



## Submitting Your Data

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Thank you for participating in the International Price Program (IPP) survey. This page provides you with directions on how to enter your price and item information for the online IPP survey that you access through the secure BLS Internet Data Collection Facility (IDCF). Even if the price has not changed, your confirmation of 'no change' is required to accurately calculate price indexes. The quality of BLS data depends on your participation—thank you!

### Getting started

- On a regular basis, you will receive an email from [IPP.Helpdesk@bls.gov](mailto:IPP.Helpdesk@bls.gov) requesting that you provide prices for the IPP survey. Click on the link in the email to access the secure BLS IDCF website.
- Log on to the IDCF site.
  - Your account number will be pre-filled in the User ID field. You may also enter your email address in the User ID field instead.
  - Enter the password that you previously created in the Password field.
  - Click the **I Accept** button. You will be taken to the "Welcome to the Internet Data Collection Facility" screen.
- Review your contact information to verify it is accurate. If any changes are needed, click on the **Update** button, enter your changes, and click the **Continue** button to save changes.
- From the welcome screen, select "International Price Program" from the dropdown menu, then click the **Continue** button to proceed to the IPP survey.
- On the "Welcome to the International Price Program" screen, click the **Continue** button to get started. You will be directed to the "IPP Verify Contact Information" screen.

Welcome to the International Price Program (IPP) Internet data reporting site. The price data you provide to the Bureau's International Price Program is used in the construction of U.S. export and import price indexes. These indices are used primarily to deflate various foreign trade and growth statistics produced by the U.S. Government. Other uses include measuring inflation, as an input to fiscal and monetary policy and forecasting future prices. Together with the Consumer Price Indexes and Producer Price Indexes, the International Price Program is considered one of the BLS' three major price programs. These three price programs have been designated as leading Federal economic indicators and are designed to cover the entire U.S. economy.

Your industry analyst is **Anna Lyst**. To contact your analyst, click on the [ipp.helpdesk](#) link at the bottom of any page or call 202.691.7099.

- You can get **'HELP'** from the top of any page by clicking on **'Help'**.
- You can click on many field labels to get help for that item. These labels are shown as active links.
- You can click **'Cancel'** to discard current changes and go back to the previous page.
- You can provide partial information if you do not have all the details. You may come back later to finish.

*Maintenance activities for the IPP survey will be conducted daily from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.*

**To get started, click the Continue button.**

Continue

### Providing Information to the International Price Program

#### 1. Verify Contact Information

**Step 1:** On the "Verify Contact Information" screen, you will see your name, business affiliation, and contact information, as well as the IPP-specific feature to provide an alternate contact name. **Alternate Contact Information** lets you designate another person in your company to receive copies of IPP email correspondence. After you have reviewed and updated contact information, click the **Continue** button or the **Step 2—Submit Item Price** button shown below.

#### 2. Submit Item Price

**Step 2:** On the "Submit Item Price" screen, you will see your current list of items and previously provided prices. There are three types of changes to review and update—Price Information, Item Information, and Comments. These sections of the "Submit Item Price" screen are described on the following pages.

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- Please review each item and enter the current price in the table below.
- To view or change price factors for an item, click the "Review More Item Price Factors" link for that item.
- Please enter amounts without commas, '\$', or other special characters. For example, 123456789.1234.

[Enter general comments](#)

**Price Information**

**Incomplete Items**

Item Description	Previous Price	<input type="checkbox"/> No Price Change	Current Price	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Traded?	Item Status	Comments
<b>Import</b> <b>IPP Item Code: D2812646</b> High Density Polyethylene 1; End-Use: Manufacturing Test Test Test <a href="#">Review More Item Price Factors</a>	Aug 2022    20.0000 U.S. DOLLAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oct 2022 <input type="text"/> U.S. DOLLAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Offered	<a href="#">Add / View</a>
<b>Export</b> <b>IPP Item Code: D8056843</b> Low Density Polyethylene 1; End-Use: Manufacturing Test Test Test <a href="#">Review More Item Price Factors</a>	Aug 2022    15.0000 U.S. DOLLAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oct 2022 <input type="text"/> U.S. DOLLAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Offered	<a href="#">Add / View</a>

**Item Information**

**Comments**

### Price Information

Review and update the information in the columns titled **Previous Price**, **Current Price**, **No Price Change**, and **Not Traded**.

- Previously provided price information can be revised if information has changed. Click in the price box in the **Previous Price** column to access the **Previous Price** pop-up window and record any revision to price, currency, price basis, as well as indicate if the item was not traded in that period.
- For each item, current price information must be provided.
  - Click in the price box in the **Current Price** column to access the **Current Price** pop-up window and record the item's current period price. You can also update currency, price basis, discount, and surcharge information.
  - Click the **No Price Change** box to record that the current price is the same as the price you reported in the previous period.
  - Click the box to the left of the column titled **No Price Change** if none of your items' current prices have changed from the previous period's prices.
  - Click the box in the **Not Traded** column if the item was not traded that month. If the item was not traded, you should provide an estimate of what the price would have been if the item had been traded.
- At each window or pop-up screen, remember to click the **Submit** button to save changes or **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.

## Current Price



Please enter amounts without commas, '\$', or special characters. For example, 123456789.1234.

Date	Price	Currency	Price Basis
Oct 2022	<input type="text" value="25.0000"/>	<input type="text" value="U.S. DOLLAR"/>	<input type="text" value="CFR"/>

Price Adjustments: Add or remove a [Discount or Surcharge](#)

Type	Amount	Currency	Percent	Deducted
<input type="text" value="Competit"/>	<input type="text" value="1.0000"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

### Item Information

Review the information in the columns titled **Item Description** and **Item Status**, and also in the link **Review More Item Price Factors**. For each item, please review the information you previously provided and enter updates if changes have occurred.

- Click in the **Item Description** box to record changes to an item's description.
- Click the **Review More Item Price Factors** link to review and update additional item information.

### Price Factors

Review the [price factors](#) below that may impact the price and make changes if necessary.

Imported under HTSUSA:

Transaction Type :

Class of Seller:

Is price specific to quantity ordered?  No  Yes

Enter Size of Order :

Imported From :

Priced Per :

Is duty included in the price?  No  Yes

Duty Amount:

- In the **Item Status** column, click the **No Longer Offered** button next to the item if you no longer trade an item. This action opens the **Report Item Discontinued** pop-up window. Please provide a comparable replacement item, if available.
- At each window or pop-up screen, remember to click the **Submit** button to save changes or **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.

### Comments

In the **Comments** column, you can enter comments about each item or access messages from the IPP Industry Analyst.

- Click the **Add / View** link to provide item-specific comments.
- Click the **Message from analyst** link to view the message from the IPP Industry Analyst and provide a response.
- Click the **Enter general comments** link in the upper right of the screen to provide general comments.
- At each window or pop-up screen, remember to click the **Submit** button to save changes or **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.

After you have updated price information, click the **Continue** button or the **Step 3—Verify Item Information** button shown below.

### 3. Verify Item Information

**Step 3:** On the "Verify Item Information" screen, you will see your list of Completed Items. You may see a prompt to return to the "Step 2" screen to provide prices for incomplete items.

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- Review the information below and make changes if necessary, then select "Finish".
- Please enter amounts without commas, '\$', or other special characters. For example, 123456789.1234.

**1 of 2 items are incomplete.**  
 Return to the "Submit Item Price" page (Step 2) to provide prices for incomplete items.

#### Completed Items

Item Code	Item Description	Previous Price	Current Price	Change Info
D2812646 Import	High Density Polyethylene 1; End-Use: Manufacturing Test Test Test	Aug 2022 20.0000 <i>U.S. DOLLAR</i>	Oct 2022 25.0000 <i>U.S. DOLLAR</i>	<a href="#">Edit</a>

- Click the **Edit** link in the **Change Info** column to review and change any information for a completed item.
- Click the **Print versions: Summary** or **Detailed** link at the top of the page to print a copy of information you provided.
- Click the **Finish** button to submit your price and item information. Thank you!

## Important Facts to Know About Your Account

- If your account has no activity for more than 30 minutes, your session will time out. The data that you entered will be saved. To continue, simply re-access your data by going to the Internet Data Collection Facility (IDCF) Logon webpage (<https://idcf.bls.gov>) and logging on again.
- You can click on any underlined label to get field-specific help.
- Some mail servers may block emails originating from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. BLS recommends you add [IDC.HelpDesk@bls.gov](mailto:IDC.HelpDesk@bls.gov) and [IPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov](mailto:IPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov) to your Contacts list to allow transmission.

### **Thank you for participating in the International Price Program Survey!**

**Your continued participation is essential to maintaining accurate measures of the U.S. economy. BLS import and export price indexes are the official U.S. measure of price changes and inflation of internationally traded goods and services. BLS data are available for free to the public online ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).**

**If you have any questions or comments, please email us at: [IPP.Helpdesk@bls.gov](mailto:IPP.Helpdesk@bls.gov).**

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