	2.7	812	3.2	878	3.8
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	215	1.0	251	1.0	227	1.0
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment n.e.s. (775)(a)	211	0.9	283	1.1	241	1.0
Electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.s. (778)	331	1.5	371	1.5	332	1.4
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles) including station wagons and racing cars (781)	1 657	7.4	1 561	6.1	1 660	7.2
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782.11,19)	474	2.1	546	2.1	565	2.4
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	441	2.0	556	2.2	529	2.3
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	330	1.5	832	3.3	420	1.8
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	68	0.3	62	0.2	42	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles						
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	683	3.1	546	2.1	703	3.0
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s. (874)	362	1.6	416	1.6	413	1.8
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	148	0.7	131	0.5	140	0.6
Printed matter (892)	226	1.0	268	1.1	218	0.9
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	189	0.8	323	1.3	189	0.8
Total major commodities(a)	14 189	63.8	15 943	62.7	14 840	64.4
Total trade	22 252	100.0	25 422	100.0	23 056	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction.
See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—quarterly

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	3 595	867	3 958	1 028	3 847	938
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	134	40	165	20	164	41
01 Meat and meat preparations	856	14	1 064	19	922	21
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	466	54	676	72	502	70
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	273	184	256	215	291	195
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1 326	45	1 205	67	1 424	52
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	266	158	272	190	258	187
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	36	20	43	32	29	24
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	39	162	53	171	44	160
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	128	42	141	34	138	35
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	72	148	83	208	73	151
1 Beverages and tobacco	245	125	301	177	282	146
11 Beverages	227	88	285	135	267	102
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	18	37	16	42	15	44
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	4 048	365	4 734	420	3 957	378
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	133	—	102	—	84	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	180	11	134	28	341	11
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	2	29	2	27	3	27
24 Cork and wood	165	107	201	121	151	111
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	31	7	46	6	64
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	928	33	1 117	30	758	31
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	105	42	123	54	91	42
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	2 477	46	2 984	45	2 465	21
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	53	66	65	67	58	71
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	3 693	1 137	3 653	1 188	3 368	1 053
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	2 352	8	2 420	7	2 283	7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	843	1 117	762	1 155	669	1 031
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	498	11	471	25	416	15
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	101	63	100	76	97	68
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	70	2	71	2	66	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	20	55	17	67	18	60
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	12	5	12	6	13	7
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	765	2 644	867	2 912	844	2 927
51 Organic chemicals(b)	34	595	35	672	39	633
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	81	178	81	204	85	169
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	115	111	137	117	125	122
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	270	598	311	722	297	742
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	65	173	73	224	69	197
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	5	264	9	137	7	295
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	55	252	59	261	53	249
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	34	199	42	247	37	220
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	106	274	121	327	131	300

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1998		DEC QTR 1998		MAR QTR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	2 496	3 108	2 498	3 313	2 346	3 089
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	119	34	128	31	109	38
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	34	316	42	316	35	294
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	25	117	30	107	32	134
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	104	495	100	525	109	510
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	119	602	156	657	124	606
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	155	361	203	399	156	379
67 Iron and steel	505	430	352	374	368	348
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	1 268	206	1 310	248	1 264	215
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	167	546	177	655	148	565
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	2 227	9 995	2 922	11 698	2 289	10 715
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	208	522	204	572	150	493
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	245	989	503	1 133	258	964
73 Metal working machinery	36	119	47	123	37	123
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)	238	1 314	291	1 609	240	1 382
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	412	1 688	375	1 691	359	1 685
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	206	859	237	1 223	141	1 167
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	267	1 297	364	1 514	288	1 433
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	360	2 796	593	2 926	461	2 997
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	256	412	307	906	355	472
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	715	3 207	928	3 773	776	3 318
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	19	73	21	82	16	67
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	20	145	30	218	25	163
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2	76	4	105	3	81
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	82	683	98	546	71	703
85 Footwear	11	199	17	186	12	191
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	185	535	238	646	209	607
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	136	316	175	395	154	317
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	260	1 181	345	1 594	286	1 188
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	2 402	740	3 035	836	2 063	424
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	134	10	295	11	310	12
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	45	1	38	1	30	3
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	2	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 632	689	1 904	791	1 226	382
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)(d)	591	40	797	33	495	29
Total trade	20 287	22 252	22 997	25 422	19 870	23 056

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$5 million for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	16 430	3 309	15 378	3 733
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	704	116	595	122
01 Meat and meat preparations	3 603	65	3 978	65
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1 874	205	2 178	254
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1 184	662	1 199	739
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	5 341	213	5 132	237
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	1 157	601	1 127	696
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1 522	92	146	107
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	190	617	181	676
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	549	150	539	150
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	305	588	303	687
1 Beverages and tobacco	972	563	1 192	609
11 Beverages	909	419	1 125	447
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	63	145	67	162
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	17 645	1 588	17 832	1 636
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	555	2	461	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	375	79	612	64
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	9	125	9	115
24 Cork and wood	703	475	686	484
25 Pulp and waste paper	18	126	25	205
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	5 242	148	4 331	136
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	404	169	435	192
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	10 108	219	11 019	174
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	232	246	254	264
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(b)	15 127	4 748	14 759	4 237
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	9 146	19	9 782	26
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	3 959	4 644	3 203	4 137
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2 023	84	1 774	74
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)	316	268	379	275
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	224	8	260	7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	47	239	68	242
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	45	21	52	26
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3 253	9 844	3 464	11 315
51 Organic chemicals(b)	144	2 147	144	2 303
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	334	641	321	769
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	448	438	536	480
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	1 106	2 351	1 251	2 987
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	296	711	286	849
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	21	731	33	806
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	304	973	236	1 008
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	162	779	163	891
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	439	1 074	494	1 223

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	10 227	12 095	10 252	13 002
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	515	153	486	142
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	164	1 199	168	1 298
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	114	394	112	435
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	428	1 913	425	2 105
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	622	2 470	594	2 605
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	793	1 404	699	1 574
67 Iron and steel	1 788	1 560	1 688	1 527
68 Non-ferrous metals(b)	5 063	746	5 398	883
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(b)	741	2 256	682	2 434
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	11 315	40 455	10 771	45 114
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1 040	2 068	750	2 133
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1 179	4 015	1 378	4 431
73 Metal working machinery	217	573	183	534
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)	1 139	5 227	1 036	5 919
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1 722	6 809	1 511	7 084
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1 067	3 899	798	4 451
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(b)	1 247	5 294	1 352	5 853
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1 785	10 474	1 963	11 924
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1 919	2 097	1 799	2 785
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)	3 133	12 837	3 357	14 667
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	90	279	81	301
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	99	649	103	770
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	13	358	13	366
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	380	2 202	353	2 438
85 Footwear	58	701	62	773
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	753	2 211	897	2 529
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	662	1 345	636	1 423
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	1 078	5 092	1 211	6 065
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)(d)	7 583	1 481	11 181	3 053
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	557	40	941	43
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	132	9	120	7
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	1	5	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	5 404	1 334	7 236	2 867
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)(d)	1 488	97	2 879	135
Total trade	86 000	87 188	88 564	97 641

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(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$5 million for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	50	24	356	88	209	101
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	2	—	11	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	9	—	31	1	34	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	4	—	12	—	13	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	32	3	105	12	125	11
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	—	2	150	9	—	10
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	—	13	7	44	7	52
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	—	38	2	2	2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	1	3	8	3	6
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	1	—	6	—	9	1
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	4	2	13	3	18
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	—	4	5	8	2	17
11 Beverages	—	—	5	—	2	1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	4	—	8	—	15
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	416	9	2 261	34	1 921	37
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	12	—	41	—	65	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	78	3	58	6	143	6
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Cork and wood	—	—	—	—	—	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	143	—	1 071	1	652	1
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	2	4	10	3	11
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	179	—	1 069	3	1 047	3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	4	18	12	10	14
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	77	31	287	72	310	73
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	41	1	89	3	158	5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	22	29	88	69	52	68
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	13	—	109	—	99	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	13	2	45	5	44	6
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	10	—	38	—	36	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	2	1	6	5	6	5
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	1	—	2	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	22	53	85	195	98	221
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	1	18	2	67	3	75
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	2	9	9	48	16	46
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	4	27	9	42	15
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	1	7	20	24	8	27
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	1	3	3	12	4	14
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	1	—	2	—	4
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	2	1	13	2	9	3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	4	5	9	5	15
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	6	6	22	12	23

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	69	229	234	794	270	957
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	2	1	21	3	11	4
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	9	1	35	1	42
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	1	7	2	32	2	32
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	12	9	26	41	46	46
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	2	81	15	291	15	322
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	1	39	6	94	7	147
67 Iron and steel(b)	10	7	45	36	39	41
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	38	14	101	32	138	53
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	62	17	230	12	270
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	29	315	170	1 129	146	1 372
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	2	7	6	24	6	28
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	6	5	28	23	38	24
73 Metal working machinery	1	3	5	15	3	15
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	31	37	104	31	141
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	3	81	12	251	6	306
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	1	72	17	301	16	349
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	9	101	33	334	34	430
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2	15	5	74	9	76
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	—	27	3	3	4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	15	784	40	2 727	70	3 124
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	16	2	74	1	77
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	19	1	90	3	107
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	41	—	196	—	208
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1	439	17	1 194	22	1 381
85 Footwear(a)	—	96	—	322	1	376
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6	7	9	26	21	33
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	6	16	3	67	13	88
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	2	149	8	759	10	855
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	291	11	468	60	868	44
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	2	—	10	—	6	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	76	—	—	—	76	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	213	11	458	60	785	44
Total trade	982	1 461	3 951	5 112	3 938	5 953

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—China' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—China' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	15	10	64	37	72	43
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	—	—	—	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	5	—	28	—	28	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	2	2	4	5	6	6
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	2	3	4	2	5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	—	1	—	3	1	4
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	6	1	22	2	29	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	1	5	5	5	7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	—	2	1	12	1	12
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	1	—	5	1	6
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	9	1	15	4	25	5
11 Beverages	7	1	15	4	24	5
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	2	—	—	—	2	—
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	117	6	505	20	545	23
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	4	—	2	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	48	—	31	—	50	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	2	—	4	—	5
24 Cork and wood	—	1	1	2	1	2
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	1
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	22	2	219	5	191	6
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	—	21	2	17	1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	42	—	218	1	269	1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5	1	11	7	16	6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	28	1	81	5	141	6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	28	—	81	1	141	1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	1	1	5	—	5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	—	—	—	1	1	2
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	—	—	—	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	—	1	1	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	14	257	36	780	47	981
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	2	42	10	151	10	126
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	—	8	5	29	4	31
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	—	17	2	69	3	72
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	5	110	10	248	17	443
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	3	13	7	34	7	47
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	5	—	23	—	18
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	21	—	75	—	74
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	14	—	50	1	61
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	26	2	99	6	108

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	12	170	94	631	62	736
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	1	1	4	2	5	3
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	18	—	67	1	75
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	—	2	1	6	1	8
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	—	36	1	134	1	161
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	1	16	8	59	7	65
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	18	8	63	9	72
67 Iron and steel(b)	—	18	2	61	4	77
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	5	18	61	69	30	85
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	43	8	168	6	189
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	107	919	202	2 874	360	3 590
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	13	62	28	202	30	244
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	4	135	20	432	19	666
73 Metal working machinery	3	18	16	72	14	60
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	5	167	25	557	18	664
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	13	13	41	46	45	62
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	3	32	10	121	14	105
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	32	105	29	395	149	456
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	10	383	29	1 012	33	1 314
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	26	4	3	37	38	19
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	24	125	58	437	90	527
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	4	1	15	1	17
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	6	—	14	1	21
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	—	1	—	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	3	5	13	6	15
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	—	7	—	10
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	14	56	37	201	57	242
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	1	16	2	63	4	70
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	7	36	13	123	22	151
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	23	39	100	139	106	157
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	1	4	4	5	5
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	12	—	43	1	35	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	—	—	—	1
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	9	37	53	134	65	152
Total trade	348	1 529	1 156	4 927	1 449	6 069

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	658	10	3 059	43	3 006	50
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	2	—	19	—	12	1
01 Meat and meat preparations	352	—	1 425	1	1 515	1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	77	—	354	—	382	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	75	4	458	19	437	23
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	31	1	232	4	124	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	20	—	114	2	137	2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	6	—	77	1	25	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	7	—	38	4	32	3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	78	1	301	3	297	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	11	3	41	10	45	13
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	8	1	38	3	45	3
11 Beverages	8	—	38	2	45	2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	—	—	1	—	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	912	12	3 708	54	3 908	51
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	3	—	20	—	17	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	59	—	163	—	155	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	3	—	9	—	11
24 Cork and wood	123	—	626	—	593	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	93	1	511	6	505	6
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	8	5	14	19	24	18
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	617	1	2 324	6	2 566	6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	9	2	50	13	48	9
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 042	7	4 774	12	4 644	25
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	937	1	4 096	5	4 036	1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	82	5	496	7	448	23
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	23	—	181	—	160	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	5	—	24	—	24	—
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	8	—	5	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	5	—	5	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	4	—	11	—	14	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	47	125	189	466	192	474
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	3	41	18	135	13	140
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	12	8	49	54	55	29
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	9	14	32	39	30	46
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	9	13	31	52	32	50
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	2	2	7	8	7	10
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	2	—	3
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	17	3	69	2	78
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	21	2	69	2	78
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	12	9	47	38	50	41

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	324	270	1 625	1 131	1 480	1 179
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	2	—	10	2	7	1
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	4	89	27	380	21	375
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	6	—	19	—	20	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	1	23	3	93	3	91
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	3	26	12	94	12	103
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	22	21	124	87	84	87
67 Iron and steel(b)	9	77	63	350	59	390
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	276	8	1 343	30	1 262	31
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	25	23	94	14	100
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	110	2 608	479	9 333	404	10 639
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	28	48	93	188	120	270
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	5	147	31	518	19	600
73 Metal working machinery(b)	1	24	4	172	4	146
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	13	173	46	721	41	757
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	26	230	157	1 103	102	1 007
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	1	162	13	556	11	690
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	11	127	24	506	34	508
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	21	1 684	93	5 550	58	6 619
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	3	13	19	19	14	43
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	41	189	150	836	162	907
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	9	3	24	3	23
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	3	2	4	7	7	8
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	—	1	1	1	1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	3	10	9	6	9
85 Footwear(a)	—	—	1	—	2	—
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	17	32	55	182	76	169
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	3	65	16	254	12	284
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	15	78	59	359	55	414
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	731	57	3 179	119	3 211	218
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	2	3	12	1	9	4
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	—	7	—	7	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	101	—	225	—	396	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	626	54	2 935	118	2 799	214
Total trade	3 879	3 279	17 226	11 998	17 075	13 547

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	87	8	297	21	248	30
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	—	5	—	2	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	60	—	143	—	167	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	11	—	43	—	36	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	—	2	4	6	1	8
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	4	2	21	4	12	9
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	3	—	7	—	5	1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	—	1	57	2	2	3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3	—	6	2	7	2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	3	—	4	—	8	1
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	2	8	7	8	7
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	—	—	1	1	1	—
11 Beverages	—	—	1	1	1	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	322	2	1 070	8	1 395	9
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	3	—	3	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	6	—	15	—	26	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	2	—	3
24 Cork and wood	9	—	34	—	25	—
25 Pulp and waste paper	1	—	2	—	3	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	51	1	262	5	272	4
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	—	—	3	—	1	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	254	—	746	—	1 061	—
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	—	—	3	1	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	359	6	1 250	13	1 438	31
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	293	—	1 074	—	1 155	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	61	6	177	12	277	31
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	5	—	—	—	5	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	—	16	—	9	1
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	—	—	4	—	2	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	10	—	4	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	2	—	3	—
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	21	45	107	164	95	164
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	7	11	35	1	27
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	1	7	8	4	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	2	56	9	63	8
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	3	—	14	3	12	2
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	1	1	6	1	4	2
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	1	16	4	54	3	57
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	—	11	1	36	1	45
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	6	8	18	6	15

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	202	177	654	633	681	731
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	—	—	19	4	1	2
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	—	25	2	98	1	106
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	—	7	—	7	—
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	—	25	2	66	1	100
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	2	47	11	216	8	211
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	6	11	20	5	26
67 Iron and steel(b)	42	44	159	143	101	169
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	152	10	437	21	550	35
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	20	7	65	7	81
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	52	386	491	1 839	242	1 805
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	21	3	333	14	128	12
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	1	11	11	39	7	44
73 Metal working machinery	—	5	10	14	2	13
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	31	37	125	21	160
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	12	29	35	190	31	127
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	3	116	2	287	13	442
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	1	45	14	159	8	158
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	10	147	43	954	26	767
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	—	5	59	6	81
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	18	39	113	148	73	151
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	—	1	1	—	1
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	—	—	2	4	1	2
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	5	—	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	8	8	26	1	27
85 Footwear(a)	—	4	—	13	—	14
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	2	2	17	10	11	8
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	12	4	69	9	45	14
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	3	19	17	79	14	79
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	475	239	2 417	439	2 270	1 269
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	64	—	2	—	66	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	184	217	1 584	333	1 298	1 182
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	227	22	831	105	905	88
Total trade	1 538	902	6 418	3 265	6 451	4 193

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	105	178	467	581	465	654
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	5	35	12	75	19	86
01 Meat and meat preparations	6	4	22	16	27	14
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	6	40	28	124	24	154
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	2	36	6	119	8	131
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	21	6	93	35	89	33
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	19	31	83	120	96	122
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	5	3	56	14	25	16
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	15	3	54	11	60	13
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	9	1	35	5	38	3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	19	19	78	62	79	82
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	22	9	96	36	96	46
11 Beverages	21	9	91	35	90	44
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	1	1	5	1	6	2
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	19	83	76	329	88	361
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	3	—	14	1	19	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	—	3	1	4	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	—	4	—	5	—
24 Cork and wood	2	45	6	174	8	208
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	19	—	71	—	81
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	1	10	7	48	5	42
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	5	1	15	2	19	3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	3	1	15	6	19	5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	7	13	27	8	21
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	94	52	445	297	371	238
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	—	2	2	6	2	14
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	93	49	442	283	366	219
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	1	1	1	7	3	5
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	5	1	7	2	15	4
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	1	1	3	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	4	—	2	—	9	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	—	4	1	3	2
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	160	77	713	290	704	344
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	4	2	24	10	23	8
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	10	2	30	7	33	7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	14	2	54	11	57	9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	54	8	267	24	253	30
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	29	23	122	84	123	97
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	1	1	3	2	5	3
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	17	5	72	23	64	20
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	12	12	53	49	54	56
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	21	23	87	81	93	113

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	221	208	893	883	893	925
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	7	10	49	10	31
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	7	12	29	44	30	58
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	3	18	17	76	15	71
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	60	60	208	218	227	259
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	29	36	124	150	125	169
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)	21	2	95	9	84	11
67 Iron and steel	30	21	111	88	119	85
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	38	27	152	126	150	122
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	30	26	146	124	134	119
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	404	152	2 145	608	1 727	656
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	11	2	88	8	55	7
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	30	17	121	65	155	76
73 Metal working machinery	10	1	26	4	24	8
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	48	33	159	165	176	161
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	99	4	441	18	420	19
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	20	7	77	32	84	31
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	62	66	291	254	267	271
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	99	15	333	29	421	46
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	28	8	608	33	125	36
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	196	105	824	450	853	438
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	6	2	27	10	27	10
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	9	14	33	51	36	56
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	1	5	4	6	4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	36	31	157	129	146	122
85 Footwear(a)	6	7	27	30	25	27
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	27	7	118	26	124	30
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	23	1	96	3	101	3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	87	42	361	196	388	186
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	122	45	457	233	521	213
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	43	—	132	1	161	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	3	35	14	197	12	153
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	76	9	311	35	347	59
Total trade	1 347	909	6 123	3 710	5 732	3 879

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	140	9	571	34	535	37
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	—	—	—	—	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	35	—	173	—	158	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	28	—	81	—	104	—
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	49	4	190	18	170	17
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	3	1	23	3	12	3
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	13	1	28	3	39	3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	—	—	38	1	5	1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3	—	7	—	11	—
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	6	2	18	4	23	5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	2	2	12	4	13	6
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	1	2	10	16	5	12
11 Beverages	1	—	10	—	5	—
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	1	—	16	—	11
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	131	6	624	24	642	23
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	1	—	7	—	4	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	—	—	1	—	2	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	—	—	2	—	1
24 Cork and wood	11	—	9	1	24	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	38	3	248	15	225	12
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	—	4	—
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	78	1	350	3	375	4
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	1	6	3	8	5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	217	—	1 095	6	942	—
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	137	—	772	—	664	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	80	—	323	6	278	—
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	10	1	34	1	46	2
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	8	—	27	—	38	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	2	1	7	1	8	2
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	36	46	118	172	141	186
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	4	3	23	1	22
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	3	1	11	7	10	6
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	4	1	16	5	16	5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	21	1	50	6	75	5
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	3	8	12	24	12	27
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	1	—	2	—	2
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	2	11	15	31	12	40
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	1	17	4	67	5	70
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	2	7	6	9	9

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	215	156	838	662	938	673
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	3	1	26	5	18	4
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	1	10	5	45	4	46
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	4	1	14	7	13	6
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	2	5	12	33	10	31
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	1	50	11	194	8	208
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	10	15	43	17	44
67 Iron and steel(b)	18	15	181	74	98	64
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	182	2	564	9	764	9
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	3	60	8	253	7	261
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	26	371	191	1 403	163	1 564
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	4	8	37	31	34	33
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	1	15	10	59	10	59
73 Metal working machinery	—	9	2	38	2	35
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	31	20	124	20	141
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	9	206	72	739	48	865
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	1	21	4	87	8	93
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	3	59	21	225	19	234
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	3	21	25	90	21	98
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	—	1	1	9	1	6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	14	87	80	406	77	423
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	—	6	1	28	1	30
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	11	2	54	2	59
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	2	—	9	—	8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	—	8	1	31	1	29
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	—	9	—	12
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	2	7	12	23	7	29
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	7	9	46	42	36	43
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	5	42	19	211	29	212
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	216	12	507	37	828	39
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	3	—	24	—	27	—
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	3	—	8	—	7	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	117	—	135	—	323	—
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	93	12	340	37	471	39
Total trade	1 005	690	4 068	2 762	4 317	2 958

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)(b)	38	27	200	118	213	126
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	3	—	14	1	13
01 Meat and meat preparations	24	—	106	—	117	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1	—	26	2	27	3
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	1	2	—	6	2	7
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	3	6	14	5	17
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	9	1	44	5	52	5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	1	2	8	11	5	10
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof(b)	—	9	1	32	1	34
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	—	—	6	4	—	1
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	1	7	2	29	3	36
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	114	25	340	115	483	111
11 Beverages	114	24	340	112	483	106
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	1	—	4	—	5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	78	8	321	38	306	60
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	5	—	3	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	12	—	2	—	15	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	1	—	4	—	3
24 Cork and wood	1	—	5	1	6	1
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	11	4	105	17	56	16
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	1	—	3	4	4	3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	50	—	194	4	213	27
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3	2	7	8	9	10
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	72	1	292	5	355	3
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	72	—	278	—	345	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	1	—	5	10	3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	15	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	—	4	2	5	2
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	3	1	3	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	1	1	1	1
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	—	—	—	1	—	1
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	38	343	141	1 225	173	1 326
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	—	100	1	246	1	271
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	1	4	8	30	2	31
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	2	12	4	46	15	52
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	29	163	105	611	129	658
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	3	16	7	85	9	91
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	2	—	12	1	10
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	9	—	49	1	46
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	16	9	61	7	74
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	2	21	7	84	8	93

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	75	131	337	655	299	619
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	—	1	1	6	1	3
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	4	10	21	57	21	53
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	2	—	2	3	5	2
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	—	12	5	73	3	62
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	9	21	40	99	42	98
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	1	24	17	98	13	101
67 Iron and steel(b)	3	17	5	109	8	93
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	52	9	230	59	184	47
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	4	36	17	152	23	160
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	83	551	447	2 337	431	2 366
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	11	42	39	254	49	215
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	8	71	37	322	36	378
73 Metal working machinery	1	6	13	26	12	26
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	18	84	85	372	88	360
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	8	38	55	209	43	178
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	6	101	21	303	29	332
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	12	70	53	310	64	329
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	6	96	15	422	36	415
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	12	45	130	119	74	134
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	38	221	129	930	176	1 023
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	3	1	14	3	15
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	9	4	21	4	39
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	1	—	4	—	3
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2	6	11	28	9	19
85 Footwear(a)	—	3	3	20	2	16
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	11	57	40	200	42	233
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	3	10	11	45	18	45
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	21	133	59	598	97	653
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	142	13	504	65	2 224	67
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1	2	5	5	10	5
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	78	—	97	—	1 870	18
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	63	11	401	59	343	44
Total trade	680	1 320	2 715	5 490	4 664	5 702

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)(b)	270	108	979	366	1 254	432
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	1	3	3	11	3	20
01 Meat and meat preparations	204	2	705	7	930	7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	14	1	37	4	67	4
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	34	12	88	37	121	38
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	1	10	4	25	3	36
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	9	33	70	113	92	125
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	2	4	47	13	16	15
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof(b)	1	11	4	35	2	50
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	2	15	16	57	13	59
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	3	18	6	63	7	78
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	56	34	185	97	226	114
11 Beverages	56	17	185	65	226	68
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	—	16	—	32	—	46
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	57	64	303	286	282	258
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	—	—	—	—	2	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	4	15	58	19	44
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	5	—	21	—	21
24 Cork and wood	1	11	8	58	8	39
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	6	—	19	—	21
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	15	4	171	21	94	19
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	3	10	14	32	25	34
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	23	2	67	9	93	4
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	13	22	28	68	40	75
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	78	43	556	221	459	239
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	4	—	4	—	7	—
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	74	42	552	219	439	237
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	—	2	13	2
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	1	1	4	5	6	6
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	1	1	4	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	—	1	1	1	2
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	1	2	3	2	4
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	100	723	223	2 523	324	2 901
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	9	115	1	425	13	572
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	5	29	19	127	15	125
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	13	28	24	99	46	110
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	21	104	62	352	84	491
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	4	62	15	227	16	271
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	165	—	395	—	406
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	48	2	232	4	217
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	2	63	5	228	6	247
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	45	109	94	438	140	462

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	210	421	627	1 668	954	1 781
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	23	1	43	6	74	4
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	7	44	19	180	33	204
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	15	11	32	10	36
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	—	74	4	357	3	329
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	13	60	50	256	58	264
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	21	34	73	143	89	139
67 Iron and steel(b)	75	22	288	117	375	102
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	50	58	79	110	219	218
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	16	111	62	468	93	484
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	506	2 382	1 964	10 328	2 018	11 246
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	24	238	134	933	117	980
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	46	288	149	1 450	212	1 458
73 Metal working machinery	9	15	66	100	54	90
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	30	404	116	1 528	132	1 687
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	87	431	354	1 960	310	1 912
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)	17	154	75	623	81	620
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	38	295	133	1 181	157	1 235
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	110	238	529	1 200	469	1 169
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	144	318	407	1 354	487	2 096
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	122	797	406	3 060	548	3 325
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	7	2	25	3	30
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	1	11	11	49	10	57
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	2	2	10	2	10
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8	14	36	63	47	56
85 Footwear(a)	—	4	9	16	12	15
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	57	308	166	1 054	254	1 218
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	16	103	37	450	45	432
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	37	349	144	1 394	176	1 508
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	360	100	1 833	675	2 160	970
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	101	4	47	22	276	20
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	10	—	18	1	33	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	—	—	323	248	473	511
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	248	95	1 443	404	1 378	438
Total trade	1 759	4 673	7 079	19 229	8 233	21 272

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)(b)	2 011	607	8 864	2 110	8 449	2 376
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	73	38	404	100	247	109
01 Meat and meat preparations	776	20	3 017	59	3 334	59
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	358	45	1 398	132	1 524	164
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	287	156	1 163	541	1 144	603
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	99	37	716	137	430	159
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	182	104	762	387	792	423
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	20	13	514	44	106	51
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof(b)	39	94	163	316	157	362
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	116	33	461	133	453	134
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	62	70	266	262	261	312
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	117	57	442	191	493	222
11 Beverages	111	32	418	123	464	137
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	6	25	24	68	29	85
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	2 156	279	9 372	1 191	9 631	1 203
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	26	—	101	2	130	1
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	186	8	269	72	394	57
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	2	20	8	102	7	91
24 Cork and wood	148	103	690	445	671	452
25 Pulp and waste paper	6	48	18	122	24	176
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	496	22	3 224	111	2 755	102
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	23	23	82	78	107	87
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	1 235	9	4 829	97	5 394	77
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	34	45	152	162	149	160
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	2 063	834	9 792	3 239	9 201	3 297
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	1 493	6	6 301	17	6 398	23
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	516	822	3 126	3 187	2 510	3 247
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	55	6	366	36	293	27
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	46	42	170	134	186	150
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	25	1	89	4	102	4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	10	36	45	114	46	125
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	11	5	36	15	39	20
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	620	1 308	2 521	4 529	2 543	5 220
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	25	227	97	840	86	1 005
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	57	66	199	316	215	316
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	103	63	380	210	398	231
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	185	157	803	518	824	692
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	57	112	258	407	245	479
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	7	220	19	515	29	578
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	45	132	257	518	193	565
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	28	148	129	518	127	586
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	112	183	379	688	427	768

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	1 810	1 869	7 903	7 289	7 738	7 930
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	44	15	184	82	172	63
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	27	216	120	877	123	944
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	26	70	100	259	87	269
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	102	288	399	1 030	395	1 184
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	83	390	386	1 593	372	1 662
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	90	179	497	648	405	759
67 Iron and steel(b)	287	213	1 571	934	1 228	952
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	1 046	147	4 063	424	4 460	568
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	107	351	583	1 442	496	1 528
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	1 561	7 748	8 394	29 483	7 176	33 131
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	113	327	892	1 338	610	1 421
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	195	530	791	2 352	1 057	2 465
73 Metal working machinery(b)	28	60	159	356	121	322
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	178	806	850	3 168	753	3 525
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	306	1 544	1 476	6 205	1 286	6 478
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	64	842	541	2 726	377	3 327
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	180	970	960	3 616	828	3 906
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	274	2 297	1 242	8 147	1 116	9 228
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	223	373	1 482	1 575	1 028	2 458
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	582	2 406	2 496	9 234	2 559	10 637
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	12	43	65	188	54	199
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	20	109	82	463	83	533
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2	59	11	264	10	281
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	60	577	296	1 719	286	1 913
85 Footwear(a)	8	133	44	491	45	546
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	143	414	529	1 497	628	1 705
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	135	224	602	982	546	1 023
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	202	847	868	3 630	907	4 438
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	3 395	647	14 241	2 324	14 375	3 951
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	266	8	432	27	761	29
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	16	2	48	8	49	6
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	1	—	2	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 104	369	4 725	1 266	4 225	2 789
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	2 008	268	9 035	1 022	9 339	1 127
Total trade	14 361	15 797	64 195	59 724	62 350	68 118

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	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)	431	201	2 002	707	1 678	814
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	57	—	322	—	171	—
01 Meat and meat preparations	43	—	227	1	171	—
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	183	1	696	—	740	1
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	13	82	60	291	51	331
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	34	13	136	46	161	55
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	68	19	298	81	252	89
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	5	2	115	6	21	7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	7	61	33	173	27	219
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	10	9	63	38	45	43
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	10	14	53	70	38	70
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	11	1	36	8	45	8
11 Beverages	8	1	27	3	28	3
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	4	1	8	6	17	5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	204	57	1 028	228	1 124	239
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	5	—	8	—	15	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2	—	3	1	4	—
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	10	3	65	1	50
24 Cork and wood	3	21	5	101	11	103
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	14	15	8	19	33
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	138	2	771	9	878	10
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	5	1	27	5	25	5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	44	3	183	18	159	14
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2	6	14	23	11	23
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	118	589	1 000	2 101	609	2 322
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	35	1	100	1	119	1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	71	586	837	2 074	478	2 304
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	12	2	63	27	12	17
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	10	36	25	115	34	126
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	4	—	5	—	11	—
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	5	33	14	105	18	115
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	2	3	6	10	6	11
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	129	155	658	508	517	611
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	7	34	33	130	26	143
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	15	6	38	37	45	33
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	28	8	128	21	100	25
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	37	15	208	27	156	45
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(a)(b)	10	9	56	36	45	38
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	4	12	7	52	12	53
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	10	31	72	95	46	139
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	4	17	31	47	21	59
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	14	23	85	62	67	75

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	381	308	2 036	1 042	1 550	1 205
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)	8	2	26	11	31	10
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	5	24	24	78	21	100
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	3	27	18	105	12	115
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	15	78	69	178	58	269
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	13	64	84	266	69	269
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	10	45	85	129	50	175
67 Iron and steel(b)	77	21	486	93	236	78
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	219	21	1 039	46	928	65
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	31	26	206	135	144	124
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	264	1 145	1 838	3 647	1 568	4 350
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	11	6	83	17	58	23
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	53	13	292	40	453	57
73 Metal working machinery	5	2	35	4	20	9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	50	81	309	282	238	342
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	43	480	223	1 714	212	1 936
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	12	216	200	690	56	856
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	30	206	266	709	171	814
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	21	135	129	174	63	285
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	38	8	301	16	297	28
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	96	264	479	973	386	1 618
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	1	2	24	13	9	16
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	4	49	19	196	18	231
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	4	1	20	1	20
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4	45	18	179	18	188
85 Footwear(a)	—	18	2	89	2	90
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	18	29	96	84	78	113
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	41	11	184	32	149	55
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	27	107	135	360	112	905
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	642	124	3 216	495	2 582	782
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	19	—	54	—	60	1
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	1	—	3	—	1	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	—	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	385	63	1 587	275	1 083	556
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	238	61	1 573	220	1 439	225
Total trade	2 286	2 880	12 316	9 825	10 093	12 075

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)(b)	1 272	363	5 408	1 279	4 943	1 461
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	156	—	656	14	552	2
01 Meat and meat preparations	232	—	903	2	925	2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	378	2	1 326	5	1 570	7
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	177	110	613	396	580	440
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	62	22	540	80	288	97
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	172	84	723	265	630	316
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	12	6	292	22	58	24
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof(b)	19	91	84	303	79	364
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	30	17	119	66	116	69
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	34	30	153	126	144	141
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	31	20	132	103	129	95
11 Beverages	21	8	97	32	90	28
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	10	13	35	71	39	67
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	1 300	128	6 089	528	6 190	543
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	23	—	206	—	156	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	163	6	140	16	295	17
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	1	11	4	70	3	56
24 Cork and wood	23	24	52	114	63	118
25 Pulp and waste paper	6	31	18	11	24	63
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	434	7	2 973	35	2 581	32
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	11	17	45	81	47	91
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	627	15	2 567	138	2 941	95
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	14	17	85	62	80	70
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	1 178	824	5 530	3 584	5 237	3 269
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	841	2	3 548	4	3 703	6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	299	811	1 797	3 505	1 405	3 199
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	38	11	185	75	129	64
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	76	44	242	158	290	159
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	55	—	184	5	214	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	14	39	37	141	52	142
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	7	4	21	11	25	15
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	340	436	1 527	1 481	1 463	1 660
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	12	90	62	342	46	363
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	36	28	123	185	136	158
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	76	20	294	70	309	74
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	106	34	471	86	480	113
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	24	25	118	93	103	103
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	4	75	10	188	16	214
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	34	64	215	194	153	259
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	16	56	76	191	75	219
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	31	44	158	131	144	156

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	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	1 152	1 120	5 074	4 172	4 841	4 559
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	22	20	146	61	104	65
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	9	77	53	289	42	330
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	15	39	58	159	50	167
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	41	123	179	372	167	475
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	56	345	313	1 428	289	1 459
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	31	158	224	484	168	607
67 Iron and steel(b)	198	100	1 134	424	768	395
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	708	56	2 599	157	2 958	193
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	73	202	369	799	296	870
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	728	2 508	4 416	9 031	4 026	10 236
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	47	31	547	135	306	131
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	110	57	574	205	727	229
73 Metal working machinery(b)	11	29	76	84	60	92
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	97	205	556	755	449	933
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	100	876	531	3 079	471	3 521
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	41	464	401	1 491	252	1 906
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	77	509	553	1 754	424	1 994
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	196	327	627	1 335	850	1 299
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	49	11	551	192	486	130
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	266	1 407	1 226	5 229	1 162	6 360
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	5	26	47	131	36	135
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	8	85	41	368	39	425
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1	60	4	274	3	290
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	20	608	116	1 825	124	2 072
85 Footwear(a)	1	138	7	508	6	568
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	46	59	212	182	197	235
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	101	54	471	270	422	298
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	84	377	329	1 671	334	2 337
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	2 815	445	11 007	1 271	10 963	2 529
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	126	—	197	1	316	2
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	6	—	42	2	28	—
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 028	293	4 234	675	3 766	1 947
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	1 655	151	6 534	593	6 852	580
Total trade	9 158	7 296	40 650	26 837	39 241	30 872

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—Developing countries' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—Developing countries' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, By Commodity—European Union (EU)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(a)(b)	116	199	489	676	566	842
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	—	3	10	16	2	13
01 Meat and meat preparations	49	1	209	5	239	5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	18	22	68	61	92	75
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	2	9	16	31	44	34
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(a)	10	12	28	61	31	62
05 Vegetables and fruit(a)	28	36	114	91	126	117
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(a)	3	9	23	37	14	44
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof(b)	1	28	4	150	3	130
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(a)	3	1	14	7	8	5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations(a)	2	77	4	217	7	356
1 Beverages and tobacco(a)	142	78	432	311	606	336
11 Beverages	140	65	422	275	593	295
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures(a)	2	12	10	37	13	41
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(a)(b)	589	43	2 762	154	2 506	191
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw(a)	16	—	126	—	92	—
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	116	—	49	1	133	1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)(b)	—	6	—	19	—	20
24 Cork and wood	3	5	10	17	12	19
25 Pulp and waste paper	—	—	—	2	—	4
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	207	8	1 530	29	1 108	28
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(a)(b)	9	4	51	15	49	20
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	222	1	952	12	1 051	30
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	16	19	43	58	61	68
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(a)(b)	395	5	1 116	18	1 614	20
32 Coal, coke and briquettes(a)	395	1	1 090	2	1 603	3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(b)	—	4	2	16	11	17
34 Gas, natural and manufactured(a)	—	—	25	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(a)(b)	2	18	6	90	9	89
41 Animal oils and fats(a)	1	—	3	1	4	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)(b)	—	17	1	84	2	82
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	1	1	2	5	3	5
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	109	1 162	364	3 773	442	4 398
51 Organic chemicals(a)(b)	8	302	16	879	25	953
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)(b)	12	25	75	108	33	108
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	11	44	35	166	83	183
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	58	500	180	1 533	230	1 933
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations(b)	6	77	19	273	21	335
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(a)	—	12	—	68	1	56
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)(b)	—	57	2	219	3	219
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	5	61	16	217	17	260
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(a)(b)	8	84	19	311	28	351

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	MAR QTR 1999		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1998		12 MONTHS ENDED MAR 1999	
	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(a)(b)	225	852	954	3 341	1 017	3 570
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.(a)(b)	54	5	280	25	258	25
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(b)	6	67	26	280	29	304
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(a)	5	60	6	119	14	151
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	1	182	9	714	6	772
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(a)(b)	13	99	74	392	66	429
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(a)(b)	13	145	44	556	61	609
67 Iron and steel(b)	45	81	95	406	259	379
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)(b)	77	45	368	213	278	204
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(a)(b)	11	168	52	636	45	697
7 Machinery and transport equipment(a)(b)	324	2 630	1 116	9 646	1 456	10 580
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	27	158	88	674	89	671
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)(b)	20	395	112	1 481	102	1 803
73 Metal working machinery(b)	6	47	32	183	32	171
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(a)(b)	34	506	148	1 822	150	2 091
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	34	126	170	557	151	538
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment(a)(b)	13	267	77	1 048	73	926
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(a)(b)	52	355	122	1 323	258	1 525
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	20	679	80	2 186	102	2 568
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	118	97	285	372	499	287
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(a)(b)	106	682	340	2 698	430	3 034
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(b)	2	21	5	73	8	88
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2	48	6	161	8	210
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	—	17	1	65	1	58
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4	44	49	165	20	169
85 Footwear(a)	1	42	4	144	4	160
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	45	169	138	633	174	734
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(b)	8	52	26	235	41	236
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(b)	44	289	111	1 221	173	1 379
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(c)	479	95	1 669	349	3 668	391
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	4	3	12	11	22	13
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	13	—	45	1	39	1
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	—	—	—	2	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	78	—	99	—	1 999	18
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(c)	383	91	1 513	336	1 606	359
Total trade	2 487	5 764	9 247	21 056	12 314	23 450

(a) Excludes export commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—EU member states' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes import commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' or a 'No Country Details' or a 'Selected Country Details—EU member states' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS, By State(a)

State	March quarter 1998	June quarter 1998	September quarter 1998	December quarter 1998	March quarter 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Australian produce	19 282	21 532	21 651	21 728	18 624
New South Wales	4 401	4 796	4 845	4 736	4 131
Victoria	3 827	3 824	4 350	4 198	3 912
Queensland	3 468	4 418	4 503	4 166	3 431
South Australia	1 207	1 264	1 317	1 332	1 329
Western Australia	5 549	6 123	5 833	6 291	4 828
Tasmania	464	748	429	480	527
Northern Territory	295	247	259	402	306
Australian Capital Territory	8	2	4	5	6
State not available for publication(b)	62	111	111	118	154
Re-exports	1 006	1 341	1 172	1 270	1 246
Total trade	20 287	22 873	22 823	22 997	19 870

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

(b) Includes \$5 million of exports for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by state. These shipments will be appropriately classified as more details become available.

IMPORTS, By State(a)

	<i>March quarter 1998</i>	<i>June quarter 1998</i>	<i>September quarter 1998</i>	<i>December quarter 1998</i>	<i>March quarter 1999</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
New South Wales	9 188	9 935	10 794	10 892	9 879
Victoria	7 181	7 415	8 282	7 993	7 431
Queensland	2 434	2 495	2 795	2 872	2 548
South Australia	1 004	975	930	929	959
Western Australia	2 179	2 457	2 521	2 475	2 030
Tasmania	102	97	121	110	95
Northern Territory	164	192	150	150	112
Australian Capital Territory	2	3	1	1	1
Total trade	22 252	23 569	25 594	25 422	23 056

(a) State in which the goods were released from
Customs control. See paragraph 27 of the
Explanatory Notes for further details.

EXPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	March quarter 1998	June quarter 1998	September quarter 1998	December quarter 1998	March quarter 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2 339	2 591	2 520	2 508	2 599
01 Agriculture	2 070	1 876	1 811	1 907	2 208
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	92	582	563	415	205
03 Forestry and logging	7	6	9	19	14
04 Commercial fishing	169	126	137	166	171
B Mining	5 221	5 785	5 478	5 421	4 810
11 Coal mining	2 342	2 512	2 558	2 416	2 278
12 Oil and gas extraction	876	876	968	882	742
13 Metal ore mining	1 954	2 333	1 898	2 071	1 744
14 Other mining	49	64	54	51	46
C Manufacturing	11 983	13 604	13 701	13 931	11 627
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	2 576	2 819	2 941	3 111	2 687
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	711	665	691	669	569
23 Wood and paper products	286	317	271	313	282
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	117	116	123	142	115
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	1 343	1 385	1 417	1 352	1 283
26 Non-metallic mineral products	81	82	82	80	73
27 Metal products	4 100	4 615	4 983	4 661	3 741
28 Machinery and equipment	2 592	3 443	3 001	3 412	2 705
29 Other manufacturing	177	162	192	192	172
Other industries(a)(b)	744	893	1 124	1 138	835
Total trade	20 287	22 873	22 823	22 997	19 870

(a) Includes \$5 million of exports for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by industry of origin.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

IMPORTS, By Industry of Origin (ANZSIC)

Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Division/Subdivision	March quarter 1998	June quarter 1998	September quarter 1998	December quarter 1998	March quarter 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	230	205	192	198	226
01 Agriculture	203	179	172	170	197
02 Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	1	3	3	2	1
03 Forestry and logging	1	2	1	2	1
04 Commercial fishing	25	20	16	24	26
B Mining	949	760	968	1 045	864
11 Coal mining	5	5	6	5	5
12 Oil and gas extraction	875	684	869	959	809
13 Metal ore mining	29	35	32	32	13
14 Other mining	40	37	61	50	38
C Manufacturing	20 969	22 515	24 316	24 083	21 875
21 Food, beverage and tobacco	913	928	1 032	1 189	1 015
22 Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	1 598	1 364	1 836	1 524	1 618
23 Wood and paper products	712	714	799	742	777
24 Printing, publishing and recorded media	419	491	580	615	438
25 Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	3 511	3 606	3 668	3 810	3 764
26 Non-metallic mineral products	283	303	335	340	311
27 Metal products	2 009	2 161	2 299	2 207	1 637
28 Machinery and equipment	10 968	12 140	12 843	12 905	11 775
29 Other manufacturing	556	809	924	751	541
Other industries(a)	104	89	119	95	92
Total trade	22 252	23 569	25 594	25 422	23 056

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

EXPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

	March quarter 1998	June quarter 1998	September quarter 1998	December quarter 1998	March quarter 1999
Broad Economic Categories	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	3 873	3 962	4 067	4 253	4 325
<i>Primary</i>	1 788	1 707	1 699	1 688	2 068
Mainly for industry	1 417	1 261	1 223	1 291	1 698
Mainly for household consumption	371	446	476	397	371
<i>Processed</i>	2 084	2 256	2 368	2 564	2 256
Mainly for industry	254	251	254	288	248
Mainly for household consumption	1 830	2 004	2 115	2 277	2 009
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	8 833	10 249	10 083	9 918	8 089
Primary	3 040	3 742	3 591	3 785	2 972
Processed	5 794	6 506	6 493	6 134	5 117
Fuels and lubricants	3 675	3 794	3 926	3 642	3 361
Primary	2 720	2 964	3 064	2 828	2 606
<i>Processed</i>	954	829	862	814	755
Motor spirit	74	74	74	46	68
Other	880	755	788	768	688
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	1 620	1 955	1 804	2 053	1 533
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	778	1 067	930	1 123	692
Parts and accessories	842	888	874	930	841
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	787	1 238	976	1 075	931
Passenger motor cars	216	209	349	391	293
<i>Other</i>	139	562	142	172	227
Industrial	123	505	119	143	203
Non-industrial	16	57	23	29	24
Parts and accessories	432	466	485	512	411
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	719	785	867	921	770
Durable	128	144	155	194	160
Semi-durable	202	220	240	255	208
Non-durable	388	420	471	471	402
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)(b)	781	891	1 100	1 137	863
Total trade	20 287	22 873	22 823	22 997	19 870

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes \$5 million of exports for February 1999 and \$60 million for March 1999 which cannot yet be allocated by commodity.

IMPORTS, By Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Broad Economic Categories	March quarter 1998	June quarter 1998	September quarter 1998	December quarter 1998	March quarter 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Food and beverages	971	967	1 059	1 220	1 057
<i>Primary</i>	247	239	244	266	244
Mainly for industry	94	82	82	73	78
Mainly for household consumption	152	157	161	193	166
<i>Processed</i>	725	728	816	953	813
Mainly for industry	93	92	104	111	106
Mainly for household consumption	632	636	712	843	707
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	6 150	6 256	6 573	6 533	5 932
Primary	226	241	252	225	188
Processed	5 924	6 014	6 321	6 308	5 744
Fuels and lubricants	1 090	872	1 034	1 141	1 027
Primary	869	672	857	939	799
<i>Processed</i>	221	199	177	203	228
Motor spirit	37	29	2	21	77
Other	183	171	175	182	151
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	6 480	7 185	7 488	7 303	6 943
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	4 254	4 814	5 013	4 934	4 638
Parts and accessories	2 226	2 372	2 475	2 368	2 305
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	3 779	4 191	4 416	4 480	4 047
Passenger motor cars	1 657	1 722	1 603	1 561	1 660
<i>Other</i>	815	1 028	1 221	1 272	935
Industrial	661	887	1 038	1 047	756
Non-industrial	154	141	183	226	179
Parts and accessories	1 306	1 441	1 592	1 647	1 453
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	3 675	3 993	4 889	4 634	3 972
Durable	934	1 244	1 323	1 399	1 008
Semi-durable	1 515	1 391	1 930	1 740	1 563
Non-durable	1 226	1 358	1 636	1 496	1 401
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)	108	105	134	111	77
Total trade	22 252	23 569	25 594	25 422	23 056

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1986–	1987–	1988–	1989–	1990–	1991–
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	8 018	8 033	8 523	9 884	9 252	9 716
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	319	302	297	193	160	209
01 Meat and meat preparations	2 249	2 522	2 275	2 942	3 180	3 436
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	467	515	596	709	721	815
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	600	703	611	674	720	832
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	2 793	2 308	2 828	3 301	2 438	2 353
05 Vegetables and fruit	551	591	537	536	628	728
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	716	715	935	1 103	948	747
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	65	62	68	68	88	97
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	210	240	278	257	257	356
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	48	76	98	100	113	145
1 Beverages and tobacco	151	258	247	242	310	366
11 Beverages	133	234	226	225	289	346
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	19	24	21	17	21	21
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	9 897	12 227	14 135	13 537	13 398	13 617
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	542	680	495	575	413	362
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	40	32	70	50	48	63
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	6	7	16	8	9	9
24 Cork and wood	361	404	430	396	437	444
25 Pulp and waste paper	28	32	36	25	28	7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	3 870	5 507	6 274	4 739	3 745	4 614
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	103	177	232	222	263	297
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	4 850	5 274	6 456	7 375	8 296	7 639
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	97	114	126	148	159	181
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7 309	6 882	6 434	8 419	10 706	10 878
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	5 456	4 706	4 805	5 933	6 481	6 948
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1 622	1 919	1 468	1 996	3 220	2 912
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	231	257	161	489	1 006	1 017
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	124	141	124	118	138	136
41 Animal oils and fats	90	119	103	106	118	115
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	23	13	11	2	4	3
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	11	9	10	11	16	18
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	665	903	1 076	1 261	1 377	1 662
51 Organic chemicals	51	101	93	89	113	89
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	66	71	91	164	201	229
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	35	85	148	262	186	241
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	166	206	235	270	321	456
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	57	78	94	89	124	132
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	5	7	8	10	19	14
57 Plastics in primary forms	5	79	151	134	161	189
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	137	102	60	66	77	86
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	142	174	196	177	175	226

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1992–	1993–	1994–	1995–	1996–	1997–
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals(d)	11 679	12 967	12 565	15 272	16 311	16 045
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	247	323	452	660	706	631
01 Meat and meat preparations	3 744	4 044	3 661	3 296	2 958	3 731
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1 102	1 287	1 413	1 673	1 759	1 907
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	952	1 115	1 144	1 114	1 087	1 177
04 Cereals and cereal preparations(d)	2 953	3 206	2 522	4 929	5 954	5 098
05 Vegetables and fruit(d)	872	932	873	1 008	1 147	1 133
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey(d)	1 074	1 316	1 729	1 710	1 695	1 341
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	125	166	174	193	191	183
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)(d)	467	385	387	458	531	540
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	144	194	209	231	283	304
1 Beverages and tobacco	417	506	551	648	782	1 059
11 Beverages	385	474	508	605	715	994
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	32	32	44	43	67	65
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	13 112	12 917	14 073	14 752	15 615	17 878
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	388	392	487	504	505	572
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	80	121	110	206	200	375
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	11	10	12	11	10	8
24 Cork and wood	465	519	627	624	618	720
25 Pulp and waste paper	12	16	44	27	13	19
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	4 017	3 977	4 595	4 065	4 619	5 106
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	369	358	367	426	378	417
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(d)	7 572	7 315	7 604	8 666	9 051	10 422
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	197	208	226	223	220	241
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	12 102	11 116	11 242	12 591	13 705	15 401
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	7 623	7 255	6 938	7 840	8 005	9 587
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	3 244	2 676	2 949	3 188	3 805	3 846
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 236	1 185	1 355	1 562	1 895	1 968
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	192	207	263	238	232	333
41 Animal oils and fats(d)	156	170	220	197	184	230
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	4	7	4	11	10	55
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	31	31	38	29	38	48
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	1 996	2 351	2 679	3 015	3 045	3 298
51 Organic chemicals(d)	88	81	84	87	116	137
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	197	257	309	365	317	327
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	328	363	402	435	407	497
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(d)	564	701	771	894	979	1 144
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	172	208	258	300	296	291
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)(d)	12	19	24	26	24	19
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	210	201	283	326	297	277
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	100	113	143	159	154	161
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	324	408	405	423	455	443

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1986–	1987–	1988–	1989–	1990–	1991–
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	3 841	4 897	5 845	6 073	6 404	6 690
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	118	161	148	167	180	221
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	43	68	64	65	65	79
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(d)	9	15	11	23	37	63
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	104	102	124	162	188	212
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	246	222	153	179	210	236
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	175	259	356	460	507	616
67 Iron and steel	591	526	492	767	981	1 144
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	2 312	3 260	4 176	3 882	3 758	3 558
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	244	284	321	369	477	561
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2 612	2 706	2 780	3 684	4 630	5 033
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	296	337	326	428	543	610
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	306	305	340	423	517	535
73 Metal working machinery	26	40	37	69	82	84
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	237	287	341	384	475	536
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	390	429	417	564	720	832
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	88	121	167	238	320	307
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	255	290	293	363	470	595
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	438	517	420	595	847	770
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	577	381	440	619	657	765
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	854	1 031	1 050	1 381	1 319	1 619
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	16	21	28	30	43	72
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	34	41	36	44	34	42
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4	4	5	6	5	5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	39	60	62	114	130	154
85 Footwear	9	11	16	24	24	30
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	177	212	199	255	276	329
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	250	276	260	231	255	287
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	326	407	444	676	553	701
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	2 337	3 643	3 794	4 479	4 865	5 309
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	284	223	147	185	174	211
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	10	48	234	283	230	300
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	2	2	1	2	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 348	2 431	2 491	2 872	3 672	4 023
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	694	938	921	1 138	787	775
Total trade	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399	55 027

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1992– 1993	1993– 1994	1994– 1995	1995– 1996	1996– 1997	1997– 1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	7 341	7 911	9 022	9 844	9 257	10 543
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	284	368	515	463	470	518
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	108	120	146	157	150	169
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)(d)	66	92	98	104	103	113
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	259	258	267	296	394	430
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	307	385	465	553	583	615
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	558	666	739	746	716	791
67 Iron and steel	1 211	1 496	1 580	1 757	1 623	1 858
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	3 996	3 900	4 518	5 043	4 434	5 319
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	551	625	694	725	785	731
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	6 415	7 502	8 138	9 720	10 683	11 110
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	615	586	732	826	914	986
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	695	822	924	1 078	1 160	1 160
73 Metal working machinery	105	92	140	163	207	210
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(d)	719	891	943	1 143	1 194	1 087
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	995	1 370	1 589	1 903	1 627	1 725
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	502	674	541	719	648	1 091
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	763	968	1 222	1 394	1 297	1 296
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	989	1 074	1 081	1 199	1 826	1 729
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1 031	1 024	965	1 295	1 811	1 826
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 887	2 106	2 314	2 718	2 827	3 187
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	63	45	52	76	85	89
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	64	71	77	97	97	100
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	7	9	15	14	15	13
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	199	247	304	320	356	372
85 Footwear	41	61	58	66	65	55
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	395	416	442	543	613	798
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	397	460	511	562	580	654
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	722	798	857	1 039	1 017	1 106
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	5 562	6 965	6 205	7 208	6 476	8 915
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	219	348	413	459	517	577
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	267	253	206	145	116	137
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	1	1	1	—	1	2
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	4 315	5 269	4 699	5 545	4 717	6 263
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	759	1 095	886	1 058	1 125	1 937
Total trade	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 932	87 769

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) From 1987–1988 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(c) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c)

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1986–	1987–	1988–	1989–	1990–	1991–
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	1 612	1 669	1 833	1 898	1 916	2 058
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	113	148	156	139	73	60
01 Meat and meat preparations	16	19	30	22	36	43
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	81	88	91	106	124	135
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	423	409	437	425	447	474
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	73	72	72	94	105	112
05 Vegetables and fruit	271	285	375	415	383	469
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	28	34	44	51	61	59
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	405	379	353	331	309	309
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	55	48	73	69	65	90
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	147	187	202	246	313	306
1 Beverages and tobacco	327	345	366	396	395	392
11 Beverages	211	234	273	304	293	281
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	116	111	92	92	103	111
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1 083	1 323	1 607	1 539	1 220	1 280
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	4	10	12	12	10	6
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	10	19	50	27	58	61
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	88	100	114	93	77	82
24 Cork and wood	298	382	561	518	436	459
25 Pulp and waste paper	171	225	224	243	147	142
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	150	166	179	149	132	141
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	224	248	281	230	118	139
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	39	69	78	146	132	129
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	100	104	107	120	110	123
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 749	2 039	2 014	2 540	3 129	2 731
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	3	5	11	18	5	9
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1 742	2 029	1 999	2 505	3 116	2 712
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	4	5	4	16	8	10
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	91	108	117	124	129	150
41 Animal oils and fats	2	1	3	2	2	2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	64	90	102	110	115	134
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.(d)	25	17	13	12	13	13
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	3 472	4 290	4 985	5 235	5 118	5 575
51 Organic chemicals(d)	881	1 106	1 160	1 071	1 004	1 095
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	322	515	682	767	661	720
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(d)	189	196	217	233	233	270
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	508	647	694	820	942	1 053
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	241	269	292	331	338	383
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	140	138	214	252	276	312
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	14	266	717	650	595	602
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	784	678	444	484	439	483
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.(d)	394	474	564	627	629	659

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1992–	1993–	1994–	1995–	1996–	1997–
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals	2 228	2 478	2 821	2 894	2 985	3 460
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	60	77	101	94	103	125
01 Meat and meat preparations	33	46	47	46	67	63
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	159	161	173	193	195	219
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	500	542	609	601	604	691
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	136	143	207	166	178	219
05 Vegetables and fruit	470	515	534	590	588	623
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	77	67	86	86	85	95
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	337	383	505	504	502	651
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	67	102	109	94	122	150
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	389	441	451	520	542	626
1 Beverages and tobacco	438	467	522	503	502	575
11 Beverages	319	332	336	339	351	428
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	119	135	186	165	152	146
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels(d)	1 506	1 595	1 794	1 576	1 487	1 605
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	5	3	4	2	2	2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	68	81	133	98	95	81
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	104	117	153	155	136	123
24 Cork and wood	571	659	613	421	430	479
25 Pulp and waste paper	157	126	160	191	136	138
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	144	162	188	175	151	145
27 Crude fertilisers (excluding those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)(d)	147	141	171	150	139	175
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	165	141	179	178	174	205
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	146	165	193	206	223	256
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials(d)	3 857	3 441	3 668	4 312	5 164	4 437
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	7	27	22	18	11	24
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials(d)	3 829	3 392	3 608	4 234	5 055	4 338
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	21	23	38	59	97	75
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)	190	203	232	268	266	258
41 Animal oils and fats	2	3	3	5	8	7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils, crude, refined or fractionated(d)	171	181	208	241	235	229
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.	17	18	20	23	23	22
5 Chemical and related products, n.e.s.(d)	6 625	7 045	8 009	8 901	9 028	10 276
51 Organic chemicals(d)	1 402	1 615	1 795	1 919	2 040	2 135
52 Inorganic chemicals(d)	655	488	639	832	700	678
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	320	340	372	385	408	453
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1 393	1 427	1 562	1 830	1 998	2 544
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials: toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	463	527	568	609	636	750
56 Fertilisers (excluding crude)	351	394	535	669	703	768
57 Plastics in primary forms(d)	706	741	923	925	855	1 005
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(d)	562	635	719	757	721	808
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	773	878	896	975	968	1 134

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Commodity(a)(b)(c) *continued*

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1986–	1987–	1988–	1989–	1990–	1991–
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	6 185	7 104	7 954	8 219	7 396	7 884
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	152	159	151	137	121	127
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	462	571	682	750	661	748
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	169	203	233	227	214	238
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	1 013	1 191	1 296	1 297	1 155	1 334
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products(d)	1 831	1 924	1 999	1 955	1 818	2 021
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	713	849	965	1 069	958	928
67 Iron and steel	634	830	1 078	1 039	883	825
68 Non-ferrous metals	203	246	357	396	385	380
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(d)	1 009	1 130	1 192	1 349	1 201	1 283
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	15 389	16 381	20 623	23 452	21 687	21 995
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1 217	1 210	1 126	1 384	1 259	1 292
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(d)	1 735	1 988	2 359	2 756	2 148	1 903
73 Metal working machinery	481	384	376	392	317	320
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(d)	1 984	2 307	2 518	2 977	2 716	2 718
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2 558	2 646	3 327	3 557	3 375	3 637
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1 497	1 508	1 717	1 805	1 737	1 981
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	1 886	2 137	2 358	2 718	2 521	2 836
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2 719	3 139	4 807	5 062	4 459	4 808
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	1 312	1 061	2 035	2 801	3 156	2 499
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	5 185	5 590	6 429	6 880	6 955	7 768
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	75	100	125	145	139	155
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	235	252	285	338	291	320
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	180	187	190	210	215	241
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	657	717	759	908	956	1 100
85 Footwear	251	279	338	339	384	411
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	907	964	1 065	1 144	1 199	1 282
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	720	718	782	783	778	839
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.(d)	2 160	2 374	2 883	3 015	2 994	3 419
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 894	1 748	1 112	1 050	966	1 150
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1 585	1 396	752	599	214	28
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	15	31	20	35	20	9
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	8	2	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	140	80	151	285	623	1 040
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s.(e)	153	241	188	123	108	74
Total trade	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912	50 984

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	1992–	1993–	1994–	1995–	1996–	1997–
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material(d)	8 779	9 445	10 908	11 039	10 724	12 531
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	134	146	167	164	162	145
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	812	954	1 045	1 125	1 115	1 252
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	259	288	329	317	333	408
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(d)	1 419	1 518	1 859	1 942	1 769	1 990
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	2 144	2 246	2 454	2 359	2 284	2 521
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.(d)	1 033	1 080	1 213	1 188	1 244	1 462
67 Iron and steel	945	1 041	1 287	1 410	1 295	1 621
68 Non-ferrous metals(d)	465	498	679	645	619	802
69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.(d)	1 569	1 674	1 876	1 890	1 902	2 330
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)	25 911	28 911	35 160	36 458	36 782	41 908
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1 605	1 690	1 769	1 998	1 895	2 040
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	2 646	3 061	3 792	3 924	4 043	4 244
73 Metal working machinery	288	378	573	492	608	581
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(d)	3 110	3 638	4 299	4 470	4 649	5 439
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	4 239	4 828	5 728	6 033	5 984	6 961
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2 347	2 538	3 362	3 759	3 669	3 980
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (including non-electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)(d)	3 362	4 051	4 909	5 316	4 912	5 426
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	6 161	7 108	8 678	7 980	8 579	11 300
79 Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles)	2 154	1 620	2 050	2 487	2 443	1 936
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)	8 918	9 798	10 708	11 035	11 349	13 458
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.(d)	177	191	218	221	234	287
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	350	396	444	464	532	678
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	270	286	338	362	339	357
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1 330	1 480	1 637	1 766	1 841	2 278
85 Footwear	512	512	570	574	623	708
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	1 569	1 707	1 834	1 911	1 944	2 295
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(d)	977	1 066	1 206	1 258	1 252	1 378
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	3 733	4 160	4 462	4 479	4 585	5 478
9 Commodities and transactions n.e.c. in the SITC(e)	1 122	1 086	797	804	712	2 177
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	30	31	25	28	32	42
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	2	1	2	5	9	9
96 Coin (excluding gold coin), not being legal tender	—	—	—	—	1	—
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 021	981	710	708	590	2 006
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities n.e.s(e)	69	72	59	62	80	120
Total trade	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998	90 684

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) From 1987–1988 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(e) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

(b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989–1990 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods.

(d) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. These are included in Division 98. See paragraph 30 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

HISTORICAL EXPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1986- 1987	1987- 1988	1988- 1989	1989- 1990	1990- 1991	1991- 1992	1992- 1993	1993- 1994	1994- 1995	1995- 1996	1996- 1997	1997- 1998
Country or country group	\$m											
Association of South												
East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	2 410	3 085	3 875	5 110	6 388	7 337	8 780	9 038	10 439	11 717	12 257	11 504
Brunei	13	14	11	14	15	19	53	61	55	77	59	52
Indonesia	528	593	762	1 030	1 462	1 627	1 715	1 906	2 113	2 716	3 305	2 751
Laos	—	—	1	2	1	5	28	25	35	15	8	2
Malaysia	592	665	743	925	985	1 103	1 311	1 759	2 033	2 289	2 332	2 097
Myanmar	10	24	—	9	29	15	7	4	11	13	15	26
Philippines	259	266	422	470	437	513	598	699	839	1 075	1 226	1 163
Singapore	779	1 190	1 446	1 985	2 769	3 189	3 787	3 197	3 643	3 556	3 410	3 697
Thailand	224	324	468	591	665	816	1 205	1 278	1 560	1 779	1 693	1 390
Viet Nam	5	9	22	84	25	50	76	111	150	198	211	325
European Union (EU)	5 837	6 455	6 385	7 083	6 608	7 148	7 341	7 605	7 498	8 464	8 171	10 236
Austria	12	18	11	22	26	24	27	28	32	36	21	32
Belgium-Luxembourg	298	374	386	482	448	594	618	458	466	668	923	1 154
Denmark	162	89	67	79	89	95	67	63	100	117	100	205
Finland	50	80	100	84	80	114	116	117	247	335	303	295
France	908	973	981	870	774	939	850	792	794	727	799	856
Germany	1 122	1 053	1 132	1 249	1 056	1 092	991	1 006	1 083	1 152	1 058	1 243
Greece	35	71	63	48	30	46	41	25	20	34	39	61
Ireland	6	8	7	16	16	19	22	28	42	50	53	66
Italy	823	1 053	1 012	1 038	923	979	872	1 052	1 250	1 282	1 354	1 752
Netherlands	598	601	681	1 042	1 016	856	876	703	707	695	584	829
Portugal	35	44	52	48	32	28	41	26	50	48	32	31
Spain	293	266	207	221	196	286	289	268	277	292	328	514
Sweden	121	124	137	148	127	145	136	139	155	200	220	157
United Kingdom	1 375	1 701	1 548	1 736	1 796	1 930	2 394	2 901	2 275	2 829	2 357	3 040
Other countries												
Brazil	139	100	115	128	138	225	289	319	307	389	333	408
Canada	650	706	710	760	802	845	1 158	1 149	1 150	1 267	1 178	1 276
China	1 592	1 230	1 257	1 171	1 348	1 458	2 268	2 590	2 964	3 781	3 584	3 873
Fiji	174	124	153	203	240	246	327	325	378	479	524	526
Hong Kong	1 087	1 961	1 856	1 342	1 560	2 106	2 597	2 797	2 632	3 052	3 105	4 138
India	425	500	551	588	667	754	889	865	979	1 185	1 493	1 852
Iran	344	363	334	546	477	261	371	535	237	541	925	274
Japan	9 083	10 667	11 978	12 781	14 378	14 574	15 206	15 924	16 282	16 429	15 377	17 582
Korea, Republic of	1 504	1 787	2 211	2 700	3 237	3 365	3 970	4 706	5 250	6 615	7 134	6 397
New Zealand	1 777	2 210	2 258	2 616	2 545	2 830	3 365	4 009	4 791	5 609	6 214	5 663
Papua New Guinea	651	761	789	815	779	883	855	954	933	1 048	1 272	1 152
Saudi Arabia	298	260	253	287	218	266	329	344	277	452	448	487
South Africa	154	149	156	112	178	226	334	350	566	776	1 014	1 093
Switzerland	365	339	359	712	1 256	655	302	270	286	519	237	1 097
Taiwan	1 229	1 355	1 593	1 821	1 962	2 519	2 680	2 757	3 102	3 452	3 620	4 180
Turkey	117	182	79	88	169	171	264	206	228	366	384	636
United Arab Emirates	222	224	266	274	278	329	408	417	338	542	665	1 064
United States of America	4 190	4 608	4 498	5 426	5 778	5 220	4 940	5 075	4 643	4 619	5 526	7 794
Other countries	3 150	3 187	3 899	4 015	2 707	2 977	3 159	3 495	3 198	3 954	4 857	5 750
Country Unknown	—	1	1	7	6	5	1	3	—	1	1	—
International Waters	—	—	—	—	—	58	188	249	—	93	—	208
Ship & Aircraft Stores	408	467	429	486	679	568	617	566	574	656	612	579
Unidentified	—	—	2	6	—	—	62	—	—	—	—	—
Total trade	35 806	40 721	44 007	49 078	52 399	55 027	60 702	64 548	67 052	76 005	78 932	87 769

(a) From 1987–1988 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

(b) See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

HISTORICAL IMPORTS, By Country(a)(b)

	1986– 1987	1987– 1988	1988– 1989	1989– 1990	1990– 1991	1991– 1992	1992– 1993	1993– 1994	1994– 1995	1995– 1996	1996– 1997	1997– 1998
Country or country group	\$m											
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	1 926	2 585	2 837	2 983	3 484	4 119	5 018	5 303	6 418	7 372	8 300	10 495
Brunei	32	28	32	24	41	82	50	17	22	—	—	5
Indonesia	311	588	419	441	784	995	1 305	1 105	1 198	1 522	1 864	2 868
Laos	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaysia	410	591	687	658	732	867	974	1 103	1 421	1 636	1 891	2 404
Myanmar	2	1	1	1	5	4	11	11	8	7	9	13
Philippines	113	127	165	150	129	143	177	188	259	260	282	418
Singapore	756	899	1 090	1 213	1 271	1 301	1 509	1 792	2 246	2 613	2 620	2 643
Thailand	284	331	420	479	505	647	756	794	970	1 005	1 201	1 480
Viet Nam	17	20	21	17	18	79	237	291	295	329	433	664
European Union (EU)	9 877	10 987	12 156	12 732	11 951	11 685	13 258	14 582	18 218	19 388	19 666	21 824
Austria	141	157	178	189	203	210	226	223	279	313	423	458
Belgium-Luxembourg	312	320	403	433	380	387	512	541	686	755	760	739
Denmark	177	190	202	251	207	230	274	300	340	336	383	399
Finland	263	293	352	311	303	322	415	463	635	684	606	686
France	829	892	1 267	1 166	1 233	1 336	1 481	1 542	1 754	1 867	1 980	2 029
Germany	2 795	2 932	2 970	3 443	3 115	3 007	3 383	3 759	4 861	4 862	4 558	5 207
Greece	45	50	77	68	45	49	51	52	63	78	95	91
Ireland	184	202	171	186	199	193	255	296	432	448	498	830
Italy	1 110	1 330	1 374	1 635	1 390	1 229	1 349	1 617	2 026	2 231	2 304	2 614
Netherlands	487	596	601	520	550	588	624	664	712	702	817	847
Portugal	32	47	58	61	52	59	63	66	81	94	106	121
Spain	141	190	208	219	204	179	218	288	484	519	458	652
Sweden	655	777	841	896	767	793	1 013	1 072	1 426	1 617	1 497	1 557
United Kingdom	2 706	3 012	3 454	3 356	3 302	3 102	3 395	3 698	4 439	4 882	5 182	5 593
Other countries												
Brazil	220	299	430	352	316	316	329	348	452	447	351	363
Canada	750	863	1 067	1 228	902	849	984	1 055	1 278	1 557	1 265	1 436
China	589	851	1 026	1 241	1 503	1 976	2 557	3 120	3 649	4 010	4 203	5 303
Fiji	28	44	99	93	90	101	130	163	185	235	264	307
Hong Kong	800	845	888	847	741	792	796	801	923	970	900	1 031
India	203	228	247	278	260	288	362	427	532	549	577	687
Iran	4	17	10	11	10	14	14	16	21	22	26	25
Japan	7 710	7 817	9 757	9 872	8 849	9 290	11 139	11 700	12 777	10 816	10 241	12 660
Korea, Republic of	891	1 020	1 262	1 254	1 254	1 213	1 696	1 882	2 028	2 293	2 550	3 767
New Zealand	1 431	1 733	1 970	2 173	2 150	2 399	2 785	3 201	3 554	3 591	3 685	3 723
Papua New Guinea	190	109	105	235	584	953	1 254	1 296	1 125	1 220	1 091	768
Saudi Arabia	437	419	458	676	843	643	812	593	750	874	858	648
South Africa	155	99	98	119	99	114	192	268	302	433	424	582
Switzerland	490	544	497	567	664	580	721	818	991	966	895	950
Taiwan	1 517	1 744	1 920	1 946	1 752	1 979	2 213	2 362	2 570	2 585	2 522	2 809
Turkey	20	33	32	55	32	46	39	45	58	73	74	112
United Arab Emirates	176	216	396	452	419	469	698	617	627	475	800	492
United States of America	8 118	8 532	10 129	12 373	11 475	11 743	13 004	14 017	16 044	17 545	17 642	19 834
Other countries	1 444	1 604	1 638	1 825	1 512	1 382	1 534	1 815	2 082	2 326	2 617	2 809
Country unknown	11	9	19	21	21	35	40	32	31	46	47	57
International waters	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	4	—	—	—
Unidentified	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total trade	36 988	40 597	47 040	51 333	48 912	50 984	59 575	64 470	74 619	77 792	78 998	90 684

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data from 1989–1990 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods.

(b) From 1987–1988 includes gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains quarterly statistics of Australia's merchandise trade with its major trading partners and selected country groups.

2 The merchandise export and import statistics in this publication are compiled in broad agreement with the United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of international trade statistics. The paragraphs below briefly describe the concepts and methods used in their compilation.

RELATIONSHIP TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STATISTICS

3 The basic source of balance of payments data on goods exports and imports is 'international merchandise trade statistics'. However, because of conceptual differences, various coverage, timing and (imports only) valuation adjustments are necessary before international trade statistics can be put on a balance of payments basis. For more information on the relationship between international merchandise trade statistics and balance of payments statistics on merchandise trade see Chapter 6 of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5331.0).

SOURCE OF DATA

4 International merchandise trade statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service (ACS).

SCOPE

5 Merchandise trade covers all movable goods which add to (imports) or subtract from (exports) the stock of material resources in Australia.

Excluded are:

- direct transit trade, i.e. goods being trans-shipped or moved through Australia for purposes of transport only;
- ships and aircraft moving through Australia while engaged in the transport of passengers or goods between Australia and other countries; and
- non-merchandise goods, consisting primarily of goods moving on a temporary basis (e.g. mobile equipment; goods under repair; goods for exhibition; and passengers' effects).

COVERAGE

6 The United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of merchandise trade statistics recognise that the basic source used by most compiling countries—the customs record—will not be able to capture certain transactions. In Australia the following types of goods which fall within the scope of merchandise trade, are excluded because customs entries are not required:

- migrants' and passengers' effects exported or imported; and
- parcel post exports for values not exceeding \$2 000 and parcel post imports for values not exceeding \$1 000.

For exports only:

- sales of aircraft (and parts or components) which were imported into Australia prior to 1 July 1987 for use on overseas routes;
- fish and other sea products landed abroad directly from the high seas by Australian ships; and
- from 1 July 1986 individual transaction lines (within an export consignment) where the value of the goods is less than \$500. Prior to that date, the value level was \$250.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COVERAGE *continued*

For imports only:

- bunkers, aviation fuel and stores supplied abroad to Australian ships and aircraft;
- prior to 1 July 1987 the delivery of certain ships and aircraft (and parts and components) intended for use on overseas routes; and
- consignments screened free or entered on informal clearance documents (ICDs) for values not exceeding \$250 are excluded. From July 1998 individual transactions lines (within a formally entered import consignment) where the value of goods is less than \$250 are not processed by ABS and are excluded from import statistics.

In addition, although merchandise trade statistics should include illegal transactions, such as smuggled goods, these transactions are omitted as there is no practical way to collect this information.

BASIS OF COMPILATION

7 The merchandise trade statistics in this publication are recorded on a general trade basis, i.e. exports include both Australian produce and re-exports, and imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into bonded warehouses.

8 Australian produce is defined as goods, materials or articles which have been produced or manufactured in Australia. Processing and assembly operations that leave imported components and products essentially unchanged are not considered as production or manufacture.

9 Re-exports are defined as goods, materials or articles originally imported into Australia which are exported in the same condition or after undergoing minor operations (e.g. blending, packaging, bottling, cleaning, husking and shelling) which leave them essentially unchanged. Information on re-exports is shown in Table 25.

STATISTICAL PERIOD

10 From January 1988, exports are recorded in the calendar month in which the goods departed from Australia. Prior to January 1988, exports are recorded in the month in which the entries were processed by the ACS. For further details on the impact of the changed compilation basis on the merchandise export series refer to the article 'Changed timing basis for compilation of merchandise exports statistics' in the June 1992 issue of this publication.

11 Imports are generally recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are finalised by the ACS. Import entries may be lodged early and finalised prior to arrival, or their finalisation may be delayed because of the various validation checks carried out by ACS. Currently, approximately 85% of total import trade by value shown for a particular month reflects shipments which arrived in that month, while approximately 10% reflects shipments which arrived during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value arriving in earlier or later months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

12 Occasionally significant delays occur in the lodgement, rather than processing, of import entries. When the affected entries are for significant values, they are recorded statistically in the month that they should have been lodged and finalised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

VALUATION

13 The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars. Goods shipped on consignment are initially valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale. Exporters who do not know the value of the goods at shipment and enter an approximate value must subsequently submit an entry either confirming or revising the estimated return.

14 The value of imports is the Australian Customs Value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

15 Changes in Customs valuation introduced from 1 July 1989 with the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1989* are likely to have marginally raised Customs valuations. Data for periods from 1 July 1989 are therefore not fully comparable with data for previous periods. However, investigations of imports valuations, for years before and after the change have shown no measurable effect on the valuation of imports that can be attributed to the change in legislation. For details of the changes in legislation see the note 'Change in the Valuation of Imports' at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the 1989–1990 issue of *Foreign Trade, Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (Cat. no. 5410.0).

COUNTRY

16 For the purposes of international merchandise trade statistics, a country is defined as a geographical entity which trades, or has the potential to trade, with Australia in accordance with ACS provisions. External territories under Australian administration are treated as separate countries while self-governing territories and dependent territories under the administration of other countries may be treated as individual countries in Australian international merchandise trade statistics.

17 For exports, 'country' refers to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export. Where the country of consignment is not known at the time of export, and where it is impossible to determine the destination, goods are recorded as 'Destination Unknown'. Tables 7 and 33 which show exports by country also include the item "Ship and aircraft stores". "Ship and aircraft stores" comprise fuel, food and other goods loaded onto foreign owned vessels and aircraft to be consumed during international journeys.

18 For imports, 'country' refers to the country of origin of the goods, which is defined as the country of production for Customs purposes. Where the country of origin is not known at the time of import and where it is impossible to determine the origin, goods are recorded as 'Origin Unknown'. Goods reported with country of origin 'Australia' (i.e. goods of Australian origin exported and subsequently re-imported) are shown as country 'Australia (Re-imports)' and are included in the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation country group.

19 Wherever possible, statistics for countries and country groups for all time periods included in this publication reflect the composition of those countries and country groups on the last day of the reference period of this publication. Thus, after the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic were reunited, statistics for all periods both before and after re-unification refer to the combined entity (called Germany in country classified statistics).

20 However, in the case of a country that breaks into a number of component entities, it is not possible to provide data for earlier periods for the new entities. For example, from October 1991, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are each separately identified in the statistics, but for earlier periods trade data for these three republics are included indistinguishably in data for the USSR.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COUNTRY *continued*

21 The country groups shown in this publication are selected economic groups with which Australia trades, namely:

- Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC);
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN);
- Developing Countries (DCs);
- European Union (EU).

22 A list of the countries included in each of the above groups is shown in the Appendix. Country groups may not be mutually exclusive e.g. Indonesia is included in APEC, ASEAN and as a Developing Country. The countries that belong to more than one group are identified with a footnote in the Appendix.

23 More details on the composition of countries identified in these statistics are available from the *Classification Manager* on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

24 Commodity export and import statistics in Tables 9 to 24 of this publication are presented according to the codes and descriptions of the third revision of the United Nations' *Standard International Trade Classification* (SITC Rev3) with the addition of dummy codes to take account of Australia's treatment of gold coin, whether or not legal tender, and other legal tender coin and confidential items.

25 Tables 31 and 32 of this publication are presented according to the second revision of SITC up to December 1987 and according to SITC Rev3 from January 1988. See Appendix B of the 1988–1989 issue of *Foreign Trade Australia: Comparative and Summary Tables* (5410.0) for details of Divisions significantly affected by this change.

STATE

26 State information for exports presented in Table 25 refers to the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

27 State information for imports presented in Table 26 refers to the State where imported goods were released from Customs control, also called the State of final destination. The State of final destination is not necessarily the State in which the port of discharge of the goods is located. Goods can be forwarded interstate after discharge either under ACS control or not, but are recorded as being imported into the State where they are released by the ACS.

INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

28 Exports and imports statistics classified by subdivisions of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) are shown in Tables 27 and 28. The statistics are compiled by allocating statistical items of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the ANZSIC industry of origin based upon the main economic activities of those industries with which the commodities are primarily associated. A full description of ANZSIC classes is contained in the publication *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993 Edition* (Cat. no. 1292.0).

BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

29 Merchandise trade in Tables 29 and 30 are classified according to the categories of the United Nations' *Classification By Broad Economic Categories* (BEC). The BEC classifies international merchandise trade statistics for the purposes of general economic analysis according to the main end use of the commodities traded. The statistics are compiled by allocating the statistical items of the AHECC and the Harmonized Customs Tariff to the appropriate BEC.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- CONFIDENTIALITY **30** Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export and import figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. More details on the confidentiality process can be obtained from the *Confidentiality Manager* on Canberra (02) 6252 5409.
- RELIABILITY **31** Statistics in this publication for recent periods should be considered preliminary. Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing data quality checks.
- RELATED PUBLICATIONS **32** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:
- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (Cat. no. 5302.0)—issued quarterly
 - *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5331.0)—irregular issue
 - *Export Price Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6405.0)—issued quarterly
 - *Import Price Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6414.0)—issued quarterly
 - *International Merchandise Imports, Australia* (Cat. no. 5439.0)—issued monthly
 - *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (Cat. no. 5368.0)—issued monthly
- 33** In addition, current statistics on international merchandise trade are contained in the *Year Book Australia* (1301.0), the *Pocket Year Book Australia* (Cat. no. 1302.0) and the *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0).
- 34** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and the Release Advice are available from any ABS office.
- RELATED INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRODUCTS **35** A wide range of standard and customised International Trade data services is available on computer printout, floppy disk, magnetic tape or via electronic mail. These services are available on either a subscription or ad hoc basis. More information may be obtained by telephoning (02) 6252 5400.
- ROUNDING **36** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
- SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES **37** The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:
- nil or rounded to zero
 - n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
 - n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
 - .. not applicable

A P P E N D I X

MAJOR COUNTRY GROUPS

Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)

Australia
Brunei(a)
Canada
Chile(a)
China(a)
Hong Kong(a)
Indonesia(a)
Japan
Korea, Republic of(a)
Malaysia(a)
Mexico(a)
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Peru(a)
Philippines(a)
Russian Federation
Singapore(a)
Taiwan(a)
Thailand(a)
United States of America
Viet Nam(a)

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Brunei(a)
Indonesia(a)
Laos(a)
Malaysia(a)
Myanmar(a)
Philippines(a)
Singapore(a)
Thailand(a)
Viet Nam(a)

Developing Countries (DCs)(b)

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa
Angola
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bermuda
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
British Indian Ocean Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei(a)
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile(a)
China(a)
Colombia
Comoros, Republic of

Developing Countries (DCs)(b) *continued*

Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of Congo, Zaire
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador(a)
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
Fiji
French Polynesia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada
Guam
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong(a)
Hungary
India
Indonesia(a)
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Johnston Islands
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, People's Democratic Republic of
Korea, Republic of(a)
Kuwait
Laos(a)
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Macau
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia(a)
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marianas, Northern
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico(a)
Micronesia, Fed States of
Midway Islands
Mongolia
Montserrat
Morocco
Mozambique

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Nauru
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands Antilles
New Caledonia
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Panama
Paraguay
Peru(a)
Philippines(a)
Pitcairn Island
Poland
Qatar
Romania
Rwanda
St Christopher and Nevis
St Helena
St Lucia
St Pierre and Miquelon
St Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore(a)
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syria
Taiwan(a)
Tanzania
Thailand(a)
Togo
Tokelau
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turks and Caicos Islands
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam(a)
Virgin Islands of the United States
Wake Island
Wallis and Futuna Islands
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

European Union (EU)

Austria
Belgium-Luxembourg
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

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