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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - MAY 2009 -

The U.S. Import Price Index increased for the third consecutive month in May, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today, rising 1.3 percent. An 8.3 percent increase in petroleum prices was the primary contributor to the overall advance. The U.S. Export Price Index rose 0.6 percent in May after increasing 0.4 percent in April.

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	Non-agricultural exports
2008						
May.....	2.8	9.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4
June.....	3.0	9.2	0.9	1.0	2.3	0.9
July.....	1.4	3.3	0.6	1.5	6.7	0.9
August.....	-3.1	-9.8	-0.4	-1.6	-9.6	-0.7
September.....	-3.6	-11.4	-1.0	-0.8	0.1	-0.9
October.....	-6.0	-22.2	-0.9	-2.1	-8.4	-1.4
November.....	-7.4	-30.2	-1.7	-3.2	-6.9	-2.8
December.....	-4.6	-25.2	-1.1	-2.2	-6.1	-1.9
2009						
January.....	-1.3	-4.6	-0.8	0.7	5.9	0.3
February.....	0.0 ^r	5.4 ^r	-0.7	-0.3	-1.7 ^r	-0.2
March.....	0.5 ^r	11.1 ^r	-0.8 ^r	-0.7	-3.5 ^r	-0.4
April.....	1.1 ^r	9.8 ^r	-0.2 ^r	0.4 ^r	3.7 ^r	0.2 ^r
May.....	1.3	8.3	0.2	0.6	3.6	0.3
May 2007 to 2008.....	19.1	75.9	6.6	8.1	33.6	5.7
May 2008 to 2009.....	-17.6	-51.4	-5.8	-6.5	-14.7	-5.6

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Import Goods

Prices of U.S. imports rose 1.3 percent in May, the third consecutive increase and largest monthly advance since a 1.4 percent advance in July 2008. The May increase was led by an 8.3 percent gain in petroleum prices which followed a 28.6 percent increase from January through April. Despite the recent jump in petroleum prices, the index fell 51.4 percent over the past year. Nonpetroleum prices rose 0.2 percent in May, the first increase for the index since July 2008. Prices for nonpetroleum imports decreased 5.8 percent for the year ended in May and overall import prices fell 17.6 percent for the same period.

The rise in nonpetroleum prices was driven primarily by a 0.6 percent advance in prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, the first increase for that index since July 2008. The increase was led by higher prices for nonferrous metals and chemicals, which more than offset lower iron and steel mill product prices. Overall, nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices declined 22.2 percent for the May 2008-2009 period.

Prices for automotive vehicles and for foods, feeds, and beverages also contributed to the overall increase in nonpetroleum prices in May. Automotive vehicle prices advanced 0.3 percent in May, the first monthly increase for the index since January. The increase was driven by a 0.4 percent advance in passenger vehicle prices. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices also rose 0.3 percent in May after a 1.4 percent increase in April.

The price indexes for capital goods and consumer goods were both unchanged in May following increases of 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, in April.

Export Goods

Export prices rose 0.6 percent in May, the second consecutive advance and largest since a 0.7 percent increase in January. Despite the rise, export prices decreased 6.5 percent over the past 12 months. Agricultural prices rose 3.6 percent in May after a 3.7 percent advance the previous month. In each month, the increase was led by a jump in soybean prices, which advanced 12.8 percent in May after a 12.9 percent rise in April. Overall agricultural prices remained down 14.7 percent over the past 12 months. Nonagricultural prices increased 0.3 percent in May, but fell 5.6 percent over the past year.

The increase in nonagricultural prices was led by a 0.5 percent rise in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. The advance in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices followed a 0.3 percent increase in April, which was the first monthly rise for the index since July 2008. Higher prices for nonferrous metals, fuel, and chemicals all contributed to the advance. Despite the May rise, prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials fell 18.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Export prices for both capital goods and consumer goods also rose in May, increasing 0.2 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively. The increase in capital goods prices followed a 0.4 percent advance in April and the May rise in consumer goods prices was an upturn from the previous month when the index recorded a 0.9 percent decline.

The price index for automotive vehicles was unchanged in May after edging down 0.1 percent the previous month.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Higher petroleum prices led import prices from Canada and from Mexico to rise in May, increasing 1.5 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. Despite the May advances, each index declined over the past 12 months—prices of imports from Canada fell 24.5 percent for the May 2008-2009 period and import prices from Mexico decreased 12.5 percent.

Import prices from China edged down 0.1 percent, the ninth consecutive month the index declined. The price index for imports from China decreased 1.9 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decrease for the index, which was first published in 2003.

Prices of imports from the European Union and from Japan were unchanged in May after each index declined 0.1 percent the previous month. The price index for imports from the European Union fell 7.0 percent over the past year, while import prices from Japan rose 1.4 percent for the same period.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares continued to trend downward in May, falling 2.1 percent for the month and 10.1 percent over the past year. Both the May and 12-month declines were led by declining European and Latin American/Caribbean fares, which fell 6.0 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively, for the month. European fares fell 14.9 percent for the year ended in May while Latin American/Caribbean fares decreased 20.2 percent over the same period. Export air passenger fares also fell in May, declining 2.4 percent for the month and 14.6 percent for the May 2008-2009 period.

Import air freight prices rose 0.9 percent in May, led by a 1.2 percent increase in European air freight prices. Despite the May rise, the index declined 16.1 percent over the past 12 months. Export air freight prices fell 3.0 percent in May and decreased 13.5 percent from May 2008 to May 2009.

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Import and Export Price Index data for June 2009 are scheduled for release on July 10, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
All commodities		100.000	114.8	116.3	-17.6	0.0	0.5	1.1	1.3
All imports excluding petroleum		86.268	107.1	107.3	-5.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.2	0.2
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100) ..		84.794	110.8	111.0	-4.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.2
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	4.888	138.9	139.3	-3.9	-3.2	-0.6	1.4	0.3
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.783	154.4	155.2	-4.3	-3.8	-1.1	2.0	0.5
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.105	103.7	103.4	-2.4	-1.1	1.2	-0.9	-0.3
Industrial supplies & materials	1	29.268	154.0	160.4	-39.5	0.8	3.0	3.2	4.2
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		15.535	130.2	131.0	-22.2	-2.2	-2.6	-2.1	0.6
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.061	144.1	145.2	-16.8	-0.9	-1.3	-1.0	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.707	134.0	134.2	-20.6	-0.6	-1.8	-0.5	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.353	125.6	127.0	-23.8	-4.1	-3.7	-4.0	1.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	15.207	173.9	186.8	-51.9	2.7	7.7	7.3	7.4
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	13.733	184.9	200.3	-51.4	5.4	11.1	9.8	8.3
Crude.....	10000	9.892	188.1	206.4	-52.5	3.4	13.7	9.7	9.7
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.283	112.5	111.2	-55.2	-12.2	-13.8	-12.2	-1.2
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.070	97.7	96.3	-61.1	-13.7	-15.8	-14.4	-1.4
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.745	104.6	103.5	-11.6	-1.4	-2.0	-1.9	-1.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.691	134.2	137.0	-8.4	-1.2	-0.3	-1.8	2.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.696	115.3	114.4	-1.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.390	171.3	172.3	-34.6	-0.3	-2.4	-0.2	0.6
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.907	132.5	134.1	-13.7	-1.2	-2.5	-0.2	1.2
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.632	104.6	103.8	-3.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-0.8
Capital goods	2	24.740	92.0	92.0	-1.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.175	109.9	110.7	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.7
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.390	86.8	86.7	-1.9	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.175	120.8	120.9	2.8	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	14.583	107.7	108.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3
Consumer goods, excluding automotives ..	4	26.522	104.2	104.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.2	0.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	12.271	108.4	108.2	0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	12.965	100.2	100.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.286	102.6	101.1	-4.4	1.7	-3.2	1.5	-1.5

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
All commodities.....		100.000	116.0	116.7	-6.5	-0.3	-0.7	0.4	0.6
Agricultural commodities.....		8.696	157.1	162.8	-14.7	-1.7	-3.5	3.7	3.6
Nonagricultural commodities.....		91.304	113.1	113.4	-5.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.3
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	8.184	162.7	166.5	-13.9	-2.0	-3.4	3.9	2.3
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.506	164.8	169.8	-14.6	-2.1	-3.6	4.2	3.0
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.678	145.2	138.2	-5.0	-1.5	-1.2	0.8	-4.8
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	26.754	137.0	138.2	-18.5	-0.8	-0.9	0.2	0.9
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.506	142.2	143.3	-17.4	0.6	0.6	-1.0	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		16.248	134.6	135.8	-19.3	-1.7	-1.8	1.1	0.9
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.190	123.6	133.2	-15.1	0.5	-2.5	0.5	7.8
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		25.564	138.0	138.7	-18.7	-0.9	-0.8	0.3	0.5
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	3.532	157.3	159.4	-42.2	-5.8	-5.8	6.9	1.3
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	20.992	137.2	137.9	-13.9	0.0	0.1	-0.8	0.5
Selected building materials.....	13	1.040	113.3	111.7	-1.9	-0.2	-1.1	-0.6	-1.4
Capital goods.....	2	41.654	102.7	102.9	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.765	106.8	107.0	-1.5	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.854	94.1	94.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	9.035	136.4	136.8	5.6	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.3
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	10.506	108.1	108.1	0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	12.902	107.5	107.9	-0.2	0.1	-0.7	-0.9	0.4
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.729	107.3	108.0	-1.8	0.2	-1.8	0.3	0.7
Durables, manufactured.....	41	6.043	107.6	107.9	2.7	0.1	0.1	-2.1	0.3

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Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Nonmanufactured articles.....		13.583	90.1	95.9	-49.5	0.3	6.4	7.0	6.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	1.884	138.4	136.1	0.7	-5.8	-1.7	7.7	-1.7
Crop production.....	111	1.368	147.7	143.8	3.9	-7.4	-3.7	8.3	-2.6
Mining.....	21	11.699	85.1	91.7	-53.0	1.4	7.9	6.9	7.8
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.471	129.7	129.5	5.4	0.4	-1.1	0.1	-0.2
Manufactured articles.....		85.912	105.2	105.7	-7.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.860	106.3	106.4	-2.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.487	113.8	114.7	-9.6	-1.5	-0.6	-1.5	0.8
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.983	107.0	107.0	1.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
Textile mills.....	313	0.466	111.4	111.5	-1.3	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	0.1
Textile product mills.....	314	0.836	98.7	98.7	-3.6	-0.1	-0.2	-2.0	0.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.436	102.5	102.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.652	107.6	107.5	2.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.704	107.9	109.6	-15.9	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	1.001	89.1	88.1	-5.6	-1.2	-0.4	-0.9	-1.1
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.327	103.5	103.0	-7.4	-1.0	-1.7	-1.6	-0.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.233	87.0	91.9	-48.0	7.2	7.1	9.3	5.6
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.858	118.0	119.6	-3.5	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	1.4
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.957	112.8	112.2	1.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.214	119.1	119.4	6.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	57.349	104.1	104.2	-5.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.052	119.7	119.7	-33.5	-0.8	-2.4	-0.6	0.0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.951	116.3	116.4	-1.3	-0.6	-1.0	-0.5	0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.208	111.1	110.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.972	89.1	89.2	-4.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.245	112.9	113.1	0.7	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	15.782	104.9	105.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.672	110.3	110.0	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.466	110.5	111.0	0.5	-0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.5

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Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Nonmanufactured articles.....		6.114	118.8	123.1	-21.4	-3.1	-5.5	6.1	3.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	4.855	138.4	144.4	-18.0	-3.5	-6.6	7.3	4.3
Crop production.....	111	4.496	142.3	149.3	-18.8	-3.8	-7.0	8.0	4.9
Mining.....	21	1.259	75.5	76.2	-32.6	-1.6	-1.2	1.6	0.9
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	0.984	88.6	87.0	-13.0	-0.4	3.0	2.1	-1.8
Manufactured articles.....		92.260	107.2	107.4	-4.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.2
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.483	116.5	117.9	-4.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.2
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.313	129.3	131.7	-5.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.9
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.518	105.4	105.8	-0.8	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.4
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.396	102.5	102.5	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	21.598	107.4	107.8	-13.3	-1.2	-1.6	0.8	0.4
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.462	106.0	101.3	-9.6	-0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-4.4
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.937	111.5	109.9	-4.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.034	90.4	92.4	-49.2	-7.8	-8.7	12.0	2.2
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.071	109.9	110.4	-8.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5	0.5
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.217	108.6	108.7	0.5	-1.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.877	113.2	113.2	4.3	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	64.179	106.0	106.1	-0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.232	120.0	119.3	-21.0	-0.5	2.1	-1.4	-0.6
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ...	332	2.869	120.8	120.8	4.7	0.2	-1.0	0.1	0.0
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.863	111.6	111.8	2.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.749	93.5	93.6	-1.9	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.647	106.6	106.5	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	0.5	-0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	18.519	109.9	110.2	3.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.953	108.8	109.0	2.3	-0.1	0.1	-2.1	0.2

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.156	126.0	126.6	-9.2	-1.4	2.2	-0.3	0.5
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.254	144.8	148.5	-7.0	-1.0	-0.8	0.3	2.6
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.581	98.8	98.2	-5.8	-1.7	2.1	-1.7	-0.6
Vegetable products.....	II	1.583	166.2	163.4	4.1	-6.8	-4.1	8.3	-1.7
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.516	336.4	316.5	52.0	-25.6	5.4	23.9	-5.9
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.444	101.1	103.8	-2.9	-2.3	-5.0	-2.8	2.7
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.258	146.8	153.1	-8.0	-1.0	-6.3	5.5	4.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.373	133.4	133.6	-2.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.248	105.7	106.7	-0.4	-0.9	0.3	-0.6	0.9
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.290	124.0	124.0	-12.7	-0.5	-2.6	-3.0	0.0
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.983	115.7	115.8	-1.9	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.1
Mineral products.....	V	15.479	177.3	189.9	-50.5	2.6	7.5	7.0	7.1
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	15.076	173.8	186.5	-51.7	2.7	7.7	7.2	7.3
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.035	129.2	132.2	-4.0	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	2.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.742	197.3	252.3	-0.2	-2.1	1.3	3.2	27.9
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.509	121.9	121.7	-7.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	-0.2
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.846	113.0	113.0	-1.1	0.3	-2.1	0.0	0.0
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.179	103.9	103.7	-0.9	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.435	117.0	117.1	-6.1	-1.1	-1.7	-1.4	0.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.451	90.9	90.6	-10.5	-2.1	-0.9	-1.7	-0.3
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.038	126.1	125.7	-4.8	-1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.975	123.6	122.7	-5.1	-1.5	-0.5	0.0	-0.7
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.063	131.1	131.5	-4.3	-1.0	-0.3	-1.0	0.3
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.657	113.6	114.0	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.4
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.610	114.5	115.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.4
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	1.035	109.3	108.2	-5.3	-1.1	-0.5	-0.6	-1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.523	109.1	108.8	-5.6	-0.8	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.071	109.4	108.8	-2.1	-0.9	-1.8	-1.4	-0.5
Printed matter.....	49	0.299	119.7	119.9	1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.541	102.8	102.6	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.095	99.8	99.6	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.138	103.8	103.4	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.566	90.3	90.3	-6.0	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	0.0
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..	XII	1.347	108.0	107.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.138	107.4	107.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	1.083	124.2	124.6	8.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.405	118.0	117.3	9.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.9	-0.6
Ceramic products.....	69	0.335	135.7	137.7	10.2	1.1	0.8	0.5	1.5
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.343	118.1	118.4	4.4	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.669	135.6	136.2	-12.4	0.2	1.7	0.8	0.4
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.678	150.3	151.0	-24.8	-1.3	-2.9	-0.5	0.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.280	183.6	173.7	-39.2	-2.6	-6.1	-4.3	-5.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.942	145.3	144.0	-6.7	-1.6	-2.8	-1.0	-0.9
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.495	198.7	224.0	-32.9	3.0	1.6	9.2	12.7
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.688	100.7	104.9	-33.6	-4.8	-2.4	0.0	4.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.416	118.0	118.2	3.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.500	130.2	130.3	1.6	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	27.238	86.7	86.9	-2.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.696	87.7	87.8	-2.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	13.542	85.9	86.0	-2.9	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	13.492	109.5	109.7	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	12.245	108.4	108.7	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.3
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.138	115.8	115.8	3.8	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.364	101.6	101.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.022	99.4	99.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.261	122.9	123.1	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	4.481	107.9	107.8	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.452	112.9	112.7	1.2	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.804	100.7	100.7	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.225	115.7	115.7	4.0	-0.3	-0.5	3.6	0.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.533	156.4	155.5	-8.6	-0.8	-0.3	0.8	-0.6
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.778	122.9	123.4	-13.1	-0.1	1.4	0.1	0.4
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.415	149.6	146.2	-1.9	-2.3	-2.4	3.4	-2.3
Vegetable products.....	II	4.675	186.4	194.2	-16.8	-3.6	-5.3	6.8	4.2
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.580	101.2	99.8	-18.3	-1.5	-3.7	1.2	-1.4
Cereals.....	10	2.040	202.7	205.4	-29.7	-6.6	-5.2	8.6	1.3
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.410	200.7	220.5	-7.5	-1.6	-7.5	9.3	9.9
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.468	135.6	137.8	2.1	1.0	-0.7	0.5	1.6
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.374	118.7	118.9	-1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.8	0.2
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec.2008=100).....	22	0.283	99.8	100.5	-	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6	0.7
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.505	184.7	198.4	0.4	3.9	-5.7	3.5	7.4
Mineral products.....	V	3.429	181.6	184.0	-45.0	-6.8	-6.2	7.4	1.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	2.924	174.1	176.7	-46.9	-7.6	-8.0	8.4	1.5
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	11.823	135.0	135.9	-4.8	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.7
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.328	197.7	197.0	4.0	-0.8	-0.8	-2.3	-0.4
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.246	134.8	137.6	-14.6	1.5	1.7	0.6	2.1
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.692	114.7	115.6	-3.5	1.4	-3.0	0.3	0.8
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.539	111.9	112.3	-1.8	0.4	0.4	-1.8	0.4
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.728	121.8	123.9	1.6	-5.1	-0.3	0.2	1.7
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.411	113.4	113.9	-3.2	-1.4	-0.9	-1.7	0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.804	129.6	128.4	2.6	-1.7	-0.4	0.0	-0.9
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.241	128.7	128.8	-7.7	-0.9	-1.9	-1.2	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.249	123.6	123.8	-8.4	-0.7	-2.1	-0.2	0.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.992	150.9	150.3	-5.5	-1.9	-0.9	-5.4	-0.4
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.264	77.4	75.9	-35.5	0.4	-4.3	-4.0	-1.9
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.581	103.6	101.2	-10.0	-0.1	-1.9	-0.8	-2.3
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.388	106.3	106.0	-9.4	0.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.499	89.7	89.6	-29.4	1.7	1.1	1.0	-0.1
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.356	112.5	111.8	-0.4	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6
Printed material.....	49	0.533	114.4	115.0	-5.0	0.1	-1.0	0.0	0.5
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	1.971	101.0	102.7	-4.6	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3	1.7
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.532	89.1	94.4	-13.2	-1.5	-5.5	3.5	5.9
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec.2008=100).....	XIII	0.852	115.7	115.9	4.4	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.2
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.453	100.3	100.6	1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	3.794	168.1	166.1	-10.8	2.6	3.6	-3.6	-1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: May 2008 to May 2009 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.011	141.3	144.4	-19.7	-0.4	-1.5	-0.6	2.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.259	156.1	152.4	-35.6	-0.5	-3.2	-5.5	-2.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.531	164.0	163.9	7.7	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.388	140.4	179.0	-33.0	2.3	0.5	16.6	27.5
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.656	93.9	100.3	-35.2	-0.8	-0.4	-1.9	6.8
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.408	121.9	121.9	2.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.337	119.4	119.3	-7.6	0.8	-7.6	-0.2	-0.1
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	31.708	95.2	95.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	18.228	104.9	105.0	1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.480	84.7	84.5	-1.2	0.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.2
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	16.019	119.9	120.3	3.4	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.3
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.211	107.5	107.7	0.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	6.303	106.7	107.5	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.588	106.8	106.8	-1.8	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.777	116.4	116.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.687	92.7	92.7	-2.5	0.0	0.1	-0.4	0.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: May 2008 to May 2009
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Industrialized Countries²	42.434	116.7	117.2	-14.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.390	146.7	153.4	-52.7	-3.6	1.6	2.3	4.6
Manufactured articles.....	37.621	113.8	113.9	-7.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	0.1
Other Countries³	57.566	112.3	114.0	-19.8	0.1	1.1	1.7	1.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.442	181.7	194.8	-47.2	0.5	8.2	8.9	7.2
Manufactured articles.....	44.910	102.0	102.2	-7.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.2
Canada	15.963	123.0	124.8	-24.5	-2.1	-0.5	-1.0	1.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.979	140.6	146.6	-54.5	-4.5	1.7	1.0	4.3
Manufactured articles.....	11.678	120.7	121.4	-10.1	-1.6	-1.0	-1.5	0.6
European Union⁴	17.447	123.5	123.5	-7.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.222	195.5	206.3	-47.0	-15.5	0.4	3.8	5.5
Manufactured articles.....	17.133	121.4	121.3	-6.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.954	120.0	120.0	1.0	-0.8	0.3	0.6	0.0
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.735	108.3	108.2	-4.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.660	118.5	118.8	-15.7	-0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Latin America⁵	17.808	136.6	140.1	-24.7	-1.3	0.2	3.2	2.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.160	209.1	222.5	-40.8	-3.0	5.3	10.5	6.4
Manufactured articles.....	12.547	122.6	123.9	-14.1	-0.8	-1.6	0.6	1.1
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	10.785	128.2	130.9	-12.5	-1.6	-0.7	2.7	2.1
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.947	113.6	120.7	-	-6.4	7.1	15.2	6.3
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.788	95.9	96.9	-	-0.5	-2.4	0.4	1.0
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	33.590	99.1	99.1	-3.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	0.0
China (Dec. 2003=100)	16.852	100.4	100.3	-1.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1
Japan	7.488	96.2	96.2	1.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Asian NICs⁷	5.647	84.9	84.7	-6.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.2
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.729	95.6	95.7	-6.5	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	3.992	161.4	171.5	-41.7	1.1	15.1	6.2	6.3

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2007 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, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

7 Asian 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.

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: May 2008 to May 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Apr. 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				May 2008 to May 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	130.8	132.0	-16.1	-1.1	-2.1	-1.6	0.9
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.888	121.4	122.9	-29.2	-2.3	-3.5	-2.6	1.2
Asia.....	69.341	116.8	117.3	-9.1	-0.1	-1.7	-1.4	0.4
Export Air Freight	100.000	122.5	118.8	-13.5	-3.0	-2.3	-1.3	-3.0
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	37.355	113.3	108.1	-17.4	-4.5	-2.9	-1.6	-4.6
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	125.3	125.5	-16.4	-1.9	-2.9	-1.8	0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.105	117.8	118.7	-26.9	-2.2	-4.4	-3.0	0.8
Asia.....	64.163	110.6	110.9	-9.6	-2.1	-1.9	-1.6	0.3
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	115.4	114.1	-16.8	-2.4	-2.4	-3.3	-1.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	40.317	134.0	132.1	-15.5	-2.7	-1.7	-4.8	-1.4
Asia.....	40.573	103.7	103.6	-15.5	-0.4	-2.5	-1.3	-0.1
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	133.1	130.3	-10.1	-4.6	-4.7	-1.3	-2.1
Europe.....	41.772	132.9	124.9	-14.9	-5.7	-7.8	-1.3	-6.0
Asia.....	28.741	122.8	127.5	3.1	-4.6	-4.1	-0.2	3.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	12.337	120.6	112.9	-20.2	-3.9	-3.0	2.0	-6.4
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	138.5	135.2	-14.6	-10.6	-3.9	-2.3	-2.4
Europe.....	29.214	153.9	150.6	-22.1	-9.9	-7.1	0.1	-2.1
Asia.....	35.534	123.7	127.8	-4.3	-13.9	0.2	-3.6	3.3
Latin America/Caribbean.....	22.003	152.1	132.8	-17.4	-10.2	-7.6	1.6	-12.7

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

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

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

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

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

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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 to compute price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful in terms of trade analysis.

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