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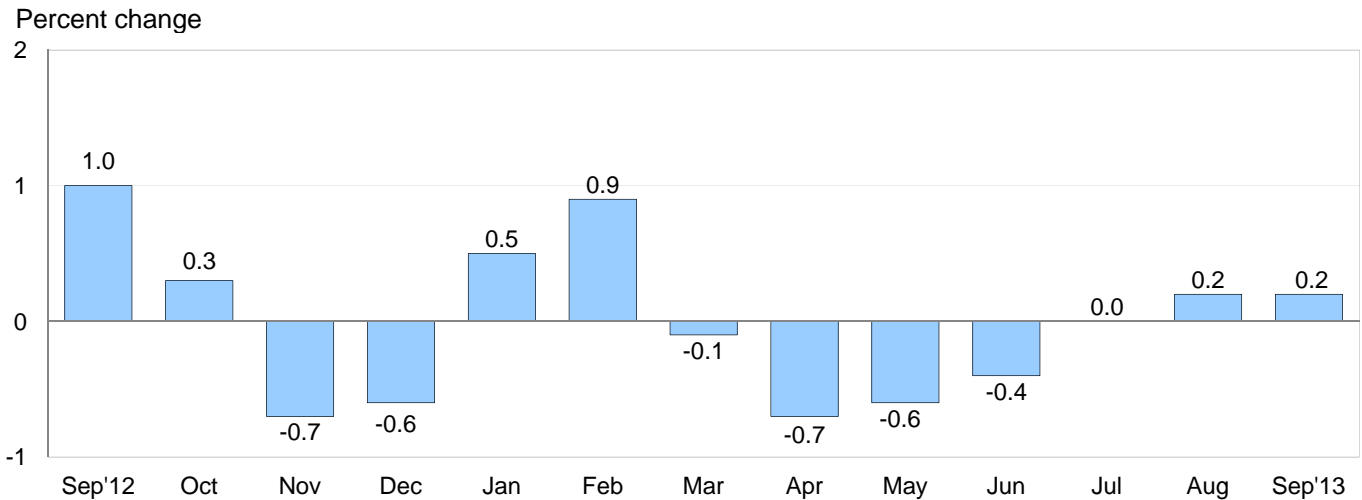
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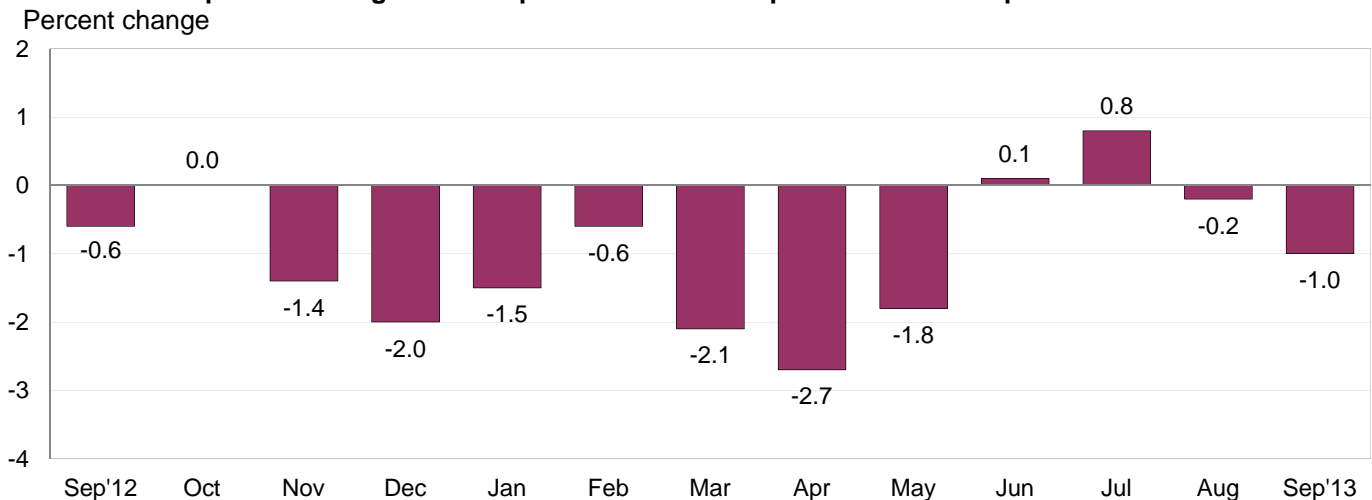
## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – SEPTEMBER 2013

U.S. import prices advanced 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month in September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The increase in each of the past two months was led by rising fuel prices. The price index for U.S. exports rose 0.3 percent in September after falling the previous six months.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: September 2012 – September 2013**



**Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: September 2012 – September 2013**



**All Imports:** Import prices rose 0.2 percent in September following a 0.2 percent advance the previous month. Those were the first monthly increases for the index since a 0.9 percent rise in February. Higher fuel prices were the largest contributor to the September advance in overall import prices, although nonfuel prices increased as well. Despite the recent advances, import prices declined 1.0 percent over the past 12 months, the second consecutive month of decreasing year-over-year changes.

**Fuel Imports:** The price index for import fuel rose 0.6 percent in September, after advancing 1.6 percent in August. In September, a 0.8 percent increase in petroleum prices, the largest component of imported fuels, more than offset a 6.9 percent drop in natural gas prices. Even with the September increase, fuel prices fell 0.2 percent over the past 12 months, led by a 0.4 percent drop in petroleum prices. In contrast, natural gas prices increased 8.3 percent over the past year.

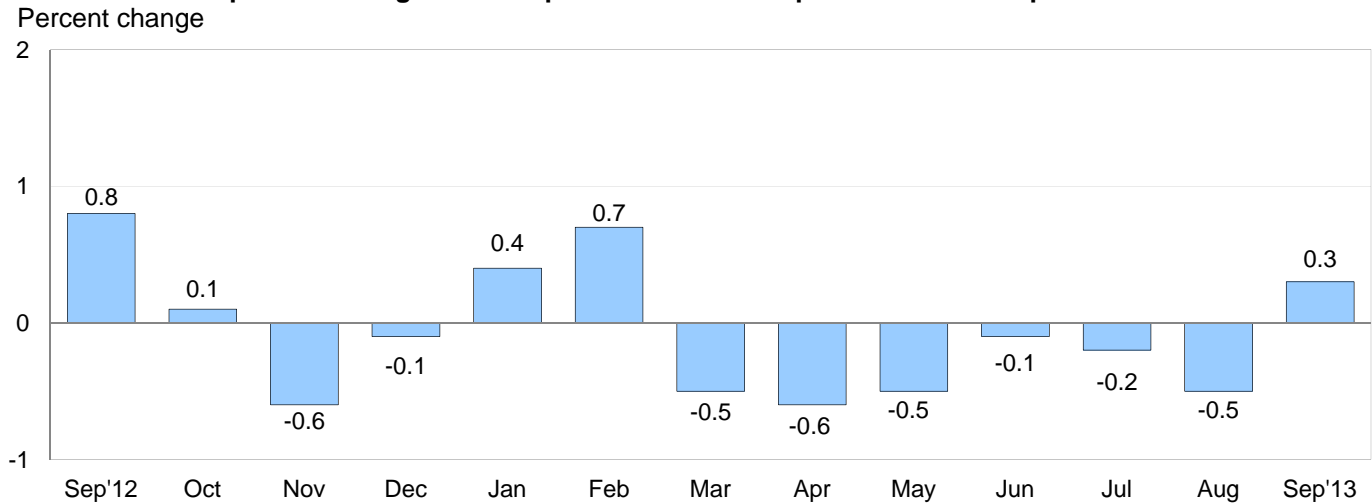
**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** Nonfuel import prices ticked up 0.1 percent in September, the first advance since a 0.1 percent rise in February. A 0.6 percent increase in nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices was the largest contributor to the overall advance, while prices for foods, feeds, and beverages rose as well. Despite the September increase, the price index for nonfuel imports fell 1.2 percent over the past year.

**Table A. Percent change in import and export price indexes, selected categories**

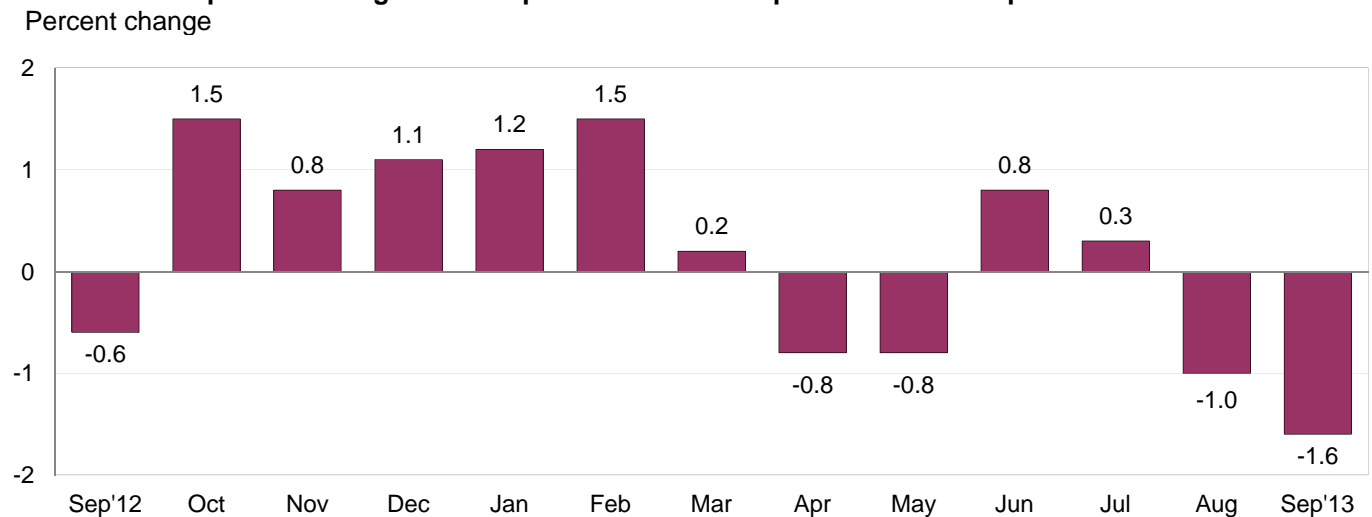
Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2012</b>						
September.....	1.0	3.9	0.2	0.8	1.3	0.7
October.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	-1.7	0.3
November.....	-0.7	-2.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	-0.7
December.....	-0.6	-2.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
<b>2013</b>						
January.....	0.5	1.9	0.2	0.4	-1.2	0.5
February.....	0.9	3.6	0.1	0.7	2.0	0.6
March.....	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-1.8	-0.3
April.....	-0.7	-2.4	-0.2	-0.6	-2.1	-0.5
May.....	-0.6	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	1.1	-0.7
June.....	-0.4	-0.7 <sup>r</sup>	-0.3	-0.1 <sup>r</sup>	0.8	-0.2
July.....	0.0 <sup>r</sup>	1.5 <sup>r</sup>	-0.4	-0.2 <sup>r</sup>	-0.3	-0.2
August.....	0.2 <sup>r</sup>	1.6 <sup>r</sup>	-0.2	-0.5	-4.2 <sup>r</sup>	0.0 <sup>r</sup>
September.....	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3
Sept. 2011 to 2012.....	-0.6	-1.5	-0.4	-0.6	6.4	-1.5
Sept. 2012 to 2013.....	-1.0	-0.2	-1.2	-1.6	-6.3	-0.9

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**Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: September 2012 – September 2013**



**Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: September 2012 – September 2013**



**All Exports:** Export prices advanced 0.3 percent in September, the largest monthly rise since a 0.7 percent increase in February. Higher nonagricultural and agricultural prices each contributed to the September increase. Between September 2012 and September 2013, however, export prices fell 1.6 percent, the largest year-over-year decline since the index fell 2.1 percent between June 2011 and June 2012.

**Agricultural Exports:** The price index for agricultural exports increased 0.7 percent in September after declining 4.2 percent and 0.3 percent the previous two months. An 8.7 percent increase in soybean prices more than offset a 3.1 percent decline in corn prices and a 4.0 percent drop in the export price index for nuts. Prices for agricultural exports fell 6.3 percent for the past 12 months. Falling prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat over the past year drove the decline in overall agricultural prices.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** Nonagricultural export prices advanced 0.3 percent in September after recording no change the previous month. Rising prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials and capital goods drove the September increase. Despite rising 0.2 percent over the past three months, nonagricultural export prices declined 0.9 percent for the September 2012-13 period.

## SELECTED SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** Prices for imports from China ticked up 0.1 percent in September, after recording no change the previous month. Despite the September upturn, import prices from China declined 1.0 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for imports from the European Union rose 0.4 percent in September, the largest monthly advance for the index since a 0.7 percent increase in February. Prices for imports from Canada and Mexico also advanced in September, each rising 0.1 percent. In contrast, import prices from Japan resumed a downward trend in September after recording no change in August. Prices for imports from Japan fell 0.2 percent in September, and the index decreased 2.8 percent over the past year, the largest 12 month drop for the index since a 2.9 percent drop between November 2001 and November 2002.

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials increased 0.6 percent in September following a 0.8 percent drop the previous month. The September turnaround resulted primarily from a 1.9 percent advance in unfinished metal prices, after that index fell 1.1 percent in August. Despite the September upturn, unfinished metal prices decreased 7.1 percent over the past 12 months.

**Finished Goods:** Prices for the major finished goods categories were mostly unchanged in September. Prices for consumer goods edged down 0.1 percent, led by lower prices for imported televisions and video receivers. The price indexes for capital goods and automotive vehicles each recorded no change in September, after declining 0.1 percent the previous month.

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** Foods, feeds, and beverages prices advanced 0.5 percent in September following a 0.3 percent rise in August. The September increase was driven by a 2.6 percent advance in fish and shellfish prices, and a 3.6 percent rise in vegetable prices.

**Transportation Services:** Import air passenger fares recorded no change in September, after decreases of 7.9 percent in August and 3.9 percent in July. In September, a 4.7 percent increase in European fares offset lower Asian and Latin American/Caribbean fares. Import air passenger fares advanced 1.1 percent for the year ended in September. Prices for import air freight rose 0.6 percent in September and fell 0.6 percent over the past year.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices increased 0.8 percent in September following a 0.3 percent advance the previous month. The September rise was the largest monthly increase since a 1.4 percent advance in February, and was led by higher metals and fuel prices.

**Finished Goods:** Capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in September, while the price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles were unchanged. Each of the major finished goods indexes recorded declines in August.

**Transportation Services:** Export air passenger fares fell 10.3 percent in September, the first monthly decline for the index since a 2.6 percent drop in April. The decrease in September drove the index for export air passenger fares down 0.1 percent over the past year. Export air freight prices rose 0.8 percent in September and 0.4 percent over the past 12 months.

**Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2012 to September 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	139.1	139.4	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2
<b>All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....</b>		73.420	101.9	101.9	-1.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.0
<b>All imports excluding petroleum.....</b>		79.339	114.8	114.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.0
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....</b>		78.508	118.9	119.0	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.1
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	5.088	173.8	174.7	1.8	-1.1	0.6	0.3	0.5
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.866	190.8	191.0	-1.7	-1.5	0.6	-0.2	0.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.222	135.0	137.6	14.6	0.4	0.8	1.6	1.9
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	34.400	249.4	250.9	-1.9	-0.8	0.2	0.7	0.6
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		13.739	157.0	157.3	-3.6	-1.0	-2.9	-1.1	0.2
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		12.908	178.3	179.3	-4.2	-1.0	-1.7	-0.8	0.6
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		7.579	165.8	167.4	-4.3	-1.3	-1.8	-0.7	1.0
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.329	146.2	145.2	-2.6	-0.6	-4.1	-1.5	-0.7
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	21.492	340.2	342.3	-0.2	-0.7	1.5	1.6	0.6
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	20.661	380.7	383.9	-0.4	-0.7	2.4	1.9	0.8
Crude.....	10000	15.922	397.1	397.9	0.5	-0.7	3.0	1.8	0.2
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	0.625	103.3	97.6	6.4	-2.4	-19.6	-6.2	-5.5
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.506	89.7	83.5	8.3	-2.8	-22.1	-7.5	-6.9
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.565	113.5	113.4	0.7	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.844	168.4	168.3	-4.4	-0.4	-1.8	-1.1	-0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	0.994	139.9	141.4	0.1	-3.2	-1.8	-0.8	1.1
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.419	234.4	238.8	-7.1	-1.8	-2.7	-1.1	1.9
Finished metals related to durable goods.....	15	1.560	155.6	156.1	-3.4	-0.4	-1.7	0.0	0.3
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.526	113.0	112.7	-1.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.8	-0.3
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	24.067	92.5	92.5	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.015	119.6	119.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.181	85.2	85.2	-1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.870	135.8	135.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	12.150	113.4	113.4	-1.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives.....</b>	4	24.295	107.4	107.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.865	116.0	116.1	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.104	98.5	98.2	-1.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.3
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.327	116.4	116.4	0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

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<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	132.0	132.4	-1.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.3
<b>Agricultural commodities.....</b>		10.201	214.1	215.5	-6.3	0.8	-0.3	-4.2	0.7
<b>All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....</b>		81.135	101.7	102.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.3
<b>Nonagricultural commodities.....</b>		89.799	126.0	126.4	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.3
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	9.434	213.3	214.8	-7.3	0.8	-0.4	-4.3	0.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	8.767	216.9	218.3	-7.5	1.0	-0.5	-4.7	0.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.667	182.2	184.3	-4.5	-2.0	0.7	1.4	1.2
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	33.878	177.1	178.4	-2.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		11.547	170.4	172.8	-5.8	-1.1	-2.2	-0.7	1.4
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.330	181.5	182.3	-1.2	-0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials..	10	1.434	203.8	205.5	2.1	-0.9	1.1	-1.1	0.8
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		32.444	176.2	177.6	-3.0	-0.5	-0.6	0.3	0.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.431	258.7	260.4	-4.6	-0.2	0.9	2.3	0.7
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	21.958	165.1	166.5	-3.0	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5	0.8
Selected building materials.....	13	1.055	124.5	125.3	5.5	0.2	1.1	0.5	0.6
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	35.715	106.5	106.6	0.9	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.551	115.7	115.6	1.5	-0.3	0.7	0.3	-0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	25.924	95.3	95.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.240	151.8	152.0	1.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	9.017	113.4	113.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	11.956	114.6	114.6	-1.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.474	114.1	114.1	-1.0	0.1	0.1	-0.8	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.121	111.7	111.7	-2.8	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		18.834	169.0	169.8	1.3	-1.0	1.3	1.4	0.5
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.816	171.2	171.0	-0.9	-1.7	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1
Crop production.....	111	1.277	176.5	176.2	-2.8	-2.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.183	94.0	93.8	-	-0.1	-6.6	-4.4	-0.2
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	17.018	168.5	169.3	1.5	-0.9	1.6	1.6	0.5
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.315	130.0	129.8	-10.2	-1.1	-1.6	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		80.694	115.8	116.1	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.552	123.7	124.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.895	155.6	157.7	1.7	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	1.3
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.878	113.4	113.9	1.9	-0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.4
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.388	101.0	101.0	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.786	114.7	114.6	-0.9	0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.941	110.2	110.4	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.665	121.5	121.5	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.823	136.4	136.8	-2.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.586	118.8	120.8	0.8	-4.9	-2.5	-0.9	1.7
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.040	110.8	110.7	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.241	162.7	165.6	-5.4	-0.2	1.1	2.5	1.8
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.103	133.7	133.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.931	125.0	124.3	-2.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.6
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.839	129.3	129.5	-0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	52.319	107.9	108.0	-1.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	3.995	153.9	156.3	-7.8	-1.8	-2.8	-1.1	1.6
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.637	126.8	126.7	-2.7	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.615	121.1	121.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.017	80.8	80.6	-2.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.025	119.4	119.4	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	12.920	111.5	111.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.1
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.253	113.8	114.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.856	120.9	120.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		7.355	158.2	159.9	-11.6	-0.1	-1.8	-6.3	1.1
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	5.392	195.1	198.7	-12.0	0.7	-0.7	-7.6	1.8
Crop production.....	111	4.964	202.2	205.9	-12.5	1.2	-1.0	-8.1	1.8
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	1.963	85.8	85.0	-9.8	-2.0	-5.1	-2.5	-0.9
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.364	100.5	100.5	-14.3	-0.9	-2.2	-2.5	0.0
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		90.292	120.4	120.7	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	7.104	151.8	151.6	0.9	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.989	173.9	173.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.572	126.3	128.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	1.5
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	26.805	133.8	134.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.5	0.6	0.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.432	119.9	121.1	6.0	0.3	2.1	-0.3	1.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.836	121.6	122.1	2.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	7.214	168.5	171.3	-3.5	0.3	2.6	2.9	1.7
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.276	130.1	130.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.250	120.2	121.0	1.9	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	0.7
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.797	111.9	112.4	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	56.384	112.1	112.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.596	147.8	151.7	-10.1	-2.3	-3.2	-1.7	2.6
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.769	130.9	131.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.786	122.5	122.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.283	88.5	88.4	-0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.367	114.8	114.4	1.6	-0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.3
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	14.295	118.0	118.0	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.325	107.9	107.6	4.4	0.2	2.1	0.1	-0.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.963	121.0	121.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.2

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**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2012 to September 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.190	184.3	186.5	15.4	1.2	0.8	2.0	1.2
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.261	226.0	221.3	1.0	0.1	1.5	1.3	-2.1
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.669	138.2	141.7	25.8	2.0	0.3	2.4	2.5
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.565	200.0	201.9	-5.8	-4.1	-1.1	-0.9	1.0
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.365	353.6	372.9	-0.2	-1.6	1.7	0.1	5.5
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.421	113.0	113.7	-1.6	-10.0	0.8	1.5	0.6
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.356	229.5	225.9	-10.6	-1.9	-2.0	-0.6	-1.6
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.247	115.1	115.5	-9.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	0.3
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.426	158.4	158.6	0.7	-0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.192	90.7	89.9	-	-3.9	2.8	-3.9	-0.9
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.226	100.0	99.5	17.8	2.7	1.2	9.6	-0.5
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.239	130.6	130.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.317	164.8	164.9	-2.8	0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.867	124.2	124.5	2.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	21.451	342.9	344.3	-0.3	-0.7	1.6	1.6	0.4
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	21.172	339.7	341.2	-0.2	-0.7	1.6	1.6	0.4
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.531	148.2	148.0	-1.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.5	-0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.729	322.3	314.9	-20.7	-1.5	-3.9	-3.3	-2.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.607	134.7	135.7	-2.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.427	125.5	125.6	7.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.352	110.7	105.5	-22.4	0.1	-7.8	-4.8	-4.7
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.165	93.9	94.0	-9.2	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.471	98.9	98.6	-3.1	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.175	150.0	149.7	-1.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.973	148.0	148.5	3.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.202	155.0	153.4	-8.1	-0.7	-1.9	-1.7	-1.0
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.598	125.5	125.5	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.566	126.9	126.9	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.620	144.1	146.7	1.0	-4.9	-2.9	-1.5	1.8
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.140	113.9	113.9	0.4	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2011=100).....	47	0.180	103.5	102.7	2.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.759	107.8	107.9	-0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	4.964	113.7	113.8	-0.7	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.939	102.9	103.1	-1.8	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2012 to September 2013 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.843	118.1	118.2	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.550	107.9	107.7	-0.7	0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.2
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. . .</b>	XII	1.366	120.8	120.9	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.170	119.9	119.9	0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.773	132.6	132.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.250	126.3	126.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.0
Ceramic products.....	69	0.242	140.9	140.9	-0.8	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.281	128.5	128.5	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	2.977	179.5	183.4	-8.1	-2.5	-3.3	-0.3	2.2
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	4.915	178.7	179.3	-2.6	-0.2	-1.1	-0.3	0.3
Iron and steel.....	72	1.138	215.4	214.0	-5.7	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.6
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.477	153.7	153.5	-3.7	-0.7	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.444	320.5	330.2	-5.3	2.3	-5.2	-0.5	3.0
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.126	85.5	87.3	-8.1	-4.5	-4.0	-2.5	2.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.666	135.2	135.7	2.2	0.8	-1.0	-0.7	0.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.387	129.2	129.3	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.432	135.4	135.6	-0.9	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	26.455	84.8	84.7	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.719	89.6	89.6	-0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.736	80.2	80.0	-2.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	10.714	115.8	115.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.834	114.5	114.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.880	120.2	120.3	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.361	104.0	104.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.049	100.9	101.0	-0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.253	140.8	141.1	6.7	-0.6	0.9	-0.3	0.2
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	3.471	112.8	113.1	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.936	116.6	116.9	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.339	105.1	105.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.196	139.0	139.1	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2012 to September 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	2.071	216.5	217.9	5.1	0.4	1.4	-0.6	0.6
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.182	166.4	166.1	-0.3	0.8	1.0	-1.5	-0.2
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.381	189.4	192.4	-8.6	-2.9	1.1	2.1	1.6
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.949	246.6	250.1	-13.0	1.4	-1.4	-8.0	1.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.034	160.2	159.1	15.1	-1.3	-0.5	3.9	-0.7
Cereals.....	10	1.847	268.9	263.9	-21.4	0.5	-4.7	-8.1	-1.9
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.566	264.0	281.7	-16.0	4.4	1.8	-13.4	6.7
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.287	124.8	125.8	-14.5	-3.1	-0.8	-5.0	0.8
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	3.040	167.4	167.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.335	112.7	112.8	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.610	112.6	112.8	2.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.771	274.0	276.2	-1.9	3.1	2.7	-0.2	0.8
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	9.312	301.0	304.3	-4.9	-0.1	0.9	1.9	1.1
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.428	87.1	89.4	-	-0.7	-2.3	-4.1	2.6
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.702	299.5	302.6	-4.6	0.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.503	152.9	152.5	-1.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.025	182.8	178.9	-3.8	-1.5	-0.2	-1.3	-2.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.275	165.1	166.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	1.2	0.8
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.666	120.8	120.5	-3.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2012=100).....	31	0.364	91.1	86.5	-	-1.1	-0.9	-3.4	-5.0
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.717	135.7	135.7	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	-2.0	0.0
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.458	120.8	120.9	-1.7	0.1	1.2	-0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.780	154.2	154.3	0.3	0.1	-1.6	0.1	0.1
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.287	148.6	149.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.5
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.293	142.6	143.5	2.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.6
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.994	174.7	174.7	-7.7	-0.2	-1.6	-3.0	0.0
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.404	144.6	141.6	7.4	0.0	-0.4	-1.0	-2.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.597	114.9	115.6	4.8	-0.2	1.1	0.3	0.6
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.287	122.0	122.4	6.5	0.7	0.3	-0.9	0.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.611	125.7	126.2	12.5	2.4	-1.4	-3.5	0.4
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.219	120.4	121.0	3.2	-0.1	1.1	0.1	0.5
Printed material.....	49	0.457	132.0	132.0	8.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	1.863	131.9	132.8	5.1	0.3	0.7	-0.3	0.7
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.517	146.2	149.4	11.2	-1.5	2.9	-0.9	2.2
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.767	118.3	118.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2012 to September 2013 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.392	97.4	97.5	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	4.592	241.2	248.4	-11.3	-2.8	-3.7	-1.3	3.0
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.289	164.4	164.6	-3.6	0.1	-1.1	0.3	0.1
Iron and steel.....	72	1.458	183.8	185.0	-7.0	-0.1	-2.1	0.5	0.7
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.334	169.1	168.0	-2.9	-0.4	-0.7	0.5	-0.7
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.592	231.9	234.9	-5.0	2.6	-2.6	0.5	1.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.841	121.7	121.4	-2.3	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.410	133.2	133.5	1.4	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.329	147.2	147.3	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	28.185	97.2	97.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.865	111.4	111.4	0.8	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	11.320	81.9	81.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.1
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	12.122	128.2	128.3	1.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.215	113.9	114.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	5.936	106.9	107.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.355	110.9	110.5	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.0	-0.4
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.739	122.7	121.9	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.1	-0.7
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.508	89.3	89.3	-1.8	-1.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0

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**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: September 2012 to September 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	100.000	132.1	132.3	0.8	-0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.848	252.6	251.9	12.4	-0.7	2.1	3.4	-0.3
Manufactured articles.....	86.561	122.6	122.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	100.000	138.4	138.5	-1.6	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	22.432	345.6	346.6	-2.6	-1.0	1.1	0.8	0.3
Manufactured articles.....	77.226	110.0	110.0	-1.2	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.0
<b>Canada</b> .....	100.000	154.9	155.1	2.9	-0.5	-0.1	1.4	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	31.800	242.9	241.9	15.0	-0.7	2.4	3.6	-0.4
Manufactured articles.....	67.200	135.8	136.2	-1.9	-0.3	-1.2	0.4	0.3
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	100.000	135.2	135.7	1.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	1.031	355.8	357.6	-5.3	-0.3	2.2	-0.1	0.5
Manufactured articles.....	98.794	131.6	132.0	1.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	121.5	121.8	1.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	115.8	116.2	1.7	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.3
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	127.4	128.0	-4.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.5
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	100.000	175.3	175.5	-1.6	-0.3	0.4	0.6	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	32.800	382.4	383.8	0.1	-0.6	1.9	1.8	0.4
Manufactured articles.....	66.824	130.9	130.8	-2.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	144.0	144.1	-1.1	-0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	19.442	205.7	207.5	0.2	-3.5	2.2	2.4	0.9
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	80.259	93.6	93.5	-1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	100.000	103.0	103.0	-1.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	103.6	103.7	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Japan</b> .....	100.000	100.2	100.0	-2.8	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	100.000	90.8	90.6	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	100.000	104.4	104.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	100.000	267.5	268.1	-1.1	-2.0	0.6	2.5	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

2 Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

4 European Union countries.

5 Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

6 China, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

7 Asian Newly Industrialized Countries - Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

8 Association of Southeast Asian Nations - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

9 Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

**Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: September 2012 to September 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Aug. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013	May 2013 to June 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	171.8	172.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.874	163.2	167.0	5.9	-0.2	0.9	-1.1	2.3
Asia.....	73.784	151.7	151.9	-2.4	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	146.2	147.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.8
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	35.988	131.8	132.5	0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.5
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	160.6	161.5	-1.3	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.972	147.0	149.6	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.8	1.8
Asia.....	67.322	145.6	146.0	-2.8	-1.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	145.6	145.8	-0.7	-1.3	0.0	0.1	0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	27.964	159.9	160.3	-2.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.3
Asia.....	52.404	139.1	139.1	0.3	-1.8	0.3	0.2	0.0
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	181.8	181.8	1.1	10.7	-3.9	-7.9	0.0
Europe.....	42.683	201.9	211.3	10.5	14.6	-8.0	-8.1	4.7
Asia.....	26.864	156.4	146.3	-4.1	11.4	-3.5	-6.3	-6.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	9.871	173.2	162.3	3.5	5.0	1.5	-1.5	-6.3
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	209.1	187.6	-0.1	3.2	3.4	3.2	-10.3
Europe.....	28.622	251.6	225.3	2.3	16.8	1.9	-4.6	-10.5
Asia.....	32.786	207.4	156.0	-10.4	0.5	-0.8	24.9	-24.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	20.730	206.3	191.1	-11.3	4.1	8.2	0.5	-7.4

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

## TECHNICAL NOTE

**Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes** -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

**Merchandise Goods Classification Systems** -- The merchandise price indexes are published using three classification systems. Items are classified by end use according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis Classification System, by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and by product category according to the Harmonized System (HS). While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, some notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS imports and exports tables, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products manufacturing) include outputs such as manufactured plastic rather than inputs such as petroleum. The NAICS classification structure also matches the classification system used by the PPI (Producer Price Index) to produce the NAICS primary products indexes.

**Import Price Indexes** -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). Import prices are based on U.S. dollar prices paid by the U.S. importer. The prices are generally either "free on board" (f.o.b.) foreign port or "cost, insurance, and freight" (c.i.f.) U.S. port transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. The index for crude petroleum is calculated from data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Export Price Indexes** -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Schedule B classification system of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The prices used are generally either "free alongside ship" (f.a.s.) factory or "free on board" (f.o.b.) transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. Prices used in the grain index, excluding rice, are obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Services Price Indexes** -- Starting in September 2008 the Import Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by foreign carriers from U.S. residents and are calculated from data obtained from an airline consulting service. These data include tickets sold by travel agencies and travel websites. Tickets sold directly by the airlines are excluded, as are frequent flyer tickets generally. Starting in January 2008 the Export Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by U.S. carriers from foreign residents and are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data include frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. Taxes and fees are included in the Import Air Passenger Fares Index and excluded from the Export Air Passenger Fares Index. The Air Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data exclude mail and passenger baggage. The scope of the service being priced is the movement of freight from airport to airport only, and does not include any ground transportation or port service. The Air Freight Indexes are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represent transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represent transactions inbound to and outbound from the U.S.). Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "MXP Publications."

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