

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	<i>April 2004</i>	<i>May 2004</i>	<i>June 2004</i>
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Food and live animals	398	411	425
Beverages and tobacco	75	60	62
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	154	151	171
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1 033	1 011	961
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29	35	30
Chemicals and related products, nes	1 393	1 291	1 345
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 347	1 298	1 385
Machinery and transport equipment	4 756	5 142	6 041
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 446	1 441	1 644
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	224	166	255
Total imports	10 854	11 004	12 319

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics of Australia's merchandise imports classified according to the broadest level (1 digit sections) of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification. The data are compiled from information submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data are available through the National Information and Referral Service, by subscription to AusStats, a 24 hour Internet access service to all ABS statistics, or by tailored subscription (telephone 1300 135 070).

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