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

This statement includes preliminary information on imports for April 1970 with comparative figures for the months of February and March 1970 and ten months ended April 1969 and 1970. More detailed figures will be published in the Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade, Part 2 - Imports, April 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)	February 1970	March 1970	April 1970	Ten months ended April 1969	Ten months ended April 1970
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	1,417	415	586	2,274	3,728
01 Meat and meat preparations	96	209	177	877	1,876
02 Dairy products and eggs	365	560	549	3,730	4,684
03 Fish and fish preparations	2,461	2,094	2,207	26,739	28,574
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	321	444	435	5,521	4,067
05 Fruit and vegetables	2,004	1,961	2,067	17,792	19,212
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	252	281	193	2,223	2,515
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3,370	7,908	6,396	42,226	43,853
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	315	801	483	5,213	5,867
09 Misc. preps. chiefly for food	284	300	611	2,125	3,133
Total Section 0	10,885	14,973	13,704	108,720	117,509
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,177	1,445	1,239	12,856	13,238
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,426	2,562	1,765	24,543	28,918
Total Section 1	3,603	4,007	3,004	37,399	42,156
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	277	210	106	2,310	1,522
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	863	524	184	5,584	8,734
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1,806	1,996	2,593	22,523	24,397
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,423	4,126	5,555	38,979	43,855
25 Pulp and waste paper	3,085	2,865	3,118	21,399	30,327
26 Textile fibres and their waste	2,213	2,487	3,672	27,165	28,049
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (exc. coal, petroleum, precious stones)	5,017	3,831	4,080	56,811	50,366
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	649	981	663	4,531	6,621
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	937	1,033	1,387	9,712	11,075
Total Section 2	19,270	18,053	21,358	189,014	204,946

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Section and Division (c)	February 1970	March 1970	April 1970	Ten months ended April 1969	Ten months ended April 1970
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	18	90	21	448	664
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	23,654	15,295	23,246	206,209	219,947
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	4	3	1	26	42
Total Section 3	23,676	15,388	23,268	206,683	220,653
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	83	24	84	633	732
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	613	1,389	1,462	8,905	10,475
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal, vegetable origin	133	148	299	1,850	1,791
Total Section 4	829	1,561	1,845	11,388	12,998
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	7,330	10,833	9,619	89,919	96,740
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	47	39	60	1,602	1,964
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	1,380	1,892	1,719	15,736	18,823
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	4,327	4,494	5,132	32,806	41,257
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	1,075	1,257	1,631	11,620	13,392
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	351	1,444	253	10,188	6,620
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	90	116	804	4,148	4,097
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	5,856	6,797	9,514	66,815	74,371
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	3,629	3,359	5,373	41,619	42,746
Total Section 5	24,085	30,231	34,105	274,453	300,010
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed fur skins	724	596	504	4,991	6,140
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	2,970	3,204	4,197	31,487	34,440
63 Wood, cork manufactures (exc. furniture)	1,223	1,122	1,295	12,188	12,605
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	9,716	8,162	9,263	83,445	88,365
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, related products	21,634	21,943	24,458	218,972	238,735
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact. n.e.s.	5,850	6,328	6,750	54,749	65,638
67 Iron and steel	6,976	6,296	11,341	81,749	78,964
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,119	2,275	2,205	22,825	22,220
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	7,671	7,185	8,729	65,328	78,448
Total Section 6	58,883	57,111	68,742	575,734	625,555

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Section and Division (c)	February 1970	March 1970	April 1970	Ten months ended April 1969	Ten months ended April 1970
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	61,633	54,618	63,063	494,953	579,964
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	19,482	21,974	23,776	176,929	208,224
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	57,864	35,425	43,715	432,048	479,999
Total Section 7	138,979	112,017	130,554	1,103,930	1,268,187
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	359	455	548	3,865	4,746
82 Furniture	368	381	476	4,215	4,523
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	398	337	424	4,317	4,900
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	4,146	3,068	2,852	25,841	29,292
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	1,160	1,321	1,245	9,030	13,539
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments photo and optical goods: watches, clocks	8,859	9,003	11,149	82,926	101,462
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	12,579	11,379	15,580	116,472	136,491
Total Section 8	27,869	25,944	32,274	246,666	294,953
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	8,758	8,273	11,508	94,613	104,607
TOTAL MERCHANDISE	316,837	287,558	340,362	2,848,600	3,191,574
9B Non-merchandise (d)	4,560	3,042	3,962	37,194	48,412
TOTAL	321,397	290,600	344,324	2,885,794	3,239,986

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately $227 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	February	March	April	Ten months ended April	
	1970	1970	1970	1969	1970
Austria	615	492	1,060	6,350	7,021
Bahrain	1,488	411	2,573	5,731	14,586
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	4,935	1,907	4,042	16,936	24,764
Brazil	801	540	588	4,514	5,745
Brunei	1,376	723	1,317	14,866	12,202
Canada	15,111	12,671	12,007	127,626	127,916
Ceylon	544	1,608	956	13,715	9,998
China (mainland) ..	2,275	1,838	2,444	24,298	26,204
China, Republic of (Taiwan)	1,667	1,126	1,500	9,993	13,429
Christmas Island ..	455	460	696	7,836	6,780
Czechoslovakia ..	604	759	585	6,986	6,434
Denmark	945	1,037	1,143	7,477	9,274
Fiji	375	298	479	4,219	5,152
Finland	1,472	1,021	1,110	12,977	13,767
France	6,929	4,177	6,578	52,623	57,257
Germany, Federal Republic of	20,652	17,162	24,895	167,710	213,344
Ghana	450	2,509	2,012	5,246	8,258
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	139	478	312	3,453	3,167
Hong Kong	5,294	3,728	4,863	34,981	44,821
India	2,884	2,752	2,388	28,179	27,097
Indonesia	4,216	2,845	4,526	49,991	42,464
Iran	1,329	468	663	12,489	11,033
Iraq	1,416	708	1,378	9,140	8,592
Italy	6,467	5,848	6,827	67,809	63,704
Japan	39,574	31,942	38,338	340,446	394,662
Kuwait	3,793	3,989	3,571	36,825	38,716
Malaysia	2,159	2,604	3,091	24,490	28,429
Nauru	1,348	602	1,009	13,078	12,354
Netherlands	3,895	4,025	5,391	42,776	47,730
New Zealand	8,491	8,706	7,325	61,258	68,770
Norway	485	860	820	11,233	8,676
Pakistan	1,300	1,705	1,844	14,537	15,890
Papua and New Guinea ..	2,041	1,669	1,666	25,455	17,160
Qatar	2,032	573	2,553	15,527	19,274
Saudi Arabia ..	4,438	4,213	4,434	36,351	37,158
Singapore	1,100	593	1,143	10,155	11,902
South Africa ..	1,464	1,551	1,846	17,729	18,361
South Yemen, Republic of ..	783	256	90	3,576	6,143
Spain	837	1,205	1,366	8,205	10,562
Sweden	5,364	2,857	5,466	42,169	46,292
Switzerland	5,730	4,502	5,885	39,379	49,671
Trucial States ..	387	519	460	5,331	12,390
Uganda	173	550	351	4,804	4,665
United Kingdom ..	64,185	70,597	76,117	623,156	703,073
United States of America ..	78,322	70,364	82,741	734,785	817,842
Other countries ..	11,057	11,152	13,875	79,384	107,257
Total	321,397	290,600	344,324	2,885,794	3,239,986

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