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IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, MAY 1976 (PRELIMINARY)

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2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics Part 2 - Imports* (Reference No. 8.10).

IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
(\$'000) (a)

Section and Division	March 1976p	April 1976p	May 1976p	Eleven months ended May	
				1975	1976p
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	2,650	825	1,479	15,338	14,905
01 Meat and meat preparations	133	117	148	4,117	1,447
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,186	1,068	1,429	11,427	14,970
03 Fish and fish preparations	7,544	6,163	6,090	59,547	63,845
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	553	621	699	7,472	8,648
05 Fruit and vegetables	6,056	4,071	5,494	73,315	48,967
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	1,076	493	836	7,445	9,190
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	5,954	8,001	7,821	85,188	71,064
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	488	919	797	12,164	6,815
09 Misc. preps chiefly for food	728	864	879	8,129	8,255
Total Section 0	26,369	23,141	25,672	284,142	247,205
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	3,421	2,482	3,212	30,933	38,271
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3,323	2,163	2,853	39,085	45,268
Total Section 1	6,743	4,645	6,065	70,019	83,539
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, (EXCEPT FUELS) -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	262	120	92	2,169	1,543
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	360	1,647	145	7,064	5,696
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	4,103	2,942	3,592	28,863	34,534
24 Wood, timber and cork	10,717	7,211	12,318	81,806	88,369
25 Pulp and waste paper	4,281	3,416	5,185	67,068	50,535
26 Textile fibres and their waste	6,945	5,809	4,798	40,054	58,327
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	6,513	6,644	6,294	106,420	83,646
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,634	1,506	403	9,066	8,581
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,856	1,204	1,731	20,982	18,616
Total Section 2	36,671	30,500	34,557	363,492	349,847
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	85	39	95	1,808	825
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	61,210	53,594	80,540	686,509	743,159
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	5	17	3	84	75
Total Section 3	61,300	53,649	80,638	688,400	744,059
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	145	18	37	552	640
42 Fixed vegetable oils, fats	2,034	4,294	2,713	33,598	33,256
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	265	260	481	5,582	3,286
Total Section 4	2,444	4,571	3,231	39,732	37,182

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**IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued**
(S'000) (a)

Section and Division	March 1976p	April 1976p	May 1976p	Eleven months ended May	
				1975	1976p
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	27,782	20,169	30,730	288,559	246,562
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	537	1,323	229	2,493	3,461
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	3,101	3,407	3,663	34,688	33,042
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	8,121	7,166	10,219	99,119	83,222
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	2,823	2,447	2,909	28,677	27,414
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	694	795	515	12,210	8,477
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	700	358	221	6,751	5,204
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	17,110	14,920	16,858	178,845	148,821
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	6,704	8,976	6,091	91,710	78,119
<i>Total Section 5</i>	<i>67,572</i>	<i>59,563</i>	<i>71,435</i>	<i>743,052</i>	<i>634,322</i>
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skin	1,576	1,320	1,814	13,812	17,129
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	10,037	8,923	9,573	116,395	103,256
63 Wood, cork, manufactures (except furniture)	3,599	3,499	4,267	34,488	42,142
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	16,733	15,702	19,515	212,475	166,679
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	51,661	43,091	50,538	407,572	496,049
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	15,618	13,633	15,832	141,680	150,869
67 Iron and steel	11,863	14,506	13,561	240,187	145,097
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,917	2,829	2,916	49,113	29,297
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	17,737	16,450	18,233	189,023	179,824
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>131,741</i>	<i>119,953</i>	<i>136,249</i>	<i>1,404,745</i>	<i>1,330,342</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	117,306	108,234	118,931	1,254,820	1,199,557
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	69,746	64,694	73,299	661,305	756,352
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	90,814	80,698	89,695	899,501	894,739
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>277,865</i>	<i>253,626</i>	<i>281,925</i>	<i>2,815,626</i>	<i>2,850,648</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	1,791	1,631	1,988	15,465	16,489
82 Furniture	2,843	2,735	2,882	22,883	30,138
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	2,065	1,856	1,813	16,262	27,394
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	23,081	17,618	17,839	180,189	178,040
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	5,645	4,416	2,663	48,179	51,342
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	24,841	22,537	24,634	228,870	248,439
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	44,207	34,084	38,430	388,584	411,845
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>104,473</i>	<i>84,879</i>	<i>90,249</i>	<i>900,431</i>	<i>958,687</i>
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	13,670	11,112	11,812	113,507	144,666
<i>Total Merchandise (b)</i>	<i>728,849</i>	<i>645,642</i>	<i>741,833</i>	<i>7,423,147</i>	<i>7,380,497</i>
9B Non-merchandise (c)	10,550	7,471	5,415	114,338	78,169
Total	739,399	653,113	747,249	7,537,485	7,458,666

(a) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$931 million for the year ended 30 June 1975. (b) The sum of Sections 0 to 8 and Division 9A. (c) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

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