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IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS, MARCH 1976 (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 as laid down for Customs purposes.

2. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics Part 2 - Imports* (Reference No. 8.10).

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

Section and Division	January 1976p	February 1976p	March 1976p	Nine months ended March	
				1975	1976p
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	1,711	2,392	2,650	13,810	12,601
01 Meat and meat preparations	95	123	133	3,518	1,182
02 Dairy products and eggs	1,052	1,171	1,186	9,309	11,573
03 Fish and fish preparations	7,132	6,418	7,544	51,121	51,592
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	657	438	553	6,554	7,328
05 Fruit and vegetables	4,125	4,145	6,056	63,364	39,399
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	1,136	1,362	1,076	5,796	7,861
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	6,152	6,911	5,949	70,161	55,234
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	540	871	488	11,414	5,098
09 Misc. preps chiefly for food	834	687	728	6,452	6,512
Total Section 0	23,434	24,517	26,365	241,498	198,382
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	3,694	3,255	3,421	25,787	32,573
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3,560	5,032	3,323	31,777	40,253
Total Section 1	7,254	8,287	6,743	57,564	72,825
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, (EXCEPT FUELS) -					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	175	164	262	1,755	1,332
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	789	310	360	6,784	3,904
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	3,817	3,604	4,103	24,521	28,000
24 Wood, timber and cork	6,332	9,392	10,717	69,954	68,840
25 Pulp and waste paper	6,091	5,703	4,281	59,931	41,932
26 Textile fibres and their waste	5,597	4,799	6,945	34,823	47,720
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	9,621	6,806	6,535	85,306	70,546
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	342	426	1,634	7,830	6,672
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2,055	1,505	1,856	17,530	15,641
Total Section 2	34,819	32,709	36,693	308,434	284,586
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS -					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	71	32	85	1,741	692
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	62,471	91,600	61,210	571,836	609,025
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	5	4	5	67	55
Total Section 3	62,546	91,636	61,300	573,644	609,772
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	22	30	145	530	585
42 Fixed vegetable oils, fats	3,042	3,141	2,034	28,453	26,250
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin	218	274	265	5,107	2,546
Total Section 4	3,282	3,445	2,444	34,090	29,380

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

Section and Division	January 1976p	February 1976p	March 1976p	Nine months ended March	
				1975	1976p
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	28,660	25,218	27,794	245,473	195,409
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	32	64	537	2,418	1,909
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	2,730	3,205	3,101	30,486	25,972
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	7,224	8,248	8,121	82,852	65,837
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleansing preps.	2,202	2,286	2,823	24,095	22,052
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	723	378	694	9,394	7,167
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	1,081	496	700	5,367	4,675
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	13,404	14,736	17,110	158,909	116,974
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	5,712	5,503	6,713	76,682	63,060
<i>Total Section 5</i>	<i>61,768</i>	<i>60,135</i>	<i>67,595</i>	<i>635,676</i>	<i>563,007</i>
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	1,373	1,477	1,576	10,958	13,995
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	10,989	9,963	10,037	97,196	84,759
63 Wood, cork, manufactures (except furniture)	3,653	3,364	3,599	28,719	34,374
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	19,710	13,217	16,733	186,139	131,442
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	47,515	47,045	51,661	349,281	402,408
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	13,606	13,408	15,596	119,435	121,121
67 Iron and steel	13,919	14,826	11,863	211,186	117,031
68 Non-ferrous metals	3,003	3,131	2,917	43,258	23,534
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	16,019	16,401	17,737	157,095	145,100
<i>Total Section 6</i>	<i>129,787</i>	<i>122,833</i>	<i>131,719</i>	<i>1,203,267</i>	<i>1,073,764</i>
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	115,938	96,550	117,306	1,013,576	970,770
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	66,998	56,393	69,746	521,244	618,128
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	83,959	75,418	90,814	736,443	724,343
<i>Total Section 7</i>	<i>266,894</i>	<i>228,361</i>	<i>277,865</i>	<i>2,271,263</i>	<i>2,313,240</i>
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	1,372	1,430	1,791	12,482	12,870
82 Furniture	2,620	2,709	2,843	19,464	24,504
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	1,656	2,333	2,065	13,906	18,722
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	20,787	25,332	23,081	159,040	142,579
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	5,391	6,122	5,645	43,690	44,258
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	24,138	21,963	24,841	189,126	201,267
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	34,333	32,050	44,207	325,175	339,314
<i>Total Section 8</i>	<i>90,297</i>	<i>91,939</i>	<i>104,473</i>	<i>762,883</i>	<i>782,515</i>
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	12,632	10,906	13,670	91,292	121,742
<i>Total Merchandise (b)</i>	<i>692,714</i>	<i>674,770</i>	<i>728,867</i>	<i>6,179,612</i>	<i>5,990,213</i>
9B Non-merchandise (c)	6,946	5,203	10,550	57,146	65,319
Total	699,660	679,973	739,417	6,236,758	6,055,532

(a) Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$926 million for the year ended 30 June 1975. (b) The sum of Sections 1 to 8 and Division 9A. (c) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the *Australian Import Commodity Classification*. p - preliminary; subject to revision.

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