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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - NOVEMBER 2004 -

The U.S. Import Price Index was up 0.2 percent in November, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase followed a 1.6 percent rise in October and was led by higher nonpetroleum import prices. Export prices rose 0.3 percent in November following a 0.7 percent advance the previous month.

Percent changes in import and export price indexes by End Use category - not seasonally adjusted -

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All Imports	Petroleum Imports	Non-petroleum Imports	All Exports	Agricultural Exports	Nonagricultural Exports
<u>2003</u>						
November	0.5	2.1	0.2	0.5	4.0	0.1
December	0.7	5.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
<u>2004</u>						
January	1.5	7.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
February	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.5	0.6
March	0.8	5.1	0.2	0.8	3.5	0.5
April	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.7	2.5	0.5
May	1.5	9.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3
June	-0.2	-1.1	0.1	-0.7	-4.7	-0.2
July	0.4	2.3	0.0	0.5	-1.0	0.7
August	1.5 r	8.8 r	0.3	-0.5	-8.4	0.3 r
September	0.5	3.0 r	0.1 r	0.4	1.7	0.3 r
October	1.6 r	11.6 r	-0.1 r	0.7	-1.3	0.9 r
November	0.2	-2.6	0.7	0.3	-0.1	0.4
November 2002-03	2.3	13.4	1.1	1.7	12.4	0.8
November 2003-04	9.5	60.4	3.4	4.3	-5.2	5.4

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

Import Goods

The 0.2 percent increase in import prices for November was a smaller monthly advance than recorded in each of the previous four months. The increase was led by a 0.7 percent rise in nonpetroleum prices, the largest monthly advance for that index since January. In contrast, petroleum prices declined 2.6 percent in November after increasing 28.1 percent over the prior four months. For the year ended in November, petroleum prices were up 60.4 percent, whereas prices of nonpetroleum imports were up 3.4 percent. Overall, import prices rose 9.5 percent for the November 2003-2004 period.

Prices for each of the major nonpetroleum import areas were up in November. A 2.8 percent rise in prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, led by higher natural gas prices, was the largest contributor to the overall increase in nonpetroleum imports. Prices for industrial supplies and materials excluding all fuels were up a more modest 0.2 percent as rising prices for metals and chemicals offset lower lumber prices. Nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices were up 16.0 percent over the past 12 months.

Capital goods prices and automotive vehicles prices both rose 0.2 percent last month. The increase in capital goods prices was the first since January and the index was down 1.5 percent over the past 12 months. Automotive vehicles prices were up 2.1 percent for the year ended in November. The price index for consumer goods prices was up 0.1 percent in November and 0.4 percent over the past year. The price index for foods, feeds, and beverages also rose in November, up 0.3 percent. The increase followed 1.2 percent and 1.3 percent advances in the previous two months and was led by higher vegetable prices. Over the past year, foods, feeds, and beverages prices were up 7.7 percent.

Export Goods

Export prices increased 0.3 percent in November, led by higher prices for nonagricultural exports. Nonagricultural prices, up 0.4 percent in November, rose in all but one month over the past year and were up 5.4 percent over that period, compared to a 0.8 percent increase for the previous 12 months. In contrast, agricultural prices fell for the fifth time in the past six months, declining 0.1 percent in November following a 1.3 percent drop the prior month. Over the past year, agricultural prices were down 5.2 percent. For the year ended in November, overall export prices increased 4.3 percent.

The increase in nonagricultural prices was led by a 1.0 percent increase in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. Higher prices for metals and chemicals more than offset lower fuel prices. Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices have trended upward for the past year and were up 17.4 percent over that period.

Prices for finished goods were modestly up or unchanged in November. The price indexes for capital goods and for consumer goods each rose 0.1 percent in November. Capital goods prices increased for the third consecutive month despite lower computer prices. The increase in consumer prices followed declines over the prior two months. For the year ended in November, capital goods prices and consumer goods prices were up 1.1 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively. The price index for automotive vehicles was unchanged in November after rising 0.3 percent the previous month. Over the past year, automotive vehicle prices were up 0.9 percent.

Imports by Locality of Origin

The price index for imports from Japan was up 0.1 percent in November after a 0.2 percent increase the previous month. Over the past year, import prices from Japan were up 1.5 percent.

Prices of imports from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries were unchanged for the second consecutive month. The index was up a modest 0.1 percent for the year ended in November.

Import prices from Canada and from the European Union were each up in November, rising 1.0 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. Over the past 12 months, import prices from Canada were up 12.0 percent and prices of imports from the European Union rose 6.7 percent.

The price index for imports from Latin America was up 0.2 percent in November as higher prices for manufactured goods offset a decline in petroleum prices. Import prices from Latin America were up 18.1 percent for the year ended in November.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares declined 4.0 percent in November, primarily attributable to a 5.7 percent decrease in European fares. November was the fourth consecutive month that import air passenger fares were down; however, the index was up 4.5 percent over the past year. Export air passenger fares were up 1.6 percent in November following decreases in the prior two months. The index was up 9.5 percent over the past 12 months.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on January 13, 2005 at 8:30 A.M. (E.S.T.).

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance October 2004 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.8	106.0	9.5	1.5	0.5	1.6	0.2
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	83.614	100.0	100.7	3.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.7
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	81.925	103.3	103.5	2.6	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.526	110.0	110.3	7.7	-0.2	1.3	1.2	0.3
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.363	118.5	119.2	8.7	-0.3	2.1	1.7	0.6
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.163	91.0	90.5	5.2	0.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	32.466	135.0	135.0	34.1	5.0	1.4	5.1	0.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.081	113.6	116.8	16.0	1.8	0.1	-0.8	2.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	14.392	123.0	123.2	12.8	2.2	1.1	-0.9	0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.933	115.9	115.8	17.9	2.8	1.6	-1.6	-0.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.148	110.9	117.9	13.9	0.5	-1.7	0.3	6.3
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	18.074	161.2	160.9	57.7	7.7	1.8	10.4	-0.2
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	16.385	166.1	161.8	60.4	8.8	3.0	11.6	-2.6
10000	Crude.....	12.652	169.2	162.4	57.4	9.3	3.6	11.6	-4.0
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.056	101.4	101.1	7.7	0.4	0.8	0.2	-0.3
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.525	108.6	109.4	5.0	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.7
13	Selected building materials.....	2.133	115.3	110.9	2.6	5.4	1.3	-8.2	-3.8
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.692	134.3	136.5	41.6	2.9	2.5	0.9	1.6
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.458	113.0	113.7	14.0	1.6	1.3	0.5	0.6
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.528	98.7	99.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	21.922	91.7	91.9	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.696	97.3	97.4	0.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.069	89.5	89.6	-2.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.157	104.1	104.1	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	16.643	103.1	103.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	24.442	98.4	98.5	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.936	100.7	100.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.282	96.0	96.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.224	97.9	98.0	2.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	104.5	104.8	4.3	-0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	8.718	116.0	115.9	-5.2	-8.4	1.7	-1.3	-0.1
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	91.281	103.7	104.1	5.4	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.4
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	7.987	117.3	117.6	-3.1	-9.0	1.9	-1.2	0.3
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	7.228	117.6	117.8	-4.1	-9.9	2.0	-1.4	0.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.759	114.3	115.0	7.0	0.7	1.8	1.2	0.6
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.781	116.5	117.5	15.5	1.0	0.7	2.3	0.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.428	117.7	120.0	17.3	0.3	0.2	1.5	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	17.353	116.0	116.2	14.5	1.3	1.1	2.8	0.2
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.490	108.7	107.1	-10.0	-0.6	0.9	-0.6	-1.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	26.291	117.1	118.3	17.4	1.1	0.7	2.4	1.0
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	3.183	130.9	129.1	33.9	1.5	0.3	8.4	-1.4
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	21.918	116.4	118.1	16.1	1.0	0.7	1.8	1.5
13	Selected building materials.....	1.190	103.8	103.7	4.6	0.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.907	98.3	98.4	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.985	103.0	103.2	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.2
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.313	94.3	94.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.609	108.6	109.2	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.401	102.8	102.8	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.874	100.8	100.9	0.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.829	100.6	100.9	1.5	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.294	100.4	100.5	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.751	103.2	103.2	2.3	0.4	0.0	2.0	0.0

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			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	105.8	106.0	9.5	1.5	0.5	1.6	0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.622	111.1	111.6	11.6	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.5
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.437	133.9	131.8	12.5	0.4	0.7	-0.9	-1.6
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.845	85.5	84.3	6.3	0.9	-1.0	-0.6	-1.4
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.897	114.4	119.9	10.1	-1.5	8.5	4.8	4.8
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.406	104.5	106.8	14.7	0.7	2.1	-1.0	2.2
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	1.036	129.8	127.9	16.0	0.1	-1.1	3.2	-1.5
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.900	106.5	106.6	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
11	Beverages.....	0.793	106.9	107.0	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.078	125.1	121.5	16.3	6.6	0.8	-7.4	-2.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.800	126.2	117.0	13.4	12.7	1.5	-16.5	-7.3
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.243	99.8	98.0	6.6	-0.3	-2.0	-5.4	-1.8
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.432	166.4	166.5	53.2	10.7	1.1	2.3	0.1
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.208	96.3	96.5	1.8	-3.6	1.1	-2.4	0.2
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	17.656	161.9	162.1	56.9	7.7	1.8	10.3	0.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	16.041	166.3	161.9	58.3	8.9	3.0	11.5	-2.6
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.615	125.3	159.6	49.7	1.1	-9.2	1.3	27.4
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.544	106.2	106.5	5.7	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.597	104.5	103.8	6.5	0.6	1.9	0.9	-0.7
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.608	125.0	125.1	11.8	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.1
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.194	98.5	98.7	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.153	106.0	106.6	3.1	0.0	-0.7	-0.6	0.6
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.317	93.3	93.2	1.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.601	110.4	113.8	7.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	3.1
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.362	103.8	104.2	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.505	94.9	95.5	2.6	-0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.982	109.0	109.3	12.2	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.3
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.636	100.9	101.1	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.765	110.0	106.1	-10.6	2.0	2.1	-5.7	-3.5
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.241	99.2	99.3	5.4	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.1
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.381	103.9	104.0	2.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.109	100.6	100.7	2.7	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.943	159.1	160.0	55.9	3.3	4.4	1.1	0.6
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.845	106.8	108.6	27.6	3.2	0.7	0.5	1.7
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.961	104.1	104.9	5.9	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.8

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7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	39.527	95.0	95.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.795	101.6	101.8	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.575	107.7	108.1	4.6	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.4
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.437	108.8	109.1	3.9	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.024	104.6	104.9	4.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.208	73.1	73.0	-7.0	-0.8	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.746	83.5	83.5	-4.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.383	94.3	94.4	-1.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	13.887	103.6	103.8	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	16.261	100.2	100.4	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.433	94.3	94.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.3
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.816	103.5	103.9	3.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.368	103.5	103.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.187	100.9	100.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.254	100.5	100.5	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.707	99.8	100.0	0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.918	98.2	98.6	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.578	98.6	98.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	104.5	104.8	4.3	-0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.634	118.2	118.0	2.4	-2.8	1.0	0.5	-0.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.297	126.0	123.8	-1.4	2.5	-1.2	1.1	-1.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.514	110.2	110.5	9.3	0.2	1.5	0.9	0.3
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.694	115.5	112.7	-10.3	-5.8	1.2	-5.3	-2.4
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.551	130.6	135.1	31.4	2.9	5.8	9.0	3.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.608	105.9	105.0	-13.6	-18.0	-3.4	-3.6	-0.8
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.463	102.7	102.7	1.6	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.507	108.7	109.9	4.9	-2.1	-0.5	-0.2	1.1
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.696	101.9	102.0	1.6	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.448	100.4	100.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.078	118.1	119.9	3.1	-10.7	1.2	-1.1	1.5
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.922	109.1	110.3	-26.9	-36.4	6.6	-12.8	1.1
24	Cork and wood.....	0.544	98.6	96.9	4.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.5	-1.7
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.657	98.1	98.7	7.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	0.6
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.523	100.2	97.2	-24.4	-1.7	1.0	-1.9	-3.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.355	190.4	200.4	54.6	-3.5	-2.8	6.7	5.3
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.077	119.1	120.8	8.9	1.8	2.9	1.4	1.4
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.704	155.8	153.7	44.6	1.5	1.1	10.3	-1.3
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.344	156.4	153.9	52.1	1.3	1.3	13.3	-1.6
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	14.004	111.4	112.3	11.3	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.8
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.363	126.7	127.1	25.0	2.1	1.9	5.0	0.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.862	106.4	106.6	7.6	3.4	1.1	0.7	0.2
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.584	99.3	101.3	2.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	2.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.465	107.1	107.3	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.959	106.1	106.4	7.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.3
56	Fertilizers.....	0.473	144.9	151.8	26.2	0.5	3.2	0.7	4.8
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.481	113.2	115.7	20.8	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.2
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.874	97.9	98.8	1.8	-0.1	0.3	0.5	0.9
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.943	105.0	104.9	2.3	1.5	-0.8	-0.4	-0.1
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.576	111.3	112.1	11.3	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.766	111.5	112.4	2.3	0.2	-0.6	0.2	0.8
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.551	103.8	103.2	5.4	0.7	0.8	1.1	-0.6
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.638	106.6	108.0	5.4	-0.3	0.3	0.9	1.3
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.480	101.4	101.5	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.373	169.4	174.3	60.5	6.4	2.0	1.6	2.9
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.117	98.1	99.9	19.8	1.2	2.6	-0.9	1.8
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.210	112.4	112.5	7.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.1

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	Monthly			
						July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.441	116.6	117.4	0.1	2.2	1.7	-1.0	0.7
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	48.202	98.6	98.7	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.866	109.4	110.2	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.734	107.2	107.6	4.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.632	101.5	101.8	1.1	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.3
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.734	106.1	106.3	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.376	85.9	85.5	-2.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.322	90.4	90.8	-1.5	-0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.4
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	11.166	88.6	88.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.2
78	Road vehicles.....	8.745	102.8	102.8	1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.119	101.4	101.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.631	102.7	104.4	1.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	1.7
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.854	96.8	96.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.205	102.2	102.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.955	96.1	96.5	1.0	0.7	-0.3	0.3	0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.087	102.5	102.7	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.388	108.6	108.6	1.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 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 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.555	112.0	109.5	15.5	0.4	-2.3	1.6	-2.2
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.392	135.9	134.7	13.9	0.3	0.1	-1.4	-0.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.663	84.3	83.4	5.4	1.1	-2.0	-0.4	-1.1
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.500	163.2	155.5	34.3	-0.4	-4.6	6.9	-4.7
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.166	108.6	111.8	10.8	-1.8	8.1	3.0	2.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.320	144.0	161.8	34.1	-4.8	32.9	13.8	12.4
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.334	96.6	94.9	-2.4	1.2	-0.9	-0.1	-1.8
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.216	91.2	90.9	12.5	-0.8	5.5	-0.5	-0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.296	107.7	108.2	3.1	-3.5	2.2	-0.8	0.5
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.105	111.2	111.6	5.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.234	102.4	102.3	1.2	0.1	1.7	-0.3	-0.1
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.806	105.2	105.3	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.065	118.7	119.5	9.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.7
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	18.021	160.5	160.8	56.9	7.3	2.0	9.9	0.2
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	17.710	160.1	160.3	57.9	7.4	2.0	10.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.311	111.4	112.2	10.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.7
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	6.887	106.1	106.1	5.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.677	123.0	123.0	11.7	1.3	0.1	1.3	0.0
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.870	104.6	103.9	6.9	1.0	1.7	0.6	-0.7
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.849	105.6	106.2	3.1	-0.4	-0.8	-0.2	0.6
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.195	98.1	98.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.276	105.3	105.1	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.167	97.1	97.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.379	92.5	93.0	-0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.475	122.1	123.0	15.1	2.5	0.3	2.5	0.7
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.673	107.8	108.6	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.7
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.781	107.3	108.5	4.1	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.892	108.7	108.8	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.697	102.0	102.0	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.587	101.9	101.9	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.619	121.4	115.3	0.6	6.8	1.7	-10.2	-5.0
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.796	99.7	99.5	4.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.2
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.241	99.4	97.5	6.4	-0.4	-2.1	-5.3	-1.9
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.253	98.2	98.3	5.2	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.1
49	Printed matter.....	0.302	111.6	111.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.130	100.5	100.6	0.7	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.272	100.1	100.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	Monthly			
						July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.473	99.9	99.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.441	93.9	93.9	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.944	106.6	107.0	4.3	1.0	0.0	-0.2	0.4
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.468	100.0	100.0	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.246	100.3	100.3	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.222	98.3	98.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.986	104.1	104.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.296	98.2	98.2	-1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.344	109.4	110.0	5.1	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.346	103.7	104.1	1.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.4
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.354	96.0	96.8	7.4	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.8
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.684	126.4	127.9	28.2	2.6	1.7	1.0	1.2
72	Iron and steel.....	1.722	175.0	176.9	67.8	4.3	4.9	2.3	1.1
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.380	115.0	115.9	16.2	2.0	1.5	0.3	0.8
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.475	129.6	129.1	26.0	3.4	0.3	2.5	-0.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.830	110.7	112.5	13.1	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.6
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.394	104.2	105.1	6.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.9
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.440	107.5	107.8	4.2	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.3
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.442	109.4	114.2	37.4	4.3	-2.7	-0.4	4.4
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	23.879	89.9	90.0	-2.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.359	90.1	90.3	-1.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.520	89.7	89.8	-2.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	15.473	103.9	104.1	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.080	103.5	103.7	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.272	103.0	103.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.178	99.0	99.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.802	98.1	98.3	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.269	107.6	108.0	1.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.4
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.120	98.1	98.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.213	100.9	101.2	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.678	94.8	94.8	-1.7	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.228	97.8	97.9	1.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.1

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.966	121.8	121.2	1.5	1.1	0.3	2.2	-0.5
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.454	110.1	110.7	8.8	0.5	2.4	1.9	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.332	120.0	124.0	8.1	-2.6	2.4	5.4	3.3
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	4.039	122.7	124.9	-0.8	-13.8	4.9	-1.8	1.8
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.771	123.2	131.4	37.0	0.7	4.1	9.7	6.7
10	Cereals.....	1.433	114.5	111.2	-12.4	-6.5	1.5	-6.2	-2.9
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.099	111.2	112.3	-23.0	-32.7	6.1	-10.8	1.0
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.334	154.7	152.9	-14.3	-7.2	3.8	-7.8	-1.2
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.559	104.3	104.3	-2.4	-5.6	-1.0	-0.8	0.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.330	110.1	112.3	4.3	3.3	0.0	0.4	2.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.420	103.5	103.5	2.7	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.527	105.0	103.5	-18.2	-22.5	-4.4	-4.2	-1.4
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.834	107.0	107.1	2.7	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	3.316	152.6	152.0	42.6	1.7	1.2	8.8	-0.4
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.655	150.8	149.8	44.5	1.7	1.2	10.1	-0.7
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	11.188	112.3	112.5	9.5	1.2	0.6	1.3	0.2
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.931	107.5	107.6	5.1	3.0	0.5	-0.7	0.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.802	126.5	125.5	22.2	1.9	1.7	4.7	-0.8
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.006	106.3	106.6	1.1	0.2	-0.1	-1.4	0.3
31	Fertilizers.....	0.455	140.4	147.1	26.6	0.4	3.3	0.7	4.8
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.596	99.8	102.7	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.9
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.694	107.9	108.4	7.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.374	104.6	104.6	3.7	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.428	99.7	100.6	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.9
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.630	104.6	104.6	2.5	1.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.0
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.535	111.3	112.8	10.8	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.482	109.7	111.2	11.8	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.4
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.053	116.6	118.1	6.8	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.3
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.508	111.1	111.2	2.7	0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.1
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.457	107.6	107.7	0.3	0.9	-0.2	0.0	0.1
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.837	103.6	103.5	5.0	0.5	0.8	-0.3	-0.1
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.896	100.1	100.2	4.9	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.1
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.655	94.1	94.7	7.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	0.6

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.599	100.3	99.8	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	-0.5
49	Printed material.....	0.642	109.5	110.4	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.8
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.848	97.7	98.0	-3.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.3
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.716	90.8	88.7	-16.9	-1.4	0.8	-1.5	-2.3
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.490	95.0	95.0	-0.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.373	95.8	95.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
2/	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.270	107.4	109.5	3.8	0.0	0.4	0.6	2.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.800	99.8	100.0	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.477	95.9	96.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.316	105.7	107.1	11.6	0.7	0.7	2.3	1.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.171	127.7	130.7	26.4	0.5	-0.2	1.3	2.3
72	Iron and steel.....	1.274	171.4	187.8	69.0	-2.0	-3.3	1.8	9.6
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.402	124.9	124.7	19.3	2.7	0.7	1.1	-0.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.446	135.3	130.0	26.6	0.4	0.9	9.2	-3.9
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.815	109.1	111.5	14.8	1.2	0.5	-0.1	2.2
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.403	102.9	102.9	1.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.462	111.3	111.3	3.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	33.411	95.2	95.3	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.508	100.4	100.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.903	89.4	89.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	14.608	107.5	107.6	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.066	102.8	102.9	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.042	101.5	101.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.3
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.475	99.9	101.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	-0.1	1.1
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.841	104.5	106.3	3.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1	1.7
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.487	94.4	94.5	-3.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports ^{1/}	Index		Percent Change				
		October 2004	November 2004	Annual		Monthly		
				Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	49.276	106.9	107.4	8.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	45.418	103.9	103.9	4.7	0.6	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.591	148.2	155.0	43.5	6.1	-2.0	6.5	4.6
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	50.724	103.6	103.4	10.6	2.1	0.9	2.2	-0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	43.453	97.3	97.8	3.5	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.173	155.2	150.9	46.2	7.3	3.4	10.0	-2.8
Canada.....	17.463	115.3	116.5	12.0	2.0	0.0	0.7	1.0
Manufactured Goods.....	14.664	109.9	109.4	5.4	1.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.611	146.5	157.7	44.8	4.1	-3.1	5.0	7.6
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	19.312	110.7	110.9	6.7	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	18.793	109.6	109.9	5.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.3
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.460	173.8	170.1	46.0	10.1	5.6	10.1	-2.1
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.761	118.6	118.8	18.1	1.8	2.1	3.8	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	14.150	112.5	113.7	9.2	0.5	1.2	0.7	1.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.575	161.1	157.9	49.0	5.8	4.6	12.0	-2.0
Japan.....	10.651	95.5	95.6	1.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	8.019	91.0	91.0	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2002 trade values.

2 Defined according to the BEA definition for Industrialized Countries which includes Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Defined according to the BEA definition for Other Countries, which 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 Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

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

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

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Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2004	September 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004
IMPORT								
Air Freight.....	4168	117.5	120.0	2.7	-1.6	1.9	0.3	2.1
Europe (200312=100).....	1407	107.9	112.1	n.a.	n.a.	6.0	1.8	3.9
Asia.....	2329	108.6	109.3	-5.1	-4.2	-0.4	-1.3	0.6
EXPORT								
Air Freight.....	2836	99.1	100.3	5.5	0.3	1.8	2.1	1.2

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.
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Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	115.4	110.8	4.5	-0.3	-4.1	-4.6	-4.0
Europe.....	11250	110.7	104.4	7.2	-0.3	-2.5	-6.3	-5.7
Asia.....	2626	107.2	106.5	-2.6	1.0	-11.5	-3.5	-0.7
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	110.8	112.1	5.3	-0.6	-7.7	-1.9	1.2
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	127.6	129.7	9.5	7.7	-6.8	-1.9	1.6
Europe.....	5394	151.8	152.7	9.7	-0.4	-4.7	0.3	0.6
Asia.....	8936	113.3	115.0	9.9	21.8	-11.5	-5.9	1.5
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3413	128.4	133.3	5.5	-0.5	-4.5	-1.3	3.8

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
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Table 10 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2004	September 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004
INBOUND								
Air Freight.....	7483	116.6	118.7	5.5	0.4	2.9	0.3	1.8
Europe (200312=100).....	2466	108.0	111.6	n.a.	n.a.	7.0	0.9	3.3
Asia.....	4180	106.8	107.8	-0.4	-1.0	0.2	-0.5	0.9
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	121.1	120.3	3.5	1.4	1.1	1.7	-0.7
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	116.0	113.5	6.1	3.4	3.8	1.0	-2.2
From Atlantic.....	3022	119.2	110.5	4.8	7.3	7.5	-2.0	-7.3
From Pacific.....	2817	113.5	113.4	2.8	-0.6	1.1	2.4	-0.1
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	124.9	125.2	2.0	0.2	-0.4	2.0	0.2
OUTBOUND								
Air Freight.....	5193	99.0	100.7	5.4	-0.6	1.3	3.0	1.7
Europe (200312=100).....	1998	106.7	108.7	n.a.	n.a.	1.8	4.8	1.9
Asia.....	2365	97.6	98.5	2.9	-0.3	0.6	1.7	0.9

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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

Table 11 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
November 2003-November 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		October 2004	November 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Nov. 2003 to Nov. 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2004 to Oct. 2004	Oct. 2004 to Nov. 2004
INBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	38589	108.6	109.9	n.a.	3.8	-5.9	-1.4	1.2
Europe (200312=100).....	15654	109.8	109.5	n.a.	0.6	-5.7	-0.2	-0.3
Asia (200312=100).....	12401	109.3	110.1	n.a.	12.0	-9.2	-4.9	0.7
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	5604	102.2	107.1	n.a.	-1.2	-3.3	-0.8	4.8
Canada (200312=100).....	2905	112.5	117.4	n.a.	0.1	1.2	5.0	4.4
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	-1.4	n.a.	n.a.
OUTBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	43898	109.8	106.6	n.a.	-0.5	-3.0	-3.9	-2.9
Europe (200312=100).....	21857	116.0	109.4	n.a.	-0.4	-2.1	-6.5	-5.7
Asia (200312=100).....	7190	105.8	103.2	n.a.	0.8	-9.6	-1.0	-2.5
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	9206	100.7	103.0	n.a.	-0.9	-2.8	-0.4	2.3
Canada (200312=100).....	2982	109.1	111.1	n.a.	1.0	-1.6	1.5	1.8

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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