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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA
DECEMBER 1972

This statement contains preliminary information of imports for December 1972 and comparative figures for the months of October and November 1972 and six months ended December 1971 and 1972. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics, Part 2 - Imports, December 1972* (Reference No. 8.10).

TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a)
(\$'000 f.o.b., port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	October 1972	November 1972	December 1972	Six months ended December	
				1971	1972
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	558	286	235	1,328	2,195
01 Meat and meat preparations	116	110	89	806	619
02 Dairy products and eggs	907	804	629	3,825	4,746
03 Fish and fish preparations	5,165	5,471	4,116	20,240	24,369
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	794	582	357	3,267	3,597
05 Fruit and vegetables	2,169	2,748	2,119	13,665	13,076
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	383	325	234	1,659	1,648
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3,812	5,317	3,334	26,929	26,139
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	318	365	291	3,747	2,550
09 Misc. preps. chiefly for food	253	402	236	3,234	1,962
<i>Total Section 0</i>	<i>14,475</i>	<i>16,410</i>	<i>11,640</i>	<i>78,700</i>	<i>80,902</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	3,013	2,900	1,758	11,706	12,691
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,761	3,792	3,450	13,347	15,522
<i>Total Section 1</i>	<i>4,774</i>	<i>6,692</i>	<i>5,208</i>	<i>25,053</i>	<i>28,213</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	95	86	78	398	517
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	1,255	520	119	2,295	3,539
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1,870	1,553	1,570	12,160	10,827
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,340	7,161	4,111	25,861	28,413
25 Pulp and waste paper	2,722	3,653	2,324	16,005	18,382
26 Textile fibres and their waste	3,490	5,205	2,509	22,579	20,798
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	4,396	3,668	3,005	25,387	25,408
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	386	307	347	2,792	2,935
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,488	1,515	1,532	7,398	8,751
<i>Total Section 2</i>	<i>20,041</i>	<i>23,668</i>	<i>15,595</i>	<i>114,876</i>	<i>119,571</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	27	54	72	265	214
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	16,656	18,876	15,231	104,133	89,891
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	3	21	3	21	58
<i>Total Section 3</i>	<i>16,687</i>	<i>18,951</i>	<i>15,306</i>	<i>104,419</i>	<i>90,162</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	32	9	13	221	129
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	851	627	554	6,044	5,016
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	208	145	154	1,074	937
<i>Total Section 4</i>	<i>1,090</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>720</i>	<i>7,338</i>	<i>6,082</i>

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TABLE 1. — IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) — *continued*
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	October 1972	November 1972	December 1972	Six months ended December	
				1971	1972
5 CHEMICALS —					
51 Chemical elements and compounds					
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	12,714	14,255	10,101	72,386	67,599
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	154	37	10	1,570	941
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	3,243	2,774	2,416	14,274	15,161
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	5,690	5,281	4,241	33,162	31,409
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	1,695	1,510	1,435	9,336	9,173
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	758	303	1,063	2,439	3,359
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	635	332	160	1,951	1,658
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	9,575	9,410	7,196	49,694	48,608
Total Section 5	3,961	5,042	2,824	27,035	22,646
	38,425	38,943	29,444	211,848	200,554
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL —					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	687	650	723	3,639	3,893
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	5,120	5,096	5,137	30,468	26,756
63 Wood, cork manufactures (except furniture)	1,812	2,145	1,377	9,370	10,074
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	10,151	10,939	8,711	57,402	58,200
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, related products	29,084	32,228	24,145	165,358	169,629
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	9,294	9,314	7,611	45,830	49,446
67 Iron and steel	8,892	5,678	6,620	78,743	45,315
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,524	2,323	2,781	12,262	12,695
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	8,750	10,077	8,164	52,612	51,031
Total Section 6	76,314	78,449	65,269	455,683	427,240
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT —					
71 Machinery (except electric)					
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	60,552	56,450	54,545	368,729	331,238
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	23,683	25,326	25,356	150,214	139,536
Total Section 7	63,703	36,073	32,692	274,366	236,820
	147,938	117,849	112,593	793,309	707,594
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES —					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	636	704	595	3,820	3,707
82 Furniture	795	908	798	3,620	4,294
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	925	828	623	4,311	4,730
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	4,042	5,203	5,024	21,168	28,250
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	2,297	1,547	1,263	14,154	12,918
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	12,340	12,398	12,214	73,866	68,115
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	20,521	22,380	17,496	106,131	115,397
Total Section 8	41,555	43,968	38,013	227,070	237,411
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	10,605	11,552	7,791	68,374	60,251
Total Merchandise	371,904	357,262	301,579	2,086,670	1,957,980
9B Non-merchandise (d)	4,146	4,650	3,409	28,191	25,414
Total	376,050	361,912	304,988	2,114,861	1,983,394

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports and not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$443 million for the year ended 30 June 1970 and \$462 million for the year ended 30 June 1971. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

TABLE 2. - IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (a)
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)

Country of Origin	October 1972	November 1972	December 1972	Six months ended December	
				1971	1972
Austria	1,143	883	987	6,849	5,895
Bahrain	3,048	4,748	1,621	11,117	15,435
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,762	2,308	2,281	13,206	15,379
Brazil	703	1,128	439	6,462	4,835
Brunei	..	..	..	1,178	971
Canada	10,825	10,711	12,121	75,488	67,395
China, People's Republic of	2,915	5,558	3,523	20,408	24,176
China, Republic of (Taiwan)	4,821	5,503	4,397	17,307	26,776
Christmas Island	887	324	199	3,293	3,059
Czechoslovakia	714	849	533	4,146	4,347
Denmark	1,754	1,509	1,178	6,352	7,554
Finland	2,311	2,458	1,157	7,623	10,715
France	5,344	7,604	5,871	34,618	35,463
Germany, Federal Republic of	27,255	23,143	18,014	153,726	140,677
Ghana	337	4	407	3,131	2,721
Greece	248	239	409	2,579	1,810
Hong Kong	6,666	7,249	5,770	33,952	38,858
India	2,752	3,439	1,929	16,865	15,337
Indonesia	703	976	626	8,382	5,835
Iran	939	2,096	1,130	7,187	8,935
Iraq	2,439	1,109	1,804	15,659	10,302
Israel	781	474	623	3,008	3,780
Italy	6,325	7,635	6,318	45,286	44,114
Japan	60,568	70,376	47,870	348,757	352,367
Korea, Republic of	803	864	560	2,678	4,012
Kuwait	3,354	2,695	3,174	17,004	12,721
Malaysia	3,342	2,312	2,995	16,605	17,512
Nauru	772	264	690	6,026	4,856
Netherlands	5,379	5,208	4,725	36,463	29,057
New Zealand	10,752	11,395	9,295	55,890	59,664
Norway	1,303	836	719	4,599	5,386
Pakistan	352	679	682	4,676	2,744
Papua New Guinea	1,888	2,287	1,322	12,141	11,708
Qatar	..	465	..	3,837	2,833
Saudi Arabia	1,867	2,344	3,311	11,274	11,136
Singapore	4,048	4,761	3,291	20,086	23,358
South Africa, Republic of	1,713	1,853	1,036	12,171	10,340
Spain	1,499	1,408	1,576	8,352	9,233
Sri Lanka (b)	945	952	464	7,082	5,175
Sweden	7,652	7,638	5,003	33,489	37,594
Switzerland	5,820	4,815	5,392	39,737	33,816
Uganda	13	1,021	371	3,362	2,559
Union of Arab Emirates (c)	552	343	1,149	3,914	3,220
United Kingdom	100,187	66,051	59,908	451,611	376,099
United States of America	62,057	71,373	70,575	448,862	400,114
Yemen, People's Republic of	..	33	..	3,723	359
Other countries	15,512	11,392	9,544	64,700	73,160
Total	376,050	361,912	304,988	2,114,861	1,983,394

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Formerly Ceylon. (c) Formerly Trucial States.

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