

IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1980 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

Imports for April 1980 fell by \$54m to \$1,277m, a decrease of 4% compared to March 1980.

In seasonally adjusted terms April 1980 imports were also 4% lower than in March 1980.

Imports for the ten months ended April 1980 rose by \$2,194m to \$13,340m an increase of 20%.

Over this period the main contributor to this increase was petroleum products which, despite a marked downturn in recent months, accounted for an increase of \$7.44m.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of imports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (A.I.C.C.) (1204.0). Statistics for 1979-80 are preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly publication *Imports, Australia* (5406.0).

Source of data

3. 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.

Statistical period

4. 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

5. For imports the recorded value is the value for duty for Customs purposes (VFD). On 1 July 1976, Australia adopted the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) on a free-on-board (fob) basis

(i.e. charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to the place of introduction in Australia, are excluded). The value for duty is based on the normal price i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. In practice, the basis for valuation is generally taken to be the invoice price subject to certain safeguards and adjustments where necessary.

Commodity classification

6. From 1 July 1978, imports have been classified according to the new A.I.C.C. which is based on the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this publication is contained in the A.I.C.C.. Copies of or extracts from this classification may be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city.

Merchandise and non-merchandise imports

7. 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 A.I.C.C..

Seasonal adjustment

8. 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.

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 publication. 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.

Related publications

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

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (5416.0)
Imports, Australia (5406.0)
Exports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5402.0)

Exports, Australia (5404.0)
Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices, Australia (5421.0)

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

12. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDEXES OF CURRENT PRICE VALUES OF MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES (a)

Commodity description	Average monthly value 1978-79	February 1980	March 1980	April 1980
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	100	135	130	124
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	100	123	120	111
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	202	168	135
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (5)	100	149	124	130
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	100	111	139	121
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	100	125	111	108
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	131	129	117
Machinery (71-77)	100	107	109	116
Transport equipment (78,79)	100	99	75	72
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	100	127	111	108
Total imports				
Original	100	126	116	111
Seasonally adjusted	100	131	121	116

For footnotes see Table 2.

TABLE 2. PERCENTAGE SHARE BY VALUE OF MAJOR COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a)

Commodity description	1978-79 %	February 1980 %	March 1980 %	April 1980 %
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.1
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	8.3	13.2	12.0	10.0
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (5)	8.7	10.3	9.3	10.2
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	2.5	2.2	3.0	2.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.9
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.3
Machinery (71-77)	26.5	22.5	25.0	27.7
Transport equipment (78,79)	15.2	11.9	9.8	9.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	12.7	12.8	12.1	12.3
Total imports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Imports of the 'major commodities' shown in these tables are significant imports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

TABLE 3. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
\$'000

Section and division	February 1980	March 1980	April 1980	Ten months ended April	
				1979	1980
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD -					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	4,659	3,822	3,420	14,805	22,277
01 Meat and meat preparations	977	1,065	525	3,041	7,638
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	2,337	2,526	2,852	21,502	26,407
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	13,360	15,937	12,682	105,837	127,440
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	931	1,120	1,228	12,723	14,145
05 Vegetables and fruit	12,157	8,848	11,531	75,468	97,040
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	691	755	874	11,406	8,325
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	21,119	20,018	16,968	167,083	200,599
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2,010	1,559	3,309	11,475	22,688
09 Misc. edible products and preparations	1,870	1,880	1,699	16,291	19,278
Total section 0	60,111	57,527	55,090	439,630	545,839
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	5,310	7,345	5,672	60,036	60,095
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5,283	6,260	6,365	50,402	57,938
Total section 1	10,593	13,605	12,037	110,438	118,033
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	298	121	307	1,686	2,004
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit	1,434	435	316	2,360	6,690
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	6,069	7,204	4,847	46,403	65,444
24 Cork and wood	13,210	15,930	17,363	117,660	162,571
25 Pulp and waste paper	7,496	5,528	7,022	62,174	74,512
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	7,810	7,261	6,404	56,936	74,441
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	14,536	13,267	8,785	120,227	130,890
28 Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	3,099	3,371	3,768	9,483	25,996
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3,514	3,281	3,205	25,702	34,097
Total section 2	57,466	56,397	52,016	442,631	576,646
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	81	353	241	2,298	3,372
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	190,893	159,021	127,569	908,537	1,652,040
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	19	9	64	203	229
Total section 3	190,993	159,383	127,874	911,038	1,655,641
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES -					
41 Animal oils and fats	28	25	32	478	417
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	5,722	4,108	2,323	46,192	54,232
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	2,813	2,045	870	7,134	12,993
Total section 4	8,563	6,177	3,225	53,804	67,642
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -					
51 Organic chemicals	43,727	39,334	37,219	262,875	412,170
52 Inorganic chemicals	16,130	15,319	10,774	110,244	131,642
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	6,602	5,764	6,893	56,187	70,308
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	14,736	12,145	13,825	103,629	127,079
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	7,645	6,278	6,403	54,962	68,398
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	2,438	794	6,097	22,284	26,375
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	276	355	2,193	5,490	8,216
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	32,266	28,654	29,877	224,231	308,710
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	25,071	15,469	16,588	126,701	171,161
Total section 5	148,890	124,111	129,870	966,602	1,324,059

TABLE 3. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - *continued*
\$'000

Section and division	February 1980	March 1980	April 1980	Ten months ended April	
				1979	1980
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	3,434	2,500	3,238	27,395	37,128
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	18,174	15,663	19,358	125,105	161,055
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	6,578	6,889	5,036	52,549	64,255
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	31,939	40,004	34,828	283,735	350,124
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related paperboard	86,257	76,964	75,096	681,136	787,979
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	28,184	31,941	27,864	223,858	272,811
67 Iron and steel	34,977	27,966	22,987	223,762	281,884
68 Non-ferrous metals	6,529	9,104	6,574	53,968	70,880
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	34,841	38,451	38,499	292,379	362,354
Total section 6	250,913	249,482	233,482	1,963,887	2,388,470
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	47,129	32,430	39,173	369,800	414,021
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	71,569	83,254	81,796	651,954	704,798
73 Metalworking machinery	9,368	11,410	13,259	113,267	97,929
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	66,449	65,441	71,137	584,757	650,623
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	37,707	39,630	46,588	400,299	397,954
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32,946	35,224	57,389	315,741	346,152
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counter-parts, n.e.s., of electrical household type equipment)	59,620	64,817	63,941	544,052	580,683
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	98,959	106,350	110,021	1,143,877	1,174,053
79 Other transport equipment	73,243	24,191	15,795	487,009	284,014
Total section 7	496,990	462,748	479,099	4,610,755	4,650,226
9 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	3,795	2,756	3,936	24,033	32,598
82 Furniture and parts thereof	6,320	5,735	5,938	58,168	64,380
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4,849	3,998	3,159	36,381	44,907
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	42,306	25,970	17,435	248,964	255,163
85 Footwear	11,733	7,799	5,524	81,400	91,423
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	26,883	23,599	28,343	204,657	237,562
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	25,074	25,201	28,056	226,914	255,917
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	63,765	65,682	64,421	582,159	693,297
Total section 8	184,726	160,741	156,814	1,462,676	1,675,247
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified	16,283	21,064	18,218	98,503	166,723
Total merchandise (a)	1,425,527	1,311,235	1,267,724	11,059,964	13,168,525
9B Non-merchandise (b)	19,158	19,391	9,398	85,893	171,613
Total imports					
Original	1,444,685	1,330,626	1,277,122	11,145,857	13,340,138
Seasonally adjusted	1,511,024	1,395,006	1,335,022	11,193,321	13,263,441

(a) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (b) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification (1204.0).