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This statement contains preliminary information of imports for December 1974 and comparative figures for the months of October and November 1974 and for the six months ended December 1973 and 1974. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics, Part 2 - Imports*, December 1974 (Reference No. 8.10).

TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (a)

Section and Division (b)	October 1974 (c)	November 1974 (c)	December 1974 (c)	Six months ended December	
				1973	1974 (c)
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	1,631	769	629	5,696	7,128
01 Meat and meat preparations	352	376	518	1,227	2,922
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,131	1,716	1,229	4,820	7,487
03 Fish and fish preparations	6,150	5,549	5,607	30,261	37,988
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	903	708	513	3,849	5,211
05 Fruit and vegetables	8,108	8,129	6,274	21,247	46,595
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	435	598	678	1,768	2,829
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	6,602	6,497	8,020	28,955	49,655
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	1,200	2,320	423	4,042	10,126
09 Misc. preps chiefly for food	638	729	699	2,866	4,237
Total Section 0	27,150	27,391	24,590	104,732	174,178
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	3,405	2,879	2,450	15,039	18,624
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3,002	5,439	5,508	14,999	21,034
Total Section 1	6,407	8,318	7,958	30,038	39,657
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	221	82	248	857	982
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	994	210	458	9,554	6,454
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,368	2,356	1,506	19,714	19,181
24 Wood, timber and cork	9,727	8,702	5,194	58,119	54,878
25 Pulp and waste paper	7,563	10,465	9,865	21,937	43,168
26 Textile fibres and their waste	5,424	2,477	2,173	34,338	27,466
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	9,594	10,402	9,697	32,552	60,562
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	572	283	1,673	7,224	5,925
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials n.e.s.	2,558	2,047	1,657	10,069	12,624
Total Section 2	40,021	37,024	32,473	194,363	231,241
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	415	105	69	242	1,318
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	81,001	54,212	57,769	111,000	382,466
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	22	6	2	47	47
Total Section 3	81,438	54,323	57,839	111,288	383,830
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	57	42	9	221	342
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	4,346	3,800	3,323	10,274	22,862
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	799	328	309	1,353	3,499
Total Section 4	5,202	4,171	3,640	11,848	26,703

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TABLE 1. — IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION — *continued*
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (a)

Section and Division (b)	October 1974 (c)	November 1974 (c)	December 1974 (c)	Six months ended December	
				1973	1974 (c)
5 CHEMICALS —					
51 Chemical elements and compounds					
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	34,485	29,756	24,322	88,920	183,609
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	1,581	314	116	1,215	2,273
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	3,833	3,486	3,474	17,987	22,908
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps	8,944	9,712	9,778	34,598	55,013
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	2,892	3,092	2,070	11,654	17,095
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	755	1,728	606	3,303	4,927
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	809	296	268	2,015	3,223
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	23,481	16,021	14,140	59,594	127,646
Total Section 5	8,218	9,879	6,055	30,830	51,116
	84,998	74,284	60,829	250,118	467,805
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL —					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	1,388	1,051	1,050	4,951	7,386
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	11,364	10,309	10,406	31,527	71,954
63 Wood, cork, manufactures (except furniture)	3,657	3,165	2,422	17,100	22,058
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	25,348	25,745	17,192	71,099	137,104
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	45,267	41,254	32,951	258,102	266,396
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	15,999	12,735	12,147	60,234	85,260
67 Iron and steel	29,926	32,341	20,067	90,099	155,464
68 Non-ferrous metals	5,586	5,692	4,509	17,587	32,247
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	19,654	18,523	16,261	62,160	106,910
Total Section 6	158,189	150,815	117,003	612,857	884,778
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT —					
71 Machinery (except electric)	131,339	119,164	115,854	393,735	683,377
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	65,449	61,878	59,798	170,383	342,775
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	86,512	84,174	84,608	410,866	513,562
Total Section 7	283,300	265,216	260,260	974,984	1,539,713
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES —					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	1,545	1,242	1,503	5,383	8,757
82 Furniture	2,661	2,478	2,280	8,110	14,483
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	1,933	1,254	1,103	6,838	10,427
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	14,320	15,220	16,882	44,558	101,030
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	4,792	3,927	3,280	21,343	31,525
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	22,965	21,544	21,825	90,240	132,644
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	44,273	35,098	33,455	149,851	235,784
Total Section 8	92,489	80,762	80,327	326,324	534,649
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	10,907	10,514	9,827	55,040	62,107
Total Merchandise	790,096	712,818	654,746	2,671,592	4,344,662
9B Non-merchandise (d)	5,772	7,843	9,557	29,550	39,704
Total	795,868	720,662	664,303	2,701,142	4,384,366

(a) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$489 million for the year ended 30 June 1973 and \$768 million for the year ended 30 June 1974. (b) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (c) Subject to revision. (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

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