

**SRI LANKA EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**



*Market & Country  
brief on Australia*

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## 1. Trade between Sri Lanka & Australia

Australia is the 23<sup>rd</sup> export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to Australia was US\$ 166 Mn in 2016 and total imports from Australia to Sri Lanka for the same period were US\$ 196 Mn. Sri Lanka's exports have increased from US\$ 135 Mn to US\$ 166 Mn with reference to the 2012 & 2016.

Sri Lanka's main export products to Australia 2016 were Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Rubber and articles, Coffee, tea, Footwear, Ceramic products, Miscellaneous edible preparations. The main import products from Australia were Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers, Dairy produce, Cereals, Electrical machinery, miscellaneous edible preparations.

## 2. Bilateral Trade between Sri Lanka and Australia (2012-2016), Value in USD Mn

Year	Export To Australia	Import from Australia	Total trade
2012	135	217	352
2013	155	213	368
2014	165	237	402
2015	160	268	428
2016	166	196	362

Source: Trade map

## 3. Sri Lanka's major export products to Australia (2013-2016), Value in USD Mn

HS Code	Product description	2013	2014	2015	2016	% to total export value (2016)
0902	Tea	31	32	23	23	14
6116	Gloves, mittens and mitts	9	9	9	13	8
6109	T-shirts	6	6	10	11	6
1513	Coconut oil crude	2	7	9	10	6
6405	Other footwear	9	9	8	8	5
4012	Solid or retreaded tires of rubber	10	10	9	8	5
4015	Articles of apparel of rubber	4	4	4	6	4
6110	Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, etc	2	2	4	5	3
6204	Women's suits, not knit	3	4	4	5	3
6104	Women's suits	3	4	5	5	3
2008	Fruit, nuts and edible plants preserved with sugar	3	4	4	4	3
2106	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	2	3	3	4	3
6908	Glazed ceramic flags and pavers including glazed ceramic mosaic cubes	5	5	4	4	2

6212	Brassieres and parts thereof, not knit	1	2	4	4	2
0801	Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts	1	3	2	3	2

Source: Trade Map

#### 4. Sri Lanka's major import products from Australia (2013-2016), Value in USD Mn

HS Code	Product description	Value in 2013	Value in 2014	Value in 2015	Value in 2016
0713	Dried legumes	83	86	97	48
0402	Milk and cream, concentrated	61	67	51	41
1001	Wheat and meslin	0	12	34	22
4805	Other uncoated paper and paperboard	2	8	8	10
7801	Lead refined unwrought	0	1	4	5
2301	Flour or meal for animal feed	12	9	8	4
3206	Other coloring matter	2	2	3	4
2106	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	2	3	3	3
4801	Newsprint	0	1	1	3
8535	Apparatus protecting electrical circuits for > 1k volts	1	2	0	3
4804	Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	6	5	3	3
3802	Activated carbon	3	4	3	2
3004	Medicaments, packaged	2	2	2	2
0806	Grapes	2	2	2	2
3503	Gelatin	2	2	3	2
0805	Citrus fruit	1	1	2	2
8479	Machinery related to construction & materials	0	0	0	2
0204	Lamb meat	1	1	2	1
2204	Wine of fresh grapes	1	1	1	1
8438	Machinery for manufacture of food or drink	0	0	1	1
0506	Collagen of bones treated with acid	0	0	2	1
9406	Prefabricated buildings	0	0	0	1
7302	Railway or tramway track construction material of iron or steel	1	1	0	1
0406	Fresh cheese	1	1	1	1

9024	Machines and appliances for testing the hardness, strength, compressibility, elasticity or other mechanical properties of materials	0	0	0	1
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Source: Trade map

## 5. Sri Lanka's leading Exporters to Australia-2016

Company Details	Products
Ceylon Tea Services PLC	Tea Packets, Processed Food, Jewellery Boxes, Cloth Hangers and Handicraft, Tableware & Kitchenware, Books & Printed Matter, Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Other Products of Base Metal, Glass & Glassware, Products Unclassified, Made-Up Textile Articles, Boilers, Piston Engines, Pumps & Vacuum Pumps, Cartoons, Boxes & Bags
Hambantota Trading Co Pvt Ltd	Footwear, Apparel, Travel Goods, Bags etc., Other Manufactures, Made-Up Textile Articles, Industrial Gloves, Belts etc. of Leather, Metal Furniture & Seats, Soap, Washing Preparations, Waxes, Candles etc., Jewellery Boxes, Cloth Hangers and Handicraft, Toys Games & Sport Requisites
Mas Active Trading Pvt Ltd	Apparel, Other Manufactures
Sanmik Food Pvt Ltd	Coconut Oil, Desiccated Coconut, Liquid Coconut Milk, Coconut Milk Powder, Coconut Cream, Confectionary & Bakery Products, Processed Vegetables, Fruits & Juices, Other Fruits, Other Export Crops, Pineapples, Melons & Papayas, Turmeric, Pepper, Cinnamon, Ginger, Labels Printed or Not, Sacs & Bags of Plastics, Cartoons, Boxes & Bags, Processed Food, Cardamoms, Books & Printed Matter, Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber, Other Products of Base Metal, Glass & Glassware, Other Paper Products
Camso Loadstar Pvt Ltd	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber, Motor Vehicles & Parts, Other Electrical & Electronic Products
Elegant Knitting Pvt Ltd	Apparel, Other Manufactures, Sacs & Bags of Plastics, Cartoons, Boxes & Bags, Woven Fabrics
A T G Lanka Pvt Ltd	Apparel, Envelopes, Letter Cards, Post Cards
Ansell Lanka Pvt Ltd	Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber, Apparel
A T G Ceylon Pvt Ltd	Apparel, Envelopes, Letter Cards, Post Cards
Autogroup International Pvt Ltd	Motor Vehicles & Parts, Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Glass & Glassware, Air-Condition Machines, Tools, Implements, Cutlery & Parts, Rubber Plates, Sheets Rods of Vulcanized or Unhardened Rubber, Switches, Lamp Holders Boards & Panels, Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Other Textile Articles, Other Products of Plastics, Insulated Wires and Cables, Nails, Screws, Bolts & Nuts of Metal, Other Products of Base Metal

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

## **6. Potential Products to be explored from Sri Lanka**

- Women's suits, not knit
- T-shirts
- Women's suits
- Men's suits, not knit
- Men's shirts, not knit
- Women's undergarments
- Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts,
- Brassieres and parts thereof, not knit
- Women's shirts, not knit
- New pneumatic tires, of rubber
- Food preparations not elsewhere specified
- Babies' garments and clothing accessories
- Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts
- Men's undergarments
- Articles of apparel of rubber
- Diamonds
- Other articles of rubber
- Active wear
- Fruit, nuts and edible plants preserved with sugar
- Tea
- Men's suits
- Men's shirts
- Cigarettes
- Insulated wire; optical fiber cables

## 7. Facts about Australia

### Australia – Map



### GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The geography of Australia encompasses a wide variety of biogeographic regions being the world's smallest continent but the sixth-largest country in the world. The population of Australia is concentrated along the eastern and southeastern coasts. The geography of the country is extremely diverse, ranging from the snow-capped mountains of the Australian Alps and Tasmania to large deserts, tropical and temperate forests.

**Total Area: total:** 7.692 million km<sup>2</sup>

**Climate:** temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior

### DEMOPGRAPHY

**Population:** 24 546 779

**Population growth rate:** 1.57 % %

### ECONOMY

Australia is the 22nd largest export economy in the world and the 53rd most complex economy according to the Economic Complexity Index (ECI). In 2015, Australia exported \$190B and imported \$192B, resulting in a negative trade balance of \$1.77B. In 2015 the GDP of Australia was \$1.34T and its GDP per capita was \$46.3k.

**GDP - per capita (PPP):** \$54688.45 (2016 est.)  
\$ 51,359 (2015 est.)  
\$61,362 (2014 est.)

**Exports:** USD Thousand 189,554,713 (2016 est.)

**Exports - commodities:** Ores, slag and ash, Mineral fuels, Natural or cultured pearls, Meat and edible meat offal, Cereals, Electrical machinery, Beverages, spirits and vinegar

**Exports - partners:** China, Japan, United State of America, United Kingdom, India, New Zealand

**Imports:** \$ 189,308 Million (2016)

**Imports - commodities:** Machinery, Vehicles other than railway, Mineral fuels, Pharmaceutical products, Articles of iron or steel

**Imports - partners:** China, United State of America, Japan, Thailand, Germany, New Zealand

**Bilateral & Multilateral Trade Agreements:**

- Korea–Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Japan–Australia Economic Partnership Agreement
- China–Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
- India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
- ASEAN–Australia–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA)