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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - SEPTEMBER 2003 -

The U.S. Import Price Index declined 0.5 percent in September, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Lower petroleum prices led the decline in overall import prices. Export prices were up 0.4 percent in September, the first increase for this index since May.

### 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	Agri-cultural Exports	Nonagri-cultural Exports
<u>2002</u>						
September	0.7	5.8	0.1	0.3	3.2	0.1
October	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-1.8	0.1
November	-0.9	-8.2	-0.1	0.1	2.0	-0.1
December	0.6	5.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
<u>2003</u>						
January	1.8	14.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
February	1.7	11.3	0.3	0.6	-0.4	0.6
March	0.6	-1.1	1.0	0.2	-0.4	0.3
April	-3.1	-18.8	-1.0	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
May	-0.7	-5.0	-0.2	0.1	2.5	-0.2
June	0.9 r	5.4 r	0.4	-0.2 r	-0.5	-0.1
July	0.5	5.1 r	0.1 r	-0.1	0.0	-0.1 r
August	0.1 r	2.4 r	-0.3 r	0.0 r	-1.1 r	0.1 r
September	-0.5	-5.2	0.2	0.4	5.5	-0.1
September 2001-02	-0.4	12.0	-0.9	-0.2	6.0	-0.6
September 2002-03	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	5.7	0.6

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

## Import Goods

Overall import prices fell 0.5 percent in September after increasing in each of the previous three months. Declining petroleum prices more than offset higher prices for nonpetroleum imports. The price index for imported petroleum decreased 5.2 percent in September but was up 1.2 percent over the past year. In contrast, nonpetroleum import prices rose 0.2 percent last month and were up 0.9 percent for the year ended in September. The price index for overall import prices was up 0.8 percent over the past 12 months.

A 1.4 percent increase in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies & materials led the September rise in nonpetroleum prices. Higher lumber and natural gas prices contributed to the increase. For the year ended in September, the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies & materials was up 6.8 percent. Prices for foods, feeds, & beverages imports rose 0.6 percent in September, attributable to higher prices for imported meat and coffee. Over the past year, the price index for imported foods, feeds, & beverages increased 2.3 percent.

In contrast, the price indexes for imported capital goods and automotive vehicles both fell in September, declining 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The decrease in capital goods prices followed a similar decline of 0.2 percent in August. For the September 2002-2003 period, the index was down 1.3 percent. The price index for automotive vehicles imports was up 0.2 percent over the same period.

Import prices for consumer goods were unchanged in September and down 0.2 percent over the past 12 months.

## Export Goods

The September rise in overall export prices was led by a 5.5 percent advance in the price index for agricultural exports—the largest one-month increase for this index since monthly publication began in 1989. Higher prices for exported meat, corn, and soybeans contributed to the increase in agricultural prices. Over the past 12 months, the index was up 5.7 percent. Nonagricultural export prices fell 0.1 percent in September, resuming the recent trend of declining prices after edging up 0.1 percent in August. Despite the recent trend, the index was up 0.6 percent for the year ended in September. Overall export prices were up 1.0 percent over the same period.

The decline in nonagricultural export prices was driven by a 0.2 percent drop in the price index for capital goods exports, which accounts for nearly 47 percent of overall exports. Declining prices for computer peripherals and semiconductors led the September decrease in capital goods prices. Over the past 12 months, the index was down 0.9 percent.

Partially offsetting the decrease in capital goods prices, the price indexes for both nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials and consumer goods rose in September—up 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. For the year ended in September, prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials were up 4.3 percent and prices for consumer goods were up 0.2 percent.

The price index for automotive vehicles was unchanged in September and up 0.7 percent over the past year.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices for imported Japanese goods continued to fall last month, declining 0.3 percent following a 0.1 percent drop the previous month. Prices for imports from the Asian Newly Industrialized countries also continued to move lower in September, decreasing 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month. Over the past 12 months, both indexes were down 1.3 percent.

Import prices from the European Union and Latin America both declined in September, falling 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Prices for imports from the European Union—up 1.8 percent over the past 12 months—and for imports from Latin America—up 1.2 percent over the same period—each were down for the first time since May.

Prices for imports from Canada declined 0.2 percent in September, but import prices from Canada were up 4.0 percent for the year ended in September.

### Import and Export Services

The price indexes for both import and export air passenger fares declined in September, reversing the recent trend in each index. The decreases were attributable primarily to seasonal factors. Import air passenger fares were down 2.9 percent in September, the first decline since May. The index was up 0.6 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for export air passenger fares decreased 7.6 percent in September, the first monthly drop since February. Notwithstanding the September decline, export air passenger fares were up 9.2 percent for the past year.

The import price index for air freight increased 5.4 percent for the third quarter of 2003. Import air freight prices have increased in each of the past four quarters and were up 16.1 percent over the past year. In contrast, prices for export air freight fell 0.1 percent over the past three months and were down 3.3 percent for the year ended in September.

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

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance August 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	96.8	96.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.1	-0.5
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	88.875	97.1	97.3	0.9	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.103	101.4	102.0	2.3	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	0.6
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.073	107.5	108.3	2.8	-0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.7
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.030	87.9	88.2	1.0	-1.3	1.7	-0.2	0.3
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	26.507	100.7	99.4	4.4	3.0	2.0	0.5	-1.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	15.382	98.9	100.3	6.8	1.8	-0.2	-0.8	1.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.160	95.4	97.3	5.0	1.4	1.3	0.5	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.223	102.9	103.9	9.1	2.3	-1.8	-2.3	1.0
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	12.675	104.6	100.5	4.5	5.7	3.5	0.8	-3.9
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	11.123	103.7	98.3	1.2	5.4	5.1	2.4	-5.2
10000	Crude.....	8.442	106.0	99.8	0.2	5.8	6.1	1.7	-5.8
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.136	94.7	92.6	2.3	0.0	-0.6	1.3	-2.2
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.687	102.4	102.7	3.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	0.3
13	Selected building materials.....	1.959	102.8	110.4	13.1	0.5	5.3	1.0	7.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.088	92.8	93.3	4.0	2.6	0.0	0.7	0.5
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.427	99.1	99.1	2.1	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.0
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.534	97.4	97.2	0.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	28.542	93.8	93.5	-1.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
20	Electric generating equipment.....	3.409	97.5	97.0	1.4	0.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.5
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	22.590	92.2	91.9	-1.9	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.543	102.1	102.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.071	100.6	100.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.755	97.9	97.9	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.527	99.7	99.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	10.978	96.2	96.2	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.250	95.6	96.0	0.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.4

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
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END USE	Description	Relative Importance August 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.4	99.8	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.689	108.8	114.8	5.7	-0.5	0.0	-1.1	5.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.311	98.7	98.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	7.056	109.5	115.5	5.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.3	5.5
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.445	109.6	116.4	5.1	-0.8	-0.1	-1.4	6.2
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.611	109.4	106.5	5.1	2.6	-3.4	0.1	-2.7
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	23.357	100.0	100.2	4.5	0.7	-0.5	0.4	0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.425	100.1	100.5	4.3	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	13.932	100.2	100.3	4.7	0.3	-1.1	0.7	0.1
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.244	105.2	106.8	8.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	1.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	22.113	99.7	99.9	4.3	0.7	-0.5	0.4	0.2
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.245	99.9	97.4	4.8	2.6	-0.2	3.2	-2.5
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	18.706	100.1	100.5	4.3	0.5	-0.7	0.1	0.4
13	Selected building materials.....	1.162	98.0	98.2	2.1	-0.2	1.2	0.5	0.2
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	46.967	97.7	97.5	-0.9	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	4.926	101.7	101.8	-0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	34.576	94.5	94.3	-1.8	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.466	104.9	104.9	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.983	101.8	101.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.600	99.4	99.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.660	98.7	98.6	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.279	99.9	100.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.661	100.4	100.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	96.8	96.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.1	-0.5
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.214	99.4	99.8	1.0	-0.4	1.0	-1.0	0.4
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.363	107.5	111.7	8.0	-6.7	3.6	0.8	3.9
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.709	81.5	81.5	-4.0	-2.5	2.8	-2.5	0.0
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.867	106.3	104.7	-1.9	4.8	-1.2	-1.2	-1.5
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.412	96.7	100.2	7.2	-4.3	0.6	1.4	3.6
2/	Other food and live animals.....	0.864	110.4	110.1	2.9	0.6	1.0	-1.3	-0.3
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.846	104.0	104.1	1.5	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	0.1
11	Beverages.....	0.742	103.8	104.0	1.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.960	100.5	105.6	9.5	0.7	1.2	-0.2	5.1
24	Cork and wood.....	0.717	99.3	112.6	14.5	0.4	5.9	-0.7	13.4
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.273	91.9	85.6	4.0	0.0	-1.8	-1.8	-6.9
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.333	102.9	103.6	11.0	0.4	0.6	2.6	0.7
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.227	96.6	99.0	-4.8	1.4	-5.5	-2.5	2.5
2/	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.222	100.3	99.7	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.9	-0.6
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	12.707	106.8	102.6	6.5	5.9	4.1	0.8	-3.9
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	11.185	105.9	100.4	2.7	5.4	5.9	2.4	-5.2
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.432	109.2	116.0	43.0	9.3	-6.6	-10.1	6.2
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	6.419	99.2	99.4	0.7	1.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.2
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.423	96.3	97.2	-2.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.9
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.571	106.2	106.2	6.1	0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.231	98.3	98.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.324	102.5	101.8	2.2	1.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.7
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.286	91.7	91.6	-6.9	0.5	-0.4	-7.4	-0.1
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.583	103.0	102.5	4.7	4.3	-1.7	-1.2	-0.5
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.376	101.4	101.3	1.9	0.0	0.5	0.1	-0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.463	91.9	91.9	-0.5	-1.0	1.1	-1.5	0.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.220	95.4	95.6	2.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.649	98.5	98.5	-0.8	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.692	107.0	113.2	20.6	0.4	8.1	3.3	5.8
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.259	94.8	94.3	0.6	0.3	-0.3	1.7	-0.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.340	101.0	100.6	3.7	0.5	0.7	-0.5	-0.4
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.200	97.9	97.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.570	101.0	99.6	-0.3	0.8	-0.3	0.1	-1.4
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.502	79.1	80.6	5.5	3.0	-0.1	1.4	1.9
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.895	98.7	98.5	-0.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.149	95.7	95.5	-1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.966	100.0	99.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	2.015	102.5	102.1	3.9	0.8	1.2	-0.1	-0.4
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.702	104.4	103.9	1.5	1.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.5

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74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.079	100.5	100.0	1.6	0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.5
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.572	80.7	80.0	-7.4	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1	-0.9
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.523	88.7	88.5	-4.6	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	9.265	96.4	96.5	0.0	0.2	1.3	-0.2	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	14.283	100.7	100.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	17.006	99.6	99.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.425	94.8	95.1	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.671	100.4	100.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.396	101.7	102.2	1.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.5
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.682	100.5	100.5	1.0	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.302	99.8	99.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.919	99.5	99.3	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.261	99.7	99.5	1.1	0.7	0.1	-0.4	-0.2
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.349	98.2	98.3	0.7	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.787	107.7	112.4	4.4	-0.5	-0.3	0.5	4.4
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.072	109.3	117.9	31.3	1.4	2.2	3.9	7.9
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.433	108.5	104.4	5.9	0.4	-0.8	1.1	-3.8
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.720	115.7	124.3	-6.8	-4.6	-2.6	0.3	7.4
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.099	99.8	101.2	2.3	2.8	1.6	-1.4	1.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.584	106.1	113.2	6.0	1.5	-0.6	-1.9	6.7
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.408	101.0	101.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.473	102.7	103.7	6.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.0
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.897	97.9	97.8	-1.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.681	96.2	96.2	-1.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	3.974	102.5	106.3	9.2	-0.6	0.4	-1.7	3.7
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.817	109.2	121.1	6.1	-3.7	1.7	-12.5	10.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.536	90.9	91.7	1.9	-0.7	0.3	0.2	0.9
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.534	85.3	87.9	1.6	0.2	-5.1	-0.2	3.0
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.461	107.0	109.1	17.2	-1.0	2.9	0.8	2.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.696	119.7	121.9	29.8	3.0	5.2	4.4	1.8
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.929	108.4	110.0	5.1	0.0	-1.8	1.5	1.5
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.071	114.5	108.8	5.8	5.0	2.0	4.4	-5.0
32	Coal, coke and briquettes.....	0.343	111.1	111.6	-2.1	-0.1	-0.9	0.0	0.5
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	1.527	112.5	104.2	6.3	6.5	2.9	6.4	-7.4
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	11.078	99.8	100.2	3.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.2	0.4
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.513	98.9	99.2	4.1	-1.4	-4.5	0.4	0.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.731	98.8	100.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	1.7
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.554	98.4	98.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.863	105.5	105.3	3.8	0.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.724	97.4	97.4	0.0	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
56	Fertilizers.....	0.399	121.7	125.2	24.1	-1.1	-3.6	7.7	2.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	1.758	94.8	95.7	3.0	-1.0	-1.6	-0.3	0.9
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.819	98.6	98.5	1.7	0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.718	101.8	101.7	3.5	0.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.1
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	9.718	100.0	100.2	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.792	109.5	109.5	3.7	1.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.452	98.4	98.9	2.7	1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.510	102.6	102.0	1.4	0.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.6
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.413	100.2	99.5	-2.6	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
67	Iron and steel.....	0.894	105.4	105.5	1.8	0.3	-1.7	0.4	0.1
68	Nonferrous metals.....	0.900	81.0	81.5	-3.4	1.1	-0.6	1.5	0.6
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.319	104.5	104.4	1.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.437	109.1	116.1	13.8	-0.8	3.5	0.7	6.4
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	53.309	97.9	97.9	-0.8	-0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  August 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.836	107.5	107.4	2.9	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.513	102.9	102.9	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.904	101.0	100.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.814	102.3	102.4	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.856	87.7	87.3	-2.3	-0.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.199	93.5	93.5	-3.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	13.466	89.8	89.6	-4.2	-2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
78	Road vehicles.....	8.236	101.4	101.3	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.870	100.8	100.8	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.718	102.1	102.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	1.131	96.8	96.8	-1.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.473	102.3	102.2	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.112	94.8	94.4	-3.0	1.3	-3.4	-0.7	-0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.048	101.5	101.4	0.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.389	104.4	104.9	3.2	0.3	1.2	-0.2	0.5

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.  
n.a. Not available

Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Import-ance August 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	Monthly			
						May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.270	95.7	95.8	5.5	-2.3	2.1	-1.4	0.1
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.319	108.6	113.0	9.5	-7.5	3.7	0.6	4.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.581	82.4	82.4	-0.2	-2.3	3.4	-2.7	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.370	121.4	117.4	12.2	2.4	-1.0	-1.1	-3.3
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.180	99.7	100.2	-1.9	1.0	-2.5	-0.4	0.5
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.262	111.4	108.4	-1.8	8.0	-6.6	-2.8	-2.7
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.341	98.1	98.0	-7.5	0.7	0.2	1.4	-0.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.236	83.0	87.1	18.2	-6.7	3.5	3.0	4.9
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.340	104.4	104.8	-7.5	0.9	-5.3	-2.4	0.4
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	1.951	106.1	106.5	0.4	-0.4	0.9	-0.2	0.4
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.239	101.2	100.5	1.9	1.3	3.5	-1.4	-0.7
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.752	102.5	102.4	0.9	-0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.960	110.5	111.5	-0.5	-0.8	0.5	0.1	0.9
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	12.938	105.5	101.4	5.7	5.5	4.0	0.9	-3.9
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	12.716	104.6	100.3	5.7	5.4	4.1	1.0	-4.1
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.222	101.4	101.2	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	5.802	98.8	98.9	1.3	0.8	0.2	-0.5	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.636	104.4	104.5	9.4	0.8	0.9	-0.4	0.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.588	96.3	96.9	-0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.6
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.094	102.0	101.4	0.9	1.3	0.8	-0.6	-0.6
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.233	97.6	97.6	1.0	0.0	-1.0	0.2	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.241	103.0	102.9	2.7	0.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.223	97.5	97.5	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.360	93.6	93.1	-2.0	0.9	1.6	-2.7	-0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.427	102.7	103.3	7.5	-2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.6
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.656	103.2	103.7	3.3	1.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.5
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.731	103.0	102.9	3.1	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.925	103.7	105.3	3.7	0.7	-0.6	0.3	1.5
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.760	99.8	100.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.634	100.8	101.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.484	105.9	117.3	19.5	0.5	8.4	1.6	10.8
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.876	95.9	94.6	1.2	0.2	-0.1	0.8	-1.4
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.272	92.1	86.3	5.0	0.0	-1.9	-1.6	-6.3
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.264	94.0	93.5	0.4	0.3	-0.2	1.6	-0.5
49	Printed matter.....	0.340	112.7	112.7	1.4	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.563	99.7	99.6	1.0	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.326	100.1	100.1	2.5	-1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.878	99.7	99.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.1
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.375	93.6	94.0	-2.3	-0.7	0.6	0.0	0.4
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.983	101.7	101.2	2.8	0.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.5
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.528	99.4	99.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.304	99.8	99.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.224	97.2	96.5	-1.6	0.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.7
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.073	102.4	102.1	0.6	0.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.305	100.4	99.9	0.3	1.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.5
69	Ceramic products.....	0.370	103.2	103.0	1.8	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.398	103.0	102.6	-0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.4
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.289	87.3	88.4	1.7	2.5	-0.5	-0.1	1.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	4.870	97.4	97.4	3.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.0
72	Iron and steel.....	1.338	104.2	103.3	5.2	0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.9
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.213	98.2	98.1	1.2	0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.1
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.441	97.3	97.9	10.0	2.8	-1.0	4.2	0.6
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.767	96.8	97.7	2.3	0.1	-0.7	0.7	0.9
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.392	98.4	98.4	-1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.417	101.8	101.5	1.0	1.5	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.302	75.7	76.5	18.6	2.5	2.3	1.1	1.1
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	29.885	92.7	92.4	-2.0	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	14.634	92.3	91.8	-2.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	15.251	93.2	93.1	-1.6	0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	16.119	101.0	100.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.525	100.7	100.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.490	101.1	101.1	n.a.	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.626	99.4	99.2	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	3.178	98.7	98.6	0.9	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.325	106.0	105.5	1.1	1.5	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.949	97.7	97.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.063	98.4	98.4	1.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.644	97.1	97.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.242	96.3	96.1	-2.3	0.6	-1.4	-0.1	-0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.722	110.4	116.0	23.9	1.1	1.1	4.5	5.1
02	Meat & edible meat offal.....	1.025	112.5	121.6	32.8	1.6	2.4	4.4	8.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.392	109.3	103.4	4.4	0.3	-1.4	1.1	-5.4
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.306	109.4	118.2	22.4	0.1	0.2	9.8	8.0
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.519	110.1	118.0	-1.6	-2.3	-0.5	-3.8	7.2
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.507	93.7	94.5	-4.4	4.3	-2.9	-0.8	0.9
10	Cereals.....	1.526	116.0	125.6	-7.9	-5.2	-2.9	0.2	8.3
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.980	109.0	119.5	4.5	-3.4	1.0	-11.2	9.6
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.286	143.2	146.1	10.0	1.4	1.1	-3.4	2.0
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.604	101.7	103.6	2.7	0.9	-0.3	-0.8	1.9
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.318	106.5	106.3	5.9	1.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.348	100.8	100.7	0.0	0.4	0.1	-0.9	-0.1
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.535	107.3	116.8	8.8	1.7	-0.9	-3.1	8.9
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.....	0.684	96.4	96.4	-1.6	0.8	-0.3	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.719	103.0	103.1	2.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.468	111.9	108.3	9.9	3.5	2.5	2.6	-3.2
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.008	110.6	106.2	6.3	4.1	0.9	3.2	-4.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	9.128	101.4	101.6	3.6	0.1	-1.5	0.5	0.2
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.826	102.6	102.6	3.3	0.0	-0.1	2.2	0.0
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.857	100.4	101.0	4.1	-1.5	-4.6	1.1	0.6
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.487	104.1	103.8	3.4	0.9	0.9	-0.2	-0.3
31	Fertilizers.....	0.388	117.4	118.5	13.3	-2.5	-1.7	3.1	0.9
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.575	98.9	98.9	0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.526	98.3	98.2	-0.5	3.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.316	100.1	100.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.457	98.6	97.9	2.6	2.9	-2.4	-1.2	-0.7
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.463	101.3	101.2	3.4	0.4	1.2	-0.2	-0.1
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	4.828	101.7	101.8	3.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	3.795	99.6	99.8	3.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.033	109.7	109.6	5.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.476	105.2	107.8	0.6	-0.5	0.2	0.7	2.5
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.339	104.6	108.5	-1.6	-3.5	-0.2	1.5	3.7
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.827	95.2	97.7	5.7	-0.3	1.6	0.7	2.6
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.651	94.5	95.2	2.9	0.6	-0.7	0.1	0.7
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.515	81.6	84.2	1.4	0.1	-5.2	-0.1	3.2

See footnotes at end of table

Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
September 2002-September 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.480	95.8	96.1	2.7	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
49	Printed material.....	0.655	108.0	108.2	4.9	-0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.931	98.2	98.1	3.0	-0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.1
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.457	89.9	92.4	13.2	-0.3	2.1	0.7	2.8
54	Manmade filaments, yarns and woven fabrics (200112=100).....	0.350	111.1	110.3	11.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.4	-0.7
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.577	95.5	95.5	-2.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.458	95.3	95.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.089	106.8	105.3	0.7	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	-1.4
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.839	100.1	98.3	-2.4	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-1.8
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.503	96.7	96.2	-2.7	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.5
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	1.897	91.3	92.9	4.5	5.4	-0.2	-0.7	1.8
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.354	100.8	101.2	3.1	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.4
72	Iron and steel.....	0.746	105.1	106.6	9.2	1.5	-1.1	3.4	1.4
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.300	104.5	104.4	1.4	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.459	96.2	97.6	9.2	2.4	0.1	2.9	1.5
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.715	94.2	95.0	1.6	-0.7	-0.6	0.2	0.8
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.412	101.2	101.2	-1.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.477	108.2	108.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	39.533	95.2	95.1	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	21.169	99.0	98.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	18.364	91.0	90.9	-3.7	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.826	105.1	105.2	1.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.501	101.4	101.4	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.323	101.2	101.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.623	100.3	100.8	-0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.5
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.906	102.1	102.9	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.553	98.1	98.1	-2.7	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 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, September 2002-September 2003  
2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <sup>1/</sup>	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	51.536	98.6	98.5	1.7	0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	47.500	98.1	98.2	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.633	111.3	107.7	5.2	5.3	0.3	-2.4	-3.2
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	47.115	94.1	93.6	-0.7	0.8	0.9	0.2	-0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	39.179	95.0	95.2	-1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.843	104.6	99.8	0.2	4.9	5.5	1.2	-4.6
Canada.....	18.515	103.8	103.6	4.0	1.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	15.442	102.4	102.8	3.3	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.749	115.6	111.5	7.1	6.5	0.2	-3.0	-3.5
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	17.316	103.1	102.8	1.8	1.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Manufactured Goods.....	16.884	103.4	103.2	1.7	1.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.375	111.1	108.1	8.5	1.3	5.3	-1.2	-2.7
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.310	101.3	101.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	-0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	13.644	104.3	105.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.634	108.7	104.1	1.1	4.7	3.1	1.9	-4.2
Japan.....	12.262	94.1	93.8	-1.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	9.281	91.4	91.3	-1.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2000 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.

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Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2002-September 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2003	September 2003	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002 to March 2003	March 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to Sept. 2003
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	4168	111.5	117.5	16.1	5.6	3.1	1.2	5.4
Atlantic.....	1519	117.7	115.4	13.9	4.7	5.9	4.7	-2.0
Pacific.....	2412	104.0	116.4	19.8	6.8	1.6	-1.4	11.9
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	2836	95.2	95.1	-3.3	-3.2	1.2	-1.1	-0.1

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2002-September 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	129.7	125.9	0.6	3.9	5.9	0.2	-2.9
Europe.....	11250	130.8	127.1	-1.1	3.7	6.5	0.8	-2.8
Asia.....	2626	122.8	111.0	2.0	8.9	2.2	0.1	-9.6
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	113.9	107.3	3.7	1.9	7.4	-0.5	-5.8
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	127.7	118.0	9.2	2.6	5.6	3.4	-7.6
Europe.....	5394	160.4	140.2	15.4	8.0	10.0	-0.6	-12.6
Asia.....	8936	114.0	103.8	2.1	-1.7	1.9	11.0	-8.9
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3474	123.0	123.8	1.1	0.3	5.9	-1.1	0.7

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 10 U.S. International Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2002-September 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2003	September 2003	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002 to March 2003	March 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to Sept. 2003
Air Freight (Inbound).....	7483	109.4	112.6	12.3	5.6	2.7	0.6	2.9
Atlantic.....	2607	121.4	119.0	13.0	4.7	5.3	4.6	-2.0
Pacific.....	4314	101.0	108.2	13.1	6.8	1.4	-2.5	7.1
Air Freight (Outbound).....	5193	95.4	95.4	-2.0	-2.0	1.9	-1.9	0.0
Atlantic.....	2094	97.1	96.5	-2.7	-1.6	0.8	-1.3	-0.6
Pacific.....	2639	95.3	95.6	-0.9	-1.5	2.6	-2.4	0.3
Ocean Liner Freight (Inbound).....	17817	116.1	116.2	24.3	-0.2	0.8	23.5	0.1
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	108.4	107.0	9.0	0.3	1.5	8.4	-1.3
from Atlantic.....	3022	105.4	105.4	-2.3	0.3	-3.7	1.2	0.0
from Pacific.....	2817	110.3	110.3	27.5	0.0	5.3	21.1	0.0
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	121.5	122.7	35.0	-0.6	0.2	34.1	1.0

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. International Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2002-September 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2003	September 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2002 to Sept. 2003	May 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003
Air Passenger Fares (U.S. Carrier).....	45965	127.3	119.7	4.7	3.0	4.8	1.8	-6.0
Europe.....	16000	142.9	131.6	4.2	6.2	7.8	-0.2	-7.9
Asia.....	13499	119.4	110.1	2.3	-0.3	2.6	8.2	-7.8
Latin America / Caribbean.....	10764	126.8	122.8	1.2	0.7	3.0	0.2	-3.2
Canada.....	3519	131.3	130.0	15.8	5.5	0.5	-0.2	-1.0
Air Passenger Fares (Foreign Carrier).....	39205	132.8	124.9	5.4	3.7	6.3	1.5	-5.9
Europe.....	21511	141.9	132.6	3.9	5.1	7.0	-0.4	-6.6
Asia.....	8446	123.1	110.7	4.0	0.4	5.6	10.0	-10.1
Latin America / Caribbean.....	4107	118.7	115.5	7.2	1.6	6.5	-2.1	-2.7
Canada (200212=100).....	2368	111.5	111.0	n.a.	4.1	0.6	2.5	-0.4
Crude Oil Tanker Freight (Inbound).....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-5.2	-7.9	n.a.	n.a.

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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