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NOTE

(1) Basic Documents.

The Oversea Trade Statistics published herein have been compiled from documents obtained under the Customs Act and supplied to the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics by the Department of Customs and Excise.

These documents are duplicate copies of export and import entries submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Department of Customs and Excise.

Export entries show date and port of entry, country of consignment and the description, quantity (where required) and value of the goods. The statistical item number is inserted and verified by officers of the Department of Customs and Excise, Canberra.

Import entries show date and port of entry, country of origin, description of goods, quantity (where required), value of the goods and amount of duty paid thereon. The statistical item number is inserted by the importer or his agent, together with the tariff item number under which the goods are admitted and these are verified by statistical officers of the Customs and Excise Department in the local offices of Collectors of Customs.

(ii) EXPORTS are recorded statistically in the month in which the export entries are passed by the Department of Customs and Excise. Normally this is within a few days of shipment, but shipment of some major items is at times delayed by abnormal factors affecting sales, deliveries for export and the loading of ships. When such delays occur, exports are diminished (pro tanto) and when such delays are overtaken shipments include substantial quantities of accumulated stock as well as current disposals.

In addition to the above, shipments of the two major exports - wool and wheat - are affected by special factors. Wool shipments in any trade year are at times materially affected by the fact that wool auctions normally end in May or June, and there is a variable carry-over for shipment in the next trade year. New season's wheat normally becomes available for shipment from December onwards, and the quantity shipped in any trade year (ending June) depends on the size of the crop and the time spread of sales for export.

During the war and in some subsequent years the factors mentioned caused marked variations in shipments within any trade year. This materially influenced the quantity and value of exports recorded for individual months and years, and consequently the recorded excess of exports over imports.

(iii) IMPORTS are recorded statistically in the month in which import entries are passed by the Department of Customs and Excise. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargoes.

(iv) Balance of Payments:

Statistics relating to overseas trade only do not measure Australia's Total Balance of Payments during the periods shown. Particulars of "invisible" transactions entering into the balance of payments (in particular, freight and insurance charges on imports, current production of Australian gold, overseas payments of dividends, profits, interest and royalties, Government expenditure overseas, etc.) are shown in a printed bulletin published by the Commonwealth Statistician entitled "The Australian Balance of Payments 1928-29 to 1951-52". Less detailed estimates for the years 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 have been published in mimeographed form.

SPECIAL NOTE

In approximately the last week of January, 1956 discharge of import cargoes and shipment of export cargoes were affected by an industrial dispute. The delay affected recorded exports in those months more severely than it affected recorded imports.

1. THE TRADE POSITION

This Bulletin relates to the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of January, 1956 and the seven months ended January, 1956. Figures for these periods are subject to revision.

Imports of Merchandise in January, 1956 were valued at £A63,424,000 compared with £A76,013,000 in January, 1955 a decrease of £A12,589,000 or 16.6 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise in January, 1956 were valued at £A55,583,000 compared with £A63,617,000 in January, 1955, a decrease of £A8,034,000 or 12.6 per cent.

Imports of Merchandise for the seven months ended January, 1956 were valued at £A476,102,000 compared with £A466,645,000 for the seven months ended January, 1955, an increase of £A9,457,000 or 2.0 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise for the seven months ended January, 1956 were valued at £A434,973,000 compared with £A421,054,000 for the seven months ended January, 1955, an increase of £A13,919,000 or 3.3 per cent.

The table below shows the Oversea Trade in Merchandise and in Bullion and Specie for the periods under review.

OVERSEA TRADE - MERCHANDISE AND BULLION AND SPECIE
JANUARY, 1955 AND 1956 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1955 AND 1956
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Item	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956(a)	1955	1956(a)
Merchandise - Imports ..	76,013	63,424	466,645	476,102
Exports ..	63,617	55,583	421,054	434,973
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	-12,396	-7,841	-45,591	-41,129
Bullion and Specie - Imports ..	403	870	1,603	1,691
Exports ..	749	174	6,201	9,861
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+ 346	- 696	+ 4,598	+ 8,170
Total Trade - Imports ..	76,416	64,294	468,248	477,793
Exports ..	64,366	55,757	427,255	444,834
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	-12,050	-8,537	-40,993	-32,959

(a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

Freight and insurance charges on imports are not included above. These were estimated at £92.3 million for the financial year 1954-55, and at £53.1 million for the six months ended December, 1955.

OVERSEA TRADE - MERCHANDISE
1954-55 AND 1955-56
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Month	Merchandise			
	Imports		Exports	
	1954-55	1955-56 (a)	1954-55	1955-56 (a)
July ..	70,182	61,522	52,020	(b) 60,878
August ..	66,535	(b) 71,184	(b) 43,912	(b) 48,938
September ..	70,314	(b) 74,884	54,769	(b) 51,558
October ..	64,615	(b) 68,233	72,656	(b) 65,608
November ..	54,904	73,547	49,926	79,211
December ..	64,082	(b) 63,308	(b) 84,154	73,197
January ..	76,013	63,424	(b) 63,617	55,583
February ..	69,852		67,251	
March ..	77,672		(b) 77,008	
April ..	73,235		56,904	
May ..	78,858		66,840	
June ..	74,710		68,985	

(a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

(b) Revised since previous issue.

THE TRADE POSITION (Continued)

The value of Australia's trade with countries in the sterling and non-sterling areas during January, 1955, December, 1955 and January, 1956 and the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956 is shown in the following table.

OVERSEA TRADE WITH STERLING AND NON-STERLING AREAS

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956	Seven Months ended January	
				1955	1956
<u>STERLING AREA</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - United Kingdom ..	36,220	27,772	27,119	211,564	205,271
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	9,309	8,425	8,559	79,907	73,471
<u>Total:</u>	45,529	36,197	35,678	291,471	278,742
<u>Exports</u>					
To - United Kingdom ..	21,877	26,981	18,637	162,037	151,859
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	12,678	10,694	8,721	77,433	83,961
<u>Total:</u>	34,555	37,675	27,358	239,470	235,820
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	- 10,974	+ 1,478	- 8,320	- 52,001	- 42,922
<u>DOLLAR AREA</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - United States of America	10,867	9,042	8,510	56,387	55,153
Canada ..	1,879	2,082	2,328	12,856	15,030
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	346	401	212	757	2,023
<u>Total:</u>	13,092	11,525	11,050	70,000	72,206
<u>Exports</u>					
To - United States of America	3,728	5,289	4,695	27,112	31,760
Canada ..	744	673	820	7,178	7,745
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	602	684	431	3,183	4,028
<u>Total:</u>	5,074	6,646	5,946	37,473	43,533
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	- 8,018	- 4,879	- 5,104	- 32,527	- 28,673
<u>OTHER NON-STERLING AREAS</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - Countries of the O.E.E.C. (a) (including dependencies)	10,178	8,584	9,803	68,167	75,184
Other Countries ..	7,617	7,000	7,763	38,610	51,661
<u>Total:</u>	17,795	15,584	17,566	106,777	126,845
<u>Exports</u>					
To - Countries of the O.E.E.C. (a) (including dependencies)	16,096	19,349	12,712	106,939	101,327
Other Countries ..	8,641	9,766	9,741	43,373	64,154
<u>Total:</u>	24,737	29,115	22,453	150,312	165,481
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+ 6,942	+ 13,531	+ 4,887	+ 43,535	+ 38,636
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS:</u>	76,416	63,306	64,294	468,248	477,793
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS:</u>	64,366	73,436	55,757	427,255	444,834
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	- 12,050	+ 10,130	- 8,537	- 40,993	- 32,959

(a) Organization for European Economic Co-operation.

2. IMPORTS

(a) Countries of Origin: Total imports (including Outside Packages and Bullion and Specie) into Australia from Principal Countries during January, 1955 and 1956 and the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956 are shown hereunder:-

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
United Kingdom ..	36,220	27,119	211,564	205,271
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..				
Other ..	335	710	2,344	2,950
Borneo (British) ..	132	283	1,186	1,839
Canada ..	512	719	9,741	4,979
Ceylon ..	1,879	2,328	12,856	15,030
Christmas Is. ..	1,113	509	10,411	4,983
East Africa (British) ..	36	34	383	332
Hong Kong ..	397	446	1,694	1,340
India ..	177	246	1,449	1,755
Malaya, Fed. of ..	1,036	829	13,565	14,311
New Zealand ..	1,047	1,048	6,818	10,033
Pacific Is. (British) ..	623	338	4,474	4,432
Pakistan ..	291	453	1,295	1,493
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	18	264	1,338	1,317
Singapore ..	978	143	5,579	4,097
South Africa, Union of ..	240	84	1,490	956
West Africa - Gold Coast ..	280	255	2,671	2,411
Other British Countries ..	61	4	840	136
	763	186	3,752	1,963
<u>TOTAL BRITISH COUNTRIES:</u>	46,138	35,998	293,450	279,628
Arabian States ..	2,192	2,613	15,006	16,143
Argentina ..	19	-	604	120
Austria ..	332	327	2,174	2,472
Belgium ..	885	720	5,856	5,170
Brazil ..	211	41	1,529	686
Chile ..	2	8	252	858
China ..	103	203	985	1,387
Czechoslovakia ..	187	240	1,476	1,618
Denmark ..	151	81	663	1,007
Egypt ..	9	14	248	113
Finland ..	401	176	1,996	1,867
France ..	1,363	1,227	8,034	9,659
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	2,612	2,646	17,361	19,812
Hungary ..	18	18	181	141
Indonesia ..	1,755	1,877	13,766	12,500
Iran ..	602	1,755	688	11,879
Italy ..	803	831	6,706	7,212
Japan ..	1,772	2,314	8,718	15,481
Netherlands ..	873	999	7,215	7,993
Netherlands Antilles ..	87	2	575	1,282
Norway ..	780	454	3,815	3,078
Poland ..	12	26	60	110
Portugal ..	110	51	488	391
Spain ..	150	107	612	878
Sweden ..	2,029	1,320	8,254	7,783
Switzerland ..	826	690	6,214	6,379
U. S. S. R. ..	86	141	373	456
United States of America ..	10,867	8,510	56,387	55,153
Venezuela ..	328	-	668	888
Other Foreign Countries ..	713	905	3,894	5,649
<u>TOTAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES:</u>	30,278	28,296	174,798	198,165
<u>TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:</u>	76,416	64,294	468,248	477,793

IMPORTS (Continued)

(b) Statistical Classes: Total Imports during the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956 are compared hereunder according to Statistical Classes.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Statistical Class	Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	3,961	4,928
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages ..	17,925	11,192
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	1,242	1,343
IV. Tobacco ..	9,370	10,547
V. Live Animals ..	242	315
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs ..	2,327	2,170
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres	10,798	10,118
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	15,386	15,264
(b) Textiles ..	50,130	45,038
(c) Apparel ..	7,789	6,935
<u>Total Class VIII:</u>	73,305	67,237
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	54,567	55,831
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	3,302	3,266
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..	4,699	4,374
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	98,578	103,386
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment ..	15,667	19,330
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..	60,618	61,413
<u>Total Class XII:</u>	174,863	184,129
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	8,947	13,180
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	407	448
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>		
XIV. Wood and Wicker ..	9,354	13,628
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China Glass and Stoneware ..	9,121	11,197
XVI. Paper and Stationery	8,981	8,622
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board ..	20,347	19,369
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	6,186	7,047
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	26,533	26,416
XVII. Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces ..	6,806	6,893
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i. ..	6,153	6,362
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers ..	15,987	18,251
XX. Miscellaneous ..	27,109	29,283
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie ..	1,603	1,691
<u>TOTAL:</u>	468,248	477,793

3. EXPORTS

(a) Countries of Destination: Total Exports (including Bullion and Specie)
from Australia to Principal Countries during January, 1955 and 1956 and the seven months
ended January, 1955 and 1956 are shown hereunder:-

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Country of Destination	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
United Kingdom ..	21,877	18,637	162,037	151,859
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..	588	528	4,052	4,711
Papua ..	331	397	2,580	3,705
Other ..	41	65	509	562
Borneo (British) ..	77	59	532	512
Canada ..	744	820	7,178	7,745
Ceylon ..	695	378	4,749	5,384
Cyprus ..	18	11	665	847
Hong Kong ..	1,263	633	7,835	11,539
India ..	1,802	715	10,225	4,255
Ireland, Republic of ..	350	102	2,254	889
Malaya, Fed. of ..	907	893	4,493	5,798
Malta ..	248	1	510	649
Mauritius ..	49	67	573	658
New Zealand ..	3,005	2,575	22,112	24,472
Pacific Is. (British) ..	464	414	3,616	3,678
Pakistan ..	196	130	1,039	1,027
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	554	1	1,351	1,348
Singapore ..	986	785	6,790	6,220
South Africa, Union of ..	342	81	1,632	1,390
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	65	25	213	268
West Indies (British) ..	61	72	627	939
Other British Countries ..	292	405	1,651	2,314
<u>TOTAL BRITISH COUNTRIES:</u>	<u>34,955</u>	<u>27,794</u>	<u>247,223</u>	<u>240,769</u>
Arabian States ..	275	271	1,299	1,197
Austria ..	54	26	328	299
Belgium ..	3,721	1,455	18,381	14,180
Burma ..	231	110	1,038	1,266
China ..	154	79	1,074	1,106
Czechoslovakia ..	549	509	1,767	2,999
Denmark ..	41	55	500	610
Egypt ..	98	149	1,115	976
France ..	5,533	4,499	37,732	41,580
French Associated States and Dependencies -				
New Caledonia ..	184	367	1,307	1,687
Other ..	58	145	358	534
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	2,425	2,352	18,997	16,760
Greece ..	44	28	265	497
Indonesia ..	392	867	2,238	3,733
Italy ..	2,968	2,622	19,029	17,550
Japan ..	5,540	7,160	27,642	44,375
Korea ..	31	-	469	355
Mexico ..	438	291	1,833	2,177
Netherlands ..	285	303	4,474	2,678
Philippines ..	113	79	885	1,171
Poland ..	834	252	3,774	3,927
Portugal ..	151	32	793	500
Spain ..	2	131	179	643
Sweden ..	179	305	1,249	1,355
Switzerland ..	117	195	1,208	1,281
Thailand ..	121	112	646	920
Turkey ..	214	101	812	120
U.S.S.R. ..	153	-	153	-
United States of America ..	3,728	4,695	27,112	31,760
Yugoslavia ..	-	16	215	473
Other Foreign Countries ..	778	757	3,160	7,356
<u>TOTAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES:</u>	<u>29,411</u>	<u>27,963</u>	<u>180,032</u>	<u>204,065</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:</u>	<u>64,366</u>	<u>55,757</u>	<u>427,255</u>	<u>444,834</u>

EXPORTS (Continued)

(b) Statistical Classes: Total exports during the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956 are compared hereunder according to Statistical Classes:-
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Statistical Class		Seven Months ended January	
		1955	1956
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..		70,623	77,045
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages ..		78,669	72,990
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..		854	810
IV. Tobacco ..		216	378
V. Live Animals ..		599	738
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs		203,068	200,084
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres		664	1,243
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel -			
(a) Yarns and Manufactures Fibres	703	714	
(b) Textiles ..	560	355	
(c) Apparel ..	293	216	
<u>Total Class VIII:</u>		1,556	1,285
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..		3,636	7,569
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..		550	552
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..		10,107	13,095
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery			
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	27,879	28,783	
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment	1,407	1,668	
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..	5,622	6,004	
<u>Total Class XII:</u>		34,908	36,455
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof			
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	429	387	
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	1,330	1,329	
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>		1,759	1,716
XIV. Wood and Wicker ..		1,444	1,993
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..		718	548
XVI. Paper and Stationery			
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board ..	255	280	
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	1,350	1,276	
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>		1,605	1,556
XVII. Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces ..		343	322
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i. ..		786	605
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers		2,636	3,278
XX. Miscellaneous ..		6,313	12,711
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie ..		6,201	9,861
<u>TOTAL:</u>		427,255	444,834

(c) Exports of Wool: The following table shows the value of exports of wool, including sheepskins with wool on, of Australian produce only, in each month of the years 1954-55 and 1955-56.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Month	1954-55	1955-56	Month	1954-55	1955-56
July ..	22,731	28,156	January ..	31,652	24,592
August ..	10,053	13,112	February ..	33,871	
September ..	22,842	18,952	March ..	41,637	
October ..	40,802	31,637	April ..	29,526	
November ..	26,510	39,655	May ..	30,558	
December ..	45,709	38,674	June ..	33,761	

EXPORTS (Continued)

(d) Principal Commodities: The following table shows the total quantities of principal items exported during the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956.

Particulars	Unit of Quantity	Seven months ended January	
		1955	1956
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:			
Butter	'000 lb.	74,511	117,009
Cheese	"	30,196	27,661
Processed milk -			
Condensed	"	23,322	35,464
Dried, including malted	"	35,019	46,906
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	4,348	5,156
Eggs -			
In shell	'000 doz.	18,239	14,914
Not in shell	'000 lb.	15,233	19,391
Meats, poultry and game -			
Bacon and hams	"	1,169	636
Offals	"	19,329	21,775
Preserved by cold process -			
Beef and veal	"	180,387	231,687
Lamb	"	82,943	73,296
Mutton	"	19,717	24,617
Pork	"	4,740	1,708
Poultry	"	(a)	1,271
Rabbits and hares -			
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	) (b) (	69
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.		9,418
Preserved in airtight containers	"	86,257	80,095
Sausage casings, natural (c)	(cwt.	6,930	(d)
	(bundles	888,953	1,351,144
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:			
Fruit -			
Dried -			
Currants	'000 lb.	10,467	8,882
Raisins	"	80,202	73,528
Fresh -			
Apples	bushel	218,135	484,044
Citrus	"	452,183	495,555
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	77,480	91,277
Pulped	"	2,306	1,179
Grain or cereals -			
Prepared -			
Barley - pearl and scotch	"	124	204
Flour, (wheaten) plain white	"	645,884	777,068
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	6,901	17,781
Rice	cwt.	355,364	582,922
Unprepared -			
Barley	ton	188,651	148,839
Oats	"	19,355	70,969
Wheat	"	915,460	856,402
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	5,157	2,842
Sugar (cane)	ton	521,300	375,631
Vegetables, preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	2,365	1,191
CLASS III - Spirituous Liquors:			
Wine	'000 gal.	596	668

(a) 166,019 pairs.

(b) 2,855,780 pairs.

(c) Natural and synthetic combined in 1954-55.

(d) Recorded in bundles since 1st October, 1954.

EXPORTS (Continued)

Particulars	Unit of Quantity	Seven months ended January		
		1955	1956	
CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs:				
Hides and skins -				
Calf, cattle and horse	..	'000 lb.	17,390	26,922
Kangaroo and wallaby	..	"	457	623
Rabbit and hare	..	"	3,214	2,552
Sheep and lamb	..	"	55,456	63,216
Wool -				
Greasy	..	"	512,324	597,673
Scoured and washed, slips, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	..	"	55,448	63,848
CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:				
Tallow, edible and inedible	..	ton	11,185	32,665
CLASS XI - Stones and Minerals:				
Coal	..	ton	206,035	119,217
Ores and Concentrates -				
Lead and Silver-lead	..	"	37,228	31,997
Zinc	..	"	157,092	179,186
CLASS XII - Metals:				
Lead -				
Pig	..	ton	85,569	91,340
Bullion	..	"	24,992	18,381
Zinc, bars, blocks, etc.	..	"	24,006	22,741

(e) **DESTINATION OF EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN:** Exports of principal products of Australian Origin to various countries during the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956 shown in the following table.

Country of Consignment	Seven months ended January				
	1955		1956		
	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	
BEEF AND VEAL - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS					
United Kingdom	..	146,653	11,331	189,341	13,189
Bermuda	..	613	97	599	95
Hong Kong	..	3,113	234	1,768	140
Malta	..	1,089	89	1,760	155
Singapore	..	6,698	562	7,131	587
West Indies (British)	..	817	86	1,033	108
Other British Countries	..	3,053	317	3,433	359
Arabian States	..	1,282	251	1,154	210
Belgium	..	2,401	198	3,368	270
Egypt	..	4,114	305	1,753	136
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	..	2,335	189	4,723	374
Netherlands	..	1,493	125	562	44
Philippines	..	3,143	282	4,670	374
United States of America	..	180	22	1,275	123
Other Foreign Countries	..	3,401	336	9,099	768
TOTAL :		180,385	14,424	231,669	16,932
MUTTON AND LAMB - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS					
United Kingdom	..	89,822	8,903	85,187	7,404
Bermuda	..	16	2	149	21
Canada	..	1,753	178	2,987	298
Ceylon	..	291	15	292	24
Hong Kong	..	359	37	477	36
Malaya, Fed. of	..	151	12	577	40
Singapore	..	1,488	112	1,351	90
Other British Countries	..	2,258	156	2,095	172
Belgium	..	801	32	667	28
Egypt	..	195	12	2,150	111
Netherlands	..	3,431	145	27	1
United States of America	..	146	16	891	74
Other Foreign Countries	..	1,949	165	1,063	82
TOTAL :		102,660	9,785	97,913	8,381

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Destination	Seven Months ended January			
	1955		1956	
	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
<u>BARLEY (UNPREPARED)</u>				
United Kingdom ..	25,451	592	30,019	610
Other British Countries ..	10,683	219	318	3
Belgium ..	55,073	1,175	5,818	138
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	33,353	662	11,617	245
Italy ..	400	10	4,100	114
Japan ..	22,256	571	86,180	2,337
Korea ..	-	-	-	-
Netherlands ..	40,935	816	4,996	106
Other Foreign Countries ..	500	11	5,791	126
<u>TOTAL:</u>	188,651	4,056	148,839	3,679

WHEAT

United Kingdom ..	221,378	5,750	228,729	5,557
Cyprus ..	18,397	503	25,572	699
India ..	227,899	5,885	-	-
Ireland, Republic of ..	35,058	918	11,521	295
Malaya, Fed. of ..	7,271	210	8,383	237
Malta ..	7,528	205	5,171	117
New Zealand ..	135,094	3,602	153,350	3,948
Pakistan ..	-	-	2	-
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	36,580	1,021	35,066	935
Singapore ..	2,397	68	2,844	85
Other British Countries ..	1,971	55	21,330	378
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	139,334	3,754	12,871	300
Iraq ..	-	-	53,452	1,456
Italy ..	-	-	-	-
Japan ..	20,570	503	182,142	4,878
Netherlands ..	37,611	1,001	931	24
Portuguese Possessions - Mozambique	6,042	166	12,733	348
Sweden ..	-	-	-	-
Syria ..	-	-	64,529	1,750
Other Foreign Countries ..	18,329	501	37,776	986
<u>TOTAL:</u>	915,459	24,142	856,402	21,993

FLOUR (WHEATEN), PLAIN WHITE

	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	40,300	546	69,242	961
Aden ..	17,170	241	17,396	232
Borneo (British) ..	8,935	147	8,461	133
Ceylon ..	123,632	1,907	162,480	2,268
Hong Kong ..	6,969	108	7,194	100
India ..	51	1	50	1
Malaya, Fed. of ..	94,882	1,608	87,486	1,369
Mauritius ..	15,579	234	21,052	296
Pacific Is. - Fiji ..	12,203	198	12,031	194
Singapore ..	100,048	1,638	58,040	904
Other British Countries ..	32,737	511	52,166	708
Arabian States ..	5,590	79	18,879	249
Burma ..	32,981	534	13,639	216
Egypt ..	15,059	225	4,528	65
French Possessions ..	13,467	216	11,123	182
Indonesia ..	101,854	1,690	197,695	3,092
Thailand ..	15,161	263	19,329	320
Other Foreign Countries ..	9,139	144	16,116	266
<u>TOTAL:</u>	645,757	10,290	776,907	11,556

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Consignment	Seven months ended January			
	1955		1956	
	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
<u>BUTTER</u>				
United Kingdom ..	63,618	10,567	100,248	15,401
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..	171	36	144	30
Papua ..	120	25	154	34
Borneo (British) ..	141	34	146	34
Ceylon ..	1,139	222	1,341	246
Guiana (British) ..	300	61	236	49
Hong Kong ..	817	162	978	175
India ..	393	91	424	93
Malaya, Fed. of ..	675	158	544	124
Mauritius ..	346	85	177	42
Singapore ..	1,576	321	1,996	376
West Africa (British) ..	177	41	152	35
West Indies (British) ..	796	162	490	104
Other British Countries ..	838	178	809	174
Arabian States ..	529	124	327	77
Burma ..	280	69	142	34
Egypt ..	544	106	294	58
French Possessions - New Caledonia	238	50	232	49
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	-	-	3,268	559
Indonesia ..	84	20	72	17
Japan ..	471	99	191	42
Netherlands ..	192	46	192	49
Peru ..	93	23	38	9
Philippines ..	318	79	310	76
U.S.S.R. ..	-	-	-	-
Other Foreign Countries ..	655	149	4,099	735
<u>TOTAL:</u>	74,511	12,908	117,004	18,622

SUGAR (CANE)

	tons		tons	
United Kingdom ..	295,054	12,852	175,411	7,626
Australian Territories - New Guinea	762	41	892	53
Canada ..	83,147	3,199	88,745	3,207
Ceylon ..	9,519	323	-	-
Hong Kong ..	33,960	1,264	19,148	732
New Zealand ..	25,550	1,129	30,602	1,392
Singapore ..	1,200	198	-	-
Other British Countries ..	5,198	233	2,536	150
French Possessions - New Caledonia	1,292	74	1,301	78
Japan ..	61,179	2,513	52,178	2,052
Other Foreign Countries ..	409	29	5,128	206
<u>TOTAL:</u>	521,266	21,855	375,631	15,496

SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS

	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	6,783	1,082	6,990	1,032
Other British Countries ..	8	1	20	2
Belgium ..	1,089	208	524	87
France ..	43,067	7,525	49,879	7,924
Italy ..	1,615	336	1,160	178
Netherlands ..	839	90	690	83
United States of America ..	1,477	99	2,524	241
Other Foreign Countries ..	545	74	1,429	210
<u>TOTAL:</u>	(a) 55,423	9,415	(b) 63,216	9,757

(a) 9,037,958 skins.

(b) 9,397,382 skins.

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Destination	Seven Months ended January			
	1955		1956	
	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
LEAD (PIG)				
United Kingdom ..	51,266	6,231	53,001	6,818
New Zealand ..	1,848	236	2,228	295
South Africa, Union of ..	1,248	157	300	38
Other British Countries ..	37	5	41	6
United States of America ..	30,809	3,658	33,475	4,382
Other Foreign Countries ..	361	46	2,267	289
TOTAL:	85,569	10,333	91,312	11,828

WOOL - GREASY				
	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	164,140	53,579	161,960	42,596
Canada ..	862	291	1,760	506
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,931	1,056	1,883	555
South Africa, Union of ..	1,467	367	667	158
Other British Countries ..	545	199	852	267
Austria ..	839	312	898	280
Belgium ..	52,165	13,979	53,142	11,100
Czechoslovakia ..	4,604	1,717	10,071	2,973
France ..	90,943	27,687	125,093	31,438
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	35,787	11,296	40,119	10,472
Italy ..	48,360	15,852	47,292	13,214
Japan ..	57,731	21,357	94,492	29,402
Mexico ..	4,188	1,610	5,519	1,780
Netherlands ..	1,265	393	2,265	604
Poland ..	9,608	3,746	11,456	3,887
Portugal ..	1,774	675	1,290	402
Spain ..	424	175	1,774	497
Sweden ..	1,292	424	1,205	306
Switzerland ..	3,436	1,052	4,412	1,101
Turkey ..	1,834	733	315	109
U.S.S.R. ..	425	153	-	-
United States of America ..	25,671	9,494	27,458	8,396
Yugoslavia ..	528	194	1,476	469
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,504	535	2,256	718
TOTAL:	(a) 512,323	166,876	(b) 597,655	161,230

WOOL - SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, NOILS, TOPS AND WASTE

United Kingdom ..	17,888	7,200	17,242	5,976
Canada ..	2,126	919	2,872	1,065
Hong Kong ..	317	218	794	443
India ..	478	281	1,601	827
Ireland, Republic of ..	76	35	50	18
Pakistan ..	184	82	473	214
South Africa, Union of ..	232	94	242	97
Other British Countries ..	647	427	307	171
Belgium ..	3,024	1,144	2,287	743
China ..	1,691	1,102	1,790	921
Denmark ..	480	198	632	236
France ..	4,156	1,758	3,840	1,359
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	3,185	1,265	5,057	1,837
Greece ..	509	229	628	260
Italy ..	3,235	1,190	3,292	1,152
Japan ..	760	417	4,397	1,899
Korea ..	5	4	774	307
Mexico ..	430	205	326	131
Netherlands ..	591	228	689	215
Sweden ..	618	269	765	275
Switzerland ..	180	81	275	101
United States of America ..	12,875	5,271	13,105	4,695
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,761	890	2,352	1,078
TOTAL:	(c) 55,448	23,507	(d) 63,790	24,020

(a) 1,720,563 bales. (b) 1,980,297 bales. (c) 228,620 bales, excluding bales of wool waste. (d) 285,752 bales, excluding bales of wool waste.

**4. VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED DURING JANUARY, 1955 AND 1956
AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1955 AND 1956.**

**TOTAL IMPORTS
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)**

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:				
Cheese	37	17	204	203
Fish -				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	173	98	792	1,026
Preserved in airtight containers ..	357	498	2,054	2,828
Other	56	25	317	365
Lactose	11	-	64	90
Meats -				
Sausage Casings (excluding synthetic) ..	51	36	341	238
Other	7	7	31	53
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	30	5	158	125
Total Class I:	722	686	3,961	4,926
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:				
Non-alcoholic Beverages:				
Cocoa butter	113	84	1,379	730
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab ..	148	103	1,361	566
Coffee and chicory	296	447	1,342	1,102
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	18	22	146	188
Fruit, dried-dates	56	-	265	13
Grain and pulse	10	15	160	196
Hops	69	100	153	258
Nuts, edible	60	41	684	666
Pickles and sauces	25	9	84	65
Sago and tapioca	3	3	35	57
Spices	35	49	472	399
Sugar and sugar syrups	5	-	61	23
Tea	1,259	597	11,070	6,042
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	17	18	307	398
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	70	69	406	489
Total Class II:	2,184	1,557	17,925	11,192
CLASS III - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors:				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	4	1	23	18
Spirits (beverages) -				
Whisky	180	153	969	1,024
Other	29	21	173	230
Wine, fermented	19	6	77	71
Total Class III:	232	181	1,242	1,343
CLASS IV - Tobacco:				
Cigarettes	303	34	1,363	645
Cigars	5	10	63	76
Snuff	-	-	-	1
Tobacco -				
Manufactured	13	8	72	64
Unmanufactured	2,114	1,365	7,872	9,761
Total Class IV:	2,435	1,417	9,370	10,547
CLASS V - Live Animals	37	75	242	315

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January		Seven months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs:				
Coarse hair and fibre ..	66	51	318	545
Hides and skins -				
Calf and cattle ..	5	4	85	45
Furred skins ..	55	30	352	353
Goat ..	-	1	174	117
Other ..	6	7	49	59
Shells ..	29	21	147	144
Silk, raw ..	12	-	43	5
Wool ..	323	51	1,055	774
Other animal substances ..	10	10	104	128
Total Class VI:	506	175	2,327	2,170
CLASS VII - Vegetable Substances and Fibres;				
Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres:				
Copra ..	109	214	1,170	1,248
Cork and manufactures ..	89	42	375	347
Fibres -				
Coir ..	20	6	136	122
Cotton, raw ..	624	531	4,908	3,668
Flax and hemp ..	8	21	76	164
Jute ..	2	5	387	340
Kapok ..	8	11	229	182
Synthetic fibres and filaments ..	53	132	606	845
Other ..	116	131	804	851
Gums and resins ..	158	82	789	1,002
Seeds -				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	96	76	690	747
Oil seeds ..	30	11	163	165
Tanning substances ..	46	32	320	338
Other vegetable substances ..	28	18	145	99
Total Class VII:	1,387	1,312	10,798	10,118
CLASS VIII - Yarns and Manufactured Fibres,				
Textiles and Apparel:				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres -				
Bags and sacks -				
Corn and Flour ..	36	171	5,064	5,651
Woolpacks ..	280	-	1,339	905
Other ..	-	4	43	192
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	60	26	249	229
Sewing and other cotton ..	281	96	1,300	1,185
Yarns -				
Cotton ..	410	203	1,958	1,416
Hair ..	24	32	100	129
Synthetic fibre ..	731	660	5,125	5,334
Woollen ..	27	23	127	97
Other ..	15	26	55	112
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	1	1	26	14
Total Class VIII (a):	1,865	1,242	15,386	15,264
(b) Textiles				
Blankets and blanketing ..	33	22	135	112
Floor covering ..	1,166	677	7,262	6,256
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery -				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	87	65	1,017	1,050
Other ..	61	48	398	380
Piece-goods -				
Canvas and Duck ..	122	77	858	762
Cotton and linen ..	3,775	2,700	25,104	21,622
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	122	66	614	540
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	176	24	1,405	1,814
Synthetic fibre ..	1,249	915	8,921	8,318
Silk ..	78	65	543	591

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£1'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
(b) Textiles (Continued)				
Piece-goods -				
Velvets, velveteens, etc. ..	258	261	792	793
Woollen	274	174	956	879
Felts	64	48	285	376
Other	107	56	596	500
Towels and towelling ..	139	64	886	636
Other Textiles	59	52	358	409
Total Class VIII (b):	7,770	5,314	50,130	45,038
(c) Apparel -				
Buttons, including snap fasteners	31	26	190	189
Footwear	76	63	572	595
Garments -				
Knitted -				
Hosiery	152	47	727	358
Outerwear	146	39	336	143
Underwear	13	5	146	71
Other	6	41	50	131
Not Knitted -				
Outerwear	180	114	521	539
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments ..	20	9	167	231
Gloves	141	104	970	750
Hats and caps	94	90	578	552
Trimnings and ornaments -				
Embroidery in the piece ..	33	55	263	511
Lace, nets and veillings ..	283	160	1,695	1,388
Ribbons and galloons ..	31	24	251	183
Other	125	90	694	742
Other apparel	102	76	629	552
Total Class VIII (c):	1,433	943	7,789	6,935
Total Class VIII:	11,068	7,499	73,305	67,237
CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:				
Fats, greases and waxes ..	80	52	817	467
Oils -				
Castor	5	32	100	127
Linseed	110	-	811	744
Olive	72	46	428	423
Peanut (china)	13	5	190	180
Petroleum -				
Crude	1,344	3,581	13,035	21,680
Kerosene (incl. aviation turbine fuel)	475	557	4,268	4,242
Lubricating (mineral) ..	899	392	3,423	2,972
Residual and solar ..	1,269	421	9,285	4,338
Spirit	3,437	2,443	20,306	18,258
Turpentine substitutes ..	55	94	518	661
Other	60	147	345	907
Tung (china wood)	14	26	176	260
Other	63	92	865	572
Total Class IX:	7,896	7,888	54,567	55,831
CLASS X - Pigments, Paints and Varnishes:				
Colour pigments -				
Black	164	103	882	864
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	272	102	753	665
Other	113	94	564	564
Dyes, natural and synthetic ..	175	132	953	1,014
Paints, colours and varnishes ..	18	20	150	159
Total Class X:	742	451	3,302	3,266

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS XI - Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons:				
Abrasives (natural)	41	54	311	349
Asbestos	223	237	1,846	1,648
Sulphur	245	222	1,500	1,445
Other rocks, minerals, etc. ..	109	109	1,042	932
Total Class XI:	618	622	4,699	4,374
CLASS XII - Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery:				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures -				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	382	479	2,169	2,977
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	62	75	388	395
Chain and chains of base metal ..	69	64	359	431
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) -				
Pigs	818	-	4,439	2,066
Other	202	57	1,085	982
Cutlery	271	154	1,470	1,440
Fencing posts and droppers ..	44	38	494	328
Heating and cooking appliances ..	176	67	758	771
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys) -				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, etc. ..	736	1,326	3,869	8,966
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	199	35	554	794
Pig, scrap and powder ..	1	-	6	7
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	195	146	1,452	917
Plate and sheet -				
Galvanized	512	189	3,940	1,956
Plain	1,056	555	4,660	4,473
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	1,470	1,243	7,838	6,933
Structural	283	225	1,606	2,367
Kitchenware	43	32	246	293
Lamps and lampware	34	57	257	407
Leaf and foil	107	107	486	735
Meters and parts	231	169	1,499	1,326
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	31	24	170	198
Tin	62	32	182	188
Tools of trade	448	358	2,630	2,610
Vehicles -				
Aircraft and parts	979	519	4,253	4,025
Cycles and cycle parts	41	68	347	460
Motor cycles, side-cars, etc. ..	191	149	940	763
Motor vehicles -				
Complete	)	880	)	7,620
Bodies and parts	) 7,049	505	) 41,388	3,853
Chassis and parts	)	4,541	)	32,053
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts ..	19	132	728	734
Other and parts	321	231	1,721	2,022
Wire, single strand -				
Iron and steel	257	273	1,041	2,332
Copper and copper base alloys ..	9	7	98	40
Other	31	23	153	191
Wire manufactures* -				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys electrical conductor ..	1	9	87	172
Iron and steel	242	168	1,102	1,281
Other	2	1	20	21
Other metals and semi-manufactures †	208	200	1,034	1,115
Other metal manufactures	735	905	5,109	5,144
Total Class XII (a):	17,517	14,043	98,578	103,386

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII (b).

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS XII - (Continued)				
(b) <u>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment -</u>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	62	23	250	207
Cable and wire, covered ..	154	246	1,045	1,325
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	342	678	2,191	3,143
Dynamo electrical machines -				
Electrical motors ..	281	215	1,836	1,946
Other ..	216	265	2,051	2,154
Heating and cooking appliances ..	107	52	597	629
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines -				
Sparkling plugs and parts ..	55	21	328	204
Other ..	23	25	160	162
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, etc. ..	148	128	969	879
Measuring and recording instruments ..	90	180	404	961
Protective equipment ..	101	52	425	579
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus ..	403	488	2,489	3,081
Transformers and rectifiers ..	261	255	1,353	2,137
Other electrical machinery and appliances	246	253	1,569	1,923
Total Class XII (b):	2,489	2,881	15,667	19,330
(c) <u>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) -</u>				
Air and gas compressors ..	118	88	734	624
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery -				
Harvesting ..	85	58	2,123	1,665
Other ..	242	117	1,520	2,010
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	79	111	658	476
Dairying machinery ..	86	78	449	577
Hand tools (power driven) ..	344	194	1,279	1,138
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating) -				
Vacuum cleaners ..	70	39	467	250
Washing machines ..	144	41	762	353
Other ..	76	33	428	322
Metal-working machinery -				
Machine tools ..	493	499	2,801	3,945
Other ..	253	395	1,727	2,494
Motive power machinery -				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	358	487	2,790	3,555
Power boilers and parts ..	102	48	504	561
Tractors and parts ..	1,574	1,404	12,151	9,945
Turbines and parts ..	505	273	1,251	1,775
Other and parts ..	1,133	1,542	7,508	7,792
Office and accounting machines ..	603	624	3,105	3,903
Printing machinery ..	210	230	1,149	1,713
Pumps ..	92	100	566	712
Refrigerating appliances ..	167	115	848	538
Roller and ball bearings ..	333	334	1,435	1,942
Sewing machines ..	441	260	2,566	2,081
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery ..	768	532	4,865	3,946
Textile-working machinery and appliances -				
Knitting machines ..	103	48	704	527
Other ..	244	215	1,550	1,654
Other machines and machinery ..	1,061	949	6,678	6,915
Total Class XII (c):	9,684	8,814	60,618	61,413
Total Class XII:	29,690	25,738	174,863	184,129

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Particulars	January		Seven months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS XIII - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof:				
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures -				
Rubber -				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	933	1,018	6,348	9,597
Substitutes ..	13	467	137	1,234
Rubber manufactures -				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	106	68	707	578
Tyres and tubes ..	185	132	1,203	1,116
Other ..	104	98	552	655
Total Class XIII (a):	1,341	1,783	8,947	13,180
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures -				
Leather ..	26	19	203	213
Leather manufactures ..	37	33	204	235
Total Class XIII (b):	63	52	407	448
Total Class XIII:	1,404	1,835	9,354	13,628
CLASS XIV - Wood and Wicker:				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	172	118	820	1,151
Timber -				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	289	130	1,270	981
Undressed (including logs) ..	1,126	1,110	6,910	8,952
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	19	19	121	113
Total Class XIV:	1,606	1,377	9,121	11,197
CLASS XV - Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware:				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	129	44	549	414
Cement ..	85	13	550	158
Crookery and other householdware ..	512	316	3,107	3,081
Glass ..	318	281	2,365	2,038
Glassware ..	220	132	1,425	1,504
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	22	57	133	316
Tiles ..	100	118	671	785
Other earthenware, china, etc. ..	34	84	181	326
Total Class XV:	1,420	1,045	8,981	8,622
CLASS XVI - Paper and Stationery:				
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board -				
Millboard and other boards ..	205	126	1,130	925
Paper -				
Printings -				
Newsprint ..	2,057	713	7,561	6,985
Other ..	591	327	2,862	2,930
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	219	159	1,330	1,033
Wrapping and bag papers ..	535	344	2,433	1,899
Writing and typewriting ..	266	214	1,026	1,308
Other ..	213	180	988	1,048
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	554	454	3,017	3,241
Total Class XVI (a):	4,640	2,517	20,347	19,369

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
(b) <u>Paper Manufactures and Stationery -</u>				
Books (printed), directories, etc. ..	532	571	3,587	4,335
Pens and pencils -				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	60	54	686	630
Other ..	35	18	219	169
Other paper manufactures, stationery, etc.	253	181	1,694	1,913
<u>Total Class XVI (b):</u>	880	824	6,186	7,047
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	5,520	3,341	26,533	26,416
<u>CLASS XVII - Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces:</u>				
Fancy goods ..	117	73	1,082	1,164
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery ..	96	54	1,081	873
Precious stones, unset ..	38	82	662	648
Sporting material ..	49	38	360	354
Timepieces -				
Clocks and clock movements ..	112	108	833	868
Watches and watch movements ..	113	110	1,252	1,331
Toys ..	94	63	1,536	1,655
<u>Total Class XVII:</u>	619	528	6,806	6,893
<u>CLASS XVIII - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.:</u>				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor ..	154	110	993	1,013
Cinematographs ..	65	41	356	294
Films for cinematographs ..	130	168	997	990
Photographic goods ..	68	36	329	345
Instruments and materials -				
Optical and ophthalmic ..	82	80	821	850
Surgical and dental ..	279	252	1,326	1,470
Other scientific instruments and machines	231	200	1,331	1,400
<u>Total Class XVIII:</u>	1,009	887	6,153	6,362
<u>CLASS XIX - Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers:</u>				
Acids ..	195	123	865	669
Additives for petroleum oils ..	73	72	546	685
Alcohols and spirits ..	72	65	488	432
Drugs and medicinal preparations -				
Antibiotics ..	118	520	985	1,076
Vitamin and vitamin preparations ..	50	35	320	256
Other ..	674	650	2,989	3,928
Essential oils ..	43	41	302	317
Fertilizers -				
Potash salts ..	45	8	330	336
Rock phosphates ..	104	214	1,274	1,822
Other ..	2	67	816	387
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	39	59	425	455
Soap and soap substitutes ..	63	48	329	492
Sodium cyanide ..	16	26	106	132
Styrene (monomer) ..	43	55	236	307
Tetraethyl lead ..	81	200	377	430
Chemical compounds, n.e.i. ..	816	665	5,075	5,920
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	95	77	524	607
<u>Total Class XIX:</u>	2,529	2,925	15,987	18,251

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS XX - Miscellaneous:				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	41	11	278	134
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	92	153	1,041	712
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, etc. ..	55	30	601	552
Brushware ..	35	20	225	209
Military, naval and air force stores and equipment ..	259	305	1,389	3,134
Musical instruments and parts -				
Gramophones, etc., including records	84	98	583	900
Other ..	57	73	383	457
Outside packages ..	1,400	1,143	8,737	8,515
Packings for engines, boilers, etc. ..	120	112	743	776
Passengers' effects ..	280	364	1,564	2,203
Prefabricated buildings ..	57	91	794	471
Specialised equipment for large-scale projects -				
Electric power station ..	21	38	170	110
Oil refining ..	115	14	764	432
Other ..	130	89	1,369	797
Synthetic resins ..	527	358	3,156	2,303
Vessels (ships) ..	434	318	1,889	2,907
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	108	14	482	509
All other articles ..	574	654	2,941	4,162
Total Class XX:	4,389	3,885	27,109	29,283
TOTAL MERCHANDISE:	76,013	63,424	466,645	476,102
CLASS XXI - Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie:				
Gold, including gold in matte ..	399	859	1,572	1,658
Silver, including silver in matte ..	4	11	31	33
Total Class XXI:	403	870	1,603	1,691
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
<u>Importing States -</u>				
New South Wales ..	32,691	27,785	187,886	194,405
Victoria ..	25,871	22,980	167,316	172,958
Queensland ..	4,711	4,053	38,961	36,101
South Australia ..	6,657	4,489	37,263	38,303
Western Australia ..	4,933	3,639	28,259	28,108
Tasmania ..	1,399	1,154	8,207	7,193
Northern Territory ..	154	194	356	725
GRAND TOTAL:	76,416	64,294	468,248	477,793

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:				
Butter	3,345	3,224	12,908	18,623
Cheese	671	508	3,091	2,372
Eggs	592	571	4,847	4,814
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process	261	357	465	676
Ghee	37	33	217	221
Honey	48	66	388	611
Infants' and invalids' foods	141	89	782	850
Margarine	15	1	42	19
Meats -				
Bacon and hams	17	17	258	148
Meat extracts	46	31	486	538
Preserved by cold process -				
Beef and veal	1,933	1,542	14,424	16,933
Lamb	1,508	1,224	8,825	7,079
Mutton	141	328	960	1,302
Offals	299	287	1,603	2,133
Pork	86	39	564	239
Poultry	22	16	424	305
Rabbit and Hare	66	112	831	911
Preserved in airtight containers	1,224	1,253	12,930	11,830
Sausage Casings	167	(a) 220	1,066	(a) 1,286
Other	81	22	518	237
Milk and Cream -				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	516	452	2,030	2,556
Dried, including malted	492	624	2,685	3,090
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	32	55	279	272
Total Class I:	11,740	11,071	70,623	77,045
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:				
Non-alcoholic Beverages:				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	23	34	231	252
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	30	15	198	191
Foods for animals	29	51	287	385
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	13	15	334	174
Fruit -				
Dried -				
Currants	11	16	510	466
Raisins	241	96	4,003	3,770
Other	12	19	494	232
Fresh -				
Apples	3	3	274	644
Citrus	17	6	674	734
Other	16	11	40	53
Frozen	-	-	-	1
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	105	329	5,665	6,794
Pulped	15	-	133	73
Grain and pulse -				
Prepared -				
Breakfast foods	59	53	237	396
Flour (wheaten) -				
Plain White	1,910	1,718	10,292	11,558
Other	101	40	500	312
Rice	163	127	1,235	1,472
Other	66	45	548	575
Unprepared -				
Barley	1,065	1,530	4,056	3,679
Maize	19	-	101	68
Oats	204	500	483	1,652
Peas (not split)	31	38	170	171
Sorghum	26	-	484	166
Wheat	3,064	3,203	24,142	21,993
Other	34	64	319	564

(a) Excludes synthetic casings.

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
<u>CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin;</u>				
<u>Non-alcoholic Beverages - continued:</u>				
Jams and fruit jellies	46	16	268	165
Soups	27	12	230	208
Sugar (cane)	2,803	1,458	21,857	15,496
Tea	30	12	206	70
Vegetables -				
Preserved in liquid or pulped ..	43	22	168	128
Other	21	34	244	213
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	41	40	286	335
<u>Total Class II:</u>	10,268	9,507	78,669	72,990
<u>CLASS III - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors:</u>				
Ale, beer, cider, etc.	46	45	273	295
Spirits (beverages)	16	13	189	135
Wine	22	32	392	380
<u>Total Class III:</u>	84	90	854	810
<u>CLASS IV - Tobacco:</u>				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	10	8	70	252
Tobacco	19	11	146	126
<u>Total Class IV:</u>	29	19	216	378
<u>CLASS V - Live Animals:</u>				
Cattle	42	6	223	338
Horses	19	10	148	138
Sheep	36	43	181	201
Other live animals	7	10	47	61
<u>Total Class V:</u>	104	69	599	738
<u>CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs:</u>				
Hides and skins -				
Calf, cattle and horse	182	263	1,077	1,643
Kangaroo and wallaby	6	41	173	230
Opossum	-	-	32	13
Rabbit and hare	128	60	679	1,400
Sheep and lamb	1,053	1,166	9,420	9,757
Other (including sheepskin and lambskin pieces)	14	26	177	214
Pearl-shell	95	179	465	648
Trochus-shell	66	56	356	477
Wool -				
Greasy	27,315	20,353	166,876	161,234
Scoured and washed, slipes, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	3,166	3,138	23,507	24,040
Other animal substances	44	46	306	428
<u>Total Class VI:</u>	32,069	25,328	203,068	200,084
<u>CLASS VII - Vegetable Substances and Fibres;</u>				
<u>Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres:</u>				
Seeds	134	288	455	731
Tanning substances	5	159	109	407
Other vegetable substances	12	8	100	105
<u>Total Class VII:</u>	151	455	664	1,243

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS VIII - Yarns and Manufactured Fibres,				
Textiles and Apparel:				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres -				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	40	53	414	549
Yarns -				
Woollen	5	3	127	29
Other	19	11	89	71
Other manufactured fibres ..	8	6	73	65
Total Class VIII (a):	72	73	703	714
(b) Textiles -				
Blankets and blanketing ..	-	-	6	5
Piece-goods -				
Cotton	5	7	86	70
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres ..	7	5	220	71
Woollen	5	4	61	35
Other	8	3	45	50
Other textiles	16	7	142	124
Total Class VIII (b):	41	26	560	355
(c) Apparel -				
Footwear	7	9	45	47
Outerwear	8	12	92	76
Underwear and sleeping attire ..	5	4	51	31
Other apparel	13	6	105	62
Total Class VIII (c):	33	31	293	216
Total Class VIII:	146	130	1,556	1,285
CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:				
Fats and Waxes, etc. -				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	13	4	101	47
Fatty acids	10	16	66	125
Tallow - edible and inedible	184	359	968	2,129
Other	11	11	94	114
Oils -				
Petroleum and shale oils	61	873	827	3,509
Whale oils	-	3	1,479	1,475
Other	12	13	101	170
Total Class IX:	291	1,279	3,636	7,569
CLASS X - Pigments, Paints and Varnishes :				
Lead oxides	19	9	140	144
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	43	27	232	266
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	22	17	178	142
Total Class X:	84	53	550	552
CLASS XI - Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons:				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	15	22	124	439
Asphalt, tar and pitch	31	19	222	245
Coal	81	107	775	498
Coke	9	65	92	238
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes -				
Lead and silver-lead	574	477	2,363	2,832
Titanium and zirconium	197	485	1,640	2,666
Tungsten	205	131	1,739	2,035
Zinc	302	317	2,015	2,919
Other	60	62	905	1,033
Other stones and minerals	22	31	232	190
Total Class XI:	1,496	1,716	10,107	13,095

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CLASS XII - Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery:				
(a) <u>Metals and Metal Manufactures -</u>				
<u>Metals and semi-manufactures -</u>				
Cadmium	1	1	133	139
Copper	42	13	1,296	2,821
Copper-base alloys	46	13	369	331
Iron and steel	611	330	3,990	3,241
Lead -				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion ..	536	-	3,712	2,857
Pig	939	1,315	10,333	11,831
Other	359	63	1,055	624
Zinc	588	313	2,617	2,703
Other	12	9	166	188
<u>Metal manufactures -</u>				
Builders' and engineering hardware ..	25	23	255	202
Tools of trade	21	20	243	215
Vehicles and parts	289	322	1,882	1,802
Window Louvres	65	32	320	349
Other metal manufactures	198	119	1,508	1,480
<u>Total Class XII (a):</u>	3,732	2,594	27,879	28,783
(b) <u>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment -</u>				
Batteries and accumulators	22	18	253	280
Communication equipment	62	113	471	618
Other electrical appliances	69	75	683	770
<u>Total Class XII (b):</u>	153	206	1,407	1,668
(c) <u>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) -</u>				
Aircraft engines and parts	158	121	828	411
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery	242	39	860	782
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	54	96	315	368
Motive power machinery	91	179	611	916
Personal massage appliances	2	3	152	297
Pumps, machinery	56	12	291	189
Refrigerating appliances	26	35	258	236
Other machines and machinery	317	451	2,307	2,805
<u>Total Class XII (c):</u>	946	936	5,622	6,004
<u>Total Class XII:</u>	4,831	3,736	34,908	36,455
CLASS XIII - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof:				
(a) <u>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</u>	41	29	429	387
(b) <u>Leather and Leather Manufactures -</u>				
<u>Leather -</u>				
Hide Leathers -				
Sole	36	22	324	271
Other	108	56	741	862
Sheep and Lamb	11	10	117	66
Other	9	6	73	71
Leather manufactures	8	3	75	59
<u>Total Class XIII (b):</u>	172	97	1,330	1,329
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>	213	126	1,759	1,716

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Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
<u>CLASS XIV - Wood and Wicker:</u>				
Sleepers, railway	104	21	231	467
Timber	175	132	935	1,241
Wood and wicker manufactures	26	21	278	285
<u>Total Class XIV:</u>	305	174	1,444	1,993
<u>CLASS XV - Earthenware, Cement, China,</u>				
<u>Glass and Stoneware -</u>	52	58	718	548
<u>CLASS XVI - Paper and Stationery:</u>				
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board	67	13	255	280
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, etc.	102	72	776	793
Paper manufactures and stationery	40	33	574	483
<u>Total Class XVI (b):</u>	142	105	1,350	1,276
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	209	118	1,605	1,556
<u>CLASS XVII - Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy</u>				
<u>Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces:</u>				
Precious stones, unset - pearls, etc.	7	16	97	118
Sporting goods	10	8	146	138
Other	10	4	100	66
<u>Total Class XVII:</u>	27	28	343	322
<u>CLASS XVIII - Optical, Surgical and Scientific</u>				
<u>Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods,</u>				
<u>n.e.i.:</u>				
Films for cinematographs, etc.	28	14	174	135
Photographic goods and materials	46	13	314	265
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments				
and materials	40	22	298	205
<u>Total Class XVIII:</u>	114	49	786	605
<u>CLASS XIX - Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical</u>				
<u>Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers:</u>				
Acids	6	1	60	26
Drugs and medicinal preparations -				
Acetylsalicylic acid	19	16	99	117
Other	67	61	714	688
Eucalyptus oil	5	14	88	138
Perfumery and toilet preparations	19	7	113	114
Soap	25	18	161	139
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	145	272	979	1,656
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including				
fertilizers)	39	52	422	400
<u>Total Class XIX:</u>	325	441	2,636	3,278

TOTAL EXPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
<u>CLASS XX - Miscellaneous:</u>				
Arms and ammunition	5	7	77	159
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried out abroad and Australian representatives abroad ..	105	12	660	1,163
Exports made with the intention of re-importing including exports by Australian Airways companies for servicing their own aircraft abroad ..	(a)	277	(a)	2,513
Military, naval and air force stores and equipment	175	99	1,244	2,440
Synthetic resins	31	23	399	371
Unclassified exports valued at less than £50 for any one consignment	76	319	730	2,711
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	3	6	245	568
All other articles	684	393	2,958	2,786
<u>Total Class XX:</u>	1,079	1,136	6,313	12,711
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE:</u>	63,617	55,583	421,054	434,973
<u>CLASS XXI - Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie:</u>				
Bronze Specie	-	-	1	-
Gold, including gold in matte	587	-	4,713	8,235
Silver, including silver in matte	162	174	1,487	1,626
<u>Total Class XXI:</u>	749	174	6,201	9,861
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
<u>States of Final Shipment -</u>				
New South Wales	15,925	15,902	119,681	130,888
Victoria	19,172	14,635	114,483	117,691
Queensland	13,480	10,207	92,486	92,825
South Australia	7,425	7,733	57,486	56,694
Western Australia	7,149	6,243	37,330	39,783
Tasmania	1,215	1,037	5,750	6,911
Northern Territory	-	-	39	42
<u>Australian Produce:</u>	63,788	54,695	422,295	436,886
<u>Re-exports:</u>	578	1,062	4,960	7,948
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	64,366	55,757	427,255	444,834

(a) Not recorded separately prior to July, 1955. Goods in this category were classified according to commodity.

5. VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA VESSELS (a)
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars	January		Seven Months ended January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
Value of stores shipped on oversea vessels	1,058	1,381	6,852	7,500

(a) Not included in export figures throughout this Bulletin.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE

Particulars of the Gross Revenue collected under each Statistical Class, and of the individual items of the Excise Tariff, together with total Refunds and Drawback paid and Net Revenue, are shown in the following table for the seven months ended January, 1955 and 1956.

(£A'000)

Statistical Class or Excise Division		Seven Months ended	
		1955	1956
<u>CUSTOMS</u>			
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	206	277	
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	904	707	
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	1,579	1,576	
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	9,058	7,306	
5. Live Animals ..	-	-	
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not Foodstuffs ..	5	8	
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres ..	129	148	
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	414	307	
8b. Textiles ..	5,978	5,680	
8c. Apparel ..	1,568	1,543	
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	13,406	11,410	
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	82	83	
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..	23	22	
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures ..	8,264	7,332	
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances, etc. ..	1,336	1,487	
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..	4,945	4,594	
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	778	769	
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	51	60	
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and manufactured ..	826	955	
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	1,268	1,458	
16a. Pulp, Paper and Board ..	556	392	
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	352	374	
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces ..	1,952	2,014	
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, etc. ..	676	754	
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, etc. ..	734	751	
20. Miscellaneous Goods ..	1,235	1,530	
Sundry Undistributed Duties ..	101	150	
Duties under Industries Preservation Act ..	18	6	
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	210	163	
<u>TOTAL CUSTOMS</u>	56,654	51,856	
Primage ..	5,092	4,881	
<u>TOTAL CUSTOMS AND PRIMAGE</u>	61,746	56,737	
<u>EXCISE</u>			
Beer ..	44,791	47,704	
Spirits ..	3,801	4,153	
Tobacco ..	8,906	8,234	
Cigars and Cigarettes ..	15,837	19,503	
Petrol ..	7,170	10,358	
Playing Cards ..	26	27	
Cigarette Papers and Tubes ..	594	524	
Matches ..	641	626	
Coal ..	357	345	
Other Excise, including Licences ..	295	320	
<u>TOTAL EXCISE</u>	82,418	91,794	
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue:	144,164	148,531	
Refunds and Drawback Paid:	3,576	4,097	
<u>TOTAL : Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue:</u>	140,588	144,434	

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