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WORLD TRADE BY COUNTRY
 IMPORTS¹
 TOP 25 COUNTRIES
 Value in millions of U.S. dollars

Country	System ²	1977	1978	1979
1. United States ^{3,4}	S	156,758	182,787	217,664
2. Germany (FR) ⁵	S	100,672	120,668	157,747
3. Japan	G	70,657	78,732	110,670
4. France	S	70,498	81,805	106,994
5. United Kingdom	G	63,674	78,559	102,969
6. Italy	S	47,580	56,445	77,970
7. Netherlands	S	45,616	53,117	67,284
8. Belgium-Luxembourg	S	40,418	48,613	60,410
9. USSR ⁶	G	40,812	50,546	57,744
10. Canada ⁶	G	39,561	43,434	52,230
11. Switzerland	S	17,979	23,804	29,354
12. Sweden	G	19,566	20,230	28,591
13. Spain	S	17,845	18,707	25,432
14. Saudi Arabia	S	14,651	20,424	24,254
15. South Korea ⁷	S	10,811	14,972	20,339
16. Austria	S	14,248	16,022	20,254
17. Brazil	S	13,069	14,538	19,804
18. Denmark	G	13,239	14,811	18,450
19. Singapore ⁸	G	10,471	13,049	17,635
20. Poland ⁶	G	14,616	16,089	17,584
21. Hong Kong	G	10,457	13,452	17,137
22. Australia ⁶	G	12,176	13,885	16,472
23. German DR ⁶	G	14,334	14,572	16,214
24. Czechoslovakia ⁶	G	11,187	12,565	14,262
25. Norway	G	12,875	11,463	13,708

1 c.i.f. (cost, insurance and freight) Value at the frontier of the importing country.

2 Systems of trade-imports: under the general system (G), both goods entering directly for domestic consumption and goods entered into customs storage are recorded, at the time of their first arrival, as imports; under the special trade system (S), goods are recorded as imports when declared for domestic consumption whether at time of entry or on withdrawal from customs storage. Direct transit trade, consisting of goods entering or leaving for transport purposes only, is excluded from imports statistics.