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

The U.S. Import Price Index decreased 0.4 percent in March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The decline followed a similar 0.5 percent drop in February. In contrast, export prices increased for the fourth consecutive month, rising 0.2 percent in March.

### 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>						
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	-9.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
December	0.0	-0.3 r	0.0	0.1	-0.5 r	0.2
<u>2006</u>						
January	1.2 r	6.0 r	0.3	0.6 r	0.6 r	0.7
February	-0.5	-0.2 r	-0.6 r	0.1 r	-0.7 r	0.1
March	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.2
March 2004-05	7.6	40.1	2.9	3.3	-7.6	4.5
March 2005-06	4.5	22.6	1.1	2.2	0.5	2.3

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

## Import Goods

Import prices fell for the second consecutive month in March after increasing 1.2 percent in January. The price indexes for both nonpetroleum and petroleum imports contributed to the overall decline in import prices, but excluding all fuels, import prices actually increased a modest 0.1 percent. Petroleum prices fell 0.7 percent in March, the fifth decline in the past six months. Despite the recent trend, however, the price index of petroleum imports rose 22.6 percent over the year ended in March. Nonpetroleum prices decreased 0.3 percent in March, driven down in part by a sharp decline in natural gas prices. Over the past 12 months, prices of nonpetroleum imports increased 1.1 percent while overall import prices advanced 4.5 percent.

A 1.3 percent decline in nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices was the largest contributor to the decrease in nonpetroleum prices, as the drop in natural gas prices more than offset higher metals prices. Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials increased 7.3 percent over the past year. The price indexes for consumer goods and capital goods also fell in March, decreasing 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Consumer goods prices declined 0.3 percent over the past 12 months, while prices for capital goods fell 1.5 percent for the same period.

In contrast, foods, feeds, and beverages prices increased 0.4 percent in March after declining 2.1 percent the previous month. A turnaround in vegetable prices, which had declined sharply in February, led the increase. Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 1.0 percent for the year ended in March.

The price index for automotive vehicles was unchanged in March and up 0.4 percent over the past 12 months.

## Export Goods

Export prices rose 0.2 percent in March after ticking up 0.1 percent the previous month. The March increase was led by a 0.2 percent advance in nonagricultural prices, which more than offset a 0.2 percent decline in agricultural prices. The price index for agricultural exports continued a recent downward trend but increased 0.5 percent for the year ended in March. Over the past year, nonagricultural prices increased 2.3 percent while overall export prices rose 2.2 percent.

The advance in nonagricultural prices was led by increases in the price indexes for both nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials and capital goods, up 0.5 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices increased 7.7 percent over the past 12 months, and in March were driven by higher prices for fuels and metals which more than offset lower chemicals prices. Capital goods prices increased for the third time in the past four months, but declined 0.3 percent for the year ended in March.

Prices for consumer goods decreased 0.3 percent in March, the largest monthly decline since February 2002. The March decline was led by a 0.6 percent drop in manufactured durables prices. Despite the drop, consumer goods prices rose 0.4 percent for the March 2005-2006 period.

Automotive vehicle prices were unchanged for the second consecutive month in March and advanced 0.8 percent over the past 12 months.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

March import prices from Canada and from the European Union decreased 1.8 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, led by lower fuel prices. The decline in the prices of imports from Canada followed a 2.1 percent drop in February which was the largest monthly decrease for the index since April 2003. Notwithstanding the recent declines, import prices from Canada increased 4.7 percent for the year ended in March, while prices of imports from the European Union rose 2.3 percent.

The price index of imports from China fell for the fourth consecutive month, edging down 0.1 percent in March. Import prices from China decreased 0.4 percent over the past 12 months.

Prices of imports from Mexico and from Japan were unchanged in March. Import prices from Mexico rose 1.5 percent over the past year while prices of imports from Japan fell 0.8 percent for the same period.

### Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares rose 0.2 percent in March, led by a 0.3 percent advance in European fares. The index rose 4.5 percent for the year ended in March. In contrast, export air passenger fares decreased for the first time in four months, falling 3.0 percent in March. The index declined 4.0 percent over the March 2005-2006 period.

The price index for import air freight declined 0.4 percent in March following a 2.3 percent increase in February. The decrease was driven by a 0.4 percent drop in European air freight prices. Despite the decline, import air freight prices rose 0.5 percent over the past year. Export air freight prices increased 0.2 percent in March and declined 9.7 percent over the past 12 months.

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

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

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 Import and Export Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on May 12 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance February 2006 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	113.1	112.7	4.5	0.0	1.2	-0.5	-0.4
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	81.913	103.4	103.1	1.1	0.0	0.3	-0.6	-0.3
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	79.147	105.6	105.7	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.329	116.6	117.1	1.0	1.6	1.4	-2.1	0.4
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.245	125.3	125.5	-0.2	2.1	1.9	-3.3	0.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.084	97.3	98.3	4.6	0.6	-0.1	1.6	1.0
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	35.467	162.1	160.5	14.8	-0.3	3.4	-1.2	-1.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	17.381	130.4	128.7	7.3	-0.5	0.9	-2.2	-1.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	14.615	134.1	135.2	5.6	0.5	1.5	1.4	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.259	125.8	127.1	5.2	0.7	1.9	1.7	1.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	8.122	135.0	129.8	9.4	-1.5	-0.1	-6.4	-3.9
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	20.852	205.9	201.3	21.6	-0.8	4.7	-2.9	-2.2
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	18.085	207.9	206.4	22.6	-0.3	6.0	-0.2	-0.7
10000	Crude.....	13.080	207.4	206.4	20.6	0.2	7.5	-0.3	-0.5
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	0.921	107.4	108.5	4.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.0
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.531	119.7	120.1	6.3	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.3
13	Selected building materials.....	2.089	118.6	118.1	-3.7	0.8	1.5	0.0	-0.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.935	157.2	160.9	14.6	1.6	3.3	4.4	2.4
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.559	118.3	119.0	2.7	-0.3	0.9	-0.3	0.6
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.580	100.7	100.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	21.599	91.0	90.9	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.544	100.0	100.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.375	87.9	87.8	-2.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.680	106.8	106.9	1.2	-0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	14.694	103.6	103.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.910	99.8	99.6	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.385	102.8	102.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.323	96.4	96.5	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.202	101.2	97.8	-2.5	1.2	0.3	-0.3	-3.4

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.5	108.7	2.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.535	120.8	120.5	0.5	-0.5	0.6	-0.7	-0.2
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.465	107.6	107.8	2.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.802	121.9	121.6	0.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.2
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.038	121.6	121.3	0.5	-0.6	0.9	-1.0	-0.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.764	124.4	123.7	1.6	0.3	-0.7	1.4	-0.6
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	29.423	130.5	131.2	7.3	0.4	1.6	0.4	0.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.488	134.1	135.4	10.4	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	18.936	128.7	129.0	5.6	-0.5	1.4	-0.4	0.2
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.497	116.8	116.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.4
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.926	131.5	132.2	7.7	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.5
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	4.371	169.3	173.2	20.4	0.2	5.4	-1.7	2.3
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	22.394	128.1	128.4	5.8	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.2
13	Selected building materials.....	1.161	108.4	108.8	3.3	0.4	0.6	1.2	0.4
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.452	97.9	98.1	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.882	103.3	103.9	0.0	0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.6
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.925	92.4	92.5	-1.5	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.645	115.4	116.0	4.4	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.5
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.891	104.1	104.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.432	102.3	102.0	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.122	102.6	102.5	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.319	101.2	100.6	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance  February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual March 2005 to March 2006	Monthly			
						Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	17.484	100.9	98.7	n.a.	n.a.	5.2	-4.1	-2.2
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	1.371	95.7	94.9	n.a.	n.a.	4.0	-8.0	-0.8
111	Agricultural products.....	0.951	91.6	89.3	n.a.	n.a.	5.0	-12.8	-2.5
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	16.113	101.4	99.1	n.a.	n.a.	5.3	-3.7	-2.3
	Manufactured Articles.....	81.938	100.8	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.3	0.1
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	10.689	100.4	100.5	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.1	0.1
311	Food and kindred products.....	2.549	101.8	102.0	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.7	0.2
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.825	100.0	100.6	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.6
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	0.516	99.9	99.7	n.a.	n.a.	-0.5	0.4	-0.2
314	Textile mill products.....	0.751	100.1	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	-0.1	0.0
315	Apparel and accessories.....	4.537	100.0	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	-0.1	0.0
316	Leather and allied products.....	1.511	99.9	99.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	-0.1	0.0
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	17.691	101.6	101.3	n.a.	n.a.	1.5	0.1	-0.3
321	Wood products.....	1.426	102.0	101.3	n.a.	n.a.	2.2	-0.2	-0.7
322	Paper.....	1.472	101.2	101.7	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	0.4	0.5
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	4.270	103.8	102.5	n.a.	n.a.	3.2	0.6	-1.3
325	Chemicals.....	7.707	101.0	101.0	n.a.	n.a.	1.2	-0.2	0.0
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	1.621	100.0	100.3	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.1	0.3
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	1.089	100.2	100.3	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.3	0.1
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	53.558	100.6	100.8	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.4	0.2
331	Primary metals.....	4.447	107.3	109.7	n.a.	n.a.	2.9	4.3	2.2
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.490	101.8	102.1	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.7	0.3
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	6.415	101.0	101.1	n.a.	n.a.	0.7	0.3	0.1
334	Computer and electronic products.....	14.651	99.0	98.9	n.a.	n.a.	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.573	100.8	100.7	n.a.	n.a.	0.7	0.1	-0.1
336	Transportation equipment.....	15.627	100.1	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
337	Furniture and fixtures.....	1.523	100.0	99.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.832	100.6	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.5	0.3

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

NAICS	Description	Relative Importance February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	Nonmanufactured Articles.....	6.012	103.2	101.6	n.a.	n.a.	3.6	-0.4	-1.6
11	AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.....	4.025	100.3	101.0	n.a.	n.a.	1.6	-1.3	0.7
111	Agricultural products.....	3.591	100.0	99.9	n.a.	n.a.	1.7	-1.7	-0.1
21	OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND ORES.....	1.987	109.6	103.0	n.a.	n.a.	7.8	1.7	-6.0
211	Oil and gas.....	0.528	93.0	78.4	n.a.	n.a.	7.6	-13.6	-15.7
212	Minerals and ores.....	1.459	117.2	114.2	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	8.6	-2.6
	Manufactured Articles.....	91.886	100.6	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.1	0.3
31	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 1.....	6.667	99.7	99.4	n.a.	n.a.	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
311	Food and kindred products.....	3.762	99.6	98.9	n.a.	n.a.	-0.4	0.0	-0.7
312	Beverages and tobacco products.....	0.576	99.9	99.4	n.a.	n.a.	-0.4	0.3	-0.5
313	Textiles and fabrics.....	1.104	99.6	99.7	n.a.	n.a.	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
315	Apparel and accessories.....	0.639	100.1	100.1	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.0	0.0
32	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 2.....	23.600	101.3	101.9	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.2	0.6
321	Wood products.....	0.558	100.7	101.8	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.5	1.1
322	Paper.....	2.090	101.6	102.0	n.a.	n.a.	1.1	0.5	0.4
324	Petroleum and coal products.....	2.484	103.4	107.4	n.a.	n.a.	6.0	-2.5	3.9
325	Chemicals.....	14.993	101.0	101.3	n.a.	n.a.	0.4	0.6	0.3
326	Plastics and rubber products.....	2.466	101.5	101.7	n.a.	n.a.	0.9	0.6	0.2
327	Nonmetallic mineral products.....	0.905	101.1	99.0	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.8	-2.1
33	MANUFACTURED GOODS, PART 3.....	61.619	100.4	100.6	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.1	0.2
331	Primary metals.....	3.563	104.6	107.0	n.a.	n.a.	2.2	2.3	2.3
332	Fabricated metal products, nesoi.....	2.747	103.6	103.9	n.a.	n.a.	2.2	1.4	0.3
333	Machinery, except electrical.....	12.251	101.0	101.0	n.a.	n.a.	0.6	0.4	0.0
334	Computer and electronic products.....	18.566	98.8	98.7	n.a.	n.a.	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1
335	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components....	3.521	100.3	100.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.3	0.6
336	Transportation equipment.....	16.372	100.6	100.8	n.a.	n.a.	0.4	0.2	0.2
339	Miscellaneous manufactured commodities.....	4.281	100.1	100.0	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.1	-0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.208	115.4	117.1	2.7	-0.1	-0.8	0.9	1.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.353	139.1	138.6	0.9	-0.6	-1.0	1.4	-0.4
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.631	93.3	95.2	7.4	0.0	-1.0	2.2	2.0
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.225	144.1	148.5	-4.9	0.6	0.1	-3.7	3.1
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.110	111.3	108.3	-13.4	5.7	4.0	-10.1	-2.7
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.257	123.8	135.4	-23.9	12.3	10.6	-33.2	9.4
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.296	84.9	82.6	-8.8	4.6	-6.3	3.2	-2.7
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.253	125.9	121.2	-3.9	-1.5	11.2	-1.7	-3.7
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.304	120.9	106.3	-12.9	5.6	1.6	-0.6	-12.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.078	117.8	118.1	4.2	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.930	127.2	127.2	4.2	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.230	113.7	115.6	13.1	2.1	2.6	1.2	1.7
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.710	108.1	108.6	2.1	-0.1	0.6	0.6	0.5
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	20.719	205.3	201.0	21.5	-0.6	4.9	-2.8	-2.1
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	20.392	204.9	200.6	21.7	-0.6	4.9	-2.9	-2.1
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.327	132.7	133.7	10.1	1.0	2.8	1.5	0.8
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.055	113.4	113.3	1.9	-0.4	1.0	0.1	-0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.691	147.1	147.3	16.1	-1.1	-1.5	-1.6	0.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.790	115.5	115.3	3.6	-0.4	4.1	1.4	-0.2
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.020	107.1	106.8	-3.7	-0.4	-1.3	-1.5	-0.3
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.180	101.3	101.2	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.382	106.3	106.3	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.401	92.3	91.8	-2.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.5
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.885	119.4	119.4	5.6	0.5	1.4	0.3	0.0
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.921	119.3	118.8	4.1	0.6	1.4	-0.5	-0.4
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.964	119.5	120.6	8.6	0.6	1.4	1.9	0.9
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.629	103.8	103.8	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.538	103.7	103.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.498	123.8	123.0	-6.3	1.0	2.0	-0.2	-0.6
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.664	105.4	105.9	4.1	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.5
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.203	107.4	108.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	2.1	0.6
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.188	104.6	105.1	5.8	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.5
49	Printed matter.....	0.273	112.7	112.8	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	5.600	100.6	100.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.037	99.9	99.8	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.275	99.9	99.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.500	93.6	93.6	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.788	107.4	107.3	-1.8	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.269	100.1	100.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.068	100.6	100.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.201	97.3	97.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.955	105.3	105.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.321	101.0	101.0	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.305	109.9	110.0	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.328	103.9	103.7	-1.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.541	112.1	112.5	15.5	2.4	1.7	3.4	0.4
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.800	138.0	140.2	6.4	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.6
72	Iron and steel.....	1.480	154.5	155.9	-9.3	-2.3	-0.8	1.2	0.9
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.443	123.3	123.5	1.5	-0.6	0.7	-0.3	0.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.572	194.7	197.4	40.8	5.4	4.2	3.1	1.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.980	131.2	136.9	17.5	2.3	4.9	3.2	4.3
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.389	107.2	107.2	1.8	-0.2	1.6	1.3	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.446	114.0	114.6	1.6	-0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.490	152.4	159.7	25.4	0.1	7.6	8.4	4.8
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	24.081	88.1	88.0	-2.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.513	88.4	88.3	-2.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.568	87.8	87.8	-2.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.592	104.6	104.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	12.527	104.0	104.0	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	0.924	105.7	105.7	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.213	99.5	99.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.2
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.868	98.4	98.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	-0.1
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.249	109.4	109.3	2.0	0.0	1.3	0.1	-0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.883	99.7	99.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.252	103.4	103.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.413	94.8	95.6	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.8
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.218	101.8	101.7	2.5	-0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2004 trade values.

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

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

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.352	128.0	123.6	0.5	-2.1	-1.9	-0.5	-3.4
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.465	123.6	123.1	5.6	0.7	-0.9	1.6	-0.4
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.521	123.8	124.8	-1.2	-0.3	1.9	-1.6	0.8
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.649	109.8	107.6	-9.9	-5.3	-2.0	-3.5	-2.0
10	Cereals.....	1.538	127.3	130.0	7.1	1.3	3.0	1.8	2.1
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.862	121.4	122.4	-5.6	0.1	2.6	-3.3	0.8
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.310	111.6	111.5	2.8	0.0	0.5	0.3	-0.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.440	107.7	107.9	-0.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.3	0.2
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.419	125.4	124.5	9.9	0.6	2.0	-0.5	-0.7
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.807	108.8	107.8	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.9
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	4.526	219.4	217.6	27.1	1.9	6.5	-0.2	-0.8
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	3.600	198.8	198.6	22.1	1.1	5.6	-3.2	-0.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	12.148	119.1	119.8	3.6	-0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.109	140.1	154.3	21.7	-0.4	-0.8	11.1	10.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	4.187	130.6	130.7	2.6	-1.3	1.2	-0.6	0.1
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.469	108.4	108.1	0.2	-0.2	1.1	0.5	-0.3
31	Fertilizers.....	0.399	155.1	145.8	4.9	-0.9	-2.1	-1.1	-6.0
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.634	106.9	106.6	-1.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.706	111.2	110.9	-1.6	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	-0.3
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.415	107.3	107.6	4.9	0.4	1.7	-0.1	0.3
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.368	101.8	101.7	-1.2	-0.6	-1.5	0.4	-0.1
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.656	111.8	111.8	6.0	0.2	1.7	0.7	0.0
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	6.022	127.5	126.6	4.3	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.7
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.898	124.9	123.9	2.8	-1.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.124	137.5	137.2	11.3	2.2	2.2	0.1	-0.2
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.480	113.0	116.4	4.7	0.2	-0.6	0.4	3.0
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.439	107.8	109.0	1.9	0.2	-0.9	0.5	1.1
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.749	105.4	106.7	2.3	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.2
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.652	102.2	102.5	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.3
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.565	93.5	93.7	-5.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.9	0.2
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.476	101.9	102.1	1.5	0.0	1.4	0.5	0.2
49	Printed material.....	0.611	116.2	116.3	2.9	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual March 2005 to March 2006	Monthly			
						Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.791	102.1	101.5	2.1	0.3	1.2	-0.4	-0.6
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.841	95.0	92.7	1.3	0.8	2.2	0.1	-2.4
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.361	94.9	94.9	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.589	114.4	114.7	3.6	0.3	1.1	-0.9	0.3
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.849	104.6	103.5	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.8	-1.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.474	95.2	95.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.639	122.7	124.0	17.2	2.0	1.8	2.9	1.1
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.226	140.7	142.4	7.1	1.7	2.1	1.4	1.2
72	Iron and steel.....	1.088	157.4	159.8	-4.0	2.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.5
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.318	132.8	132.6	6.4	1.0	1.7	2.8	-0.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.628	185.7	190.2	31.6	2.5	5.6	3.3	2.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.875	128.8	132.2	12.9	3.0	5.2	1.3	2.6
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.430	112.0	112.0	3.9	1.1	4.0	1.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.438	119.9	120.6	2.4	0.1	1.7	0.5	0.6
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	32.917	93.3	93.3	-1.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.265	100.8	100.8	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.652	85.1	85.1	-4.4	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.0
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.546	110.6	110.9	2.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.988	104.2	104.3	1.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.461	102.0	102.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.448	100.5	100.6	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.789	106.2	106.5	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.3
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.519	94.5	94.6	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual March 2005 to March 2006	Monthly			
						Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	113.1	112.7	4.5	0.0	1.2	-0.5	-0.4
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.264	115.9	116.9	-0.5	1.7	1.8	-3.0	0.9
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.405	140.6	139.2	2.4	-0.6	-0.9	1.1	-1.0
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.799	93.4	94.9	7.2	0.7	-0.3	2.2	1.6
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.821	109.2	111.9	-8.0	7.4	3.0	-12.1	2.5
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.443	127.7	124.7	-4.2	-1.5	7.0	-0.8	-2.3
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.797	131.5	133.0	1.7	0.3	1.0	-0.6	1.1
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.845	109.0	109.4	1.5	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4
11	Beverages.....	0.760	109.4	109.9	1.6	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.873	137.9	134.4	-0.4	3.0	2.1	1.0	-2.5
24	Cork and wood.....	0.676	127.4	126.2	-7.8	3.3	2.9	0.2	-0.9
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.204	107.9	108.5	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	2.1	0.6
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.384	200.0	204.7	15.7	2.3	0.7	1.8	2.3
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.225	112.7	85.2	-22.5	9.2	2.2	-0.9	-24.4
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	20.291	206.2	202.0	21.3	-0.8	5.0	-2.9	-2.0
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	17.746	208.0	206.6	22.2	-0.1	6.4	-0.1	-0.7
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	2.545	195.1	171.8	17.8	-5.3	-1.8	-19.0	-11.9
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	8.038	116.3	115.7	3.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.5
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.583	115.9	115.7	3.4	-0.4	3.9	1.4	-0.2
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.694	158.2	152.1	16.8	-1.0	-0.9	-1.4	-3.9
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.263	107.7	107.4	-2.5	-0.2	-1.1	-1.2	-0.3
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.454	94.5	94.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.3
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.727	140.5	138.9	10.3	1.5	3.4	-1.5	-1.1
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.373	107.1	107.3	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.557	102.8	102.2	3.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.6
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.095	117.1	117.9	4.5	0.2	1.1	1.2	0.7
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.685	104.9	105.6	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.7
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.793	114.2	113.6	-8.0	-1.6	1.3	-0.7	-0.5
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.170	105.2	105.9	5.6	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.7
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.281	105.4	105.4	0.9	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.018	101.7	101.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.820	150.7	151.3	-6.5	-1.3	-0.5	0.8	0.4
68	Nonferrous metals.....	2.171	148.2	153.0	31.8	3.7	5.3	5.6	3.2
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.076	110.4	110.4	1.6	-0.5	1.2	0.6	0.0
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	37.731	94.0	93.9	-1.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.375	104.4	104.5	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.765	112.4	112.6	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.431	116.7	116.3	2.1	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	-0.3

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.096	108.9	109.1	2.2	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.315	66.1	65.8	-7.6	-0.4	-1.3	-0.5	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.336	79.3	79.2	-4.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.000	94.4	94.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	12.277	104.0	104.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	15.336	101.5	101.6	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.454	97.0	97.1	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.854	106.3	106.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.372	105.9	105.9	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	4.657	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.067	100.8	100.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.846	100.7	100.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.777	97.7	97.5	-1.6	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.2
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.308	101.6	102.0	2.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	108.5	108.7	2.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.718	123.3	122.9	2.3	-0.7	0.8	-0.4	-0.3
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.678	130.8	126.5	-1.6	-3.3	-4.0	-0.5	-3.3
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.497	116.7	116.2	4.5	0.5	-1.2	1.3	-0.4
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.788	126.8	129.3	6.5	1.0	3.1	1.5	2.0
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.246	119.2	117.5	-6.1	-1.7	0.4	-4.2	-1.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.503	125.6	125.6	10.5	0.4	2.2	-0.2	0.0
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.496	106.5	106.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.1	0.3	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.509	115.6	112.0	3.2	-0.4	3.5	0.4	-3.1
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.586	101.1	100.7	-1.5	-0.8	-0.4	0.3	-0.4
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.331	101.4	100.8	-0.6	-1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.6
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.010	136.7	136.5	7.1	2.2	2.9	1.2	-0.1
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.711	120.0	120.8	-6.3	0.0	4.3	-3.9	0.7
24	Cork and wood.....	0.490	98.6	99.6	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.6	1.0
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.565	97.6	97.9	-5.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.7	0.3
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.721	112.0	109.1	4.8	0.7	3.4	-0.8	-2.6
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.432	259.6	256.4	24.2	6.4	6.5	7.0	-1.2
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.091	137.7	139.9	11.9	1.6	0.3	-0.6	1.6
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	3.612	209.2	209.0	23.4	1.0	5.5	-3.6	-0.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.596	212.9	220.3	26.0	0.1	5.3	-2.0	3.5
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.565	120.8	120.8	3.2	-1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.723	133.9	133.9	2.5	-1.8	1.3	-0.4	0.0
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.000	130.3	141.6	18.0	-0.2	-0.3	8.9	8.7
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	3.026	108.6	108.3	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.4	-0.3
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.013	111.4	111.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.0
56	Fertilizers.....	0.396	160.0	150.5	4.9	-1.0	-1.9	-1.4	-5.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.855	133.3	131.1	2.2	-2.7	-0.9	-0.6	-1.7
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	1.009	109.1	109.2	5.8	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.923	110.4	110.4	4.2	0.1	1.9	0.6	0.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.711	118.8	119.8	5.4	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.8
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.738	119.3	119.1	4.1	0.6	1.2	0.1	-0.2
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.412	104.7	105.0	1.2	0.1	1.5	0.4	0.3
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.556	110.9	110.9	1.6	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.782	106.0	105.5	3.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	-0.5
67	Iron and steel.....	1.180	162.5	163.8	-0.2	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.436	126.3	131.7	22.9	4.4	3.6	3.1	4.3
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.189	125.6	126.7	7.6	0.3	3.3	1.7	0.9

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2006 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2006	March 2006	Annual March 2005 to March 2006	Monthly			
						Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.419	118.9	120.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.0
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.610	98.0	98.0	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.759	113.5	113.6	1.9	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.055	115.3	115.4	5.5	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.793	103.9	103.9	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.825	110.9	111.0	2.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.788	76.7	76.7	-6.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.291	86.9	85.9	-5.1	0.1	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	10.801	83.5	83.7	-4.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.7	0.2
78	Road vehicles.....	8.599	104.0	104.0	1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.220	103.2	103.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.601	103.8	103.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.622	96.7	96.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.582	104.3	104.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.923	94.6	94.5	-1.9	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.135	105.1	105.3	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.357	111.8	113.0	3.7	0.0	1.1	0.9	1.1

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

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <sup>1/</sup>	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	46.361	114.8	114.2	4.1	-0.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.5
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.993	181.2	171.8	9.6	-3.7	-0.5	-8.6	-5.2
Manufactured Articles.....	41.935	109.7	109.7	3.2	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	53.639	111.3	111.1	5.8	0.4	1.4	0.3	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	9.297	192.4	191.2	21.0	1.5	7.4	-1.2	-0.6
Manufactured Articles.....	44.142	99.9	99.9	1.5	0.0	-0.3	0.6	0.0
Canada.....	17.085	128.1	125.8	4.7	-0.9	0.9	-2.1	-1.8
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	3.239	183.1	171.6	8.7	-4.8	-0.6	-11.2	-6.3
Manufactured Articles.....	13.572	118.2	117.5	3.3	0.6	1.4	0.9	-0.6
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	18.650	116.6	116.4	2.3	-0.1	1.4	0.4	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	0.367	219.5	218.5	23.4	-2.5	11.6	2.9	-0.5
Manufactured Articles.....	18.146	114.8	114.6	1.6	-0.1	1.2	0.5	-0.2
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.402	134.0	134.0	9.7	1.0	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured Articles.....	4.157	194.1	192.5	19.6	3.4	7.4	-2.1	-0.8
Manufactured Articles.....	13.170	123.5	123.9	5.8	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.3
Japan.....	8.918	95.1	95.1	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.0
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.215	88.4	88.4	-2.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.592	110.8	110.8	1.5	1.2	2.6	-1.1	0.0
<u>8/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	34.082	98.4	98.3	-1.9	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	13.770	98.5	98.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.186	100.4	100.4	-3.4	-0.2	-1.2	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.946	110.9	110.9	0.3	-0.5	2.5	0.7	0.0
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	1.971	101.0	100.7	-1.7	0.1	1.3	0.0	-0.3
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.085	97.7	97.7	-0.5	0.1	-1.3	0.5	0.0
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.547	136.6	135.8	-5.5	1.3	5.5	-1.9	-0.6

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

Description	Relative importance	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2006	March 2006	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2005 to March 2006	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 to Jan. 2006	Jan. 2006 to Feb. 2006	Feb. 2006 to March 2006
<b>AIR FREIGHT</b>								
Import Air Freight.....	100.000	129.7	129.2	0.5	n.a.	-1.6	2.3	-0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.218	121.2	120.7	-0.2	n.a.	-1.7	2.7	-0.4
Asia.....	50.169	116.4	116.5	-0.7	n.a.	-1.7	1.1	0.1
Export Air Freight.....	100.000	95.9	96.1	-9.7	n.a.	-0.2	1.8	0.2
Inbound Air Freight.....	100.000	124.8	124.3	-1.6	n.a.	-1.1	1.3	-0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	37.817	117.3	117.2	-2.3	n.a.	-0.6	1.7	-0.1
Asia.....	49.592	111.0	110.4	-3.1	n.a.	-1.4	0.4	-0.5
Outbound Air Freight.....	100.000	112.2	112.8	8.7	n.a.	-0.9	1.1	0.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	42.153	127.3	127.6	11.7	n.a.	-1.0	1.8	0.2
Asia.....	42.337	104.3	105.0	4.5	n.a.	-1.0	0.5	0.7
<b>AIR PASSENGER FARES</b>								
Import Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	114.7	114.9	4.5	3.2	-1.3	-0.1	0.2
Europe.....	59.678	107.0	107.3	5.5	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.3
Asia.....	14.148	108.7	108.7	1.9	18.5	-13.7	-2.1	0.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	10.696	112.7	112.7	1.9	4.1	0.1	-2.5	0.0
Export Air Passenger Fares.....	100.000	134.8	130.8	-4.0	0.3	3.4	1.7	-3.0
Europe.....	28.948	150.5	146.0	-10.5	-0.8	0.4	4.2	-3.0
Asia.....	37.191	116.7	111.1	-8.1	-1.8	6.3	2.9	-4.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	17.898	147.1	144.8	7.0	7.1	3.9	-5.5	-1.6
Inbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	111.5	110.5	-3.5	0.4	2.9	-0.1	-0.9
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	39.102	107.4	104.2	-10.1	-1.2	0.4	3.6	-3.0
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	30.280	105.0	107.2	-5.3	0.2	5.8	-3.6	2.1
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	15.054	115.5	113.1	4.5	5.8	4.3	-4.1	-2.1
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.175	150.6	152.8	22.2	-0.6	-0.5	4.7	1.5
Outbound Air Passenger Fares (Dec. 2003=100).....	100.000	110.5	110.6	5.3	1.7	0.3	-0.5	0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	50.214	111.4	111.6	6.6	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.2
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	15.200	102.5	102.5	1.7	6.2	-3.8	-2.9	0.0
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	20.260	106.7	107.1	1.8	2.7	0.1	-1.9	0.4
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	8.892	144.6	146.2	21.2	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.1
<b>CRUDE OIL TANKER FREIGHT</b>								
<u>2/</u> Inbound Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	100.000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14.8	-1.7	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OCEAN LINER FREIGHT</b>								
Inbound Ocean Liner Freight.....	100.000	126.3	125.4	3.4	-1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7
U.S. East Coast.....	38.982	126.8	126.6	10.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2
From Atlantic.....	17.684	132.0	131.9	18.4	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.1
From Pacific.....	15.343	122.9	122.4	9.0	-0.8	-1.3	0.0	-0.4
U.S. West Coast.....	61.018	126.6	125.2	-0.6	-3.0	0.0	0.2	-1.1

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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