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IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, JUNE 1977 (PRELIMINARY)

This bulletin contains preliminary statistics of imports by sections and divisions of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*. The recorded value of imports is the value for duty for Customs purposes. From 1 July 1976 a new system was introduced for valuing imports for Customs purposes. Under the new system, which is based on the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value, the value for duty is now 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. Because of the change in the basis of valuation the recorded imports figures from July 1976 are not comparable with those for previous periods. Estimates of the effect of the change in the basis of valuation on total imports are given in footnote (b) on page 2.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Imports* (Reference No. 8.10).

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

Section and Division	April 1977(b)p	May 1977(b)p	June 1977(b)p	Year ended June	
				1976	1977(b)p
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS —					
00 Live animals	1,656	1,197	1,163	15,503	17,337
01 Meat and meat preparations	248	353	305	1,593	3,330
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,787	1,304	1,560	15,924	19,523
03 Fish and fish preparations	9,352	7,525	7,783	69,912	109,996
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	598	1,035	826	9,245	12,492
05 Fruit and vegetables	6,684	6,865	7,596	54,776	73,634
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	562	985	960	10,203	11,100
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	17,237	21,899	28,675	81,378	184,578
08 Feeding stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	825	1,119	1,047	7,292	10,986
09 Misc. prep. chiefly for food	1,031	1,001	1,293	8,985	11,782
Total Section 0	39,980	43,284	51,208	274,812	454,757
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO —					
11 Beverages	4,740	5,631	4,037	40,855	52,284
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,639	5,298	3,920	49,309	47,009
Total Section 1	7,379	10,929	7,957	90,164	99,293
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, (EXCEPT FUELS) —					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	216	293	313	1,658	2,080
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	608	643	197	5,861	7,151
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,539	3,803	3,355	38,509	44,395
24 Wood, timber and cork	14,100	11,390	12,590	102,494	143,805
25 Pulp and waste paper	4,410	5,966	6,081	55,035	66,872
26 Textile fibres and their waste	4,765	6,879	6,098	61,658	65,128
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	8,034	14,164	9,754	92,687	102,683
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,673	1,322	845	9,275	13,511
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1,905	2,291	1,658	20,704	25,386
Total Section 2	39,249	46,750	40,891	387,382	471,010
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS —					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	154	198	155	871	1,740
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	105,920	99,332	77,296	805,977	996,662
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	12	9	1	78	127
Total Section 3	106,087	99,539	77,453	806,926	998,530
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS —					
41 Animal oils and fats	25	24	31	673	432
42 Fixed vegetable oils, fats	3,989	4,824	4,183	37,896	48,311
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	388	710	657	3,725	4,912
Total Section 4	4,401	5,558	4,871	42,293	53,655

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

Section and Division	April 1977(b)p	May 1977(b)p	June 1977(b)p	Year ended June	
				1976	1977(b)p
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	34,326	41,308	24,615	275,092	356,877
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	1,603	324	3	3,503	4,414
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	4,149	5,488	4,398	36,909	53,967
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	8,352	9,557	10,658	91,737	101,711
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	3,162	3,723	4,173	30,513	39,652
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	2,141	3,067	615	9,111	21,055
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	762	373	282	6,273	7,448
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	18,306	20,826	23,360	166,528	225,341
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	9,567	12,396	9,175	89,573	114,404
<i>Total Section 5</i>	<i>82,368</i>	<i>97,062</i>	<i>77,278</i>	<i>709,240</i>	<i>924,867</i>
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	1,498	1,769	1,672	18,616	18,479
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	12,707	12,819	11,783	111,588	138,914
63 Wood, cork, manufactures (except furniture)	4,331	4,751	4,474	46,561	59,212
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	16,422	28,231	25,833	185,784	281,980
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	50,385	56,108	57,020	546,508	639,873
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	17,505	18,840	19,341	166,114	222,960
67 Iron and steel	16,519	19,599	23,281	154,654	216,332
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,966	4,816	4,327	32,558	47,319
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	21,333	23,208	25,606	197,677	265,906
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>143,668</i>	<i>170,141</i>	<i>173,335</i>	<i>1,460,061</i>	<i>1,890,975</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	149,097	167,959	161,611	1,338,691	1,705,968
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	90,283	84,295	79,307	829,511	999,427
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	99,661	123,839	132,816	1,008,993	1,274,165
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>339,041</i>	<i>376,094</i>	<i>373,734</i>	<i>3,177,195</i>	<i>3,979,561</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	2,664	2,004	1,759	17,911	24,675
82 Furniture	3,904	4,514	5,000	32,797	53,617
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	1,870	2,160	2,074	24,476	30,294
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	16,801	14,869	16,889	192,037	242,063
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	4,148	3,887	5,161	54,774	74,257
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	29,203	31,156	30,617	274,173	348,372
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	45,377	51,795	52,086	453,784	580,465
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>103,967</i>	<i>110,386</i>	<i>113,587</i>	<i>1,049,952</i>	<i>1,353,743</i>
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	14,171	11,949	8,235	159,654	105,140
<i>Total Merchandise (c)</i>	<i>880,310</i>	<i>971,691</i>	<i>928,549</i>	<i>8,157,681</i>	<i>10,331,533</i>
9B Non-merchandise (d)	5,588	7,675	9,776	82,506	80,734
Total	885,898	979,367	938,326	8,240,187	10,412,267

(a) Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included. The total of these is estimated at approximately \$948 million for the year ended June 1976. (b) Figures from July 1976 are not comparable with previous periods because of the change in the basis of valuation (see paragraph 1). No estimates of the effects of this change on the statistics of imports by commodity divisions are available at this time. However, it is estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the value of total imports in the months since July 1976 would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. Estimated values on the old basis of valuation are \$956 million for June 1977 and \$10,637 million for the twelve months ended June 1977. (c) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*. p - preliminary; subject to revision.

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