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MAIN FEATURES

Imports for March 1984 rose by $118m to $2,131m, an increase of 6% compared with February 1984. The major contributors to this increase were petroleum and petroleum products (+$95m), and machinery (+$38m). A decrease was recorded in miscellaneous manufactures (-$23m).

Imports for the nine months ended March 1984 rose by $985m to $17,600m, an increase of 6% compared with imports for the nine months ended March 1983. The major contributors to this increase were transport equipment (+$589m), chemicals and related products (+$297m), miscellaneous manufactures (+$264m), machinery (+$218m) and textile yarns (+$199m). A decrease was recorded in petroleum and petroleum products (-$914m).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication predominantly contains monthly and year-to-date statistics of imports by Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the Australian Import Commodity Classification (AICC) (1204.0). Statistics for 1983-84 may be amended as a result of continuing quality checks on foreign trade data. Although these amendments usually have little effect on broad aggregate statistics, they may have a significant effect on individual commodity statistics. For this reason, statistics for 1983-84 should be regarded as preliminary and subject to revision.

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

3. This publication also contains details of import orders for selected steel commodities, see paragraphs 24 to 32 below for details.

STATISTICS OF IMPORTS

Source of data

4. The statistics of imports in Tables 1, 2, and 3 are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information contained in import entries submitted by importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service as required by the Customs Act.

Statistical concepts

5. The statistics of imports in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of this publication are recorded on a general trade basis, i.e. imports comprise goods entered directly for home consumption together with goods imported into Customs warehouses.

6. The following are excluded from recorded import statistics:

(a) direct transit trade, i.e. goods being trans-shipped or moved through Australia for purposes of transport only;

(b) bunkers and stores supplied to vessels and aircraft prior to arrival in Australia;

(c) migrants' and passengers' effects imported and parcels post imports of small value, for which Customs entries are not required;

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(d) certain materials under inter-governmental agreements for defence and similar projects for which Customs entries are not required;

(e) vessels and aircraft engaged in the transport of passengers or goods between Australia and other countries;

(f) the purchase of any vessel and/or aircraft intended for use on overseas routes;

(g) fish and other sea products landed in Australia directly from the high seas by Australian vessels;

(h) entries lodged on informal clearances documents (ICD) for values not exceeding $250.

Statistical period

7. Imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are both finalised by the Australian Customs Service and passed to the ABS for further processing. Import entries may be lodged early using the Customs check-to-arrive system or the documents may be delayed because of various validation checks carried out by Customs prior to the entries being passed to the ABS.

8. Import statistics for a particular month do not necessarily represent entries lodged or commodities actually imported during that month. Analysis of past data has shown that in aggregate approximately 70 per cent of import trade by value for a particular month reflects actual imports during that month, 25 per cent by value was actually imported during the previous month with the remaining 5 per cent by value being imported in earlier months. For individual commodities the percentage by value representing actual imports in a month may vary considerably.

Valuation

9. The recorded value of imports is the Customs value (formerly referred to as the value for duty). On 30 November 1981, Australia changed its system of valuation from the Brussels Definition of Value (BDV) to the GATT Agreement on Customs Valuation. The Agreement reflects one of a number of trade related codes of conduct established during the round of Multi-lateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) concluded in 1979.

10. The GATT Agreement differs from the Brussels Definition of Value in that it offers a set of practical rules on the valuation of imports rather than a list of conceptual guidelines. Under the Agreement the primary basis for establishing the customs value is the price actually paid or payable, provided a number of conditions are met. The most important condition is that the buyer and seller must be independent of each other. If the conditions are not met the practical rules are used to determine the customs value.

11. The recording of the value of imports remains on a free-on-board (f.o.b.) basis (i.e. charges and expenses involved in delivering the goods from the place of exportation to Australia are excluded). The recorded value also continues to include the value of the outside package, other than international containers used for containerised cargo.

12. The change in the basis of valuation is expected to have a negligible effect on value and duty import statistics.

Merchandise imports

13. In accordance with standards recommended by the United Nations Statistical Commission, merchandise imports are defined as all goods which add to the stock of material resources in Australia as a result of their movement into the country. Merchandise imports, therefore, exclude goods imported with the reasonable expectation of re-export within a limited time. A complete list of commodities not included in merchandise trade is shown under Section (9b) of the AICC. These include, for example, coin being legal tender and goods for temporary exhibition in Australia. Goods excluded from merchandise trade are, for convenience, termed non-merchandise and non-merchandise trade is shown separately in Table 1. Total trade is the sum of merchandise and non-merchandise trade.

14. Classification changes affecting the levels of merchandise and non-merchandise trade were introduced on 1 July 1983, in accordance with recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission (International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions, United Nations Statistical Papers, Series M, No 52, Revision 1, 1982). As a result, statistics of imports, from July 1983, under Sections 9(a) and 9(b) of the AICC are not comparable with previous years. The changes do not affect Sections 0 to 8 of the classification, nor total trade.

Further information about the changes is given in the current edition of the AICC, or may be obtained from the ABS Trade and Shipping Section in Canberra.

Commodity classification

15. Imports are classified according to the items of the AICC which, from 1 July 1978, has been based on the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2 (United Nations, Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34, Revision 2, 1975). 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.

Treatment of confidential data

16. To ensure that information about the activities of particular businesses is not disclosed it is necessary to restrict the release of statistics of certain commodities. These restrictions do not affect total import figures but they affect statistics at all levels of the Australian Import Commodity Classification.

17. The implementation of a new foreign trade processing system has resulted in a revised treatment of confidential data. Consequently certain statistics produced by the new processing system are not directly comparable with statistics in previous publications.

18. Reference to table footnotes should assist in the interpretation of these differences.

Revision to previous figures

19. 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.

OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

20. Special returns service: Subscribers can receive computer produced printout of foreign trade statistics at a particular commodity level in one or more of a limited number of formats, for a charge consistent with the level of detail required. This service is recommended where up to fifty specific commodity items are required on a regular basis.

21. Microfiche service: Foreign trade statistics are also available on microfiche in a variety of tabular formats. Each tabular format covers all commodities imported or exported, at various levels of aggregation. This service is recommended where the subscriber wishes to obtain foreign trade details for a large number of commodities.

22. Magnetic tape: Statistics for imports, exports and import clearances are available on 9-track magnetic tape approximately 4 weeks after the end of the reference period. Documentation regarding the content and structure of these tapes is available from the ABS Trade and Shipping Section in Canberra.

23. To meet subscribers' needs special returns and microfiche are available on a monthly, quarterly or less frequent basis. Relevant application forms and information papers for these services are available from the ABS Trade and Shipping Section in Canberra or any ABS State office. Payment in advance is required for each of these services.

IMPORT ORDERS OUTSTANDING

24. This publication also provides monthly statistics of import orders for selected steel commodities. Tables 4, 5 and 6 respectively show import orders outstanding, clearances, and net orders placed.

25. Table 4 shows "Import orders outstanding, expected to be cleared by Australian Customs within the subsequent four months". The statistics shown are aggregates of firm orders placed overseas as at the end of the month after allowance for (i) cancellations and (ii) clearances during the month. Imports landed but not cleared (i.e. held in a Customs warehouse) are treated as import orders outstanding.

26. Publication of "total import orders outstanding", previously shown in Table 5, has been discontinued from January 1983. From February 1983, Table 5 shows "import clearances" for home consumption (either directly on arrival in Australia or ex-warehouse). Clearance statistics shown in Table 5 may differ from official ABS statistics of imports cleared for home consumption as adjustments are made by excluding various

categories of imports as listed in paragraph 31 below.

27. From February 1983, statistics of "net new import orders placed" are given in Table 6. These statistics are aggregates of new orders placed during the month, less any outstanding orders cancelled during the month.

28. The selected commodities for which statistics are shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6 of this publication are defined by the relevant Tariff Items/Statistical Codes of the Australian Customs Tariff and are listed below Table 6.

29. These commodities were also included in the monthly Survey of Import Orders which was discontinued from January 1981 and published up to January 1981 in the discontinued publication Import Orders Outstanding for Selected Commodities, Australia (5417.0). No import orders statistics for the commodities are available covering the period February 1981 to May 1981, inclusive.

30. The import orders statistics provided in this publication have been compiled from monthly returns completed by importers of the selected commodities.

31. The import orders statistics shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6 exclude all goods imported duty-free under Customs by-law provisions, including government imports and goods entered under security for re-export.

32. Estimates of import orders outstanding and not cleared will probably differ from future actual import clearances, due to:

(a) new orders being placed and subsequently cleared within the particular time period;

(b) imports being cleared by new or casual importers;

(c) orders being cancelled or revised at any stage.

Related publications

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

Balance of Payments, Australia (Preliminary) (5301.0) -issued monthly

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

Exports, Australia (5404.0) -issued monthly

Imports, Australia (5406.0) -issued monthly

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

Exports and Imports (Balance of Payments Basis) at Constant Prices, Australia (5332.0) -issued quarterly

34. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

-	nil or rounded to zero
..	not applicable
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
p	preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
n.p.	not available for publication

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

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TABLE 1. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
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	Section and Division	January 1984	February 1984	March 1984	Nine months ended March 1983	Nine months ended March 1984
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD					
00	Live animals chiefly for food	1,664	10,669	4,339	19,139	29,011
01	Meat and meat preparations	1,151	1,382	1,877	9,605	9,035
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	5,072	5,788	5,067	42,711	49,344
03	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, and preparations thereof	24,591	27,498	26,743	161,727	198,127
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	2,943	2,489	3,085	28,095	33,845
05	Vegetables and fruit	27,916	22,261	16,606	128,341	168,334
06	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	1,180	1,858	1,358	10,885	12,979
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	19,772	23,689	23,755	159,167	186,283
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1,458	1,904	2,100	25,745	21,012
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	4,319	4,600	4,371	26,322	36,648
	Total Section 0	90,069	102,139	89,300	611,738	746,618
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
11	Beverages	7,646	8,433	8,885	78,820	81,379
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5,805	7,668	6,051	68,649	72,152
	Total Section 1	13,451	16,101	14,935	147,469	153,531
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21	Hides, skins and furskins, raw	123	291	426	1,523	2,407
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit	1,058	732	1,441	8,888	21,083
23	Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	4,653	6,193	4,421	34,172	44,419
24	Cork and wood	13,268	19,684	17,911	106,197	156,829
25	Pulp and waste paper	9,822	6,570	5,855	62,088	75,980
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	5,491	9,123	9,665	54,993	76,456
27	Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	14,768	14,530	18,719	138,496	132,243
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,126	1,318	1,987	11,974	12,682
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5,582	5,127	4,560	33,857	41,992
	Total Section 2	55,893	63,568	64,985	452,188	564,091
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	402	1,354	308	3,637	3,339
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	153,189	179,546	274,606	2,507,777	1,593,674
34	Gas, natural and manufactured	17	25	3	633	1,303
	Total Section 3	153,608	180,924	274,917	2,512,047	1,598,316
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES					
41	Animal oils and fats	37	22	18	590	486
42	Fixed vegetable oils and fats	4,984	11,319	2,806	35,431	49,607
43	Animal and vegetable oils and fats, processed, and waxes of animal or vegetable origin	3,197	3,670	2,934	22,951	34,289
	Total Section 4	8,218	15,012	5,758	58,972	84,382
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.					
51	Organic chemicals	(a)57,212	(a)59,452	(a)62,359	(b)339,340	(c)457,851
52	Inorganic chemicals	14,583	17,810	13,655	178,897	141,678
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	8,349	8,710	8,284	54,822	73,386
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	18,716	16,436	20,071	142,096	161,245
55	Essential oils and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	10,689	11,168	10,818	79,823	98,418
56	Fertilisers, manufactured	6,178	9,040	20,578	49,301	72,190
57	Explosives and pyrotechnic products	1,491	1,699	1,589	5,955	11,169
58	Artificial resin and plastic materials, and cellulose esters and ethers(d)	40,092	45,522	40,101	267,098	359,849
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	23,948	32,363	20,258	177,080	215,883
	Total Section 5	(e)181,258	(e)202,200	(e)197,714	(f)1,294,411	(g)1,591,671

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 1. IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION - continued
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Section and Division		January 1984	February 1984	March 1984	Nine months ended March 1983	Nine months ended March 1984
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL					
61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins	7,073	7,906	8,208	31,602	59,946
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	25,306	26,147	26,229	185,205	217,688
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	8,450	9,865	8,739	71,606	85,230
64	Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	45,851	57,171	48,447	362,861	454,816
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s. and related products(h)	103,928	117,274	106,779	755,162	954,224
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	32,514	36,454	38,022	282,609	308,321
67	Iron and steel	42,911	39,578	39,156	443,220	306,765
68	Non-ferrous metals	9,462	8,206	8,521	76,496	71,253
69	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	(i)44,869	(i)51,136	(i)54,848	(j)426,394	(i)426,721
	Total Section 6	(k)320,363	(k)353,736	(k)338,949	(l)2,635,155	(k)2,884,966
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT					
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	50,032	43,223	49,470	534,071	446,359
72	Machinery specialised for particular industries(m)	93,437	97,133	89,883	850,357	787,367
73	Metalworking machinery	10,522	11,179	13,458	140,564	98,673
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.(n)	91,905	95,196	87,088	889,434	853,584
75	Office machines and automatic data processing equipment	99,956	77,261	114,925	588,509	808,019
76	Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	72,150	77,518	75,354	596,801	725,094
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof(o)	97,509	87,597	97,153	724,677	823,053
78	Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	174,580	172,830	183,440	1,343,113	1,618,211
79	Other transport equipment	39,404	36,587	45,762	340,322	654,318
	Total Section 7(q)	729,495	698,523	756,533	6,007,849	6,814,676
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES					
81	Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	3,279	4,087	3,507	31,037	30,796
82	Furniture and parts thereof	8,864	11,728	12,173	84,621	104,850
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	7,838	10,382	7,919	69,575	83,505
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	58,970	53,545	40,816	327,326	336,761
85	Footwear	2,889	18,933	12,722	120,643	129,364
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	43,334	46,281	47,575	322,395	370,166
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks(s)	32,172	32,950	34,987	279,143	305,595
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	98,272	101,314	96,606	869,559	1,006,872
	Total Section 8(s)	274,619	279,219	256,305	2,104,300	2,367,908
9A	Commodities and transactions of Merchandise Trade, not elsewhere classified	(t)56,109	(t)47,430	(t)89,916	(u)280,061	(v)459,138
	Total merchandise(w)	1,883,082	1,958,853	2,089,312	16,104,189	17,265,297
9B	Non-merchandise(x)	72,636	53,345	41,300	510,945	335,188
	Total imports	1,955,718	2,012,198	2,130,613	16,615,134	17,600,485

(a) Excludes items 511.13.01, 511.40.00, 513.79.13 and 513.90.15. (b) Excludes items 513.79.13 and 513.90.15. (c) Excludes items 511.13.01 from 1.10.83; 511.40.00 from 1.1.84; 513.79.13 and 513.90.15. (d) Excludes item 582.70.04. (e) Excludes items 511.13.01, 511.40.00, 513.79.13, 513.90.15 and 582.70.04. (f) Excludes items 513.79.13, 513.90.15 and 582.70.04. (g) Excludes items 511.13.01 from 1.10.83; 511.40.00 from 1.1.84; 513.79.13, 513.90.15 and 582.70.04. (h) Excludes item 651.95.06. (i) Excludes items 691.10.05, 694.01.02 and 695.39.60. (j) Excludes items 694.01.02 and 695.39.60. (k) Excludes items 651.95.06 691.10.05, 694.01.02 and 695.39.60. (l) Excludes items 651.95.06, 694.01.02 and 695.39.60. (m) Excludes item 723.30.01. (n) Excludes items 749.10.70 and 749.10.76. (o) Excludes item 775.86.01. (q) Excludes items 723.30.01, 749.10.70, 749.10.76 and 775.86.01. (s) Excludes item 881.11.45. (t) Includes items 511.13.01, 511.40.00, 513.79.13, 513.90.15, 582.70.04, 651.95.06, 691.10.05, 694.01.02, 695.39.60, 723.30.01, 749.10.70, 749.10.76, 775.86.01 and 881.11.45. (u) Includes items 513.79.13, 513.90.15, 582.70.04, 651.95.06, 694.01.02, 695.39.60, 723.30.01, 749.10.70, 749.10.76, 775.86.01 and 881.11.45. (v) Includes items 511.13.01 from 1.10.83; 511.40.00 from 1.1.84; 513.79.13, 513.90.15, 582.70.04, 651.95.06, 691.10.05, 694.01.02, 695.39.60, 723.30.01, 749.10.70, 749.10.76, 775.86.01 and 881.11.45. (w) The sum of Divisions 00 to 9A. (x) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification (1204.0).

TABLE 7. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR IMPORT COMMODITIES (a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1982-83	Three months ended January 1984	February 1984	March 1984
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	14.1	22.2	32.1	31.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	-15.7	45.9	44.8	33.8
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	3.1	-37.3	-38.7	-18.9
Chemicals and related products n.e.s. (5)	-2.8	31.4	44.5	44.1
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	-13.1	32.7	64.3	30.6
Textile yarns, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	-7.7	30.9	50.9	52.0
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	-11.7	-0.5	5.6	18.7
Machinery (71-77)	-7.0	8.9	17.5	19.8
Transport equipment (78,79)	-27.9	43.6	77.5	46.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	2.0	11.4	21.9	27.0
Total all imports	-5.2	11.5	22.4	25.9

(a) For footnote see Table 3.

TABLE 3. SHARE BY VALUE OF MAJOR COMMODITIES IN TOTAL IMPORTS (a)

Commodity description	1982-83 %	Three months ended January 1984 %	February 1984 %	March 1984 %
Food and live animals chiefly for food (0)	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (2)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	14.2	7.4	8.1	10.0
Chemicals and related products n.e.s. (5)	8.1	9.1	9.5	9.5
Paper, paperboard and articles thereof (64)	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.5
Textile yarns, fabrics, made-up articles, etc. (65)	4.6	5.6	5.5	5.4
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	5.5	4.7	4.7	4.9
Machinery (71-77)	26.1	26.3	25.1	25.1
Transport equipment (78,79)	10.7	13.2	12.7	10.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (8)	12.5	13.6	13.8	13.3
Total all 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 4. IMPORT ORDERS OUTSTANDING FOR SELECTED STEEL COMMODITIES EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT FOUR MONTHS

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	Orders outstanding at the end of - Oct. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984 r	Mar. 1984 p
Cold rolled uncoated iron or steel sheets and plates, 3.2mm and less in thickness	tonnes	38,374	36,044	41,430	47,472	43,625	42,091
Galvanised iron or steel sheets and plates, 4.75mm and less in thickness	tonnes	23,851	29,327	r32,519	31,071	33,332	32,933
Stainless steel hoop, strip, sheets and plates	tonnes	5,030	4,508	r4,445	r4,625	4,408	4,936

TABLE 5. IMPORT CLEARANCES FOR SELECTED STEEL COMMODITIES

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	Total clearances during - Oct. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984 r	Mar. 1984 p
Cold rolled uncoated iron or steel sheets and plates, 3.2mm and less in thickness	tonnes	3,260	10,753	5,097	7,916	14,317	8,770
Galvanised iron or steel sheets and plates, 4.75mm and less in thickness	tonnes	3,912	3,716	r838	9,584	7,421	10,460
Stainless steel hoop, strip, sheets and plates	tonnes	633	757	r897	r1,430	881	1,110

TABLE 6. IMPORT ORDERS PLACED (LESS CANCELLATIONS) FOR SELECTED STEEL COMMODITIES

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	Net orders placed during - Oct. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1984 p
Cold rolled uncoated iron or steel sheets and plates, 3.2mm and less in thickness	tonnes	11,501	9,269	8,551	13,340	9,915	11,205
Galvanised iron or steel sheets and plates, 4.75mm and less in thickness	tonnes	8,690	8,003	4,123	8,191	9,345	9,859
Stainless steel hoop, strip, sheets and plates	tonnes	835	489	967	605	938	1,123

COMMODITY	TARIFF ITEM(S)/STATISTICAL CODE(S)
Cold rolled uncoated iron or steel sheets and plates, 3.2mm and less in thickness	73.13.200/.210,.221
Galvanised iron or steel sheets and plates, 4.75mm and less in thickness	73.13.200/.298,.301,.312
Stainless steel hoop, strip, sheets and plates	73.15.120/.1173,.1184,.1195,.1209,.121x, .1220,.1231,.1242,.1251,.1264,.1275,.1286, .1297,.1300 73.15.190/.1878,.1889,.189x,.2349,.197x, .1980,.1991,.200x,.2010,.2021,.2032, .2043,.2054,.2065