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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA
MAY 1970

This statement includes preliminary information on imports for May 1970 with comparative figures for the months of March and April 1970 and eleven months ended May 1969 and 1970. More detailed figures will be published in the Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade, Part 2 - Imports, May 1970 (Reference No. 8.10).

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

Section and Division (c)	March	April	May	Eleven months ended May	
	1970	1970	1970	1969	1970
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	415	586	300	2,409	4,028
01 Meat and meat preparations	209	177	268	953	2,144
02 Dairy products and eggs	560	549	530	4,080	5,208
03 Fish and fish preparations	2,094	2,207	2,219	28,980	30,793
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	444	435	417	5,887	4,484
05 Fruit and vegetables	1,961	2,067	2,230	19,709	21,433
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	281	193	248	2,443	2,764
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	7,908	6,396	3,597	46,271	47,474
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	801	483	288	5,797	6,156
09 Misc. preps. chiefly for food	300	611	539	4,422	3,675
<u>Total Section 0</u>	14,973	13,704	10,636	118,982	128,159
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,445	1,239	1,870	13,994	15,114
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,562	1,765	1,601	27,220	30,520
<u>Total Section 1</u>	4,007	3,004	3,471	41,214	45,634
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	210	106	74	2,627	1,597
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	524	184	605	6,892	9,339
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1,996	2,593	2,680	24,712	27,118
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,126	5,555	4,314	43,596	48,241
25 Pulp and waste paper	2,865	3,118	3,777	23,703	33,369
26 Textile fibres and their waste	2,487	3,672	2,897	30,567	30,946
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (exc. coal, petroleum, precious stones)	3,831	4,080	5,154	62,187	55,548
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	981	663	591	4,869	7,212
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,033	1,387	1,266	11,156	12,363
<u>Total Section 2</u>	18,053	21,358	21,358	210,309	225,733

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)(b)

Section and Division (c)		March	April	May	Eleven months ended May	
		1970	1970	1970	1969	1970
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	90	21	126	478	789
33	Petroleum and petroleum products	15,295	23,246	16,893	229,413	236,833
34	Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	3	1	2	26	42
<u>Total Section 3</u>		15,388	23,268	17,021	229,917	237,664
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41	Animal oils and fats	24	84	28	703	750
42	Fixed vegetable oils and fats	1,389	1,462	1,119	9,659	11,600
43	Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal, vegetable origin	148	299	201	2,025	1,992
<u>Total Section 4</u>		1,561	1,845	1,348	12,387	14,342
5	CHEMICALS -					
51	Chemical elements and compounds	10,833	9,619	8,987	98,754	105,483
52	Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	39	60	69	1,639	2,108
53	Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	1,892	1,719	1,828	17,352	20,633
54	Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	4,494	5,132	5,049	36,227	46,301
55	Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	1,257	1,631	1,288	12,775	14,687
56	Fertilisers, manufactured	1,444	253	185	10,934	6,805
57	Explosives, pyrotechnic products	116	804	215	4,342	4,312
58	Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	6,797	9,514	8,338	73,633	83,133
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	3,359	5,373	2,975	44,658	46,045
<u>Total Section 5</u>		30,231	34,105	28,934	300,314	329,507
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed fur skins	596	504	614	5,519	6,768
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	3,204	4,197	3,806	34,150	38,216
63	Wood, cork manufactures (exc. furniture)	1,122	1,295	1,417	13,189	14,053
64	Paper, paperboard and manufactures	8,162	9,263	9,576	91,872	97,707
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, related products	21,943	24,458	24,564	240,228	263,396
66	Non-metallic mineral manufact. n.e.s.	6,328	6,750	6,174	59,792	71,830
67	Iron and steel	6,296	11,341	8,327	89,606	86,976
68	Non-ferrous metals	2,275	2,205	1,530	24,558	22,789
69	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	7,185	8,729	8,371	72,418	86,834
<u>Total Section 6</u>		57,111	68,742	64,379	631,332	688,569

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 COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued
 (\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)(b)

Section and Division (c)	March	April	May	Eleven months ended May	
	1970	1970	1970	1969	1970
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	54,618	63,063	62,716	548,412	642,985
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	21,974	23,776	21,695	196,439	230,168
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	35,425	43,715	41,553	465,302	521,787
<u>Total Section 7</u>	112,017	130,554	125,964	1,210,153	1,394,940
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	455	548	452	4,254	5,198
82 Furniture	381	476	482	4,544	5,007
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	337	424	386	4,671	5,283
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	3,068	2,852	2,578	27,684	31,875
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	1,321	1,245	1,054	9,701	14,593
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments photo and optical goods; watches, clocks	9,003	11,149	9,225	91,947	110,588
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	11,379	15,580	13,293	129,571	149,815
<u>Total Section 8</u>	25,944	32,274	27,470	272,372	322,359
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	8,273	11,508	9,716	106,583	114,644
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE</u>	287,558	340,362	310,297	3,133,563	3,501,551
9B Non-merchandise (d)	3,042	3,962	4,879	41,255	53,429
<u>TOTAL</u>	290,600	344,324	315,176	3,174,818	3,554,980

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$277 million for the six months ended 31 December 1969. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

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

Country of Origin	March	April	May	Eleven months ended May	
	1970	1970	1970	1969	1970
Austria	492	1,060	807	7,066	7,875
Bahrain	411	2,573	1,262	6,520	15,859
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	1,907	4,042	1,820	18,278	26,591
Brazil	540	588	826	4,950	6,571
Brunei	723	1,317	1,108	16,568	13,310
Canada	12,671	12,007	12,086	140,330	140,025
Ceylon	1,608	956	490	14,649	10,487
China (mainland) ..	1,838	2,444	2,657	25,591	28,861
China, Republic of (Taiwan) ..	1,126	1,500	1,227	10,879	14,670
Christmas Island ..	460	696	830	8,193	7,661
Czechoslovakia ..	759	585	652	7,542	7,089
Denmark	1,037	1,143	677	8,331	9,970
Fiji	298	479	348	4,872	4,598
Finland	1,021	1,110	1,806	14,078	15,569
France	4,177	6,578	5,990	58,722	63,263
Germany, Federal Republic of	17,162	24,895	22,450	182,627	235,648
Ghana	2,509	2,012	332	6,116	8,591
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	478	312	224	3,731	3,371
Hong Kong	3,728	4,863	4,443	38,100	49,253
India	2,752	2,388	2,284	30,485	29,378
Indonesia	2,845	4,526	3,310	56,209	45,773
Iran	468	663	970	13,041	12,007
Iraq	708	1,778	1,597	10,380	10,189
Italy	5,848	6,827	8,947	73,589	72,645
Japan	31,942	38,338	42,253	373,771	437,210
Kuwait	3,989	3,571	3,407	39,509	42,120
Malaysia	2,604	3,091	2,738	27,312	31,123
Nauru	602	1,009	1,202	13,837	13,555
Netherlands	4,025	5,391	5,385	46,623	53,500
New Zealand	8,706	7,325	9,025	67,484	77,563
Norway	860	820	628	12,067	9,293
Pakistan	1,705	1,844	1,326	16,023	17,206
Papua and New Guinea ..	1,669	1,666	2,498	27,141	19,717
Qatar	573	2,553	802	17,705	20,076
Saudi Arabia	4,213	4,434	2,393	39,630	39,551
Singapore	593	1,143	852	11,487	12,858
South Africa	1,551	1,846	1,788	18,923	20,150
South Yemen, Republic of ..	256	90	217	4,543	6,358
Spain	1,205	1,366	1,251	9,211	11,815
Sweden	2,857	5,466	6,745	47,561	52,943
Switzerland	4,502	5,885	4,773	43,372	54,821
Trucial States	519	460	263	6,370	12,652
Uganda	550	351	218	5,856	4,883
United Kingdom	70,597	76,117	74,583	683,087	777,681
United States of America ..	70,364	82,741	66,827	812,478	884,543
Other countries	11,152	13,875	8,859	89,976	116,108
Total	290,600	344,324	315,176	3,174,818	3,554,980

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