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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - APRIL 2003 -

The U.S. Import Price Index decreased 2.7 percent in April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The decline, the first since last November, was driven by a substantial drop in prices for imported fuels. Export prices edged down 0.1 percent in April, after having risen in each of the previous three months.

### 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>2002</u>						
April	1.6	12.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3
May	0.1	2.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
June	-0.3	-3.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
July	0.4	3.8	0.0	0.3	2.7	0.1
August	0.3	3.7	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.0
September	0.7	5.8	0.1	0.3	3.2	0.1
October	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-1.8	0.1
November	-0.9	-8.2	-0.1	0.1	2.0	-0.1
December	0.6	5.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
<u>2003</u>						
January	1.8	14.6 r	0.3	0.3	0.1 r	0.4
February	1.7	11.4 r	0.3 r	0.6 r	-0.4 r	0.6 r
March	0.7 r	-0.1 r	1.0 r	0.2 r	-0.4 r	0.3
April	-2.7	-16.2	-0.9	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
April 2001-02	-3.6	0.6	-3.2	-1.9	-1.2	-2.0
April 2002-03	2.3	15.9	0.9	1.6	8.2	1.2

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

## Import Goods

Import prices declined 2.7 percent in April, the largest one-month drop for the index since monthly publication began in 1989. The decrease was led by a 16.2 percent decline in import petroleum prices, the largest monthly decrease since February 1991. Despite the decline, petroleum prices still were up 15.9 percent over the past 12 months. Also contributing to the April drop in import prices, the price index for nonpetroleum imports decreased 0.9 percent, the largest one-month decline for nonpetroleum import prices since July 2001. During the past year, however, import prices overall rose 2.3 percent.

The April decline in nonpetroleum import prices was led by a 5.0 percent decrease in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. Natural gas prices—which had risen sharply in the first quarter of 2003—led the decline, although decreasing metals and chemicals prices also contributed. For the year ended in April, the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials was up 6.7 percent. Prices for imported foods, feeds, and beverages declined 0.5 percent in April, led by decreasing vegetable prices. Despite the April decline, the index for foods, feeds, and beverages was up 6.1 percent over the past year.

Each of the price indexes for imported finished goods was unchanged in April, continuing the recent trend of little movement in those indexes. Over the past 12 months, however, prices for imported capital goods were down 1.5 percent. Consumer goods prices also declined over the past 12 months, decreasing 0.2 percent. Over the same period, prices for automotive vehicles were up 0.4 percent.

## Export Goods

Export prices declined 0.1 percent in April after rising 1.1 percent over the previous three months. Declining prices last month for nonagricultural exports offset an advance in agricultural prices. The price index for nonagricultural exports declined 0.1 percent following a 1.3 percent increase over the prior three months. The index was up 1.2 percent over the April 2002-April 2003 period. In contrast, prices for agricultural exports rose 0.3 percent last month as higher prices for exported fruit, meat, and soybeans more than offset lower wheat prices. For the year ended in April, prices for agricultural exports rose 8.2 percent. Overall exports were up 1.6 percent over the same period.

A 0.4 percent decline for the price index of industrial supplies and materials was a primary contributor to the April decrease in nonagricultural export prices and was led by declining prices for export petroleum products and nonmonetary gold. Over the past 12 months, industrial supplies and materials prices were up 7.3 percent. Consumer goods prices also decreased in April, declining 0.3 percent. Over the past year, the index was up 0.2 percent.

In contrast, prices for exported capital goods edged up 0.1 percent in April. The increase was the third in the past four months, although capital goods prices were down 1.2 percent for the year ended in April. The price index for exported automotive vehicles also rose 0.1 percent in April and was up 0.9 percent over the past year.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Japan declined 0.2 percent in April, the third decline in the past four months. For the year ended in April, import prices from Japan were down 1.6 percent.

Prices of imports from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries rose 0.4 percent in April. The increase was the largest since October 1999, but the index was down 1.5 percent for the April 2002-April 2003 period.

The price indexes of imports from the European Union and Latin America both decreased in April, down 0.4 percent and 4.7 percent, respectively. The declines for each index were driven largely by decreasing petroleum prices. For the year ended in April, import prices from the European Union increased 5.1 percent and import prices from Latin America were up 4.5 percent.

Import prices from Canada decreased 2.9 percent in April, led by declining prices for both petroleum and natural gas. The index increased 5.4 percent over the past 12 months.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on June 12, 2003, at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance March 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.2	96.5	2.3	1.8	1.7	0.7	-2.7
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	87.458	98.1	97.2	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.0	-0.9
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.043	102.4	101.9	6.1	1.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.5
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.054	109.6	108.0	7.0	1.8	-0.1	1.7	-1.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.989	86.4	88.4	3.4	-0.8	0.1	-0.6	2.3
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	28.300	110.2	99.5	10.2	7.1	6.1	2.5	-9.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	15.757	104.3	99.1	6.7	2.1	2.1	5.1	-5.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	7.808	93.6	93.1	1.2	-0.3	1.6	-0.3	-0.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.948	117.0	106.2	13.2	4.9	2.5	10.9	-9.2
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	14.921	126.3	103.3	18.6	15.2	10.9	4.4	-18.2
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	12.544	119.9	100.5	15.9	14.6	11.4	-0.1	-16.2
10000	Crude.....	9.069	116.7	103.0	16.4	14.7	9.2	-2.6	-11.7
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.066	91.0	93.5	7.5	-0.6	0.6	2.1	2.7
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.654	104.2	103.6	6.4	1.4	0.9	1.8	-0.6
13	Selected building materials.....	1.790	96.3	95.5	-5.4	0.6	1.4	-0.6	-0.8
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.020	93.1	92.0	6.7	-1.1	3.1	-0.2	-1.2
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.346	95.8	96.8	0.4	-0.6	0.3	-0.7	1.0
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.504	97.9	97.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.7
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	27.834	93.8	93.8	-1.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
20	Electric generating equipment.....	3.257	95.5	95.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	22.109	92.6	92.5	-2.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.468	101.6	101.9	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	16.630	100.5	100.5	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.173	97.9	97.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.239	99.7	99.8	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	10.714	96.2	96.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.220	95.7	95.6	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
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END USE	Description	Relative Importance March 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.7	99.6	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.576	107.5	107.8	8.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.3
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.426	99.1	99.0	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	-0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.954	108.2	108.7	8.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.5
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.340	108.1	108.5	7.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	0.4
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.614	110.3	112.3	16.7	0.5	1.8	5.4	1.8
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	23.424	100.6	100.2	7.3	1.4	2.0	1.4	-0.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.318	99.2	98.9	4.4	0.8	1.4	0.4	-0.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	14.108	101.7	101.3	9.3	1.7	2.3	2.1	-0.4
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.236	104.8	104.5	11.6	1.4	0.5	1.0	-0.3
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	22.189	100.3	99.9	7.0	1.3	2.1	1.4	-0.4
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.430	108.4	97.6	8.1	5.4	7.7	4.6	-10.0
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	18.619	99.9	100.8	7.2	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.9
13	Selected building materials.....	1.140	96.4	96.1	1.9	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.3
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	47.110	98.2	98.3	-1.2	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	4.905	101.5	101.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.2
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	34.859	95.5	95.5	-2.2	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.346	103.5	104.0	3.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.5
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.912	101.5	101.6	0.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.563	99.4	99.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.643	98.7	98.2	0.0	-0.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.5
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.253	99.7	99.8	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.667	101.6	100.7	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.7	-0.9

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.2	96.5	2.3	1.8	1.7	0.7	-2.7
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.180	100.8	101.0	4.1	1.6	-0.6	1.0	0.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.352	106.8	106.9	-2.9	-4.8	5.6	-0.6	0.1
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.684	80.5	84.2	5.1	-1.7	0.0	-0.7	4.6
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.882	110.8	107.0	2.0	5.6	-6.1	5.8	-3.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.416	100.2	100.2	13.2	4.1	2.6	-6.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.847	110.9	111.4	4.2	1.5	0.8	2.0	0.5
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.824	103.8	104.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
11	Beverages.....	0.717	102.8	103.2	0.9	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.875	98.5	98.4	2.2	0.7	2.3	1.1	-0.1
24	Cork and wood.....	0.669	95.0	93.4	-13.6	0.7	2.2	-1.9	-1.7
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.250	86.5	92.6	26.2	-1.3	2.8	8.0	7.1
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.316	99.9	99.4	4.6	0.8	3.8	0.8	-0.5
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.236	102.6	102.3	13.0	2.2	-1.3	0.3	-0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.214	99.2	98.9	4.9	-0.7	3.2	1.7	-0.3
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	14.774	127.2	105.9	21.6	15.5	10.8	4.8	-16.7
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	12.326	119.6	103.2	18.9	14.8	11.0	-0.3	-13.7
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	2.371	185.2	123.1	43.1	21.4	9.8	43.2	-33.5
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	6.382	101.0	100.4	3.2	0.9	0.7	1.2	-0.6
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.441	99.4	98.2	-0.6	0.0	0.5	0.4	-1.2
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.581	110.8	108.5	10.2	1.7	2.2	4.0	-2.1
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.224	97.6	97.6	2.1	-0.2	1.0	0.1	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.276	101.1	101.3	4.9	2.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.299	98.4	99.4	0.5	-2.0	0.7	0.5	1.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.549	99.3	99.5	8.9	2.6	0.6	1.4	0.2
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.363	100.4	100.6	-1.2	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.479	97.3	96.4	2.0	0.5	0.8	4.8	-0.9
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.819	94.3	94.3	1.8	-0.5	1.1	0.1	0.0
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.637	99.0	99.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.596	94.4	93.8	-0.7	0.7	3.3	1.1	-0.6
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.204	93.0	93.7	1.3	-0.4	0.0	0.4	0.8
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.298	100.3	100.5	3.0	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.141	97.6	97.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.517	100.0	101.8	10.7	-1.2	0.5	-1.2	1.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.483	80.0	78.5	-0.9	-1.6	4.1	1.0	-1.9
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.832	97.8	97.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	45.096	95.8	95.8	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.867	99.0	99.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.931	100.7	100.5	1.9	0.2	0.9	0.4	-0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.682	104.0	103.9	5.3	0.6	1.1	0.9	-0.1

See footnotes at end of table

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74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	2.984	99.8	100.0	2.5	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.570	82.7	82.5	-6.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.2
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.467	90.0	89.5	-5.6	-0.3	-1.4	-0.4	-0.6
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	8.965	95.6	95.7	-1.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	13.932	100.6	100.6	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	16.579	99.5	99.6	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.420	95.8	95.7	-3.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.616	99.5	99.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.386	101.7	101.6	2.3	0.0	-0.4	2.5	-0.1
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.562	100.8	101.1	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3
85	Footwear.....	1.271	99.8	99.6	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.857	98.6	98.7	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.227	99.4	99.5	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.240	98.1	98.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.7	99.6	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.666	105.9	105.8	5.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.1
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.940	96.4	97.4	6.0	0.1	5.5	1.0	1.0
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.430	108.2	111.6	22.1	1.4	1.5	3.4	3.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.806	122.1	119.9	14.0	-2.6	0.2	-0.9	-1.8
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.044	95.2	96.0	-8.9	2.3	-3.2	-2.3	0.8
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.579	105.5	104.8	3.7	1.4	0.0	0.6	-0.7
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.406	101.0	101.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.462	100.8	100.7	1.9	-0.6	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.888	97.4	97.7	0.1	-1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.676	95.9	96.0	-1.0	-2.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	3.943	102.2	103.7	15.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.868	116.6	118.9	26.8	2.8	-2.3	0.0	2.0
24	Cork and wood.....	0.535	91.2	90.9	4.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	-0.3
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.557	89.3	90.5	17.4	-3.1	4.6	3.4	1.3
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.450	105.0	106.1	22.2	1.9	1.4	3.3	1.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.604	104.4	109.0	18.9	3.4	5.0	-0.2	4.4
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.928	108.8	109.2	7.6	1.2	0.8	1.5	0.4
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.352	130.7	107.9	8.2	12.6	10.5	5.6	-17.4
32	Coal, coke and briquettes.....	0.350	113.9	111.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	-1.8
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	1.758	130.2	102.8	7.3	17.2	13.7	5.9	-21.0
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	11.058	100.1	101.8	7.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.7
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.559	101.2	102.7	13.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.5
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.723	98.1	104.4	4.0	0.8	0.1	0.3	6.4
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.551	98.4	98.5	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.829	104.1	103.9	3.6	0.9	2.0	0.0	-0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.711	96.2	96.0	-1.5	-2.0	0.6	0.2	-0.2
56	Fertilizers.....	0.353	108.2	112.4	12.3	-1.0	2.1	2.6	3.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	1.834	99.5	103.7	14.6	2.4	2.1	2.5	4.2
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.804	97.2	97.4	2.2	1.3	0.4	-0.3	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.693	100.8	101.7	4.4	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.9
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	9.625	99.5	99.5	2.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.781	108.4	108.6	7.4	1.4	1.6	-0.4	0.2
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.421	96.7	96.7	4.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.493	101.9	101.7	3.8	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.410	100.5	100.4	-1.5	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	0.883	104.5	105.2	4.8	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.7
68	Nonferrous metals.....	0.933	84.3	83.2	-3.8	-1.6	1.3	1.2	-1.3
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.287	103.5	104.3	2.3	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.417	104.4	104.3	3.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	-0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	53.340	98.5	98.5	-1.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  March 2003 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.787	106.9	107.1	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.461	102.2	102.5	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.905	101.7	101.1	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.6
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.785	102.1	102.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.892	88.5	88.6	-4.2	0.2	0.3	-0.7	0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.244	94.9	94.1	-3.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.8
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	13.737	92.0	92.0	-3.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
78	Road vehicles.....	8.163	100.9	101.1	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.798	100.7	100.9	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.708	101.1	101.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.3
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	1.135	97.6	97.0	-1.4	-0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.6
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.437	101.9	102.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.134	97.1	97.5	0.5	-1.5	0.4	0.8	0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.002	100.9	101.2	1.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.382	103.1	103.3	1.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 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,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.229	94.6	96.6	6.6	-1.5	2.6	0.9	2.1
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.309	107.4	107.7	-2.6	-5.3	6.0	-0.5	0.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.561	81.2	84.0	4.9	-1.3	0.7	-1.1	3.4
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.359	120.3	122.4	19.5	2.1	2.8	5.1	1.7
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.205	103.9	101.9	5.2	2.5	-2.6	0.5	-1.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.292	126.5	117.1	-3.2	12.6	-9.9	10.6	-7.4
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.334	97.8	97.2	8.4	-1.4	-0.9	-1.3	-0.6
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.221	79.5	80.5	-0.9	0.7	0.6	-8.3	1.3
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.358	112.2	111.2	13.7	0.2	-0.4	0.8	-0.9
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	1.932	107.3	107.4	6.3	1.2	0.8	-0.6	0.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.228	98.5	97.3	4.3	-1.3	0.3	-0.6	-1.2
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.733	102.0	102.3	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.971	114.1	114.5	11.2	2.8	1.4	-1.1	0.4
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	14.792	123.2	103.8	19.0	15.4	10.0	2.8	-15.7
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	14.578	122.4	102.8	19.4	15.6	10.2	2.9	-16.0
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.214	100.0	100.1	1.8	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	5.768	100.2	99.5	3.1	0.5	0.8	1.3	-0.7
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.646	108.2	106.4	11.9	1.9	2.0	5.2	-1.7
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.589	98.4	97.3	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	-1.1
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.055	100.4	100.6	3.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.2
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.229	97.9	97.8	2.4	0.0	1.1	0.2	-0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.233	101.7	103.2	4.9	-1.6	1.0	0.9	1.5
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.217	97.0	97.8	1.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	0.8
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.360	95.6	93.4	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-2.3
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.439	107.9	107.4	12.2	-0.1	3.6	7.7	-0.5
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.578	102.3	102.0	4.4	0.9	0.4	1.2	-0.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.665	101.2	101.2	3.8	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.0
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.913	104.4	103.7	5.7	0.5	0.6	1.3	-0.7
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.744	99.8	99.7	1.8	-0.2	0.0	1.3	-0.1
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.621	100.7	100.6	1.9	0.1	0.0	1.5	-0.1
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.309	95.3	94.1	-7.7	0.3	2.6	-1.0	-1.3
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.788	93.3	95.0	4.2	-0.5	0.4	1.1	1.8
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.247	85.6	93.0	27.2	-1.9	2.6	7.4	8.6
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.214	92.2	92.8	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.3	0.7
49	Printed matter.....	0.327	110.7	111.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.4
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.455	100.1	100.2	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.294	100.8	101.1	3.4	-0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmoni- zied System	Description	Relative Import- ance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.831	100.1	100.2	-0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.371	94.4	93.9	-4.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	-0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.959	101.3	101.3	5.3	0.1	1.9	0.1	0.0
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.496	99.3	99.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.278	99.8	99.6	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.218	96.4	95.9	-2.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.5
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.046	101.9	101.7	0.7	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.296	99.5	99.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.360	102.4	102.6	2.6	-0.6	0.2	0.4	0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.390	103.1	102.3	-0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.8
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.264	88.1	86.8	0.1	-0.6	2.7	-0.8	-1.5
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	4.709	96.2	96.4	4.4	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.2
72	Iron and steel.....	1.293	102.8	103.7	12.8	-0.6	3.0	-0.9	0.9
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.156	95.5	96.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	0.8
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.409	92.2	91.6	-0.8	0.4	2.7	-0.5	-0.7
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.768	99.0	98.7	1.6	0.5	0.4	1.7	-0.3
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.388	99.4	98.8	-0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.6
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.411	102.3	101.4	2.1	0.2	0.8	0.4	-0.9
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.283	72.7	73.5	12.0	0.4	5.5	2.5	1.1
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	29.345	93.0	92.8	-2.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	14.425	92.9	92.9	-1.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	14.920	93.0	92.9	-2.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	15.776	100.9	101.0	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.219	100.6	100.6	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.454	100.8	101.1	n.a.	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.534	98.9	98.9	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	3.096	98.2	98.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.318	105.9	105.8	4.6	-0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.860	97.4	97.5	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.007	97.8	97.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.613	97.2	97.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.240	97.2	97.0	1.6	-2.3	1.1	-0.2	-0.2

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmoni- zied System	Description	Relative Import- ance  March 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.558	100.1	101.8	8.0	0.0	3.7	2.0	1.7
02	Meat & edible meat offal.....	0.893	98.3	99.2	5.6	-0.3	5.9	1.1	0.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.390	109.1	113.4	23.4	1.1	1.8	5.8	3.9
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.275	98.6	99.3	-3.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.7
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.620	113.6	113.4	9.6	-0.1	-2.0	-1.1	-0.2
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.468	86.8	89.4	-2.9	-3.5	-0.5	-5.3	3.0
10	Cereals.....	1.620	123.5	121.0	15.1	-2.9	0.2	-1.0	-2.0
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.041	116.2	118.3	22.1	2.2	-1.9	-0.1	1.8
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.288	144.6	142.9	22.6	0.7	-4.4	0.1	-1.2
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.579	101.0	101.1	1.8	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.313	105.0	104.4	2.7	1.9	1.2	0.0	-0.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.349	101.1	101.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.530	106.5	106.5	4.9	1.1	0.2	0.9	0.0
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.....	0.679	95.9	96.0	-1.0	-2.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.709	101.9	102.2	2.6	-0.2	1.4	0.2	0.3
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.593	117.9	104.6	9.6	7.4	8.3	3.9	-11.3
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.231	123.2	105.0	8.5	7.7	9.9	5.1	-14.8
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	9.079	101.2	102.7	7.2	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.5
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.800	99.8	104.1	6.4	0.8	1.6	0.5	4.3
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.946	103.8	106.0	14.3	2.0	2.3	3.3	2.1
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.461	102.5	102.6	3.7	0.7	1.7	-0.1	0.1
31	Fertilizers.....	0.353	107.0	113.4	12.9	-1.0	1.6	4.9	6.0
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.571	98.5	98.6	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.514	96.3	96.0	-3.6	-3.6	0.7	0.5	-0.3
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.312	99.3	99.3	1.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.452	98.0	98.9	5.1	0.2	0.9	1.3	0.9
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.439	99.9	100.9	4.2	1.6	-0.1	0.2	1.0
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	4.829	102.0	103.9	8.3	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.9
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	3.807	100.2	102.4	8.2	1.7	1.1	1.3	2.2
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.022	108.8	109.4	9.0	1.7	1.3	0.3	0.6
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.484	107.3	106.7	6.3	-0.5	0.9	1.2	-0.6
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.360	111.2	109.9	8.8	-0.6	0.9	2.7	-1.2
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.808	93.3	93.0	2.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.3
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.615	93.4	93.9	4.9	-0.3	0.9	0.2	0.5
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.537	85.2	86.5	14.3	-2.9	4.2	3.1	1.5

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
April 2002-April 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmoni- zied System	Description	Relative Import- ance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.453	94.3	94.5	3.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
49	Printed material.....	0.625	103.3	103.8	0.3	-0.4	0.4	-1.1	0.5
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.897	97.4	97.8	3.9	-0.3	0.6	1.0	0.4
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.449	88.6	89.1	16.3	0.6	0.9	2.8	0.6
54	Manmade filaments, yarns and woven fabrics (200112=100).....	0.330	105.0	110.6	13.3	0.1	0.7	5.6	5.3
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.577	95.7	95.8	-3.8	-1.9	0.7	0.0	0.1
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.463	96.7	95.5	-0.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	-1.2
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.078	106.1	106.0	3.0	0.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.832	99.5	99.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.503	96.9	96.7	-2.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	1.947	93.9	90.2	3.6	1.0	5.0	-0.5	-3.9
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.296	99.8	100.3	2.7	-0.1	0.5	0.8	0.5
72	Iron and steel.....	0.716	101.1	102.1	7.0	0.2	1.6	1.1	1.0
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.291	104.0	105.1	3.9	1.1	-0.1	0.3	1.1
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.443	93.3	91.9	-0.5	-0.8	2.0	1.1	-1.5
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.727	96.1	95.3	0.5	0.7	-0.3	1.3	-0.8
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.407	100.2	100.3	-1.4	-3.0	0.5	0.0	0.1
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.461	105.0	104.7	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.3
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC...	39.827	96.2	96.2	-1.7	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	21.125	99.0	99.2	-0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.3	0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	18.702	92.9	92.7	-3.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.658	104.1	104.3	1.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.2
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.441	100.9	101.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.304	101.2	101.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.621	100.5	100.7	-0.8	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.898	101.5	101.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.556	98.9	98.7	-2.6	-1.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 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, April 2002-April 2003  
2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	51.536	100.0	98.5	3.1	1.0	1.6	0.7	-1.5
Manufactured Goods.....	47.500	98.0	97.6	1.6	0.2	1.0	0.1	-0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.633	133.0	116.1	23.6	11.0	7.7	8.3	-12.7
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	47.115	96.8	94.2	2.2	2.9	1.9	-1.1	-2.7
Manufactured Goods.....	39.179	96.4	95.5	-0.2	0.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.9
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.843	114.3	102.3	14.6	12.7	7.8	-2.4	-10.5
Canada.....	18.515	106.5	103.4	5.4	2.2	2.0	3.0	-2.9
Manufactured Goods.....	15.442	101.0	100.9	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	-0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.749	141.7	121.1	24.8	11.2	8.0	12.5	-14.5
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	17.316	103.9	103.5	5.1	0.7	2.2	0.1	-0.4
Manufactured Goods.....	16.884	104.1	103.9	4.7	0.4	2.2	0.1	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.375	117.8	107.5	16.5	10.2	5.4	-2.6	-8.7
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.310	104.9	100.0	4.5	4.0	2.9	-0.9	-4.7
Manufactured Goods.....	13.644	108.1	104.3	2.8	1.4	2.4	0.3	-3.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.634	112.7	103.0	12.1	14.0	5.1	-5.3	-8.6
Japan.....	12.262	94.4	94.2	-1.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	9.281	91.2	91.6	-1.5	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.4

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2000 trade values.

2 Defined according to the BEA definition for Industrialized Countries which includes Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Defined according to the BEA definition for Other Countries, which 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 Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

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

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

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Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
 March 2002-March 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2002	March 2003	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2002 to March 2003	March 2002 to June 2002	June 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002 to March 2003
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	4168	106.9	110.2	14.0	3.1	1.5	5.6	3.1
Atlantic.....	1519	106.1	112.4	16.5	5.2	-0.2	4.7	5.9
Pacific.....	2412	103.8	105.5	13.4	1.4	3.1	6.8	1.6
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	2836	95.2	96.3	0.8	2.5	0.4	-3.2	1.2

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
 April 2002-April 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	108.6	117.8	4.7	0.6	-0.5	1.2	8.5
Europe.....	11250	102.2	117.0	5.6	0.6	-0.1	2.6	14.5
Asia.....	2626	107.5	108.4	9.6	-1.4	-3.7	-0.8	0.8
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	109.2	105.0	-5.7	-0.3	1.4	1.4	-3.8
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	108.4	108.8	10.8	7.1	-3.1	1.2	0.4
Europe.....	5394	126.0	130.4	17.3	4.9	-0.6	2.3	3.5
Asia.....	8936	97.3	93.4	11.5	10.9	-5.9	1.6	-4.0
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3474	116.7	117.2	-4.7	6.9	-4.3	-2.2	0.4

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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Table 10 U.S. International Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
March 2002-March 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2002	March 2003	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2002 to March 2003	March 2002 to June 2002	June 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002 to March 2003
Air Freight (Inbound).....	7483	105.9	108.9	16.0	4.7	2.0	5.6	2.8
Atlantic.....	2607	110.3	116.1	18.5	7.2	0.2	4.7	5.3
Pacific.....	4314	102.2	103.6	16.3	3.5	3.8	6.8	1.4
Air Freight (Outbound).....	5193	95.4	97.2	1.4	2.6	-1.1	-2.0	1.9
Atlantic.....	2094	97.6	98.4	0.6	1.7	-0.3	-1.6	0.8
Pacific.....	2639	95.1	97.6	2.2	3.4	-2.2	-1.5	2.6
Ocean Liner Freight (Inbound).....	17817	93.3	95.5	4.1	-1.5	3.5	-0.2	2.4
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	98.5	103.7	8.2	-0.8	3.4	0.3	5.3
from Atlantic.....	3022	108.2	111.5	10.2	-0.1	6.7	0.3	3.0
from Pacific.....	2817	86.5	92.4	6.2	-3.0	2.5	0.0	6.8
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	90.4	90.7	1.3	-2.0	3.6	-0.6	0.3

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. International Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
April 2002-April 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2003	April 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2002 to April 2003	Dec. 2002 to Jan. 2003	Jan. 2003 to Feb. 2003	Feb. 2003 to March 2003	March 2003 to April 2003
Air Passenger Fares (U.S. Carrier).....	45965	112.0	113.1	7.4	4.1	-1.3	1.1	1.0
Europe.....	16000	117.9	121.7	9.3	2.5	-0.7	1.5	3.2
Asia.....	13499	103.6	101.5	7.7	7.6	-4.7	1.2	-2.0
Latin America / Caribbean.....	10764	122.9	122.9	-0.1	3.7	-0.7	0.7	0.0
Canada.....	3519	121.2	122.2	18.2	0.1	6.4	1.7	0.8
Air Passenger Fares (Foreign Carrier).....	39205	111.7	115.1	9.4	3.5	0.4	0.4	3.0
Europe.....	21511	114.6	123.7	11.1	1.5	2.3	0.4	7.9
Asia.....	8446	102.0	96.2	8.6	7.9	-5.6	0.4	-5.7
Latin America / Caribbean.....	4107	114.6	112.2	0.4	6.4	0.9	-0.9	-2.1
Canada (200212=100).....	2368	102.7	103.0	n.a.	0.5	1.4	0.8	0.3
Crude Oil Tanker Freight (Inbound).....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	29.7	n.a.	n.a.

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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