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NOTE. Statistics for 1977-78 are preliminary and subject to revision.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Source of data

These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act. Imports are recorded statistically in the month in which the entries are passed by the Bureau of Customs. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargo, but entries may be lodged early using the check-to-arrive system.

Valuation

2. For imports the recorded value is the value for duty for Customs purposes which, from 1 July 1976 has been based on the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. The value for duty is based on the normal price, i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when the duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. The goods are valued in the country of exportation, that is, freight and insurance are excluded.

Scope of the statistics

3. The statistics of imports presented in this bulletin are, with one exception, recorded on a *general trade* basis, i.e. imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into Customs warehouses. Table 1 of this bulletin also shows statistics of imports on a *special trade* basis, i.e. imports cleared for home consumption. Imports cleared for home consumption differ in scope from imports in that they include withdrawals from bonded warehouses but exclude imports into bonded warehouses. The statistics are not confined to goods which are the subject of a commercial transaction. Among the items included are imports on Government account, including defence equipment. Prior to 1 July 1976, outside packages, that is the outside package or covering in which the goods were imported, were included as a non-commercial transaction under Statistical Item 931.00.21. Since 1 July 1976 however, the recorded value of imports includes the value of the outside package and therefore separate details on the value of outside packages are no longer available. These values were previously included in A.I.C.C. Item 931 in Table 3.

Merchandise and non-merchandise imports

4. Total imports are divided into merchandise and non-merchandise in accordance with international standards recommended by the United Nations. Merchandise imports are the equivalent of total imports less certain items specified as non-merchandise. A description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (A.I.C.C.).

Country

5. This means the country of production.

Commodity classification

6. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this bulletin is contained in the A.I.C.C.. Copies of or extracts from this classification can be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city. In Table 3 statistics are shown for Commodity Groups and selected items of the A.I.C.C.. For this reason the sum of the Groups and Items within

any one Division may not add to the total for that Division.

State

7. Means the State in which the import entry was lodged with the Bureau of Customs. The port of lodgement of the import entry is not necessarily the port of discharge of the goods. Goods forwarded interstate after import, whether in containers or not, are recorded as being imported at the port of lodgement of the import entry.

Economic classes

8. Merchandise imports are allocated to thirty-two economic classes according to the degree of manufacture and the projected end use of the goods. In some cases it is necessary, because of the nature of this classification, to apportion imports of certain commodities across more than one economic class.

Revisions to previous figures

9. Where revisions have been made to the previously published figures for earlier months of the current financial year, appropriate adjustments are made to the year-to-date figures shown in this bulletin. For this reason, monthly figures published in previous issues for the current financial year will not necessarily add to the year-to-date figures shown in the latest issue.

Seasonally adjusted statistics

10. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of import statistics account is taken not only of seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter, which may affect figures for different months in different years. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0.). The statistics may also be subject to large irregular influences which are not removed by seasonal adjustment and may be affected by changes in the composition of imports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Rounding

11. Any discrepancies between sums of components and totals in tables are due to rounding.

Special returns system

12. Users requiring more detailed statistics for individual commodity items can obtain these from the special returns subscription service under which statistics for items selected by the user are extracted and forwarded regularly for a nominal charge.

Related publications

13. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars (5416.0)
Exports (5404.0)
Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices (5421.0)
Catalogue of Publications 1977 (1101.0)

TOTAL MONTHLY IMPORTS : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

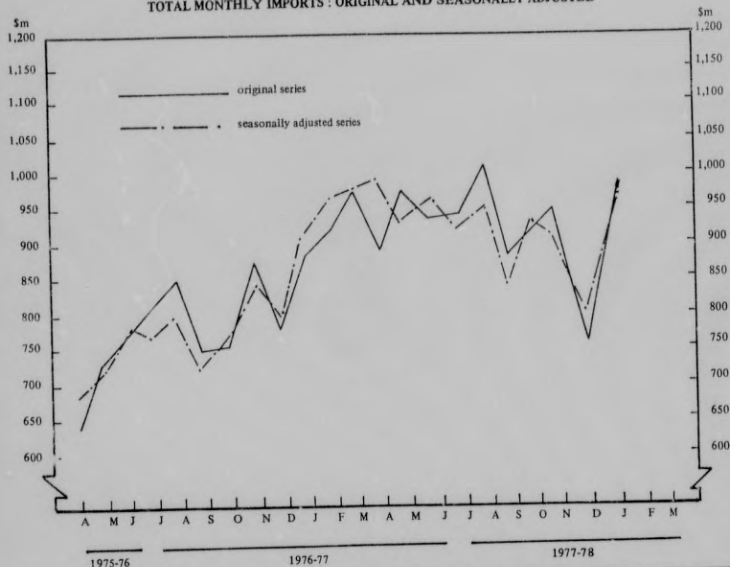


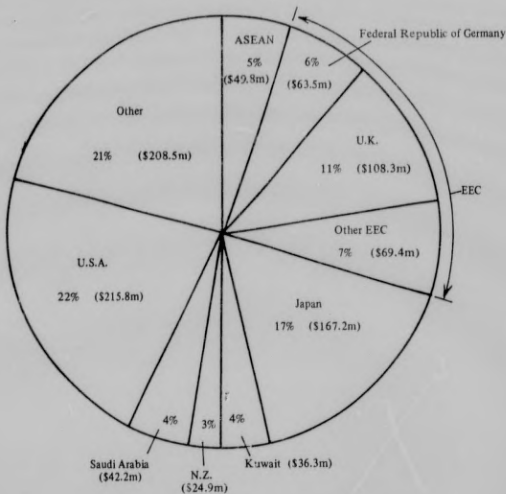
TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS AND IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Period	Total Imports		Merchandise Imports (b)	Imports Cleared for Home Consumption (a)	
	Original (b)	Seasonally Adjusted		Government (b)	Total (b)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1972-73	4,121	..	4,072	158	4,133
1973-74	6,085	..	6,027	228	6,015
1974-75	8,080	..	7,961	175	7,976
1975-76	8,240	..	8,158	156	8,175
1976-77	10,410	..	10,329	187	10,304
1976-77					
July	810	772	804	10	808
August	855	805	850	11	842
September	750	724	745	9	752
October	761	763	756	8	786
November	879	847	871	13	859
December	778	788	766	17	780
January	884	915	879	17	861
February	917	969	910	12	895
March	976	978	971	15	959
April	886	991	880	21	870
May	976	930	968	18	952
June	939	959	929	37	940
1977-78					
July	940	922	933	12	922
August	1,011	954	1,004	12	1,009
September	877	842	871	10	868
October	921	929	913	13	918
November	952	908	943	14	947
December	758	794	751	13	742
January	986	983	976	14	983

(a) See paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes. (b) Symbol (—) between 1975-76 and 1976-77 indicates that the figures from 1976-77 are not comparable with previous years because of the change in the basis of valuation (see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes). It is estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the value of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new

DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS

January 1978
(Total \$985.9m)



Seven months ended January 1978
(Total \$6,444.6m)

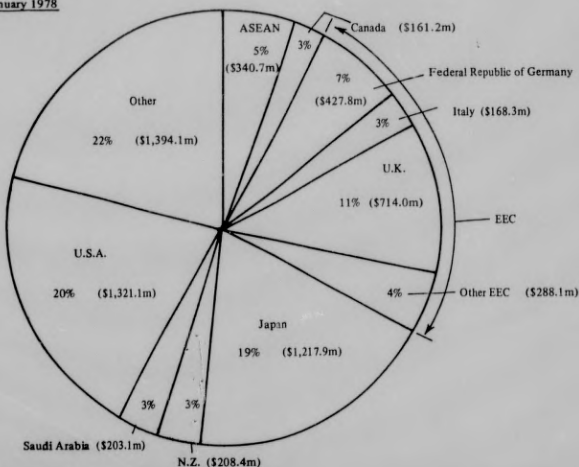


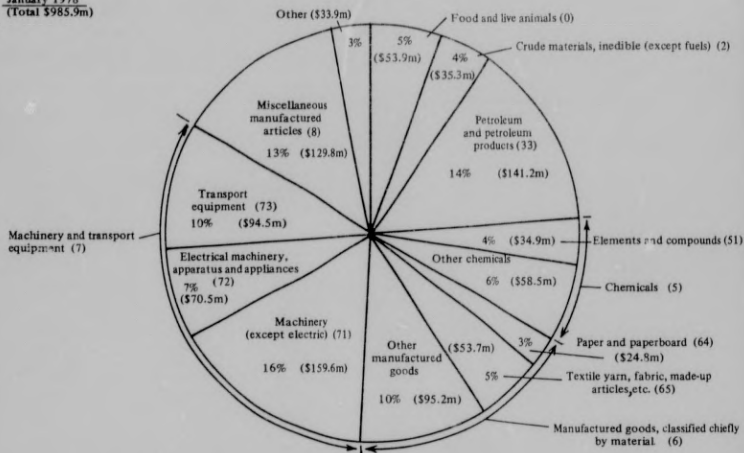
TABLE 2. IMPORTS BY COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
\$'000

Country	January		Seven months ended January	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
Antilles (Netherlands)	..	..	5,729	4,377
Argentina	218	312	2,257	2,265
Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)				
Indonesia	2,275	7,502	22,587	41,099
Malaysia	10,679	9,970	67,692	73,070
Philippines	4,880	4,184	23,868	33,537
Singapore, Republic of	21,123	26,122	107,519	175,259
Thailand	2,166	2,032	15,154	17,782
Total ASEAN	41,123	49,811	236,820	340,746
Australia (Re-imported)	2,096	4,221	23,227	26,167
Austria	2,589	3,756	15,029	19,364
Bahrain	2,415	14,200	35,729	41,425
Bangladesh	604	963	5,330	4,502
Brazil	3,624	1,890	27,137	21,053
Canada	30,731	22,297	167,173	161,235
China - excl. Taiwan Province	12,542	12,153	57,772	66,254
- Taiwan Province only	19,669	21,798	125,046	152,120
Christmas Island	258	1,893	7,671	8,118
Czechoslovakia	1,626	1,651	9,473	10,018
European Economic Community (EEC)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	6,878	9,347	48,892	62,670
Denmark	2,333	3,248	18,983	23,775
France	16,133	15,495	90,855	102,077
Germany, Federal Republic of	62,938	63,493	378,789	427,802
Ireland	2,528	1,975	11,890	12,479
Italy	25,687	23,700	137,374	168,286
Netherlands	12,890	15,621	78,898	87,056
United Kingdom	100,489	108,311	622,110	713,985
Total EEC	229,876	241,188	1,387,792	1,598,129
Fiji	1,019	631	5,802	6,164
Finland	3,038	4,888	36,131	30,738
German Democratic Republic	575	562	3,512	3,604
Ghana	112	2,233	4,494	10,469
Gilbert Islands (a)	(a)	401	(a)	4,773
Greece	624	345	3,779	4,946
Hong Kong	22,607	20,714	147,217	157,054
Hungary	526	479	3,136	3,221
India	5,524	7,342	37,012	53,278
Iran	8,067	4,077	57,240	46,642
Iraq	96	10,196	19,971	68,333
Israel	2,540	1,787	12,138	13,591
Ivory Coast	..	..	1,768	7,184
Jamaica	399	353	1,216	1,876
Japan	177,387	167,156	1,228,148	1,217,860
Kenya	613	409	3,314	2,558
Korea, Republic of	6,487	10,861	48,433	66,208
Kuwait	14,904	36,305	124,096	132,381
Malawi	..	..	1,364	2,771
Mexico	892	468	4,235	5,500
Nauru, Republic of	1,178	1,219	6,028	12,669
New Zealand	22,493	24,851	176,332	208,439
Norway	1,008	2,507	11,401	13,716
Pakistan, Islamic Republic of	533	480	4,150	3,161
Papua New Guinea	6,612	4,417	37,906	48,073
Poland	512	640	4,336	4,606
Portugal	389	903	3,924	6,198
Puerto Rico	637	347	3,603	4,648
Qatar	..	4,364	15,621	26,571
Romania	465	472	2,603	2,544
Saudi Arabia	21,804	42,213	142,726	203,115
South Africa, Republic of	3,137	4,279	27,573	34,637
Spain	3,719	4,515	23,340	24,268
Sri Lanka	845	1,498	8,741	16,522
Sweden	10,022	12,856	95,251	98,120
Switzerland	12,467	10,694	71,194	65,956
Tanzania	393	10	4,806	1,845
Turkey	105	979	1,868	2,042
Uganda	..	4,001	2,959	8,057
United States of America	201,344	215,837	1,186,524	1,321,050
U.S.S.R.	361	431	2,673	3,087
Yugoslavia	372	450	3,184	3,697
Origin Unknown	384	853	1,949	3,024
Other countries	2,784	1,705	28,477	33,681
Total	884,343	985,860	5,716,363	6,444,649

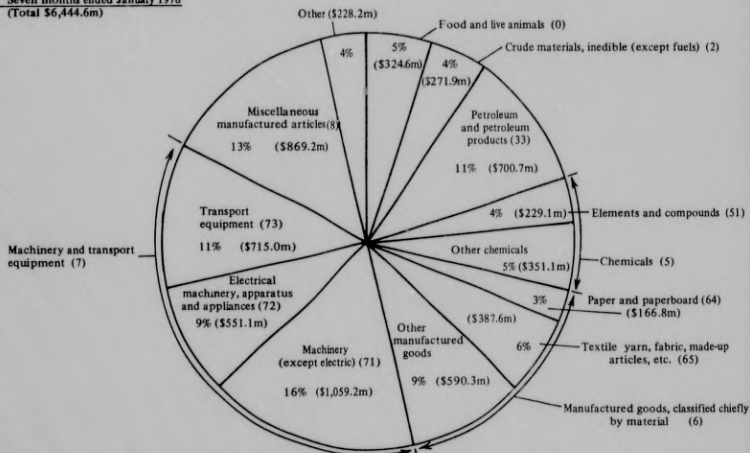
(a) Formerly part of Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Separate statistics for Gilbert Islands prior to 1977-78 are not available.

DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITIES (a)

January 1978
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(a) "Major commodities" in these charts are significant imports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digit) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*. Figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions.

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -				
00	LIVE ANIMALS -				
001.50	Horses, asses, mules and hinnies	1,755	549	5,016	6,493
	Total division 00	1,781	586	6,567	7,242
01	MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS	307	178	1,904	1,578
02	DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS -				
024	Cheese and curd	944	1,966	10,674	12,284
	Total division 02	1,147	2,054	11,463	12,667
03	FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS -				
031	Fish, fresh and simply preserved -				
031.10	Fish, fresh, chilled or frozen	1,460	3,491	14,487	17,477
031.20	Fish, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	298	565	4,452	3,165
031.30	Crustaceans and molluscs	755	520	6,387	4,048
032	Fish, canned or bottled, n.e.s., preparations -				
032.01	Fish	4,180	7,025	26,027	33,809
032.02	Crustaceans and molluscs	2,265	1,691	11,403	11,544
	Total division 03	8,957	13,292	62,756	70,043
04	CEREAL GRAINS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS -				
044	Maize (corn), unmilled	38	46	602	688
048	Cereal and flour preparations -				
048.42	Pastry, biscuits, cakes	340	279	5,325	6,083
	Total division 04	617	561	8,111	3,529
05	FRUIT AND VEGETABLES -				
051	Fruit, fresh, and nuts, fresh or dried -				
051.71	Coconuts, brazil nuts, cashew nuts, fresh or dried	813	1,508	6,840	12,739
051.72	Other edible nuts, fresh or dried	470	932	3,295	4,175
053	Fruit, preserved, and fruit preparations	1,311	1,725	7,749	9,743
054	Vegetables, fresh, frozen or simply preserved -				
054.20	Dried shelled beans, peas, lentils, other legumes	258	619	2,623	3,684
054.61	Vegetables, frozen	258	333	2,289	1,510
055	Vegetables, preserved or prepared, n.e.s.	2,380	2,287	10,989	14,815
	Total division 05	6,005	7,806	38,675	50,218
06	SUGAR, SUGAR PREPARATIONS AND HONEY -				
061	Sugar and honey	321	153	1,717	1,894
062	Sugar confectionery and other sugar preparations -				
062.01	Sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa	473	402	4,382	3,565
	Total division 06	915	643	6,527	5,659
07	COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES -				
071	Coffee -				
071.10	Coffee and coffee substitutes containing coffee	4,247	8,110	36,361	61,512
072	Cocoa -				
072.10	Cocoa beans, raw or roasted	2,282	4,550	12,545	23,914
072.32	Cocoa butter	788	882	2,273	3,042
074	Tea and mate -				
074.10	Tea	2,904	3,984	19,042	34,985
	Total division 07	11,331	21,634	80,241	147,251
08	FEEDING-STUFF FOR ANIMALS -				
081.30	Oil-cake and other residues of vegetable oils	53	4,966	1,039	6,278
081.40	Flours and meals of meat, fish, etc.	..	55	1,087	572
081.99	Sweetened forage; animal feeding preparations, n.e.i.	615	777	4,224	4,098
	Total division 08	691	5,811	6,391	11,006
09	MISCELLANEOUS FOOD PREPARATIONS	1,179	1,330	6,270	9,436
	Total section 0	32,928	53,894	228,907	324,629

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION — continued
\$'000

A.L.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO —				
11	BEVERAGES —				
112	Alcoholic beverages —				
112.12	Wine of fresh grapes	687	916	6,409	8,865
112.40	Distilled alcoholic beverages	3,832	3,639	20,104	25,942
	<i>Total division 11</i>	<i>4,664</i>	<i>4,828</i>	<i>27,778</i>	<i>35,957</i>
12	TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES —				
121	Tobacco, unmanufactured	2,091	2,331	13,671	22,823
122	Tobacco, manufactures —				
122.10	Cigars, cigarillos and cheroots	202	394	3,138	4,442
122.20	Cigarettes	242	309	3,672	3,755
122.30	Tobacco, manufactured (incl. snuff)	577	688	4,284	5,253
	<i>Total division 12</i>	<i>3,113</i>	<i>3,721</i>	<i>24,765</i>	<i>36,273</i>
	<i>Total section 1</i>	<i>7,776</i>	<i>8,549</i>	<i>52,543</i>	<i>72,230</i>
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE (EXCEPT FUELS) —				
21	HIDES, SKINS AND FUR SKINS, UNDRESSED —				
211	Hides and skins, undressed —				
211.10	Bovine and equine hides (except calf hides)	27	2	204	298
212	Fur skins, undressed	72	163	384	655
	<i>Total division 21</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>754</i>	<i>1,036</i>
22	OIL-SEEDS, OIL NUTS AND OIL KERNELS —				
221.20	Copra	..	..	439	..
221.40	Soya beans	..	..	4,041	2,921
221.80	Oil-seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels, n.e.s.	126	123	597	976
	<i>Total division 22</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>5,288</i>	<i>8,403</i>
23	CRUDE RUBBER (INCLUDING SYNTHETIC AND RECLAIMED) —				
231.10	Natural rubber and similar natural gums	1,729	1,934	18,110	19,774
231.20	Synthetic rubber and rubber substitutes	703	1,007	8,588	7,265
	<i>Total division 23</i>	<i>2,474</i>	<i>2,979</i>	<i>26,893</i>	<i>27,241</i>
24	WOOD, TIMBER AND CORK —				
243	Wood, shaped or simply worked —				
243.21	Timber, sawn lengthwise, etc. — conifer	6,877	3,239	42,996	34,407
243.31	Timber, sawn lengthwise, etc. — non-conifer	5,182	2,482	27,426	19,246
243.32	Timber, planed, grooved, etc. — non-conifer	1,330	1,475	7,635	8,194
	<i>Total division 24</i>	<i>14,161</i>	<i>8,228</i>	<i>83,273</i>	<i>69,861</i>
25	PULP AND WASTE PAPER —				
251.71	Soda and sulphate wood pulp, unbleached	1,989	1,261	11,600	10,225
251.72	Soda and sulphate wood pulp, bleached	1,819	2,489	22,105	18,927
251.82	Sulphite wood pulp, bleached	328	492	4,034	2,009
	<i>Total division 25</i>	<i>4,484</i>	<i>4,619</i>	<i>40,190</i>	<i>34,320</i>

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
26	TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTE -				
262	Wool and other animal hair -				
262.20	Sheep's and lambs' wool, degreased	957	1,525	10,540	13,867
263	Cotton -				
263.10	Raw cotton (except linters), not carded or combed	134	663	5,423	2,735
264	Jute	133	82	769	679
265	Vegetable fibres (except cotton and jute) -				
265.40	Sisal, etc.; waste	25	..	1,154	578
266	Synthetic and regenerated man-made fibres -				
266.21	Discontinuous synthetic fibres, not carded or combed	1,267	829	9,236	9,220
266.31	Discontinuous regenerated fibres, not carded or combed	333	500	2,992	3,252
266.32	Continuous filament tow, for manufacture of discontinuous regenerated fibres	632	655	2,667	4,121
	Total division 26	3,815	4,499	35,847	38,781
27	CRUDE FERTILISERS AND CRUDE MINERALS -				
271	Fertilisers, crude -				
271.30	Natural phosphates	2,627	3,513	19,549	26,246
274	Sulphur and unroasted iron pyrites -				
274.10	Sulphur, except sublimed, precipitated or colloidal	2,749	1,361	7,761	8,550
276	Other crude minerals -				
276.40	Asbestos	2,585	2,436	14,263	17,629
	Total division 27	9,573	9,942	53,185	65,026
28	METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP -				
283	Ores and concentrates of non-ferrous base metals -				
283.22	Nickel matte and speiss	..	1,199	2,722	7,320
283.93	Titanium, vanadium, molybdenum, zirconium, etc.	113	212	388	827
284	Non-ferrous metal waste and scrap, n.e.s. -				
284.01	Ash and residue, containing metals or metallic compounds	9	1	1,638	66
284.02	Copper and copper alloys	41	23	341	289
284.04	Aluminium and aluminium alloys	82	79	668	786
285	Silver and platinum ores and concentrates; waste and scrap -				
285.02	Sweepings, residues, etc., silver, platinum, platinum group metals	30	37	465	250
	Total division 28	332	1,585	7,113	12,032
29	CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, N.E.S. -				
291	Crude animal materials, n.e.s. -				
291.92	Bristles and brush-making hair and their wastes	82	64	854	659
291.93	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (except fish)	230	418	1,879	1,714
292	Crude vegetable materials, n.e.s. -				
292.20	Natural gums, resins, balsam and lacs	173	151	1,220	1,107
292.50	Seeds, fruit and spores for planting	245	918	2,478	4,106
292.91	Saps, pectic substances, etc.	811	606	4,930	3,203
	Total division 29	1,988	2,678	15,029	15,195
	Total section 2	37,057	35,275	267,570	271,893

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -				
32	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES -				
321.70	Peat and briquettes of peat	90	116	394	518
321.80	Coke and semi-coke	..	..	147	376
	Total division 32	96	166	838	1,023
33	PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS -				
331	Petroleum, crude and partly refined -				
331.01	Crude petroleum	22,907	52,418	220,616	282,280
331.02	Petroleum, partly refined	19,991	39,142	126,272	188,593
332	Petroleum products -				
332.10	Motor spirit, gasoline, etc.	18,593	11,016	70,264	57,362
332.40	Residual fuel oils	4,841	22,538	59,049	85,397
	Total division 33	75,894	141,237	525,341	700,668
34	PETROLEUM GASES AND OTHER GASEOUS HYDROCARBONS				
	Total section 3	14	35	79	110
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -				
41	ANIMAL OILS AND FATS -				
411.10	Oils and fats of fish and marine mammals	21	47	266	406
	Total division 41	23	52	280	479
42	FIXED VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -				
421	Fixed vegetable oils and fats, soft -				
421.20	Soya bean oil	974	1,442	5,584	7,173
421.50	Olive oil	805	772	4,246	3,652
422	Fixed vegetable oils and fats, other -				
422.20	Palm oil	277	893	4,451	7,714
422.30	Coconut oil	551	657	4,127	6,054
	Total division 42	3,029	5,334	22,520	35,790
43	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS, WAXES -				
431.10	Animal and vegetable oils, boiled, oxidised, etc.	51	259	314	1,990
431.20	Animal and vegetable oils and fats, hydrogenated or solidified	168	379	1,208	2,372
431.31	Fatty acids not chemically defined; acid oils from refining	90	72	601	922
	Total division 43	328	727	2,287	5,484
	Total section 4	3,381	6,113	25,087	41,754
5	CHEMICALS -				
51	CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS -				
512	Organic chemicals -				
512.11	Styrene	1,873	513	6,734	6,427
512.12	Other hydrocarbons	603	1,129	4,209	5,231
512.13	Halogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons	1,185	1,786	9,793	11,095
512.27	Phenols and phenol-alcohols	590	756	3,519	2,950
512.32	Epoxides, epoxyalcohols, etc., and derivatives	1,894	154	8,022	4,866
512.43	Ketones, quinones and derivatives	693	885	3,077	3,368
512.51	Monocarboxylic acids and derivatives	751	1,287	7,315	7,841
512.53	Oxygen-function carboxylic acids and derivatives	514	897	5,042	6,922
512.71	Amine-function compounds	1,724	1,182	6,635	6,638
512.72	Oxygen-function amino-compounds	1,469	1,595	9,604	12,148
512.74	Carboxamide-function compounds; amide-function compounds	295	785	3,414	4,653
512.81	Organo-sulphur compounds	1,540	1,335	6,268	8,475
512.85	Heterocyclic compounds (including nucleic acids)	6,385	3,897	30,757	33,884
512.86	Sulphonamides	515	175	3,245	3,453
513	Inorganic chemicals, etc. -				
513.62	Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide)	4,308	6,499	25,267	35,623
514	Other inorganic chemicals	2,919	3,668	19,993	24,029
	Total division 51	34,077	34,893	200,281	229,126

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
52	MINERAL TAR, CRUDE CHEMICALS FROM COAL, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS -				
521.40	Oils and other products of the distillation of coal tar, etc.	276	2,204	2,156	3,785
	Total division 52	276	2,215	2,161	3,804
53	DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS -				
531	Synthetic organic dyestuffs, natural indigo, etc. -				
531.01	Synthetic organic dyestuffs, natural indigo	1,596	2,335	14,268	15,549
533	Pigments, paints, varnishes, etc. -				
533.10	Colouring materials, n.e.s.	459	467	2,712	2,673
533.32	Varnishes, lacquers, paints, etc.	761	887	3,662	4,458
533.35	Glaziers' putty; painters' fillings, etc.	654	807	4,489	3,648
	Total division 53	4,312	5,392	30,235	31,783
54	MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS -				
541.30	Antibiotics	1,525	1,141	9,770	8,483
541.70	Medicaments	4,666	6,134	32,117	33,754
541.91	Bandages, etc.	945	751	4,000	4,824
	Total division 54	8,899	10,305	57,598	60,523
55	ESSENTIAL OILS, PERFUME MATERIALS, TOILET AND POLISHING PREPARATIONS -				
551	Essential oils, perfume and flavor materials -				
551.10	Essential oils, concretes and absolutes; resinoids	276	486	2,341	3,115
551.23	Mixtures of odoriferous substances	624	930	4,791	5,324
553	Perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations	1,076	1,307	7,740	11,189
554	Soap, cleansing and polishing preparations -				
554.10	Soap; organic surface-active agents as soap	128	190	1,370	1,912
554.20	Surface-active agents; washing preparations	958	1,167	5,576	7,042
	Total division 55	3,151	4,226	22,169	29,317
56	FERTILISERS, MANUFACTURED -				
561.30	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic	1,112	275	5,699	5,428
561.90	Fertilisers, other than nitrogenous, phosphatic or potassic	1,487	191	2,423	1,268
	Total division 56	2,692	656	10,735	8,770
57	EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS -				
571.22	Percussion caps, detonators, etc.	42	413	953	2,521
571.40	Hunting and sporting ammunition	387	224	1,627	1,618
	Total division 57	707	1,696	4,344	6,247
58	PLASTIC MATERIALS, REGENERATED CELLULOSE ARTIFICIAL RESINS -				
581.10	Condensation, poly-condensation and poly-addition products	5,508	6,405	40,399	46,257
581.20	Polymerisation and copolymerisation products	9,385	10,633	56,819	64,011
581.32	Regenerated cellulose, etc.	4,041	3,219	22,111	18,200
	Total division 58	19,663	21,119	124,509	134,469
59	CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -				
599.20	Insecticides, disinfectants, etc., for retail sale	978	914	7,085	8,280
599.55	Gelatin and gelatin derivatives, etc.	156	155	1,132	1,306
599.64	Rosin and resin acids, etc.	354	305	2,041	1,707
599.75	Anti-knock preparations, oxidation inhibitors, etc.	2,532	5,051	23,697	30,352
	Total division 59	8,953	12,930	63,008	76,167
	Total section 5	82,731	93,431	515,040	580,206

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -				
61	LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES, N.E.S., AND DRESSED FUR SKINS -				
611	Leather -				
611.30	Calf leather	90	73	699	557
611.40	Other bovine cattle and equine leather	264	143	1,468	1,706
611.91	Leather of sheep and lamb skins	153	213	1,336	1,038
611.92	Leather of goat and kid skin	197	181	1,369	2,097
612	Manufactures of leather or artificial leather, etc., n.e.s. -				
612.20	Saddlery and other harness-makers' goods	301	312	1,640	1,743
612.30	Uppers, legs and other prepared parts of footwear	220	243	1,102	2,196
613	Fur skins, tanned or dressed (including dyed)	188	383	1,147	1,963
	<i>Total division 61</i>	<i>1,557</i>	<i>1,688</i>	<i>9,902</i>	<i>12,755</i>
62	RUBBER MANUFACTURES, N.E.S. -				
621	Materials of rubber -				
621.05	Unhardened vulcanised rubber piping and tubing	1,153	1,385	7,509	7,767
629	Articles of rubber, n.e.s. -				
629.10	Rubber tyres and tubes, etc.	7,621	9,423	52,556	54,644
629.40	Transmission, conveyor belts, etc.	510	878	4,503	6,350
629.98	Articles of unhardened vulcanised rubber	1,437	2,167	8,477	11,230
	<i>Total division 62</i>	<i>11,365</i>	<i>14,660</i>	<i>77,461</i>	<i>85,147</i>
63	WOOD AND CORK MANUFACTURES (EXCEPT FURNITURE) -				
631	Veneers, plywood boards, 'improved' or reconstituted wood, etc. -				
631.10	Wood sawn lengthwise, thickness not exceeding 5 mm	794	380	4,993	3,321
631.21	Plywood, blockwood and similar laminated wood	1,234	1,769	13,522	11,172
631.87	Wooden beadings and mouldings	358	334	2,146	2,313
632	Wood manufactures, n.e.s. -				
632.40	Builders' woodwork and prefabricated buildings of wood	780	405	4,579	3,606
632.73	Domestic or decorative articles of wood, n.e.s.	248	279	2,335	2,593
633	Cork manufactures -				
633.01	Articles of natural cork	55	319	801	2,006
633.02	Agglomerated cork and articles thereof	231	169	1,256	1,311
	<i>Total division 63</i>	<i>4,396</i>	<i>4,285</i>	<i>34,550</i>	<i>31,526</i>
64	PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF -				
641	Paper and paperboard -				
641.10	Newsprint paper	4,558	6,503	54,837	46,399
641.21	Uncoated printing and writing paper	2,692	2,119	18,246	17,585
641.22	Printing and writing paper, coated, etc.	2,042	2,378	16,333	16,397
641.30	Kraft paper and kraft paperboard	1,324	968	5,899	5,676
641.50	Paper and paperboard, machine-made, simply finished, n.e.s.	2,104	2,012	10,957	12,566
641.91	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, etc.	557	646	3,479	3,458
641.95	Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, etc., not printing and writing	6,048	5,305	35,967	38,433
641.97	Wallpaper and linings; window transparencies of paper	839	687	5,986	3,083
642	Articles made of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	1,935	2,472	13,403	17,237
	<i>Total division 64</i>	<i>22,927</i>	<i>24,767</i>	<i>170,328</i>	<i>166,791</i>

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
65	TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS -				
651	Textile yarn and thread -				
651.21	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, not for retail sale	620	653	5,711	7,557
651.22	Yarn of combed sheep's or lambs' wool, not for retail sale	159	687	2,044	2,420
651.30	Cotton yarn, thread, unbleached, unmercerised not for retail sale	200	92	3,117	1,912
651.41	Cotton yarn, thread, bleached, dyed, mercerised, not for retail sale	455	263	2,605	1,623
651.61	Yarn of continuous synthetic fibres, not for retail sale	1,689	1,382	12,910	12,390
651.62	Monofil, stp, etc., of synthetic fibres	232	240	1,695	1,739
651.64	Yarn of discontinuous synthetic fibres, not for retail sale	3,497	2,904	25,146	31,505
651.65	Yarn of discontinuous synthetic fibres, for retail sale	375	502	1,559	2,044
651.71	Yarn of continuous regenerated fibres, not for retail sale	589	708	5,473	5,240
651.74	Yarn of discontinuous regenerated fibres, not for retail sale	318	319	2,507	2,106
652	Woven cotton fabrics (except narrow or special fabrics) -				
652.13	Woven cotton fabrics (other than cotton gauze and tery fabrics of cotton), unbleached, unmercerised	841	769	6,236	7,035
652.23	Pile and chenille fabrics of cotton	2,947	4,335	12,041	16,031
652.29	Other woven cotton fabrics	12,222	10,418	85,277	80,353
653	Textile fabrics (except narrow and special) other than cotton -				
653.11	Woven fabrics of silk, other than noil	147	182	889	1,356
653.21	Woven fabrics of wool or fine animal hair	620	980	2,944	4,314
653.31	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie	165	209	1,454	1,589
653.40	Woven fabrics of jute	712	994	4,476	5,335
653.51	Woven fabrics of continuous synthetic fibres	1,496	1,371	11,466	10,300
653.52	Woven fabrics of discontinuous synthetic fibres	3,244	3,943	19,977	23,612
653.53	Pile and chenille fabrics of synthetic fibres	1,174	1,475	9,208	10,427
653.61	Woven fabrics of continuous regenerated fibres	387	324	3,130	3,024
653.62	Woven fabrics of discontinuous regenerated fibres	746	733	4,036	4,301
653.63	Pile and chenille fabrics of regenerated fibres	283	249	1,450	1,929
653.70	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, not elastic nor rubberised	3,851	2,846	20,415	17,036
653.80	Textile fabrics of glass fibre	267	192	1,464	1,270
654	Tulle, lace, etc., and other small wares -				
654.01	Narrow woven fabrics	285	343	1,779	2,230
654.06	Embroidery	264	517	2,011	4,542
655	Special textile fabrics and related products -				
655.10	Felt and articles of felt	404	488	3,297	3,272
655.41	Fabrics and articles of bonded fibre	856	978	4,883	5,580
655.43	Textile fabrics impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials	631	700	4,087	4,537
655.45	Rubberised textile fabrics (except knitted or crocheted)	541	328	3,433	2,632
655.61	Cordage, cable, rope, twine	165	300	1,479	3,322
655.62	Nets and netting made of twine, cordage, etc.	155	235	745	1,169
655.81	Wadding and articles of wadding, etc.	126	154	732	884
655.83	Textile fabrics and articles used in machinery or plant	565	389	3,157	3,045
655.92	Transmission or conveyor belts, etc., of textile material	104	46	935	1,722

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
65	TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS - continued				
656	Made-up articles, wholly or chiefly of textile materials, n.e.s. -				
656.10	Sacks and bags	1,395	1,965	9,982	12,330
656.20	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, tents, etc.	574	1,109	6,752	9,018
656.62	Blankets and travelling rugs of cotton	189	84	907	848
656.69	Blankets and travelling rugs of fibres other than cotton or wool	402	298	1,224	1,723
656.91	Linen, curtains and other textile furnishing articles	2,213	2,737	17,485	18,906
657	Floor coverings, tapestries, etc. -				
657.41	Floor coverings, on a base of paper or paperboard (coated)	140	157	1,351	1,073
657.42	Linoleum, etc., on a textile base	192	171	1,506	1,303
657.50	Carpets, carpeting and rugs (knotted)	156	95	979	972
657.60	Other carpets, carpeting, rugs	5,330	3,761	39,491	37,929
657.80	Matting, of plaiting material; straw envelopes for bottles	48	88	524	697
	Total division 65	54,265	53,739	366,571	387,592
66	NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES, N.E.S. -				
661	Lime, cement and fabricated building materials	738	1,025	4,726	5,468
662	Clay and refractory construction materials -				
662.32	Other refractory bricks, blocks, tiles, etc., (excluding heat-insulating bricks, etc.)	216	2,160	3,885	7,738
662.45	Glazed, non-refractory ceramic sets, flags and tiles	4,026	3,819	18,360	20,079
663	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	2,482	3,445	13,173	15,236
664	Glass	2,793	2,650	20,769	21,140
665	Glassware -				
665.11	Glass containers and closures	547	645	4,121	4,489
665.20	Glassware for table, kitchen, etc., use	2,265	1,824	15,586	16,847
666	Pottery -				
666.40	Tableware, etc., of porcelain and china	1,206	915	6,877	7,696
666.50	Tableware, etc., of pottery other than porcelain and china	1,443	1,140	8,370	9,931
667.20	Diamonds (except industrial)	2,729	1,861	13,395	13,877
667.30	Precious and semi-precious stones (other than pearls or diamonds)	1,329	350	6,997	3,878
	Total division 66	21,401	21,680	127,201	139,575

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
67	IRON AND STEEL -				
671	Pig iron, spiegeleisen, sponge iron, etc.	1,484	960	9,128	6,243
673	Iron and steel bars, rods, etc. -				
673.23	Bars and rods, hollow mining drill steel, alloy steel	1,622	2,091	8,880	10,805
674	Universals, plates and sheets of iron or steel -				
674.31	Uncoated plates and sheets less than 3 mm thick, not high carbon or alloy steel	4,143	3,295	21,854	20,371
674.81	Other coated plates and sheets less than 3 mm thick, not high carbon or alloy steel	1,083	1,785	11,162	18,350
675	Hoop and strip of iron or steel -				
675.01	Hoop and strip, not high carbon or alloy steel	621	617	5,310	3,736
675.03	Hoop and strip, alloy steel	778	1,186	3,316	3,641
676	Railway and tramway track construction material	10	57	119	290
677	Iron and steel wire (except wire rod)	910	693	4,763	4,830
678	Tubes, pipes and fittings of iron or steel -				
678.20	Seamless tubes, pipes (except high pressure hydro-electric conduit) except cast iron	2,829	4,268	15,751	17,356
678.30	Welded, clinched, riveted, etc., tubes, pipes (except high pressure hydro-electric conduit) except cast iron	1,244	3,917	9,795	13,626
678.50	Tube and pipe fittings	628	1,277	4,330	8,524
	Total division 67	18,857	24,511	115,926	133,331
68	NON-FERROUS METALS -				
681	Silver and alloys, platinum and platinum group metals	273	221	1,420	1,985
682	Copper and copper alloys -				
682.22	Plates, sheets and strip	201	320	2,692	1,978
682.23	Foil of a thickness not exceeding 0.15 mm	261	238	1,710	2,071
683	Nickel and nickel alloys, n.e.s. -				
683.10	Unworked	414	942	4,497	3,297
683.22	Plates, sheets, strip, foil, powders and flakes	407	190	1,630	1,217
684	Aluminium and aluminium alloys -				
684.21	Bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, wire	233	277	1,301	1,445
684.22	Plates, sheets and strip	286	189	1,343	1,333
684.23	Foil of a thickness not exceeding 0.20 mm	654	283	2,789	2,521
689	Miscellaneous non-ferrous base metals and their alloys	746	897	3,794	4,569
	Total division 68	4,400	4,204	27,215	28,179
69	MANUFACTURES OF METAL, N.E.S. -				
692	Metal containers for storage and transport	607	854	4,449	5,119
693	Wire products (excluding insulated electric cable) and fencing grills	1,291	790	7,326	5,898
694	Nails, screws, nuts, etc., of iron, steel or copper -				
694.21	Nuts, bolts, screws, etc., of iron or steel	1,797	2,064	11,492	11,507
695	Tools for use in the hand or machines -				
695.21	Hand saws and saw blades	544	884	4,037	4,809
695.22	Pliers, spanners, files, etc.	1,908	2,309	10,151	14,797
695.23	Hand tools, etc., n.e.s.	1,757	1,731	10,123	10,268
695.24	Interchangeable tools for hand or machine tools	2,486	2,003	11,784	13,180
696	Cutlery	2,970	2,307	15,957	16,587
697	Household equipment of base metals	2,335	2,070	17,640	16,640
698	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s. -				
698.12	Metal fittings for furniture, etc.	1,560	1,663	8,797	10,283
698.30	Chain and parts, iron or steel	1,313	967	6,233	7,113
698.91	Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s.	1,800	1,914	11,298	12,672
	Total division 69	25,291	24,172	148,346	159,756
	Total section 6	164,459	173,706	1,077,500	1,144,650

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A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -				
71	MACHINERY (EXCEPT ELECTRIC) -				
711	Power generating machinery, except electric -				
711.50	Internal combustion piston engines, except for aircraft	17,665	17,036	103,844	111,444
712	Agricultural machinery, implements and parts -				
712.50	Tractors, except road for tractor-trailer combinations	15,169	10,288	77,423	77,302
714	Office machines -				
714.30	Automatic data processing machines, etc.	18,500	17,019	79,039	119,715
714.92	Parts and accessories for office machines	4,576	3,770	21,479	29,090
715	Metal-working machinery -				
715.10	Machine tools for working metal	4,981	4,930	25,771	27,494
717	Textile and leather machinery	5,417	4,784	40,552	34,177
718	Machines for special industries -				
718.42	Excavating, levelling, boring, etc.	14,588	16,004	87,664	99,960
719	Machinery and appliances, non-electrical and parts, n.e.s. -				
719.12	Air conditioning machines	1,418	2,335	18,693	29,506
719.21	Pumps for liquids	3,131	3,763	17,899	21,430
719.22	Air, vacuum pumps and air or gas compressors	3,777	5,653	31,316	31,368
719.31	Lifting, loading, etc., machinery	4,678	5,193	22,231	25,570
719.32	Work trucks, mechanically propelled, used in factories, etc.	2,867	3,676	17,541	19,622
719.62	Machinery for cleaning, filling, bottles, cans, etc.	4,011	4,320	23,371	30,246
719.70	Ball, roller or needle roller bearings	2,859	3,721	18,174	22,177
719.80	Machines and mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	8,497	6,529	39,170	37,181
719.92	Taps, cocks, valves, etc.	3,803	5,043	21,838	28,017
719.93	Transmission shafts, bearing housings, etc.	5,198	5,504	30,755	36,571
	Total division 71	165,066	159,611	914,292	1,059,195
72	ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES -				
722	Electric power machinery and switchgear -				
722.10	Generators, motors, etc.	5,922	7,829	53,286	62,349
722.20	Apparatus for making, breaking electric circuits	8,026	9,270	47,930	54,876
724	Telecommunication apparatus -				
724.10	Television broadcast receivers	17,107	4,064	97,074	51,502
724.20	Radio broadcast receivers	8,746	3,275	63,320	38,266
724.91	Telephone and telegraph equipment	2,606	3,924	16,804	21,920
725	Domestic electric equipment -				
725.01	Refrigerators	3,380	2,242	22,978	19,028
725.03	Electro-mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	1,750	1,821	18,331	18,740
725.05	Electric space heating apparatus; electro-thermic domestic appliances, etc.	2,561	4,085	17,103	29,121
729	Other electrical machinery and apparatus -				
729.30	Thermionic, etc., valves and tubes, photo cells, transistors, etc.	7,086	3,287	43,297	36,829
729.52	Measuring, controlling instruments, apparatus, etc.	4,215	4,548	26,997	34,979
729.60	Hand tools with self-contained electric motor	2,252	2,685	14,592	14,530
	Total division 72	86,531	70,464	552,514	551,052
73	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -				
732	Road motor vehicles -				
732.10	Passenger motor cars (except buses, special vehicles)	32,510	30,842	228,292	248,066
732.30	Lorries and trucks (including ambulances, etc.)	20,864	21,397	161,539	140,710
732.89	Parts and accessories, n.e.s., for motor vehicles	23,918	21,497	157,262	138,292
734	Aircraft and parts, n.e.s.	7,972	8,185	70,994	74,518
735	Ships, boats and floating structures -				
735.30	Ships, boats and other vessels (except warships)	502	589	4,397	16,879
	Total division 73	95,933	94,511	689,833	714,967
	Total section 7	345,530	324,586	2,156,639	2,325,214

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -				
81	SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS -				
812.10	Non-electric central heating apparatus and parts	364	273	1,835	1,338
812.41	Illuminating glassware, signalling glassware, and optical elements of glass	486	430	2,890	3,026
812.42	Lamps, lamp fittings, parts of base metal, n.e.s.	1,175	1,294	7,677	7,592
	Total division 81	2,189	2,118	13,866	13,513
82	FURNITURE -				
821.01	Chairs and other seats	1,657	1,580	11,409	13,066
821.02	Medical, dental, etc., furniture	270	381	1,267	1,396
821.03	Mattress supports; bedding fitted with springs, foam rubber, etc.	447	484	3,398	4,338
821.09	Other furniture and parts	2,205	2,281	14,958	16,720
	Total division 82	4,579	4,726	31,032	35,521
83	TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	2,305	1,992	18,450	19,731
84	CLOTHING AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, ARTICLES OF KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRIC -				
841	Clothing and accessories (except fur), etc. -				
841.11	Men's and boys' outer garments	1,690	1,728	14,388	13,490
841.12	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments	3,922	5,613	21,766	31,863
841.13	Men's and boys' undergarments	1,435	1,461	9,769	9,381
841.43	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised	1,719	1,832	10,045	11,826
841.44	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised	14,052	16,257	49,267	56,853
	Total division 84	26,452	30,874	129,857	152,265
85	FOOTWEAR, GAITERS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES AND PARTS THEREOF -				
851.01	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber, etc.	1,773	2,291	12,320	14,051
851.02	Footwear with outer soles of leather, etc.	6,147	5,740	31,518	37,521
	Total division 85	7,920	8,114	44,594	52,262
86	PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS; PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS -				
861	Scientific, medical, optical, measuring and controlling instruments and apparatus -				
861.40	Cameras (except cinematographic), flashlight apparatus	1,771	1,696	12,944	13,950
861.69	Photo-copying apparatus; photographic equipment, n.e.s.	3,611	3,860	22,639	31,510
861.71	Medical instruments and appliances, etc., (except electro-medical)	2,682	2,555	16,123	18,121
861.93	Drawing, calculating instruments, etc.	959	887	6,639	7,317
861.97	Apparatus for measuring, controlling flow, depth, pressure, etc., of liquids or gases	881	1,076	5,898	7,398
861.99	Parts and accessories for articles falling within items 729.51, 52, 861.81, 82, 96, 97	2,197	2,183	13,090	15,711
862	Photographic and cinematographic supplies -				
862.41	Photographic plates and film in the flat (except of paper, paperboard, cloth), sensitised, unexposed	1,569	2,072	9,980	13,209
862.42	Film in rolls, sensitised, unexposed	2,422	4,407	16,584	20,215
862.43	Sensitised paper, paperboard and cloth, undeveloped	990	1,267	6,513	6,833
864	Watches, clocks and parts therefor	3,061	2,944	33,279	30,426
	Total division 86	28,257	31,878	196,785	221,897

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITY ITEMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000

A.I.C.C. Item	Description	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
89	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. -				
891	Musical instruments, recorders and reproducers, etc. -				
891.11	Gramophones, sound recorders, etc.	4,259	3,195	27,529	24,213
891.20	Gramophone records, prepared tapes	2,308	2,715	15,859	17,713
891.85	Electric musical instruments	2,175	1,776	13,901	10,568
892	Printed matter -				
892.11	Printed books, pamphlets, etc.	9,566	10,381	63,076	73,123
892.20	Newspapers, journals and periodicals	2,797	3,379	15,305	24,463
893	Articles of artificial resins, plastics, etc.	4,818	6,118	32,973	39,610
894	Perambulators, toys, games and sporting goods -				
894.23	Toys, n.e.s.	2,675	2,347	27,066	29,489
894.24	Equipment for indoor games	1,241	1,286	10,433	13,449
895	Office and stationery supplies, n.e.s.	1,968	2,967	11,657	15,336
896	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques -				
896.01	Paintings, drawings and pastels	301	592	3,157	7,268
897.11	Jewellery of precious metal	897	1,028	9,973	10,975
899	Manufactured articles, n.e.s.	4,119	4,087	29,070	29,804
	Total division 89	46,391	50,135	332,366	374,036
	Total section 8	118,143	129,836	766,951	869,225
9A	COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS, N.E.S. -				
931	Special transactions	10,204	9,248	53,294	56,813
	Total division 9A	10,687	9,430	54,663	59,607
	Total Merchandise (a)	878,696	976,258	5,671,158	6,391,210
9B	Non-Merchandise (b)	5,647	9,602	45,204	53,440
	Total	884,343	985,860	5,716,363	6,444,649

(a) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (b) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*.

TABLE 4. IMPORTS BY STATE
\$'000

State	January		Seven months ended January	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
New South Wales	370,914	408,086	2,324,915	2,685,676
Victoria	311,032	318,072	2,011,010	2,196,041
Queensland	72,445	82,178	470,687	492,136
South Australia	48,411	58,376	355,386	370,310
Western Australia	60,974	95,550	454,665	562,363
Tasmania	10,142	8,869	49,544	65,707
Northern Territory	10,174	13,819	47,771	68,659
Australian Capital Territory	252	911	2,384	3,756
Total	884,343	985,860	5,716,363	6,444,649

TABLE 5. IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CLASSES
\$'000

<i>Economic classes and degree of manufacture</i>	<i>January</i>		<i>Seven months ended January</i>	
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>
I. PRODUCERS' MATERIALS FOR USE IN -				
Building and construction -				
crude	12,143	6,100	71,333	57,007
simply transformed	1,344	1,486	8,159	8,267
elaborately transformed	19,101	22,384	112,251	118,897
Total	32,588	29,970	191,743	184,171
Rural industries -				
crude	7,756	11,436	41,657	55,878
simply transformed	..	..	..	..
elaborately transformed	791	502	4,827	3,545
Total	8,547	11,939	46,484	59,423
Manufacturing -				
Food, beverages, tobacco -				
crude	4,455	6,943	26,526	47,285
simply transformed	1,416	2,354	7,571	14,877
elaborately transformed	909	1,877	6,240	9,490
Total	6,780	11,174	40,338	71,652
Other				
crude	53,653	103,187	427,346	555,704
simply transformed	43,599	50,341	321,698	358,748
elaborately transformed	151,918	161,449	966,830	1,054,291
Total	249,170	314,978	1,715,874	1,968,744
Motor vehicle assembly -				
elaborately transformed	48,237	48,967	353,271	326,910
Total Producers' Materials -				
crude	78,008	127,666	566,861	715,874
simply transformed	46,359	54,181	337,429	381,892
elaborately transformed	220,955	235,179	1,443,419	1,513,133
Total	345,321	417,027	2,347,709	2,610,899
II. FUELS AND LUBRICANTS -				
Fuels - simply transformed	31,713	47,919	167,751	215,609
Lubricants - simply transformed	533	976	4,535	9,552
Total Fuels and Lubricants	32,246	48,895	172,286	225,161
III. AUXILIARY AIDS TO PRODUCTION -				
Advertising matter elaborately transformed	485	928	2,902	4,906
Containers simply transformed	1,611	1,893	13,998	12,020
Other elaborately transformed	4,280	8,830	32,098	40,051
Total simply transformed	1,611	1,893	13,998	12,020
Total elaborately transformed	4,765	9,758	35,000	44,956
Total Auxiliary Aids to Production	6,376	11,650	48,998	56,976

TABLE 5. IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CLASSES - *continued*
\$'000

<i>Economic classes and degree of manufacture</i>	<i>January</i>		<i>Seven months ended January</i>	
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>
IV CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PRODUCERS' EQUIPMENT				
Farm elaborately transformed	20,190	15,992	124,582	138,839
Non-farm elaborately transformed	173,616	180,089	993,365	1,189,993
<i>Total Producers' Equipment</i>	<i>193,806</i>	<i>196,081</i>	<i>1,117,947</i>	<i>1,328,832</i>
V CAPITAL EQUIPMENT TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
Railway equipment elaborately transformed	609	863	3,638	5,463
Complete road vehicles - elaborately transformed	58,813	56,115	380,208	396,562
Vessels elaborately transformed	1,378	1,824	10,776	31,213
Aircraft elaborately transformed	6,631	9,384	65,104	82,889
<i>Total Transport Equipment</i>	<i>67,430</i>	<i>68,186</i>	<i>459,728</i>	<i>516,127</i>
VI FINISHED CONSUMER GOODS -				
Food, beverages, tobacco				
crude	6,845	13,209	61,175	91,242
simply transformed	10,422	13,882	74,927	102,807
elaborately transformed	14,976	19,023	99,257	120,371
<i>Total</i>	<i>32,244</i>	<i>46,114</i>	<i>235,360</i>	<i>314,421</i>
Clothing and accessories -				
elaborately transformed	33,936	38,619	168,984	199,961
Other				
crude	196	182	1,312	1,406
simply transformed	369	236	1,660	1,787
elaborately transformed	155,956	142,475	1,065,325	1,095,593
<i>Total</i>	<i>156,521</i>	<i>142,893</i>	<i>1,068,297</i>	<i>1,098,786</i>
<i>Total finished consumer goods</i>				
crude	7,042	13,392	62,487	92,649
simply transformed	10,791	14,117	76,587	104,595
elaborately transformed	204,869	200,117	1,333,566	1,415,925
<i>Total</i>	<i>222,702</i>	<i>227,626</i>	<i>1,472,641</i>	<i>1,613,169</i>
VII MUNITIONS AND WAR STORES				
elaborately transformed	10,815	6,793	51,849	40,046
<i>Total Merchandise</i>				
crude	85,049	141,059	629,348	808,523
simply transformed	91,006	119,086	600,300	723,668
elaborately transformed	702,640	716,114	4,441,510	4,859,019
<i>Total</i>	<i>878,696</i>	<i>976,259</i>	<i>5,671,158</i>	<i>6,391,210</i>
Non-Merchandise	5,647	9,602	45,204	53,440
<i>Total</i>	<i>884,343</i>	<i>985,860</i>	<i>5,716,363</i>	<i>6,444,649</i>

TABLE 6. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE COLLECTED
\$'000

Customs tariff division and excise tariff item	January		Seven months ended January	
	1977	1978	1977	1978
GROSS CUSTOMS				
I. Live animals, animal products	55	108	697	574
II. Vegetable products	162	107	940	633
III. Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products, prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	195	387	1,765	2,056
IV. Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco	17,433	17,601	107,919	109,057
V. Mineral products	1,545	289	6,741	4,378
VI. Products of chemical and allied industries	1,649	2,095	11,736	11,451
VII. Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubbers, factice, and articles thereof	4,425	5,796	29,991	35,585
VIII. Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags, etc.; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)	920	902	7,349	8,047
IX. Wood and articles; charcoal; cork and articles; manufactures of straw, esparto and other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	1,348	1,262	11,569	9,834
X. Paper-making material; paper, paperboard and articles thereof	1,512	1,869	11,190	11,855
XI. Textiles and textile articles	12,632	13,829	80,233	82,776
XII. Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles; artificial flowers; articles of human hair; fans	2,677	3,031	15,668	19,036
XIII. Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica and similar materials; ceramic products, glass and glassware	2,291	2,179	13,573	13,188
XIV. Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones, precious metal, controlled precious metals, and articles; imitation jewellery; coin	485	546	5,235	5,229
XV. Base metals and articles of base metals	5,356	6,008	34,594	35,453
XVI. Machinery, mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof	20,928	17,582	143,905	133,834
XVII. Vehicles, aircraft, and parts, vessels and certain associated transport equipment	24,534	24,698	158,813	146,367
XVIII. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks, watches, musical instruments; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, magnetic, parts thereof	2,212	1,776	17,216	15,497
XIX. Arms and ammunition; parts therefor	49	44	264	282
XX. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,728	2,543	23,486	25,700

TABLE 6. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE COLLECTED - *continued*
\$'000

Customs tariff division and excise tariff item		January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
GROSS CUSTOMS - <i>continued</i>					
XXI.	Works of art, collectors' pieces, antiques (including revenue on goods for which a Customs entry is not required, on concessional items in the Second Schedule), and additional duty on post entries	18	79	286	399
	<i>Total Gross Customs</i>	103,156	102,731	683,170	671,231
	Primage	719	802	5,554	5,918
	<i>Total Gross Customs, Primage Duties</i>	103,875	103,533	688,724	677,149
GROSS EXCISE -					
	Beer	72,591	83,274	434,722	448,596
	Spirits, including liqueurs, etc.	6,358	7,728	44,513	45,292
	Tobacco (manufactured), snuff	1,609	1,768	12,198	11,207
	Cigars and cigarettes	46,513	56,099	305,012	313,370
	Aviation gasoline - by-law	314	300	1,402	1,585
	Aviation gasoline - other	..	..	..	..
	Other gasoline	64,329	71,846	388,443	418,839
	Mineral turpentine	..	..	..	..
	Coal tar and coke oven distillates, etc.	..	..	..	1
	Aviation turbine kerosene	3,060	4,188	22,101	24,317
	Kerosene, n.e.i.	..	..	197	..
	Diesel fuel - by-law	6,171	7,554	44,325	50,175
	Playing cards	7	..	80	72
	Cigarette tubes, paper and papers	1	3	557	487
	Matches	166	188	1,137	1,098
	Wine - other than table wine (excise item 16)	..	..	1	..
	Petroleum and liquid petroleum gas (excise item 17)	30,101	55,009	197,243	270,693
	Coal	226	1,221	1,602	4,213
	Canned fruit	20	45	131	178
	Other and undistributed excise revenue	..	..	..	..
	<i>Total Gross Excise Duties</i>	231,467	289,225	1,453,666	1,590,126
	<i>Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Duties</i>	335,342	392,758	2,142,390	2,267,275
	<i>Total Customs, Primage and Excise Refunds and Drawbacks</i>	7,624	3,475	33,974	32,978

NOTE. Statistics of the value of duty included in the price of petroleum products purchased by Commonwealth Government departments and subsequently credited to those departments by the Department of Finance are not available. Details are not available, therefore, on the value of Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue collected.

TABLE 7. EXCISE ITEMS - QUANTITIES ON WHICH EXCISE DUTY PAID

Item	Unit of quantity	January		Seven months ended January	
		1977	1978	1977	1978
Beer	'000 l	184,240	211,356	1,103,354	1,138,569
Spirits (potable) -					
Brandy	alcohol content l	232,065	294,082	1,743,634	1,719,696
Gin	"	78,337	84,469	435,875	410,723
Whisky	"	70,799	61,328	428,469	405,212
Rum	"	93,494	144,927	923,744	1,020,013
Liqueurs	"	35,777	40,736	199,273	188,385
Vodka	"	85,337	76,819	465,161	437,894
Flavoured liquors	"	24,881	44,474	144,242	193,948
Other	"	167	7,375	6,683	43,964
Total Spirits (Potable)	"	620,857	754,210	4,347,081	4,419,835
Tobacco manufactured	kg	163,239	179,772	1,237,997	1,138,663
Cigars -					
Hand-made	"	..	..	..	..
Machine-made	"	6,878	7,277	59,049	50,873
Cigarettes Machine-made	"	2,396,661	2,891,464	15,704,213	16,142,978
Aviation gasoline by-law (a)	'000 l	7,288	6,580	32,555	35,209
Aviation gasoline - other (a)	"	..	..	..	..
Other gasoline (a)	"	1,311,509	1,393,864	7,919,329	8,225,034
Mineral turpentine	"	..	..	..	..
Coal tar and coke oven distillates, etc.	"	1	..	10	10
Aviation turbine kerosene (a)	"	77,656	99,950	560,935	588,474
Kerosene, n.e.i. (a)	"	..	..	5,000	..
Diesel fuel - by-law	"	125,814	146,542	903,671	988,498
Playing cards	doz packs	6,800	..	79,786	71,793
Cigarette tubes, paper and papers	thousand	2,500	12,780	2,305,830	2,015,045
Matches	'000 matches	2,220	2,507	15,165	14,645
Wine - other than table wine (excise item 16)	litres	..	..	1,933	..
Petroleum and liquid petroleum gas (excise item 17)	'000 l	2,388,990	3,122,877	15,654,202	16,261,393
Coal	tonne	5,258,602	8,154,052	37,248,945	40,303,318
Canned fruit	doz cont	512,171	990,957	3,287,657	4,277,663

(a) Includes supplies to the Commonwealth Government on which excise duty was paid and subsequently credited.