

# RUSSIAN FEDERATION

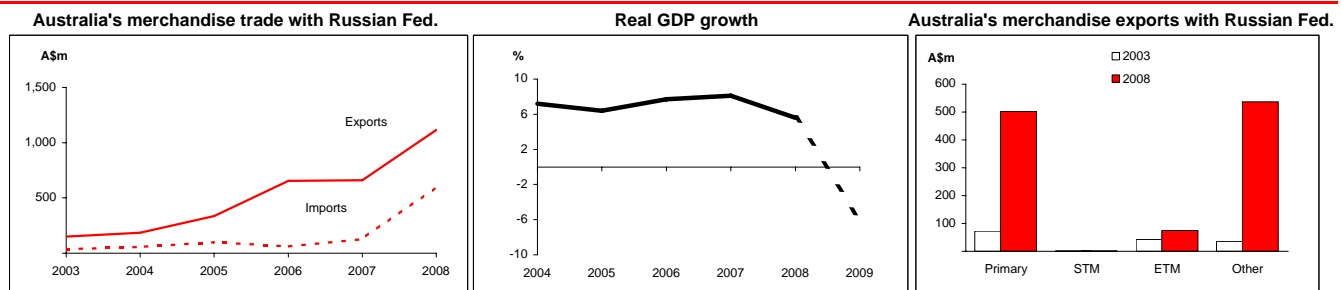
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Moscow	<b>Head of State:</b>	President HE Mr Dmitry Anatolyevich Medvedev
<b>Surface area:</b>	17,098 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin
<b>Official language:</b>	Russian		
<b>Population:</b>	142.0 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 23.2038 Rubles (Feb 2009)		

<b>Recent economic indicators:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008(a)</b>	<b>2009(b)</b>
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	591.9	764.3	989.4	1,294.4	1,676.6	1,163.6
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	1,548.7	1,698.0	1,887.6	2,095.4	2,260.9	2,145.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	4,105	5,326	6,929	9,103	11,807	8,230
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	10,740	11,832	13,219	14,736	15,922	15,176
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	7.2	6.4	7.7	8.1	5.6	-6.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	59,514	84,443	94,340	76,241	102,331	5,988
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	10.1	11.0	9.5	5.9	6.1	0.5
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	34.4	35.2	33.8	30.4	31.3	27.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	10.9	12.7	9.7	9.0	14.1	12.9



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

<b>Australian merchandise trade with the Russian Federation, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to the Russian Federation (A\$m):	1,115	0.5%	27th	68.6%
Imports from the Russian Federation (A\$m):	600	0.3%	38th	374.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	1,715	0.4%	33rd	117.6%

<b>Major Australian exports, 2008* (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):</b>	
Beef	286	Crude petroleum	485
Meat (excl beef)	96	Fertilisers (excl crude)	51
Live animals (excl seafood)	53	Pig-iron	12
Hides & skins, raw (excl furskins)	37	Aluminium	7

\*Includes A\$530m of confidential items, 48% of total exports.

<b>Australia's trade in services with the Russian Federation, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to the Russian Federation (A\$m):	102	0.2%
Imports of services from the Russian Federation (A\$m):	76	0.1%

<b>Major Australian service exports, 2008 (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian service imports, 2008 (A\$m):</b>	
Personal travel excl education	39	Personal travel excl education	42
Education-related travel	30	Business travel	15

## The Russian Federation's global merchandise trade relationships:

<b>The Russian Federation's principal export destinations, 2008:</b>			<b>The Russian Federation's principal import sources, 2008:</b>		
1	Netherlands	11.7%	1	China	13.0%
2	Italy	6.9%	2	Germany	12.7%
3	Belarus	5.1%	3	Japan	7.0%
93	Australia	0.0%	34	Australia	0.4%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research 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.