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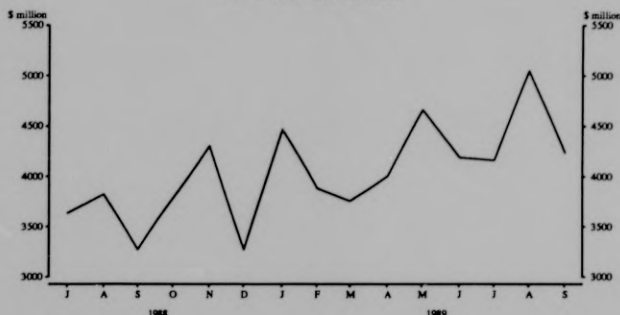
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MAIN FEATURES

TOTAL MONTHLY IMPORTS



Imports for September 1989 fell by \$812m to \$4,237m, a decrease of 16% compared with August 1989.

The main contributors to this decrease were: transport equipment, down \$181m (21%) to \$685m; machinery, down \$155m (11%) to \$1,312m; petroleum, down \$140m (51%) to \$136m; miscellaneous manufactured articles, down \$104m (15%) to \$590m; and manufactures of metals, down \$43m (15%) to \$246m.

Of Australia's major commodity imports, those recording the highest values for September 1989 and their principal sources were:

- Aircraft and associated equipment (\$276m): the USA (91%), and Canada (4%);
- Passenger motor vehicles (\$159m): Japan (70%), the Federal Republic of Germany (19%) and United Kingdom (6%);
- Automatic data processing machines (\$156m): the USA (51%), Japan (15%) and Taiwan (11%); and
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (\$104m): Japan (83%), and the USA (11%).

NOTES

These statistics are compiled from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.

Explanatory Notes are published at the back of this publication.

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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS
\$m.

Period	Total imports(a) (b)	Non-merchandise imports(b)
1986-87	36,988	1,176
1987-88	40,597	1,341
1988-89	47,052	1,639
1988-89 -		
July	3,635	92
August	3,822	131
September	3,270	50
October	3,782	48
November	4,304	89
December	3,268	43
January	4,467	33
February	3,886	181
March	3,757	141
April	4,004	58
May	4,663	66
June	4,192	105
1989-90 (c)		
July	4,165	62
August	5,049	141
September	4,237	99

- (a) Excludes non-merchandise imports.
 (b) For periods from 1 July 1987 imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender are included in total imports. For periods prior to 1 July 1987 these commodities are included in non-merchandise imports. See Appendix A of the January 1989 issue of this publication for details.
 (c) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data for periods from 1 July 1989 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

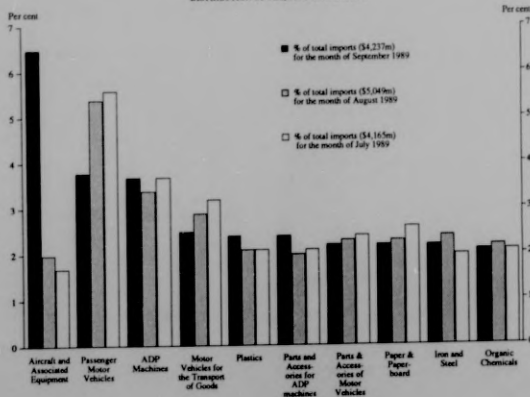


TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REV3

Commodity description	September 1989		Three months ended September 1989	
	\$'000	% of total imports	\$'000	% of total imports
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (incl. satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	276,327	6.5	446,194	3.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	64,961	1.5	222,098	1.7
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	156,213	3.7	482,361	3.6
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	62,369	1.5	165,535	1.2
Chemical materials and products, nes (59) (a)	48,349	1.1	149,762	1.1
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723) (a)	59,895	1.4	192,948	1.4
Clay and refractory construction materials and mineral manufactures, nes (662,663)	33,764	0.8	108,545	0.8
Coffee and coffee substitutes (071)	11,754	0.3	44,156	0.3
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	48,082	1.1	142,375	1.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus nes (778)	65,559	1.5	212,855	1.6
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	29,444	0.7	89,244	0.7
Glass, glassware and pottery (664,665,666) (a)	42,652	1.0	120,511	0.9
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment nes (775)	37,706	0.9	110,418	0.8
Inorganic chemicals (52) (a)	67,729	1.6	196,685	1.5
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof nes (713)	57,419	1.4	188,071	1.4
Iron and steel (67)	91,506	2.2	295,336	2.2
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	65,720	1.6	195,280	1.5
Manufactures of base metals nes (699)	41,363	1.0	123,758	0.9
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus nes (874)	64,358	1.5	216,863	1.6
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	64,428	1.5	190,965	1.4
Miscellaneous chemical products nes (598) (a)	20,295	0.5	66,185	0.5
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782,10)	104,125	2.5	381,344	2.8
Non-electrical parts and accessories of machinery nes (749)	9,474	0.2	30,836	0.2
Organic chemicals (51) (a)	87,248	2.1	285,909	2.1
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64) (a)	94,077	2.2	322,617	2.4
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	94,649	2.2	310,439	2.3
Parts and accessories for office and automatic data processing machines (759)	103,505	2.4	290,516	2.2
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles) incl. station wagons and racing cars (781)	159,191	3.8	666,881	5.0
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	38,858	0.9	261,540	1.9
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	86,986	2.1	308,626	2.3
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882) (a)	25,926	0.6	80,086	0.6
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58) (a)	102,100	2.4	295,801	2.2
Printed matter (892)	64,977	1.5	188,269	1.4
Printing and bookbinding machinery, and parts thereof (726)	27,638	0.7	85,349	0.6
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	49,746	1.2	155,264	1.2
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	37,331	0.9	119,719	0.9
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	13,032	0.3	291,322	2.2
Telecommunication equipment nes and parts nes and accessories (764)	81,783	1.9	248,700	1.8
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761,762)	44,503	1.1	128,749	1.0
Textile yarn (651) (a)	46,267	1.1	148,990	1.1
Tools for use in the hand or in machines (695) (a)	26,311	0.6	81,287	0.6
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	21,219	0.5	64,905	0.5
Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (248,20,40)	50,108	1.2	133,769	1.0
Woven cotton fabrics (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (652)	25,097	0.6	86,487	0.6
Woven fabrics of man-made textile material (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (653)	25,428	0.6	91,620	0.7
Total major commodities (a)	2,809,175	66.3	8,952,985	66.6
Total imports	4,237,353	100.0	13,451,290	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details.

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; SPACECRAFT (INCLUDING SATELLITES) AND SPACECRAFT LAUNCH VEHICLES; AND PARTS THEREOF (792)			
Canada	11,281	4,601	14,300
United States of America	251,747	210,768	309,774
Other countries	13,299	32,268	42,120
Total	276,327	247,637	446,194
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (84)			
China	22,196	51,719	68,663
Hong Kong	9,703	30,403	35,092
India	4,982	10,710	15,390
Italy	2,002	8,945	11,399
Korea, Republic of	2,398	11,658	11,297
Macau	2,057	5,769	8,868
Malaysia	2,422	1,729	5,022
New Zealand	2,467	6,117	7,461
Philippines	1,438	2,788	5,057
Taiwan	4,020	13,443	13,929
Thailand	3,274	5,927	10,133
United Kingdom	909	3,319	3,874
United States of America	1,278	3,280	4,130
Other countries	5,816	16,184	21,582
Total	64,961	171,991	222,098
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES AND UNITS THEREOF (752)			
Hong Kong	3,630	19,500	11,777
Japan	23,056	98,193	80,561
Korea, Republic of	6,224	21,445	17,852
Singapore	7,213	15,258	28,993
Taiwan	16,714	49,681	54,442
United Kingdom	6,102	14,408	21,442
United States of America	80,199	176,782	223,313
Other countries	13,076	42,038	43,982
Total	156,213	437,504	482,361
BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (894)			
China	16,151	17,405	41,046
Denmark	232	2,736	3,179
Hong Kong	3,729	12,424	9,992
Italy	730	1,822	3,150
Japan	3,372	5,454	6,763
Korea, Republic of	3,016	13,009	10,557
Macau	964	1,936	2,232
Malaysia	1,130	2,036	2,321
New Zealand	722	2,492	2,561
Singapore	1,395	3,410	2,545
Taiwan	18,153	36,492	43,847
Thailand	1,731	1,462	3,875
United Kingdom	900	4,590	3,657
United States of America	4,533	10,756	14,105
Other countries	5,612	13,328	15,704
Total	62,369	129,372	165,535
CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS, NES (59) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,154	2,762	3,433
France	2,967	2,801	5,118
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,883	13,567	17,177
Ireland	1,103	2,623	1,800
Japan	2,944	9,515	8,594
Netherlands	1,408	6,533	5,631
New Zealand	594	2,685	2,504
Singapore	711	3,761	2,803
Sweden	284	1,909	1,777
Switzerland	649	1,205	2,225
United Kingdom	11,355	27,667	25,989
United States of America	14,759	51,072	58,340
Other countries	4,536	14,798	14,370
Total	48,349	140,897	149,762

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
CIVIL ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTORS' PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (723) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	641	1,613	3,926
Brazil	2,849	117	3,023
Finland	1,132	2,321	3,748
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,293	7,726	18,418
Japan	20,166	56,123	61,377
Sweden	1,560	3,455	7,198
United Kingdom	1,491	5,129	4,425
United States of America	22,175	36,182	65,038
Other countries	4,699	11,515	14,007
No Country Details(c)	2,890	8,020	11,789
Total	59,895	132,202	192,948
CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MINERAL MANUFACTURES, NES (662,663)			
Brazil	970	1,519	2,756
France	1,060	1,385	3,867
Germany, Federal Rep of	3,242	7,097	7,586
Italy	10,632	28,949	37,490
Japan	4,283	13,653	15,124
Korea, Republic of	765	2,450	3,073
Netherlands	174	717	1,889
Spain	1,506	1,865	3,778
Taiwan	789	2,154	2,360
Thailand	1,593	2,290	4,556
United Kingdom	2,405	4,390	6,876
United States of America	3,217	7,601	10,032
Other countries	2,700	7,398	8,636
No Country Details(c)	424	29	522
Total	33,764	81,498	108,545
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES (071)			
Brazil	3,147	6,996	7,541
Colombia	432	1,351	1,586
Germany, Federal Rep of	143	1,711	1,868
Indonesia	2,402	4,970	6,242
Italy	249	1,086	1,209
Netherlands	1,335	4,150	4,153
Papua New Guinea	2,168	10,688	13,065
Philippines	256	1,355	1,129
Switzerland	549	1,052	1,445
Vietnam	109	1,712	1,532
Other countries	964	5,443	4,146
No Country Details(c)	-	178	-
Total	11,754	40,694	44,156
ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR SWITCHING OR PROTECTING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS (772)			
Austria	260	2,150	2,846
France	1,811	4,083	6,814
Germany, Federal Rep of	6,659	17,623	19,946
Italy	763	1,993	2,716
Japan	8,013	25,238	29,457
New Zealand	1,453	6,588	4,727
Singapore	1,356	2,931	4,055
Sweden	2,617	6,599	6,434
Switzerland	3,525	9,935	7,359
Taiwan	2,258	4,373	6,814
United Kingdom	4,701	13,194	13,312
United States of America	10,748	20,109	29,179
Other countries	3,839	10,246	12,717
Total	48,082	121,061	142,375
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS NES (778)			
France	1,527	2,384	3,532
Germany, Federal Rep of	7,835	20,359	23,493
Hong Kong	2,487	3,962	7,188
Italy	1,337	5,129	6,429
Japan	18,064	47,990	59,893
Korea, Republic of	2,199	5,931	7,767
New Zealand	1,250	2,911	3,941
Philippines	682	1,104	2,527
Singapore	1,366	4,305	3,855
Switzerland	937	2,793	3,391
Taiwan	4,510	9,027	12,598
United Kingdom	5,098	14,031	17,249
United States of America	12,719	27,923	40,240
Other countries	5,546	16,865	20,753
Total	65,559	164,913	212,855

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
FISH, CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (03)			
Argentina	417	1,033	1,187
Canada	2,395	5,749	5,415
Cayman Islands	195	1,262	1,052
Chile	1,018	2,832	3,082
Denmark	472	741	1,559
Hong Kong	166	883	926
Indonesia	701	1,001	1,242
Italy	195	624	1,006
Japan	1,703	3,161	6,004
Korea, Republic of	914	6,290	4,104
Malaysia	2,338	6,904	6,169
New Zealand	4,210	14,819	13,761
Norway	690	1,665	2,385
Philippines	391	492	1,473
Singapore	1,043	2,742	3,288
Taiwan	461	2,798	1,021
Thailand	6,578	11,649	18,052
United Kingdom	1,200	2,344	2,067
United States of America	844	2,072	2,460
Vietnam	1,343	4,570	3,330
Other countries	2,170	7,470	8,605
Total	29,444	81,099	89,244

GLASS, GLASSWARE AND POTTERY (664,665,666) (b)

Austria	636	875	1,100
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,162	3,088	4,475
China	3,212	7,080	9,956
Czechoslovakia	1,088	2,875	3,386
France	1,755	6,849	5,187
Germany, Federal Rep of	4,116	9,158	11,132
Indonesia	816	3,941	1,999
Italy	3,201	6,572	9,315
Japan	4,622	9,185	10,282
Korea, Republic of	464	1,393	1,639
New Zealand	735	2,734	2,807
Poland	709	1,322	1,374
Singapore	946	880	2,635
Spain	995	1,992	1,566
Taiwan	3,276	7,265	9,206
Thailand	826	1,895	3,297
United Kingdom	5,506	11,433	14,075
United States of America	4,993	11,701	13,702
Other countries	3,560	8,601	11,255
No Country Details(c)	34	2,646	126
Total	42,652	101,583	120,511

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT NES (775)

China	3,411	4,920	8,710
France	1,261	770	3,322
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,780	5,183	5,285
Hong Kong	2,712	10,190	7,934
Italy	1,566	3,317	5,808
Japan	6,285	22,564	18,239
New Zealand	2,517	8,157	7,553
Singapore	1,149	2,911	3,840
Taiwan	1,623	1,985	4,116
United Kingdom	1,585	4,419	4,445
United States of America	1,693	4,260	4,863
Yugoslavia	783	3,303	1,986
Other countries	3,345	8,484	8,927
No Country Details(c)	7,996	13,949	25,191
Total	37,706	92,443	110,418

INORGANIC CHEMICALS (52) (b)

Canada	859	17,542	2,279
China	1,261	3,161	3,612
France	1,247	4,523	4,347
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,706	11,314	9,797
Japan	4,281	20,457	10,608
Korea, Republic of	2,437	1,297	4,626
Norway	528	1,549	3,762
United Kingdom	5,947	13,927	16,465
United States of America	7,163	30,097	22,908
Other countries	3,566	34,566	17,642
No Country Details(c)	35,615	4,918	100,638
Total	67,729	143,371	196,685

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)

IRON AND STEEL (67)			
Argentina	12,960	52	30,066
Brazil	4,849	16,735	16,997
France	1,867	4,627	5,086
Germany, Federal Rep of	8,817	5,329	14,566
Japan	13,682	108,460	72,840
Korea, Republic of	1,602	8,465	10,133
New Zealand	3,780	8,410	10,196
Norway	862	868	5,643
Sweden	1,428	5,008	5,308
Taiwan	10,532	2,483	15,775
Turkey	3,609	21,583	7,057
United Kingdom	10,938	10,327	26,400
United States of America	9,044	22,731	21,354
Other countries	7,537	19,313	24,604
No Country Details(c)			29,311
Total	91,506	235,592	295,336

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES AND PARTS THEREOF (728)			
Austria	1,387	4,935	4,967
Canada	1,369	2,449	7,627
France	3,844	3,256	10,899
Germany, Federal Rep of	15,355	21,951	41,061
Italy	8,920	13,834	22,739
Japan	3,725	17,515	16,141
Sweden	2,994	3,928	8,276
Switzerland	967	3,098	3,505
Taiwan	1,193	3,827	4,942
United Kingdom	8,425	12,486	19,850
United States of America	10,556	11,600	38,140
Other countries	5,884	16,532	17,533
Total	65,720	135,410	195,280

MANUFACTURES OF BASE METALS NES (699)			
Austria	1,568	2,444	3,598
Canada	957	2,753	3,537
France	1,024	2,319	3,468
Germany, Federal Rep of	794	1,878	2,491
Italy	5,265	13,305	15,009
Hong Kong	846	2,390	2,612
Japan	1,355	4,121	4,992
Korea, Republic of	3,504	7,443	11,080
Malaysia	930	1,901	2,935
New Zealand	907	4,435	5,388
Singapore	1,138	5,099	6,202
Taiwan	6,951	1,643	2,231
United Kingdom	1,138	8,245	18,449
United States of America	3,312	11,850	9,507
Other countries	7,156	14,031	21,382
No Country Details(c)	3,439	8,859	10,380
Total	237	550	697
	41,363	93,265	123,758

MEASURING, CHECKING, ANALYSING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS NES (874)			
Denmark	2,042	2,130	3,813
France	744	4,679	3,890
Germany, Federal Rep of	7,539	19,245	25,416
Japan	7,758	35,370	26,291
New Zealand	1,108	3,589	3,516
Singapore	2,104	5,071	5,982
Sweden	2,044	6,453	5,033
Switzerland	1,506	3,827	5,191
Taiwan	1,331	2,301	3,383
United Kingdom	8,287	18,111	28,039
United States of America	23,897	73,733	89,044
Other countries	5,997	17,107	17,266
Total	64,358	191,616	216,863

MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (54)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	3,428	5,044	9,159
Denmark	3,297	5,453	7,436
France	2,028	12,452	8,591
Germany, Federal Rep of	6,282	28,157	26,065
Ireland	720	3,758	3,688
Italy	1,210	3,312	3,447
Japan	1,641	5,913	4,498
Netherlands	3,500	4,948	9,962
New Zealand	1,531	2,748	3,574
Singapore	2,607	1,993	5,132

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS NES (598) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	626	1,656	1,997
China	345	1,485	1,136
France	396	1,140	1,180
Germany, Federal Rep of	3,030	9,527	11,351
Ireland	999	2,436	1,459
Japan	1,867	6,331	5,339
Netherlands	1,130	4,806	3,631
Sri Lanka	333	610	858
Switzerland	322	858	1,011
United Kingdom	2,469	6,968	7,369
United States of America	6,309	22,526	24,409
Other countries	1,670	8,314	6,161
Total	20,295	66,658	66,185
MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS (782.10)			
Japan	85,957	220,165	330,218
United States of America	11,536	28,934	35,605
Other countries	6,632	20,825	15,520
Total	104,125	269,924	381,344
NON-ELECTRICAL PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF MACHINERY NES (749)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	193	378	578
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,026	4,346	2,965
Italy	153	1,790	736
Japan	1,840	7,147	6,681
New Zealand	335	1,357	1,210
Singapore	406	514	1,338
Sweden	282	734	788
Switzerland	87	72	543
Taiwan	232	902	906
United Kingdom	754	2,941	2,135
United States of America	3,282	8,897	10,169
Other countries	884	1,705	2,786
Total	9,474	30,785	30,836
ORGANIC CHEMICALS (51) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,794	4,701	8,083
China	1,132	4,352	4,271
France	2,279	8,176	7,918
Germany, Federal Rep of	8,818	20,870	19,473
Ireland	929	7,118	5,109
Israel	1,675	3,681	4,637
Italy	1,103	4,805	4,429
Japan	8,942	33,683	28,121
Korea, Republic of	3,043	4,926	7,903
Netherlands	2,285	7,171	5,846
Puerto Rico	4,025	2,186	7,968
Singapore	2,718	6,078	9,699
Switzerland	2,466	13,878	9,112
Taiwan	697	2,190	5,921
United Kingdom	7,684	31,312	27,011
United States of America	22,057	85,277	73,598
Other countries	7,581	24,314	24,995
No Country Details(c)	8,020	44,304	31,815
Total	87,248	308,999	285,909
PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (64) (b)			
Brazil	1,534	8,271	5,870
Canada	9,339	28,331	41,480
Finland	10,279	41,561	33,364
France	4,703	9,024	14,591
Germany, Federal Rep of	11,919	34,318	31,307
Italy	5,133	14,588	25,062
Japan	8,314	21,094	23,768
Korea, Republic of	2,319	6,159	9,241
Netherlands	1,734	7,905	6,351
New Zealand	5,367	34,426	34,130
Singapore	2,484	5,057	8,187
Sweden	3,062	12,865	12,430
United Kingdom	6,237	18,066	17,241
United States of America	13,491	35,892	43,934
Other countries	8,161	26,186	25,639
Total	94,077	303,721	322,617

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRACTORS, TRACK-LAYING AND WHEELED (784)			
Germany, Federal Rep of	8,148	21,509	23,828
Italy	2,690	4,462	6,753
Japan	40,231	79,937	140,274
Sweden	4,725	19,418	16,013
United Kingdom	2,772	7,575	9,066
United States of America	27,591	58,505	84,952
Other countries	8,493	16,069	27,554
Total	94,649	207,476	310,439
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR OFFICE AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (759)			
Japan	34,255	70,287	92,613
Singapore	3,386	2,019	9,102
Taiwan	6,810	12,558	16,055
United Kingdom	2,347	8,013	7,485
United States of America	48,265	124,289	137,304
Other countries	8,443	24,785	25,957
Total	103,505	241,951	290,516
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES (OTHER THAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT TYPE VEHICLES), INCLUDING STATION WAGONS AND RACING CARS (781)			
Germany, Federal Rep of	29,466	44,380	85,408
Japan	111,370	325,993	484,856
United Kingdom	10,089	23,759	34,043
Other countries	8,267	37,053	62,574
Total	159,191	431,186	666,881
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE (333)			
Indonesia	4,907	47,468	38,453
Malaysia	9,857	52,553	61,756
New Zealand	4,766	16,046	26,965
Saudi Arabia	6,125	34,761	53,271
United Arab Emirates	12,891	34,955	75,770
Other countries	313	15,551	5,324
Total	38,858	201,334	261,540
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS (OTHER THAN CRUDE) (334)			
Italy	5,012	32	25,593
Kuwait	12,621	29,989	34,007
New Zealand	6,608	4,189	12,504
Qatar	-	7,994	10,223
Saudi Arabia	23,132	22,354	84,787
Singapore	14,346	57,344	78,982
Switzerland	4,991	1	4,996
United Arab Emirates	-	4,065	11,210
United States of America	9,785	15,021	23,154
United States Virgin Is	4,733	-	4,733
Other countries	5,757	18,386	18,436
Total	86,986	159,376	308,626

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (882) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,048	5,661	4,186
France	954	4,306	3,291
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,434	5,127	5,362
Japan	6,956	21,473	22,638
Netherlands	1,133	3,752	3,940
United Kingdom	2,896	7,038	7,882
United States of America	9,243	20,699	26,579
Other countries	2,261	3,819	6,209
Total	25,926	71,874	80,086
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY AND NON-PRIMARY FORMS (57,58) (b)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,418	6,410	4,839
Brazil	977	2,055	4,296
Canada	3,434	3,304	8,509
France	2,911	9,943	10,236
Germany, Federal Rep of	8,068	19,425	21,921
Italy	2,684	7,219	8,581
Japan	8,405	27,413	29,291
Korea, Republic of	1,925	3,811	6,491
Netherlands	1,508	7,411	5,187
New Zealand	2,518	4,945	7,010
Taiwan	6,310	16,707	18,754
United Kingdom	6,927	25,666	21,519
United States of America	32,536	74,636	84,990
Other countries	7,987	26,594	26,179
No Country Details(c)	14,493	38,960	37,998
Total	102,100	274,499	295,801
PRINTED MATTER (892)			
Hong Kong	7,022	17,559	20,294
Japan	2,725	6,703	7,916
New Zealand	1,533	4,207	5,005
Singapore	4,856	9,617	12,428
United Kingdom	22,243	56,794	62,183
United States of America	21,074	47,043	64,116
Other countries	5,524	13,950	16,326
Total	64,977	155,874	188,269
PRINTING AND BOOKBINDING MACHINERY, AND PARTS THEREOF (726)			
France	13	1,604	1,714
Germany, Federal Rep of	8,520	10,389	31,349
Italy	791	1,177	2,352
Japan	1,858	9,090	11,668
United Kingdom	11,819	2,472	13,343
United States of America	1,500	11,152	17,886
Other countries	1,137	8,255	7,037
Total	27,638	52,137	85,349
PUMPS, CENTRIFUGES, FILTERING OR PURIFYING APPARATUS AND PARTS THEREOF (743)			
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,250	2,865	3,598
Canada	1,347	1,225	2,369
China	1,890	812	5,602
France	1,483	3,354	4,032
Germany, Federal Rep of	3,417	12,305	11,925
Italy	2,009	5,606	5,737
Japan	12,501	34,693	42,546
Singapore	2,800	6,302	8,584
Sweden	968	2,197	2,439
Taiwan	3,860	3,114	6,895
United Kingdom	3,604	9,096	10,995
United States of America	10,814	28,352	37,319
Other countries	3,803	10,754	13,322
Total	49,746	120,676	155,264

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
RUBBER TYRES, INTERCHANGEABLE TYRE TREADS, TYRE FLAPS AND INNER TUBES FOR WHEELS OF ALL KINDS (625)			
Brazil	730	1,668	1,856
France	2,567	8,822	7,303
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,150	3,693	3,595
Indonesia	388	1,234	1,700
Italy	834	2,152	2,493
Japan	16,335	56,815	53,629
Korea, Republic of	4,124	15,158	12,757
New Zealand	1,061	4,099	4,635
Spain	1,672	3,484	4,394
Taiwan	1,149	3,283	3,421
United Kingdom	1,206	3,835	3,485
United States of America	5,325	7,751	10,215
Other countries	2,519	6,435	9,793
No Country Details(c)	271	592	843
Total	37,331	119,020	119,719
SHIPS, BOATS (INCLUDING HOVERCRAFT) AND FLOATING STRUCTURES (793)			
France	697	836	1,166
Hong Kong	403	415	1,332
Japan	138	2,421	201,616
Norway	8,002	4,784	48,002
Taiwan	1,546	1,408	3,601
United States of America	1,131	4,051	26,559
Other countries	1,113	8,684	9,045
Total	13,032	22,599	291,322
TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT NES AND PARTS NES AND ACCESSORIES (764)			
Canada	1,848	2,739	4,611
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,302	10,311	6,312
Hong Kong	2,619	2,383	7,090
Japan	34,193	86,071	107,591
Korea, Republic of	1,688	4,004	5,944
New Zealand	866	3,430	3,785
Sweden	5,738	12,246	17,945
Taiwan	5,204	8,631	12,208
United Kingdom	3,838	8,899	15,266
United States of America	15,537	28,928	49,132
Other countries	7,951	22,835	23,819
No Country Details(c)	-	3,589	-
Total	81,783	194,067	248,700
TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (761,762)			
China	3,316	4,759	11,131
Japan	7,091	19,176	20,841
Korea, Republic of	6,544	15,859	21,040
Malaysia	5,903	9,030	14,362
Singapore	4,599	8,901	12,683
Taiwan	2,533	7,272	5,192
Other countries	2,950	4,974	6,623
No Country Details(c)	11,567	29,364	36,778
Total	44,503	99,336	128,749
TEXTILE YARN (651) (b)			
Brazil	2,915	8,541	7,056
Canada	695	2,025	2,453
China	1,071	4,452	4,289
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,505	6,170	5,011
Hong Kong	732	1,342	1,976
India	934	1,262	2,315
Indonesia	1,522	2,604	4,175
Italy	1,203	4,092	4,838
Japan	2,108	11,717	8,029
Korea, Republic of	6,470	16,493	19,756
Malaysia	708	2,173	2,253
New Zealand	4,131	17,685	12,543
Taiwan	7,228	25,862	22,733
Thailand	3,133	9,470	9,987
United Kingdom	1,326	6,852	5,897
United States of America	7,037	18,024	21,719
Other countries	3,195	12,720	12,355
No Country Details(c)	356	1,050	1,605
Total	46,267	152,635	148,990

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3 - continued
\$'000

Country	September 1989	Three months ended September	
		1988	1989(a)
TOOLS FOR USE IN THE HAND OR IN MACHINES (695) (b)			
Canada	735	977	1,502
China	1,021	1,070	2,575
France	317	470	758
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,050	4,481	5,989
Ireland	394	478	1,156
Israel	306	274	988
Italy	719	1,552	2,636
Japan	2,642	38,112	0,942
Korea, Republic of	344	1,453	1,617
New Zealand	705	1,595	2,274
Sweden	2,327	5,622	7,878
Switzerland	338	1,219	1,360
Taiwan	3,203	5,644	11,218
United Kingdom	1,722	4,416	6,864
United States of America	6,898	14,690	18,994
Other countries	2,222	3,946	5,967
No Country Details(c)	127	4,150	568
Total	26,311	90,151	81,287
TRACTORS, TRACK-LAYING AND WHEELED (722)			
Canada	1,681	2,080	3,611
Germany, Federal Rep of	3,116	7,242	9,164
Italy	3,454	5,402	9,133
Japan	3,079	9,034	13,583
United Kingdom	1,582	4,683	6,352
United States of America	6,989	10,314	17,599
Other countries	1,319	6,847	5,462
Total	21,219	45,602	64,905
WOOD, SAWN OR CHIPPED LENGTHWISE, SLICED OR PEEL (248.20.40)			
Canada	17,203	33,134	36,583
Malaysia	9,989	17,244	28,974
New Zealand	5,273	21,254	20,685
United States of America	15,192	42,581	38,109
Other countries	2,451	6,248	9,418
Total	50,108	122,462	133,769
WOVEN COTTON FABRICS (EXCL. NARROW OR SPECIAL FABRICS) (652)			
China	3,521	17,786	13,444
Czechoslovakia	596	1,474	1,495
Germany, Federal Rep of	504	1,451	1,907
Hong Kong	4,791	17,467	16,933
India	355	1,263	2,273
Indonesia	492	900	1,423
Italy	514	1,224	1,503
Japan	2,265	12,585	8,694
Korea, Republic of	851	3,363	3,762
Malaysia	1,525	3,778	5,112
Netherlands	446	1,005	1,353
Pakistan	3,279	9,879	8,730
Switzerland	399	927	952
Taiwan	536	3,452	2,513
United Kingdom	810	2,541	2,522
United States of America	2,027	4,372	6,670
Other countries	2,165	6,976	7,204
Total	25,097	90,443	86,487
WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE TEXTILE MATERIAL (EXCL. NARROW OR SPECIAL FABRICS) (653)			
China	1,243	5,218	3,293
France	336	1,925	1,502
Germany, Federal Rep of	987	2,639	3,284
Indonesia	2,234	4,432	6,218
Italy	588	2,862	2,771
Japan	7,321	20,499	29,146
Korea, Republic of	5,495	16,179	21,005
Taiwan	2,697	9,505	8,720
Thailand	648	1,620	2,352
United States of America	1,609	3,325	4,735
Other countries	2,270	6,182	8,594
Total	25,428	74,386	91,620

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data for periods from 1 July 1989 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

(b) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details.

(c) Includes commodities for which a 'No Country' or 'Selected Country' restriction applies. See the Appendix for details.

TABLE 4. IMPORTS BY COMMODITY ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE SITC REV3
\$'000

Commodity description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	July 1989	August 1989	September 1989	Three months ended September	
				1988	1989(a)
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS					
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	12,385	15,534	10,684	35,439	38,603
01 Meat and meat preparations	3,412	1,667	1,445	7,864	6,524
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	5,828	10,369	7,123	23,057	23,321
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	29,254	30,546	29,444	81,099	89,244
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	7,215	10,178	10,459	19,364	27,852
05 Vegetables and fruit	30,763	33,294	29,368	71,476	93,625
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3,491	3,730	4,038	9,801	11,259
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	31,939	38,531	28,985	88,071	97,455
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unskilled cereals)	8,416	4,318	4,440	17,538	17,714
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	15,571	32,850	18,444	37,197	66,865
Total Section 0	148,274	181,017	142,629	391,407	471,921
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	22,438	31,919	28,525	67,450	82,882
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7,260	6,249	7,377	23,255	20,964
Total Section 1	29,697	38,168	35,902	90,705	103,788
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	702	1,261	914	3,781	2,877
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1,015	1,421	2,450	20,584	4,886
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	6,519	9,939	7,290	34,191	23,741
24 Cork and wood	51,131	48,021	57,519	137,609	157,071
25 Pulp and waste paper	21,150	19,186	15,228	69,663	55,564
26 Textile fibres (excl. wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	12,998	17,067	13,318	49,320	43,383
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	23,784	28,134	14,902	72,362	66,800
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	6,985	12,390	4,413	18,226	23,769
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nec	5,893	11,319	10,342	24,719	31,554
Total Section 2	134,156	148,738	126,777	430,654	409,671
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	194	4,555	902	2,382	5,651
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	200,108	276,043	135,811	396,326	611,962
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1,702	23	2,651	4,176	4,076
Total Section 3	202,005	280,620	139,364	399,684	621,589
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats					
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	338	93	206	594	638
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes(b)	8,372	11,807	8,227	25,225	28,406
Total Section 4(b)	1,040	1,601	1,085	3,601	3,726
	9,750	13,501	9,519	29,420	32,770
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES					
51 Organic chemicals(b)	88,309	110,353	87,248	308,999	285,909
52 Inorganic chemicals(b)	67,519	61,437	67,729	143,371	196,685
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(b)	18,432	21,712	19,957	49,869	60,100
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	60,202	66,335	64,428	170,441	190,465
55 Essential oils and resinsoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleaning preparations	26,586	34,182	31,740	73,741	92,507
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	17,537	16,862	11,242	35,196	45,441
57 Plastics in primary forms(b)	52,260	56,398	62,186	171,306	170,844
58 Plastics in non-primary forms(b)	36,848	48,195	39,914	103,192	124,957
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(b)	45,159	56,254	48,349	140,897	149,762
Total Section 5(b)	412,851	471,728	432,692	1,197,414	1,317,271
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nec	11,756	15,479	11,742	42,988	38,977
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(b)	57,698	71,400	61,838	189,394	180,917
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	17,422	23,316	19,818	53,815	60,556
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(b)	110,044	118,135	94,077	303,721	322,617
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(b)	176,692	201,965	166,701	509,291	545,357
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(b)	92,588	104,575	93,776	272,166	290,640
67 Iron and steel	83,639	120,192	91,506	235,592	295,336
68 Non-ferrous metals	33,435	35,913	36,113	83,086	105,460
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(b)	106,454	132,999	118,305	291,167	357,758
Total Section 6(b)	690,089	823,974	693,875	1,896,220	2,207,938
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	99,155	131,245	104,428	260,701	334,827
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(b)	222,354	279,400	245,444	519,688	747,198
73 Metal working machinery	28,859	35,141	35,895	95,628	99,695
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts	236,152	301,769	250,487	591,655	788,409
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	274,310	304,099	287,289	768,483	865,698
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	146,274	168,143	161,416	372,053	475,833
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	213,678	246,817	227,900	554,908	687,495
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	500,469	577,494	393,553	991,815	1,471,516
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	162,894	288,194	291,184	726,157	742,272
Total Section 7(b)	1,884,146	2,332,301	1,996,695	4,431,088	6,213,142

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Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	July 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September	
				1988	1989(a)
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	12,196	14,072	11,911	28,627	38,179
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	26,978	34,351	32,732	67,413	94,061
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	15,945	24,588	20,186	48,039	60,719
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	67,978	89,159	64,961	171,991	222,098
85 Footwear	32,906	42,439	30,352	95,230	105,697
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	98,035	105,207	89,151	251,415	292,393
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(b)	63,879	77,201	62,799	186,205	203,879
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(b)	219,514	307,130	277,985	730,371	823,828
Total Section 8(b)	556,432	694,346	590,078	1,579,291	1,840,856
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC					
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	71,010	40,475	39,655	184,136	151,140
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	752	197	445	4,784	1,394
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	843	24	14	54	880
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	16,691	16,367	15,453	35,652	48,511
98 Combined confidential items of trade(c)	8,029	7,734	14,255	36,550	30,019
Total Section 9(c)	97,325	64,797	69,821	281,176	231,944
Total Imports	4,164,726	5,049,210	4,237,353	10,727,059	13,451,290

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- (b) Excludes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 98. See the Appendix for details.
- (c) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See the Appendix for details.

VALUE OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE SITC REV3

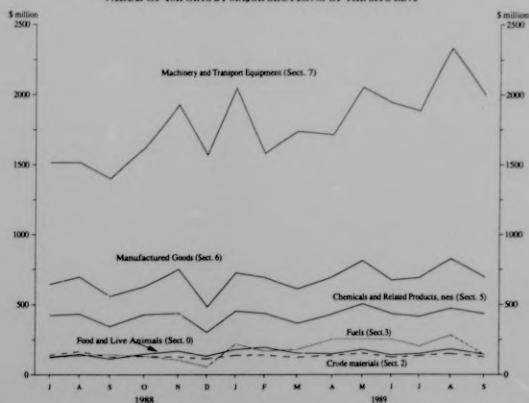


TABLE 5. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES (a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1988-89 %	Three months ended		
		July 1989(b) %	August 1989(b) %	September 1989(b) %
Food and live animals (0)	115.8	17.6	15.3	20.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	125.1	5.3	-7.0	-4.9
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	98.8	41.0	78.9	54.4
Chemicals and related products nes (5)	119.3	11.6	6.5	10.0
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	118.3	12.7	3.2	6.2
Textile yarns, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	117.0	7.9	9.2	7.1
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	140.3	22.7	23.8	28.6
Machinery (71-77)	126.5	24.0	26.8	26.4
Transport equipment (78,79)	206.2	59.3	71.1	74.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	133.8	20.7	14.6	16.6
Total all imports	131.3	22.7	24.4	25.4

(a) Imports of 'major commodities' are significant imports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the SITC Rev3 (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

(b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data for periods from 1 July 1989 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

TABLE 6. IMPORTS BY STATE(a)
\$'000

State	July 1989		August 1989		September 1989		Three months ended September			
	total imports	% of total imports	total imports	% of total imports	total imports	% of total imports	1988		1989(b)	
							total imports	% of total imports	total imports	% of total imports
New South Wales	1,843,433	44.3	2,149,324	42.6	1,967,575	46.4	4,691,385	43.7	5,960,331	44.3
Victoria	1,380,430	33.1	1,674,289	33.2	1,388,517	32.8	3,846,542	35.9	4,443,235	33.0
Queensland	341,533	8.2	384,000	7.6	393,290	9.3	857,815	8.0	1,118,822	8.3
South Australia	188,153	4.5	194,077	3.8	155,284	3.7	426,473	4.0	537,514	4.0
Western Australia	355,975	8.5	586,432	11.6	278,971	6.6	755,252	7.0	1,221,378	9.1
Tasmania	22,305	0.5	25,817	0.5	27,308	0.6	73,494	0.7	75,430	0.6
Northern Territory	30,014	0.7	33,603	0.7	25,702	0.6	79,320	0.7	89,319	0.7
Australian Capital Territory	2,885	0.1	1,669	-	706	-	4,978	-	5,261	-
Total Imports	4,164,726	100.0	5,049,210	100.0	4,237,353	100.0	10,727,059	100.0	13,451,290	100.0

(a) State in which import entry was lodged. The State of lodgement is not necessarily the State in which the goods were discharged.

(b) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data for periods from 1 July 1989 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

TABLE 7. IMPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) Division/Sub-division	July 1989	August 1989	September 1989	Three months ended September	
				1988	1989(a)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting					
01 Agriculture	51,246	53,591	44,748	160,721	149,585
03 Forestry and logging	167	328	511	724	1,006
04 Fishing and hunting	1,400	1,438	1,286	5,160	4,323
Total	53,613	55,357	46,545	166,605	154,915
Mining					
11 Metallic minerals	4,085	9,659	2,223	11,126	15,967
12 Coal	1	4,271		1,487	4,274
13 Oil and gas	98,725	125,682	41,509	265,915	265,915
14 Construction materials	2,081	2,239	1,145	4,662	5,464
15 Other non-metallic minerals	21,064	25,735	13,068	67,402	59,867
Total	125,958	167,585	57,944	286,987	351,487
Manufacturing					
21 Food, beverages and tobacco	147,542	195,331	156,464	410,135	499,338
23 Textiles	192,268	225,604	193,730	603,988	611,603
24 Clothing and footwear	96,323	126,221	89,342	257,209	311,887
25 Wood, wood products and furniture	88,877	98,051	103,816	246,530	291,584
26 Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	168,002	209,270	174,202	534,246	571,474
27 Chemical, petroleum and coal products	483,481	574,319	491,078	1,292,408	1,548,879
28 Non-metallic mineral products	63,122	97,293	90,093	213,445	270,508
29 Basic metal products	143,911	181,125	150,734	354,445	475,770
31 Fabricated metal products	124,583	156,904	139,860	305,592	421,347
32 Transport equipment	716,533	923,053	737,316	1,846,064	2,377,702
33 Other machinery and equipment	1,360,016	1,635,692	1,435,579	3,616,113	4,411,287
34 Miscellaneous manufacturing	265,801	342,949	299,452	764,754	908,203
Total	3,890,462	4,747,414	4,061,667	9,946,829	12,699,542
Other industries					
Wholesale, retail and service industries	14,927	28,400	15,874	80,262	59,202
Confidential items; Waste and scrap res; Second hand goods res; Special goods	80,366	50,454	55,323	246,377	186,144
Total	95,294	78,855	71,197	326,639	245,346
Total Imports	4,164,726	5,049,210	4,237,353	10,727,059	13,451,290

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TABLE 8. IMPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
\$'000

BEC	July 1989	August 1989	September 1989	Three months ended September	
				1988	1989(a)
Food and beverages	170,567	220,996	176,075	481,686	567,637
Primary	52,447	60,394	46,710	157,705	159,550
Mainly for industry	27,132	28,648	21,042	85,395	76,822
Mainly for household consumption	25,315	31,745	25,668	72,310	82,728
Processed	118,120	160,602	129,365	323,982	408,087
Mainly for industry	14,992	22,192	14,110	45,770	51,294
Mainly for household consumption	103,128	138,411	115,255	278,197	356,793
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,169,284	1,340,459	1,155,126	3,257,207	3,664,869
Primary	53,803	65,146	43,277	186,133	162,226
Processed	1,115,481	1,275,313	1,111,849	3,071,074	3,502,643
Fuels and lubricants	188,605	267,010	131,316	369,038	586,931
Primary	97,236	130,215	38,992	203,756	266,443
Processed	91,369	136,794	92,324	165,282	320,488
Motor spirit	11,631	22,336	19,740	39,894	53,707
Other	79,738	114,458	72,584	125,188	266,781
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	1,181,110	1,380,656	1,200,021	3,020,324	3,761,788
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	814,402	950,312	788,494	2,031,203	2,533,708
Parts and accessories	366,708	430,344	411,528	989,122	1,208,079
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	737,518	978,644	806,937	1,508,867	2,523,100
Passenger motor cars(b)	234,382	273,308	159,191	431,186	666,881
Other	251,316	405,780	380,068	513,282	1,047,184
Industrial	230,450	372,813	362,216	448,018	965,480
Non-industrial	20,866	32,967	27,852	65,812	81,665
Parts and accessories(b)	251,820	299,557	257,678	643,852	809,555
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	632,322	805,502	711,424	1,758,080	2,149,448
Durable	204,022	252,671	226,222	573,607	682,916
Semi-durable	252,261	327,649	283,866	702,983	863,776
Non-durable	176,038	225,181	201,337	479,491	602,556
Goods not elsewhere specified(c)	85,320	55,943	56,453	253,857	197,717
Total Imports	4,164,726	5,049,210	4,237,353	10,727,059	13,451,290

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(b) For periods prior to 1 January 1988 unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment. From 1 January 1988 they are included with passenger motor cars.

(c) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

TABLE 9. IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
\$'000

Country or country group	July 1989	August 1989	September 1989	Three months ended September	
				1988	1989(a)
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) -					
Brunei	-	-	-	4,424	-
Indonesia	28,270	53,210	30,352	103,621	111,832
Malaysia	98,340	65,729	64,713	173,002	228,641
Philippines	15,729	16,937	15,029	40,778	47,694
Singapore	103,127	126,707	93,100	241,618	322,934
Thailand	40,846	48,506	42,936	94,061	132,255
Total ASEAN	286,313	311,688	246,129	657,505	843,530
European Economic Community (EEC) -					
Belgium-Luxembourg	29,224	45,999	29,897	83,638	105,121
Denmark	19,829	22,304	19,026	49,961	61,153
France	93,304	111,426	89,144	235,996	289,874
Germany, Federal Rep of	245,208	329,770	293,656	701,128	868,634
Greece	3,105	3,914	2,279	8,084	9,298
Ireland	13,819	25,281	12,322	46,541	51,423
Italy	133,905	176,738	135,848	322,923	446,491
Netherlands	38,135	48,122	40,953	121,132	127,211
Portugal	3,214	7,868	6,978	14,634	16,061
Spain	15,736	22,210	18,990	47,906	56,936
United Kingdom	236,304	323,341	296,565	770,942	856,411
Total EEC	831,784	1,117,173	941,660	2,405,086	2,890,618
Argentina	22,508	16,039	16,928	11,882	55,475
Austria	12,742	19,731	14,685	38,775	47,158
Bahamas	1,221	-	597	1,128	1,875
Bahrain	-	786	-	8,124	787
Bangladesh	1,199	2,440	1,741	6,461	5,380
Brazil	33,215	38,934	39,090	108,912	111,238
Bulgaria	219	1,019	3,097	702	4,335
Canada	99,103	113,564	116,837	242,873	329,504
Cayman Islands	616	241	195	1,263	1,052
Chile	7,424	2,927	2,656	7,303	13,007
China	87,217	141,820	113,732	231,493	342,699
Colombia	929	715	924	2,111	2,568
Czechoslovakia	2,548	5,065	4,527	10,937	12,140
Ecuador	550	433	188	1,423	1,271
Egypt	104	1,939	194	630	2,237
Fiji	8,426	7,930	9,292	28,082	25,649
Finland	22,787	31,464	19,991	81,419	74,282
German Democratic Rep	1,950	1,381	1,020	6,099	4,350
Guatemala	450	65	156	699	671
Honduras	5	5,007	-	77	5,012
Hong Kong	68,306	96,763	77,993	235,389	243,063
Hungary	1,620	2,388	2,049	7,890	6,036
Iceland	88	149	190	373	1,028
India	23,590	28,798	22,630	65,081	75,018
Iran	209	2,158	332	1,824	2,699
Israel	14,416	15,096	12,646	32,166	41,478
Japan	923,882	1,121,050	741,720	2,235,156	2,786,651
Kenya	894	659	597	2,074	2,150
Korea, Republic of	122,374	129,542	93,766	294,626	345,683
Kuwait	9,804	11,595	12,621	29,991	34,020
Macau	3,533	5,483	3,625	9,154	12,641
Malawi	509	460	732	2,197	1,761
Mexico	6,345	10,246	10,198	20,584	26,988
Morocco	188	2,160	2,053	4,470	4,401
Nauru	5,375	6,699	-	24,968	14,075
New Zealand	182,273	171,206	150,371	467,665	503,850
Norway	47,617	28,222	17,318	58,500	93,158
Pakistan	3,780	6,471	6,186	18,040	16,438
Papua New Guinea	14,517	17,758	13,058	23,770	48,183
Poland	1,639	2,373	2,646	6,849	6,657
Puerto Rico	7,865	25,636	6,676	17,059	40,179
Romania	1,477	18,419	327	14,444	16,222
Saudi Arabia	1,834	1,660	775	9,936	4,269
South Africa	43,734	71,617	40,813	82,230	156,164
Sri Lanka	13,824	13,818	9,260	21,241	32,902
Swaziland	971	3,637	1,790	6,524	6,128
Sweden	981	635	507	829	2,123
Switzerland	76,788	96,167	56,950	186,153	229,864
Syria	38,481	53,822	51,322	120,377	144,025
Taiwan	173,017	207,484	218,768	484,284	599,688
Tanzania	49	502	98	815	649
Togo	1,349	2,088	1,779	525	5,217
Tonga	205	336	-	563	930
Turkey	9,139	3,461	1,421	6,130	14,221
U.S.S.R.	1,340	3,416	3,882	11,773	8,637
United Arab Emirates	13,154	61,178	12,969	39,154	87,300
United States of America	900,569	991,352	1,101,529	2,256,769	2,893,451
United States Virgin Is	1,340	1,499	6,558	819	9,398
Uruguay	141	396	397	1,497	934
Venezuela	581	242	554	611	1,177
Vietnam	1,864	1,733	1,483	6,496	5,080
Yemen, People's Dem Rep	5,592	-	-	-	5,592
Yugoslavia	3,597	4,875	4,172	11,402	13,043
Zimbabwe	116	1,118	660	1,994	1,895
Other Countries	2,998	3,537	2,289	16,293	8,624
Origin Unknown	1,267	1,078	896	12,721	3,241
Re-Imports	19,325	3,681	2,868	13,926	16,874
Total Imports	4,164,726	5,049,210	4,237,353	10,727,059	13,451,290

(a) Due to changes in Customs valuation, data for periods from 1 July 1989 are not fully comparable with data for previous periods. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

A brief outline of the major definitions used in compiling the statistics in this publication is contained in the following explanatory notes and in table footnotes. For a more detailed description refer to the information paper *Foreign Trade Statistics: An Overview* (5481.0).

Commodity classifications

2. Commodity import statistics in Tables 2 to 4 of this publication are presented according to the codes and descriptions of the third revision of the United Nations' Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev3) with the addition of dummy codes to take account of Australia's treatment of gold coin, whether or not legal tender, and other legal tender coin and confidential items.

Broad Economic Categories

3. Statistics in Table 8 are presented according to the 19 categories of the United Nations' classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC). The BEC classifies foreign trade statistics according to the main end use of the commodities traded.

Industry of Origin

4. Import statistics in Table 7 are classified by subdivisions of the Australian Standard Industry Classification (ASIC). Commodities classified to statistical items of the Harmonised Tariff are allocated to the ASIC industry of origin whose main economic activities are primarily associated with those commodities.

Non-merchandise trade

5. In accordance with United Nations recommendations, total imports excludes transactions classified as non-merchandise trade. For periods prior to 1 July 1987, trade in gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender is classified as non-merchandise trade; for periods from 1 July 1987 these commodities are excluded from non-merchandise trade and are included in total imports. See Appendix A of the January 1989 issue of this publication for details. The monthly value of non-merchandise trade is shown in Table 1. Further information on the value of the commodities which comprise non-merchandise imports for the current financial year is available on microfiche MM07.

Valuation

6. The recorded value of imports is the Australian Customs value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

7. From 1 July 1989 changes in Customs valuation introduced with the *Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1989* are likely to raise Customs valuations. Data for periods from 1 July 1989 are therefore not fully comparable with data for previous periods, although the differences are not expected to be large. For further details see the note at the beginning of the Explanatory Notes of the July 1989 issue of this publication.

Time of recording

8. Imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are finalised by the Australian Customs Service (ACS). Import entries may be lodged early using the ACS check-to-arrive system or the document may be delayed because of various validation checks carried out by ACS prior to the entries being passed to the ABS.

9. Because of the way in which imports data are collected and processed approximately 70 per cent of total import trade by value shown for a particular month reflects actual shipments in that month, while approximately 25 per cent reflects actual shipments during the previous month with the remaining 5 per cent by value being imported in earlier months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

Country statistics

10. Country statistics shown in Tables 3 and 9 refer to the country of origin of imports which is defined for ACS purposes as the country of production.

Confidentiality

11. Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total import figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. Refer to table footnotes and the Appendix for specific details. The information paper *Confidentiality and the Release of Foreign Trade and Shipping Statistics* (5486.0) describes fully the confidentiality process.

Reliability

12. Statistics in this publication should be considered preliminary. Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing quality checks.

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— issued quarterly

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Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables (5432.0)
— issued monthly

Exports, Australia (5434.0) — issued quarterly

Imports, Australia (5435.0) — issued quarterly

Import Price Index, Australia (6414.0) — issued quarterly

Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0) — issued monthly

The Harmonized System — A guide for Users of ABS Foreign Trade Statistics

Linkages between SITC Rev3 and AECC/AICC items used in ABS Foreign Trade Output

15. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and the Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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

Symbols and other usages

17. The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:

— nil or rounded to zero
nes not elsewhere specified

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APPENDIX : CONFIDENTIAL COMMODITY LISTING

Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. The SITC Rev3 items affected, the type of restriction and the period for which it applies, are listed below.

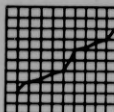
In Table 3, commodities subject to a 'No Country Details' or 'Selected Country Details' restriction are EXCLUDED from the relevant country and are INCLUDED in the 'No Country Details' item.

In Tables 2, 4 and 5, commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction are EXCLUDED from the relevant Sections and Divisions. In Table 4 they are INCLUDED in Division 98 and in Tables 2 and 5 they are INCLUDED in the total.

SITC Rev3			Type of restriction	Started	Finished
Section	Division	Item			
0	07	07120	No Country Details	01.01.88	28.02.89
4	43	43110	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.08.89
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		51122	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		51127	No Commodity Details	01.12.88	—
		51131	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		51136	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
		51137	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	—
		51138	No Country Details	01.06.88	—
		51138	No Commodity Details	01.01.89	—
		51139	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
		51139	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
		51217	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.89
		51383	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
		51389	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
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		51576	No Country Details	01.03.89	—
		51614	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
		51617	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.05.89
52		52222	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		52236	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
		52253	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.89
		52262	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.09.88
		52263	No Country Details	01.11.88	—
		52269	No Country Details	01.05.88	—
		52329	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
		52339	Belgium-Luxembourg, Israel, Japan, Sweden	01.01.88	31.07.88
		52363	No Country Details	01.04.89	—
		53363	China, Vietnam, USA	01.09.89	—
		52364	No Country Details	01.04.89	—
		52372	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
		52383	Sweden, Netherlands, USA, Italy	01.09.89	—
		52431	No Country Details	01.01.88	28.02.89
		52491	No Commodity Details	01.09.88	30.04.89
53		53311	No Commodity Details	01.06.88	31.07.89
		53311	No Country Details	01.09.89	—
55		55422	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.09.89
57		57111	No Country Details	01.03.88	31.05.89

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		57111	Japan, USA	01.06.89	—
		57111	Finland, NZ, Sweden	01.03.88	30.09.89
		57112	Finland, Germany Fed Rep,		
			Italy, NZ, Sweden	01.04.88	—
		57211	Canada, Singapore, USA	01.03.89	31.03.89
		57211	No Country Details	01.04.89	—
		57219	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		57292	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		57311	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.09.89
		57312	Germany Fed Rep, Italy,		
			Japan, UK	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57313	Germany Fed Rep, Italy,		
			Japan, UK	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57531	Italy, Japan	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57531	Germany Fed Rep, South		
			Africa	01.02.89	—
		57539	Italy, Japan	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57544	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57544	Japan, Singapore, UK	01.08.88	—
		57593	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
		57593	No Country Details	01.08.88	—
		57597	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		58291	No Commodity Details	01.05.89	—
		59841	No Commodity Details	01.08.88	—
		62133	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.09.89
		62510	Belgium-Luxembourg, Canada,		
			Poland	01.01.88	30.09.88
		62510	Canada, Poland, Taiwan	01.10.88	—
		64295	No Commodity Details	01.05.89	—
	64	65162	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.89
	65	65195	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.09.89
		65195	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
	66	65793	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
		66232	China, UK, USA	01.09.88	—
		66441	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
		66452	No Commodity Details	01.11.88	31.07.89
	67	66511	China, Spain, UK	01.02.88	—
		66521	China, Spain, UK	01.01.88	31.07.88
		66529	China, Spain, UK	01.01.88	—
		67531	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67534	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67536	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67551	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67552	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67553	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67554	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67556	Finland, UK, USA	01.07.88	—
		67571	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67625	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67629	Austria, Brazil, France,		
			Germany Fed Rep	01.07.88	—
		67634	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67641	Austria, France, Sweden	01.07.88	—
		67645	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67647	France, Germany Fed Rep,		

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		67812	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67813	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67813	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67829	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67933	No Country Details	01.03.89	30.09.89
		67943	Japan, USA	01.07.88	—
		67943	Japan, Taiwan	01.01.88	28.02.89
		67943	Japan, Singapore, Taiwan	01.03.89	—
		67944	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
	69	69119	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.89
		69311	No Country Details	01.07.89	—
		69410	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.12.88
		69410	Switzerland, Taiwan	01.01.89	—
		69546	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.11.88
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		69564	China, Germany Fed Rep,		
			Korea, Rep of	01.04.89	—
		69564	South Africa, UK	01.04.89	—
		69922	Canada, Sweden, Taiwan,		
			USA	01.01.88	—
		69922	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
7	74	74145	No Country Details	01.08.89	—
		76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
	76	76499	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.04.89
		77511	Brazil, USA	01.06.88	30.11.88
	77	77511	Brazil, Canada, USA	01.12.88	—
		77521	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.05.89
		77522	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.05.89
		77530	No Country Details	01.07.89	—
		77571	Germany Fed Rep, NZ, USA	1.01.88	—
		77586	Germany Fed Rep, Hong Kong,		
			Korea Rep, Singapore, Sweden,		
			UK, USA	01.01.88	31.07.88
		77586	Korea, Rep of, Singapore	01.08.88	31.08.88
		77586	Korea, Rep of, Singapore,		
			Thailand	01.09.88	—
8	88	88111	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
		88240	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
	89	89931	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.08.89
		89931	China, Germany Fed Rep,		
			UK, USA	01.09.89	—



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