

# THE NETHERLANDS

Fact Sheet

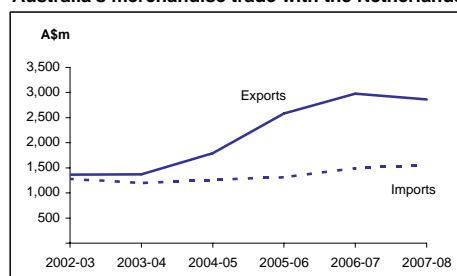
## General information:

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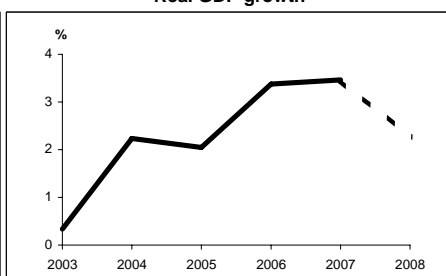
<b>Capital:</b>	Amsterdam	<b>Head of State:</b>	HM Queen Beatrix
<b>Surface area:</b>	42 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Dr Jan Peter Balkenende
<b>Official language:</b>	Dutch		
<b>Population:</b>	16.6 million (2007)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.5926 Euros (Aug 2008)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	539.3	610.7	639.6	678.0	777.2	909.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	514.4	539.1	571.5	609.9	648.0	675.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	33,241	37,520	39,211	41,477	46,774	54,445
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	31,706	33,122	35,039	37,311	38,995	40,434
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY):</b>	0.3	2.2	2.0	3.4	3.5	2.3
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	29,568	45,898	45,551	55,874	52,522	51,107
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	5.5	7.5	7.1	8.2	6.8	5.6
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	60.9	63.4	66.3	69.2	70.6	78.5
<b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.6	2.9

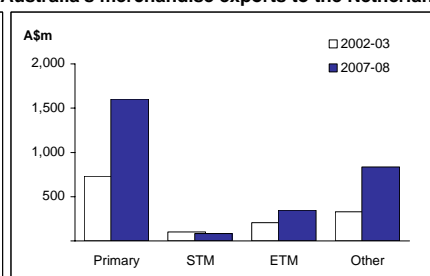
Australia's merchandise trade with the Netherlands



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to the Netherlands



## Australia's trade relationship with the Netherlands (d):

Australian merchandise trade with the Netherlands, 2007-08:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to the Netherlands (A\$m):	1.6%	14th	-3.8%
Imports from the Netherlands (A\$m):	0.8%	25th	4.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	1.2%	18th	-1.2%

### Major Australian exports, 2007-08\* (A\$m):

Coal	791
Zinc ores & concentrates	402
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	152
Alcoholic beverages	92

\*Includes A\$815m of confidential items, 28% of total exports.

### Major Australian imports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	114
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	80
Mechanical handling equip & parts	74
Road motor vehicles	58

### Australia's trade in services with the Netherlands, 2007-08:

	Total share:
Exports of services to the Netherlands (A\$m):	0.8%
Imports of services from the Netherlands (A\$m):	1.6%

### Major Australian service exports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	169
Transportation	56

### Major Australian service imports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Personal, cultural & recreational	207
Business & professional	196

## The Netherlands' global merchandise trade relationships:

### The Netherlands' principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Germany	20.8%
2	Belgium	10.2%
3	United Kingdom	8.1%
36	Australia	0.3%

### The Netherlands' principal import sources, 2007:

1	Germany	16.6%
2	Belgium	9.1%
3	China	8.4%
52	Australia	0.2%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.