

Subject line: ANNOUNCEMENT: **Expansion of published Import and Export Price Indexes**



Dear {@@NAME@@},

Thank you for your time and public service providing price updates that are used to calculate the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes, a key official federal economic indicator of price change in the economy.

In March 2025, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will publish five hundred additional price indexes using trade data from the U.S. Census Bureau. These price indexes will include detailed primary and secondary commodity product areas, such as raw and finished metals, agricultural commodities, and some consumer goods. With additional prices incorporated from trade data, the BLS will expand the quantity and improve the quality of the Import and Export Price Indexes.

With this modernization, some respondents will see a reduction in the number of prices requested by BLS while others will see no change.

For additional information please see the BLS International Price Program FAQ page: <https://www.bls.gov/respondents/mxp/faqs.htm>

Thank you for your participation.

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