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EXPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1979 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

- At \$1,311m, January 1979 exports rose by 20.5% over December 1978, an increase of \$223m.
- Major contributors to this increase were Meat (\$73m), Cereals (\$49m), Metalliferous ores (\$34m) and Coal (\$23m).
- In a month of generally rising exports sugar showed the only major decrease, falling by \$34m.
- In seasonally adjusted terms total exports were 14.8% higher than in December.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of exports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (A.E.C.C.) (1203.0). Statistics for 1978-79 are preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletins *Exports, Australia* (5404.0) and *Exports of Major Commodities and their Principal Markets, Australia* (5403.0).

Source of data

3. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in export entries submitted by exporters or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act. Exports 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 shipment of cargo, but delays sometimes occur in the lodging of entries. The statistical month for Customs outputs (generally ports other than those at which the main Customs office in each State is located) closes on the 21st of each month whereas for mainports the statistical month is the calendar month.

Valuation

4. Goods sold to overseas buyers before export are valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the actual price paid to the exporter. Goods shipped on consignment are valued at the f.o.b. Australian port of shipment equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which they are despatched for sale. The value of outside packages is included.

Commodity classification

5. From 1 July 1978, exports have been classified according to the new A.E.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.E.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 exports

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

Seasonally adjusted statistics

7. In carrying out seasonal adjustment of export 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 exports. For these reasons care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements.

Revision 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.E.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:

Exports of Major Commodities and their Principal Markets, Australia (5403.0)
Exports, Australia (5404.0)

Imports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5405.0)
Imports, Australia (5406.0)
Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices, Australia (5421.0)
Exports by Mode of Transport, Australia (5415.0)
Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0)

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

— nil or less than half the final digit shown
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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TABLE 1. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES (a)
% change in value from preceding period

Commodity description	November 1978	December 1978	January 1979	Seven months ended January 1979 (b)
Meat and meat preparations (01)	+13.0	-20.6	+69.1	+42.6
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	+ 5.1	+17.3	+68.3	-33.5
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	-41.8	+ 8.4	-58.9	-18.5
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	+36.6	-13.7	- 3.1	+23.3
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	+11.5	-18.4	+18.8	+ 0.7
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	+26.2	+ 0.2	+16.4	+ 4.8
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	+ 3.5	+41.3	+ 3.6	+50.3
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	- 2.9	-15.7	+16.1	+25.1
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	- 3.6	-14.7	+60.0	+18.6
Total all exports				
Original	+ 6.2	- 5.7	+20.5	+ 8.3
Seasonally adjusted	- 0.2	+ 0.4	+14.8	+ 8.7

(a) Exports of the "major commodities" shown in this table are significant exports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Export Commodity Classification* (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions). These commodities represent 79% of the total exports for the Month of January 1979. (b) Percentage change compared with seven months ended January 1978.

TABLE 2. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
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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	10,981	7,608	11,554	67,113	62,544
01 Meat and meat preparations (a)	133,092	105,704	178,769	608,635	868,052
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs (a)	17,550	17,873	24,740	120,134	112,421
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof (a)	11,058	10,887	18,455	72,494	85,688
04 Cereal grains and cereal preparations	60,929	71,451	120,232	785,013	522,327
05 Vegetables and fruit (a)	9,972	8,681	7,240	64,489	79,182
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (a)	53,769	58,287	23,968	445,689	363,210
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof (a)	3,281	1,072	2,002	14,595	11,761
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals) 4(a)	4,486	4,266	5,671	30,202	29,631
09 Misc. edible products and preparations (a)	934	1,085	861	4,849	6,780
Total Section 0 (a)	306,052	286,912	393,493	2,213,214	2,141,596
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO —					
11 Beverages	1,944	1,851	1,403	10,404	12,301
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	785	867	301	4,966	5,252
Total Section 1	2,729	2,719	1,703	15,370	17,554
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS —					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	31,445	23,089	25,084	148,805	180,632
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit	443	349	210	1,800	15,629
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	360	383	227	1,682	2,388
24 Cork and wood (a)	10,792	4,979	11,796	54,937	64,375
25 Pulp and waste paper	66	19	16	357	172
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric) (a)	145,395	125,523	121,636	628,409	774,535
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	8,405	16,605	4,441	42,866	59,715
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (a)	223,431	182,332	216,655	1,393,968	1,403,258
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s. (a)	3,324	2,316	2,594	19,083	21,098
Total Section 2 (a)	423,660	355,595	382,657	2,291,906	2,521,802
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS —					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes 5(a)	139,296	139,590	162,433	829,196	868,701
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials (a)	24,461	34,558	35,798	115,202	173,196
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Total Section 3 (a)	163,758	174,149	198,231	944,398	1,041,897
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES —					
41 Animal oils and fats	7,017	8,682	14,326	62,686	62,205
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	113	63	93	534	524
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	574	480	835	3,747	4,217
Total Section 4	7,704	9,224	15,255	66,967	66,946
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. —					
51 Organic chemicals (a)	3,103	1,962	2,297	13,127	21,026
52 Inorganic chemicals (a)	3,215	5,227	3,041	19,230	27,398
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	1,260	968	2,133	9,776	9,903
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	7,062	4,424	5,129	26,751	37,654
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	2,041	2,377	1,788	10,449	13,669
56 Fertilisers, manufactured (a)	180	170	218	466	1,025
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	654	137	401	1,753	2,827
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers (a)	3,236	2,977	2,842	18,179	23,189
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s. (a)	3,775	4,493	8,890	24,061	32,380
Total Section 5 (a)	24,525	22,734	26,737	123,791	169,071

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TABLE 2. EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN
EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
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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	4,272 537	3,961 464	2,679 344	13,938 3,637	24,841 3,172
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.					
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture) (a)	437	533	430	2,347	2,957
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (a)	2,875	2,679	2,131	14,857	16,707
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products (a)	7,596 15,425	6,246 8,577	5,467 8,419	39,056 35,749	48,825 66,779
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	62,859	42,523	55,336	271,516	371,823
67 Iron and steel	61,438	62,249	61,773	367,800	427,835
68 Non-ferrous metals (a)	10,355	8,708	14,680	56,196	70,550
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s. (a)	165,793	135,940	151,259	805,096	1,033,489
Total Section 6 (a)					
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment (a)	2,392	1,955	2,777	17,666	16,506
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries (a)	12,187	8,988	13,918	63,373	73,910
73 Metalworking machinery (a)	1,603	1,416	1,258	10,427	9,431
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s. (a)	8,058	7,531	8,721	52,066	62,771
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment (a)	3,071	2,501	3,448	17,102	22,432
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	3,158	2,053	1,436	8,934	13,899
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) (a)	5,093 10,812	4,580 9,295	8,385 9,885	39,548 56,734	37,054 71,361
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles) (a)	5,717	6,136	21,287	44,953	61,181
79 Other transport equipment	52,093	44,456	71,115	310,802	368,546
Total Section 7 (a)					
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	321	209	445	913	1,849
82 Furniture and parts thereof	583	508	464	1,531	2,759
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	92	174	30	281	654
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (a)	1,097	1,086	897	6,459	7,306
85 Footwear	243	200	206	646	1,581
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	4,706	4,392	4,280	23,632	30,626
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks (a)	5,874 7,494	5,361 5,539	5,874 6,087	27,324 38,667	36,305 44,423
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s. (a)	20,409	17,469	18,282	99,451	125,503
Total Section 8 (a)					
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified (c)	24,415	21,852	23,623	161,695	155,584
Total Merchandise (d)	1,101,139	1,071,049	1,282,357	7,032,689	7,641,986
9B Non-merchandise (e)	13,665	17,090	28,457	148,587	134,848
Total exports	1,204,804	1,088,139	1,310,813	7,181,276	7,776,834
Original	1,143,226	1,147,629	1,317,845	7,148,388	7,770,570
Seasonally adjusted					

(a) Figures for periods prior to July 1978 are estimates only. See paragraph 9 of Explanatory Notes. (b) Included in Division 9A. (c) Includes Division 36. (d) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (e) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Export Commodity Classification (1203.0).