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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA MAY 1974

This statement contains preliminary information of imports for May 1974 and comparative figures for the months of March and April 1974 and for the eleven months ended May 1973 and 1974. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics, Part 2 - Imports*, May 1974 (Reference No. 8.10).

TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (a)

Section and Division (b)	March 1974 (c)	April 1974 (c)	May 1974 (c)	Eleven months ended May	
				1973	1974 (c)
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	957	674	1,614	6,301	13,016
01 Meat and meat preparations	320	305	305	1,248	2,868
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,090	585	1,050	8,546	8,855
03 Fish and fish preparations	5,593	5,761	7,304	43,960	61,448
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	442	370	564	5,354	5,800
05 Fruit and vegetables	4,217	4,255	7,945	23,161	44,833
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	305	367	415	3,014	3,619
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	4,257	9,124	6,400	49,882	58,068
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	1,373	1,355	1,179	5,692	9,979
09 Misc. preps chiefly for food	714	442	687	3,524	5,554
Total Section 0	19,269	23,240	27,463	150,680	214,040
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	2,497	2,087	4,574	22,818	29,896
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	4,027	2,025	3,660	26,107	31,657
Total Section 1	6,524	4,112	8,234	48,925	61,553
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	256	255	357	1,343	2,257
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	981	569	5,141	6,566	19,403
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,447	6,151	4,518	22,579	39,735
24 Wood, timber and cork	7,487	8,159	11,721	61,543	105,128
25 Pulp and waste paper	2,692	4,332	6,963	33,490	42,082
26 Textile fibres and their waste	8,254	7,604	11,081	46,072	71,465
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	5,201	7,375	8,201	47,607	62,870
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	455	1,313	3,461	6,237	15,103
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials n.e.s.	2,603	2,359	2,387	17,387	21,901
Total Section 2	31,376	38,117	53,831	242,823	379,943
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	66	20	61	386	544
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	46,465	46,399	58,785	160,303	324,384
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	10	4	16	66	92
Total Section 3	46,542	46,423	58,863	160,756	325,019
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	40	8	98	294	460
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	2,322	2,772	2,636	9,707	22,347
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	317	359	404	1,891	2,883
Total Section 4	2,679	3,139	3,137	11,892	25,691

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TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - *continued*
(*\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment (a)*)

Section and Division (b)	March 1974 (c)	April 1974 (c)	May 1974 (c)	Eleven months ended May	
				1973	1974 (c)
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	20,858	17,674	25,586	129,867	192,772
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from					
coal, petroleum, natural gas	910	28	87	1,928	2,545
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	3,571	3,248	4,371	26,883	36,104
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	6,377	6,160	7,267	59,508	66,743
55 Essential oils, perfume materials;					
toilet, polishing, cleansing preps	2,008	1,917	3,428	16,815	22,997
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	720	236	1,019	5,826	6,349
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	207	415	228	3,658	3,794
58 Plastic materials, regenerated					
cellulose, artificial resins	10,915	13,464	19,319	95,345	128,068
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,518	5,293	9,027	43,953	60,998
Total Section 5	50,084	48,435	70,331	383,782	520,370
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s.					
and dressed fur skins	1,026	1,043	1,376	7,965	10,479
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	7,727	8,398	11,355	51,418	72,473
63 Wood, cork manufactures (except					
furniture)	2,462	3,652	3,719	18,097	32,448
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	13,825	16,293	19,490	109,791	148,877
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up					
articles and related products	44,453	50,702	64,473	316,527	527,002
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	11,245	12,502	13,416	91,265	120,699
67 Iron and steel	15,246	14,808	28,221	97,596	195,639
68 Non-ferrous metals	3,011	3,295	6,960	22,326	38,757
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	12,077	11,712	15,662	95,553	123,778
Total Section 6	111,072	122,405	164,670	810,538	1,270,151
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	77,413	82,427	99,573	627,099	802,499
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and					
appliances	35,717	36,035	44,677	254,274	352,446
73 Transport equipment (including					
warships, military aircraft)	88,915	75,006	80,282	444,709	747,066
Total Section 7	202,045	193,469	224,532	1,326,083	1,902,011
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and					
lighting fixtures and fittings	1,235	1,358	1,571	7,124	11,762
82 Furniture	1,500	1,819	2,253	7,806	16,940
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar					
articles	939	1,038	1,478	7,533	12,389
84 Clothing, clothing accessories,					
articles of knitted or crocheted	13,505	11,169	12,917	58,251	109,605
fabric	3,522	3,284	4,201	21,149	40,409
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts					
86 Professional, scientific, controlling					
instruments, photo and optical					
goods, watches, clocks	15,847	15,923	19,863	126,063	170,841
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	25,935	28,575	34,355	204,877	292,043
Total Section 8	62,483	63,165	76,639	432,803	653,989
9A Commodities, transactions not					
classified according to kind	7,251	8,343	10,556	109,327	97,950
Total Merchandise	539,327	550,848	698,256	3,677,609	5,450,719
9B Non-merchandise (d)	5,305	5,154	3,888	45,133	54,231
Total	544,632	556,002	702,144	3,722,742	5,504,950

(a) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$454 million for the year ended 30 June 1972 and \$460 million for the year ended 30 June 1973. (b) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (c) Subject to revision. (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

TABLE 2. - IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(£'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)

Country of Origin	March 1974 (a)	April 1974 (a)	May 1974 (a)	Eleven months ended May	
				1973	1974 (a)
Austria	1,486	1,939	2,419	11,588	16,733
Bahrain	5,244	8,556	6,105	28,047	46,911
Bangladesh	469	835	637	5,875	7,598
Belgium-Luxembourg	5,909	5,343	6,261	32,371	51,750
Brazil	1,090	1,892	3,665	8,355	20,063
Canada	10,311	15,956	33,389	122,581	175,559
China, People's Republic of	3,057	5,099	7,403	45,949	64,636
Christmas Island	815	1,515	1,406	5,737	9,897
Czechoslovakia	1,326	944	1,450	8,184	12,284
Denmark	2,280	1,768	3,390	14,290	23,263
Finland	1,564	3,478	3,122	21,829	24,819
France	7,562	7,289	11,377	69,196	73,219
German Democratic Republic	118	100	169	8,488	3,843
Germany, Federal Republic of	38,810	35,566	54,186	263,812	405,153
Ghana	259	1,191	1,295	5,722	5,959
Greece	201	603	1,375	3,614	4,770
Hong Kong	14,339	12,909	19,825	73,102	143,741
Hungary	318	309	618	2,215	3,890
India	2,058	4,417	6,273	28,900	47,889
Indonesia	1,263	2,835	1,485	12,265	15,293
Iran	4,617	4,411	8,149	16,226	34,865
Iraq	1,998	91	6,490	18,846	26,236
Ireland	1,023	1,066	1,361	7,142	10,342
Israel	1,247	1,672	961	7,437	11,416
Italy	12,101	13,870	13,576	80,032	127,299
Japan	88,854	98,502	121,904	673,775	972,111
Korea, Republic of	2,996	3,332	6,313	8,479	29,268
Kuwait	12,729	11,330	13,884	26,542	76,895
Malaysia	5,187	7,575	8,155	34,812	62,190
Nauru, Republic of	2,137	1,246	1,969	11,052	17,747
Netherlands	7,332	7,103	9,111	51,767	75,709
New Zealand	15,957	14,859	15,715	118,119	154,520
Norway	1,691	1,911	1,697	10,833	15,798
Pakistan, Islamic Republic of	584	1,113	1,441	4,129	11,245
Papua New Guinea	2,987	3,566	4,127	22,216	36,200
Philippines	1,463	1,280	1,676	7,278	14,943
Qatar	8,545	3,632	5,292	5,116	31,798
Saudi Arabia	6,510	7,017	8,825	18,528	48,648
Singapore	6,332	20,833	12,220	37,764	75,484
South Africa, Republic of	1,215	5,443	5,177	18,768	34,411
Spain	2,762	3,608	3,044	17,725	31,227
Sri Lanka	771	774	1,003	9,177	8,788
Sweden	9,098	8,341	13,127	73,863	97,120
Switzerland	7,888	6,540	8,695	59,379	80,605
Taiwan	8,127	10,925	13,451	48,655	102,961
Thailand	704	324	667	6,175	8,458
Uganda	2	1,603	773	4,877	4,560
Union of Arab Emirates	-	-	-	4,323	404
United Kingdom	82,660	62,189	83,252	698,834	769,909
United States of America	134,727	121,756	149,958	751,741	1,241,669
Yemen, People's Republic of	1,310	3,745	1,181	1,768	10,615
Other countries	12,599	13,741	13,100	95,244	124,239
Total	544,632	556,002	702,44	3,722,742	5,504,950

(a) Subject to revision.

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