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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - MAY 2006 -

The U.S. Import Price Index advanced 1.6 percent in May, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Import prices rose for the second consecutive month as higher petroleum and nonpetroleum prices both contributed to the May increase. Export prices rose 0.7 percent in May following a 0.6 percent advance the previous month.

Percent changes in import and export price indexes by End Use category - not seasonally adjusted -

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All Imports	Petroleum Imports	Non-petroleum Imports	All Exports	Agricultural Exports	Nonagricultural Exports
<u>2005</u>						
May	-0.8	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.0	-0.5
June	1.2	8.9	-0.2	0.0	1.0	-0.1
July	1.2	7.7	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
August	1.4	7.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1
September	2.1	6.9	0.9	0.8	-1.4	1.0
October	0.1	-3.1	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.8
November	-1.9	-9.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
December	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.2
<u>2006</u>						
January	1.2	5.8	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.7
February	-0.8 r	-1.0 r	-0.7 r	0.1	-0.7	0.2 r
March	-0.1 r	0.5	-0.3	0.2	-0.1 r	0.2
April	2.1	11.5	0.1 r	0.6	-0.6	0.7
May	1.6	5.2	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
May 2004-05	5.9	27.1	2.6	2.5	-8.2	3.7
May 2005-06	8.3	45.7	1.5	3.4	-1.4	3.8

r = revised to reflect late reports and corrections by respondents.

Import Goods

The 1.6 percent rise in May followed a 2.1 percent increase in April, and marked the largest 2-month jump for the index since October 1990. A 5.2 percent rise in petroleum prices and a 0.6 percent advance in nonpetroleum prices both contributed to the overall increase in May. The advance in petroleum prices was the third consecutive monthly increase for the index, but was less than half the 11.5 percent jump recorded in April. Petroleum prices rose 45.7 percent for the year ended in May. The 0.6 percent increase in nonpetroleum prices last month was the largest monthly change since October and followed a comparatively modest 0.1 percent advance in April. Over the past 12 months, nonpetroleum import prices rose 1.5 percent while overall import prices increased 8.3 percent.

The May increase in nonpetroleum prices was led by a 2.5 percent advance in prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. That increase was primarily driven by a continued rise in metals prices, although higher prices for building materials and chemicals were also contributing factors. The price index for unfinished metals rose 7.8 percent in May, which was the largest monthly increase for that index since monthly publication began back in September 1988. Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials rose 9.0 percent for the year ended in May.

Higher prices for consumer goods; foods, feeds and beverages; and automotive vehicles also contributed to the May increase in nonpetroleum prices. Consumer goods prices advanced 0.3 percent in May, but declined 0.1 percent over the past 12 months. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 1.3 percent for the month and prices for automotive vehicles ticked up 0.1 percent. Over the past year, the price indexes for foods, feeds, and beverages and automotive vehicles increased 1.9 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Capital goods prices were unchanged in May and down 1.6 percent for the May 2005-2006 period.

Export Goods

Export prices increased for the sixth consecutive month, rising 0.7 percent in May following a 0.6 percent advance in April. Higher nonagricultural prices and a turnaround in agricultural prices both contributed to the May increase. Agricultural prices rose 0.8 percent in May after falling in each of the three previous months, and were led by rising soybean prices. Despite the increase, prices for agricultural exports declined 1.4 percent for the year ended in May. Nonagricultural prices rose 0.6 percent in May after increasing 0.7 percent in April, and advanced 3.8 percent over the past year. Overall export prices rose 3.4 percent for the year ended in May.

The increase in nonagricultural prices was led by a 1.7 percent advance in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices. Continued higher prices for metals and fuel, as well as an upturn in chemicals prices all contributed to the increase. The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials rose 11.6 percent over the past 12 months.

Prices for each of the major finished goods areas also rose in May; consumer goods prices increased 0.5 percent, and the price indexes for both capital goods and automotive vehicles ticked up 0.1 percent. For the year ended in May, consumer goods prices increased 1.0 percent, automotive vehicles prices increased 1.1 percent, and capital goods prices increased 0.2 percent.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Mexico, from Canada, and from the European Union all rose in May, as higher petroleum prices contributed to the increases. The price index of imports from Mexico increased 1.8 percent for the month after rising 0.6 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively, in March and April. The index increased 8.1 percent for the year ended in May. Prices of imports from Canada and from the European Union also increased in May, rising 1.5 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively. Import prices from Canada advanced 9.0 percent over the past 12 months, while import prices from the European Union rose 3.1 percent for the same period.

In contrast, prices of imports from China declined 0.1 percent in May, while import prices from Japan were unchanged for the month. The price indexes for imports from China and from Japan have both trended down over the past year, falling 1.3 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively, over that period.

Import and Export Services

Export air passenger fares advanced 5.6 percent in May, the largest increase for the index since an 8.1 percent jump in July 2005. The May increase was led by an 11.0 percent rise in Asian fares. Despite that advance, export air passenger fares declined 2.5 percent over the past 12 months. Import air passenger fares also rose in May, increasing 1.1 percent following a sharp 5.7 percent jump the previous month. European fares rose by a comparatively modest 0.9 percent after rising 8.1 percent in April. Led by the recent increases, import air passenger fares rose 5.6 percent for the year ended in May.

Prices for import and export air freight both increased in May, rising 1.1 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively. Both indexes were unchanged for the previous month.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES IN THE U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES

Due to budget constraints, the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes classified by the Standard International Classification System (SITC), currently found in Tables 7 and 8, will no longer be published beginning with the release of July 2006 data on August 11.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on July 14 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	115.1	116.9	8.3	-0.8	-0.1	2.1	1.6
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	80.249	103.1	103.7	1.5	-0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.6
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	77.961	105.8	106.5	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.242	116.2	117.7	1.9	-2.1	0.3	-0.7	1.3
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.175	124.7	126.6	0.9	-3.3	0.0	-0.6	1.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.067	97.5	97.9	5.0	1.5	1.0	-0.7	0.4
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	36.629	170.3	177.0	26.6	-1.8	-0.2	6.2	3.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.878	128.7	131.9	9.0	-2.8	-1.1	0.5	2.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	14.590	136.2	140.1	9.8	1.4	0.7	1.0	2.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.333	129.0	134.2	12.2	1.8	1.0	1.4	4.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.545	127.4	128.2	4.7	-7.6	-3.5	-0.7	0.6
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	22.038	221.3	231.7	39.7	-4.0	-0.9	9.9	4.7
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	19.751	231.0	242.9	45.7	-1.0	0.5	11.5	5.2
10000	Crude.....	14.429	232.7	241.5	45.7	-1.1	1.5	11.6	3.8
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	0.924	109.6	110.7	5.9	0.7	0.3	1.7	1.0
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.428	119.0	119.8	5.3	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.7
13	Selected building materials.....	2.048	118.2	120.1	3.7	0.0	-0.3	0.1	1.6
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	4.073	165.5	178.4	26.3	4.4	2.4	2.7	7.8
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.562	120.7	122.6	4.8	-0.1	0.5	1.3	1.6
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.555	100.9	100.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	21.225	90.9	90.9	-1.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.499	100.0	100.4	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.067	87.8	87.7	-2.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.659	107.3	107.5	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	14.448	103.6	103.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.456	99.5	99.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.175	102.7	102.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.131	96.4	96.9	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.5
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.149	98.4	98.4	-4.5	-0.2	-3.2	0.2	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	109.5	110.3	3.4	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.411	120.0	121.0	-1.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.6	0.8
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.589	108.8	109.5	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.6
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.667	120.7	122.1	-1.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	1.2
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	5.924	120.5	122.0	-1.5	-1.0	-0.2	-0.7	1.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.743	122.1	122.7	1.6	1.2	-1.0	-0.7	0.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	29.899	133.9	136.1	10.9	0.5	0.5	2.0	1.6
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.793	139.4	143.0	15.9	2.0	1.2	2.7	2.6
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	19.106	131.1	132.5	8.3	-0.2	0.2	1.6	1.1
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.487	117.2	116.2	-0.8	0.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.9
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	28.412	135.1	137.4	11.6	0.5	0.6	2.1	1.7
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	4.782	187.0	190.9	31.7	-1.3	2.2	7.8	2.1
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	22.477	129.8	132.1	8.6	0.9	0.3	1.0	1.8
13	Selected building materials.....	1.153	108.7	109.1	3.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.317	98.5	98.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.902	104.8	105.1	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.756	92.8	92.9	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.659	116.8	117.0	4.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.817	104.4	104.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.300	102.2	102.7	1.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.5
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.073	102.8	103.0	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.243	100.7	101.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.8

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Table 3 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	18.288	107.4	111.2	n.a.	-5.2	-0.6	8.4	3.5
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	1.288	91.9	95.8	n.a.	-8.2	-1.0	-2.8	4.2
111	Agricultural products.....	0.880	86.2	90.3	n.a.	-12.8	-2.9	-3.0	4.8
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	17.000	108.8	112.5	n.a.	-4.9	-0.6	9.3	3.4
	Manufactured Articles.....	81.121	101.6	102.8	n.a.	0.3	0.0	0.8	1.2
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	10.543	100.8	100.9	n.a.	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1
311	Food and kindred products.....	2.504	101.8	102.3	n.a.	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.5
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.817	100.7	100.8	n.a.	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.1
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	0.519	102.2	102.3	n.a.	0.4	-0.2	2.5	0.1
314	Textile mill products.....	0.740	100.3	100.3	n.a.	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
315	Apparel and accessories.....	4.477	100.4	100.4	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
316	Leather and allied products.....	1.486	100.0	100.1	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	17.719	103.5	106.5	n.a.	-0.1	-0.4	2.7	2.9
321	Wood products.....	1.374	100.1	102.4	n.a.	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6	2.3
322	Paper.....	1.465	102.5	103.1	n.a.	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.6
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	4.555	112.6	123.5	n.a.	-0.2	-2.5	12.7	9.7
325	Chemicals.....	7.524	100.4	100.7	n.a.	-0.1	0.5	-0.9	0.3
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	1.611	101.1	101.1	n.a.	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	1.084	101.5	101.6	n.a.	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.1
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	52.859	101.1	102.0	n.a.	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.9
331	Primary metals.....	4.614	113.3	123.3	n.a.	4.3	2.3	3.1	8.8
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.457	102.2	102.7	n.a.	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.5
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	6.323	101.3	101.7	n.a.	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4
334	Computer and electronic products.....	14.342	98.6	98.4	n.a.	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.507	100.6	101.1	n.a.	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5
336	Transportation equipment.....	15.361	100.1	100.1	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
337	Furniture and fixtures.....	1.497	100.0	100.0	n.a.	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.758	101.1	102.0	n.a.	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.9

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	6.029	104.4	106.3	n.a.	-0.2	-1.5	2.7	1.8
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	4.002	100.6	101.3	n.a.	-1.3	0.7	-0.4	0.7
111	Agricultural products.....	3.553	99.8	100.6	n.a.	-1.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.8
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	2.027	112.7	117.3	n.a.	1.8	-5.8	9.1	4.1
211	Oil and gas.....	0.491	87.2	82.8	n.a.	-13.6	-15.7	11.2	-5.0
212	Minerals and ores.....	1.536	124.4	133.0	n.a.	8.7	-2.3	8.6	6.9
	Manufactured Articles.....	91.731	101.3	101.9	n.a.	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	6.504	98.1	98.7	n.a.	-0.1	-0.3	-1.3	0.6
311	Food and kindred products.....	3.667	97.9	98.8	n.a.	0.0	-0.6	-1.1	0.9
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.578	101.0	101.2	n.a.	0.3	-0.1	1.2	0.2
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	1.043	95.0	94.9	n.a.	-0.2	0.0	-4.5	-0.1
315	Apparel and accessories.....	0.626	98.9	98.9	n.a.	0.0	0.0	-1.1	0.0
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	23.786	103.0	104.3	n.a.	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.3
321	Wood products.....	0.556	101.2	102.1	n.a.	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.9
322	Paper.....	2.133	104.6	104.8	n.a.	0.6	0.4	2.3	0.2
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	2.799	117.5	123.5	n.a.	-1.6	4.1	8.3	5.1
325	Chemicals.....	14.847	100.8	101.8	n.a.	0.6	0.0	-0.2	1.0
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	2.468	102.4	102.8	n.a.	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	0.879	99.1	99.1	n.a.	0.6	-1.7	0.0	0.0
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	61.441	101.0	101.4	n.a.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
331	Primary metals.....	3.648	108.0	112.1	n.a.	2.3	2.0	1.3	3.8
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.759	104.9	105.0	n.a.	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.1
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	12.174	101.2	101.2	n.a.	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0
334	Computer and electronic products.....	18.469	99.1	99.1	n.a.	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.520	101.1	101.4	n.a.	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.3
336	Transportation equipment.....	16.338	101.2	101.3	n.a.	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.210	100.1	101.1	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.183	115.5	117.9	3.6	1.0	1.3	-1.3	2.1
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.343	137.5	137.8	-1.4	1.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.2
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.624	94.4	95.8	8.7	2.2	2.0	-0.8	1.5
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.215	142.3	152.1	-1.3	-3.3	2.6	-4.1	6.9
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.025	104.5	107.9	-12.5	-10.1	-3.3	-2.9	3.3
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.253	123.7	135.2	-17.2	-33.2	8.7	-8.1	9.3
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.279	81.1	82.0	-9.1	3.2	-4.0	-0.5	1.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.234	118.1	120.1	-1.1	-1.7	-3.7	-2.6	1.7
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.260	105.2	106.4	-19.6	-0.6	-12.6	-0.5	1.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.063	118.9	119.1	4.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.806	128.5	128.8	4.3	1.0	0.0	1.1	0.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.256	116.2	116.4	14.8	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.782	109.7	109.7	2.9	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.0
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	21.906	220.7	230.7	39.3	-4.0	-0.8	9.7	4.5
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	21.576	220.4	230.5	39.8	-4.1	-0.7	9.8	4.6
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.330	136.2	137.6	10.7	1.3	0.7	2.3	1.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	6.907	112.9	113.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.7
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.709	153.6	157.5	19.5	-0.8	1.4	1.7	2.5
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.716	114.4	115.4	2.8	1.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.9
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.958	105.6	105.7	-4.8	-1.1	0.1	-1.9	0.1
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.176	100.6	100.8	-0.7	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.2
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.376	106.2	106.4	0.4	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.2
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.390	91.3	91.5	-3.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.805	118.0	118.1	4.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.846	116.5	116.4	1.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.959	120.9	121.4	8.6	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.620	104.0	104.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.531	103.8	104.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.455	122.3	124.8	3.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	2.0
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.657	106.8	107.4	4.7	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.6
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.206	110.9	115.1	7.2	2.1	0.6	2.7	3.8
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.182	105.8	105.9	5.2	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.1
49	Printed matter.....	0.269	112.9	112.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	5.534	101.1	101.1	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.0
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.022	100.8	100.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.236	99.9	99.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.493	93.8	93.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.783	108.4	108.7	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.9	0.3
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.247	100.0	100.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.051	100.7	100.7	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.196	96.5	96.5	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.950	106.5	106.7	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.2
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.323	103.1	103.3	4.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.2
69	Ceramic products.....	0.304	111.2	111.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.324	104.2	104.5	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.3
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.570	115.2	121.6	24.2	3.8	-0.2	2.5	5.6
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.907	142.9	149.7	12.5	2.1	1.6	1.6	4.8
72	Iron and steel.....	1.522	161.5	163.9	-4.9	1.3	1.0	3.1	1.5
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.426	123.9	124.4	1.6	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.600	207.6	250.8	74.9	3.1	1.4	5.1	20.8
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	1.008	137.1	142.3	21.4	3.2	4.3	0.1	3.8
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.382	107.2	107.3	1.5	1.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.451	117.2	117.7	4.5	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.4
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.518	164.1	192.4	43.4	8.4	4.8	2.8	17.2
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	23.633	87.9	87.9	-2.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.285	88.2	88.2	-2.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.348	87.6	87.5	-2.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.372	104.6	104.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	12.323	104.1	104.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	0.910	105.8	106.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.145	99.5	99.6	-0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.803	98.3	98.3	-1.0	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.247	110.6	112.1	4.0	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.4
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.805	99.3	99.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.203	102.9	102.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.387	94.6	94.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.214	101.7	101.8	1.6	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

2 Product categories included in this group have been modified due to concordance or coverage limitations.

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.232	117.9	120.6	-7.7	-0.7	-3.4	-4.6	2.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.451	121.1	121.6	6.0	1.6	-1.1	-1.0	0.4
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.518	124.6	126.0	-1.6	-1.5	0.7	-0.1	1.1
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.655	111.5	110.6	-12.2	-3.5	-2.0	3.6	-0.8
10	Cereals.....	1.550	129.2	129.9	12.9	1.9	2.1	-0.5	0.5
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.818	116.1	121.6	-5.4	-3.3	0.8	-5.1	4.7
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.303	112.1	112.3	2.6	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.2
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.438	108.0	108.1	-1.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.418	126.1	125.3	7.5	-0.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.6
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.801	108.9	109.0	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.9	0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	4.859	237.3	247.8	39.5	0.4	-0.6	8.3	4.4
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	3.855	214.5	220.4	32.1	-2.5	0.1	7.1	2.8
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	12.076	119.3	120.0	3.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.155	147.0	147.1	14.8	7.6	7.1	1.4	0.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	4.121	129.5	131.2	3.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	1.3
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.442	108.1	108.4	0.5	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.3
31	Fertilizers.....	0.380	148.7	148.8	3.5	-1.1	-6.0	2.0	0.1
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.644	109.4	110.9	3.4	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.4
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.715	113.4	113.6	0.1	0.4	0.0	1.4	0.2
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.415	107.9	107.9	3.7	-0.2	1.6	-0.9	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.369	102.8	103.1	-2.6	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.3
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.627	110.7	111.0	3.9	0.6	0.0	-0.8	0.3
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.924	126.4	127.8	6.6	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	1.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.783	122.9	124.4	5.2	0.3	-0.8	-1.3	1.2
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.141	140.6	141.8	13.0	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.9
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.488	115.8	116.0	3.9	0.4	2.1	0.3	0.2
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.346	109.1	109.4	1.9	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.752	106.6	107.3	2.5	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.7
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.678	104.0	104.3	2.4	0.5	0.4	1.4	0.3
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.571	95.1	95.2	-2.4	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.1
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.500	104.3	104.7	4.2	0.5	0.3	2.1	0.4
49	Printed material.....	0.607	116.2	116.5	2.6	0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.3

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.746	101.2	100.8	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.752	94.0	92.4	-0.8	0.1	-2.4	1.4	-1.7
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.326	94.6	94.6	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.668	113.5	113.6	0.3	-0.9	0.3	-1.0	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.830	103.1	103.1	1.1	0.8	-1.2	-0.1	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.468	94.8	94.9	-1.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.722	127.5	134.3	25.3	2.9	1.6	2.2	5.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.349	145.1	148.7	11.9	1.3	1.2	2.1	2.5
72	Iron and steel.....	1.140	166.1	163.8	0.2	-0.2	2.1	3.5	-1.4
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.318	133.8	134.4	7.2	2.7	-0.1	0.9	0.4
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.697	207.7	236.9	64.6	3.3	2.4	9.2	14.1
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.888	131.6	136.9	16.6	1.3	2.6	-0.4	4.0
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.420	110.3	110.6	2.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.441	121.6	121.6	2.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	32.825	93.8	93.8	-1.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.228	101.3	101.4	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.597	85.5	85.4	-3.6	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.523	111.3	111.4	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.946	104.5	104.6	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.379	102.0	102.3	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.445	101.0	101.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.790	107.1	107.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.512	94.0	94.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.6	0.0

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance April 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual May 2005 to May 2006	Monthly			
						Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	115.1	116.9	8.3	-0.8	-0.1	2.1	1.6
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.181	115.1	117.3	1.1	-3.0	0.6	-1.3	1.9
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.391	138.3	138.5	-0.1	1.0	-1.4	-0.2	0.1
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.787	93.9	95.1	8.3	2.0	1.6	-0.8	1.3
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.800	108.2	111.9	-4.5	-12.1	1.7	-2.8	3.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.426	124.9	125.9	-0.2	-0.8	-2.3	0.2	0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.777	130.9	133.9	1.8	-0.5	1.1	-1.5	2.3
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.835	109.5	109.7	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
11	Beverages.....	0.751	110.0	110.1	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.806	135.3	138.4	4.9	0.7	-2.0	0.5	2.3
24	Cork and wood.....	0.645	123.8	128.3	4.6	-0.2	-0.9	-1.3	3.6
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.207	111.4	115.5	7.1	2.1	0.6	2.7	3.7
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.391	207.3	210.7	16.2	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.6
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.182	92.7	93.0	-24.3	-0.9	-19.3	1.9	0.3
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	21.483	222.0	232.3	39.7	-4.1	-0.8	10.0	4.6
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	19.217	231.7	243.4	45.7	-1.0	0.7	11.7	5.0
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	2.056	162.1	164.0	3.8	-22.3	-11.6	-2.1	1.2
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.836	115.3	115.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.3
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.532	115.5	116.4	3.4	1.2	0.0	-0.1	0.8
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.707	163.9	165.9	22.8	-0.7	1.1	1.5	1.2
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.198	106.4	106.5	-3.5	-0.9	0.1	-1.6	0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.445	94.2	94.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.2
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.663	130.3	129.7	2.2	-0.8	-1.4	-1.8	-0.5
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.370	108.3	108.1	1.1	0.2	-0.3	0.6	-0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.543	101.9	102.0	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.158	119.7	123.2	9.2	1.3	0.7	1.3	2.9
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.682	106.1	106.2	1.9	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.778	113.9	115.1	1.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	1.1
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.167	106.7	107.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.3
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.268	106.0	106.0	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.004	102.7	102.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.846	155.5	157.4	-3.0	1.1	0.6	2.1	1.2
68	Nonferrous metals.....	2.285	158.6	180.3	51.8	5.6	3.2	3.7	13.7
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.049	110.8	111.1	2.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	37.080	93.9	94.0	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.342	104.7	104.8	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.735	112.3	112.6	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.433	119.2	119.6	-0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.3

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance April 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.056	109.3	110.1	2.7	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.7
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.201	65.7	65.4	-7.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.222	78.9	78.7	-4.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	5.892	94.2	94.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	12.080	104.1	104.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	15.091	101.7	102.0	1.0	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.447	97.0	97.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.812	105.6	105.6	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.366	106.0	106.3	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	4.596	101.1	101.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
85	Footwear.....	1.050	100.9	100.9	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.805	100.9	100.8	-0.7	0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.764	97.7	98.0	-1.1	0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.251	102.0	103.1	3.6	0.9	-0.3	0.4	1.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

2 Product categories included in this group have been modified due to concordance or coverage limitations.

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

n.a. Not available

Table 8 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance April 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	109.5	110.3	3.4	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.630	122.5	123.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.6
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.624	121.2	125.9	-10.1	-0.6	-2.8	-4.6	3.9
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.480	113.9	114.4	4.0	0.8	-1.1	-0.8	0.4
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.805	129.1	129.7	11.7	1.7	2.1	-0.2	0.5
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.259	121.4	121.1	-11.9	-4.2	-1.4	3.3	-0.2
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.503	126.7	126.0	7.9	-0.2	0.2	0.7	-0.6
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.493	106.9	107.0	-0.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.466	107.5	107.2	-2.1	0.4	-3.0	-4.0	-0.3
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.583	101.5	101.7	-1.2	0.3	-0.5	0.9	0.2
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.328	101.3	101.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.5	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.170	142.3	147.1	14.5	1.3	0.4	3.5	3.4
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.665	113.3	120.1	-6.0	-3.9	0.7	-6.2	6.0
24	Cork and wood.....	0.490	99.4	100.1	2.4	0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.7
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.569	99.3	99.4	-2.4	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.1
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.701	109.8	107.7	2.6	-0.8	-2.6	0.6	-1.9
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.618	295.8	321.0	51.2	6.8	0.8	13.3	8.5
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.127	143.4	143.8	12.6	-0.1	1.7	1.7	0.3
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	3.883	226.8	233.2	33.9	-2.8	0.1	7.5	2.8
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.907	240.4	251.9	41.3	-1.0	3.7	7.8	4.8
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.391	120.4	121.7	4.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	1.1
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.673	133.2	135.6	3.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	1.8
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.048	137.9	140.3	16.1	6.8	6.5	1.9	1.7
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.994	108.4	108.7	0.7	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.3
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.024	113.6	113.9	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.3
56	Fertilizers.....	0.376	153.1	153.2	3.3	-1.4	-5.9	1.7	0.1
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.739	128.9	131.6	5.4	0.3	-1.7	-2.5	2.1
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	1.008	110.0	109.8	6.3	0.3	-0.1	0.6	-0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.898	109.9	110.2	3.4	0.6	0.0	-0.5	0.3
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.776	120.5	122.0	6.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.741	120.8	122.1	5.8	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.1
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.439	107.6	107.8	4.1	0.4	0.3	2.5	0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.521	109.3	109.5	-1.8	-0.1	0.1	-1.5	0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.754	105.2	105.2	2.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.180	163.9	164.3	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.520	134.7	144.0	32.7	3.1	3.6	2.9	6.9
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.200	127.3	127.4	7.6	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.1

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Table 8 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance	Index		Percent Change				
			April 2006	May 2006	Annual May 2005 to May 2006	Monthly			
						Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.422	120.7	121.3	2.0	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.5
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.490	98.5	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.749	114.2	114.3	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.057	116.3	116.5	5.2	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.791	104.5	104.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.822	111.7	111.8	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.771	77.1	77.2	-4.9	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.269	87.1	87.0	-3.1	-0.8	-0.9	0.0	-0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	10.763	83.9	84.0	-3.8	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.553	104.3	104.3	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.110	103.4	103.7	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.602	104.7	104.7	0.5	0.1	-0.2	1.1	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.611	95.7	95.7	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.508	104.3	104.6	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.924	95.6	94.9	-1.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.7
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.108	105.3	106.0	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.357	112.9	112.9	3.1	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

2 Product categories included in this group have been modified due to concordance or coverage limitations.

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Table 9 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	46.371	114.8	116.4	6.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.2	1.4
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.994	185.0	189.6	22.3	-10.2	-3.9	8.2	2.5
Manufactured Articles.....	41.944	109.4	110.8	4.4	0.7	-0.2	0.5	1.3
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	53.651	113.8	115.9	10.3	-0.3	0.0	2.6	1.8
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	9.299	207.4	215.1	37.6	-2.6	1.1	8.2	3.7
Manufactured Articles.....	44.152	100.5	101.7	2.8	0.3	-0.3	0.9	1.2
Canada.....	17.089	128.2	130.1	9.0	-2.5	-1.4	2.2	1.5
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.239	185.0	188.9	19.0	-12.9	-4.7	8.0	2.1
Manufactured Articles.....	13.575	117.9	119.4	6.0	0.9	-0.5	0.6	1.3
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	18.654	116.6	117.5	3.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.8
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	0.367	215.6	222.6	27.7	0.7	-0.3	0.7	3.2
Manufactured Articles.....	18.150	114.8	115.4	2.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	1.971	102.7	103.1	0.8	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.187	102.3	102.7	-1.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.947	116.3	118.3	7.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	1.7
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.406	140.6	144.1	17.2	-0.9	1.1	4.6	2.5
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	4.158	215.5	223.6	38.4	-4.3	3.0	10.4	3.8
Manufactured Articles.....	13.173	126.5	129.0	9.2	0.5	0.2	2.3	2.0
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.594	117.3	119.4	8.1	-1.5	0.6	2.2	1.8
<u>6/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	34.090	98.4	98.6	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	13.773	97.7	97.6	-1.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Japan.....	8.920	94.4	94.4	-1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.216	88.6	88.7	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.086	97.1	97.2	-1.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.547	177.3	182.6	30.3	-1.6	1.1	5.7	3.0

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

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

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

7 Asia Newly Industrialized Countries. Includes Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

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

9 Includes 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.

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Table 10 U.S. International Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Transportation Services
 May 2005-May 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Relative importance	Index		Percent Change				
		April 2006	May 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				May 2005 to May 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006	April 2006 to May 2006
AIR FREIGHT								
Import Air Freight.....	100.000	129.2	130.6	n.a.	2.3	-0.4	0.0	1.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.518	121.7	124.9	n.a.	2.7	-0.4	0.8	2.6
Asia.....	50.488	116.6	116.6	n.a.	1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Export Air Freight.....	100.000	113.6	114.7	n.a.	1.5	0.2	0.0	1.0
Inbound Air Freight.....	100.000	124.3	126.8	n.a.	1.3	-0.4	0.0	2.0
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	38.095	117.7	121.9	n.a.	1.7	-0.1	0.4	3.6
Asia.....	49.503	110.3	111.5	n.a.	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	1.1
Outbound Air Freight.....	100.000	113.7	116.1	n.a.	1.4	0.4	0.2	2.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	42.371	128.2	133.5	n.a.	1.8	0.1	0.6	4.1
Asia.....	42.824	105.7	107.4	n.a.	0.5	0.7	-0.2	1.6
AIR PASSENGER FARES								
Import Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	121.4	122.7	5.6	-0.1	0.2	5.7	1.1
Europe.....	61.098	116.0	117.0	4.7	1.2	0.3	8.1	0.9
Asia.....	13.686	111.3	113.5	3.3	-2.1	0.0	2.4	2.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	10.086	112.5	115.5	4.1	-2.5	0.0	-0.2	2.7
Export Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	131.7	139.1	-2.5	1.7	-3.0	0.7	5.6
Europe.....	31.617	160.6	164.2	-4.6	4.2	-3.0	10.0	2.2
Asia.....	34.481	105.7	117.3	-7.6	2.9	-4.8	-4.9	11.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	18.267	146.7	148.4	6.3	-5.5	-1.6	1.3	1.2
Inbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	113.4	119.6	-0.9	-0.1	-0.9	2.6	5.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.436	115.8	118.6	-4.3	3.6	-3.0	11.1	2.4
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	28.985	102.2	114.3	-5.0	-3.6	2.1	-4.7	11.8
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	14.661	114.4	116.2	5.9	-4.1	-2.1	1.1	1.6
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	9.680	145.7	155.7	19.8	4.7	1.5	-4.6	6.9
Outbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100)....	100.000	116.6	118.0	5.9	-0.5	0.1	5.4	1.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	51.692	121.0	122.0	5.7	1.1	0.2	8.4	0.8
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	14.873	105.8	109.9	2.6	-2.9	0.0	3.2	3.9
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	19.497	108.4	109.7	4.4	-1.9	0.4	1.2	1.2
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	8.692	149.1	153.4	23.2	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.9
CRUDE OIL TANKER FREIGHT								
<u>2/</u> Inbound Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	100.000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.1	-13.1	n.a.	n.a.
OCEAN LINER FREIGHT								
Inbound Ocean Liner Freight.....	100.000	125.4	117.6	-7.9	-0.2	-0.7	0.0	-6.2
U.S. East Coast.....	39.184	126.5	121.1	-2.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-4.3
From Atlantic.....	17.798	131.9	121.4	-1.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	-8.0
From Pacific.....	15.401	122.4	120.3	-2.3	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.7
U.S. West Coast.....	60.816	125.2	115.9	-11.2	0.2	-1.1	0.0	-7.4

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

2 Publication of the Crude Oil Tanker Freight Indexes is lagged two months.

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

n.a. 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 for merchandise goods 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 four classification systems. Items are classified, respectively, by end use for the Bureau of Economic Analysis System, industry for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and product category for the Harmonized System (HS) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) System. While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, a couple of notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS tables, for both imports and exports, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products) would 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 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.

Import Indexes by Locality of Origin -- Prices used in these indexes are a subset of the data collected for the Import Price Indexes. Beginning with January 2002, the indexes are defined by locality of origin using a nomenclature based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Nonmanufactured goods are defined as NAICS 11 and 21, and manufactured goods are defined as NAICS 31-33.

Services Price Indexes -- Price indexes for internationally traded services 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.). The Air Passenger Fares Indexes are calculated from data collected from a commercial airline reservation system. These data exclude frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. The Crude Oil Tanker Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected by the U. S. Department of Energy, and the publication of these indexes is lagged two months. The Air Freight and Ocean Liner Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from companies. Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "Publications and Other Documentation."

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Uses of the Data -- The primary use of the indexes is to deflate trade statistics, notably the foreign trade sector of the National Income and Product Accounts constructed by the Department of Commerce. Other published indexes are useful for general market analysis. For trade in international services, Balance of Payments indexes are used for deflating National Income and Product Accounts, while International indexes are more appropriate for market analysis. Merchandise and services indexes also can be used to study U.S. competitiveness and price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful for terms of trade analysis.

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