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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA MAY 1973

This statement contains preliminary information of imports for May 1973 and comparative figures for the months of March and April 1973 and eleven months ended May 1972 and 1973. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics, Part 2 - Imports*, May 1973 (Reference No. 8.10).

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

Section and Division (c)	March 1973	April 1973	May 1973	Eleven months ended May	
				1972	1973
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	806	1,102	472	5,309	6,302
01 Meat and meat preparations	68	117	128	1,332	1,248
02 Dairy products and eggs	645	643	857	6,517	8,557
03 Fish and fish preparations	4,086	4,223	3,627	38,657	43,867
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	375	337	566	5,025	5,354
05 Fruit and vegetables	2,437	1,905	1,969	25,461	23,208
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	225	341	285	2,862	3,014
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	5,320	4,158	5,505	48,702	49,884
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	466	255	796	7,115	5,691
09 Misc. preps chiefly for food	304	279	389	6,074	3,524
Total Section 0	14,732	13,360	14,594	147,055	150,649
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	2,393	1,807	2,379	20,718	23,224
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,122	2,470	2,458	25,987	26,107
Total Section 1	3,515	4,277	4,837	46,705	49,331
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	158	192	199	1,025	1,343
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	253	214	428	3,632	6,567
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	2,539	2,156	3,251	21,073	22,582
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,574	6,917	11,478	46,796	61,488
25 Pulp and waste paper	3,806	2,814	2,681	28,921	33,490
26 Textile fibres and their waste	5,327	4,861	6,198	40,198	46,080
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	4,609	3,509	5,648	41,803	47,710
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	290	468	425	5,295	6,245
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials n.e.s.	1,849	1,837	1,588	13,409	17,322
Total Section 2	23,403	22,969	31,896	202,152	242,824
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	68	32	21	467	386
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	12,991	10,650	14,429	176,834	160,181
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	4	-	1	37	66
Total Section 3	13,063	10,682	14,451	177,338	160,634
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	16	15	51	392	294
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	1,028	771	955	11,266	9,708
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed, waxes of animal or vegetable origin	249	127	137	1,935	1,891
Total Section 4	1,292	913	1,143	13,592	11,892

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

Section and Division (c)	March 1973	April 1973	May 1973	Eleven months ended May	
				1972	1973
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	14,895	10,319	14,753	128,790	129,910
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	322	8	107	2,079	1,928
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	2,512	1,600	2,445	24,905	26,879
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	6,137	4,312	5,642	58,969	59,494
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	1,413	1,470	1,746	16,237	16,804
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	234	580	376	5,497	5,826
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	585	114	382	3,748	3,658
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	8,387	7,731	10,770	89,634	95,431
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	3,326	3,173	4,386	47,498	43,893
Total Section 5	37,812	29,307	40,607	377,357	383,825
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	842	530	905	6,814	7,962
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	4,968	4,148	5,227	52,567	51,417
63 Wood, cork manufactures (except furniture)	1,523	1,500	1,980	16,356	18,127
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	11,212	8,385	10,905	104,927	109,710
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles related products	28,850	26,932	35,152	301,559	316,648
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	8,667	7,229	8,846	82,553	91,154
67 Iron and steel	8,405	9,065	17,561	118,035	97,537
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,002	1,206	2,296	21,336	22,310
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	8,760	8,205	9,277	94,759	95,520
Total Section 6	75,230	67,201	92,149	798,905	810,387
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	57,926	52,523	62,343	664,390	626,850
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	24,218	20,050	23,699	270,032	254,359
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	36,546	35,013	42,123	444,702	444,467
Total Section 7	118,690	107,586	128,165	1,379,124	1,325,676
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	654	744	825	6,677	7,124
82 Furniture	697	678	795	6,194	7,805
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	485	530	650	6,840	7,529
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	5,890	4,870	5,166	46,193	58,265
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	1,824	1,254	1,588	24,368	21,147
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods; watches, clocks	11,571	10,352	13,876	126,471	126,213
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	19,605	14,970	19,767	182,734	204,866
Total Section 8	40,726	33,398	42,668	399,478	432,950
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	7,655	8,991	12,227	125,894	107,804
Total Merchandise	336,118	298,685	382,738	3,667,601	3,675,972
9B Non-merchandise (d)	4,429	3,232	3,999	49,417	45,041
Total	340,547	301,917	386,737	3,717,018	3,721,013

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$462 million for the year ended 30 June 1971 and \$454 million for the year ended 30 June 1972. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (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 (a)
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)

Country of Origin	March 1973	April 1973	May 1973	Eleven months ended May	
				1972	1973
Austria	1,213	868	1,246	12,381	11,605
Bahrain	2,304	1,806	2,829	21,082	28,047
Belgium-Luxembourg	3,290	2,415	3,680	25,437	32,368
Brazil	398	779	639	9,493	8,355
Brunei	..	..	..	2,995	971
Canada	8,520	8,806	12,914	129,758	122,482
China, People's Republic of	4,923	4,310	5,394	38,733	45,923
Christmas Island	816	408	675	5,316	5,835
Czechoslovakia	640	702	794	7,948	8,184
Denmark	1,447	1,323	1,369	11,735	14,287
Finland	3,828	2,145	1,363	15,620	21,832
France	6,959	5,991	7,239	64,650	69,259
Germany, Federal Republic of	26,792	23,720	25,272	270,904	263,990
Ghana	1,140	83	826	6,557	5,722
Greece	351	332	430	4,084	3,614
Hong Kong	6,122	6,018	8,487	63,291	73,177
India	3,481	2,283	3,086	33,091	29,167
Indonesia	1,001	1,075	2,120	13,228	12,265
Iran	2,049	928	1,096	14,923	16,226
Iraq	1,873	2,199	1,627	24,685	18,846
Ireland	712	726	640	5,825	7,139
Israel	258	944	504	5,658	7,437
Italy	6,745	5,362	5,947	80,367	80,038
Japan	54,072	58,666	78,019	590,798	673,590
Korea, Republic of	551	661	921	5,929	8,480
Kuwait	2,838	1,281	3,255	30,053	26,542
Malaysia	2,778	3,558	5,351	28,506	34,812
Nauru	1,591	816	2,116	9,297	11,052
Netherlands	5,348	3,278	5,287	63,378	51,772
New Zealand	13,346	12,043	12,899	103,601	117,956
Norway	1,118	1,255	949	10,542	10,832
Pakistan	574	263	146	7,220	4,129
Papua New Guinea	2,268	1,904	2,549	21,629	22,170
Qatar	..	..	884	5,587	5,116
Saudi Arabia	1,050	1,571	1,278	18,523	18,509
Singapore	3,053	2,512	3,188	34,814	37,694
South Africa, Republic of	1,858	1,245	1,710	20,240	18,768
Spain	1,935	1,845	1,466	18,044	17,717
Sri Lanka (b)	1,254	829	413	11,301	9,177
Sweden	8,369	6,868	5,983	65,249	73,728
Switzerland	7,459	3,983	5,058	68,048	59,357
Taiwan	3,810	3,168	5,424	32,491	48,656
Uganda	56	862	726	5,093	4,877
Union of Arab Emirates (c)	411	..	..	6,136	4,322
United Kingdom	65,563	54,212	61,735	774,150	698,946
United States of America	66,587	58,091	86,569	806,366	751,386
Yemen, People's Republic of	..	1,005	95	5,291	1,768
Other countries	9,796	8,778	12,539	106,971	122,888
Total	340,547	301,917	386,737	3,717,018	3,721,013

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Formerly Ceylon. (c) Formerly Trucial States.

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