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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of imports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification (A.I.C.C.)* (1204.0). Statistics for 1978-79 are preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Imports, Australia* (5406.0).

Source of data

3. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act. Imports are recorded statistically in the month in which the entries are passed by the Bureau of Customs. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargo, but entries may be lodged early using the check-to-arrive system.

Valuation

4. For imports the recorded value is the value for duty for Customs purposes (VFD). On 1 July 1976, Australia adopted the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) on a free-on-board (FOB) basis (i.e. charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to the place of introduction in Australia, are excluded). The value for duty is based on the normal price i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. In practice, the basis for valuation is generally taken to be the invoice price subject to certain safeguards and adjustments where necessary.

Commodity classification

5. From 1 July 1978, imports have been classified according to the new A.I.C.C. which is based on the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this bulletin is contained in the A.I.C.C. Copies of or extracts from this classification may be obtained from offices of the ABS in Canberra and in each capital city.

Merchandise and non-merchandise imports

6. Total imports are divided into merchandise and non-merchandise in accordance with international standards recommended by the United Nations. Merchandise imports are the equivalent of total imports less certain items specified as non-merchandise. A description of non-merchandise items is contained in the A.I.C.C..

Seasonally adjusted statistics

7. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of import statistics account is taken not only of seasonal factors but also of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter, which may affect figures for different months in different years. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). The statistics may also be subject to large irregular influences which are not removed by seasonal adjustment and may be affected by changes in the composition of imports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Revisions to previous figures

8. Where revisions have been made to the previously published figures for earlier months of the current financial year, appropriate adjustments are made to the year-to-date figures shown in this bulletin. For this reason, monthly figures published in previous issues for the current financial year will not necessarily add to the year-to-date figures shown in the latest issue.

Comparability of commodity statistics

9. Because of the changes to the A.I.C.C. between 1977-78 and 1978-79 (see note 5 above) it has not been possible to derive exactly comparable figures for periods prior to 1 July 1978 and details at the Section and Division levels which have been estimated are indicated by footnote (a).

Related publications

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

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (5416.0)

Imports, Australia (5406.0)

Exports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5402.0)

Exports, Australia (5404.0)

Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices, Australia (5421.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in

the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

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

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IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
\$'000

Section and Division	November 1978	December 1978	January 1979	Seven months ended January	
				1978	1979
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD -					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	790	410	130	7,241	7,380
01 Meat and mmeat preparations (a)	388	157	465	1,580	2,077
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs (a)	3,155	2,375	1,948	12,664	16,140
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof (a)	12,325	10,439	5,956	70,024	64,792
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	1,347	909	1,022	9,541	9,888
05 Vegetables and fruit (a)	9,116	6,892	7,793	49,976	54,077
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (a)	1,364	1,285	1,660	5,478	8,313
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	15,723	13,432	16,973	142,432	113,240
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,249	946	1,163	10,956	8,168
09 Misc. edible products and preparations (a)	2,096	1,241	1,875	9,367	11,683
Total Section 0 (a)	47,553	38,086	38,985	319,261	295,755
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	6,500	7,070	4,751	35,950	45,108
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7,803	5,867	5,133	36,273	36,924
Total Section 1	14,303	12,937	9,884	72,223	82,032
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	140	100	280	1,026	1,071
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit	258	98	238	8,403	1,553
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	4,723	4,300	4,730	27,230	32,412
24 Cork and wood (a)	12,486	9,399	11,757	69,870	82,521
25 Pulp and waste paper	7,436	6,894	5,421	34,324	43,142
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric) (a)	7,431	3,435	5,097	38,376	39,937
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	10,940	8,848	8,762	65,749	85,441
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (a)	1,279	1,552	874	12,033	6,058
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s. (a)	3,227	2,544	3,307	15,241	19,112
Total Section 2 (a)	47,922	37,171	40,466	272,252	311,247
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	715	203	429	1,026	1,947
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	106,553	90,949	100,070	703,457	616,718
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	16	33	13	112	135
Total Section 3	107,284	91,186	100,511	704,595	618,799
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES -					
41 Animal oils and fats	53	28	22	479	260
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	4,810	1,528	5,077	35,790	31,083
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	983	298	1,051	5,484	5,411
Total Section 4	5,847	1,855	6,150	41,754	36,753
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. -					
51 Organic chemicals (a)	26,386	18,905	31,869	151,279	178,011
52 Inorganic chemicals	8,861	11,132	13,186	76,895	76,216
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	6,362	5,056	5,864	31,858	40,707
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	10,552	10,948	11,838	60,456	74,652
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,063	4,392	5,757	29,371	39,244
56 Fertilisers, manufactured (a)	1,073	1,163	1,594	8,770	10,438
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	90	129	3,082	4,629	4,787
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers (a)	23,651	21,706	22,975	129,787	157,708
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	10,865	9,554	20,201	75,840	88,012
Total Section 5 (a)	93,903	82,984	116,365	568,885	669,775

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**IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
\$'000**

Section and Division	November 1978	December 1978	January 1979	Seven months ended January	
				1978	1979
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	2,941	1,783	3,347	12,737	18,024
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	13,701	10,894	14,546	85,028	90,347
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture) (a)	5,951	4,692	5,550	32,078	36,496
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (a)	31,880	24,910	28,235	166,149	198,140
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products (a)	76,990	60,779	73,890	390,862	482,477
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	24,913	18,199	22,676	139,482	158,340
67 Iron and steel	23,377	17,988	30,672	133,756	162,791
68 Non-ferrous metals (a)	3,961	8,351	11,146	26,491	40,743
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s. (a)	32,691	26,613	31,308	164,859	207,641
<i>Total Section 6 (a)</i>	<i>216,405</i>	<i>174,210</i>	<i>221,371</i>	<i>1,151,442</i>	<i>1,394,998</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	36,529	34,301	43,076	198,414	246,764
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	76,167	79,230	77,276	357,352	454,008
73 Metalworking machinery (a)	10,339	10,237	12,991	42,784	82,110
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	67,235	58,723	64,717	313,334	417,232
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment (a)	46,368	33,101	39,351	214,949	275,814
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	39,848	30,865	33,272	197,791	226,518
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counter-parts, n.e.s., of electrical household type equipment)	61,013	47,439	57,602	312,931	385,187
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles) (a)	131,566	105,483	131,964	599,686	826,743
79 Other transport equipment	31,549	44,621	29,251	115,359	292,614
<i>Total Section 7 (a)</i>	<i>500,615</i>	<i>444,000</i>	<i>489,501</i>	<i>2,352,600</i>	<i>3,206,990</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	2,775	2,094	2,540	13,299	16,576
82 Furniture and parts thereof	6,152	5,844	5,792	35,540	41,472
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4,045	2,766	3,852	19,724	26,124
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (a)	18,132	21,103	34,932	152,529	172,422
85 Footwear	4,986	4,791	11,268	52,350	54,820
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	21,140	17,407	22,444	108,028	143,000
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks (a)	27,670	18,361	21,436	121,499	163,228
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s. (a)	67,043	48,329	56,180	348,150	426,564
<i>Total Section 8 (a)</i>	<i>151,945</i>	<i>120,694</i>	<i>158,446</i>	<i>851,119</i>	<i>1,044,206</i>
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified	11,774	11,384	12,939	60,986	74,987
<i>Total Merchandise (b)</i>	<i>1,197,551</i>	<i>1,014,507</i>	<i>1,194,618</i>	<i>6,395,114</i>	<i>7,735,544</i>
9B Non-merchandise (c)	9,812	9,887	18,358	47,187	75,085
Total Imports	1,207,363	1,024,394	1,212,976	6,442,301	7,810,628
Original	1,142,252	1,148,440	1,149,729	6,323,614	7,692,306
Seasonally adjusted					

(a) Figures for periods prior to July 1978 are estimates only. See paragraph 9 of Explanatory Notes. (b) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (c) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (1204.0).