

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS AUSTRALIA

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OCTOBER IMPORTS

	\$m
Food and live animals	331
Beverages and tobacco	70
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	142
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	528
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 011
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 119
Machinery and transport equipment	5 240
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 322
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	436
Total imports	10 220

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

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The total value of imports shown above includes approximately \$0.9 billion for a floating storage, production and offtake vessel. Please note that this amount will be excluded from October imports on a balance of payments basis since the relevant transactions have been included in previously published balance of payments import estimates, when change of ownership occurred.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed merchandise imports data, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Client Services Statistical Support on Canberra 02 6252 5400. This information can also be provided on subscription.

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The November 1999 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 16 December 1999, and the December 1999 to April 2000 issues are expected to be released on 19 January 2000, 16 February 2000, 17 March 2000, 18 April 2000 and 16 May 2000.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details on the classifications used and basis of compilation, see the quarterly ABS publication *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (Cat. No. 5422.0).

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