

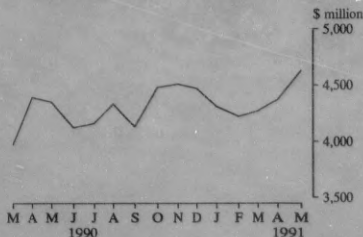
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**FOREIGN TRADE, AUSTRALIA: MERCHANDISE EXPORTS
MAY 1991**
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MAIN FEATURES

Merchandise exports for May 1991 were \$4,631m, an increase of \$259m (6%) compared with April 1991 and up \$277m (6%) on May of the previous year.

MONTHLY MERCHANDISE EXPORTS



Major increases were recorded for May 1991, compared with one month earlier, in textile fibres and their wastes, up \$202m (81%) to \$452m; metalliferous ores and metal scrap, up \$46m (7%) to \$697m; and non-ferrous metals, up \$41m (14%) to \$326m. Decreases were recorded in cigars, sugar preparations and honey, down \$36m (66%) to \$19m; gold coin, down \$28m (70%) to \$12m; and non-monetary gold, down \$22m (8%) to \$263m.

Australia's major exports for May 1991 and their principal markets were:

- coal (excluding coke and briquettes) (\$574m): Japan (52%), the Republic of Korea (10%) and the Netherlands (7%);
- wool (\$322m): Japan (17%), U.S.S.R. (16%) and Italy (13%);
- non-monetary gold (\$263m): Hong Kong (36%), Japan (25%) and Singapore (23%);
- iron ore (\$251m): Japan (44%), China (19%) and Germany (8%).

For the eleven months ended May 1991 exports were \$47,900m, up \$2,762m (6%) on the eleven months to May 1990. The most significant contributors to the rise were petroleum and petroleum products, up \$1,225m (68%) to \$3,035m; and non-monetary gold, up \$861m (33%) to \$3,467m. The commodities recording the largest falls were textile fibres and their wastes, down \$1,366m (30%) to \$3,222m; and cereals and cereal preparations, down \$869m (27%) to \$2,363m.

NOTES

These statistics are compiled from information contained in export entries and returns submitted by exporters or their agents to the Australian Customs Service.
Explanatory notes are published at the back of this publication.

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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Period	\$m	% Change on	
		Previous period	Corresponding month of previous year
1987-88	41,078	15	..
1988-89	43,529	6	..
1989-90	49,263	13	..
1989-90			
March	3,975	-3	16
April	4,391	10	10
May	4,354	-1	9
June	4,125	-5	2
1990-91			
July	4,162	1	5
August	4,334	4	9
September	4,133	-5	2
October	4,479	8	8
November	4,508	1	5
December	4,473	-1	14
January	4,311	-4	9
February	4,224	-2	3
March	4,273	1	7
April	4,372	2	—
May	4,631	6	6

PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF SELECTED MAJOR COMMODITIES TO TOTAL EXPORTS

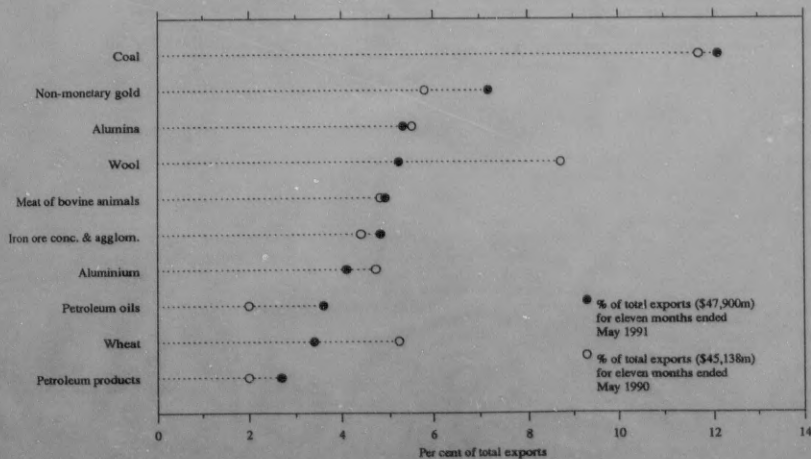


TABLE 2. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

Commodity Description and SITC code	May 1991		Eleven months ended May 1991	
	\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (including satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	34,784	0.8	373,841	0.8
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	194,288	4.2	2,560,373	5.3
Aluminium (684)	181,557	3.9	1,952,619	4.1
Barley, unmilled (043)	38,768	0.8	327,885	0.7
Cars and other road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles) (78)	85,897	1.9	765,552	1.6
Cheese and curd (024)	17,675	0.4	180,208	0.4
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	573,732	12.4	5,779,499	12.1
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	2,979	0.1	175,671	0.4
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excl. master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	72,438	1.6	495,525	1.0
Cotton (other than lint), not carded or combed (263.10)	107,151	2.3	577,772	1.2
Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	65,253	1.4	473,694	1.0
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (incl. fruit juices) (057-059)	33,573	0.7	336,190	0.7
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	97,725	2.1	910,517	1.9
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (971)	263,132	5.7	3,467,369	7.4
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13,20)	19,138	0.4	280,274	0.6
Iron and steel (67)	94,264	2.0	902,616	1.9
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excl. roasted iron pyrites) (281.50,60)	251,372	5.4	2,309,976	4.8
Lead and lead alloys, unwrought (685.11,12)	28,083	0.6	256,050	0.5
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	48,817	1.1	457,795	1.0
Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	218,909	4.7	2,338,212	4.9
Meat of sheep and goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	23,388	0.5	335,164	0.7
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	44,869	1.0	407,204	0.9
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	19,095	0.4	243,024	0.5
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	30,790	0.7	238,330	0.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	48,636	1.1	635,886	1.3
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc (287.81-85)(a)	33,666	0.7	395,403	0.8
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	143,545	3.1	1,725,190	3.6
Petroleum products (334,335)	112,217	2.4	1,310,121	2.7
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	15,463	0.3	154,109	0.3
Plastics in primary and non-primary form (57,58)	17,678	0.4	214,117	0.4
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	58,584	1.3	505,202	1.1
Rice (042)	11,575	0.2	167,442	0.3
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	4,518	0.1	43,408	0.1
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	6,382	0.1	96,790	0.2
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	7,973	0.2	11,873	—
Sugar, beet or cane, raw, in solid form (061.11,12)	15,079	0.3	867,318	1.8
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	91,177	2.0	377,758	0.8
Wheat (incl. spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	160,006	3.5	1,609,913	3.4
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	39,922	0.9	376,505	0.8
Wool, greasy (incl. fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	269,376	5.8	1,898,271	4.0
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	52,775	1.1	557,408	1.2
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	15,884	0.3	340,417	0.7
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	55,682	1.2	602,812	1.3
Total major commodities (a)	3,707,814	80.1	38,037,303	79.4
Total Exports(b)	4,630,961	100.0	47,899,819	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details. (b) Includes small value export entries to the value of \$50 million for May 1991 submitted via the EXIT system which cannot yet be allocated to commodity classification codes. These shipments will be appropriately classified as more details become available.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; SPACECRAFT (INCLUDING SATELLITES) AND SPACECRAFT LAUNCH VEHICLES; AND PARTS THEREOF (792)						
Canada	..	700	..	3,485	..	11,380
China	..	557	..	4,198	..	8,759
France	..	2,599	..	6,757	..	12,817
Japan	..	84	..	2,883	..	11,742
Myanmar	..	—	..	14	..	5,784
New Zealand	..	2,992	..	19,822	..	26,329
Papua New Guinea	..	1,069	..	19,930	..	11,786
Philippines	..	119	..	906	..	4,309
Singapore	..	918	..	7,763	..	6,191
United Kingdom	..	3,434	..	36,039	..	56,485
United States of America	..	20,924	..	200,422	..	181,428
Other countries	..	1,387	..	42,245	..	36,832
Total	..	34,784	..	344,463	..	373,841
ALUMINA (ALUMINIUM OXIDE) (285.20)						
No Country Details(a)	716,427	194,288	7,563,080	2,479,199	8,106,253	2,560,373
Total	716,427	194,288	7,563,080	2,479,199	8,106,253	2,560,373
ALUMINIUM (684)						
Hong Kong	1,846	4,744	13,920	44,339	16,970	47,841
Indonesia	3,026	6,468	7,120	17,174	29,204	68,706
Japan	40,694	80,188	524,112	1,186,815	412,408	852,889
Korea, Republic of	13,901	28,483	112,436	260,082	163,897	346,915
Malaysia	3,488	7,599	22,013	55,519	28,242	66,437
Taiwan	9,893	21,599	92,819	233,428	124,670	278,139
Thailand	8,875	18,892	69,100	167,300	73,529	164,505
Other countries	5,686	13,584	58,163	155,755	49,708	127,187
Total	87,409	181,557	899,683	2,120,413	898,628	1,952,619
BARLEY, UNMILLED(043)						
China	16,840	2,438	442,295	88,807	694,241	109,370
Iran	36,000	4,106	—	—	212,750	28,361
Japan	45,000	6,773	389,339	63,096	359,828	51,963
Oman	15,000	1,841	31,754	5,120	69,800	8,447
Peru	—	—	34,041	7,012	60,519	12,898
Saudi Arabia	80,500	9,502	614,329	98,166	109,600	12,761
Taiwan	72,000	—	219,468	40,909	184,285	29,130
U.S.S.R.	—	8,518	—	—	235,050	27,878
United Arab Emirates	24,000	2,917	75,428	12,626	158,422	20,897
Other countries	21,730	2,674	422,513	77,094	163,855	26,179
Total	311,070	38,768	2,229,167	392,829	2,248,350	327,885
CARS, AND OTHER ROAD VEHICLES (INCL. AIR- CUSHION VEHICLES) (78)						
France	..	4,600	..	685	..	21,822
Japan	..	7,601	..	48,533	..	69,679
New Zealand	..	13,330	..	244,303	..	172,953
Papua New Guinea	..	2,040	..	32,759	..	17,834
Singapore	..	833	..	11,468	..	16,005
United Kingdom	..	3,468	..	11,792	..	14,490
United States of America	..	47,815	..	89,072	..	378,325
Other countries	..	6,210	..	68,226	..	74,440
Total	..	85,897	..	506,839	..	765,552

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — *continued*

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
CHEESE AND CURD (024)						
Hong Kong	119	482	1,468	5,560	1,669	6,813
Indonesia	171	412	1,168	2,862	1,612	3,636
Iraq	—	—	2,914	12,841	831	2,659
Japan	2,074	5,499	16,167	46,910	23,336	61,881
Mauritius	146	696	698	3,068	682	3,098
Mexico	—	—	55	152	1,048	2,787
Netherlands	154	363	1,073	3,310	896	2,584
Philippines	213	397	5,941	12,666	4,046	8,256
Saudi Arabia	879	4,822	6,315	31,856	9,140	43,154
Singapore	54	219	1,141	4,527	995	4,417
Taiwan	61	209	542	2,017	682	2,474
United Arab Emirates	131	653	1,281	5,539	1,305	5,710
United Kingdom	288	1,411	2,268	9,878	1,030	4,525
United States of America	397	1,065	4,584	11,399	4,047	10,943
Other countries	316	1,447	5,425	21,904	4,490	17,271
Total	5,003	17,675	51,040	174,488	55,808	180,208
COAL, WHETHER OR NOT PULVERISED BUT NOT AGGLOMERATED (321)						
Brazil	—	—	1,283,780	74,935	1,259,143	72,059
France	90,439	5,390	2,778,994	151,107	2,979,114	165,161
Hong Kong	241,273	11,851	2,332,070	95,210	2,984,632	135,130
Italy	278,520	17,515	1,010,853	60,125	905,755	56,075
Japan	5,157,220	297,538	51,854,746	2,875,201	53,790,369	3,046,867
Korea, Republic of	1,072,973	59,375	7,315,329	411,075	9,552,734	532,765
Netherlands	764,624	42,986	4,287,966	209,371	5,611,054	276,450
Taiwan	664,243	35,833	5,191,206	290,123	6,739,415	360,524
Turkey	95,611	6,002	816,806	51,645	1,231,237	78,767
United Kingdom	353,648	19,930	3,196,206	180,240	4,423,918	260,860
Other countries	936,127	49,055	10,546,043	595,309	9,237,046	502,414
No Country Details(a)	436,988	28,256	4,523,003	285,182	4,630,404	292,427
Total	10,091,666	573,732	95,137,002	5,279,521	103,344,821	5,779,499
COPPER ORES AND CONCENTRATES (283.10)						
Japan	5,679	2,979	144,820	122,986	191,687	155,616
Korea, Republic of	—	—	120	390	7,500	9,391
Other countries	—	—	39,195	58,482	9,301	10,664
Total	5,679	2,979	184,134	181,858	208,488	175,671
COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (EXCL. MASTER ALLOYS) (682.11,12,14)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	999	3,349	6,664	24,102	7,306	24,329
France	854	2,823	7,253	24,475	8,017	27,523
Germany	5,847	19,410	28,817	95,224	31,794	106,822
Japan	4,971	16,424	35,190	118,039	41,703	138,927
Korea, Republic of	2,469	8,082	3,961	13,607	14,885	49,946
United Kingdom	5,332	17,595	32,874	108,987	34,026	115,388
Other countries	1,450	4,755	14,688	54,210	10,006	32,589
Total	21,922	72,438	129,447	438,643	147,737	495,525

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — continued

	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
			1990		1991	
Country	Tonnes	\$ '000	Tonnes	\$ '000	Tonnes	\$ '000
COTTON (OTHER THAN LINTERS), NOT CARDED OR COMBED (263.10)						
China	4,001	8,802	13,734	26,654	18,387	37,035
Hong Kong	112	249	11,536	22,028	6,724	16,522
Indonesia	5,755	12,973	34,653	63,551	51,361	108,036
Italy	1,867	4,681	4,609	9,008	8,380	18,949
Japan	21,726	52,233	99,014	192,178	89,976	193,572
Korea, Republic of	7,377	17,074	39,414	74,241	41,402	89,211
Taiwan	1,636	4,161	12,326	24,211	17,971	38,938
Thailand	647	1,533	4,479	8,681	14,242	30,367
Other countries	2,192	5,447	44,760	66,157	22,170	45,142
Total	45,314	107,151	264,527	486,710	270,614	577,772
CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES (EXCEPT CANNED OR BOTTLED) (036)						
Hong Kong	137	3,463	1,604	39,185	2,054	50,007
Japan	1,502	33,568	11,135	220,058	11,481	251,689
Spain	300	2,764	2,635	28,282	2,991	33,426
Taiwan	336	8,332	1,974	37,319	2,212	44,931
United States of America	431	12,644	2,830	92,239	1,810	66,972
Other countries	439	4,482	1,973	24,730	1,761	26,670
Total	3,144	65,253	22,151	441,814	22,310	473,694
FRUIT AND NUTS, FRESH, DRIED OR PRESERVED AND FRUIT PREPARATIONS (INCL. FRUIT JUICES) (057-059)						
Canada	..	2,794	..	34,620	..	39,892
France	..	873	..	3,725	..	4,168
Germany	..	2,072	..	25,941	..	36,520
Hong Kong	..	2,446	..	15,409	..	22,037
Japan	..	3,720	..	22,813	..	27,992
Libya	..	—	..	3,141	..	4,547
Malaysia	..	1,783	..	15,795	..	18,634
Netherlands	..	509	..	2,439	..	3,724
New Zealand	..	1,866	..	34,598	..	30,682
Norway	..	501	..	2,998	..	3,360
Papua New Guinea	..	421	..	3,270	..	3,910
Singapore	..	4,669	..	31,129	..	44,168
Sweden	..	840	..	4,277	..	4,335
Switzerland	..	509	..	1,180	..	903
United Kingdom	..	3,369	..	31,502	..	30,298
United States of America	..	4,300	..	13,868	..	32,601
Other countries	..	2,902	..	25,244	..	28,417
Total	..	33,573	..	271,950	..	336,190
GAS, NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED (34)						
Japan	..	81,637	..	299,237	..	743,255
Other countries	..	2	..	188	..	159
No Country Details(a)	..	16,086	..	145,346	..	167,102
Total	..	97,725	..	444,771	..	910,517
GOLD, NON-MONETARY (EXCL. GOLD ORES AND CONCENTRATES) (971)						
Hong Kong	..	95,620	..	361,569	..	399,731
Japan	..	66,118	..	597,928	..	901,900
Korea, Republic of	..	21,777	..	157,230	..	265,212
Singapore	..	60,751	..	790,237	..	1,003,196
Switzerland	..	5,299	..	345,782	..	700,564
Other countries	..	13,568	..	353,601	..	196,765
Total	..	263,132	..	2,606,348	..	3,467,369

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — continued

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
HIDES AND SKINS, BOVINE AND EQUINE, RAW (211.11-13.20)						
Italy	..	3,327	..	64,636	..	50,719
Japan	..	5,514	..	88,886	..	109,435
Korea, Republic of	..	4,964	..	80,474	..	71,045
Taiwan	..	723	..	10,761	..	10,864
Other countries	..	1,756	..	87,695	..	23,865
No Country Details(a)	..	2,854	..	4,698	..	14,346
Total	..	19,138	..	337,151	..	280,274
IRON AND STEEL (67)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	—	—	15,000	14,257	12,012	14,577
Hong Kong	2,109	1,561	4,042	3,960	19,595	14,925
Indonesia	419	539	98,222	46,186	156,214	60,876
Iran	67,749	20,877	237,780	81,262	296,398	96,161
Japan	12,198	5,681	72,308	22,557	100,834	44,638
Korea, Republic of	16,227	5,440	164,264	74,486	168,591	66,723
Malaysia	4,553	3,488	33,822	26,613	55,677	38,807
New Zealand	3,869	3,817	91,628	56,923	53,673	52,738
Papua New Guinea	1,318	1,981	31,599	28,714	22,142	23,049
Philippines	16,731	7,606	55,855	24,821	145,336	47,523
Singapore	5,011	4,833	30,664	30,155	53,649	44,370
Taiwan	19,771	8,166	42,738	27,842	155,984	68,087
Thailand	4,389	2,278	41,236	15,759	60,257	26,007
United States of America	47,267	21,359	253,085	150,205	395,028	217,632
Other countries	8,835	5,498	82,873	53,713	124,997	74,267
No Country Details(a)	1,273	1,142	29,549	18,612	28,580	12,237
Total	211,719	94,264	1,284,467	676,065	1,848,965	902,616
IRON ORE CONCENTRATES AND AGGLOMERATES (EXCL. ROASTED IRON PYRITES) (281.50.60)						
China	1,882,234	47,949	5,384,941	133,871	6,942,637	183,857
Germany	581,478	19,188	3,220,928	77,606	3,725,770	107,819
Japan	4,218,236	111,120	47,474,338	1,067,793	50,478,718	1,245,325
Korea, Republic of	539,637	16,045	5,180,710	142,846	6,645,497	200,593
Taiwan	377,947	10,704	4,651,799	117,403	3,924,161	111,705
United Kingdom	335,240	8,959	1,826,486	41,003	1,626,350	46,821
Other countries	863,631	21,656	5,065,328	103,891	6,440,436	155,037
No Country Details(a)	944,668	15,750	18,518,443	323,949	13,818,942	258,623
Total	9,743,071	251,372	91,322,974	2,008,362	93,602,510	2,309,976
LEAD AND LEAD ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (685.11.12)						
Egypt	—	—	—	—	7,297	7,508
India	410	139	28,412	26,156	18,835	18,930
Japan	—	—	6,918	7,348	13,325	12,641
Korea, Republic of	6,209	5,662	19,872	23,851	41,910	46,157
Malaysia	243	202	5,718	6,018	6,430	6,726
Taiwan	123	130	9,286	8,903	16,673	15,573
United Kingdom	24,419	20,590	145,594	158,454	127,691	120,385
United States of America	—	—	42	46	6,992	7,102
Other countries	1,647	1,360	47,587	46,291	23,180	21,027
Total	33,057	28,083	261,427	277,067	262,332	256,050

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — continued

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (72)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	..	275	..	4,933	..	3,033
Canada	..	522	..	8,678	..	5,475
China	..	126	..	10,892	..	9,427
Fiji	..	582	..	9,841	..	9,351
Finland	..	8	..	333	..	2,660
France	..	288	..	1,741	..	3,750
Germany	..	583	..	4,976	..	9,244
Ghana	..	41	..	349	..	2,668
Hong Kong	..	2,563	..	7,426	..	8,766
Indonesia	..	5,197	..	26,146	..	28,796
Iran	..	—	..	615	..	5,783
Italy	..	671	..	1,229	..	2,547
Japan	..	3,059	..	8,867	..	16,642
Korea, Republic of	..	354	..	1,235	..	24,600
Malaysia	..	752	..	11,655	..	25,573
Netherlands	..	643	..	2,485	..	3,983
New Caledonia	..	264	..	4,578	..	3,042
New Zealand	..	4,877	..	48,563	..	58,018
Papua New Guinea	..	5,038	..	35,284	..	43,980
Philippines	..	921	..	2,902	..	3,083
Saudi Arabia	..	139	..	1,091	..	2,552
Singapore	..	4,659	..	27,106	..	46,383
South Africa	..	1,798	..	5,518	..	9,004
Taiwan	..	2,041	..	8,016	..	7,863
Thailand	..	777	..	16,277	..	10,541
United Kingdom	..	1,040	..	18,037	..	18,881
United States of America	..	6,726	..	60,344	..	47,670
Other countries	..	4,849	..	47,094	..	44,217
No Country Details(a)	..	23	..	266	..	262
Total	..	48,817	..	376,479	..	457,795
MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (011.11-22)						
Japan	16,103	81,318	168,682	744,209	184,080	865,655
Korea, Republic of	4,584	11,791	54,658	145,687	62,789	168,817
Taiwan	2,594	10,418	26,414	108,810	27,123	105,112
United States of America	31,324	93,680	300,919	918,554	349,784	992,691
Other countries	5,827	21,702	60,020	236,581	55,863	205,937
Total	60,431	218,909	619,692	2,150,841	679,639	2,338,212
MEAT OF SHEEP AND GOATS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (012.11-13)						
Algeria	—	—	2,432	3,049	7,344	7,978
Canada	210	681	2,810	7,059	4,147	8,942
Germany	86	411	3,140	13,212	2,290	11,252
Iran	—	—	—	—	9,371	10,507
Japan	3,376	6,744	23,466	56,877	27,453	65,591
Korea, Republic of	313	615	2,696	3,722	2,773	5,600
Malaysia	375	577	4,305	6,490	6,782	6,425
Mauritius	263	338	2,105	3,112	3,033	4,281
Netherlands	58	123	2,203	5,179	1,135	3,671
Oman	220	375	2,554	4,936	2,766	4,459
Papua New Guinea	868	842	12,420	11,466	13,080	11,901
Saudi Arabia	1,320	2,295	8,860	18,978	15,742	29,029
Singapore	505	747	4,483	7,933	5,951	8,654
Switzerland	65	671	1,518	9,786	1,335	9,922
Taiwan	436	511	11,788	20,073	11,006	15,920
U.S.S.R.	1,410	1,134	23,146	21,494	22,927	22,397
United Arab Emirates	417	911	10,347	21,493	11,248	23,133
United Kingdom	456	1,917	6,293	18,843	7,219	26,623
United States of America	1,127	2,280	11,257	27,613	14,365	26,904
Other countries	1,337	2,215	17,928	35,438	17,315	31,974
Total	12,841	23,388	153,749	296,753	187,282	335,164

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — *continued*

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
MILK AND CREAM AND MILK PRODUCTS OTHER THAN BUTTER OR CHEESE (022)						
Algeria	..	—	..	—	..	7,437
Hong Kong	..	3,052	..	17,721	..	27,950
Indonesia	..	2,461	..	6,714	..	17,253
Japan	..	6,024	..	39,403	..	65,542
Malaysia	..	5,602	..	26,518	..	45,000
Papua New Guinea	..	1,174	..	14,721	..	12,370
Philippines	..	8,083	..	62,368	..	65,677
Singapore	..	6,082	..	49,346	..	57,867
Taiwan	..	5,964	..	42,653	..	45,236
Thailand	..	3,678	..	32,003	..	29,192
Other countries	..	2,751	..	89,117	..	33,680
Total	..	44,869	..	380,565	..	407,204
NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (683.11,12)(b)						
No Country Details(a)	n.p.	19,095	n.p.	269,191	n.p.	245,024
Total	n.p.	19,095	n.p.	269,191	n.p.	245,024
NICKEL OXIDE SINTERS (284.22)						
Finland	350	4,199	2,294	17,034	1,972	18,372
Japan	278	2,791	1,824	20,362	2,196	22,864
Netherlands	1,789	17,609	1,486	15,298	12,769	129,431
Taiwan	258	2,149	1,304	10,060	3,127	26,584
United States of America	292	2,929	3,020	32,625	3,127	31,380
Other countries	108	1,113	8,991	110,465	954	9,699
Total	3,075	30,790	18,919	205,843	24,145	238,330
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (75)						
France	..	1,334	..	2,438	..	5,594
Germany	..	183	..	8,356	..	9,416
Hong Kong	..	2,414	..	36,191	..	27,648
Indonesia	..	1,038	..	8,362	..	12,172
Japan	..	3,597	..	23,646	..	43,037
Korea, Republic of	..	761	..	5,221	..	14,075
Malaysia	..	1,019	..	7,518	..	12,015
New Zealand	..	10,912	..	158,23	..	176,494
Papua New Guinea	..	1,810	..	14,913	..	16,012
Singapore	..	2,682	..	28,118	..	35,794
Taiwan	..	1,755	..	9,646	..	14,648
Thailand	..	1,500	..	12,649	..	12,437
United Kingdom	..	4,096	..	34,043	..	54,688
United States of America	..	11,819	..	98,510	..	148,737
Other countries	..	3,717	..	59,159	..	53,119
Total	..	48,636	..	506,793	..	635,886

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — continued

	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
			1990		1991	
Country	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF MOLYBDENUM, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM ETC (287.81-85)(c)						
France	12,710	1,207	33,935	19,612	35,317	12,974
Germany	15,855	2,650	96,642	3,461	58,017	8,860
Italy	636	361	43,821	31,452	42,013	21,330
Japan	21,342	7,002	229,926	88,932	306,977	97,661
Korea, Republic of	991	646	46,388	22,633	42,256	15,207
Mexico	16,901	1,134	70,571	4,608	104,201	6,987
Netherlands	5,321	3,709	138,358	76,556	60,133	42,920
Saudi Arabia	2,500	1,837	—	—	2,605	2,030
Taiwan	1,115	715	15,989	14,009	8,153	5,884
U.S.S.R.	—	—	14,938	12,402	8,019	6,755
United Kingdom	23,000	2,024	195,593	46,312	254,498	43,992
United States of America	23,040	9,743	489,552	106,553	405,215	98,087
Other countries	1,489	2,638	207,267	51,931	110,038	32,717
Total	124,900	33,666	1,582,981	478,460	1,437,443	395,403
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE (333)						
India	..	—	..	—	..	41,510
Indonesia	..	8,163	..	101,750	..	224,038
Japan	..	43,116	..	94,307	..	396,247
Singapore	..	33,121	..	171,575	..	457,801
Thailand	..	—	..	—	..	35,441
United States of America	..	59,145	..	376,088	..	441,376
Other countries	..	—	..	158,732	..	128,776
Total	..	143,545	..	902,451	..	1,725,190
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (334,335)						
Fiji	..	5,374	..	42,152	..	67,548
French Polynesia	..	33	..	44,796	..	61,575
India	..	184	..	10,556	..	56,397
Indonesia	..	347	..	13,572	..	46,914
Japan	..	4,276	..	48,596	..	26,296
New Zealand	..	3,659	..	53,028	..	62,312
Pakistan	..	7,123	..	—	..	7,123
Papua New Guinea	..	12,655	..	108,136	..	103,594
Samoa (American)	..	5,299	..	11,105	..	18,095
Singapore	..	15,876	..	53,515	..	174,915
Thailand	..	5,644	..	10,235	..	25,785
Other countries	..	7,068	..	119,794	..	91,678
Ships' & Aircraft Stores	..	44,678	..	392,492	..	567,889
Total	..	112,217	..	907,976	..	1,310,121
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (882)						
Hong Kong	..	2,091	..	14,898	..	23,426
Indonesia	..	782	..	6,346	..	6,043
Korea, Republic of	..	4,621	..	28,392	..	36,675
New Zealand	..	849	..	14,343	..	12,754
Philippines	..	594	..	4,361	..	4,512
Singapore	..	3,060	..	44,555	..	33,210
Taiwan	..	509	..	8,036	..	10,254
Thailand	..	1,793	..	9,186	..	11,502
Other countries	..	1,163	..	14,564	..	13,734
Total	..	15,463	..	144,680	..	154,109

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — *continued*

	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
			1990		1991	
Country	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY AND NON-PRIMARY FORM (57,58)						
Hong Kong	..	2,459	..	14,346	..	22,511
India	..	608	..	3,207	..	6,713
Indonesia	..	1,331	..	16,004	..	18,662
Korea, Republic of	..	264	..	3,708	..	3,800
Malaysia	..	569	..	7,298	..	9,493
New Zealand	..	6,005	..	60,601	..	72,218
Papua New Guinea	..	749	..	10,450	..	7,654
Philippines	..	693	..	8,958	..	8,695
Singapore	..	1,197	..	8,750	..	12,482
Taiwan	..	488	..	7,891	..	8,879
Thailand	..	504	..	4,893	..	6,402
United Kingdom	..	248	..	4,770	..	6,238
United States of America	..	821	..	7,723	..	8,375
Other countries	..	1,741	..	16,982	..	21,488
No Country Details(a)	..	—	..	5,886	..	508
Total	..	17,678	..	181,467	..	214,117
POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (71)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	..	1,953	..	152	..	2,519
Canada	..	1,099	..	25,282	..	29,689
Germany	..	5,371	..	75,071	..	120,719
Japan	..	5,438	..	31,700	..	44,087
Korea, Republic of	..	4,558	..	643	..	37,113
New Zealand	..	1,972	..	23,490	..	23,932
Papua New Guinea	..	2,546	..	19,540	..	22,061
Singapore	..	1,617	..	9,262	..	17,280
South Africa	..	1,133	..	3,268	..	7,779
Thailand	..	2,247	..	1,467	..	3,960
United Kingdom	..	12,089	..	79,542	..	96,289
United States of America	..	14,506	..	53,156	..	62,163
Other countries	..	4,054	..	37,492	..	37,612
Total	..	58,584	..	360,063	..	505,202
RICE (042)						
Fiji	1,505	572	1,200	446	6,480	2,416
Other countries	14	13	142	84	1,804	788
No Country Details(a)	24,099	10,991	374,012	166,658	391,165	164,237
Total	25,618	11,575	375,353	167,188	399,449	167,442
SHEEP AND GOATS, LIVE (001.21,22)						
Egypt	..	—	..	—	..	2,036
Jordan	..	371	..	—	..	2,132
Kuwait	..	586	..	28,548	..	2,859
Oman	..	1,331	..	6,408	..	8,571
Qatar	..	—	..	2,175	..	2,631
Saudi Arabia	..	—	..	41,079	..	4,679
United Arab Emirates	..	1,634	..	11,727	..	15,137
Other countries	..	597	..	13,466	..	5,362
Total	..	4,518	..	103,404	..	43,408
SKINS, SHEEP AND LAMB, WITH WOOL ON, RAW (211.60)						
	No. of skins		No. of skins		No. of skins	
Belgium-Luxembourg	92,566	240	698,801	2,262	408,015	1,576
France	972,209	3,282	14,971,277	96,263	14,669,324	56,493
Italy	18,000	71	793,565	3,599	380,893	1,778
Japan	26,570	281	866,655	9,829	586,440	5,822
Korea, Republic of	91,555	636	357,071	3,518	475,019	3,228
New Zealand	76,665	511	1,125,264	13,497	964,161	7,924
Spain	65,421	367	1,569,465	13,958	697,769	4,167
Turkey	129,512	441	1,679,875	8,433	1,338,878	4,560
Yugoslavia	47,000	135	3,058,929	11,322	1,586,739	4,866
Other countries	90,049	419	2,253,509	12,909	1,285,790	6,377
Total	1,609,547	6,382	27,374,411	175,591	22,393,028	96,790

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — continued

	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
			1990		1991	
Country	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
SORGHUM, UNMILLED (045.30)						
Fiji	86	14	10,905	1,884	6,580	1,220
Japan	45,543	7,598	225,180	31,959	47,196	7,914
Taiwan	597	95	41,778	6,426	9,232	1,570
Other countries	676	267	22,423	4,057	5,072	1,170
Total	46,902	7,973	300,286	44,326	68,079	11,873
SUGAR, BEET OR CANE, RAW, IN SOLID FORM (061.11.12)						
Canada	—	n.p.	435,810	n.p.	350,965	n.p.
China	—	n.p.	222,130	n.p.	179,624	n.p.
Egypt	—	n.p.	24,000	n.p.	—	n.p.
Japan	23,100	n.p.	687,850	n.p.	564,470	n.p.
Korea, Republic of	—	n.p.	399,016	n.p.	314,700	n.p.
Malaysia	18,500	n.p.	431,155	n.p.	494,641	n.p.
New Zealand	—	n.p.	73,290	n.p.	74,000	n.p.
Singapore	14,700	n.p.	132,300	n.p.	132,300	n.p.
United States of America	—	n.p.	106,043	n.p.	153,673	n.p.
U.S.S.R.	—	n.p.	188,800	n.p.	298,700	n.p.
Venezuela	—	n.p.	82,000	n.p.	—	n.p.
Other countries	231	n.p.	3,141	n.p.	10,728	n.p.
No Country Details(a)	..	15,079	..	1,026,139	..	867,318
Total	56,531	15,079	2,785,535	1,026,139	2,573,801	867,318
URANIUM AND THORIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES (286.10.20)						
Other countries	800	240	15,225	13,409	7,920	5,800
No Country Details(a)	1,302	90,937	3,724	274,528	7,218	371,958
Total	2,102	91,177	18,949	287,937	15,138	377,758
WHEAT (INCL. SPELT) AND MESLIN, UNMILLED (041)						
China	345,499	39,823	809,268	176,842	1,264,583	171,234
Egypt	82,800	10,755	1,834,994	399,919	1,128,190	151,762
Indonesia	96,816	15,850	731,155	167,340	848,477	138,126
Iran	117,942	12,459	1,498,118	329,069	1,658,624	222,254
Japan	87,954	14,339	991,153	225,363	1,048,424	178,940
Korea, Dem People's Rep	30,151	3,389	99,103	19,883	292,251	32,913
Korea, Republic of	114,323	12,628	246,378	53,731	1,442,601	180,449
Malaysia	68,137	10,162	509,380	114,963	603,298	94,838
Oman	14,500	2,365	136,667	30,276	147,507	28,364
Singapore	25,480	3,979	100,474	22,607	143,998	24,763
U.S.S.R.	121,417	13,811	53,553	12,028	491,972	54,773
United Arab Emirates	26,000	4,058	293,112	65,256	245,647	41,565
Yemen	30,702	4,955	517,464	117,201	935,221	138,140
Other countries	66,978	11,432	2,616,599	603,199	959,524	151,792
Total	1,228,698	160,006	10,437,417	2,337,677	11,210,317	1,609,913
WOOD, IN CHIPS OR PARTICLES (246.11.15)						
Japan	247,823	37,055	2,382,482	345,969	2,489,256	366,910
Other countries	18,000	2,867	82,937	12,336	59,440	9,594
Total	265,823	39,922	2,465,419	358,306	2,548,696	376,505

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BY COUNTRY — *continued*

Country	May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	Tonnes	\$'000	1990		1991	
			Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
WOOL, GREASY (INCL. FLEECE-WASHED WOOL) (268.11.19)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,198	3,711	13,530	87,707	7,527	40,664
China	8,558	26,864	9,111	60,706	15,508	56,783
France	10,197	29,282	50,659	266,453	49,894	186,635
Germany	5,620	18,291	38,312	357,690	35,945	169,527
India	1,534	3,917	14,753	69,767	15,509	53,031
Italy	6,792	33,791	68,748	505,033	70,857	400,255
Japan	7,262	36,129	66,929	449,699	61,060	369,986
Korea, Republic of	2,689	9,691	16,239	109,129	18,797	94,883
Malaysia	951	2,704	7,930	39,445	8,840	41,490
Netherlands	1,478	3,411	40,607	245,497	6,434	31,638
Taiwan	5,592	12,668	37,397	151,885	25,343	81,385
U.S.S.R.	8,261	52,636	64,572	421,001	9,254	59,401
United States of America	3,598	14,199	18,650	140,681	24,079	125,823
Other countries	7,100	22,081	60,772	369,147	42,491	186,769
Total	70,829	269,376	528,211	3,273,840	391,537	1,898,271
WOOL, OTHER, NOT CARDED OR COMBED (268.21.29)						
China	972	3,908	5,736	42,788	8,264	44,768
Italy	1,610	9,626	11,333	90,158	12,939	80,581
Japan	3,265	19,850	28,556	285,416	28,685	229,487
Korea, Republic of	964	5,503	9,808	87,465	10,124	71,385
Malaysia	411	2,572	2,325	19,486	1,754	14,293
Thailand	372	1,949	2,769	26,614	3,484	25,747
United Kingdom	394	2,145	2,385	15,163	2,193	13,542
United States of America	482	2,326	4,219	25,920	5,660	30,386
Other countries	925	4,896	8,345	60,460	8,039	47,220
Total	9,495	52,775	74,977	653,471	81,140	557,408
ZINC AND ZINC ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (686.11.12)						
Hong Kong	995	1,742	13,639	29,291	12,747	24,658
India	858	1,358	4,931	10,006	14,501	25,532
Indonesia	1,939	2,920	19,893	43,086	26,914	48,981
Japan	537	838	16,316	34,144	16,384	29,154
Malaysia	62	51	8,690	19,090	8,809	16,958
New Zealand	157	304	14,641	39,011	6,610	12,859
Pakistan	652	1,034	2,629	5,636	4,938	8,428
Philippines	468	747	4,427	9,195	10,659	19,479
Singapore	—	—	8,261	18,021	9,583	19,974
Taiwan	3,214	5,385	23,969	52,609	30,176	57,248
United States of America	—	—	27,366	56,067	27,521	52,878
Other countries	966	1,504	20,024	42,660	13,209	24,268
Total	9,847	15,884	164,786	358,817	182,052	340,417
ZINC ORES AND CONCENTRATES (287.50)						
Belgium-Luxembourg	5,000	1,750	57,429	31,097	135,067	69,607
Germany	40,104	15,862	98,859	58,455	142,949	77,134
Japan	56,800	21,205	478,447	282,939	509,714	275,070
Korea, Republic of	24,300	11,137	240,740	143,395	230,547	124,951
Other countries	20,500	5,727	165,846	83,362	126,173	56,050
Total	146,704	55,682	1,041,322	599,248	1,144,450	602,812

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Country Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details. (b) Subject to a 'No Quantity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details. (c) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details.

TABLE 4. EXPORTS BY SITC SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS
(\$'000)

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	March 1991	April 1991	May 1991	Eleven months ended May	
				1990	1991
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS					
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	14,663	18,488	16,469	180,082	146,074
01 Meat and meat preparations	229,905	252,991	259,729	2,671,573	2,862,805
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	74,126	64,505	75,163	671,072	685,806
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	49,266	62,458	77,066	623,636	650,749
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	311,914	219,375	239,805	3,231,938	2,363,265
05 Vegetables and fruit	48,541	56,533	50,298	473,683	562,405
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	40,434	54,210	18,502	1,092,291	921,742
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	5,327	6,434	6,389	63,121	80,355
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	21,897	21,500	23,401	240,694	232,828
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	8,460	10,999	11,969	91,464	106,416
Total Section 0	804,533	767,492	778,792	9,339,555	8,612,444
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	20,351	24,837	24,768	202,917	255,240
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,291	1,386	2,137	15,890	18,879
Total Section 1	21,642	26,223	26,904	218,807	274,120
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	29,652	34,668	27,065	533,338	397,181
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3,439	5,115	3,275	42,589	41,054
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	445	1,087	419	7,482	7,877
24 Cork and wood	13,916	38,103	40,704	373,355	394,137
25 Pulp and waste paper	1,940	997	5,283	22,761	24,132
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	236,253	249,939	451,505	4,587,918	3,221,654
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	20,106	21,221	31,077	198,525	244,939
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	545,045	650,939	697,166	6,693,801	7,182,773
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	10,971	12,897	15,258	131,698	146,427
Total Section 2(a)	861,767	1,014,964	1,271,754	12,591,468	11,660,175
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	594,632	598,882	584,520	5,359,547	5,865,866
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	279,482	249,699	255,762	1,810,427	3,035,312
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	130,205	87,102	97,725	444,771	910,517
Total Section 3	1,004,319	935,683	938,007	7,614,744	9,811,694
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	9,719	14,357	8,613	97,893	101,632
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	369	41	1,448	2,382	3,775
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	1,730	1,353	1,089	8,958	15,496
Total Section 4(a)	11,817	15,751	11,149	109,233	120,903
5 CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES					
51 Organic chemicals	7,575	8,332	8,715	64,338	110,832
52 Inorganic chemicals(a)	15,539	22,348	23,344	141,581	179,403
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	14,187	18,954	12,687	239,084	186,034
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	24,519	31,820	27,615	242,754	285,099
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	9,065	10,538	13,200	77,686	114,069
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	3,528	275	335	10,749	11,884
57 Plastics in primary forms	15,346	17,294	11,281	123,614	143,168
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	6,388	7,110	6,396	57,853	70,949
59 Chemical materials and products, nes	17,263	15,778	13,003	164,290	163,977
Total Section 5(a)	113,410	132,448	116,578	1,121,948	1,265,415

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 4. EXPORTS BY SITC SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS — continued
(\$'000)

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	March 1991	April 1991	May 1991	Eleven months ended May	
				1990	1991
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	14,343	17,038	12,456	153,565	163,250
62 Rubber manufactures, nes	4,810	5,601	4,930	59,813	59,409
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	3,054	2,678	3,036	19,671	31,442
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard(a)	15,240	15,881	19,935	143,197	169,792
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	18,510	17,047	18,279	161,051	193,675
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)	27,093	41,004	29,054	438,145	461,144
67 Iron and steel	74,033	72,348	94,264	676,065	902,616
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)	264,006	284,958	325,524	3,598,013	3,419,458
69 Manufactures of metals, nes	31,279	51,558	46,156	328,568	418,448
Total Section 6(a)	452,369	508,113	553,634	5,578,087	5,819,235
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	42,723	44,337	58,584	360,063	505,202
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	34,196	44,790	48,817	376,479	457,795
73 Metal working machinery	5,099	4,596	3,138	58,109	76,413
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	32,147	41,071	39,806	339,003	416,172
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	55,441	62,151	48,636	506,793	635,886
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	22,696	29,387	26,310	217,365	298,750
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equipment)	36,403	43,248	38,858	328,242	407,145
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	64,277	67,564	85,897	506,839	765,552
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	48,470	38,271	49,458	568,153	577,545
Total Section 7	341,452	375,414	399,503	3,261,046	4,140,461
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	2,843	2,040	2,584	28,800	38,049
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	2,635	2,402	3,219	34,974	36,194
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	336	518	311	4,949	4,804
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,769	10,742	9,984	102,024	118,859
85 Footwear	1,551	2,811	1,740	23,144	21,612
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	24,033	29,356	21,357	236,866	247,673
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks	22,182	20,367	22,336	210,963	232,810
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	39,018	42,818	47,409	611,976	507,578
Total Section 8	105,366	111,053	108,939	1,253,695	1,207,579
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THIS SITC					
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	13,322	15,037	15,306	170,069	153,549
95 Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	25,447	39,465	11,725	253,732	198,918
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	103	135	6	950	1,010
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	370,705	285,505	263,132	2,606,348	3,467,369
98 Combined confidential items of trade and commodities nes(b)(c)	146,407	144,232	135,534	1,017,922	1,166,948
Total Section 9(b)(c)	555,984	484,373	425,702	4,049,020	4,987,793
Total Exports	4,272,659	4,371,516	4,630,961	45,137,602	47,899,819

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. Those are included in Division 98. See the Appendix for details. (b) Includes \$50 million of exports for May 1991 which cannot yet be allocated to commodity classification codes. See footnote (b) to Table 2. (c) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See the Appendix for details.

TABLE 5. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE OF MAJOR COMMODITIES
COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR(a)

Commodity description	1989-90 %	Three months ended		
		March 1991 %	April 1991 %	May 1991 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	29.6	-0.7	2.4	0.8
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	24.7	-31.5	-37.2	-26.5
Sugars, sugar preparations and honey (06)	21.5	-12.9	-45.7	-57.7
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	-22.6	-29.5	-36.5	-26.9
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	15.7	2.5	-7.5	-3.7
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	24.7	15.6	18.9	12.0
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	37.2	56.4	40.7	37.4
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	0.7	4.9	-0.9	3.8
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	33.5	35.6	34.3	25.5
Total Exports	13.2	6.4	3.1	4.4

(a) Exports of 'major commodities' are significant exports 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. EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
(\$'000)

Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) Division/Sub-division	March 1991	April 1991	May 1991	Eleven months ended May	
				1990	1991
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting					
01 Agriculture	500,439	423,009	551,884	6,811,552	4,609,396
03 Forestry and logging	448	1,800	453	5,730	11,253
04 Fishing and hunting	14,526	14,720	14,113	170,976	155,851
Total	515,414	439,528	566,450	6,988,258	4,776,500
Mining					
11 Metallic minerals	312,088	351,280	483,391	4,033,398	4,047,367
12 Coal	579,778	598,535	573,732	5,281,519	5,782,718
13 Oil and gas	264,157	194,150	241,270	1,347,222	2,635,707
14 Construction materials	538	2,265	8,851	9,643	23,688
15 Other non-metallic minerals	6,433	13,375	15,174	134,086	123,244
Total	1,164,014	1,159,605	1,322,418	10,799,868	12,642,724
Manufacturing					
21 Food, beverages and tobacco	518,016	589,365	561,557	6,749,614	6,738,208
23 Textiles	105,304	102,581	202,473	1,481,810	1,537,807
24 Clothing and footwear	14,539	13,937	12,035	131,751	146,346
25 Wood, wood products and furniture	20,021	42,541	47,824	431,094	463,359
26 Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	27,624	26,780	35,533	309,754	314,250
27 Chemical, petroleum and coal products	261,552	273,662	233,050	2,039,154	2,600,275
28 Non-metallic mineral products	10,206	11,176	12,086	117,476	131,161
29 Basic metal products	909,533	999,780	880,980	9,381,926	10,658,313
31 Fabricated metal products	53,099	86,100	55,658	548,939	579,253
32 Transport equipment	148,242	142,521	166,182	1,331,169	1,732,210
33 Other machinery and equipment	249,830	290,082	280,446	2,503,488	3,011,381
34 Miscellaneous manufacturing	58,282	75,297	60,949	671,594	720,907
Total	2,376,246	2,563,823	2,548,774	25,697,769	28,633,469
Other industries					
Wholesale, retail and service industries	3,715	5,053	5,252	139,618	76,988
Confidential items; Waste and scrap nes; Second hand goods nes; Special goods(a)	213,270	203,506	188,068	1,512,090	1,770,138
Total(a)	216,985	208,560	193,320	1,651,708	1,847,126
Total Exports	4,272,659	4,371,516	4,630,961	45,137,602	47,899,819

(a) Includes \$50 million of exports for May 1991 which cannot yet be allocated to commodity classification codes. See footnote (b) to Table 2.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
(\$'000)

BEC	March 1991	April 1991	May 1991	Eleven months ended May 1991	
				1990	1991
Food and beverages	806,285	775,881	778,611	9,333,712	8,663,552
Primary	376,857	295,784	331,106	3,915,717	3,113,799
Mainly for industry	297,108	203,088	225,334	2,991,839	2,137,504
Mainly for household consumption	79,748	92,696	105,772	923,878	976,295
Processed	429,429	480,097	447,504	5,417,995	5,549,753
Mainly for industry	81,560	88,737	54,017	1,476,733	1,289,682
Mainly for household consumption	347,868	391,361	393,488	3,941,262	4,260,071
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,818,787	1,957,863	2,221,553	22,089,352	22,361,497
Primary	675,906	753,623	1,040,724	10,025,524	8,929,526
Processed	1,142,881	1,204,240	1,180,829	12,063,828	13,431,971
Fuels and lubricants	998,930	932,355	932,665	7,593,335	9,770,151
Primary	713,713	704,001	717,279	6,182,117	7,504,805
Processed	285,217	228,353	215,387	1,411,218	2,265,346
Motor spirit	2,510	14,286	6,956	71,307	79,576
Other	282,707	214,067	208,431	1,339,910	2,185,770
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	206,804	251,035	233,434	2,130,709	2,549,345
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	85,816	128,220	118,983	1,092,531	1,252,127
Parts and accessories	120,988	122,815	114,451	1,038,178	1,297,219
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	157,245	151,342	190,921	1,388,319	1,834,101
Passenger motor cars	36,996	40,185	56,291	235,371	466,106
Other	32,448	20,253	21,561	336,641	331,879
Industrial	20,936	12,008	17,373	270,395	264,110
Non-industrial	11,512	8,245	4,188	66,246	67,769
Parts and accessories	87,801	90,904	113,069	816,306	1,036,116
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	98,185	103,507	110,541	1,136,783	1,185,520
Durable	23,401	21,525	29,834	365,879	303,122
Semi-durable	33,678	37,918	31,184	345,311	373,531
Non-durable	41,106	44,064	49,523	425,594	508,867
Goods not elsewhere specified(a)(b)	186,423	199,532	163,236	1,465,392	1,535,653
Total Exports	4,272,659	4,371,516	4,630,961	45,137,602	47,899,819

(a) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See the Appendix for details. (b) Includes \$50 million of exports for May 1991 which cannot yet be allocated to commodity classification codes. See footnote (h) to Table 2.

TABLE 8. EXPORTS BY STATE(a)

STATE	March 1991		April 1991		May 1991		Eleven months ended May			
	\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports	1990		1991	
							\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports
Australian produce										
New South Wales	836,731	19.6	919,091	21.0	927,374	20.0	11,271,238	25.0	11,211,330	23.4
Victoria	779,745	18.2	742,808	17.0	818,149	17.7	7,873,907	17.4	8,003,644	16.7
Queensland	802,604	18.8	817,471	18.7	957,793	20.7	9,604,937	21.3	9,734,970	20.3
South Australia	256,069	6.0	298,536	6.8	282,717	6.1	2,621,655	5.8	2,737,110	5.7
Western Australia	1,179,097	27.6	1,219,279	27.9	1,133,586	24.5	9,349,025	20.7	11,318,140	23.6
Tasmania	108,118	2.5	109,380	2.5	99,529	2.1	1,357,093	3.0	1,223,905	2.6
Northern Territory	146,684	3.4	94,844	2.2	168,653	3.6	1,227,516	2.7	1,748,898	3.7
Australian Capital Territory	2,055	—	848	—	357	—	9,248	—	8,019	—
State not available for publication(b)	7,682	0.2	6,952	0.2	72,159	1.6	90,408	0.2	134,395	0.3
Total	4,118,784	96.4	4,209,210	96.3	4,460,317	96.3	43,405,027	96.2	46,120,411	96.3
Re-exports	153,874	3.6	162,306	3.7	170,644	3.7	1,732,576	3.8	1,779,408	3.7
Total Exports	4,272,659	100.0	4,371,516	100.0	4,630,961	100.0	45,137,602	100.0	47,899,819	100.0

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs. (b) Includes \$50 million of exports for May 1991 which cannot yet be allocated by State. See footnote (h) to Table 2.

TABLE 9. EXPORTS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
(\$'000)

Country or country group	March	April	May	Eleven months ended May	
	1991	1991	1991	1990	1991
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) —					
Brunei	916	1,065	2,417	13,425	13,809
Indonesia	67,315	131,907	87,528	898,814	1,331,416
Malaysia	95,572	50,127	68,620	837,987	917,645
Philippines	40,909	39,500	42,555	442,652	404,850
Singapore	333,493	231,950	210,172	1,792,302	2,564,927
Thailand	56,131	44,941	68,339	525,555	603,659
Total ASEAN	594,335	499,490	479,631	4,510,735	5,836,306
European Community (EC) —					
Belgium-Luxembourg	28,745	36,932	46,123	471,799	405,230
Denmark	5,618	14,845	8,939	70,438	79,611
France	67,913	79,190	84,455	831,693	720,548
Germany	86,112	76,418	102,084	1,162,218	988,722
Greece	751	1,862	3,533	44,888	28,825
Ireland	1,276	2,188	1,178	14,880	14,423
Italy	85,899	72,696	90,646	986,327	863,706
Netherlands	63,917	68,589	100,397	978,985	907,936
Portugal	4,232	1,005	1,629	45,170	32,026
Spain	7,861	22,999	12,348	211,035	174,714
United Kingdom	145,181	146,133	174,746	1,596,091	1,640,367
Total EC	497,504	522,857	626,078	6,414,523	5,856,107
Algeria	8,901	6,001	3,892	33,718	62,249
Argentina	11,150	2,289	10,217	158,644	125,643
Austria	1,712	1,338	2,014	18,809	25,693
Bahrain	12,804	12,665	12,604	145,022	163,637
Bangladesh	7,476	9,412	7,245	79,022	70,342
Brazil	8,487	7,371	4,525	117,460	100,372
Canada	75,056	72,593	27,111	688,595	747,124
Chile	4,099	7,775	5,588	26,419	45,344
China	97,131	133,488	158,060	1,060,970	1,178,156
Christmas Island	1,674	889	817	2,648	6,787
Cocos (Keeling) Island	311	203	626	1,934	3,513
Czechoslovakia	1,699	1,394	1,065	48,518	23,550
Ecuador	802	61	10	8,864	5,905
Egypt(a)	25,902	16,918	11,715	447,794	195,862
Fiji	14,549	22,109	16,422	186,390	216,898
Finland	6,024	3,684	7,966	79,696	64,974
French Polynesia	2,783	9,960	653	60,788	82,640
Ghana	72	1,263	360	23,682	16,872
Guam	1,382	1,453	1,444	12,165	13,943
Hong Kong	156,166	141,434	183,154	1,216,232	1,387,184
India	95,144	45,062	38,051	541,862	622,312
Iran	27,528	35,338	47,961	505,603	457,088
Iraq	—	—	—	385,076	19,801
Israel	1,620	2,792	1,428	80,137	33,500
Japan	1,120,364	1,165,920	1,250,311	11,737,707	13,121,623
Jordan	19	2,078	520	5,039	21,792
Kenya	22	88	627	9,288	9,995
Kiribati	1,104	1,115	1,116	11,374	11,148
Korea, Dem People's Rep	3,089	4,658	3,396	23,457	50,418
Korea, Republic of	254,766	329,864	273,301	2,404,703	2,970,768
Kuwait	383	—	607	69,531	7,024
Libya	2,297	1,280	18	8,366	7,794
Mauritius	2,221	4,502	4,684	32,337	36,189
Mexico	4,890	3,992	4,485	112,134	54,619

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TABLE 9. EXPORTS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS — *continued*
(S'000)

Country or country group	March 1991	April 1991	May 1991	Eleven months ended May	
				1990	1991
Micronesia, Fed States of	88	439	295	3,112	4,195
Myanmar	2,260	195	63	8,675	29,459
Nauru	1,191	2,475	3,620	18,836	24,598
New Caledonia	6,347	9,225	5,004	79,926	69,524
New Zealand	183,024	224,034	181,364	2,380,575	2,343,846
Nigeria	1,947	110	72	707	5,541
Norfolk Island	791	620	698	8,533	9,157
Norway(a)	1,081	1,193	908	33,282	22,289
Oman	5,374	4,601	7,837	66,245	68,434
Pakistan	18,733	17,759	21,598	204,205	146,148
Panama	67	84	104	892	25,083
Papua New Guinea	67,736	69,079	78,244	768,437	705,448
Peru	2,149	1,098	69	12,461	16,123
Poland	2,660	5,485	651	107,944	23,996
Puerto Rico	616	277	420	19,893	7,480
Qatar	306	847	4,114	15,231	23,776
Romania	2,804	8,222	4,085	148,030	38,832
Samoa (American)	391	3,033	6,122	16,131	24,740
Saudi Arabia	13,432	24,626	39,514	255,717	196,842
Solomon Islands	1,971	2,932	3,488	45,705	30,428
South Africa	31,113	14,883	10,265	105,395	162,835
Sri Lanka	2,777	2,774	1,966	52,494	28,714
Sweden	6,435	17,332	13,350	134,201	108,982
Switzerland	114,251	108,598	47,716	701,052	1,194,874
Taiwan	179,440	175,515	186,071	1,693,674	1,748,067
Tanzania	55	96	64	1,459	6,998
Tonga	777	756	1,263	12,507	11,333
Trinidad and Tobago	401	675	431	6,687	4,994
Turkey	13,244	11,820	11,141	79,120	135,280
U.S. Misc Pacific Islnds	148	106	241	202	1,075
U.S.S.R.	41,308	28,166	80,296	659,203	302,456
United Arab Emirates	30,646	26,115	13,339	257,639	248,595
United States of America	390,720	440,703	568,158	4,869,715	5,352,231
Vanuatu	6,847	2,128	3,065	24,248	32,613
Venezuela	1,824	1,542	1,227	64,474	24,714
Vietnam	2,076	1,898	4,919	81,444	18,249
Western Samoa	770	1,623	2,476	12,986	16,393
Yemen	4,259	8,070	5,303	121,104	140,529
Yugoslavia	764	5,412	3,958	99,225	47,583
Zimbabwe	80	260	967	11,753	15,664
Other Countries	11,622	7,629	5,808	120,356	76,439
Destination Unknown	522	723	830	7,074	6,203
No Country Details(b)	7,682	6,952	22,159	90,394	84,395
Ships' Stores	68,127	60,050	49,754	459,536	611,901
Unidentified(c)	38	—	50,223	7,881	50,491
Total Exports	4,272,659	4,371,516	4,630,961	45,137,602	47,899,819

(a) Excludes exports of alumina, details of which are included in the "No Country Details" category at the end of this table. (b) Exports of alumina to Egypt, Iceland and Norway. (c) Includes \$50 million of exports for May 1991 which cannot yet be allocated by country. See footnote (b) to Table 2.

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).

Introduction of EXIT (Exports Integration)

2. On 12 December 1988 the Australian Customs Service (ACS) commenced the progressive implementation of EXIT, a new system for electronically processing and recording export information and for clearance of outward sea and air cargo manifests.

3. The EXIT system will lead to an improvement in timing of exports in foreign trade statistics. Presently, exports are recorded in foreign trade statistics in the month the export documents are processed by ACS. When EXIT is fully operational, exports will be recorded in the month of shipment and consequently foreign trade export statistics will more accurately reflect actual shipments departing during that month. For further details see paragraphs 16 to 19 below.

4. For further information on the introduction of EXIT, contact Jan Gatenby on Canberra (06) 252 5411.

Next release date

5. The June 1991 issue of this publication is expected to be released in late August 1991.

Statistical Concepts

6. The merchandise export statistics in this publication are compiled in broad agreement with the United Nations' recommendations for the compilation of international trade statistics. Merchandise exports covers all movable goods which subtract from Australia's stock of material resources. Non-merchandise trade is excluded (see paragraph 14) as are goods moving temporarily through Australia, e.g. transit trade.

7. The merchandise export statistics in this publication are recorded on a general trade basis, i.e. exports include both Australian produce and re-exports.

8. Australian produce is defined as goods, materials or articles which have been produced or manufactured in Australia. Processing and assembly operations that leave imported components and products essentially unchanged are not considered as production or manufacture.

9. Re-exports are defined as goods, materials or articles originally imported into Australia which are exported in the same condition or after undergoing minor operations (e.g. blending, packaging, bottling, cleaning, husking and shelling) which leave them essentially unchanged.

Scope and Coverage of the Statistics

10. For details of those goods excluded from merchandise trade, either because they are not within the scope of merchandise trade or for which practical difficulties prevent their measurement, see paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes of the 1989-90 issue of the publication

Foreign Trade, Australia, Merchandise Exports, Detailed Commodity Tables (5436.0).

Commodity Classifications

11. Commodity export statistics in Tables 2 to 4 of this publication are presented according to the codes and descriptions of the United Nations' Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3) with the addition of dummy codes to take account of Australia's treatment of gold and other legal tender coin and confidential items.

12. Statistics in Table 7 are presented according to the categories of the United Nations' classification, Broad Economic Categories (BEC). The BEC classifies foreign trade statistics according to the main end use of the commodities traded.

Industry of Origin

13. Export statistics in Table 6 are classified by subdivisions of the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC). Commodities classified to statistical items of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification are allocated to the ASIC industry of origin whose main economic activities are primarily associated with those commodities.

Non-merchandise trade

14. In accordance with United Nations' recommendations, merchandise trade excludes the movement of certain goods, for example, goods moving temporarily for purposes of repair. Information on the value of the commodities excluded from merchandise trade, but separately recorded as outwards movements of non-merchandise goods, is available on request from the **Microfiche Manager** on Canberra (06) 252 5968.

Valuation

15. The value of exports is the free on board (FOB) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars.

Time of recording

16. Exports still lodged via the paper based system are generally recorded statistically in the month the entries are processed by ACS. Regular exporters or their agents may provide details of their export shipments on a periodic rather than an individual shipment basis by submitting weekly or monthly returns. These 'periodic returns' must be submitted to the ACS within seven days of the end of the period in question covering all shipments departing during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 90 per cent of monthly export values lodged via the paper based system are recorded on periodic returns. The processing month for Customs outputs (generally ports other than those at which the main Customs office in each state is located) closes on the 21st of each month, whereas for mainports the processing month is the calendar month.

17. Because of the post-shipment lodgment of the periodic returns, entries processed by ACS in any month will

include, for mainports, weekly returns for the fourth week of the previous calendar month and the first three weeks of the current calendar month. Monthly returns processed relate to the preceding calendar month's trade. Outport returns will be processed with the additional delay associated with the earlier close off of the processing month. When returns are lodged late, and the amounts involved are significant, the returns are processed as revisions to the statistical month in which they should have been reported.

18. The way in which exports data lodged via the paper based system are collected and processed, means that approximately 40 per cent of total export trade by value shown for a particular month reflects actual shipments departing during that month, while approximately 55 per cent reflects actual shipments departing during the previous month with the remaining 5 per cent by value departing in earlier months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

19. In order to maintain a consistent time series during the period when EXIT is progressively introduced, export information reported electronically is adjusted to record it in foreign trade export statistics in the statistical period in which it would have been recorded under the paper based system. This adjustment will be made for an interim period. After EXIT is fully operational the export series will be compiled on a shipping date basis.

Country statistics

20. Country statistics shown in Tables 3 and 9 refer to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export.

21. Data for countries and country groups for all time periods included in this publication reflect the composition of those countries and country groups on the last day of the reference period of this publication. For example in October 1990 the Federal Republic of Germany (FDR) and the German Democratic Republic (GDR) joined together and the united entity is referred to in ABS foreign trade publications as Germany. Therefore exports for prior periods to the separate areas that were FDR and GDR are now combined and recorded as exports to Germany.

Confidentiality

22. Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. Refer to table footnotes and the Appendix for specific details. More details on the confidentiality process can be obtained from the **Confidentiality Manager** on Canberra (06) 252 5425.

Reliability

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

Relationship to balance of payments statistics

24. The basic source of balance of payments data on merchandise exports and imports is 'foreign trade statistics'. However, because of conceptual differences, various coverage, timing and (imports only) valuation adjustments are necessary before foreign trade statistics can be put on a balance of payments basis. For more information on the relationship between merchandise trade measures in foreign trade and balance of payments statistics see either *Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Exports and Imports* (\$410.0) or Chapter 9 of *Balance of Payments, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (\$531.0).

Foreign Trade services available on request

25. **Special Returns service.** This service provides commodity-based foreign trade statistics tailored to users' requirements. The data are available on computer printout or via the electronic mail service, TELESTATS. Charges for this service depend on the level of detail required. Further details are available from the **Special Returns Managers** on Canberra (06) 252 5404 (exports) or 252 5408 (imports).

26. **Microfiche service.** A variety of tabular formats is available covering commodities exported or imported at various levels of aggregation. Further details are available from the **Microfiche Manager** on Canberra (06) 252 5968.

27. **Magnetic Tape service.** Foreign trade statistics are also available on 9 track magnetic tape. This service is recommended where users wish to obtain trade data at the most detailed level. Further details are available from the **Tape Production Managers** on Canberra (06) 252 7406 (exports) or 252 5417 (imports).

28. **Other foreign trade data services.** A wide variety of customised data services is available on an ad hoc or subscription basis. Data can be provided on printout or floppy disk or via electronic mail. Further information about these services is available from the **Dissemination Managers** on Canberra (06) 252 5400 (exports) or 252 5422 (imports).

Related publications

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

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Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Exports and Imports by Country (5422.0) — issued quarterly

Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Imports (5433.0) — issued monthly

Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Exports (5434.0)
— issued quarterly

Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Imports (5435.0)
— issued quarterly

*Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Exports, Detailed
Commodity Tables* (5436.0) — issued annually

*Foreign Trade, Australia: Merchandise Imports, Detailed
Commodity Tables* (5437.0) — issued annually

Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0) — issued monthly

Import Price Index, Australia (6414.0) — issued quarterly

Shipping and Air Cargo Commodity Statistics, Australia
(9206.0) — issued quarterly

30. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, 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.

Symbols and other usages

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

- nil or rounded to zero
- nes not elsewhere specified
- .. not applicable
- n.p. not for publication

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

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APPENDIX

CONFIDENTIAL COMMODITY LISTING

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

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

In Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5, commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction are EXCLUDED from the relevant Sections and Divisions. In Table 4 they are included in Division 98 and in Tables 2 and 5 they are included in the total.

SITC Rev3			AHECC				
Section	Division	Item	Item	Type of restriction	Started	Finished	
0	04	04220	1006.20.10	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.04.90	
			1006.20.20	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
		04231	1006.30.10	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
			1006.30.21	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
			1006.30.29	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
			1006.30.31	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
			1006.30.39	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
			1006.40.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
		04232	1006.40.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
		06	06111	1701.11.10	No Country Details for Value	01.01.88	—
2	21	21111	4101.21.10	No Country Details for Hong Kong, Thailand	01.12.88	—	
	28	28150	2601.11.20	No Country Details for Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands, Germany, France, USA, Spain	01.06.88	31.01.91	
				No Country Details for China, Republic of Korea, UK	01.08.89	31.01.91	
				No Country Details for Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands, UK	01.02.91	—	
			28160	2601.12.10	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.89
			28421	7501.10.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
			28510	2606.00.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
			28520	2818.20.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
			28610	2612.10.01	No Country Details	01.05.89	—
			28770	2602.00.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
			28783	2614.00.20	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
			28799	2617.90.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
3	32	32121	2701.12.11	No Country Details for Iran, India	01.12.88	—	
	34	34210	2711.12.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	
		34250	2711.13.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—	

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SITC Rev3			AHECC			
Section	Division	Item	Item	Type of restriction	Started	Finished
4	42	42121	1512.21.00	No Commodity Details	01.10.88	—
5	52	52269	2825.60.00	No Commodity Details	01.03.89	—
	54	54151	2937.91.00	No Commodity Details	01.03.88	—
	57	57219	3903.19.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.90
6	63	63422	4410.10.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.09.89
		63451	4411.11.00	No Commodity Details	01.11.88	—
	64	64110	4801.00.00	No Commodity Details	01.04.89 01.04.91	31.10.90 —
	66	66721	7102.10.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
	67	67939	7305.90.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.07.90
		67941	7306.10.10	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
			7306.10.90	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
		67943	7306.30.10	No Country Details	01.01.88	28.02.91
			7306.30.11	No Country Details	01.07.88	—
			7306.30.90	No Country Details	01.01.88	28.02.91
			7306.30.91	No Country Details	01.07.88	—
		67944	7306.60.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
	68	68311	7502.10.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
				No Quantity Details		
		68312	7502.20.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—
				No Quantity Details		
		68323	7504.00.00	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	—
7	72	72492	8451.90.00	No Country Details	01.01.88	—

