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

The U.S. Import Price Index declined 0.5 percent in February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The decrease followed a 1.4 percent increase in January and was impacted by lower prices for both nonpetroleum and petroleum imports. Export prices were unchanged for the month after rising 0.7 percent in January.

### 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>						
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	-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 r	-9.4 r	-0.1	-0.6 r	-0.2	-0.7
December	0.0 r	-0.1 r	0.0 r	0.1	-0.7	0.2
<u>2006</u>						
January	1.4 r	6.9 r	0.3 r	0.7	0.7	0.7
February	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	-1.1	0.1
February 2004-05	6.1	29.8	2.8	3.4	-7.8	4.6
February 2005-06	7.4	40.8	1.8	2.6	4.2	2.6

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

## Import Goods

Import prices decreased 0.5 percent in February following a 1.4 percent increase the previous month that was driven by higher petroleum prices. Decreases for both nonpetroleum prices and petroleum prices, down 0.5 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, contributed to the overall downward movement in import prices. In contrast to the first three quarters of 2005, petroleum prices declined in four of the past five months, the exception being a 6.9 percent increase in January. Despite the recent trend, petroleum prices rose 40.8 percent over the past year. In addition, the price indexes for nonpetroleum imports and overall imports also increased for the year ended in February, rising 1.8 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.

The February decrease in nonpetroleum prices was led by a 2.2 percent decline in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. That decrease in turn was led by a sharp drop in natural gas prices. Excluding all fuels, import prices increased 0.2 percent and prices for industrial supplies and materials rose 1.4 percent. A 1.7 percent decrease in foods, feeds, and beverages prices, driven by lower prices for vegetables, also contributed to the overall decline in nonpetroleum prices. The decrease in foods, feeds, and beverages prices was the first since July and the index rose 4.1 percent for the February 2005-2006 period.

In contrast, prices for capital goods and for automotive vehicles increased in February, rising 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The February advance in capital goods prices was the first monthly increase since April 2005, as the index declined 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. The increase in automotive vehicles prices was the first advance in four months, and the index rose 0.4 percent for the year ended in February.

The price index for consumer goods was unchanged in February and down 0.4 percent over the past year.

## Export Goods

Export prices were unchanged in February as a 1.1 percent decline in agricultural prices offset a 0.1 percent uptick in the price index for nonagricultural exports. The drop in agricultural prices was the third decrease in the past four months. Lower prices for soybeans and vegetables contributed to the February decline. Despite the recent downward trend, agricultural prices rose 4.2 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for nonagricultural exports and for overall exports each increased 2.6 percent for the year ended in February.

A 0.3 percent increase in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices led the overall increase in prices for nonagricultural exports and was driven mostly by higher metals prices. The advance in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices continued the recent upward trend for the index, which rose 8.5 percent over the past year. Increases in the price indexes for consumer goods and for automotive vehicles also contributed to the February increase in nonagricultural prices. Consumer goods prices increased 0.3 percent in February after rising 0.5 percent the previous month. Automotive vehicle prices also rose for the second consecutive month, up 0.1 percent following a 0.3 percent advance in January. For the year ended in February, consumer goods prices and prices for automotive vehicles increased 1.1 percent and 1.2 percent, respectively.

In contrast, capital goods prices edged down 0.1 percent in February following increases of 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent the two previous months. The index declined 0.7 percent over the past year.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices for imports from Canada and from Mexico declined in February, decreasing 2.1 percent and 1.2 percent, respectively. The drop in import prices from Canada was the largest one-month decline for the index since April 2003. Despite the downturns in February, the price indexes for import prices from Canada and from Mexico were both up over the past 12 months, rising 9.1 percent and 5.0 percent, respectively.

In contrast, prices of imports from the European Union increased 0.4 percent in February as a 0.4 percent increase in manufactured prices more than offset a 0.7 percent decline in nonmanufactured prices. Import prices from the European Union rose 2.9 percent for the year ended in February.

The price indexes of imports from Japan and from China were both unchanged in February and down 0.9 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, over the past year.

### Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares decreased a modest 0.1 percent in February as lower Asian and Latin American fares offset a 1.2 percent increase in European fares. In contrast, export air passenger fares increased 1.7 percent, led by higher European fares and Asian fares. Both import air passenger fares and export air passenger fares rose over the past 12 months, increasing 4.2 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Prices for import air freight increased 3.7 percent in February, a turnaround from the 1.8 percent decline in January. Higher European and Asian air freight prices contributed to the February increase. Export air freight prices also turned around from January, increasing 1.5 percent in February following a 0.3 percent drop the previous month.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on April 13 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	113.9	113.3	7.4	-1.9	0.0	1.4	-0.5
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	81.819	104.0	103.5	1.8	-0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.5
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	78.478	105.4	105.6	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.380	118.8	116.8	4.1	0.4	1.6	1.2	-1.7
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.324	129.2	125.6	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.7	-2.8
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.056	95.5	97.1	4.6	-1.2	0.4	-0.2	1.7
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	35.847	164.9	162.5	24.3	-5.1	-0.2	3.8	-1.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	17.666	133.5	130.5	9.9	0.2	-0.4	0.9	-2.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	14.325	132.3	134.2	5.9	-0.2	0.5	1.5	1.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.035	123.6	125.8	5.3	0.0	0.7	1.8	1.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	8.631	144.6	135.2	14.9	0.2	-1.3	0.0	-6.5
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	21.522	213.9	206.7	39.7	-7.9	-0.6	5.5	-3.4
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	18.181	210.4	208.9	40.8	-9.4	-0.1	6.9	-0.7
10000	Crude.....	13.186	210.5	208.6	39.9	-9.0	0.3	8.7	-0.9
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	0.909	106.7	108.1	5.0	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.3
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.477	119.0	119.9	7.1	-0.6	0.1	1.1	0.8
13	Selected building materials.....	2.074	118.5	118.6	-1.0	-3.3	0.8	1.4	0.1
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.740	150.3	157.0	13.1	2.2	1.6	3.1	4.5
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.553	118.7	118.3	2.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.9	-0.3
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.572	100.9	100.9	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.0
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	21.454	91.0	91.2	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.523	99.9	99.9	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.267	87.9	88.2	-2.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.3
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.665	106.5	106.8	1.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	14.573	103.5	103.6	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.746	99.7	99.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.346	103.1	102.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.230	96.3	96.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.171	99.2	98.9	-5.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3

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  
February 2005-February 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance January 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.5	108.5	2.6	-0.6	0.1	0.7	0.0
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.586	121.6	120.3	4.2	-0.2	-0.7	0.7	-1.1
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.414	107.6	107.7	2.6	-0.7	0.2	0.7	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.841	122.6	121.4	4.3	-0.4	-0.6	0.7	-1.0
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.081	122.5	120.7	4.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.8	-1.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.760	123.8	126.4	5.6	-0.5	0.9	-0.4	2.1
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	29.373	130.3	130.7	8.3	-2.1	0.4	1.9	0.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.263	131.3	134.1	9.7	0.5	2.1	1.8	2.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	19.109	129.9	129.0	7.6	-3.5	-0.5	2.0	-0.7
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.505	117.5	117.6	4.3	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.868	131.2	131.6	8.5	-2.2	0.5	1.9	0.3
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	4.476	173.4	167.5	25.9	-14.8	0.3	6.0	-3.4
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	22.244	127.3	128.5	6.2	0.2	0.6	1.3	0.9
13	Selected building materials.....	1.148	107.1	108.4	3.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.2
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.444	97.9	97.8	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.867	102.9	102.9	-0.6	0.1	0.2	-0.7	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.961	92.6	92.3	-1.8	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.617	115.0	115.4	4.2	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.900	104.2	104.3	1.2	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.442	102.4	102.7	1.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.3
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.096	102.2	102.5	1.0	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.355	101.9	102.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	18.257	105.9	101.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.9	-4.2
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	1.453	103.0	95.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.0	-7.0
111	Agricultural products.....	1.058	103.8	91.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.8	-11.5
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	16.804	106.2	101.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.2	-4.0
	Manufactured Articles.....	81.172	100.5	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.4
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	10.610	100.3	100.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.2
311	Food and kindred products.....	2.511	101.1	101.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.6
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.819	99.9	99.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.0
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	0.513	99.7	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.3	0.4
314	Textile mill products.....	0.755	100.7	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.7	0.2
315	Apparel and accessories.....	4.510	100.0	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0
316	Leather and allied products.....	1.502	100.0	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	17.566	101.5	101.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.5	0.2
321	Wood products.....	1.418	102.1	102.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.1	0.1
322	Paper.....	1.456	100.8	101.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	0.8
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	4.228	103.2	103.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.2	0.5
325	Chemicals.....	7.665	101.2	101.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.2	-0.1
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	1.614	100.1	100.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.1
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	1.078	99.9	100.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.3
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	52.996	100.2	100.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.5
331	Primary metals.....	4.230	102.7	107.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.7	4.3
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.446	100.6	101.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.6	0.8
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	6.360	100.8	101.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	0.4
334	Computer and electronic products.....	14.609	99.3	99.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.7	-0.1
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and component.....	3.550	100.8	100.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	0.0
336	Transportation equipment.....	15.505	99.9	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.1
337	Furniture and fixtures.....	1.515	100.1	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	-0.1
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.781	100.2	100.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.6

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	6.049	103.8	103.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.8	-0.5
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	4.095	101.9	100.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.9	-1.5
111	Agricultural products.....	3.668	102.0	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.0	-1.9
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	1.954	108.0	109.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.0	1.7
211	Oil and gas.....	0.609	108.0	93.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.0	-13.5
212	Minerals and ores.....	1.345	107.9	117.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	8.6
	Manufactured Articles.....	91.880	100.5	100.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.1
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	6.661	99.7	99.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.3	-0.1
311	Food and kindred products.....	3.755	99.6	99.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.4	-0.3
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.574	99.6	99.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.4	0.3
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	1.108	99.9	99.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	-0.3
315	Apparel and accessories.....	0.639	100.1	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.0
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	23.645	101.4	101.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.4	0.0
321	Wood products.....	0.555	100.2	100.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.5
322	Paper.....	2.081	101.1	101.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.6
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	2.569	106.7	104.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.7	-2.4
325	Chemicals.....	14.979	100.8	101.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	0.3
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	2.459	101.0	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0	-0.1
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	0.898	100.3	101.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.8
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	61.574	100.3	100.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.1
331	Primary metals.....	3.458	101.4	103.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.4	2.2
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.675	100.8	102.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	1.7
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	12.197	100.6	101.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.6	0.4
334	Computer and electronic products.....	18.765	99.8	99.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.2	-0.7
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.507	99.8	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.2	0.2
336	Transportation equipment.....	16.366	100.5	100.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.2
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.289	100.2	100.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.190	114.4	115.4	1.9	-1.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.9
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.346	137.3	139.2	2.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.9	1.4
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.612	91.2	93.3	7.2	-1.6	0.0	-1.1	2.3
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.232	149.6	144.1	-9.4	-1.8	0.6	0.1	-3.7
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.199	121.0	110.1	-6.2	1.0	4.3	3.1	-9.0
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.379	183.8	123.0	-1.1	-0.1	12.3	9.7	-33.1
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.286	82.3	89.1	-4.2	-2.1	4.6	-6.3	8.3
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.256	128.1	125.9	10.1	8.1	-1.5	11.2	-1.7
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.278	111.4	110.6	-23.7	-0.6	-0.2	-1.5	-0.7
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.037	116.2	117.1	3.6	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.913	125.6	126.9	4.4	-0.2	0.2	1.0	1.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.221	109.6	109.7	7.0	5.0	0.5	1.7	0.1
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.701	107.4	108.0	1.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.6
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	21.382	213.2	206.3	39.8	-8.0	-0.3	5.5	-3.2
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	21.063	213.0	205.9	40.3	-8.1	-0.4	5.7	-3.3
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.319	130.2	132.6	11.0	0.5	1.0	2.4	1.8
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	6.993	113.1	113.2	2.0	-1.1	-0.4	0.8	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.697	149.2	146.3	16.5	-0.5	-1.1	-1.6	-1.9
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.738	114.1	116.1	4.5	-2.7	-0.3	4.2	1.8
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.037	108.7	107.2	-3.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.3	-1.4
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.178	101.1	101.4	1.7	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.382	106.9	106.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.5
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.397	92.0	92.0	-1.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.871	119.5	119.8	6.4	1.3	0.6	1.7	0.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.930	120.5	119.9	5.5	1.8	0.6	1.9	-0.5
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.941	117.4	119.5	8.3	0.3	0.6	1.5	1.8
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.625	103.8	103.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.535	103.6	103.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.490	123.9	123.8	-2.8	-4.6	1.0	1.9	-0.1
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.648	105.1	105.8	4.5	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.7
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.198	105.2	108.5	1.6	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	3.1
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.178	104.4	104.8	6.0	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.4
49	Printed matter.....	0.272	113.0	113.0	0.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	5.578	100.8	100.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.023	99.8	99.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.263	100.0	100.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.498	93.8	93.8	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.794	108.8	109.4	1.1	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.6
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.262	100.2	100.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.062	100.7	100.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.200	97.3	97.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.947	105.0	105.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.3
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.319	101.0	101.1	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
69	Ceramic products.....	0.303	109.7	109.9	-0.9	-1.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.325	103.4	103.9	-1.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.5
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.442	108.3	112.1	15.4	1.1	2.3	1.7	3.5
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.649	135.2	137.8	5.4	0.7	0.2	1.7	1.9
72	Iron and steel.....	1.451	152.4	154.3	-9.8	-0.1	-2.3	-1.0	1.2
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.429	123.0	122.7	1.4	-0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.550	188.4	194.1	41.6	4.5	5.5	3.9	3.0
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.944	127.1	131.2	14.1	2.2	2.3	4.9	3.2
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.388	107.6	109.1	3.5	-0.3	-0.3	3.5	1.4
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.438	112.7	113.8	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.4	1.0
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.449	140.6	152.4	22.7	0.3	0.1	7.6	8.4
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	23.922	88.0	88.2	-2.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.417	88.2	88.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.505	87.9	88.0	-1.9	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.502	104.5	104.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	12.446	104.0	104.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	0.915	105.3	105.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.195	99.5	99.8	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.3
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.852	98.5	98.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.3
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.247	109.3	109.4	2.1	-0.1	0.0	1.3	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.856	99.6	99.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.237	103.4	103.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.403	94.7	94.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.216	101.4	101.5	3.5	0.1	-0.6	0.3	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  
February 2005-February 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.352	127.8	126.5	4.7	-0.7	-2.4	-2.3	-1.0
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.463	123.0	126.0	10.9	0.2	1.3	-0.3	2.4
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.590	126.1	123.9	2.3	-0.7	-0.3	2.2	-1.7
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.674	113.8	108.2	-19.1	-2.1	-5.3	-2.0	-4.9
10	Cereals.....	1.514	125.1	127.3	10.4	-1.7	1.3	3.0	1.8
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.898	126.5	122.3	8.1	2.2	0.1	3.4	-3.3
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.306	111.3	111.3	3.8	0.6	-0.1	0.6	0.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.444	108.5	108.8	1.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.421	126.0	124.9	13.0	3.0	0.6	2.0	-0.9
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.805	108.6	109.0	2.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	0.4
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	4.565	221.0	220.7	38.4	-12.8	1.8	7.2	-0.1
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	3.749	206.8	200.3	34.0	-16.5	1.0	6.4	-3.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	12.067	118.2	118.3	2.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.994	125.5	126.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-1.3	0.5
29	Organic chemicals.....	4.243	132.3	131.8	4.4	-1.2	-1.1	1.6	-0.4
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.458	107.9	108.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.1	0.6
31	Fertilizers.....	0.403	156.6	154.7	7.1	1.8	-0.9	-2.2	-1.2
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.634	106.8	106.9	-1.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.703	110.5	110.8	-1.5	-0.5	-0.4	-1.3	0.3
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.417	107.5	107.4	4.4	0.7	0.5	1.7	-0.1
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.367	101.4	101.8	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-1.5	0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.643	110.9	111.4	5.4	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.5
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	6.057	128.1	128.2	6.3	1.6	-0.7	0.6	0.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.932	125.7	125.8	5.0	1.4	-1.3	0.3	0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.125	137.4	137.5	12.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	0.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.478	112.4	112.7	1.9	0.2	0.2	-0.8	0.3
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.342	107.1	107.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	-1.0	0.4
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.744	104.5	105.4	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.9
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.637	101.6	102.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.7	0.4
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.561	92.7	93.2	-3.6	-1.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.5
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.470	101.4	101.9	1.0	-0.3	0.0	1.4	0.5
49	Printed material.....	0.606	115.1	115.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.806	102.5	102.1	4.1	0.1	0.3	1.2	-0.4
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.840	94.9	95.2	8.9	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.3
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.361	94.9	94.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.604	115.4	114.4	3.8	-0.1	0.3	1.1	-0.9
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.843	103.8	104.6	3.4	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.8
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.474	95.2	95.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.564	119.1	122.8	15.1	1.5	2.0	1.7	3.1
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.106	137.3	140.1	6.0	-0.1	1.6	1.2	2.0
72	Iron and steel.....	1.074	155.3	154.8	-8.0	-3.0	2.6	-1.3	-0.3
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.255	126.4	131.1	5.0	0.0	1.0	-0.4	3.7
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.608	179.7	185.7	34.3	3.9	2.5	5.6	3.3
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.867	127.5	132.1	14.3	2.1	3.1	5.4	3.6
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.416	108.2	110.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1	2.8	1.8
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.436	119.3	119.5	2.7	0.1	0.0	1.8	0.2
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	33.075	93.7	93.4	-1.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.290	100.8	100.9	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.785	85.8	85.2	-4.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.8	-0.7
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.536	110.5	110.8	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.005	104.3	104.4	1.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.458	101.9	102.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.453	100.8	100.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.787	105.9	106.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.525	95.7	95.7	2.0	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.0

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  January 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	113.9	113.3	7.4	-1.9	0.0	1.4	-0.5
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.328	119.0	116.0	3.0	0.5	1.6	1.5	-2.5
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.398	139.1	140.6	4.3	0.5	-0.6	-0.9	1.1
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.774	91.0	93.1	7.0	-1.4	0.4	-0.5	2.3
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.917	122.9	109.8	2.1	1.7	6.9	2.4	-10.7
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.444	128.8	127.8	4.1	4.0	-1.5	7.1	-0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.794	131.9	131.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.3	0.7	-0.5
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.835	108.4	108.9	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
11	Beverages.....	0.753	109.2	109.3	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.812	134.3	135.9	0.1	-1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2
24	Cork and wood.....	0.671	127.2	127.4	-3.5	-5.2	3.3	2.9	0.2
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.198	105.7	109.0	1.7	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	3.1
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.374	196.0	199.1	17.4	1.8	2.3	0.4	1.6
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.195	98.5	97.3	-29.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.6	-1.2
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	20.956	214.4	207.4	39.9	-8.1	-0.6	5.8	-3.3
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	17.812	210.3	209.0	40.6	-9.7	0.1	7.3	-0.6
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	3.144	242.7	198.9	38.8	0.9	-4.8	-1.7	-18.0
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.991	116.4	116.3	4.0	-0.5	-0.1	1.2	-0.1
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.539	114.6	116.5	4.1	-2.3	-0.3	4.1	1.7
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.697	160.1	157.4	22.1	-0.4	-1.0	-1.2	-1.7
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.276	109.0	107.8	-2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-1.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.450	94.3	94.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.742	144.5	142.3	14.6	4.0	1.5	4.7	-1.5
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.369	106.9	107.0	0.6	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.553	102.7	102.6	5.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.879	115.7	117.3	4.9	0.1	0.3	1.0	1.4
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.680	104.8	104.9	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.792	114.8	113.9	-3.9	-6.3	-1.6	1.1	-0.8
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.161	105.0	105.5	5.6	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.280	106.0	106.3	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.005	101.7	101.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.790	149.1	151.0	-5.9	0.4	-1.3	-0.8	1.3
68	Nonferrous metals.....	2.041	140.2	148.0	29.7	2.8	3.7	5.2	5.6
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.051	109.7	110.7	2.1	0.1	-0.6	1.3	0.9
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	37.479	94.0	94.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.356	104.3	104.4	0.7	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.749	112.1	112.6	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.4
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.427	116.5	116.7	3.0	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.2

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  January 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.046	107.9	108.7	2.0	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.7
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.304	66.4	66.3	-7.8	-0.6	-0.3	-1.5	-0.2
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.318	79.5	79.5	-4.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	5.954	94.2	94.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
78	Road vehicles.....	12.197	104.0	104.0	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	15.220	101.4	101.7	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.452	97.1	97.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.841	106.2	106.2	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.369	105.8	105.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	4.631	100.8	100.8	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.061	100.9	100.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.838	100.9	101.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.4
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.771	97.5	97.7	-1.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.2
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.257	101.1	101.8	2.4	-0.1	0.6	0.5	0.7

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.

n.a. Not available

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  January 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.5	108.5	2.6	-0.6	0.1	0.7	0.0
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.738	123.7	123.0	4.0	-1.2	-0.8	0.8	-0.6
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.674	130.0	128.7	2.9	-0.8	-4.0	-4.3	-1.0
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.496	116.4	119.3	8.7	0.6	1.1	-0.8	2.5
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.761	124.9	126.8	9.1	-1.5	1.0	3.1	1.5
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.297	124.1	118.0	-7.9	-3.1	-1.7	0.2	-4.9
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.504	125.8	125.0	12.4	2.5	0.4	2.1	-0.6
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.499	107.3	107.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.506	115.1	115.6	7.7	-2.4	-0.4	3.5	0.4
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.584	100.8	101.1	-1.0	0.0	-0.8	-0.4	0.3
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.330	101.3	101.5	0.2	0.3	-1.0	0.3	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	4.951	135.1	137.2	12.4	0.9	2.2	2.9	1.6
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.740	124.9	120.0	9.4	2.5	0.0	4.3	-3.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.487	98.0	98.5	-0.4	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.5
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.560	96.9	97.4	-3.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.5
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.727	112.9	112.2	13.7	0.6	0.7	3.4	-0.6
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.339	242.7	263.6	28.0	-0.1	6.4	6.5	8.6
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.098	138.5	137.0	10.4	2.3	1.5	0.4	-1.1
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	3.774	218.5	210.9	36.8	-16.8	0.9	6.4	-3.5
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.680	219.8	215.5	38.4	-15.9	0.1	6.5	-2.0
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.556	120.7	121.3	4.3	-0.1	-1.1	1.0	0.5
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.779	135.9	137.7	7.7	-2.3	-2.1	2.6	1.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.916	119.4	120.9	1.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	1.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	3.012	108.1	108.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.5
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.011	111.1	111.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.1
56	Fertilizers.....	0.401	161.9	159.9	7.2	1.8	-1.0	-2.1	-1.2
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.897	135.2	135.5	6.3	1.8	-2.7	0.0	0.2
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	1.010	109.3	109.4	7.1	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.910	109.6	110.1	3.5	0.2	0.1	1.8	0.5
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.553	117.0	118.3	4.2	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.1
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.737	119.2	119.3	4.5	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.1
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.406	104.3	104.7	0.6	-0.3	0.1	1.5	0.4
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.559	111.1	110.9	2.5	-0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.781	105.9	105.9	3.8	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.157	159.3	160.2	-3.8	0.8	0.9	-0.7	0.6
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.396	122.7	126.5	19.8	2.4	4.5	3.7	3.1
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.102	120.6	123.7	5.5	0.0	0.1	1.0	2.6

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  January 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			January 2006	February 2006	Annual Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Monthly			
						Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.415	117.7	118.5	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.725	98.2	98.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.750	113.2	113.4	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.044	114.9	115.2	5.5	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.3
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.792	103.7	103.8	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.812	110.5	111.1	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.827	77.3	76.9	-7.2	-1.0	-0.5	0.3	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.347	88.4	88.2	-2.5	0.0	0.0	-1.1	-0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	10.874	84.1	83.2	-5.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-1.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.612	104.1	104.2	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.199	103.0	103.1	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.600	103.5	103.5	-0.8	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.622	96.6	96.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.574	104.1	104.3	0.9	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.921	94.4	94.7	-1.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.129	104.9	104.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.353	110.8	111.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.9

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  
February 2005-February 2006 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <sup>1/</sup>	Index		Percent Change				
		January 2006	February 2006	Annual		Monthly		
				Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	46.361	115.1	114.9	5.9	-0.8	-0.5	0.9	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.993	199.0	181.0	25.3	-4.9	-3.6	-0.2	-9.0
Manufactured Articles.....	41.935	108.8	109.8	3.7	-0.2	0.0	1.0	0.9
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	53.639	111.1	111.2	9.4	-2.6	0.4	1.5	0.1
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	9.297	195.5	191.9	36.9	-7.0	1.6	7.7	-1.8
Manufactured Articles.....	44.142	99.3	99.9	2.5	-1.1	0.0	-0.3	0.6
Canada.....	17.085	131.0	128.3	9.1	-1.7	-0.8	1.0	-2.1
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.239	207.5	184.9	25.7	-5.3	-4.6	-0.1	-10.9
Manufactured Articles.....	13.572	117.2	118.1	4.9	-0.3	0.6	1.4	0.8
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	18.650	116.3	116.8	2.9	-0.8	-0.1	1.6	0.4
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	0.367	214.2	212.8	33.9	-7.7	-2.5	12.1	-0.7
Manufactured Articles.....	18.146	114.5	115.0	1.9	-0.5	-0.1	1.4	0.4
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.402	133.9	133.7	14.5	-3.2	0.9	2.3	-0.1
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	4.157	197.2	192.0	35.4	-7.4	3.1	7.1	-2.6
Manufactured Articles.....	13.170	122.7	123.6	7.0	-1.4	0.0	0.4	0.7
Japan.....	8.918	95.1	95.1	-0.9	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.215	88.5	88.4	-2.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.1
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.592	112.1	110.8	5.0	-1.8	1.2	2.7	-1.2
<u>8/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	34.082	98.4	98.5	-1.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	13.770	98.6	98.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.186	100.3	100.4	-3.3	-0.1	-0.2	-1.2	0.1
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.946	110.1	110.2	1.8	-1.9	-0.5	2.5	0.1
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	1.971	101.0	101.0	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	1.3	0.0
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.085	97.2	97.5	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	-1.3	0.3
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.547	139.9	139.3	6.0	-6.9	2.0	5.4	-0.4

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.

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

Description	Relative importance	Index		Percent Change				
		January 2006	February 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2006	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006
<b>AIR FREIGHT</b>								
Import Air Freight.....	100.000	124.2	128.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.8	3.7
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.774	117.8	121.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.5	2.7
Asia.....	50.161	111.4	114.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.7	3.0
Export Air Freight.....	100.000	115.0	116.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.3	1.5
Inbound Air Freight.....	100.000	124.1	126.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.1	1.9
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.879	116.9	119.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.5	1.9
Asia.....	49.952	111.2	112.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.4	1.3
Outbound Air Freight.....	100.000	110.9	112.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.0	1.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.912	125.1	127.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.1	1.8
Asia.....	42.415	103.3	104.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.1	0.7
<b>AIR PASSENGER FARES</b>								
Import Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	114.8	114.7	4.2	-4.9	3.2	-1.3	-0.1
Europe.....	58.893	105.7	107.0	4.9	-7.8	0.0	1.0	1.2
Asia.....	14.430	111.0	108.7	2.9	0.3	18.5	-13.7	-2.1
Latin America/Caribbean.....	10.964	115.6	112.7	2.5	0.1	4.1	0.1	-2.5
Export Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	132.6	134.8	0.2	-5.7	0.3	3.4	1.7
Europe.....	28.267	144.5	150.5	-4.6	-10.3	-0.8	0.4	4.2
Asia.....	36.751	113.4	116.7	-2.7	-2.9	-1.8	6.3	2.9
Latin America/Caribbean.....	19.251	155.6	147.1	6.2	0.1	7.1	3.9	-5.5
Inbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	111.6	111.5	-1.2	-6.5	0.4	2.9	-0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.690	103.7	107.4	-4.8	-10.0	-1.2	0.4	3.6
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	31.358	108.9	105.0	-5.8	-4.6	0.2	5.8	-3.6
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	15.674	120.4	115.5	3.3	0.0	5.8	4.3	-4.1
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	9.707	143.8	150.6	23.3	-8.4	-0.6	-0.5	4.7
Outbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	111.1	110.5	5.0	-4.6	1.7	0.3	-0.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	49.390	110.2	111.4	6.2	-7.6	0.2	1.0	1.1
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	15.566	105.6	102.5	2.0	-4.2	6.2	-3.8	-2.9
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	20.542	108.8	106.7	1.6	0.1	2.7	0.1	-1.9
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	8.750	143.1	144.6	23.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0
<b>CRUDE OIL TANKER FREIGHT</b>								
<u>2/</u> Inbound Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	100.000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	26.2	14.8	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OCEAN LINER FREIGHT</b>								
Inbound Ocean Liner Freight.....	100.000	126.6	126.5	4.4	-0.2	-1.9	-0.2	-0.1
U.S. East Coast.....	39.184	127.7	126.8	10.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7
From Atlantic.....	17.748	132.7	132.0	19.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.5
From Pacific.....	15.315	122.9	122.9	9.4	0.0	-0.8	-1.3	0.0
U.S. West Coast.....	60.816	126.4	127.0	0.8	0.0	-3.0	0.0	0.5

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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## 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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