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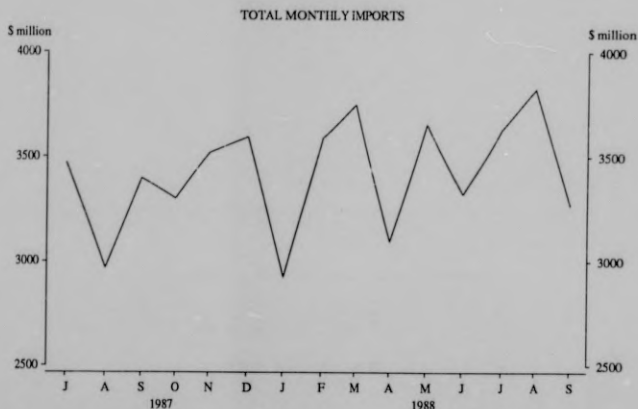
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IMPORTS, AUSTRALIA, MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES SEPTEMBER 1988

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NOTE: Import statistics relate to the month in which import entries are finalised by Customs and passed to the ABS for processing. They do not necessarily represent entries lodged or commodities actually imported during the month. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

MAIN FEATURES



Imports for September 1988 fell by \$554m to \$3,270m, a decrease of 14% compared with August 1988.

The major contributors to this decrease were miscellaneous manufactured articles, down \$146m (24%) to \$465m; machinery, down \$124m (11%) to \$962m; chemicals, down \$89m (21%) to \$344m; and manufactures of metal, down \$46m (21%) to \$170m.

The principal sources of Australia's major imports for September 1988 were:

- . aircraft and associated equipment (\$146m): the USA (89%) and the Netherlands (7%);
- . automatic data processing machines (\$137m): the USA (38%), Japan (23%) and Taiwan (12%);
- . passenger motor vehicles (\$123m): Japan (76%), the Federal Republic of Germany (13%) and the UK (5%); and
- . crude petroleum oils (\$94m): the United Arab Emirates (32%), Indonesia (24%), Malaysia (20%) and Saudi Arabia (15%).

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS
\$m.

Period	Total imports (a)	Non-Merchandise imports
1985-86	34,691	1,044
1986-87	36,988	1,176
1987-88	40,590	1,345
1987-88 -		
July	3,472	70
August	2,968	75
September	3,398	270
October	3,302	72
November	3,518	79
December	3,594	66
January	2,926	55
February	3,589	90
March	3,748	97
April	3,096	182
May	3,655	178
June	3,323	112
1988-89 -		
July	3,633	95
August	3,825	132
September	3,270	52

(a) Excludes non-merchandise imports.

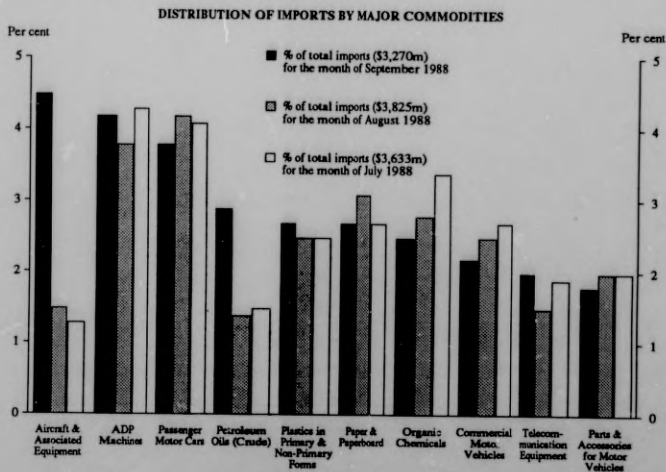


TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REV3

Commodity Description	September 1988		Three months ended September 1988	
	\$'000	% of total imports	\$'000	% of total imports
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (incl. satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	145,974	4.5	247,656	2.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (84)	49,524	1.5	171,958	1.6
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof (752)	136,718	4.2	437,511	4.1
Baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (894)	42,039	1.3	129,248	1.2
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment (723) (a)	39,804	1.2	132,226	1.2
Coffee and coffee substitutes (071)	8,196	0.3	40,694	0.4
Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits (772)	38,819	1.2	120,975	1.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus nes (778)	47,760	1.5	164,950	1.5
Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof (03)	27,537	0.8	81,099	0.8
Household type, electrical and non-electrical equipment nes (775) (a)	26,741	0.8	92,395	0.9
Inorganic chemicals (52) (a)	37,964	1.2	143,689	1.3
Internal combustion piston engines, and parts thereof nes (713)	45,923	1.4	153,339	1.4
Machinery and equipment specialised for particular industries and parts thereof (728)	34,696	1.1	136,744	1.3
Manufactures of base metals nes (699)	26,777	0.8	93,294	0.9
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus nes (874)	58,012	1.8	191,738	1.8
Medical and pharmaceutical products (54)	48,254	1.5	170,822	1.6
Miscellaneous chemical products nes (598) (a)	20,666	0.6	66,113	0.6
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (782.10)	73,365	2.2	269,817	2.5
Non-electrical parts and accessories of machinery nes (749)	7,521	0.2	30,772	0.3
Organic chemicals (51) (a)	81,936	2.5	311,625	2.9
Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (64)	87,616	2.7	303,297	2.8
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles and tractors, track-laying and wheeled (784)	59,727	1.8	207,460	1.9
Passenger motor vehicles (other than public transport type vehicles), incl. station wagons and racing cars (781)	122,901	3.8	432,420	4.0
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	94,157	2.9	201,334	1.9
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) (334)	40,028	1.2	159,685	1.5
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882) (a)	18,547	0.6	71,914	0.7
Plastics in primary and non-primary forms (57,58) (a)	88,848	2.7	274,733	2.6
Printed matter (892)	53,148	1.6	155,850	1.5
Pumps, centrifuges, filtering or purifying apparatus and parts thereof (743)	33,931	1.0	120,687	1.1
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre treads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds (625)	33,816	1.0	119,061	1.1
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures (793)	2,806	0.1	22,599	0.2
Telecommunication equipment nes and parts nes and accessories (764)	64,961	2.0	194,052	1.8
Television and radio broadcast receivers (761,762)	31,344	1.0	99,322	0.9
Textile yarn (651) (a)	48,411	1.5	152,985	1.4
Tools for use in the hand or in machines (695) (a)	28,270	0.9	90,131	0.8
Tractors, track-laying and wheeled (722)	13,378	0.4	45,602	0.4
Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (248.20,40)	36,895	1.1	122,597	1.1
Woven cotton fabrics (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (652)	27,196	0.8	90,517	0.8
Woven fabrics of man-made textile material (excl. narrow or special fabrics) (653)	18,906	0.6	74,401	0.7
Total major commodities (a)	1,903,111	58.2	6,125,309	57.1
Total Imports	3,270,497	100.0	10,728,082	100.0

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

TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; SPACECRAFT (INCLUDING SATELLITES) AND SPACECRAFT LAUNCH VEHICLES; AND PARTS THEREOF (792)		
Netherlands	9,953	10,315
United Kingdom	2,177	10,160
United States of America	129,915	210,788
Other countries	3,929	16,393
Total	145,974	247,656
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (84)		
China	15,060	51,653
Fiji	709	2,877
Hong Kong	9,416	30,435
India	3,924	10,703
Italy	1,563	8,947
Korea, Republic of	3,489	11,658
Macau	1,328	5,769
New Zealand	1,858	6,117
Philippines	889	2,788
Taiwan	3,679	13,479
Thailand	1,640	5,930
United Kingdom	1,100	3,280
United States of America	916	3,275
Other countries	3,952	15,047
Total	49,524	171,958
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES AND UNITS THEREOF (752)		
Hong Kong	7,362	19,500
Ireland	3,097	13,081
Japan	31,229	96,393
Korea, Republic of	8,195	21,445
Singapore	4,472	15,258
Taiwan	16,105	49,689
United Kingdom	3,731	14,408
United States of America	51,696	176,775
Other countries	10,631	28,962
Total	136,718	437,511
BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (894)		
China	6,801	17,395
Denmark	445	2,736
Hong Kong	4,335	12,423
India	482	1,928
Italy	274	1,791
Japan	1,755	5,454
Korea, Republic of	5,097	13,006
Macau	642	1,936
Malaysia	695	2,036
New Zealand	589	2,492
Singapore	776	3,410
Taiwan	12,349	36,455
United Kingdom	752	4,581
United States of America	3,165	10,724
Other countries	3,930	12,879
Total	42,039	129,248
CIVIL ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTORS' PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (723) (a)		
France	205	3,614
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,451	7,745
Japan	17,821	56,126
Singapore	1,412	2,491
Sweden	1,204	3,453
United Kingdom	1,386	5,126
United States of America	11,479	36,384
Other countries	3,280	9,465
No Country Details(b)	1,566	8,020
Total	39,804	132,226

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES (071)		
Brazil	1,668	6,996
Colombia	416	1,351
Germany, Federal Rep of	194	1,711
India	197	899
Indonesia	1,129	4,970
Italy	200	1,086
Kenya	253	754
Netherlands	887	4,150
Papua New Guinea	1,884	10,480
Philippines	317	1,355
Switzerland	-	1,052
Vietnam	260	1,712
Other countries	699	3,790
No Country Details(b)	92	178
Total	8,196	40,694
ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR SWITCHING OR PROTECTING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS (772)		
France	1,543	4,081
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,199	17,558
Hong Kong	1,268	3,038
Japan	8,714	25,242
New Zealand	1,809	6,588
Singapore	960	2,939
Sweden	2,578	8,621
Switzerland	1,958	5,935
Taiwan	1,547	4,372
United Kingdom	3,971	13,191
United States of America	6,236	20,088
Other countries	3,037	11,322
Total	38,819	120,975
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS NES (778)		
France	739	2,384
Germany, Federal Rep of	6,218	20,417
Hong Kong	1,480	3,962
Italy	887	5,329
Japan	12,936	47,945
Korea, Republic of	1,402	5,931
New Zealand	1,209	2,897
Singapore	1,141	4,305
Sweden	611	2,352
Switzerland	690	2,800
Taiwan	3,240	9,026
United Kingdom	4,061	14,025
United States of America	8,995	27,946
Other countries	4,153	15,451
Total	47,760	164,950
FISH, CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (03)		
Argentina	411	1,033
Canada	3,517	5,749
Cayman Islands	447	1,262
Chile	371	2,832
Japan	1,004	3,161
Korea, Republic of	871	6,290
Malaysia	3,575	6,804
New Zealand	5,398	14,819
Norway	264	1,665
Singapore	1,415	2,742
Spain	713	1,838
Taiwan	770	2,798
Thailand	3,833	11,649
United Kingdom	794	2,344
United States of America	804	2,072
Uruguay	491	1,375
Vietnam	1,879	4,570
Other countries	2,280	7,997
Total	27,537	81,099

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
 \$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
HOUSEHOLD TYPE, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT NES (775)		
China	1,134	4,917
Germany, Federal Rep of	828	5,192
Hong Kong	3,722	10,189
Italy	1,439	3,317
Japan	6,046	22,584
New Zealand	2,564	8,257
Singapore	1,045	2,911
Sweden	520	1,717
Taiwan	605	1,885
United Kingdom	1,126	4,421
United States of America	1,037	4,260
Other countries	2,632	8,798
No Country Details(b)	4,042	13,949
Total	26,741	92,395
INORGANIC CHEMICALS (52) (a)		
Canada	5,543	17,542
China	739	3,161
France	1,101	4,523
German Democratic Rep	498	1,279
Germany, Federal Rep of	3,460	11,243
Indonesia	344	1,679
Italy	276	2,595
Japan	2,714	19,247
Korea, Republic of	747	1,297
Papua New Guinea	515	515
Saudi Arabia	-	13,081
South Africa	508	1,922
Taiwan	480	2,087
U.S.S.R.	1,209	2,255
United Kingdom	4,342	14,059
United States of America	10,718	30,137
Other countries	3,732	10,839
No Country Details(b)	1,036	6,128
Total	37,964	143,689
INTERNAL COMBUSTION PISTON ENGINES, AND PARTS THEREOF NES (713)		
Canada	765	4,707
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,930	11,152
Japan	10,053	35,139
Sweden	1,791	5,631
Taiwan	1,333	4,011
United Kingdom	4,132	17,108
United States of America	21,918	61,710
Other countries	3,021	13,681
Total	45,923	153,339
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES AND PARTS THEREOF (728)		
Austria	2,266	4,935
Belgium-Luxembourg	724	3,214
France	759	3,256
Germany, Federal Rep of	4,081	21,902
Italy	3,478	13,820
Japan	4,766	18,701
New Zealand	532	3,690
Sweden	1,190	3,928
Switzerland	1,149	3,056
Taiwan	989	3,847
United Kingdom	3,906	12,474
United States of America	8,371	31,815
Other countries	2,465	12,006
Total	34,696	136,744
MANUFACTURES OF BASE METALS NES (699)		
Austria	546	2,444
Belgium-Luxembourg	174	1,779
Canada	696	2,749
China	639	2,323
France	538	1,878
Germany, Federal Rep of	4,111	13,316
Hong Kong	508	2,404
Italy	1,477	4,121
Japan	2,033	7,443
Korea, Republic of	578	1,901
Malaysia	1,187	4,435
New Zealand	1,471	5,099
Singapore	503	1,630
Taiwan	3,388	11,936
United Kingdom	2,191	8,190
United States of America	4,231	14,015
Other countries	2,270	7,080
No Country Details(b)	236	550
Total	26,777	93,294

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
MEASURING, CHECKING, ANALYSING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS NES (674)		
Finland	1,607	4,235
France	951	4,679
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,502	19,248
Japan	8,947	35,347
New Zealand	1,231	3,588
Singapore	1,483	3,071
Sweden	1,496	6,453
Switzerland	1,183	3,872
United Kingdom	5,538	18,111
United States of America	24,428	75,787
Other countries	5,448	17,347
Total	58,012	191,738
MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (54)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,107	5,044
Denmark	309	5,453
France	3,366	12,452
Germany, Federal Rep of	6,675	26,075
Ireland	987	3,798
Italy	949	3,312
Japan	2,170	5,904
Mexico	749	3,411
Netherlands	1,086	4,948
Puerto Rico	1,050	2,515
Sweden	2,586	7,558
Switzerland	4,037	18,765
United Kingdom	9,704	34,465
United States of America	8,039	22,675
Other countries	4,439	14,486
Total	48,254	170,822
MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS NES (598) (a)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	293	1,656
Brazil	56	2,001
China	366	1,485
France	293	1,098
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,879	9,299
Ireland	2,281	2,436
Japan	1,468	6,343
Netherlands	849	4,785
Sweden	299	1,112
United Kingdom	2,066	7,124
United States of America	7,907	22,293
Other countries	1,908	6,480
Total	20,666	66,113
MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS (782.10)		
Japan	61,620	220,164
United States of America	7,100	28,934
Other countries	4,446	20,718
Total	73,166	269,817
NON-ELECTRICAL PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF MACHINERY NES (749)		
Germany, Federal Rep of	751	4,346
Hong Kong	238	287
Italy	67	1,790
Japan	2,861	7,147
New Zealand	353	1,373
Sweden	272	734
Taiwan	208	902
United Kingdom	482	2,941
United States of America	2,179	8,884
Other countries	710	2,358
Total	7,521	30,772

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
ORGANIC CHEMICALS (51) (a)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,465	4,701
Brazil	1,562	3,123
China	1,656	4,352
France	2,438	8,217
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,876	21,173
Ireland	1,596	7,118
Italy	858	6,314
Japan	11,187	33,693
Korea, Republic of	1,677	4,926
Netherlands	2,430	7,171
New Zealand	2,036	4,060
Singapore	227	6,078
Switzerland	3,850	13,878
United Kingdom	7,503	31,662
United States of America	16,657	85,543
Other countries	6,854	25,373
No Country Details(b)	12,063	44,304
Total	81,936	311,625
PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (64)		
Brazil	3,743	8,271
Canada	7,887	26,331
Finland	11,611	43,444
France	1,914	9,024
Germany, Federal Rep of	9,117	34,311
Italy	4,666	14,568
Japan	5,257	21,070
Korea, Republic of	1,756	6,159
Netherlands	2,036	7,905
New Zealand	11,719	34,431
Norway	1,051	5,051
Sweden	3,483	12,865
United Kingdom	4,005	18,144
United States of America	11,108	35,874
Other countries	8,262	25,851
Total	87,616	303,297
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRACTORS, TRACK-LAYING AND WHEELED (784)		
Germany, Federal Rep of	7,183	23,514
Japan	18,570	78,501
Sweden	5,626	19,418
United Kingdom	2,044	7,572
United States of America	20,776	58,471
Other countries	5,528	20,503
Total	59,727	207,460
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES (OTHER THAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT TYPE VEHICLES), INCLUDING STATION WAGONS AND RACING CARS (781)		
Germany, Federal Rep of	15,809	44,408
Japan	93,728	327,206
United Kingdom	5,593	23,757
Other countries	7,771	37,049
Total	122,901	432,420
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE (333)		
Indonesia	22,534	55,517
Malaysia	18,503	44,504
New Zealand	3,236	16,046
Saudi Arabia	14,388	34,761
United Arab Emirates	29,942	34,955
Other countries	5,553	15,551
Total	94,157	201,334

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS (OTHER THAN CRUDE) (334)		
Bahrain	-	8,323
Kuwait	15,886	25,989
New Zealand	4,163	4,189
Qatar	-	7,994
Saudi Arabia	-	22,354
Singapore	11,073	57,652
United Arab Emirates	4,065	4,065
United States of America	2,904	15,021
Other countries	1,935	10,094
Total	40,028	159,685
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (882) (a)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,662	5,661
France	1,209	4,306
Germany, Federal Rep of	782	5,175
Japan	4,743	21,473
Netherlands	253	3,752
United Kingdom	1,491	7,038
United States of America	7,222	20,693
Other countries	1,186	3,816
Total	18,547	71,914
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY AND NON-PRIMARY FORMS (57,58) (a)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,751	6,417
France	2,355	10,123
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,894	19,464
Italy	2,009	7,217
Japan	7,791	27,424
Korea, Republic of	1,547	3,905
Netherlands	2,557	7,436
New Zealand	1,777	4,944
Saudi Arabia	1,483	5,828
Singapore	1,814	4,592
Taiwan	4,950	16,725
United Kingdom	8,540	25,623
United States of America	27,599	74,747
Other countries	8,323	23,515
No Country Details(b)	10,059	36,772
Total	88,848	274,733
PRINTED MATTER (892)		
Hong Kong	5,685	17,557
Japan	2,070	6,702
New Zealand	946	4,207
Singapore	3,144	9,659
United Kingdom	19,449	56,807
United States of America	17,038	47,041
Other countries	4,816	13,877
Total	53,148	155,850
PUMPS, CENTRIFUGES, FILTERING OR PURIFYING APPARATUS AND PARTS THEREOF (743)		
Belgium-Luxembourg	387	2,865
France	1,275	3,354
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,498	12,305
Hong Kong	1,131	2,579
Italy	1,563	5,635
Japan	8,928	34,692
New Zealand	875	1,717
Singapore	1,108	6,302
Sweden	330	2,199
Switzerland	708	1,185
Taiwan	1,502	3,134
United Kingdom	2,543	9,120
United States of America	8,148	28,137
Other countries	2,933	7,302
Total	33,931	120,487

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
RUBBER TYRES, INTERCHANGEABLE TYRE TREADS, TYRE FLAPS AND INNER TUBES FOR WHEELS OF ALL KINDS (625)		
Brazil	910	1,668
France	2,163	8,823
Germany, Federal Rep of	756	3,493
Italy	467	2,152
Japan	15,414	56,802
Korea, Republic of	4,775	15,158
New Zealand	1,456	4,152
Spain	1,193	3,484
Taiwan	926	3,283
United Kingdom	939	3,835
United States of America	2,355	7,751
Other countries	2,418	7,869
No Country Details(b)	74	592
Total	33,816	119,061
SHIPS, BOATS (INCLUDING HOVERCRAFT) AND FLOATING STRUCTURES (793)		
France	165	837
Japan	348	2,421
New Zealand	121	1,670
Norway	8	4,784
Singapore	21	5,252
Taiwan	182	1,408
United States of America	1,718	4,051
Other countries	244	2,076
Total	2,806	22,599
TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT NES AND PARTS NES AND ACCESSORIES (764)		
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,661	10,312
Italy	5,786	9,828
Japan	24,034	86,073
Korea, Republic of	1,711	4,004
Singapore	588	3,680
Sweden	4,657	12,249
Taiwan	2,543	8,630
United Kingdom	2,533	8,698
United States of America	10,782	28,926
Other countries	5,598	17,862
No Country Details(b)	1,058	3,589
Total	64,961	194,052
TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (761,762)		
China	1,851	4,759
Japan	6,360	19,176
Korea, Republic of	6,070	15,859
Malaysia	3,989	9,030
Singapore	3,131	8,877
Taiwan	2,209	7,272
Other countries	1,891	4,985
No Country Details(b)	5,844	29,364
Total	31,344	99,322
TEXTILE YARN (651) (a)		
Brazil	2,909	8,541
Canada	425	2,025
China	1,170	4,452
France	394	1,889
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,944	6,170
Indonesia	714	2,604
Italy	844	4,092
Japan	3,344	11,717
Korea, Republic of	7,149	17,003
Malaysia	869	2,173
New Zealand	6,357	17,685
Taiwan	8,193	25,962
Thailand	3,334	9,542
United Kingdom	1,308	6,650
United States of America	5,509	17,994
Other countries	3,470	13,436
No Country Details(b)	478	1,050
Total	48,411	152,985

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TABLE 3. IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC (REV3), BY COUNTRY - Continued
\$'000

Country	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
TOOLS FOR USE IN THE HAND OR IN MACHINES (695) (a)		
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,484	4,481
Italy	424	1,549
Japan	12,965	38,110
Korea, Republic of	416	1,445
New Zealand	624	1,595
Sweden	1,456	5,621
Taiwan	1,626	5,644
United Kingdom	1,443	4,416
United States of America	4,122	14,690
Other countries	2,334	8,428
No Country Details(b)	1,372	4,150
Total	28,270	90,131
TRACTORS, TRACK-LAYING AND WHEELED (722)		
Canada	884	2,080
France	757	1,242
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,174	7,242
Italy	1,017	5,402
Japan	1,904	9,034
U.S.E.R.	369	1,223
United Kingdom	1,271	4,683
United States of America	4,776	10,314
Other countries	326	4,381
Total	13,378	45,602
WOOD, SAWN OR CHIPPED LENGTHWISE, SLICED OR PEELED (248.20.40)		
Canada	8,688	33,134
Malaysia	4,872	17,251
New Zealand	7,807	21,265
United States of America	13,085	42,698
Other countries	2,442	8,248
Total	36,895	122,597
WOVEN COTTON FABRICS (EXCL. NARROW OR SPECIAL FABRICS) (652)		
Brazil	388	1,651
China	5,980	17,865
Czechoslovakia	349	1,474
Germany, Federal Rep of	265	1,451
Hong Kong	4,294	17,455
India	519	1,263
Japan	3,471	12,585
Korea, Republic of	1,444	3,363
Malaysia	828	3,778
Pakistan	4,116	9,890
Taiwan	4,752	5,439
Thailand	309	1,340
United Kingdom	362	2,546
United States of America	1,104	4,372
Other countries	2,617	8,040
Total	27,196	90,517
WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE TEXTILE MATERIAL (EXCL. NARROW OR SPECIAL FABRICS) (653)		
China	1,381	5,213
France	456	1,923
Germany, Federal Rep of	702	2,637
Indonesia	1,123	4,437
Italy	844	2,862
Japan	5,083	20,489
Korea, Republic of	4,293	16,187
Taiwan	2,028	9,528
Thailand	398	1,620
United States of America	1,044	3,323
Other countries	1,554	6,182
Total	18,906	74,401

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

(b) Includes commodities for which a 'No Country' or 'Selected Country' restriction applies. See 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 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS				
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	5,828	22,457	7,155	35,439
01 Meat and meat preparations	3,481	2,549	1,838	7,864
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	7,835	8,528	6,695	23,057
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	28,150	25,412	27,537	81,099
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	5,503	7,105	6,757	19,365
05 Vegetables and fruit	24,739	24,330	22,943	72,012
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3,566	3,439	2,797	9,801
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	31,363	33,468	23,239	88,069
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	8,388	5,536	3,614	17,538
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	15,691	13,176	8,330	37,197
Total Section 0	134,545	145,998	110,900	391,442
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO				
11 Beverages	26,235	21,566	19,643	67,444
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8,467	7,589	7,147	23,203
Total Section 1	34,702	29,156	26,790	90,648
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS				
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	2,152	455	1,173	3,781
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	5,870	10,632	4,881	20,584
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	11,608	11,520	11,081	34,209
24 Cork and wood	42,670	53,296	41,684	137,649
25 Pulp and waste paper	24,841	22,771	22,050	69,663
26 Textile fibres (excl. wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	17,374	18,280	13,768	49,423
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	23,314	39,246	20,024	72,584
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	4,910	10,492	3,724	18,226
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	7,599	9,289	7,796	24,684
Total Section 2	139,240	165,381	126,182	430,802
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS				
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	1,799	346	253	2,398
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	118,938	133,933	143,763	396,634
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	986	472	138	976
Total Section 3	121,123	134,751	144,133	400,008
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES				
41 Animal oils and fats	167	293	134	594
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	11,224	6,646	7,086	24,955
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes(a)	1,127	1,127	1,347	3,601
Total Section 4(a)	12,518	8,066	8,566	29,150
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES				
51 Organic chemicals(a)	122,825	106,864	81,936	311,625
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)	44,618	61,107	37,964	143,689
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials(a)	19,173	17,283	13,358	49,815
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	66,785	55,784	48,254	170,822
55 Essential oils and resins and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	25,983	25,390	22,361	73,735
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	10,144	17,355	7,721	35,221
57 Plastics in primary forms(a)	54,805	59,582	56,940	171,327
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	35,153	36,345	31,908	103,406
59 Chemical materials and products, nes(a)	43,403	53,013	43,216	139,631
Total Section 5(a)	422,888	432,723	343,659	1,199,270
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL				
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	15,339	15,651	11,982	42,972
62 Rubber manufactures, nes(a)	59,861	61,063	48,497	169,419
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	17,584	19,907	16,346	53,837
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	97,031	118,651	87,616	303,297
65 Textile yarns, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products(a)	168,697	184,485	156,293	509,475
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes	78,637	80,146	68,452	227,235
67 Iron and steel	85,119	90,876	62,143	238,138
68 Non-ferrous metals	21,621	21,454	20,092	63,166
69 Manufactures of metals, nes(a)	99,741	103,480	87,838	291,060
Total Section 6(a)	643,630	695,712	559,259	1,898,601
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	88,386	94,144	78,020	260,549
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries(a)	189,043	179,000	153,076	521,118
73 Metal working machinery	32,238	32,290	31,333	95,861
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes(a)	204,063	213,663	172,410	590,136
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	274,283	255,026	239,361	768,670
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	134,525	115,167	122,304	371,995
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	194,003	195,747	185,011	554,760
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	347,384	357,532	287,925	992,841
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	52,513	73,343	150,320	276,176
Total Section 7(a)	1,516,236	1,515,911	1,399,958	4,432,106

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

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC (Rev3))	July 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September 1988
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES				
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	9,212	9,600	9,800	28,628
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	39,556	25,393	22,289	67,238
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	13,540	18,759	15,738	48,037
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	55,215	67,220	49,524	171,959
85 Footwear	29,008	40,279	25,913	95,201
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	84,969	90,814	75,750	251,532
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks(a)	67,066	66,152	52,999	186,216
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes(a)	224,297	292,920	211,263	730,480
Total Section 8(a)	502,064	611,144	465,283	1,579,291
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC				
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	71,142	52,068	60,234	184,244
96 Coin (excl. gold coins), not being legal tender	13	4	36	54
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	11,299	13,526	10,827	35,652
98 Combined confidential items of trade(b)	22,571	19,575	14,668	56,815
Total Section 9(b)	105,025	85,974	85,766	276,765
Total Imports	3,632,770	3,824,815	3,270,497	10,728,082

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

(b) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See Appendix for details.

VALUE OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE SITC(REV3)

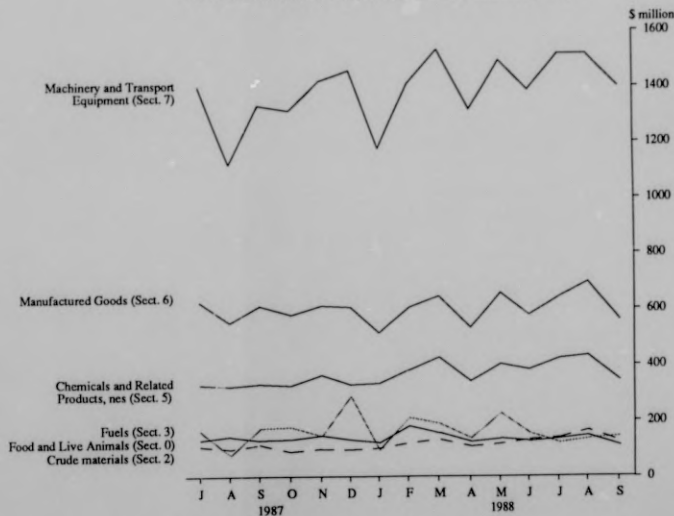


TABLE 5. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES (a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1987-88 %	Three months ended		
		July 1988 %	August 1988 %	September 1988 %
Food and live animals (0)	3.5	6.4	3.5	-3.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	22.1	21.7	40.4	33.0
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	17.1	4.4	-2.7	-2.8
Chemicals and related products nes (5)	23.2	24.4	24.7	20.4
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	17.7	8.8	12.4	3.1
Textile yarns, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	5.1	-2.5	-0.3	0.7
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	20.0	13.7	9.4	6.6
Machinery (71-77)	7.1	8.0	7.3	8.9
Transport equipment (78,79)	4.2	24.1	29.9	32.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	7.6	7.8	13.9	12.5
Total all Imports	9.7	10.0	11.0	9.0

(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).

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

State	July 1988		August 1988		September 1988		Three months ended September			
	Total Imports	% of total imports	Total Imports	% of total imports	Total Imports	% of total imports	1987		1988	
							Total Imports	% of total imports	Total Imports	% of total imports
New South Wales	1,679,409	46.2	1,589,920	41.6	1,420,682	43.4	4,264,535	43.3	4,690,011	43.7
Victoria	1,312,234	36.1	1,352,375	35.4	1,186,320	36.3	3,412,571	34.7	3,850,929	35.9
Queensland	264,935	7.3	332,549	8.7	260,779	8.0	642,892	6.5	858,262	8.0
South Australia	156,066	4.3	156,098	4.1	114,766	3.5	478,495	4.9	426,930	4.0
Western Australia	180,792	5.0	332,524	8.7	239,567	7.3	886,489	9.0	752,884	7.0
Tasmania	21,207	0.6	30,093	0.8	22,189	0.7	75,012	0.8	73,490	0.7
Northern Territory	16,723	0.5	28,560	0.7	25,315	0.8	74,921	0.8	70,598	0.7
Australian Capital Territory	1,404	-	2,696	0.1	878	-	3,350	-	4,978	-
Total Imports	3,632,770	100.0	3,824,815	100.0	3,270,497	100.0	9,838,255	100.0	10,728,082	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.

TABLE 7. IMPORTS BY AUSTRALIAN STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (ASIC)
\$'000

ASIC Division/Sub-division	July 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September	
				1987	1988
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting					
Agriculture	50,866	68,775	41,277	144,834	160,918
Forestry and logging	281	301	1,333	1,333	724
Fishing and hunting	1,706	1,597	1,452	1,432	5,160
Total	52,864	70,673	43,265	147,599	166,801
Mining					
Metallic minerals	1,005	8,243	1,879	5,423	11,126
Coal	1,457	9	21	7	1,487
Oil and gas	53,722	54,313	94,275	178,894	202,310
Construction materials	1,281	2,070	1,299	4,014	4,649
Other non-metallic minerals	22,431	26,684	18,338	51,187	67,453
Total	79,896	91,318	115,811	239,524	287,025
Manufacturing					
Food, beverages and tobacco	150,580	138,113	120,921	407,388	409,615
Textiles	197,472	215,153	190,949	519,863	603,574
Clothing and footwear	81,514	103,900	71,683	265,697	257,098
Wood, wood products and furniture	76,159	93,379	76,988	216,134	246,525
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	166,932	201,328	185,400	505,885	535,661
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	455,138	477,173	362,124	1,130,676	1,294,436
Non-metallic mineral products	70,501	78,806	64,152	173,526	213,458
Basic metal products	124,499	132,215	98,620	289,537	357,334
Fabricated metal products	100,234	112,248	88,819	260,541	301,301
Transport equipment	434,256	455,077	459,854	1,144,836	1,349,187
Other machinery and equipment	1,257,094	1,278,562	1,081,198	3,263,893	3,616,853
Miscellaneous manufacturing	255,192	278,592	230,256	691,954	764,040
Total	3,371,571	3,564,547	3,010,965	8,869,010	9,947,082
Other industries					
Wholesale, retail and service industries	32,416	24,058	23,948	45,338	80,423
Confidential items; Waste and scrap nes; Second hand goods nes; special goods	96,023	74,219	76,500	536,783	246,751
Total	128,439	98,278	100,457	582,121	327,174
Total Imports	3,632,770	3,824,815	3,270,497	9,838,255	10,728,082

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

BEC	July 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September	
				1987	1988
Food and beverages	165,215	178,289	137,954	439,708	481,458
Primary	48,268	66,032	43,411	114,346	157,712
Mainly for industry	23,631	42,993	18,772	41,606	85,396
Mainly for household consumption	24,637	23,039	24,639	72,740	72,316
Processed	116,947	112,257	94,543	325,362	323,747
Mainly for industry	15,573	16,609	13,346	56,395	45,527
Mainly for household consumption	101,374	95,648	81,197	268,967	278,219
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,113,442	1,206,882	941,358	2,887,125	3,261,862
Primary	60,235	72,754	53,242	144,188	186,231
Processed	1,053,208	1,134,128	888,115	2,742,937	3,075,631
Fuels and lubricants	112,292	121,502	135,730	389,272	369,525
Primary	55,147	54,187	94,438	177,597	203,772
Processed	57,146	67,316	41,292	211,675	165,753
Motor spirit	16,651	14,161	10,195	17,863	41,007
Other	40,494	53,155	31,097	193,813	124,746
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	1,049,743	1,070,189	900,594	2,731,101	3,020,526
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	706,717	724,369	600,107	1,875,498	2,031,194
Parts and accessories	343,025	345,820	300,487	855,603	989,332
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	515,027	541,492	533,322	1,236,429	1,589,841
Passenger motor cars(a)	50,632	158,887	122,901	138,771	432,420
Other	142,931	139,583	210,622	374,885	513,135
Industrial	125,074	133,908	188,927	238,452	447,810
Non-industrial	17,857	25,674	21,695	135,233	65,226
Parts and accessories(a)	281,464	223,023	199,799	722,774	644,286
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	581,091	632,575	541,939	1,624,273	1,755,605
Durable	203,202	191,465	178,867	502,942	573,534
Semi-durable	218,417	270,169	214,022	691,654	702,608
Non-durable	159,472	170,942	149,050	429,677	479,461
Goods not elsewhere specified(b)	95,960	73,885	79,601	530,346	249,446
Total Imports	3,632,770	3,824,815	3,270,497	9,838,255	10,728,082

(a) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

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

Country or country group	July 1988	August 1988	September 1988	Three months ended September	
				1987	1988
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) -					
Brunei	28	4,396	-	5,684	4,424
Indonesia	33,620	37,425	40,631	122,307	111,676
Malaysia	57,474	52,370	55,115	110,469	104,959
Philippines	12,230	16,446	11,900	33,402	40,773
Singapore	77,782	98,463	65,351	200,367	241,595
Thailand	30,605	33,434	30,175	87,955	94,215
Total ASEAN	211,738	242,735	203,172	560,588	657,645
European Economic Community (EEC) -					
Belgium-Luxembourg	30,555	33,381	19,671	69,728	83,606
Denmark	22,631	15,931	11,325	49,047	49,887
France	86,455	85,515	84,138	207,303	236,108
Germany, Federal Rep of	240,939	257,793	202,698	701,537	701,429
Greece	4,250	2,593	1,241	15,632	8,084
Ireland	19,069	13,939	14,733	47,731	49,541
Italy	117,058	116,192	91,064	368,014	324,315
Netherlands	38,035	42,168	41,012	130,224	121,215
Portugal	3,955	5,048	5,632	10,236	14,634
Spain	18,022	17,346	12,542	44,219	47,909
United Kingdom	283,569	284,097	203,045	708,075	770,711
Total EEC	865,338	874,003	667,099	2,351,826	2,406,439
Argentina	5,142	3,276	3,237	17,902	11,655
Austria	13,079	13,299	11,555	37,970	38,714
Bahamas	21	1,106	-	3,877	1,128
Bahrain	7,145	1,179	-	9,460	8,324
Bangladesh	1,878	2,205	2,378	4,877	6,481
Brazil	28,314	40,609	40,028	77,621	108,951
Bulgaria	38	316	348	615	702
Canada	72,941	92,267	77,664	199,507	242,892
Cayman Islands	442	374	702	1,265	1,265
Chile	1,098	4,070	2,150	5,982	7,308
China	66,417	67,198	77,763	218,932	231,377
Colombia	418	1,354	1,440	2,046	2,111
Czechoslovakia	3,508	4,677	2,753	8,854	10,938
Ecuador	434	682	307	1,282	1,422
Egypt	49	427	153	286	630
Fiji	8,804	11,248	8,030	11,891	28,082
Finland	30,320	28,483	22,099	64,892	81,302
German Democratic Rep	2,064	2,673	1,189	3,430	5,925
Guatemala	254	394	52	67	699
Guinea	-	606	-	-	606
Hong Kong	68,975	91,585	74,870	221,662	235,430
Hungary	3,451	3,116	1,323	3,932	7,890
India	21,400	21,055	22,624	54,443	65,080
Iran	583	615	626	1,048	1,824
Israel	12,042	9,891	10,939	33,944	32,872
Japan	830,701	789,640	618,907	1,887,557	2,239,248
Kenya	537	756	780	2,114	2,076
Korea, Republic of	92,259	102,935	99,202	259,717	295,096
Kuwait	4,552	9,552	15,888	34,776	29,991
Nacau	2,985	3,479	2,490	9,072	9,344
Malawi	610	395	1,191	1,843	2,197
Mexico	6,516	6,495	7,707	14,216	20,710
Morocco	1,858	2,335	285	2,300	4,470
Nauru	9,683	6,529	8,776	16,047	24,968
Netherlands Antilles	-	282	354	-	636
New Caledonia	139	18	476	888	633
New Zealand	153,444	153,380	161,189	404,262	468,012
Norway	21,326	23,072	13,980	37,124	58,378
Oman	70	4,723	10	260	4,803
Pakistan	5,472	5,294	7,285	14,204	18,052
Papua New Guinea	9,878	7,179	6,713	35,210	23,770
Peru	98	6,978	180	7,09	7,209
Poland	1,922	2,883	2,244	7,098	6,849
Porto Rico	9,755	5,729	1,544	24,918	17,028
Qatar	122	13,928	393	35,559	14,643
Romania	1,770	6,358	1,701	3,507	9,829
Saudi Arabia	26,280	37,428	18,521	61,802	82,230
Senegal	-	1,599	-	1,599	-
South Africa	5,844	8,541	6,855	31,800	21,241
Sri Lanka	1,758	2,115	2,651	5,042	6,524
Swaziland	144	405	281	1,757	828
Sweden	76,919	57,742	51,524	171,099	186,385
Switzerland	42,130	42,726	33,886	133,251	138,742
Taiwan	143,731	185,381	155,110	465,723	484,221
Tanzania	14	684	116	780	815
Turkey	3,734	1,443	952	5,584	6,130
U.S.S.R.	4,441	4,777	3,556	4,466	11,713
United Arab Emirates	5,013	38	34,103	42,988	39,154
United States of America	729,118	770,141	757,705	2,075,806	2,256,985
United States Virgin Is	260	423	86	1,347	819
Uruguay	392	561	544	5,817	1,497
Venezuela	302	33	196	497	611
Vietnam	2,663	2,676	2,257	5,204	6,486
Yugoslavia	4,858	2,271	4,272	10,223	11,402
Zimbabwe	46	1,139	768	102,122	1,854
Other Countries	3,369	3,855	2,531	15,732	9,556
Origin Unknown	314	6,315	6,096	3,058	15,725
Re-exports	3,004	2,789	5,123	4,927	10,916
Total Imports	3,632,770	3,824,815	3,270,497	9,818,255	10,728,082

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 classification

2. Import statistics contained in monthly, quarterly and annual publications for periods up to and including December 1987 were presented according to the codes and descriptions of the Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC). This classification was based on the second revision of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev2) with some modifications to take account of Australia's trade.

3. From January 1988 import statistics in this publication are presented according to a new international version of SITC (ie SITC Rev3). SITC Rev3 has been developed by the U.N. to coincide with the introduction of a new international classification for describing goods for customs and other purposes, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (the Harmonized System). The Harmonized System was adopted in January 1988 by most of the major trading nations of the world.

4. The third revision of SITC incorporates significant changes to the numbering system and overall structure to align it more closely with the Harmonized System. The changes between the second and third revision of SITC, and the adoption by the ABS of the complete international version of the classification, have resulted in a break in the statistical series published by the ABS.

5. To overcome that break in series and to assist users in the interpretation of the data, the statistics for January to June 1988 were published on both the new SITC Rev3 basis and on a recompiled AICC basis. (For details, see issues of this publication for that period).

6. From July 1988, import commodity statistics are presented on a SITC Rev3 basis only. Therefore, Tables 2, 3 and 4 do not include any data for periods prior to January 1988. Statistics shown in the Main Features and graphs are also based on the SITC Rev3.

Non-merchandise trade

7. In accordance with United Nations recommendations, total imports excludes transactions of non-merchandise trade. The monthly value of non-merchandise trade is shown in Table 1.

Valuation

8. The recorded value of imports is the Customs value (formerly referred to as the value for duty).

Time of recording

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

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

Country statistics

11. Country statistics shown in Tables 3 and 9 refer to the country of origin at the time of import.

Confidentiality

12. 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

13. Statistics in this publication should be considered preliminary.

Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing quality checks.

Series available on request

14. Import statistics are also available on microfiche, special returns, and magnetic tape. A comprehensive series of information papers describe these services. For more information, please contact any ABS office.

15. Import orders statistics for selected steel commodities previously shown in Tables 10 to 12 of this publication are now only available on request by contacting the ABS on (062) 52 5406.

Related publications

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

Balance of Payments, Australia
(5301.0) - issued monthly

Balance of Payments, Australia
(5302.0) - issued quarterly

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

Exports, Australia (5434.0)
- issued quarterly

Imports, Australia (5435.0)
- 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

17. 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.

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

Symbols and other usages

19. 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. Prior to the introduction of the Harmonized System on 1 January 1988 (see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 2-6), import confidentiality restrictions were applied at the item level of the Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC). Details of the commodities affected by those restrictions are contained in issues of this publication prior to January 1988.

From 1 January 1988, import confidentiality restrictions have been applied at the item level of the Harmonized Tariff. The Tariff items affected by the restrictions, together with the code of the SITC Rev3 item affected, the type of restriction and the period for which it applied, are listed below. Confidentiality restrictions applying in 1987 were reviewed prior to January 1988, converted from the AICC codes to the Harmonized Tariff codes and shown as having started in January 1988.

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.

HARMONIZED TARIFF ITEM	SITC (REV3)			Restriction		
	Section	Division	Item	Type of Restriction	Started	Finished
0901.22.00/04	0	07	07120	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1518.00.10/20	4	43	43110	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2901.24.00/05	5	51	51113	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2902.20.00/09			51122	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2903.21.00/27			51131	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2903.19.00/26			51136	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
2903.30.00/01			51137	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	-
2903.40.10/02			51138	No Country Details	01.06.88	-
2903.59.00/05			51139	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
2903.61.00/06			51139	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
1519.30.00/27			51217	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2917.32.00/17			51383	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
2917.34.00/19			51389	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
2910.20.00/02			51614	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2909.41.00/26			51617	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2804.70.00/15		52	52222	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2811.19.00/03			52236	France, Germany Fed Rep, Israel, Spain	01.01.88	31.07.88
2820.10.00/29			52253	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2815.11.00/15			52262	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.09.88
2827.51.00/10			52329	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
2829.19.00/17			52339	Belgium-Luxembourg, Israel, Japan, Sweden	01.01.88	31.07.88
2829.90.00/18			52339	Belgium-Luxembourg, Israel, Japan, Sweden	01.01.88	31.07.88
2836.20.00/26			52372	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2841.30.00/20			52431	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2847.00.00/14			52491	No Commodity Details	01.09.88	-
3206.10.00/34		53	53311	No Commodity Details	01.07.88	-
3206.10.10/01			53311	No Commodity Details	01.06.88	-
3901.10.00/01		57	57111	No Country Details	01.03.88	-
3901.10.00/02			57111	Belgium-Luxembourg, Finland, Israel, Italy, Japan, NZ, Sweden	01.03.88	-
3901.20.00/03			57112	Finland, Germany Fed Rep, Italy, NZ, Sweden	01.04.88	-
3903.19.00/13			57219	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
3903.30.00/15			57292	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
3904.10.00/17			57311	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
3904.10.00/18			57311	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
3904.21.00/19			57312	Germany Fed Rep, Italy, Japan, UK	01.01.88	31.07.88
3904.22.00/20			57313	Germany Fed Rep, Italy, Japan, UK	01.01.88	31.07.88
3908.10.00/25			57531	Italy, Japan	01.01.88	31.07.88
3908.90.00/26			57539	Italy, Japan	01.01.88	31.07.88
3909.40.00/01			57544	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
3909.40.00/01			57544	Japan, Singapore, UK	01.08.88	-
3910.00.00/06			57593	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
3910.00.00/06			57593	No Country Details	01.08.88	-
3914.00.00/23			57597	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
3917.10.00/25		59	59841	No Commodity Details	01.08.88	-

HARMONIZED TARIFF ITEM	SITC (REV3)			Restriction				
	Section	Division	Item	Type of Restriction	Started	Finished		
4008.21.10/34	6	62	62133	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
4008.21.90/07			62133	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
4011.10.00/03			62510	Belgium-Luxembourg, Canada, Poland	01.01.88	30.09.88		
5402.10.00/05	65	65	65162	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
7019.10.00/17			65195	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
5902.10.00/03			65793	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
7308.90.00/06	69	69	69119	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
7317.00.90/15			69410	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
7317.00.90/46			69410	No Commodity Details	01.07.88	-		
8205.59.00/10			69546	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-		
8207.50.00/02			69564	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8207.50.00/03			69564	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8207.50.00/04			69564	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8207.60.00/05			69564	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8207.70.00/06			69564	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
7315.82.00/08			69922	Canada, Sweden, Taiwan, USA	01.01.88	-		
7315.82.00/09			7	72	69922	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
8432.90.00/15	72119	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8432.90.00/16	72119	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8432.90.00/18	72119	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8429.40.00/29	72333	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8430.41.00/12	72337	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.61.00/24	74145	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8482.91.00/01	74691	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8482.99.00/02	74699	No Commodity Details			01.01.88	-		
8528.10.00/11	76	76			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88
8528.10.00/11					76110	Korea, Rep of, Singapore	01.08.88	-
8528.10.00/12			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88		
8528.10.00/12			76110	Japan, Singapore	01.08.88	-		
8528.10.00/13			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.88		
8528.10.00/13			76110	China, Japan, Singapore	01.08.88	-		
8528.10.00/14			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8528.10.00/15			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8528.10.00/16			76110	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8522.90.00/21			76499	No Country Details	01.01.88	-		
8418.10.00/01			77	77	77521	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
8418.10.00/02	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.10.00/06	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.10.00/08	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.21.00/09	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.21.00/10	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.22.00/14	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.29.00/15	77521	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.40.00/18	77522	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8418.40.00/19	77522	No Country Details			01.01.88	-		
8509.10.00/02	77571	Germany Fed Rep, NZ, USA			01.01.88	-		
8516.50.00/30	77	77	77586	Germany Fed Rep, Hong Kong, Korea Rep, Singapore, Sweden, UK, USA	01.01.88	31.07.88		
8516.50.00/30			77586	Korea, Rep of, Singapore	01.08.88	31.08.88		
8516.50.00/30			77586	Korea, Rep of, Singapore, Thailand	01.09.88	-		
9006.40.00/17			8	88	88111	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
3703.10.00/25					88240	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
3406.00.00/34					89931	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-

