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

DECEMBER 1969

This statement includes preliminary information on imports for December 1969 with comparative figures for the months of October and November 1969 and six months ended December 1968 and 1969. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade, Part 2; Imports, December 1969.

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)	October	November	December	Six months ended December	
	1969	1969	1969	1968	1969
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	116	19	71	1,103	1,029
01 Meat and meat preparations	281	288	232	656	1,198
02 Dairy products and eggs	468	378	478	2,323	2,646
03 Fish and fish preparations	3,771	3,292	3,440	14,702	17,979
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	515	310	284	4,386	2,660
05 Fruit and vegetables	1,987	1,685	1,579	10,788	11,163
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	292	230	213	1,391	1,536
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3,332	3,118	3,301	23,887	23,565
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	634	363	586	3,182	3,223
09 Misc. preps. chiefly for food	324	277	150	1,180	1,680
<u>Total Section 0</u>	11,720	9,960	10,334	63,598	66,679
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,130	1,438	1,456	8,379	8,078
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5,065	3,484	4,512	14,588	18,852
<u>Total Section 1</u>	6,195	4,922	5,968	22,967	26,930
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	155	63	84	1,227	631
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	919	1,001	767	3,582	6,543
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,744	2,229	1,585	14,718	15,756
24 Wood, timber and cork	3,814	4,219	3,956	25,151	25,820
25 Pulp and waste paper	3,232	3,218	2,983	12,723	17,722
26 Textile fibres and their waste	3,358	2,079	2,553	16,777	17,087
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (exc. coal, petroleum, precious stones)	5,654	5,196	5,243	38,613	32,597
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	700	426	527	3,437	3,153
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,289	938	899	5,924	6,235
<u>Total Section 2</u>	22,865	19,369	18,597	122,152	125,544

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

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Section and Division (c)		October	November	December	Six months ended December	
		1969	1969	1969	1968	1969
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	35	238	8	245	356
33	Petroleum and petroleum products	24,851	23,965	19,691	123,462	135,276
34	Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	5	4	5	22	31
Total Section 3		24,891	24,207	19,704	123,729	135,663
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41	Animal oils and fats	80	109	18	369	447
42	Fixed vegetable oils and fats	757	915	911	5,187	5,649
43	Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal, vegetable origin	181	97	141	835	973
Total Section 4		1,018	1,121	1,070	6,391	7,069
5	CHEMICALS -					
51	Chemical elements and compounds	11,109	8,652	9,277	56,614	58,769
52	Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	560	463	19	759	1,710
53	Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	2,111	1,886	2,094	9,247	11,826
54	Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	3,754	3,645	4,055	19,267	23,516
55	Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	1,539	1,259	1,223	7,651	8,037
56	Fertilisers, manufactured	1,055	491	256	6,046	4,054
57	Explosives, pyrotechnic products	323	86	1,245	1,662	2,993
58	Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	8,241	7,367	7,763	42,336	44,763
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	4,570	4,667	4,590	27,134	26,228
Total Section 5		33,262	28,516	30,522	171,316	181,906
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed fur skins	648	556	574	3,211	3,601
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	3,475	3,489	3,174	20,307	20,450
63	Wood, cork manufactures (exc. furniture)	1,560	1,193	1,260	7,062	7,747
64	Paper, paperboard and manufactures	9,510	8,322	7,057	51,116	51,450
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, related products	25,714	22,651	21,940	133,746	144,257
66	Non-metallic mineral manufact. n.e.s.	7,690	6,098	6,371	32,984	40,240
67	Iron and steel	7,585	6,406	6,908	49,307	43,071
68	Non-ferrous metals	2,393	1,828	2,061	15,243	12,081
69	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	8,139	7,582	7,669	38,963	46,460
Total Section 6		66,714	58,125	57,014	352,739	369,417

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)(b)

Section and Division (c)	October	November	December	Six months ended December	
	1969	1969	1969	1968	1969
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	61,265	50,800	53,168	300,067	337,255
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	22,487	19,524	18,743	109,685	121,467
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	51,921	48,945	52,416	289,015	304,504
<u>Total Section 7</u>	135,673	119,269	124,327	698,762	763,226
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	514	482	493	2,348	2,851
82 Furniture	545	474	463	2,823	2,911
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	585	564	373	2,960	3,324
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	2,438	2,035	2,861	14,345	15,038
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	1,366	973	1,107	5,590	8,248
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments: photo and optical goods: watches, clocks	11,247	10,287	10,570	52,063	62,697
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	14,632	13,765	13,416	74,767	84,629
<u>Total Section 8</u>	31,327	28,580	29,283	154,896	179,698
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	13,472	10,582	9,218	55,369	66,224
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE</u>	347,137	304,651	306,037	1,771,919	1,922,356
9B Non-merchandise (d)	5,428	4,493	3,599	21,595	29,166
<u>TOTAL</u>	352,565	309,144	309,636	1,793,514	1,951,522

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$415 million for the year ended 30 June 1969. (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)
(3'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)

Country of Origin	October	November	December	Six months ended December	
	1969	1969	1969	1968	1969
Austria	1,041	611	579	3,682	4,240
Bahrain	1,472	1,460	1,333	2,822	7,570
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	2,293	2,012	2,111	9,692	11,950
Brazil	371	518	798	2,758	3,557
Brunei	666	1,479	1,476	9,169	8,073
Canada	13,864	7,133	11,783	84,565	74,207
Ceylon	873	884	601	9,118	6,224
China (mainland) ..	3,874	3,074	2,409	14,959	16,342
China, Republic of (Taiwan) ..	1,501	1,089	1,358	5,748	7,790
Christmas Island ..	267	1,060	561	5,149	4,668
Czechoslovakia ..	639	450	437	3,967	3,619
Denmark	950	759	847	4,404	5,124
Fiji	435	332	391	2,568	2,468
Finland	2,044	1,659	1,158	7,393	8,401
France	5,732	4,808	4,409	33,789	33,491
Germany, Federal Republic of	20,731	18,936	20,550	100,856	127,739
Ghana	22	29	36	1,293	3,279
Gilbert and Ellice Islands ..	432	257	466	2,040	2,002
Hong Kong	4,612	4,249	4,473	20,923	26,313
India	1,987	2,948	2,679	18,110	15,808
Indonesia	5,230	4,106	4,492	31,154	27,003
Iran	1,453	1,600	1,321	7,991	7,624
Iraq	1,011	672	423	5,770	3,885
Italy	7,862	4,690	5,247	42,414	38,739
Japan	42,869	44,357	34,973	205,710	242,673
Kuwait	4,594	4,573	3,533	24,533	21,220
Malaysia	3,892	2,594	2,090	15,399	17,865
Nauru	1,953	1,587	966	8,374	8,230
Netherlands	5,077	4,160	4,173	24,481	29,803
New Zealand	6,891	4,170	4,341	37,668	37,116
Norway	916	1,092	893	6,818	5,260
Pakistan	2,022	966	1,208	8,444	8,877
Papua and New Guinea ..	2,060	1,793	1,618	10,264	10,365
Qatar	2,619	2,983	1,070	6,080	12,162
Saudi Arabia	4,283	3,328	2,182	20,863	20,672
Singapore	806	1,178	1,293	5,390	7,745
South Africa	2,269	1,573	2,151	10,519	11,414
South Yemen, Republic of ..	971	866	950	2,707	4,909
Spain	767	1,023	945	4,549	5,714
Sweden	5,447	4,623	4,157	24,709	27,327
Switzerland	4,393	5,424	4,780	24,513	29,313
Trucial States	1,486	925	819	1,984	10,364
Uganda	417	438	603	3,113	3,540
United Kingdom	76,896	61,843	64,869	376,134	420,971
United States of America ..	93,027	85,983	94,438	490,785	510,266
Other countries	9,548	8,850	7,646	50,143	54,580
Total	352,565	309,144	309,636	1,793,514	1,951,522

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