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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA

JUNE 1968

This statement includes preliminary information on imports for June 1968 with comparative figures for the months of April and May 1968 and years ended June 1967 and 1968. More detailed figures will be published in the Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade, Part 2 : Imports, June 1968.

IMPORTS ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT

COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a)

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

Section and Division (c)	April	May	June	Year ended	
	1968	1968	1968	1967	1968
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	100	470	66	2,563	2,745
01 Meat and meat preparations	76	153	210	486	957
02 Dairy products and eggs	307	365	259	3,655	3,817
03 Fish and fish preparations	2,457	1,935	1,259	28,793	27,455
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	275	680	301	2,875	3,790
05 Fruit and vegetables	1,736	2,714	1,601	17,538	19,377
06 Sugar and sugar preparations and honey	165	245	193	2,268	2,483
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	2,680	4,050	4,146	50,272	46,118
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	534	731	586	7,881	8,176
09 Miscellaneous preparations chiefly for food	170	224	228	1,937	2,058
Total Section 0	8,500	11,567	8,849	118,268	116,976
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,315	1,280	895	10,401	13,458
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,960	2,611	2,061	27,451	22,272
Total Section 1	3,295	3,891	2,956	37,852	35,730
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, undressed	110	257	258	2,461	2,429
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels	1,338	1,341	707	5,500	9,493
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1,682	2,113	1,896	27,695	24,517
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,255	4,258	4,080	34,910	41,427

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

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Section and Division (c)	April	May	June	Year ended June	
	1968	1968	1968	1967	1968
25 Pulp and waste paper	1,849	2,388	2,258	26,396	25,145
26 Textile Fibres and their waste	2,206	3,553	1,977	33,424	31,702
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (except coal, petroleum and precious stones)	5,911	6,578	7,499	59,798	71,166
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	447	718	454	4,293	5,977
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	844	1,045	627	11,434	12,000
<u>Total Section 2</u>	18,642	22,251	19,756	205,911	223,856
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	10	7	18	385	356
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	24,785	20,127	19,227	246,150	240,917
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	1	4	1	26	45
<u>Total Section 3</u>	24,796	20,138	19,246	246,561	241,318
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OIL AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	25	170	109	1,144	1,158
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	865	1,206	996	12,179	10,833
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	146	203	252	1,453	1,715
<u>Total Section 4</u>	1,036	1,579	1,357	14,776	13,706
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	8,121	10,596	8,216	103,047	99,926
52 Mineral tar and crude chemicals from coal, petroleum and natural gas	119	258	513	2,801	2,357
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,224	1,633	1,224	18,258	17,933
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	2,587	4,368	3,443	35,663	38,015
55 Essential oils and perfume materials, toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	760	1,111	1,112	13,913	12,823
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	718	582	910	10,751	12,092
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	1,150	369	1,170	5,153	7,027
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose and artificial resins	5,412	7,711	6,611	60,870	76,128
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	2,960	4,342	3,604	38,829	42,488
<u>Total Section 5</u>	23,051	30,970	26,803	297,285	308,789

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

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

Section and Division (c)	April	May	June	Year ended June	
	1966	1968	1968	1967	1968
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed fur skins	350	470	419	6,035	6,056
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	3,269	3,844	3,435	28,357	39,568
63 Wood and cork manufactures (except furniture)	844	1,493	944	10,271	12,929
64 Paper, paperboard and manu- factures thereof	5,917	10,633	6,521	88,338	93,377
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made- up articles and related products	19,646	21,976	20,270	239,966	248,122
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	4,819	5,102	5,129	55,166	57,700
67 Iron and steel	6,664	6,079	6,009	65,523	86,963
68 Non-ferrous metals	1,323	6,890	2,086	23,305	24,214
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	6,682	7,750	6,803	69,136	75,416
<u>Total Section 6</u>	49,534	64,237	51,616	586,097	644,345
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery, (except electric)	43,942	51,678	48,723	554,303	586,464
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	15,137	19,328	22,155	193,784	212,632
73 Transport equipment (including warships, and military aircraft)	29,097	56,261	40,154	395,706	455,079
<u>Total Section 7</u>	88,176	127,267	111,032	1,143,793	1,254,175
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	307	356	356	3,652	4,048
82 Furniture	230	338	270	2,865	3,613
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	286	362	347	4,144	4,749
84 Clothing and clothing accessories and articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	1,991	2,023	1,658	20,917	25,651
85 Footwear, gaiters, and similar articles and parts therefor	538	431	449	6,526	8,775

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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued

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Section and Division (c)		April	May	June	Year ended June	
		1968	1968	1968	1967	1968
86	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments, photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks	6,954	9,148	7,573	84,829	92,178
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	10,150	12,207	10,619	120,266	130,790
<u>Total Section 8</u>		20,456	24,865	21,272	243,199	269,804
9A	Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind	11,352	9,963	10,157	110,231	110,552
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE</u>		248,838	316,728	273,044	3,003,973	3,219,251
9B	Non-merchandise (d)	3,079	4,038	4,061	41,368	49,553
<u>TOTAL</u>		251,917	320,766	277,105	3,045,341	3,268,804

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$204 million for the six months ended 31 December 1967. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (d) Non-merchandise items include commodities such as gold, legal tender, decorations, trophies, samples, passengers' personal effects, goods for the use of diplomatic and consular representatives, goods imported with the intention of being re-exported, etc. A complete description of these commodities is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

NOTE. A change in procedures whereby import entries can be cleared by the Department of Customs and Excise in advance of the arrival of the goods was introduced on a trial basis in some customs ports on 13 November 1967 and was extended to the ports of Sydney and Melbourne on 6 February 1968. This change in procedures will to some extent affect the time at which imports are recorded statistically. The effect will probably be spread over several months as importers and customs agents take advantage of the new procedures. It is not practicable to obtain an accurate measure of the effect of the new procedures on statistics of imports but it seems likely that for the year 1967-68 the total value of imports would be increased by less than one per cent. The effect on subsequent years is expected to be negligible.

TABLE 2. - IMPORTS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

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

Country of origin	April	May	June	Year ended	
	1968	1968	1968	1967	1968
Austria	695	774	589	8,049	7,802
Bahrain	327	313	322	2,535	4,026
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	1,229	1,934	1,910	20,241	20,432
Brazil	343	696	427	3,600	5,161
Brunei	2,039	1,946	888	11,484	15,706
Canada	12,407	11,863	14,453	117,199	140,620
Ceylon	1,173	1,223	852	15,535	15,014
China, Republic of (Formosa) ..	789	848	541	4,801	8,590
China (mainland) ..	1,595	1,861	2,666	26,148	23,593
Christmas Island ..	282	698	851	6,772	8,047
Czechoslovakia ..	473	965	506	6,497	6,824
Denmark	585	787	620	7,397	7,709
Fiji	297	334	368	4,639	4,775
Finland	542	2,672	1,544	15,929	15,679
France	6,555	12,810	6,668	94,138	87,979
Germany, Federal Republic of ..	12,833	19,496	15,257	158,539	189,726
Ghana	36	320	1,628	8,573	6,044
Hong Kong	2,908	3,096	2,502	34,193	36,735
India	2,772	2,587	2,770	33,889	35,300
Indonesia	6,018	3,191	3,939	56,629	54,941
Iran	2,056	1,320	1,377	25,901	18,857
Iraq	1,043	1,516	633	14,975	9,311
Italy	4,164	8,203	5,652	53,178	72,731
Japan	29,196	29,026	27,965	296,044	343,222
Kuwait	3,626	2,843	4,098	34,992	41,504
Malaysia	2,278	2,558	2,082	27,985	28,938
Mexico	873	578	668	4,871	6,846
Nauru	1,113	1,621	1,351	11,507	13,538
Netherlands	3,098	4,153	3,575	47,056	48,368
New Zealand	4,235	7,785	4,355	47,274	61,629
Norway	1,052	1,436	1,993	9,790	12,755
Pakistan	916	1,459	741	17,999	14,595
Papua and New Guinea ..	1,320	1,668	1,654	18,172	19,179
Qatar	..	730	1,799	11,665	7,157
Saudi Arabia	5,423	3,639	4,257	50,505	49,131
Singapore	609	882	360	8,708	8,345
South Africa	2,165	2,207	1,165	17,090	19,505
South Arabia, Federation of ..	1,213	980	423	8,831	6,954
Spain	519	878	405	6,667	7,251
Sweden	4,019	6,441	8,240	50,850	55,113
Switzerland	3,188	4,759	4,453	41,777	47,762
Trucial States	1,513	815	374	13,244	15,907
Uganda	260	715	208	5,697	5,594
United Kingdom	57,289	63,626	57,427	723,811	723,082
United States of America ..	60,419	86,328	74,937	781,263	839,844
Other Countries	6,432	16,186	7,612	78,702	96,983
Total	251,917	320,766	277,105	3,045,341	3,268,804

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