

**INTERNATIONAL
MERCHANDISE IMPORTS**

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

	<i>May 2003</i>	<i>Jun 2003</i>	<i>July 2003</i>
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Food and live animals	394	403	406
Beverages and tobacco	75	68	78
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	163	138	169
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	750	818	627
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	30	24	38
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1 328	1 149	1 206
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 344	1 198	1 331
Machinery and transport equipment	4 658	5 334	4 968
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 367	1 357	1 589
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	265	226	216
Total imports	10 374	10 715	10 627

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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For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the ABS publication International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 5489.0) which is accessible on the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>, select Themes then International Trade then Publications.

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