



represented 44% of the over-all increase between the two years. In trade with countries other than the United States, food, feed, beverages, tobacco and other crude and fabricated materials made up 63% of total imports in 1974 and 81% of the import rise to overseas countries. Due to soaring prices, crude oil imports alone represented 25.5% of all purchases from overseas countries and 48.5% of the increase over 1973. Automotive imports from overseas countries rose some 20% in 1974.

#### 18.2.3 Section and stage of fabrication

Tables 18.33 and 18.34 present historical series of Canada's external trade for selected years 1956-74 by section and stage of fabrication, i.e. crude and fabricated materials and end