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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - MARCH 2005 -

The U.S. Import Price Index rose 1.8 percent in March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase was the largest monthly advance since January 2003 and was again driven by higher petroleum prices. U.S. export prices increased 0.7 percent in March after recording no change 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>2004</u>						
March	0.8	5.1	0.2	0.8	3.5	0.5
April	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.7	2.5	0.5
May	1.5	9.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3
June	-0.2	-1.1	0.1	-0.7	-4.7	-0.2
July	0.4	2.3	0.0	0.5	-1.0	0.7
August	1.5	8.8	0.3	-0.5	-8.4	0.3
September	0.5	3.3	0.1	0.4	1.8	0.3
October	1.6	11.1	-0.1	0.6	-1.1	0.8
November	-0.3	-6.0	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
December	-1.4	-11.4 r	0.4	0.1	-1.1	0.2
<u>2005</u>						
January	0.6 r	2.3 r	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.9
February	0.8	4.6 r	0.1 r	0.0	-1.0 r	0.1
March	1.8	10.6	0.3	0.7	3.7	0.4
March 2003-04	1.1	1.3	1.0	3.3	20.7	1.8
March 2004-05	7.1	36.1	2.9	3.3	-8.1	4.6

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

Import Goods

Import prices rose 1.8 percent in March, following increases of 0.8 percent and 0.6 percent the two previous months. For March, higher petroleum prices again led the overall increase in import prices, rising 10.6 percent for the month. The price index for petroleum increased 4.6 percent and 2.3 percent in February and January, respectively, and rose 36.1 percent over the past 12 months. Nonpetroleum prices also rose in March, increasing 0.3 percent, following 0.1 percent and 0.3 percent advances in the two prior months. Prices of nonpetroleum imports were up 2.9 percent for the year ended in March. Overall import prices increased 7.1 percent over the same period.

Higher prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials and for foods, feeds, and beverages led the increase in nonpetroleum prices. The price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials increased 1.1 percent in March, resuming the upward trend for this index following a modest 0.3 percent decline in February. Rising prices for building materials, metals, natural gas, and chemicals all contributed to the March advance. Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 3.4 percent in March, primarily the result of higher vegetable prices. For the year ended in March, nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices and foods, feeds, and beverages prices increased by similar amounts, rising 11.1 percent and 9.7 percent, respectively.

In contrast, prices for each of the major finished goods areas either decreased or were unchanged in March. Consumer goods prices declined 0.4 percent for the month, the first decrease for the index since last August. Despite the March drop, prices for consumer goods increased 1.0 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for capital goods decreased for the second consecutive month, dipping 0.1 percent after a similar 0.1 percent decline in February. For the year ended in March, capital goods prices fell 0.9 percent. Prices for automotive vehicles were unchanged for the third month in a row, but increased 1.4 percent over the past year.

Export Goods

Export prices rose 0.7 percent in March with both agricultural prices and nonagricultural prices contributing to the increase. Prices for agricultural exports advanced 3.7 percent, the largest increase for the index since November 2003. The turnaround of the recent declining trend for agricultural prices, down 8.1 percent over the past year, was led primarily by higher soybean prices. Nonagricultural prices, which have declined only once over the past year, rose 0.4 percent in March after a 0.1 percent rise in February. Prices for nonagricultural exports increased 4.6 percent for the year ended in March, leading the 3.3 percent rise in overall export prices over that period.

The March increase in nonagricultural prices was driven by a 1.2 percent advance in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. That increase was led by higher fuel prices. Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices have trended upward for the past year and a half and rose 14.1 percent over the past 12 months.

For the second consecutive month, the price indexes for the major finished goods categories recorded little movement. Prices for capital goods, which account for over forty percent of overall exports, decreased 0.1 percent in March. Despite the modest decline, capital goods prices increased 0.4 percent for the March 2004-2005 period. Automotive vehicle prices rose 0.1 percent in March, while prices for consumer goods were unchanged over the same period. For the year ended in March, the price indexes for automotive vehicles and for consumer goods both increased 1.4 percent.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Mexico and from Canada were up in March, jumping 2.7 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively. Higher fuel prices contributed to the increase for both indexes. Over the past 12 months, prices for imports from Canada rose 9.0 percent while prices for imports from Mexico advanced 6.8 percent. The price index for imports from the European Union also increased in March, rising a modest 0.2 percent. Import prices from the European Union rose 6.0 percent for the year ended in March.

In contrast, prices for imports from Japan and from China recorded little movement in March. Import prices from Japan remained unchanged in March after a 0.1 percent uptick in February, while the price index for imports from China fell 0.1 percent in March following no change in each of the two previous months. Over the past 12 months, prices for imports from Japan rose 0.8 percent whereas prices for imports from China declined 0.6 percent.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares declined a modest 0.1 percent in March, the third consecutive month the index was down. The decrease was led by a 0.3 percent drop in European fares. The index for export air passenger fares rose 1.3 percent in March following a 4.6 percent decline the previous month. Over the past 12 months, import fares rose 6.2 percent while export fares increased 10.6 percent.

Prices for import air freight rose 1.5 percent for the first quarter of 2005 as higher air freight prices from Asia more than offset a decline in the price of air freight from Europe. Overall, import air freight prices increased 9.9 percent for the year ended in March. Export air freight prices edged up 0.1 percent for the December-March quarter and increased 9.4 percent over the past year.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on May 13 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance February 2005 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual March 2004 to March 2005	Monthly			
						Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.4	107.3	7.1	-1.4	0.6	0.8	1.8
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	85.227	101.7	102.0	2.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	83.161	104.8	105.0	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.722	112.4	116.2	9.7	1.1	-0.2	1.0	3.4
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.485	121.0	126.1	11.6	1.3	-0.7	1.0	4.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.237	93.3	94.0	4.3	0.3	1.2	1.3	0.8
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	31.018	130.5	137.8	22.3	-5.1	1.2	2.0	5.6
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.245	118.6	119.9	11.1	0.8	0.1	-0.3	1.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	14.179	126.8	128.0	9.9	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.739	119.7	121.1	11.6	1.7	0.9	0.5	1.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.506	117.4	118.5	10.6	-0.3	-0.9	-1.0	0.9
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	16.839	147.4	161.5	34.4	-10.2	1.1	3.4	9.6
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	14.772	147.8	163.5	36.1	-11.4	2.3	4.6	10.6
10000	Crude.....	10.927	148.3	166.1	37.7	-12.6	3.8	5.0	12.0
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.002	103.1	103.7	8.5	0.2	1.2	0.6	0.6
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.551	111.7	112.3	6.5	0.5	1.4	0.4	0.5
13	Selected building materials.....	2.194	120.0	123.4	4.2	3.4	2.0	1.8	2.8
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.323	139.9	141.1	22.8	1.5	0.8	0.2	0.9
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.488	115.0	115.9	10.6	1.2	-0.1	0.3	0.8
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.621	100.3	100.2	0.9	0.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	22.190	92.4	92.3	-0.9	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.623	98.8	98.7	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.635	90.0	89.8	-1.5	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.932	105.4	105.3	1.7	0.3	0.8	0.1	-0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	16.289	103.2	103.2	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	25.781	100.1	99.7	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	-0.4
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	12.757	102.8	102.7	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.690	96.7	96.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.334	105.0	99.4	3.1	0.2	1.9	4.9	-5.3

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.7	106.4	3.3	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.7
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	8.500	114.9	119.2	-8.1	-1.1	0.6	-1.0	3.7
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	91.500	105.1	105.5	4.6	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.4
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	7.745	115.8	120.3	-7.8	-1.2	0.2	-1.1	3.9
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.978	115.3	119.9	-9.4	-1.6	0.1	-1.2	4.0
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.767	120.2	124.2	10.8	2.5	1.4	0.2	3.3
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	28.745	120.9	122.4	13.2	0.5	2.0	0.4	1.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.494	122.1	122.6	11.2	0.8	1.7	-0.2	0.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	18.250	120.4	122.4	14.4	0.3	2.2	0.8	1.7
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.522	112.7	115.7	-1.3	0.9	3.0	-0.1	2.7
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.223	121.5	122.9	14.1	0.4	2.0	0.4	1.2
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	3.396	133.7	143.8	32.0	-2.3	2.5	4.0	7.6
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	22.670	121.2	121.5	12.4	0.8	2.0	-0.1	0.2
13	Selected building materials.....	1.157	104.7	105.2	2.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.176	98.5	98.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.847	103.5	104.0	2.0	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.5
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.504	94.0	93.8	-0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.825	110.9	111.2	4.3	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.100	103.2	103.3	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.193	101.6	101.6	1.4	0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.096	101.4	101.3	1.4	0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.289	101.6	101.6	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.808	102.7	102.6	1.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

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			February 2005	March 2005	Annual March 2004 to March 2005	Monthly			
						Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.4	107.3	7.1	-1.4	0.6	0.8	1.8
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.695	112.9	117.6	11.6	0.8	-0.6	1.5	4.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.414	134.8	137.2	14.0	0.9	1.1	0.2	1.8
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.900	87.6	88.2	5.9	0.4	1.4	1.6	0.7
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.882	107.6	122.0	9.6	-3.5	-4.7	0.7	13.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.510	123.1	131.3	29.1	5.1	4.1	3.4	6.7
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.989	131.8	130.2	9.0	3.6	-1.9	2.0	-1.2
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.949	107.7	107.7	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0
11	Beverages.....	0.853	108.2	108.3	2.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.062	137.5	135.4	12.8	3.1	3.3	6.1	-1.5
24	Cork and wood.....	0.741	132.1	137.9	11.8	6.5	1.8	4.0	4.4
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.238	107.2	108.7	13.9	2.3	3.3	3.5	1.4
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.405	180.9	183.4	23.9	0.2	2.1	5.9	1.4
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.295	137.6	102.8	3.1	1.9	12.0	25.0	-25.3
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	16.197	147.7	162.3	34.4	-10.6	1.2	3.8	9.9
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	14.278	148.0	164.1	36.7	-11.8	2.5	5.4	10.9
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.919	143.2	146.4	19.1	-1.6	-7.8	-5.0	2.2
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	8.626	111.5	111.5	7.4	0.6	0.3	1.5	0.0
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.861	111.1	110.7	12.2	-0.3	-2.3	4.0	-0.4
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.671	127.7	127.3	5.6	-0.1	0.9	-0.1	-0.3
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.192	98.6	98.6	-0.9	0.0	-0.8	0.7	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.626	110.3	110.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	-0.2	-0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.429	95.4	95.7	2.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.688	124.9	126.8	18.6	2.6	6.6	0.9	1.5
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.385	105.8	105.7	2.7	0.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.550	97.6	97.6	1.9	0.3	0.1	1.5	0.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.929	111.7	112.7	8.8	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.9
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.682	102.5	103.4	3.7	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.9
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.846	118.8	124.0	-3.0	4.1	3.8	1.3	4.4
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.225	99.9	100.1	5.4	-0.4	1.1	-0.2	0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.378	104.0	104.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.148	100.8	101.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.571	159.5	160.7	34.8	0.4	0.3	-0.7	0.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.853	114.1	116.2	13.3	2.2	1.0	1.8	1.8
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.133	108.5	108.8	7.6	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.3

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7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	39.568	95.2	95.1	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.567	103.8	103.8	2.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.0
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.699	110.5	110.4	3.5	0.9	0.9	0.0	-0.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.436	113.1	113.2	5.4	1.3	0.8	-0.3	0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.141	106.7	106.8	3.4	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.491	71.9	71.4	-8.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.078	82.9	82.7	-2.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.246	94.4	94.4	-1.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
78	Road vehicles.....	13.550	103.6	103.6	1.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	16.537	100.9	100.8	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.464	96.0	96.1	3.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.968	105.8	105.8	5.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.387	106.4	107.0	3.3	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.6
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.215	100.8	100.6	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2
85	Footwear.....	1.198	100.3	100.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.833	100.7	100.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.884	99.0	98.9	-1.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.588	99.3	99.2	-0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.1

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

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.7	106.4	3.3	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.7
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.406	118.0	119.7	-2.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	1.4
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.179	125.2	127.5	0.3	-0.6	-2.6	3.2	1.8
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.476	111.2	113.7	6.1	1.8	0.6	0.2	2.2
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.601	116.2	121.4	-13.0	2.9	2.4	-2.5	4.5
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.565	126.6	123.8	12.4	-5.3	-1.8	-0.7	-2.2
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.574	111.1	114.7	-14.1	1.8	2.0	1.3	3.2
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.495	105.1	105.3	3.2	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.515	107.2	108.5	1.3	-1.1	0.2	-0.8	1.2
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.680	101.7	101.7	-0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.420	100.7	100.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.288	121.9	127.5	-1.2	-0.1	3.3	-1.1	4.6
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	1.000	109.6	128.9	-29.0	0.7	3.7	-4.9	17.6
24	Cork and wood.....	0.520	98.7	98.9	2.5	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.2
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.661	100.7	103.0	9.3	0.6	1.2	0.7	2.3
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.588	98.7	104.6	-14.2	-1.1	2.1	0.3	6.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.431	205.5	207.3	20.9	-1.0	6.3	-0.8	0.9
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.088	123.7	124.4	13.6	0.4	2.3	-0.3	0.6
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.681	154.4	167.9	36.5	-3.0	1.4	4.0	8.7
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.006	155.9	173.0	44.0	-4.2	1.9	5.8	11.0
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.033	116.7	117.4	11.9	1.0	2.3	0.1	0.6
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.531	127.1	130.1	17.4	0.7	0.1	-1.1	2.4
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.979	121.7	124.5	25.1	3.0	3.8	3.1	2.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.722	107.9	107.9	2.3	0.3	1.0	-0.4	0.0
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.074	110.8	110.5	5.9	1.5	0.6	0.9	-0.3
56	Fertilizers.....	0.452	149.1	140.5	1.7	-0.7	0.7	-0.1	-5.8
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.800	130.0	130.2	27.5	1.5	8.5	0.8	0.2
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.935	102.3	103.1	5.9	1.2	1.7	0.7	0.8
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.909	106.3	105.9	1.0	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.4
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.571	113.6	113.7	9.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.1
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.703	114.2	114.4	3.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.485	104.1	103.7	5.9	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.4
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.588	108.9	109.9	5.6	-0.1	1.5	0.1	0.9
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.564	102.0	102.2	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.448	166.5	164.1	31.4	0.6	-1.9	-0.5	-1.4
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.187	104.9	106.3	13.0	0.9	2.0	1.4	1.3
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.200	118.2	118.4	12.2	0.5	3.3	0.9	0.2

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance February 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual March 2004 to March 2005	Monthly			
						Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.397	115.1	115.2	-4.5	-1.1	-0.8	0.1	0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	47.112	98.7	98.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.603	111.4	111.5	1.9	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.607	109.3	109.3	4.9	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.0
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.605	102.6	102.7	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.700	108.6	108.6	4.4	0.2	1.4	0.5	0.0
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.293	82.9	81.9	-7.4	-0.7	-1.1	0.0	-1.2
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.148	90.5	90.5	-2.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	11.460	87.6	87.7	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.722	103.0	103.0	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.168	102.8	102.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.603	104.7	104.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.763	97.3	97.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.293	103.4	103.4	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.0
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.938	96.3	95.6	0.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.198	104.6	104.6	3.2	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.374	108.5	108.5	2.2	0.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 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.

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance February 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.465	113.9	114.0	10.9	2.8	-1.2	2.5	0.1
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.371	136.4	138.9	13.4	0.7	0.6	0.0	1.8
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.721	87.5	88.2	5.6	0.5	2.2	2.3	0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.372	160.9	155.9	14.4	7.7	-8.9	5.7	-3.1
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.283	117.6	124.4	17.6	-0.3	-0.5	7.1	5.8
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.290	124.4	177.9	31.9	-7.5	-12.4	1.5	43.0
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.334	93.2	91.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-1.8
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.275	114.7	127.6	40.4	8.3	4.4	6.8	11.2
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.384	144.9	116.8	6.0	1.3	9.3	21.0	-19.4
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.247	113.2	113.3	5.5	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.254	102.4	102.4	1.7	-1.6	0.6	0.3	0.0
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.870	106.4	106.5	2.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.123	121.8	122.0	8.4	0.8	1.4	-0.1	0.2
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	16.677	147.1	161.5	34.2	-10.4	1.4	3.4	9.8
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	16.366	146.3	160.7	34.7	-10.6	1.3	3.5	9.8
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.311	119.3	122.5	13.8	0.5	5.4	0.3	2.7
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.791	110.5	110.3	6.8	0.4	-0.4	1.7	-0.2
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.707	124.2	123.6	3.5	-0.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.5
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.132	110.2	109.8	11.2	-0.2	-2.7	3.9	-0.4
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.320	110.9	110.8	2.7	1.6	2.0	-0.2	-0.1
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.195	99.7	99.7	2.4	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.372	107.1	107.5	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.401	93.7	93.7	0.5	-0.4	-1.0	3.3	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.516	127.4	127.4	14.6	0.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.854	112.6	113.4	7.0	0.9	2.0	0.4	0.7
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.936	113.7	114.5	8.4	1.1	3.0	0.4	0.7
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.918	110.4	111.2	4.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.689	103.7	104.0	2.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.590	103.8	104.2	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.4
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.617	127.6	132.4	3.8	4.4	2.5	2.2	3.8
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.765	101.3	101.6	5.2	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.3
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.236	106.8	108.2	13.9	2.5	3.2	3.6	1.3
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.230	99.0	99.2	5.2	-0.3	1.1	-0.1	0.2
49	Printed matter.....	0.299	112.1	112.1	-0.9	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.190	100.6	100.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.263	100.0	99.7	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.535	99.9	99.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.500	92.8	92.6	-3.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.891	108.0	109.1	4.1	1.2	0.2	-0.5	1.0
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.415	99.4	99.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.195	100.1	100.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.220	95.9	95.9	-1.5	-1.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.016	105.4	105.5	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.310	98.7	98.9	-0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
69	Ceramic products.....	0.353	111.0	111.1	3.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.353	105.5	105.4	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	-0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.375	97.1	97.4	3.8	1.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.448	131.3	132.0	17.9	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5
72	Iron and steel.....	1.340	174.6	172.8	34.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	-1.0
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.463	120.7	121.3	15.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.5
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.427	137.1	140.1	12.5	4.3	0.1	0.8	2.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.874	115.0	116.6	9.0	-0.1	2.7	-0.1	1.4
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.431	105.4	105.3	2.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.467	113.3	113.1	7.9	1.7	1.9	-0.4	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.446	124.2	128.4	20.3	0.7	0.4	8.0	3.4
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	24.391	90.2	89.9	-2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.742	90.6	90.3	-2.0	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.649	89.7	89.6	-1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	15.051	104.1	104.1	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	13.759	103.6	103.6	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	1.130	104.9	104.7	2.5	0.4	1.3	0.0	-0.2
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.353	99.7	99.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.967	98.8	98.9	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.278	107.1	107.2	-0.9	-1.0	1.0	-0.3	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.167	99.0	99.0	1.6	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.0
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.375	102.9	102.9	4.4	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.567	94.5	94.5	-1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.225	98.0	97.9	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.838	120.8	122.8	1.8	-0.2	-2.5	1.4	1.7
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.438	114.4	120.3	12.5	2.6	0.5	0.0	5.2
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	4.026	120.5	125.8	-12.3	-2.9	1.0	-2.0	4.4
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.909	131.0	116.7	14.5	0.9	0.8	-2.0	-10.9
10	Cereals.....	1.347	115.3	121.4	-14.2	3.4	2.7	-2.8	5.3
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.181	113.0	129.6	-24.6	0.6	4.2	-4.0	14.7
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.535	106.9	108.4	-2.2	0.8	1.4	0.2	1.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.454	106.1	106.6	4.7	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.5
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.487	110.4	114.7	-19.0	2.1	2.3	1.6	3.9
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.848	106.6	107.5	1.0	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.8
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	3.424	159.5	170.2	38.6	-1.5	4.8	3.4	6.7
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.714	149.7	161.9	35.5	-3.0	1.2	4.0	8.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	11.809	115.3	115.5	8.5	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.064	127.6	132.0	28.4	4.0	4.7	3.5	3.4
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.919	125.7	126.0	13.9	0.9	-0.5	-1.2	0.2
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.289	108.0	107.9	2.5	0.3	1.4	-0.3	-0.1
31	Fertilizers.....	0.448	144.5	136.2	1.8	-0.7	0.7	-0.1	-5.7
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.661	108.6	109.3	12.0	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.6
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.779	112.4	112.4	4.9	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.392	103.2	102.6	0.3	0.3	-1.5	2.5	-0.6
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.404	100.0	99.5	-0.8	1.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.5
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.635	105.7	105.5	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.2	-0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.825	121.7	122.1	16.4	1.7	4.9	0.6	0.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.813	121.1	121.4	17.6	1.9	5.4	0.6	0.2
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.012	122.2	123.3	11.0	0.7	2.3	0.4	0.9
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.482	110.2	110.5	-1.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.3
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.438	106.6	106.3	-1.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.3
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.779	103.1	103.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.858	102.1	102.4	6.2	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.3
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.658	96.7	98.8	9.1	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.2
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.552	100.9	100.5	5.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.4
49	Printed material.....	0.648	114.3	114.1	4.7	1.2	2.4	-0.1	-0.2

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.813	98.6	100.1	-0.6	-0.2	1.1	0.0	1.5
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.674	87.4	91.8	-12.4	-0.9	-1.2	0.5	5.0
61	Apparel & clothing knitted								
	or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.413	95.6	95.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.1
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.284	95.7	95.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.442	111.2	111.9	6.1	-0.1	2.7	-0.2	0.6
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.820	101.2	101.6	2.3	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.4
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.489	96.2	96.3	-0.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.402	106.7	105.8	5.7	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	-0.8
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.445	132.4	133.3	14.6	-0.6	3.1	-0.2	0.7
72	Iron and steel.....	1.438	167.8	166.8	14.7	-3.1	-1.1	-2.3	-0.6
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.321	124.7	124.1	14.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.5
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.491	138.7	146.8	12.2	-0.3	7.0	0.0	5.8
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.817	115.6	116.6	9.1	0.4	2.2	0.9	0.9
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.416	107.7	107.8	6.4	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.1
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.452	116.9	117.3	7.8	0.0	3.2	1.7	0.3
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	32.974	95.1	95.0	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	17.943	100.6	100.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	15.031	88.9	89.0	-0.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.891	108.3	108.4	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.057	103.2	103.2	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.181	101.6	101.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.482	101.5	101.5	2.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.815	107.1	107.1	4.3	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.526	94.8	94.8	-1.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 trade values.

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

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin
 March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2005	March 2005	Annual		Monthly		
				March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	47.950	108.5	109.6	6.0	-0.2	0.4	0.6	1.0
Manufactured Goods.....	43.658	105.9	106.3	4.1	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	4.024	144.5	155.3	26.4	-6.8	-4.2	2.6	7.5
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	52.050	101.5	103.9	7.9	-2.4	0.8	1.0	2.4
Manufactured Goods.....	43.318	97.5	97.8	2.7	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	8.625	139.5	154.1	30.5	-10.4	3.5	3.5	10.5
Canada.....	17.203	117.6	119.9	9.0	-0.5	0.1	0.8	2.0
Manufactured Goods.....	13.876	112.5	113.7	5.9	1.1	1.3	0.4	1.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.133	147.0	156.8	24.3	-6.3	-4.3	2.1	6.7
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	19.566	113.6	113.8	6.0	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	19.013	112.9	112.8	5.0	0.7	1.2	0.6	-0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.498	161.9	177.0	37.9	-6.5	-6.9	6.6	9.3
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.069	101.9	102.4	1.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.5
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.308	104.0	104.0	2.7	0.5	1.0	-0.1	0.0
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.185	109.0	111.0	7.6	-0.6	-0.5	1.2	1.8
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.344	116.6	120.4	13.3	-3.0	1.8	1.3	3.3
Manufactured Goods.....	13.359	115.5	116.5	8.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.9
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.941	141.1	155.4	28.3	-11.5	5.7	2.6	10.1
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.952	105.6	108.4	6.8	-2.5	0.8	0.8	2.7
<u>6/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	33.549	100.1	100.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	12.320	99.0	98.9	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Japan.....	9.512	96.0	96.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.447	90.4	90.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.608	98.2	98.0	-1.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.353	130.5	140.6	26.0	-6.8	2.2	4.1	7.7

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2003 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.

n.a. Not available

Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2004	March 2005	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2004 to March 2005	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to March 2005
IMPORT								
Air Freight.....	4168	126.8	128.7	9.9	0.3	2.1	5.7	1.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	1407	122.5	121.1	14.2	1.8	3.9	9.3	-1.1
Asia.....	2329	113.0	117.3	6.6	-1.3	0.6	3.4	3.8
EXPORT								
Air Freight.....	2836	106.1	106.2	9.4	2.1	1.2	5.8	0.1

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.
n.a. Not available

Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	110.1	110.0	6.2	3.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1
Europe.....	11250	102.0	101.7	5.3	1.2	0.3	0.4	-0.3
Asia.....	2626	105.6	106.7	5.9	13.4	-8.8	-4.2	1.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	1916	110.0	110.6	0.9	2.4	0.1	-4.3	0.5
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	134.5	136.3	10.6	3.1	5.2	-4.6	1.3
Europe.....	5394	157.7	163.1	8.0	4.1	2.8	-3.5	3.4
Asia.....	8936	119.9	120.9	12.9	2.2	7.8	-5.4	0.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	3413	138.5	135.3	5.0	0.4	9.6	-7.0	-2.3

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
n.a. Not available

Table 10 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2004	March 2005	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2004 to March 2005	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to March 2005
INBOUND								
Air Freight.....	7483	125.1	126.3	8.7	0.3	1.8	5.4	1.0
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	2466	120.0	120.1	12.2	0.9	3.3	7.5	0.1
Asia.....	4180	112.0	113.8	6.1	-0.5	0.9	3.9	1.6
OUTBOUND								
Air Freight.....	5193	104.7	103.7	7.9	3.0	1.7	4.0	-1.0
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	1998	112.9	113.9	11.9	4.8	1.8	4.0	0.9
Asia.....	2365	103.7	100.5	4.7	1.7	0.9	5.3	-3.1

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.

n.a. Not available

Table 11 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
March 2004-March 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2005	March 2005	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2004 to March 2005	Nov. 2004 to Dec. 2004	Dec. 2004 to Jan. 2005	Jan. 2005 to Feb. 2005	Feb. 2005 to March 2005
INBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	38589	112.8	114.5	8.9	2.2	4.7	-4.2	1.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	15654	112.8	115.9	7.3	4.1	2.7	-3.7	2.7
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	12401	111.5	113.2	7.7	-0.5	7.4	-5.3	1.5
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	5604	111.8	108.2	6.9	-0.4	8.5	-4.4	-3.2
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	2905	122.1	125.0	27.8	8.2	-2.3	-1.6	2.4
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	19.0	9.1	n.a.	n.a.
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	121.2	121.2	1.8	n.a.	-0.9	-0.3	0.0
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	114.7	114.9	0.1	n.a.	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
From Atlantic.....	3022	111.2	111.6	-8.2	n.a.	0.4	0.0	0.4
From Pacific.....	2817	112.0	112.0	1.1	n.a.	-1.0	-0.2	0.0
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	125.9	125.9	2.8	n.a.	-1.3	-0.5	0.0
OUTBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	43898	105.2	105.0	5.7	1.9	0.5	-0.7	-0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21857	104.9	104.7	3.5	1.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	7190	100.5	100.8	6.6	4.5	-1.1	-4.5	0.3
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	9206	105.0	105.2	5.7	2.1	1.0	-1.2	0.2
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	2982	117.1	120.6	21.7	-0.6	2.1	3.9	3.0

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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