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IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUGUST 1977 (PRELIMINARY)

This bulletin contains preliminary statistics of imports by sections and divisions of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (Catalogue No. 1204, Previously Ref. No. 8.6). The recorded value of imports is the value for duty for Customs purposes which, from 1 July 1976 has been based on the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. The value for duty is based on the normal price, i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when the duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. The goods are valued in the country of exportation, that is, freight and insurance are excluded.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Imports* (Catalogue No. 5406.0 Previously Ref. No. 8.10).

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

Section and Division	June 1977 p	July 1977 p	August 1977 p	Two months ended August	
				1976 p	1977 p
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS —					
00 Live animals	1,163	904	3,551	1,867	4,455
01 Meat and meat preparations	305	185	291	486	475
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,562	1,781	2,160	3,261	3,940
03 Fish and fish preparations	7,783	7,686	9,055	13,063	16,700
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	826	949	2,396	2,484	3,345
05 Fruit and vegetables	7,596	8,130	8,766	11,764	16,896
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	960	799	1,145	2,038	1,944
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	28,839	28,236	34,138	22,635	62,374
08 Feeding stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	1,047	581	866	1,491	1,447
09 Misc. prcps. chiefly for food	1,293	1,461	1,775	1,535	3,236
Total Section 0	51,374	50,672	64,741	60,623	114,813
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO —					
11 Beverages	4,037	4,577	5,274	7,024	9,852
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3,920	4,673	4,938	6,094	9,610
Total Section 1	7,957	9,250	10,212	13,119	19,462
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, (EXCEPT FUELS) —					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	312	234	206	464	441
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	197	147	636	335	783
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,360	4,381	4,145	8,290	8,526
24 Wood, timber and cork	12,599	10,904	13,028	22,760	23,933
25 Pulp and waste paper	6,081	5,379	7,433	10,528	12,812
26 Textile fibres and their waste	6,098	5,955	7,085	9,459	13,039
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	9,714	7,271	13,889	14,842	21,160
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	845	3,214	3,473	2,076	6,687
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,658	1,824	2,099	3,705	3,923
Total Section 2	40,864	39,309	51,994	72,459	91,303
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS —					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	155	43	84	146	127
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	77,296	109,411	67,814	203,368	177,224
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	1	15	27	22	42
Total Section 3	77,453	109,469	67,925	203,536	177,394
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS —					
41 Animal oils and fats	31	269	22	53	291
42 Fixed vegetable oils, fats	4,183	4,908	4,943	5,255	9,852
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	657	964	776	667	1,740
Total Section 4	4,871	6,141	5,742	5,975	11,883

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

Section and Division	June 1977 p	July 1977 p	August 1977 p	Two months ended August	
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5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	24,624	31,285	39,155	58,173	70,440
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	3	77	52	1,234	128
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	4,402	3,959	5,147	8,565	9,106
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	10,658	9,097	10,007	18,711	19,104
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps	4,179	4,110	4,741	6,354	8,851
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	615	1,293	1,009	1,324	2,302
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	282	1,160	436	504	1,596
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	23,363	17,978	21,753	35,200	39,731
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	9,175	13,817	9,612	17,944	23,429
Total Section 5	77,299	82,776	91,912	148,000	174,688
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	1,672	1,981	2,032	2,947	4,013
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	11,791	9,461	13,263	20,954	22,724
63 Wood, cork, manufactures (except furniture)	4,474	4,248	4,620	9,285	8,868
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	25,879	24,611	25,894	48,562	50,505
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	57,056	55,272	60,656	107,735	115,928
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	19,413	20,112	21,356	35,823	41,468
67 Iron and steel	23,281	18,252	19,384	28,229	37,636
68 Non-ferrous metals	4,327	5,078	5,252	6,628	10,329
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	25,613	23,559	23,854	39,317	47,413
Total Section 6	173,506	162,573	176,311	299,481	338,885
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	161,793	147,217	170,685	262,282	317,902
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	79,423	78,313	84,162	147,752	162,475
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	132,817	111,010	121,163	208,998	232,173
Total Section 7	374,033	336,540	376,011	619,032	712,550
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	1,760	1,829	2,120	4,009	3,949
82 Furniture	5,000	4,625	5,754	7,475	10,378
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	2,074	3,138	3,551	5,702	6,689
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	16,893	21,022	26,661	37,110	47,683
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	5,164	9,543	12,471	14,251	22,014
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	30,622	30,928	32,450	54,074	63,378
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	52,102	53,513	65,639	95,550	119,152
Total Section 8	113,614	124,597	148,646	218,171	273,243
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	8,235	7,277	7,745	13,674	15,022
Total Merchandise (b)	929,206	928,605	1,000,639	1,654,071	1,929,243
9B Non-merchandise (c)	9,784	11,547	10,345	10,475	21,892
Total	938,990	940,152	1,010,984	1,664,546	1,951,135

(a) Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included. The total of these is estimated at approximately \$1,251 million for the year ended June 1977. (b) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (c) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*. (Catalogue No. 1204.0. Previously Ref. No. 8.6) p - preliminary; subject to revision.

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