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TRADE OF AUSTRALIA WITH UNITED KINGDOM, 1947-48 (six months)

The Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S.R. Carver) has made available particulars of Australian trade with the United Kingdom for the first six months of the year 1947-48 (July-December). The figures for earlier years are also shown to facilitate comparison.

1. **General:** The undermentioned table shows the overseas merchandise trade of the United Kingdom with Australia during the years 1938-39, 1942-43 to 1946-47 and 1947-48 (six months). For comparative purposes the overseas trade of all countries is also shown. The values are expressed in Australian currency, F.O.B.

MERCHANDISE TRADE

Year	Imports		Exports		Excess of Exports		Percentage of United Kingdom Trade to Total Trade	
	United Kingdom	All Countries	United Kingdom	All Countries	United Kingdom	All Countries	Imports	Exports
	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	%	%
1938-39	46,070	113,217	66,690	121,533	20,620	6,316	40.7	54.9
1942-43	82,227	241,002	36,792	125,552	-45,435	-116,250	34.0	29.2
1943-44	64,605	230,433	40,670	146,672	-23,935	-92,761	27.0	27.7
1944-45	70,329	212,091	52,119	155,262	-10,210	-56,029	33.2	33.6
1945-46	67,063	177,096	53,732	196,424	-13,331	-19,326	37.9	27.4
1946-47	74,576	209,523	89,502	300,004	15,006	60,361	35.6	29.0
1947-48 (six months)	49,588	156,880	62,095	160,042	13,307	3,162	31.6	39.3

2. **Imports:** The value of imports in Australian currency is shown in the following table by classes of goods for the years 1938-39 and 1946-47 and for the six monthly periods July-December, 1946 and 1947.

Class of Goods	IMPORTS			
	Year		July to December	
	1938-39 £A.'000 f.o.b.	1946-47 £A.'000 f.o.b.	1946 £A.'000 f.o.b.	1947 £A.'000 f.o.b.
1 Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	342	305	75	329
2 Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	214	101	41	103
3a Spirituous Liquors ..	700	330	160	286
4 Tobacco, etc. ..	22	330	90	413
5 Live Animals ..	55	170	51	30
6 Animal Substances, etc. ..	41	164	60	86
7 Vegetable Substances, etc. ..	241	630	303	339
8a Yarns, etc. ..	955	3,393	1,600	2,014
b Textiles ..	9,686	10,747	0,045	12,299
c Apparel ..	798	2,576	1,122	2,136
Total - Class 8:	11,439	24,718	11,575	16,449
9 Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	154	172	93	74
10 Paints and Varnishes ..	437	565	289	370
11 Stones and Minerals ..	318	85	46	63
12a Metals and Manufactures ..	11,006	15,075	7,102	9,333
b Electrical Equipment ..	4,268	3,919	1,883	2,912
c Machines and Machinery ..	4,726	2,420	3,233	6,300
Total - Class 12:	20,802	28,414	12,918	18,545
13 Rubber and Leather ..	203	925	500	600
14 Wood and Wicker ..	97	173	71	99
15 Earthenware, Cements, Glass, etc. ..	1,076	2,796	1,212	1,954
16 Pulp, Paper and Stationery ..	2,358	4,517	2,294	3,692
17 Jewellery, Fancy Goods ..	313	1,027	804	1,230
18 Optical and Scientific Instruments ..	596	1,454	740	1,051
19 Drugs and Chemicals ..	2,609	4,306	2,307	2,241
20 Miscellaneous ..	2,979	2,410	1,233	1,626
21 Bullion and Specie ..	16	2	2	2
TOTAL:	46,094	74,576	35,040	49,590

Imports from the United Kingdom during the six months ended December, 1947, were valued at £A.49,590,000 F.O.B. compared with £A.35,040,000 F.O.B. during the corresponding period of the previous year, an increase of £A.14,550,000 F.O.B.

Increased imports during the period July-December, 1947, were recorded in all but three of the statistical classes when compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

The principal classes recording increased imports and the amounts of increase were as follows: Textiles £3,454,000; Apparel and Attire £1,014,000; Yarns and Manufactured Fibres £406,000; Metals and Metal Manufactures £2,231,000; Electrical Equipment £1,029,000; Machines and Machinery £2,367,000 and Pulp, Paper and Stationery £1,390,000.

3. Exports- The value of exports in Australian currency, is shown in the following table by classes of goods for the years 1930-39 and 1946-47 and for the six monthly periods (July-December) 1946 and 1947.

Class of Goods	EXPORTS			
	Year		July to December -	
	1930-39	1946-47	1946	1947
	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.	£A.'000 f.o.b.
1 Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	24,404	33,372	17,690	22,791
2 Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	14,369	9,701	2,995	6,122
3 Spirituous Liquors ..	906	066	427	542
4 Tobacco, etc. ..	1	-	-	1
5 Live Animals ..	2	-	-	1
6 Animal Substances, etc. ..	19,475	20,416	12,679	23,241
7 Vegetable Substances, etc. ..	110	400	293	140
8a Yarns etc. ..	19	56	41	6
b Textiles ..	10	314	260	25
c Apparel ..	4	094	624	1,509
<u>Total - Class 8:</u>	41	1,264	925	1,600
9 Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	179	122	60	207
10 Paints and Varnishes ..	3	15	3	20
11 Stones and Minerals ..	047	093	364	723
12a Metals and Manufactures ..	5,196	11,237	3,999	6,297
b Electrical Equipment ..	46	13	5	17
c Machines and Machinery ..	49	101	02	74
<u>Total - Class 12:</u>	5,291	11,431	4,006	6,300
13 Rubber and Leather ..	423	693	313	475
14 Wood and Wicker ..	207	277	110	100
15 Earthenware, Cements, Glass, etc.	4	3	:	3
16 Pulp, Paper and Stationery ..	32	95	43	34
17 Jewellery, Fancy Goods ..	32	11	6	6
18 Optical and Scientific Instruments ..	16	32	0	21
19 Drugs and Chemicals ..	109	320	97	158
20 Miscellaneous ..	167	1,408	400	232
21 Bullion and Specie ..	2,010	51	51	4,465
<u>TOTAL:</u>	68,716	89,633	40,575	67,360

Exports to the United Kingdom during the six months ended December, 1947, amounted to £A.67,360,000 an increase of £A.26,765,000 on the total of £A.40,595,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

The largest increases were recorded in Class 1 - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin £A.5,093,000, Class 2 - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin £A.3,127,000, Class 6 - Animal Substances £A.10,562,000, Class 12a - Metals and Manufactures £A.2,298,000, and Class 21 - Bullion and Specie £A.4,414,000.

Commodities which increased were: Class 1 - Butter £4,284,391 to £7,561,518, Beef £2,312,067 to £3,822,475, Cheesc £773,522 to £1,009,693, Lamb £2,291,234 to £2,517,095, Rabbits and Hares £205,041 to £752,935, Class 2 - Fruits preserved in Liquid £783,209 to £1,336,592, Jams and Jellies £276,814 to £653,891, Sugar £362,704 to £741,688, Wheat Nil to £1,399,892, Class 6 - Wool - Greasy £8,643,716 to £16,063,743, Wool - Scoured, Tops etc. £2,693,303 to £6,220,352, Class 12a - Pig Lead £1,970,364 to £4,979,154 and Class 21 - Gold Bar, Dust, etc. Nil to £3,818,883.

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