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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - OCTOBER 2005-

Import prices declined 0.3 percent in October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today, after increasing 2.3 percent in September. A downturn in petroleum prices more than offset higher nonpetroleum prices. The U.S. Export price index rose 0.6 percent in October following a 0.8 percent advance the previous month.

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 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Agri- } \\ & \text { cultural } \\ & \text { Exports } \end{aligned}$ | Nonagricultural Exports |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 1.6 | 11.1 | -0.1 | 0.6 | -1.1 | 0.8 |
| November | -0.3 | -6.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| December | -1.4 | -11.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -1.1 | 0.2 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.6 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| February | 0.9 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| March | 2.2 | 13.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 0.4 |
| 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 r | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 r |
| August | 1.4 r | 7.5 r | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 r | -0.1 |
| September | 2.3 | 8.0 r | 1.0 r | 0.8 r | -1.3 r | 1.1 |
| October | -0.3 | -4.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| October 2003-04 | 9.9 | 67.8 | 2.9 | 4.4 | -1.0 | 5.0 |
| October 2004-05 | 8.1 | 30.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 3.5 |

$\mathrm{r}=$ revised to reflect late reports and corrections by respondents.

Import Goods
The 0.3 percent decline in the price index of U.S. imports marked the first decrease for the index since May and only the second monthly drop recorded in 2005. Prior to the October decline, import prices rose 6.3 percent between May and September, driven by a 36.2 percent jump in petroleum prices over that period. In October, petroleum prices decreased 4.4 percent, but still rose 30.9 percent over the past 12 months. In contrast, nonpetroleum prices continued to rise, increasing 0.8 percent last month after advancing 1.0 percent in September. For the year ended in October, prices of nonpetroleum imports rose 3.7 percent while overall import prices increased 8.1 percent.

The October advance in nonpetroleum prices was driven by a 4.4 percent increase in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. For the second consecutive month, a sharp rise in natural gas prices led the increase. Excluding prices for petroleum and for natural gas, prices for industrial supplies and materials increased 1.6 percent and overall import prices rose 0.3 percent. Higher prices for chemicals, metals, and building materials also contributed to the increase in prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, which increased 16.1 percent over the past 12 months. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 1.1 percent in October, led by higher prices for fish, vegetables, and meat. Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages advanced 5.2 percent for the year ended in October.

In contrast, prices for capital goods and for consumer goods declined in October, falling 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Lower computer prices again led the decline in the price index for capital goods, which decreased 0.5 percent for the year ended in October. Consumer goods prices fell for the third time in the past four months but increased 1.2 percent over the past year. Automotive vehicles prices were unchanged in October and increased 0.6 percent over the past 12 months.

## Export Goods

Export prices increased 0.6 percent in October, as rising prices for both agricultural exports and nonagricultural exports contributed to the advance. The price index for agricultural exports increased 0.2 percent following declines of 0.6 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively, in August and September. In October, higher wheat prices and a turnaround in corn prices more than compensated for an ongoing decline in soybean prices. Agricultural prices increased 4.8 percent over the past year. Nonagricultural prices rose 0.6 percent in October after a 1.1 percent increase in September. Prices for nonagricultural exports advanced 3.5 percent over the past 12 months while overall export prices rose 3.6 percent for the same period.

The increase in nonagricultural export prices was led by a 1.7 percent advance in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. In October, increasing prices for metals, plastic materials, and industrial organic chemicals all contributed to higher nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices, which increased 11.3 percent over the past 12 months.

Prices for each of the major finished goods categories rose in October. Capital goods prices increased 0.1 percent despite continued declines in computer prices. The modest October advance was the first increase since a similar 0.1 percent uptick in February. Prices of capital goods declined 0.3 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for consumer goods and for automotive vehicles rose 0.3 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, last month. For the year ended in October, consumer goods prices increased 1.2 percent and prices for automotive vehicles advanced 1.1 percent.

The price index of imports from Canada increased 3.6 percent in October following a 4.3 percent advance in September. Import prices from Canada have only recorded one monthly decline in 2005 and rose 15.5 percent over the past 12 months.

Import prices from Mexico and from the European Union each decreased in October, falling 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively. Both indexes were impacted by a downturn in petroleum prices. Despite the October declines, import prices from Mexico increased 5.4 percent for the year ended in October, while prices of imports from the European Union rose 4.2 percent over the same period.

Prices of imports from China increased a modest 0.1 percent for the second time in three months. Despite the advance, the index decreased 0.9 percent for the October 2004-2005 period. In contrast, import prices from Japan fell 0.1 percent in October, but increased 0.4 percent over the past year.

## Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares declined for the third consecutive month in October, decreasing 4.4 percent. The October decline was led by a 6.7 percent drop in European fares. The export air passenger fares index also fell, declining 2.8 percent in October following a 9.9 percent drop the previous month. Notwithstanding the recent declines, import air passenger fares increased 2.7 percent over the past 12 months, while export air passenger fares rose 6.3 percent.

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

Beginning with the release of January 2006 data on February 16, in addition to the existing tables, the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes will also be published by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The new NAICS index series will begin with December 2005, which will be set equal to 100. In addition, all of the services indexes currently found in tables $8-11$ will be published on a monthly basis and displayed in one composite table.

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Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { END } \\ & \text { USE } \end{aligned}$ | Description | Relative <br> Import- <br> anceSeptember2005$1 /$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | October 2005 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | ALL COMMODITIES. | 100.000 | 114.7 | 114.4 | 8.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.3 | -0.3 |
|  | ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM. | 79.143 | 102.9 | 103.7 | 3.7 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
|  | ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS <br> (Dec. 2001=100). | 76.447 | 104.8 | 105.1 | 1.7 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 0 | FOODS, FEEDS, \& BEVERAGES.. | 4.416 | 114.4 | 115.7 | 5.2 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| 00 | Agricultural foods, feeds \& beverages, excluding distilled beverages.. | 3.247 | 122.6 | 123.7 | 4.5 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| 01 | Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages)....... | 1.169 | 95.9 | 97.8 | 7.4 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| 1 | INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES \& MATERIALS. INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES \& MATERIALS | 36.734 | 168.2 | 167.0 | 23.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 6.4 | -0.7 |
|  | EXCLUDING PETROLEUM. INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES \& MATERIALS | 15.876 | 126.4 | 131.9 | 16.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
|  | EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100) INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES \& MATERIALS, | 13.180 | 128.2 | 130.2 | 5.9 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 1.0 | 1.6 |
|  | DURABLE..................... | 7.987 | 119.1 | 120.7 | 4.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
|  | INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES \& MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM............ |  |  |  |  |  | 1.3 |  |  |
| 10 | Fuels \& lubricants.... | 23.555 | 224.5 | 220.1 | 36.9 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 9.6 | -2.0 |
| 100 | Petroleum \& petroleum products. | 20.859 | 227.1 | 217.1 | 30.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 8.0 | -4.4 |
| 10000 | Crude.... | 15.373 | 227.1 | 217.8 | 29.3 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 5.4 | -4.1 |
| 11 | Paper \& paper base stocks. | 0.932 | 104.3 | 105.3 | 3.8 | 1.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| 12 | Materials associated with nondurable supplies \& materials. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Selected building materials.. | 1.977 | 117.7 | 120.2 | 4.2 | -2.7 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 |
| 14 | Unfinished metals related to durable goods.. | 3.016 | 138.1 | 140.5 | 4.7 | -0.8 | -1.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 |
| 15 | Finished metals related to durable goods. | 1.395 | 117.4 | 118.3 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 16 | Nonmetals related to durable goods......................... | 1.493 | 100.6 | 100.8 | 1.9 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 2 | CAPITAL GOODS.. | 20.204 | 91.6 | 91.3 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 20 | Electric generating equipment. | 2.412 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 1.3 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| 21 | Nonelectrical machinery.. | 16.003 | 88.9 | 88.6 | -1.0 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| 22 | Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100). | 1.789 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 3 | AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS \& ENGINES.... | 15.021 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 4 | CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES. | 23.626 |  | 99.7 | 1.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| 40 | Nondurables, manufactured. | 11.747 | 103.0 | 102.9 | 2.0 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 41 | Durables, manufactured.... | $\begin{array}{r} 10.708 \\ 1.171 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 96.4 \\ 100.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96.5 \\ & 99.9 \end{aligned}$ | 0.52.0 | -0.4-1.7 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.2 \\ & -1.4 \end{aligned}$ | 0.41.5 | $\begin{gathered} 0.1 \\ -0.3 \end{gathered}$ |
| 42 | Nonmanufactured consumer goods.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 trade values.
NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
n.a. Not available

Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted


1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 trade values.
NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
n.a. Not available

Table 3 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| SITC Rev. 3 | Description | Relative Importance <br> September 2005 1/ | Index |  |  Percent Change <br> Annual Monthly |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | ALL COMMODITIES. | 100.000 | 114.7 | 114.4 | 8.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.3 | -0.3 |
| 0 | FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.. | 3.428 | 113.8 | 115.4 | 3.9 | -0.5 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 1.4 |
| 01 | Meat and meat preparations. | 0.403 | 142.4 | 143.6 | 7.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| 03 | Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof. | 0.870 | 92.0 | 94.0 | 9.8 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| 05 | Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.. | 0.801 | 106.3 | 109.3 | -4.5 | -2.2 | 2.3 | -2.5 | 2.8 |
| 07 | Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.... | 0.454 | 119.1 | 117.4 | 12.3 | -5.7 | -1.5 | 0.3 | -1.4 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other food and live animals.. | 0.900 | 130.3 | 131.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| 1 | BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO. | 0.884 | 109.0 | 108.9 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| 11 | Beverages.. | 0.794 | 109.6 | 109.7 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 2 | CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS. | 1.821 | 131.9 | 131.6 | 5.2 | -1.4 | -0.6 | 3.1 | -0.2 |
| 24 | Cork and wood.. | 0.643 | 124.5 | 126.2 | -0.1 | -3.6 | -1.2 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| 25 | Woodpulp and recovered paper..... | 0.209 | 102.2 | 104.7 | 4.9 | 0.6 | -1.3 | -0.6 | 2.4 |
| 28 | Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.. | 0.398 | 193.3 | 187.0 | 12.5 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 4.1 | -3.3 |
| 29 | Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s. | 0.209 | 106.0 | 102.7 | 6.6 | -7.3 | -7.6 | 10.9 | -3.1 |
| 3 | MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS. | 22.789 | 225.9 | 221.6 | 37.5 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 9.3 | -1.9 |
| 33 | Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.... | 20.115 | 228.0 | 217.6 | 31.3 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 7.5 | -4.6 |
| 34 | Gas, natural and manufactured................................. | 2.546 | 207.9 | 248.6 | 100.3 | 6.3 | 3.4 | 27.4 | 19.6 |
| 5 | CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S. | 8.149 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 6.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| 51 | Organic chemicals... | 2.682 | 113.2 | 115.0 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| 52 | Inorganic chemicals..... | 0.731 | 151.3 | 154.1 | 22.8 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 5.1 | 1.9 |
| 53 | Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials........................ | 0.178 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 1.1 | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.6 | 0.0 |
| 54 | Medicinal and pharmaceutical products...................... | 2.432 | 111.0 | 110.6 | 3.9 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.4 | -0.4 |
| 55 | Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.. | 0.394 | 95.2 | 95.3 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 57 | Plastics in primary forms... | 0.637 | 125.6 | 130.2 | 18.5 | 0.3 | -1.7 | 1.8 | 3.7 |
| 58 | Plastics in nonprimary forms... | 0.358 | 106.8 | 107.0 | 2.5 | -0.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 59 | Chemical materials and products, n.e.s...................... | 0.528 | 101.8 | 103.7 | 8.8 | -0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| 6 | MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL. | 11.079 | 112.8 | 114.1 | 4.8 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 62 | Rubber manufactures, n.e.s. | 0.639 | 104.4 | 104.5 | 3.5 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 63 | Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture. | 0.765 | 116.8 | 123.8 | 12.6 | -5.9 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| 64 | Paper and paperboard, cut to size.. | 1.169 | 103.5 | 103.7 | 4.5 | 1.8 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| 65 | Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.. | 1.267 | 103.8 | 105.3 | 1.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| 66 | Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.. | 1.994 | 101.7 | 101.9 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 67 | Iron and steel. | 1.382 | 152.4 | 152.7 | -3.8 | -2.3 | -1.6 | -2.1 | 0.2 |
| 68 | Nonferrous metals.. | 1.810 | 121.1 | 124.9 | 17.2 | 0.9 | -0.3 | 2.3 | 3.1 |
| 69 | Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.................................. | 1.971 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 4.3 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 |

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| SITC <br> Rev． 3 | Description | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Relative } \\ & \text { Import- } \\ & \text { ance } \\ & \text { September } \\ & 2005 \\ & 1 / \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array} ⿳ ⺈ ⿴ 囗 十 一 ~ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 7 | MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT． | 36.160 | 94.5 | 94.4 | －0．5 | －0．4 | 0.0 | －0．1 | －0．1 |
| 71 | Power generating machinery and equipment． | 2.371 | 104.1 | 104.3 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 72 | Machinery specialized for particular industries．．．．．．．．． | 1.571 | 111.0 | 110.9 | 2.9 | －0．1 | －0．1 | 0.3 | －0．1 |
| 73 | Metalworking machinery．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 0.420 | 118.3 | 118.5 | 7.9 | －1．4 | －0．8 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| 74 | General industrial machinery， equipment，\＆machine parts，n．e．s．． | 2.903 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 2.5 | 0.2 | －0．4 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 75 | Computer equipment and office machines．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 4.835 | 68.8 | 68.4 | －6．6 | －1．8 | －0．1 | －0．4 | －0．6 |
| 76 | Telecommunications \＆sound recording \＆reproducing apparatus \＆equipment． | 4.558 | 80.8 | 80.6 | －3．4 | －0．9 | －0．4 | －0．4 | －0．2 |
| 77 | Electrical machinery and equipment．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 5.720 | 94.0 | 93.4 | －1．0 | －0．5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | －0．6 |
| 78 | Road vehicles．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 12.522 | 104.1 | 104.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 8 | MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES．．．．．．． | 15.275 | 101.2 | 101.3 | 1.1 | －0．1 | －0．1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
|  | \＆lighting fixtures，n．e．s． | 0.428 | 96.3 | 96.3 | 2.3 | －0．1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 82 | Furniture and parts thereof．． | 1.823 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 2.8 | －0．4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 83 | Travel goods，handbags and similar containers．．．．．．．． | 0.356 | 106.4 | 106.3 | 2.5 | －0．2 | －0．3 | 0.5 | －0．1 |
| 84 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 4.805 | 100.9 | 100.8 | －0．1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | －0．1 |
| 85 | Footwear．．．．．．．．． | 1.108 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | －0．1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 87 | Professional，scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus，n．e．s． | 1.699 | 101.5 | 101.3 | 1.5 | －0．1 | －0．1 | 0.3 | －0．2 |
| 88 | Photographic apparatus，equipment and supplies and optical goods，n．e．s． | 0.806 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 0.1 | －0．7 | －0．4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 89 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles，n．e．s． | 4.250 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 1.7 | －0．2 | －0．3 | 1.0 | 0.2 |

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| SITC <br> Rev. 3 | Description | Relative Importance <br> September 2005 1/ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | September 2005 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | ALL COMMODITIES. | 100.000 | 107.6 | 108.2 | 3.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 0 | FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.. | 6.615 | 124.1 | 124.9 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| 01 | Meat and meat preparations. | 1.321 | 142.8 | 142.7 | 12.5 | -1.7 | 0.9 | 2.7 | -0.1 |
| 03 | Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof. | 0.483 | 114.7 | 114.6 | 5.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| 04 | Cereals and cereal preparations... | 1.584 | 117.0 | 121.8 | 5.4 | 1.5 | -1.7 | -1.2 | 4.1 |
| 05 | Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.. | 1.571 | 129.4 | 128.6 | -1.5 | -1.1 | -0.2 | -1.8 | -0.6 |
| 08 | Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals). | 0.611 | 120.4 | 119.2 | 11.4 | 1.6 | 0.7 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| 09 | Miscellaneous edible products and preparations........... | 0.497 | 107.4 | 107.4 | 4.7 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other food and live animals. | 0.547 | 116.1 | 116.1 | 7.2 | -0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| 1 | BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO... | 0.680 | 103.6 | 102.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -1.5 |
| 12 | Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.......................... | 0.416 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS. | 5.386 | 126.4 | 127.5 | 7.9 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -2.0 | 0.9 |
| 22 | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits. | 1.090 | 121.7 | 116.8 | 7.1 | 0.4 | -1.0 | -10.3 | -4.0 |
| 24 | Cork and wood. | 0.501 | 96.9 | 97.0 | -2.1 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 25 | Woodpulp and recovered paper.. | 0.640 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 0.6 | -1.6 | -0.9 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| 26 | Textile fibers and their waste... | 0.613 | 104.8 | 107.9 | 7.7 | 1.2 | -1.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 |
| 28 | Metalliferous ores and metal scrap... | 1.411 | 206.3 | 216.2 | 13.6 | -1.8 | -1.1 | -0.2 | 4.8 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels. | 1.131 | 130.9 | 131.6 | 10.5 | -0.6 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| 3 | MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS. | 3.950 | 231.7 | 236.4 | 51.5 | 6.9 | -0.6 | 20.5 | 2.0 |
| 33 | Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.... | 3.023 | 239.3 | 246.4 | 57.5 | 6.1 | -1.6 | 21.5 | 3.0 |
| 5 | CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S............. | 15.004 | 118.6 | 121.0 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| 51 | Organic chemicals.. | 3.710 | 135.9 | 139.4 | 10.5 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.6 |
| 52 | Inorganic chemicals.. | 0.968 | 122.5 | 123.9 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| 54 | Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.... | 2.658 | 107.3 | 107.4 | 0.7 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 55 | Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps............... | 1.071 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 5.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 56 | Fertilizers.. | 0.483 | 162.1 | 164.0 | 13.2 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 1.2 |
| 57 | Plastics in primary forms... | 2.694 | 127.3 | 134.9 | 19.2 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 6.0 |
| 58 | Plastics in nonprimary forms... | 0.942 | 104.9 | 105.6 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 59 | Chemical materials and products, n.e.s........... | 1.870 | 106.1 | 107.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| 6 | MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY <br> BY MATERIAL. | 10.417 | 114.0 | 114.5 | 2.9 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 62 | Rubber manufactures, n.e.s. | 0.707 | 116.9 | 117.2 | 5.0 | 0.9 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| 64 | Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard. | 1.450 | 103.6 | 102.9 | -1.1 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| 65 | Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.......... | 1.604 | 112.0 | 111.4 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| 66 | Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s. | 1.561 | 103.7 | 104.3 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| 67 | Iron and steel... | 1.323 | 155.0 | 157.9 | -6.0 | -2.8 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| 68 | Nonferrous metals.. | 1.206 | 108.5 | 109.7 | 10.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| 69 | Manufactures of metals, n.e.s................................... | 2.171 | 118.8 | 119.3 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| SITC <br> Rev. 3 | Description | Relative <br> Import- <br> ance <br> September <br> 2005 <br> $1!$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100). | 0.395 | 116.5 | 116.6 | 0.0 | -1.3 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| 7 | MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT. | 45.930 | 98.0 | 98.1 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 71 | Power generating machinery and equipment.. | 4.511 | 111.2 | 111.8 | 2.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 72 | Machinery specialized for particular industries........ | 3.633 | 112.1 | 112.6 | 4.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 73 | Metalworking machinery...................................... | 0.600 | 103.6 | 103.7 | 2.2 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 74 | General industrial machinery, equipment, \& parts, n.e.s. | 4.649 | 109.4 | 109.8 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 75 | Computer equipment and office machines................ | 4.960 | 79.1 | 78.2 | -8.1 | -1.7 | 0.0 | -0.5 | -1.1 |
| 76 | Telecommunications \& sound recording \& reproducing apparatus \& equipment. | 3.056 | 89.4 | 89.3 | -1.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 77 | Electrical machinery and equipment............ | 10.933 | 85.1 | 85.1 | -3.2 | -0.8 | -1.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 78 | Road vehicles................................ | 8.595 | 103.4 | 103.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 8 | MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES..... | 10.936 | 102.5 | 102.9 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| 82 | Furniture and parts thereof............................ | 0.591 | 104.5 | 104.7 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 84 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.. | 0.743 | 96.6 | 96.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 87 | Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s. | 4.233 | 103.8 | 103.6 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 88 | Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.... | 0.917 | 95.9 | 96.0 | 0.2 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| 89 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.............. | 4.084 | 103.6 | 104.7 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other miscellaneous manufactured articles................... | 0.368 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted


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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Harmonized System | Description | $\begin{gathered} \text { Relative } \\ \text { Import- } \\ \text { ance } \\ \text { September } \\ 2005 \\ \text { 11 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Index |  |  Percent Change <br> Annual Monthly <br> On  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 62 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted... | 2.342 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| 63 | Made-up or worn textile articles................ | 0.460 | 92.8 | 92.8 | -1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other textile \& textile articles... | 0.819 | 107.9 | 109.0 | 2.3 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| XII | HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, <br> ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC. <br> Footwear and parts of such articles. <br> Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc. | 1.310 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 64 |  | 1.105 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $\underline{21}$ |  | 0.205 | 97.3 | 97.3 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| XIII | STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC. | 0.935 | 105.4 | 105.9 | 1.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 68 | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100)... | 0.289 | 99.7 | 100.9 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| 69 | Ceramic products................................ | 0.326 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 2.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 70 | Glass and glassware. | 0.320 | 104.1 | 104.2 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| XIV | PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS... | 2.272 | 101.0 | 102.7 | 7.0 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| XV | BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL. <br> Iron and steel. $\qquad$ <br> Articles of iron or steel. $\qquad$ <br> Copper and articles thereof. $\qquad$ <br> Aluminum and articles thereof. $\qquad$ <br> Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and <br> forks, of base metal; parts thereof. <br> Miscellaneous articles of base metal. $\qquad$ <br> Other base metals and articles of base metals. $\qquad$ | 5.018 | 131.5 | 132.1 | 4.5 | -0.5 | -0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| 72 |  | 1.132 | 160.3 | 158.9 | -8.9 | -3.3 | -1.3 | -1.5 | -0.9 |
| 73 |  | 1.381 | 124.0 | 124.6 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| 74 |  | 0.461 | 161.1 | 163.8 | 26.4 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 1.7 |
| 76 |  | 0.801 | 114.5 | 116.0 | 4.8 | -1.1 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| 82 |  | 0.394 | 104.9 | 104.7 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -0.8 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 83 |  | 0.424 | 111.8 | 112.0 | 3.1 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| $\underline{21}$ |  | 0.425 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 19.6 | -0.1 | -6.8 | 2.5 | 1.3 |
| XVI | MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE \& SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC....... | 22.107 | 88.9 | 88.5 | -1.6 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 84 | Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | 11.542 | 89.3 | 89.0 | -1.3 | -0.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 85 | Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders \& reproducers, parts. | 10.565 | 88.5 | 88.0 | -1.9 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| XVII | VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.. | 13.907 | 104.6 | 104.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 87 | Motor vehicles and their parts. | 12.711 | 104.1 | 104.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 88 | Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100). | 1.044 | 105.4 | 105.5 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| XVIII | OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL \& MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; \& TIMEPIECES. | 3.092 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 0.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| 90 | Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments. | 2.7360.256 | 99.1107.1 | 98.9108.0 | 0.80.4 | -0.2-0.4 | -0.2-0.3 | 0.30.2 | $\begin{array}{r} -0.2 \\ 0.8 \end{array}$ |
| 91 | Clocks and watches and parts thereof.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| XX | MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES....... | 3.851 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 1.8 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 94 | Furniture \& stuffed furnishings; lamps \& lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg. | 2.197 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 2.6 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 95 | Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.. |  | $94.5$ | $\begin{array}{r} 94.8 \\ 101.6 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 96 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles.. |  |  |  | 0.4 3.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0 \\ & 0.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0 \\ & 0.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ | 0.3 0.5 |

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October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Harmo- <br> nized <br> System | Description | Relative <br> Import- <br> ance <br> September <br> 2005 <br> $1 /$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { October } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 1 | LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS | 2.017 | 134.8 | 135.1 | 10.5 | -0.8 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.2 |
| 03 | Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates. | 0.453 | 120.4 | 121.3 | 10.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| II | VEGETABLE PRODUCTS. | 4.072 | 124.0 | 124.4 | 1.4 | 0.3 | -1.1 | -4.0 | 0.3 |
| 08 | Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons. | 0.847 | 124.2 | 125.7 | 1.9 | -1.7 | -1.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| 10 | Cereals. | 1.336 | 116.3 | 122.0 | 6.6 | 1.5 | -1.7 | -1.4 | 4.9 |
| 12 | Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.... | 1.270 | 123.7 | 119.7 | 7.6 | 0.4 | -0.9 | -8.8 | -3.2 |
| IV | PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO | 2.583 | 110.8 | 110.0 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations.... | 0.458 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 5.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 23 | Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.. | 0.525 | 121.2 | 119.0 | 12.3 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -1.8 -1.4 |
| V | MINERAL PRODUCTS. | 4.657 | 220.7 | 225.7 | 47.8 | 4.9 | -0.3 | 15.7 | 2.3 |
| 27 | Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax | 3.884 | 218.1 | 222.7 | 47.5 | 6.4 | -0.6 | 19.4 | 2.1 |
| VI | PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES | 11.827 | 117.5 | 118.9 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| 28 | Inorganic chemicals. | 1.061 | 129.8 | 130.5 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 29 | Organic chemicals.. | 4.008 | 131.1 | 134.9 | 7.1 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| 30 | Pharmaceutical products. | 2.225 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 0.8 | -0.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 31 | Fertilizers.. | 0.477 | 157.1 | 158.9 | 13.2 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 1.1 |
| 32 | Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, \& inks.. | 0.627 | 105.2 | 105.3 | 5.5 | -0.4 | -0.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 33 | Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.. | 0.770 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 34 | Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes. | 0.390 | 104.7 | 104.4 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| 37 | Photographic or cinematographic goods....... | 0.414 | 104.5 | 104.4 | 5.2 | -1.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | -0.1 |
| 38 | Miscellaneous chemical products............... | 1.625 | 107.2 | 108.6 | 3.8 | 0.8 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| VII | PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF | 5.721 | 121.6 | 126.0 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 3.6 |
| 39 | Plastics and articles thereof. | 4.684 | 119.9 | 125.1 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 4.3 |
| 40 | Rubber and articles thereof. | 1.037 | 127.5 | 128.3 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| VIII | RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC. | 0.485 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| 41 | Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather. | 0.344 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| IX | WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK. | 0.770 | 103.6 | 103.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| x | WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS | 2.799 | 101.7 | 101.2 | 1.0 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 0.5 | -0.5 |
| 47 | Woodpulp and recovered paper... | 0.636 | 95.1 | 94.4 | 0.3 | -1.7 | -0.9 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| 48 | Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard. | 1.525 | 100.8 | 100.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | -0.6 |
| 49 | Printed material.................................. | 0.638 | 114.5 | 114.7 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |

Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Harmo- <br> nized <br> System | Description | Relative <br> Import- <br> ance <br> September <br> 2005 <br> $1 /$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
| XI | TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES | 2.8370.699 | 101.292.2 | $\begin{gathered} 101.4 \\ 91.7 \end{gathered}$ | 3.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2-0.5 |
| 52 | Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof..... |  |  |  | 1.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 | 1.2 |  |
| 61 | Apparel \& clothing knitted <br> or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100). | 0.402 | 94.8 | 95.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 62 | Apparel Articles \& Accessories, not knitted............. | 0.279 | 95.6 | 95.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $\underline{21}$ | Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100)...... | 1.456 | 114.3 | 115.1 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| XIII | STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC. | $\begin{aligned} & 0.823 \\ & 0.481 \end{aligned}$ | 103.3 | $\begin{gathered} 102.5 \\ 95.0 \end{gathered}$ | 3.1 | -0.2 | 0.00.0 | 0.00.0 | -0.8-1.2 |
| 70 | Glass and glassware............................ |  |  |  | -0.2 | -0.3 |  |  |  |
| XIV | PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS... | 2.408 | 108.9 | 112.2 | 6.1 | 1.4 | -0.4 | 1.2 | 3.0 |
| XV | BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS..... | 5.295 | 131.0 | 133.8 | 4.8 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| 72 | Iron and steel... | 1.258 | 149.3 | 159.1 | -6.7 | -6.1 | -2.9 | -0.2 | 6.6 |
| 73 | Articles of iron or steel... | 1.308 | 125.6 | 125.8 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 74 | Copper and articles thereof........................................ | 0.534 | 153.6 | 157.8 | 16.6 | 6.6 | 1.2 | -0.5 | 2.7 |
| 76 | Aluminum and articles thereof................................. | 0.801 | 115.2 | 115.0 | 5.2 | -1.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | -0.2 |
| 82 | Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.. | 0.398 | 104.8 | 105.4 | 1.2 | -3.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 83 | Miscellaneous articles of base metal. | 0.445 | 117.2 | 117.2 | 5.3 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| XVI | MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.. | 31.954 | 93.7 | 93.8 | -1.1 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 84 \\ & 85 \end{aligned}$ | Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof Electrical machinery and equipment | 17.54314.411 | 100.186.7 | 100.186.8 | 0.0-2.4 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
|  | and parts and accessories thereof. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| XVII | VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT | 13.7938.935 | $\begin{aligned} & 109.4 \\ & 103.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 109.7 \\ & 103.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.0 \\ & 1.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 87 | Motor vehicles and their parts... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| XVIII | OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL \& MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; \& TIMEPIECES. | 6.085 | 101.8 | 101.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & X X \\ & 94 \end{aligned}$ | MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES......... Furniture; stuffed furnishings; | 1.447 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
|  | lamps and lighting fittings nesoi; | 0.795 | 106.494.4 | 106.6 | 2.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 95 | Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof. | 0.515 |  | 94.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 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.
n.a. Not available

Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted


[^0]NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
Regions are not mutually exclusive.
n.a. Not available

Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services September 2004-September $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Description | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trade } \\ \text { (Mil. } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Dollars) } \\ \underline{1 /} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Annual | Quarterly |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Sept. <br> 2004 <br> to <br> Dec. <br> 2004 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Dec. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | June <br> 2005 <br> to <br> Sept. <br> 2005 |
| IMPORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Freight. | 4168 | 128.4 | 129.5 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 1.4 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Europe (Dec. 2003=100) | 1407 | 120.6 | 122.6 | 9.4 | 9.3 | -1.3 | -0.2 | 1.7 |
| Asia............................ | 2329 | 117.1 | 117.6 | 7.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| EXPORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Freight...... | 2836 | 110.1 | 113.5 | 13.2 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.1 |

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.
n.a. Not available

Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Description | Trade <br> (Mil. <br> of <br> Dollars) <br> $1 /$ | Index |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Annual | Monthly |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | June 2005 to July 2005 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Aug. <br> 2005 <br> to <br> Sept. <br> 2005 | Sept. <br> 2005 <br> to <br> Oct. <br> 2005 |
| IMPORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Passenger Fares.. | 18253 | 124.0 | 118.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | -0.8 | -5.3 | -4.4 |
| Europe. | 11250 | 121.7 | 113.5 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | -4.2 | -6.7 |
| Asia. | 2626 | 108.8 | 108.2 | 0.9 | 6.4 | -1.8 | -16.4 | -0.6 |
| Latin America/Caribbean...... | 1916 | 112.0 | 110.8 | 0.0 | 7.4 | -1.8 | -4.9 | -1.1 |
| EXPORT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Passenger Fares............................ | 20319 | 139.5 | 135.6 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 5.2 | -9.9 | -2.8 |
| Europe....................................... | 5394 | 165.0 | 161.7 | 6.5 | 13.5 | 0.0 | -12.8 | -2.0 |
| Asia... | 8936 | 119.6 | 112.0 | -1.1 | 4.7 | 16.6 | -15.5 | -6.4 |
| Latin America/Caribbean................ | 3413 | 142.6 | 139.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | -5.1 | -1.2 | -2.0 |

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.
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Table 10 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services September 2004-September $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Description | Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/ |  |  | Percent Change |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Index |  | Annual | Quarterly |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Sept. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Sept. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Dec. } \\ 2004 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Dec. } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| INBOUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Freight.. | 7483 | 125.6 | 127.1 | 7.1 | 5.4 | 1.0 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| Europe (Dec. 2003=100). | 2466 | 119.7 | 120.8 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Asia................. | 4180 | 112.7 | 113.8 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 1.7 | -1.1 | 1.0 |
| OUTBOUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Freight....... | 5193 | 107.2 | 114.1 | 13.3 | 4.0 | -0.9 | 3.3 | 6.4 |
| Europe (Dec. 2003=100).. | 1998 | 118.9 | 129.8 | 19.5 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 4.1 | 9.2 |
| Asia.... | 2365 | 102.6 | 107.1 | 8.7 | 5.3 | -3.1 | 2.1 | 4.4 |

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.
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Table 11 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services October 2004-October $2005 \quad 2000=100$, unless otherwise noted

| Description | Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/ | Index |  | Percent Change  <br> Annual Monthly |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | Oct. 2004 to Oct. 2005 | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Aug. <br> 2005 <br> to <br> Sept. <br> 2005 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 2005 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Oct. } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| INBOUND |  |  |  |  |  | 3.1 | -8.9 | -2.3 |
| Air Passenger Fares (Dec.2003=100)...................... | 38589 | 118.3 | 115.6 | 6.4 | 8.4 |  |  |  |
| Europe (Dec. 2003=100).................................. | 15654 | 118.7 | 116.2 | 5.8 | 13.5 | -0.7 | -12.5 | -2.1 |
| Asia (Dec. 2003=100).................................... | 12401 | 114.6 | 107.7 | -1.5 | 3.3 | 13.0 | -12.2 | -6.0 |
| Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100)........... | 5604 | 110.0 | 109.1 | 6.8 | 8.2 | -4.5 | -1.1 | -0.8 |
| Canada (Dec. 2003=100)................................... | 2905 | 151.0 | 158.7 | 41.1 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 5.1 |
| Crude Oil Tanker Freight...................................... | 3434 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | -12.8 | -10.4 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Ocean Liner Freight... | 17817 | 127.7 | 129.3 | n.a. | -0.2 | 0.2 | -0.6 | 1.3 |
| U.S. East Coast.. | 6938 | 125.0 | 129.2 | n.a. | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.6 | 3.4 |
| From Atlantic.......................................... | 3022 | 122.9 | 132.3 | n.a. | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.7 | 7.6 |
| From Pacific... | 2817 | 125.5 | 125.5 | n.a. | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| U.S. West Coast.. | 10879 | 130.1 | 130.1 | n.a. | -0.3 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| OUTBOUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Passenger Fares (Dec.2003=100)................... | 43898 | 120.1 | 114.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | -0.5 | -3.3 | -4.8 |
| Europe (Dec. 2003=100)................................ | 21857 | 129.5 | 117.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | -3.1 | -9.0 |
| Asia (Dec. 2003=100)..... | 7190 | 108.1 | 107.9 | 2.0 | 10.7 | -0.6 | -12.7 | -0.2 |
| Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100)............ | 9206 | 105.2139.5 | 105.7 | 5.0 | 3.0 | -2.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Canada (Dec. 2003=100)................................. | 2982 |  | 142.5 | 30.6 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 2.2 |

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.
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