

# **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS** AUSTRALIA

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## AUGUST IMPORTS

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Food and live animals	365
Beverages and tobacco	82
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	203
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	959
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	23
Chemical and related products n.e.s.	1 115
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 301
Machinery and transport equipment	4 917
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 699
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	79
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10 743</b>

## 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, including dissections by commodity and country of origin, are available from Information Consultancy on Canberra 02 6252 5400. This information can also be provided on subscription.

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The September 2000 issue of this publication is expected to be released on 18 October 2000, and the subsequent issues are expected to be released on 16 November 2000, 18 December 2000, 17 January 2001, 16 February 2001 and 16 March 2001.

### 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).

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Sharyn Sturgeon on Canberra 02 6252 5310, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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