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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - APRIL 2006 -

The U.S. Import Price Index rose 2.1 percent in April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase was led by the largest rise in petroleum prices in over a year. Export prices advanced 0.6 percent, the fifth consecutive monthly increase for the index.

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

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All Imports	Petroleum Imports	Non-petroleum Imports	All Exports	Agricultural Exports	Nonagricultural Exports
<u>2005</u>						
April	0.9	3.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6
May	-0.8	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.0	-0.5
June	1.2	8.9	-0.2	0.0	1.0	-0.1
July	1.2	7.7	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
August	1.4	7.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1
September	2.1	6.9	0.9	0.8	-1.4	1.0
October	0.1	-3.1	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.8
November	-1.9	-9.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
December	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.2
<u>2006</u>						
January	1.2	5.8 r	0.3	0.7 r	0.6	0.7
February	-0.6 r	-0.9 r	-0.5 r	0.1	-0.7	0.1
March	-0.2 r	0.5 r	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.2
April	2.1	11.5	0.0	0.6	-0.6	0.7
April 2004-05	8.4	45.5	3.0	3.1	-9.5	4.5
April 2005-06	5.9	32.5	0.8	2.4	-0.3	2.5

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

## Import Goods

Import prices increased 2.1 percent in April after declines of 0.6 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, in February and March. The advance was driven by an 11.5 percent jump in petroleum prices which followed a comparatively modest 0.5 percent rise the previous month. The April increase in petroleum prices was the largest for the index since a 13.4 percent rise in March 2005. Petroleum prices rose 32.5 percent over the past 12 months. Nonpetroleum prices were unchanged in April after decreases in each of the previous two months that largely resulted from lower natural gas prices. For the year ended in April, nonpetroleum prices increased 0.8 percent while overall import prices advanced 5.9 percent.

Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials rose 0.5 percent in April as higher metals prices more than offset lower prices for natural gas, chemicals, and lumber. Nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices increased 6.1 percent for the year ended in April. The price index for automotive vehicles also rose, increasing 0.2 percent for the month and 0.3 percent over the past year.

In contrast, prices for foods, feeds, and beverages and for consumer goods declined in April, falling 0.9 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Lower vegetable prices led the decrease in the price index for foods, feeds, and beverages, which still increased 0.3 percent over the past 12 months. Consumer goods prices declined for the second consecutive month and fell 0.3 percent for the year ended in April.

The price index for capital goods was unchanged in April and down 1.5 percent over the past year.

## Export Goods

The price index of overall exports rose 0.6 percent in April as a 0.7 percent increase in nonagricultural prices more than offset a 0.6 percent decline in agricultural prices. Nonagricultural prices continued the upward trend over each of the past five months, and increased 2.5 percent for the year ended in April. Overall export prices rose 2.4 percent for the same period.

The increase in nonagricultural prices was led by a 2.0 percent advance in prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, the largest monthly increase since October. A sharp rise in fuel prices drove the increase, but higher metals prices were also a contributing factor. The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials advanced 8.0 percent over the past 12 months.

Prices for capital goods and for automotive vehicles also rose in April, advancing 0.4 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The April increase in capital goods prices matched the January rise, which was the largest monthly advance since April 1995. Despite the recent increase, capital goods prices only rose 0.2 percent over the past 12 months. Automotive vehicle prices increased 1.0 percent over the same period of time. Prices for consumer goods recorded no change last month and rose 0.3 percent for the year ended in April.

In contrast, agricultural export prices fell for the fifth time in the past six months and decreased 0.3 percent over the April 2005-2006 period. Lower soybean prices were the largest contributor to the April decline.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

The price indexes for imports from Mexico, Canada, and the European Union were all driven up in April by higher petroleum prices. Import prices from Mexico rose 2.3 percent in April and 6.9 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for imports from Canada reversed the downward trend of the past two months, rising 1.2 percent; the index advanced 5.6 percent over the past year. Import prices from the European Union increased 0.3 percent following a 0.3 percent decline in March, and rose 2.0 percent for the year ended in April.

In contrast, prices for imports from Japan and from China declined in April, decreasing 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Import prices from Japan resumed a downward trend after a modest 0.1 percent uptick in March. For the year ended in April, prices for imports from Japan fell 1.4 percent and import prices from China declined 1.1 percent.

### Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares rose 5.7 percent in April, the largest monthly increase for the index since a 10.2 percent jump in June 2005. The increase was led by an 8.1 percent rise in European fares, and, driven by the April increase, overall import air passenger fares advanced 3.8 percent for the year ended in April. Export air passenger fares also rose because of higher European fares, rising 0.7 percent in April. Despite the increase, the index declined 1.3 percent over the past year.

The price indexes for both import and export air freight were unchanged in April. Import air freight prices declined 0.5 percent in March, while export air freight prices increased 0.2 percent.

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

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

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 Import and Export Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on June 9 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance March 2006 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	112.8	115.2	5.9	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	2.1
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	81.935	103.2	103.2	0.8	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.0
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	79.428	105.7	105.8	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.358	117.1	116.0	0.3	1.4	-2.1	0.3	-0.9
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.260	125.5	124.1	-1.1	2.0	-3.3	0.1	-1.1
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.098	98.3	97.8	4.6	-0.1	1.5	1.1	-0.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	35.316	161.0	170.9	18.9	3.3	-1.5	-0.2	6.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	17.250	129.0	129.7	6.1	0.8	-2.2	-1.0	0.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	14.743	134.9	136.0	5.7	1.4	1.4	0.7	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.383	127.2	129.0	6.4	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.866	130.3	129.7	5.1	-0.3	-6.3	-3.3	-0.5
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	20.573	202.6	222.8	28.8	4.6	-3.4	-0.9	10.0
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	18.066	207.2	231.0	32.5	5.8	-0.9	0.5	11.5
10000	Crude.....	13.183	208.5	233.5	34.6	7.5	-1.1	1.4	12.0
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	0.927	107.8	109.1	4.2	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.2
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.529	119.3	118.8	4.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	-0.4
13	Selected building materials.....	2.085	118.1	118.3	-1.7	1.4	0.0	-0.3	0.2
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	4.045	161.1	165.2	16.0	3.4	4.4	2.4	2.5
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.573	119.1	120.6	3.0	0.9	-0.2	0.5	1.3
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.584	100.8	100.9	-0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	21.684	91.1	91.1	-1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.550	100.0	100.0	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.447	88.0	88.0	-2.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.687	107.0	107.1	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	14.703	103.4	103.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.940	99.6	99.5	-0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.415	102.8	102.5	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.354	96.4	96.4	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.170	98.2	98.4	-1.9	0.4	-0.1	-3.3	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.8	109.5	2.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.508	120.6	119.9	-0.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.492	107.9	108.7	2.5	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.7
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.767	121.6	120.6	-0.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.2	-0.8
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.014	121.4	120.4	-0.4	0.9	-1.0	-0.2	-0.8
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.753	123.0	122.1	1.0	-0.7	1.2	-1.0	-0.7
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	29.482	131.1	133.6	7.7	1.6	0.5	0.5	1.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.578	135.6	138.4	11.3	1.9	2.0	1.1	2.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	18.904	128.8	131.1	5.6	1.3	-0.4	0.2	1.8
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.494	116.9	117.2	0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.3
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.988	132.1	134.7	8.0	1.6	0.5	0.5	2.0
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	4.436	172.2	185.6	21.9	5.3	-2.0	2.2	7.8
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	22.392	128.4	129.6	5.8	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.9
13	Selected building materials.....	1.160	108.5	108.7	3.1	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.2
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.489	98.2	98.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.915	104.4	104.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.915	92.6	92.9	-1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.658	116.0	116.8	4.8	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.7
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.877	104.2	104.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.385	102.2	102.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.100	102.5	102.8	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.295	101.0	100.7	-1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance  March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	17.307	99.7	108.4	n.a.	5.2	-4.7	-0.6	8.7
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	1.353	94.6	91.8	n.a.	4.0	-8.2	-0.9	-3.0
111	Agricultural products.....	0.928	89.2	85.8	n.a.	5.0	-12.8	-2.6	-3.8
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	15.954	100.2	109.9	n.a.	5.3	-4.4	-0.5	9.7
	Manufactured Articles.....	82.101	100.8	101.5	n.a.	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	10.719	100.5	100.6	n.a.	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
311	Food and kindred products.....	2.557	101.9	101.5	n.a.	1.2	0.7	0.0	-0.4
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.832	100.6	100.7	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	0.516	99.7	102.4	n.a.	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	2.7
314	Textile mill products.....	0.754	100.2	100.3	n.a.	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1
315	Apparel and accessories.....	4.546	100.0	100.1	n.a.	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
316	Leather and allied products.....	1.514	99.9	100.0	n.a.	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	17.608	100.9	103.3	n.a.	1.3	0.0	-0.4	2.4
321	Wood products.....	1.410	100.7	100.1	n.a.	2.0	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6
322	Paper.....	1.478	101.4	102.2	n.a.	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.8
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	4.138	100.3	111.7	n.a.	2.7	0.3	-2.6	11.4
325	Chemicals.....	7.744	101.3	100.2	n.a.	0.9	-0.1	0.5	-1.1
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	1.634	100.6	101.1	n.a.	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	1.095	100.6	101.5	n.a.	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.9
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	53.774	100.8	101.1	n.a.	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
331	Primary metals.....	4.565	109.9	113.1	n.a.	3.0	4.3	2.3	2.9
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.506	102.2	102.4	n.a.	1.3	0.7	0.2	0.2
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	6.436	101.1	101.3	n.a.	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.2
334	Computer and electronic products.....	14.697	99.1	98.9	n.a.	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.575	100.6	100.6	n.a.	0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0
336	Transportation equipment.....	15.632	99.9	100.0	n.a.	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
337	Furniture and fixtures.....	1.526	100.0	100.0	n.a.	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.837	100.8	101.0	n.a.	0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	5.909	101.7	104.6	n.a.	3.5	-0.2	-1.5	2.9
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	4.041	101.0	100.6	n.a.	1.6	-1.3	0.7	-0.4
111	Agricultural products.....	3.582	99.9	99.8	n.a.	1.7	-1.6	-0.2	-0.1
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	1.868	103.3	113.4	n.a.	7.8	1.8	-5.8	9.8
211	Oil and gas.....	0.444	78.4	87.2	n.a.	7.6	-13.6	-15.7	11.2
212	Minerals and ores.....	1.424	114.6	125.4	n.a.	7.9	8.7	-2.3	9.4
	Manufactured Articles.....	91.966	100.9	101.4	n.a.	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	6.634	99.4	99.0	n.a.	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
311	Food and kindred products.....	3.731	99.0	97.8	n.a.	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-1.2
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.574	99.8	100.9	n.a.	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	1.1
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	1.101	99.5	100.0	n.a.	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.5
315	Apparel and accessories.....	0.637	100.0	99.9	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	23.657	101.8	102.7	n.a.	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.9
321	Wood products.....	0.559	101.1	101.2	n.a.	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.1
322	Paper.....	2.098	102.2	104.5	n.a.	1.2	0.6	0.4	2.3
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	2.578	107.6	116.5	n.a.	5.9	-2.4	4.1	8.3
325	Chemicals.....	14.966	101.0	100.6	n.a.	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.4
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	2.467	101.7	101.9	n.a.	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	0.885	99.1	99.1	n.a.	0.2	0.6	-1.7	0.0
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	61.676	100.8	101.1	n.a.	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
331	Primary metals.....	3.641	107.1	108.5	n.a.	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.3
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.746	103.7	105.1	n.a.	2.0	1.4	0.3	1.4
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	12.223	101.0	101.3	n.a.	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.3
334	Computer and electronic products.....	18.605	99.2	99.2	n.a.	0.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.0
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.529	100.7	100.9	n.a.	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.2
336	Transportation equipment.....	16.379	100.9	101.2	n.a.	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.235	100.0	100.2	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance March 2006 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.224	117.2	115.5	1.9	-0.8	1.0	1.5	-1.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.351	138.1	137.7	0.5	-1.0	1.4	-0.7	-0.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.642	95.3	94.8	7.1	-1.0	2.2	2.1	-0.5
2/	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.230	149.3	141.0	-8.2	0.1	-3.3	3.3	-5.6
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.079	107.9	103.9	-13.8	4.0	-10.1	-3.1	-3.7
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.282	135.4	122.2	-24.2	10.6	-33.2	9.4	-9.7
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.285	81.5	81.2	-10.8	-6.3	3.2	-4.0	-0.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.244	121.2	117.4	-4.4	11.2	-1.7	-3.7	-3.1
2/	Other vegetable products.....	0.268	106.3	104.7	-13.3	1.6	-0.6	-12.1	-1.5
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.093	118.4	118.6	3.8	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.2
2/	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.812	127.1	127.5	2.9	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.3
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.260	116.0	116.1	12.5	3.2	1.2	1.5	0.1
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.795	109.4	109.7	3.0	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.3
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	20.475	202.4	222.4	28.6	4.8	-3.4	-0.8	9.9
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	20.147	201.9	222.1	29.0	4.8	-3.5	-0.8	10.0
2/	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.328	132.8	135.8	9.8	2.6	1.3	0.5	2.3
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.075	113.4	112.7	-0.6	1.0	0.1	0.0	-0.6
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.711	150.9	153.4	18.0	-1.1	-0.8	1.3	1.7
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.774	114.6	114.0	-1.3	3.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.5
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.031	107.5	105.4	-5.4	-1.3	-1.2	0.1	-2.0
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.180	101.2	101.0	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.383	106.3	106.2	-1.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.1
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.399	91.7	91.0	-3.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.8
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.867	118.3	118.1	4.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.2
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.894	117.2	116.6	1.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.973	120.4	120.9	8.2	1.5	1.6	0.9	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.631	103.9	104.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.540	103.7	103.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.488	122.7	122.3	-4.2	1.8	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.672	105.7	106.5	3.8	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.205	108.0	111.0	1.6	-0.3	2.1	0.6	2.8
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.194	104.9	105.4	5.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5
49	Printed matter.....	0.274	112.7	112.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	5.612	100.5	100.8	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.041	99.8	100.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.2

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.279	99.9	99.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.502	93.6	93.8	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.791	107.4	108.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	1.0
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.272	100.1	100.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.070	100.6	100.7	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.202	97.3	96.5	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.8
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.961	105.6	106.5	1.2	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.9
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.326	102.1	103.1	4.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.307	110.0	111.3	0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.1	1.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.329	103.7	104.2	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.5
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.559	112.5	114.9	17.1	1.8	3.9	-0.2	2.1
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.926	140.6	142.7	7.1	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.5
72	Iron and steel.....	1.506	156.7	161.5	-6.5	-0.6	1.3	1.0	3.1
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.452	123.8	123.8	1.1	0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.0
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.581	197.5	205.3	44.4	4.2	3.1	1.4	3.9
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	1.026	136.9	137.1	15.7	4.9	3.2	4.3	0.1
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.390	107.1	107.4	1.6	1.9	1.1	-0.2	0.3
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.457	116.6	117.2	3.8	1.6	1.9	0.2	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.514	159.7	164.1	23.9	7.6	8.4	4.8	2.8
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	24.148	88.1	88.0	-2.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.555	88.4	88.4	-2.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.593	87.8	87.7	-1.9	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.611	104.5	104.6	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	12.542	103.9	104.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	0.927	105.8	105.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.201	99.3	99.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.3
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.855	98.2	98.5	-0.8	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.3
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.250	109.5	110.7	2.6	1.3	0.2	0.0	1.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.886	99.5	99.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.245	102.8	102.9	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.422	95.2	95.2	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.218	101.8	101.9	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.300	123.6	117.5	-6.6	-1.8	-0.7	-3.4	-4.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.458	122.3	121.1	5.6	-0.9	1.6	-1.1	-1.0
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.542	124.7	124.7	-0.1	1.9	-1.5	0.7	0.0
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.636	107.6	111.5	-9.0	-2.0	-3.5	-2.0	3.6
10	Cereals.....	1.568	129.9	129.2	11.4	2.8	1.9	2.1	-0.5
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.867	122.4	116.1	-7.8	2.6	-3.3	0.8	-5.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.304	111.5	112.1	2.7	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.5
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.441	108.0	108.0	-1.3	-1.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.416	124.7	126.3	10.3	2.0	-0.6	-0.5	1.3
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.798	107.9	108.9	0.7	0.8	0.2	-0.7	0.9
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	4.490	217.9	236.7	28.2	6.4	-0.1	-0.6	8.6
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	3.596	198.8	213.7	22.5	5.4	-3.2	0.1	7.5
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	12.127	119.0	119.1	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.143	145.0	147.7	16.2	-1.0	7.6	7.1	1.9
29	Organic chemicals.....	4.147	129.9	129.5	0.8	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.450	108.1	108.1	-0.1	1.1	0.5	-0.3	0.0
31	Fertilizers.....	0.374	145.8	148.8	3.5	-2.1	-1.1	-6.0	2.1
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.629	106.4	106.3	-1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.707	111.8	113.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.4	0.0	1.4
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.420	108.9	108.7	4.7	1.7	-0.1	1.5	-0.2
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.372	103.2	102.8	-1.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.646	111.6	110.4	3.7	1.6	0.6	0.0	-1.1
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	6.004	127.3	126.0	3.8	0.2	0.4	-0.6	-1.0
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.874	124.5	123.0	2.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.8	-1.2
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.130	138.3	138.5	11.5	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.492	116.2	116.5	4.9	-0.5	0.4	2.7	0.3
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.441	108.8	109.1	2.1	-0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.756	106.4	106.6	2.1	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.2
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.657	102.5	104.0	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.5
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.567	93.9	95.1	-2.7	-0.6	0.9	0.4	1.3
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.478	102.2	104.3	3.7	1.4	0.5	0.3	2.1
49	Printed material.....	0.612	116.3	116.3	2.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.772	101.5	102.1	1.5	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.747	92.7	94.0	0.5	2.2	0.1	-2.4	1.4
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.328	94.7	94.6	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.697	114.7	115.2	2.9	1.0	-0.9	0.3	0.4
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.836	103.2	103.1	1.2	0.6	0.8	-1.2	-0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.472	95.0	94.8	-1.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.666	124.2	125.9	17.0	1.8	3.0	1.1	1.4
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.285	142.4	145.0	7.7	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.8
72	Iron and steel.....	1.112	161.0	166.6	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	3.5
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.315	132.6	133.8	6.6	1.7	2.7	-0.1	0.9
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.642	190.2	202.3	39.5	5.6	3.3	2.4	6.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.897	132.1	131.6	9.5	5.2	1.3	2.6	-0.4
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.422	110.1	110.1	1.9	2.5	0.7	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.441	120.8	121.6	2.4	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	32.970	93.6	93.8	-1.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.299	101.1	101.6	1.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.671	85.4	85.4	-3.7	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	0.0
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.573	111.0	111.2	2.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.992	104.4	104.4	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.414	102.0	102.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.449	100.6	101.3	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.7
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.790	106.4	107.1	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.7
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.519	94.6	94.6	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	112.8	115.2	5.9	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	2.1
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.289	116.7	114.8	-1.4	1.8	-3.0	0.7	-1.6
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.400	138.7	138.4	1.4	-0.9	1.0	-1.3	-0.2
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.810	94.8	94.2	6.7	-0.3	2.1	1.6	-0.6
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.840	111.6	107.9	-8.2	3.2	-12.1	2.0	-3.3
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.433	124.7	122.7	-4.8	7.0	-0.8	-2.3	-1.6
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.804	132.9	130.6	-0.6	0.9	-0.5	1.1	-1.7
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.850	109.4	109.5	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1
11	Beverages.....	0.765	109.9	110.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.821	133.7	134.4	0.0	2.0	0.7	-2.7	0.5
24	Cork and wood.....	0.667	125.4	123.8	-6.6	2.7	-0.2	-0.9	-1.3
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.206	108.5	111.5	1.7	-0.3	2.1	0.6	2.8
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.392	203.5	206.9	12.6	0.6	1.7	2.0	1.7
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.170	85.2	86.8	-20.4	2.2	-0.9	-24.4	1.9
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	20.036	203.1	223.6	28.8	4.9	-3.5	-0.8	10.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	17.557	207.6	231.9	32.8	6.3	-0.9	0.6	11.7
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	2.255	174.3	172.1	6.7	-1.8	-18.9	-10.8	-1.3
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	8.030	115.9	115.1	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.7
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.582	115.5	115.1	-0.3	3.8	1.1	0.0	-0.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.707	160.8	162.6	22.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.7	1.1
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.275	108.0	106.2	-4.2	-1.1	-0.9	0.0	-1.7
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.454	94.3	94.3	-1.2	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.691	133.2	130.8	3.2	-1.7	-0.8	-1.0	-1.8
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.376	107.8	108.3	1.3	0.8	0.2	-0.2	0.5
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.555	102.0	101.8	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.2
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.240	118.2	119.6	5.7	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.691	105.5	106.1	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.792	113.7	113.9	-4.4	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.2
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.179	105.7	106.3	4.8	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.285	105.4	106.1	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.032	102.1	102.7	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
67	Iron and steel.....	1.843	152.2	155.3	-4.2	-0.3	1.1	0.5	2.0
68	Nonferrous metals.....	2.248	153.0	158.2	33.5	5.3	5.6	3.2	3.4
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.089	110.8	110.9	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.0	0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	37.844	94.0	94.0	-1.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.383	104.5	104.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.770	112.4	112.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.1	-0.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.438	118.2	119.2	1.5	-0.2	0.9	0.4	0.8

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.111	109.1	109.5	2.1	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.4
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.342	66.2	66.0	-7.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.348	79.3	79.0	-3.5	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.4
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.013	94.3	94.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
78	Road vehicles.....	12.297	103.9	104.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	15.351	101.4	101.6	0.5	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.2
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.455	96.9	97.0	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.847	105.5	105.6	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.373	106.0	106.0	-0.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	4.669	100.7	100.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
85	Footwear.....	1.070	100.8	100.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.838	100.8	101.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.4
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.777	97.4	97.7	-1.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.322	101.7	101.8	2.3	0.3	0.9	-0.2	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

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

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.8	109.5	2.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.678	122.8	122.5	1.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.658	127.0	121.0	-9.0	-4.0	-0.6	-2.8	-4.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.487	114.8	113.9	3.7	-1.2	0.8	-1.1	-0.8
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.821	129.4	129.1	10.4	2.9	1.7	2.1	-0.2
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.226	117.5	121.4	-6.9	0.4	-4.2	-1.4	3.3
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.503	125.7	126.8	10.0	2.1	-0.2	0.2	0.9
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.496	106.8	106.9	-1.0	-1.0	0.3	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.489	112.0	106.9	-2.1	3.4	0.4	-3.0	-4.6
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.582	100.6	101.4	-1.4	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.8
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.328	100.8	101.3	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.5
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.016	137.2	140.5	8.7	3.0	1.3	0.1	2.4
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.714	120.8	113.3	-9.1	4.3	-3.9	0.7	-6.2
24	Cork and wood.....	0.493	99.5	99.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	-0.1
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.566	98.1	99.3	-2.5	-0.6	0.7	0.5	1.2
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.701	109.1	109.8	4.0	3.4	-0.8	-2.6	0.6
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.426	259.1	285.2	28.3	6.5	7.0	-0.2	10.1
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.115	141.1	142.3	12.9	0.5	-0.1	1.8	0.9
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	3.608	209.4	225.9	24.1	5.5	-3.5	0.1	7.9
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.687	220.8	238.1	24.9	5.2	-2.0	3.8	7.8
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.520	120.7	120.3	2.1	0.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.3
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.705	133.6	133.2	0.5	1.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.036	135.4	138.7	15.8	-1.0	6.8	6.6	2.4
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	3.011	108.3	108.4	0.2	1.0	0.4	-0.3	0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.024	112.9	114.0	1.4	-0.1	0.3	0.8	1.0
56	Fertilizers.....	0.372	150.5	153.5	3.5	-1.9	-1.4	-5.9	2.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.828	132.3	129.3	0.7	-0.9	0.3	-1.6	-2.3
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	1.008	109.2	109.7	6.1	1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.5
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.920	110.4	109.3	2.4	1.9	0.6	0.0	-1.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.771	119.7	121.0	5.9	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.1
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.737	119.4	119.9	4.3	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.413	105.0	107.5	3.8	1.5	0.4	0.3	2.4
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.554	111.0	111.5	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.5
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.766	105.3	105.2	2.6	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.184	163.4	164.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.497	131.8	135.6	24.1	3.6	3.1	4.4	2.9
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.198	126.4	127.3	7.7	3.1	1.5	1.0	0.7

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  March 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2006	April 2006	Annual April 2005 to April 2006	Monthly			
						Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.422	120.1	120.7	2.1	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.5
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.676	98.3	98.6	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.749	113.5	114.2	2.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.6
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.051	115.4	116.4	5.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.9
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.797	104.6	104.5	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.829	111.2	112.3	3.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.0
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.837	77.7	77.6	-4.8	1.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.290	87.1	87.1	-3.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.9	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	10.808	83.8	83.8	-4.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	0.0
78	Road vehicles.....	8.597	104.2	104.2	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.176	103.3	103.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.599	103.6	104.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	-0.2	1.1
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.620	96.5	96.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.534	104.2	104.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.931	95.7	95.6	-0.8	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.132	105.2	105.3	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.360	113.1	113.1	3.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

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

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	46.371	113.6	114.3	3.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	0.6
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.994	173.6	183.3	14.2	-0.5	-9.9	-2.7	5.6
Manufactured Articles.....	41.944	108.9	109.0	2.3	0.6	0.7	-0.2	0.1
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	53.651	111.0	114.2	7.9	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	2.9
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	9.299	192.1	211.6	30.8	7.4	-2.0	0.6	10.2
Manufactured Articles.....	44.152	99.6	100.4	1.7	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.8
Canada.....	17.089	126.0	127.5	5.6	0.7	-2.5	-1.0	1.2
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.239	174.8	182.1	12.0	-0.6	-12.5	-3.2	4.2
Manufactured Articles.....	13.575	117.2	117.7	3.8	1.0	0.9	-0.5	0.4
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	18.654	116.3	116.6	2.0	1.4	0.4	-0.3	0.3
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	0.367	209.3	230.3	24.9	11.6	0.7	-2.5	10.0
Manufactured Articles.....	18.150	114.6	114.6	1.3	1.2	0.4	-0.2	0.0
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	1.971	102.6	102.6	0.3	1.4	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.187	102.1	102.3	-2.2	-1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.947	115.5	117.8	5.6	2.6	0.3	-0.4	2.0
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.406	135.1	140.0	13.5	2.4	-0.5	1.2	3.6
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	4.158	198.0	216.5	31.9	7.4	-3.4	3.4	9.3
Manufactured Articles.....	13.173	123.9	125.5	6.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	1.3
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.594	114.9	117.6	6.9	2.7	-1.3	0.5	2.3
<u>6/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	34.090	98.6	98.6	-1.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	13.773	97.9	97.8	-1.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
Japan.....	8.920	94.7	94.5	-1.4	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.2
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.216	88.8	88.7	-1.4	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.086	97.1	97.3	-1.7	-0.9	0.5	0.1	0.2
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.547	165.1	178.9	23.2	5.6	-1.6	-0.4	8.4

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

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

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

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

n.a. Not available



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

Description	Relative importance	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2006	April 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2005 to April 2006	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006	March 2006 to April 2006
<b>AIR FREIGHT</b>								
Import Air Freight.....	100.000	129.1	129.1	n.a.	-1.6	2.3	-0.5	0.0
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.214	120.7	121.7	n.a.	-1.7	2.7	-0.4	0.8
Asia.....	50.438	116.5	116.4	n.a.	-1.7	1.1	0.1	-0.1
Export Air Freight.....	100.000	113.6	113.6	n.a.	-0.3	1.5	0.2	0.0
Inbound Air Freight.....	100.000	124.3	124.1	n.a.	-1.1	1.3	-0.4	-0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.931	117.2	117.7	n.a.	-0.6	1.7	-0.1	0.4
Asia.....	49.518	110.4	110.1	n.a.	-1.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.3
Outbound Air Freight.....	100.000	113.1	112.8	n.a.	-0.5	1.1	0.4	-0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.844	127.4	128.2	n.a.	-1.1	1.8	0.1	0.6
Asia.....	42.662	105.9	105.5	n.a.	-0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.4
<b>AIR PASSENGER FARES</b>								
Import Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	114.9	121.4	3.8	-1.3	-0.1	0.2	5.7
Europe.....	59.727	107.3	116.0	5.3	1.0	1.2	0.3	8.1
Asia.....	14.127	108.7	111.3	3.6	-13.7	-2.1	0.0	2.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	10.676	112.7	112.5	-1.1	0.1	-2.5	0.0	-0.2
Export Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	130.8	131.7	-1.3	3.4	1.7	-3.0	0.7
Europe.....	28.942	146.0	160.6	0.5	0.4	4.2	-3.0	10.0
Asia.....	36.491	111.1	105.7	-6.6	6.3	2.9	-4.8	-4.9
Latin America/Caribbean.....	18.160	144.8	146.7	5.5	3.9	-5.5	-1.6	1.3
Inbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	110.5	113.4	0.1	2.9	-0.1	-0.9	2.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	38.234	104.2	115.8	0.4	0.4	3.6	-3.0	11.1
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	31.163	107.2	102.2	-4.9	5.8	-3.6	2.1	-4.7
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	14.861	113.1	114.4	4.6	4.3	-4.1	-2.1	1.1
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.410	152.8	145.7	8.2	-0.5	4.7	1.5	-4.6
Outbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	110.6	116.6	4.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	5.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	50.206	111.6	121.0	4.5	1.0	1.1	0.2	8.4
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	15.177	102.5	105.8	-0.2	-3.8	-2.9	0.0	3.2
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	20.293	107.1	108.4	1.9	0.1	-1.9	0.4	1.2
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	8.974	146.2	149.1	19.1	0.0	1.0	1.1	2.0
<b>CRUDE OIL TANKER FREIGHT</b>								
<u>2/</u> Inbound Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	100.000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.7	4.1	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OCEAN LINER FREIGHT</b>								
Inbound Ocean Liner Freight.....	100.000	125.4	125.4	3.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
U.S. East Coast.....	39.196	126.6	126.5	9.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1
From Atlantic.....	17.799	131.9	131.9	15.8	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
From Pacific.....	15.398	122.4	122.4	9.4	-1.3	0.0	-0.4	0.0
U.S. West Coast.....	60.804	125.2	125.2	-0.6	0.0	0.2	-1.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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

n.a. Not available

**TECHNICAL NOTE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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