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MAIN FEATURES

Imports for November 1980 fell by \$461m to \$1.275m, a decrease of 27% compared with October 1980.

The major contributors to this decrease were petroleum products (~\$113m), machinery (~\$107m), manufactured articles (~\$69m) and chemicals (~\$54m).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of imports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (AICC) (1204.0). Statistics for 1980-81 are preliminary and subject to revision.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly publication *Imports, Australia* (5406.0).

Source of data

3. These statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Bureau of Customs as required by the Customs Act.

Statistical period

4. Imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries were both finalised by the Bureau of Customs and passed to the ABS for further processing. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargo. However, import entries may be lodged early using the check-to-arrive system or may be delayed because of various validation checks before being passed on to the ABS. Because of this, import statistics for a particular month do not necessarily represent entries lodged or commodities actually imported during the month in question. Analysis of past data has shown that in aggregate approximately 70% of import trade by value recorded for a particular month was actually imported during that month, 25% was actually imported during the previous month with the remaining 5% being imported in earlier months. For individual commodities the percentage by value representing actual imports in a month may vary considerably.

Valuation

5. For imports the recorded value is the value for duty for Customs purposes (VFD). On 1 July 1976, Australia adopted the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) on a free-on-board (fob) basis (i.e. charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to the place of introduction in Australia, are excluded). The value for duty is based on the normal price, i.e. the price the goods would fetch at the time when duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. In practice, the basis for valuation is generally taken to be the invoice price subject to certain safeguards and adjustments where necessary.

Commodity classification

6. From 1 July 1978, imports have been classified according to the AICC which is based on the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2. A detailed description of the commodity items included in this publication is contained in the AICC. 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 imports

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

Revisions 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 publication. 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.

Special returns system

9. More detailed and/or timely statistics at a more specific commodity level are available by subscription to the pre-paid Overseas Trade Special Return Service.

Subscribers to this service can obtain by post, computer-produced 'special returns' according to a limited number of formats, for a charge consistent with the degree of detail required. Special returns are available on a monthly or less frequent basis and application forms are available from the Overseas Trade Section in Canberra or from each State office of the ABS.

Related publications

10. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Imports of Assembled New Passenger Motor Cars, Australia (5416.0)—*issued monthly*

Imports, Australia (5406.0)—*issued monthly*

Exports by Commodity Divisions, Australia (Preliminary) (5402.0)—*issued monthly*

Exports, Australia (5404.0)—*issued monthly*

Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant

Prices, Australia (5421.0)—*issued quarterly*.

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified.

n.a. not available.

12. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDEXES OF CURRENT PRICE VALUES OF MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES(a)

Commodity description	Average monthly value 1979-80	September 1980	October 1980	November 1980
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	100	106	116	81
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	100	119	122	113
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	100	115	152	87
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (5)	100	100	116	74
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	100	128	123	85
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	100	113	113	90
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	100	114	131	99
Machinery (71-77)	100	136	134	101
Transport equipment (78,79)	100	116	122	104
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	100	121	130	89
Total imports	100	120	128	94

For footnotes see Table 2.

TABLE 2. PERCENTAGE SHARE BY VALUE OF MAJOR COMMODITIES IMPORTED(a)

Commodity description	1979-80	September 1980	October 1980	November 1980
	%	%	%	%
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	4.3	4.3	4.1	5.2
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	12.9	12.4	15.3	12.0
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (5)	9.7	8.2	8.8	7.7
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.6
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.6
Machinery (71-77)	24.2	27.5	25.2	23.9
Transport equipment (78,79)	10.6	10.3	10.1	11.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	12.4	12.5	12.6	11.7
Total imports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Imports of the 'major commodities' shown in these tables are significant imports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

TABLE 3. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (\$' 000)

Section and division	September 1980	October 1980	November 1980	Five months ended November	
				1979	1980
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00 Live animals chiefly for food	3,382	1,087	958	8,620	7,539
01 Meat and meat preparations	709	899	891	3,084	4,049
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	4,233	3,217	2,853	13,124	17,645
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	14,662	16,226	17,282	54,835	72,706
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	2,908	2,169	1,173	8,357	9,673
05 Vegetables and fruit	10,797	12,204	7,911	47,473	52,484
06 Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	977	1,063	951	4,059	4,601
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	16,084	19,719	8,871	108,195	85,472
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,899	4,562	1,868	10,087	12,124
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	2,136	2,112	1,428	9,878	9,417
<i>Total section 0</i>	<i>57,787</i>	<i>63,258</i>	<i>44,186</i>	<i>267,711</i>	<i>275,708</i>
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11 Beverages	8,217	8,062	9,748	27,803	40,591
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5,157	7,315	6,650	25,864	31,766
<i>Total section 1</i>	<i>13,374</i>	<i>15,378</i>	<i>16,398</i>	<i>53,667</i>	<i>72,357</i>
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	149	133	141	509	925
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit	502	1,185	1,490	1,473	4,959
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	6,996	6,295	5,014	37,378	30,869
24 Cork and wood	19,162	19,549	11,973	85,286	79,204
25 Pulp and waste paper	9,770	9,732	10,449	35,169	50,655
26 Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	6,794	7,293	6,371	41,241	34,107
27 Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum, precious stones)	19,203	21,642	25,522	65,150	109,952
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	3,053	2,045	2,198	9,980	18,191
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3,502	3,340	2,722	16,156	16,292
<i>Total section 2</i>	<i>69,130</i>	<i>71,215</i>	<i>65,881</i>	<i>292,342</i>	<i>345,153</i>
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	369	177	161	2,377	1,484
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	200,907	265,592	152,670	810,801	1,117,021
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	22	29	37	107	115
<i>Total section 3</i>	<i>201,299</i>	<i>265,798</i>	<i>152,867</i>	<i>813,285</i>	<i>1,118,620</i>
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41 Animal oils and fats	36	85	32	211	305
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	3,685	4,769	3,137	30,374	19,127
43 Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	1,197	1,548	1,020	5,249	6,411
<i>Total section 4</i>	<i>4,919</i>	<i>6,401</i>	<i>4,189</i>	<i>35,833</i>	<i>25,843</i>
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
50 Combined confidential items from 513 and 582	404	633	132	n.a.	1,709
51 Organic chemicals	34,105	48,579	21,125	193,554	177,564
52 Inorganic chemicals	15,350	18,003	18,141	62,912	94,157
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	6,494	7,677	5,325	35,477	32,234
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	14,566	12,797	8,212	63,537	59,010
55 Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	8,674	8,007	5,052	34,851	35,755
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	5,425	6,448	1,232	13,216	18,720
57 Explosives and pyrotechnic products	357	304	184	2,454	1,250
58 Artificial resins and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers	29,783	26,906	25,849	153,434	134,342
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	17,062	22,957	12,738	76,640	88,086
<i>Total section 5</i>	<i>132,219</i>	<i>152,312</i>	<i>97,990</i>	<i>636,075</i>	<i>642,328</i>

TABLE 3. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF
THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION—continued
(\$'000)

Section and division	September 1980	October 1980	November 1980	Five months ended November	
				1979	1980
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
60 Combined confidential items from 661, 694 and 695	734	1,108	219	n.a.	2,595
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	3,580	3,126	2,742	21,541	16,223
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	21,544	20,727	18,018	73,534	97,667
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	8,770	9,192	6,835	31,957	39,432
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	44,665	43,084	29,907	163,247	192,049
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products	89,730	90,113	71,220	391,465	412,149
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	35,518	37,833	27,016	130,727	155,522
67 Iron and steel	32,950	27,484	30,831	135,654	174,025
68 Non-ferrous metals	7,265	13,520	6,575	30,752	45,900
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	42,663	43,869	34,293	174,847	197,301
Total section 6	287,419	300,055	227,657	1,153,724	1,332,862
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	47,478	46,217	34,090	203,016	206,234
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	116,296	105,985	68,877	324,504	479,872
73 Metalworking machinery	21,611	21,919	16,909	42,207	87,154
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.	88,141	85,654	75,284	305,439	387,555
75 Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	62,194	59,155	38,540	187,084	254,223
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	38,452	47,631	39,809	175,338	205,291
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)	70,576	71,667	56,721	282,450	322,013
78 Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	137,160	143,598	130,211	612,854	663,684
79 Other transport equipment	29,201	31,022	19,512	96,659	109,110
Total section 7	611,109	612,850	479,953	2,229,551	2,715,135
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	3,622	3,752	3,078	15,567	16,437
82 Furniture and parts thereof	8,432	8,286	6,589	33,933	37,200
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	5,915	6,581	4,698	25,261	28,293
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	23,980	18,712	13,608	109,845	110,393
85 Footwear	8,413	9,225	5,131	45,555	46,588
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	29,685	35,086	23,957	111,819	142,720
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	32,025	38,640	26,792	132,086	149,078
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	90,743	97,704	65,436	365,477	408,962
Total section 8	202,815	217,987	149,289	839,543	939,671
9A Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, not elsewhere classified	20,565	17,571	22,758	77,832	96,058
Total merchandise (a)	1,600,634	1,722,824	1,261,168	6,399,562	7,563,736
9B Non-merchandise (b)	15,617	13,136	13,380	101,834	65,541
Total imports	1,616,251	1,735,960	1,274,548	6,501,396	7,629,277

(a) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A.

(b) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification* (1204.0).