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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - DECEMBER 2005 -

The U.S. Import Price Index fell 0.2 percent in December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The decline followed a 1.8 percent decrease in November and was again led by lower petroleum prices. Export prices increased a modest 0.1 percent in December after falling 0.7 percent 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>2004</u>						
December	-1.4	-11.4	0.4	0.1	-1.1	0.2
<u>2005</u>						
January	0.6	2.2	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.8
February	0.9	5.1	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.1
March	2.2	13.4	0.3	0.7	3.8	0.4
April	0.9	3.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6
May	-0.8	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.0	-0.5
June	1.2	8.9	-0.2	0.0	1.0	-0.1
July	1.2	7.7	-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 r	0.9	0.8	-1.4 r	1.0
October	0.1 r	-2.5 r	0.8 r	0.7	0.2	0.8 r
November	-1.8 r	-9.2 r	0.1 r	-0.7 r	-0.2 r	-0.8 r
December	-0.2	-0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.1
December 2003-04	6.7	30.3	3.7	4.0	-5.9	5.0
December 2004-05	7.9	42.5	2.4	2.7	4.8	2.4

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

Import Goods

The recent decline in import prices came after rising through most of 2005. Petroleum prices led the December decrease in overall import prices, declining 0.9 percent after falling 2.5 percent in October and 9.2 percent in November. Prior to the recent downturn, petroleum prices increased 62.5 percent over the first nine months of 2005. Nonpetroleum prices were unchanged in December after edging up 0.1 percent in November.

Overall import prices rose 7.9 percent for the year ended in December, which followed a 6.7 percent increase over the prior 12 months, and was the largest advance over any calendar year since 1987. Despite declining the past three months, the price index for petroleum increased 42.5 percent for the year following a 30.3 percent advance in 2004. Prices for nonpetroleum imports increased 2.4 percent for the December 2004-2005 period after rising 3.7 percent over the previous 12 months.

The price indexes for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials and for capital goods each declined in December, falling 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The drop in nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices was led by lower prices for natural gas, which more than offset higher prices for metals, plastic materials, and lumber. Capital goods prices, which have not increased since April, were again driven down by a continued decline in computer prices. For the year ended in December, nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices rose 11.0 percent, while capital goods prices decreased 1.1 percent.

In contrast, prices for foods, feeds, and beverages increased 1.5 percent in December, primarily because of a jump in vegetable prices. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 5.1 percent over the past year.

Prices for automotive vehicles and for consumer goods were unchanged on average in December, continuing the 2005 trend of little movement. For the December 2004-2005 period, automotive vehicle prices increased 0.4 percent and consumer goods prices rose 0.5 percent.

Export Goods

Export prices ticked up 0.1 percent in December as a 0.1 percent increase in nonagricultural prices more than compensated for a 0.5 percent drop in agricultural prices. The increase in nonagricultural prices followed a 0.8 percent decline in November. Agricultural prices were down for the fourth time in the past five months.

The price index for overall export prices rose for the fourth consecutive year, increasing 2.7 percent for the year ended in December compared to a 4.0 percent advance the previous year. Nonagricultural prices advanced 2.4 percent over 2005 after increasing 5.0 percent over the December 2003-2004 period, the largest yearly increase for the index since 1988. Prices for agricultural exports, despite declining over the past five months, increased 4.8 percent over the year. In contrast, agricultural prices decreased 5.9 percent in 2004.

The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials advanced 0.2 percent in December after a sharp 2.2 percent drop in November. December prices were mixed as rising metals prices more than offset lower chemical prices. Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials trended up over most of 2005, increasing 8.3 percent overall for the year ended in December.

In contrast, each of the major finished goods areas either declined or remained unchanged in December. Consumer goods prices edged down 0.1 percent for the month, but rose 0.6 percent over the past year. The price indexes for capital goods and for automotive vehicles were unchanged in December. Capital goods prices declined 0.7 percent over the past 12 months, while prices for automotive vehicles increased 1.1 percent for the same period.

Summary of December-to-December Percent Changes

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Commodity Imports	1.5	-5.2	-6.4	7.0	3.2	-9.1	4.2	2.4	6.7	7.9
Excluding Petroleum	-1.8	-2.8	-3.3	0.0	1.3	-4.5	0.3	1.2	3.7	2.4
Petroleum	33.7	-25.5	-40.8	137.2	17.6	-39.5	56.9	12.8	30.3	42.5
All Commodity Exports	-1.1	-1.2	-3.4	0.5	1.1	-2.5	1.0	2.2	4.0	2.7
Excluding Agricultural	-0.4	-1.0	-2.7	1.2	0.9	-2.5	0.4	1.3	5.0	2.4
Agricultural	-6.9	-2.9	-9.3	-6.8	3.1	-1.8	8.0	13.4	-5.9	4.8

Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices of imports from Canada and from the European Union each decreased in December, falling 0.7 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Both indexes were led down for the second consecutive month by lower fuel prices. Despite the recent declines, over the past 12 months, import prices from Canada rose 11.7 percent and prices for imports from the European Union increased 2.6 percent.

The price indexes for imports from Japan and from China also declined in December, decreasing 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Both indexes have trended down throughout 2005 and fell 0.6 percent overall for the year ended in December.

In contrast, import prices from Mexico increased 0.7 percent in December following declines in each of the previous two months. Prices for imports from Mexico rose 8.2 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares increased 3.2 percent in December following four consecutive monthly declines. The increase was led by an 18.5 percent jump in Asian fares. The price index for export air passenger fares rose 0.4 percent in December as higher prices for Latin American and Caribbean fares more than offset declining European and Asian fares. Import air passenger fares increased 4.1 percent over the past 12 months, whereas export air passenger fares declined 4.2 percent.

Prices for import air freight fell 2.5 percent for the last quarter of 2005 after increasing 1.0 percent for the previous three-month period. The index decreased a modest 0.2 percent for the year ended in December. In contrast, export air freight prices rose 4.0 percent for the September-December period. Prices for export air freight increased for each quarter of 2005 and advanced 8.7 percent over the past year.

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

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

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 Import and Export Price Index data for January 2006 are scheduled for release on February 16, 2006 at 8:30 A.M. (E.S.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance November 2005 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Monthly			
						Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	112.4	112.2	7.9	2.1	0.1	-1.8	-0.2
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	81.385	103.7	103.7	2.4	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.0
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	78.079	104.9	105.1	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.549	115.5	117.2	5.1	0.1	0.9	0.3	1.5
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.365	124.5	126.8	5.1	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.8
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.184	95.2	95.9	5.4	0.0	1.3	-1.7	0.7
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	35.531	159.4	158.5	25.4	5.8	0.2	-4.8	-0.6
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.916	132.2	131.9	11.0	4.5	3.7	0.5	-0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (Dec. 2001=100).....	13.610	129.7	130.7	4.7	1.3	1.1	-0.2	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.255	120.6	121.4	2.9	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	8.662	145.2	143.7	20.1	8.3	6.2	1.0	-1.0
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	21.921	204.7	201.9	43.2	8.6	-0.4	-7.5	-1.4
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	18.615	198.6	196.8	42.5	6.9	-2.5	-9.2	-0.9
10000	Crude.....	13.576	196.5	195.0	43.4	3.9	-4.8	-7.6	-0.8
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	0.965	105.8	106.2	4.8	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.4
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.499	117.7	118.7	8.1	1.9	0.8	-0.4	0.8
13	Selected building materials.....	1.987	115.9	116.8	1.0	2.6	2.0	-3.4	0.8
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.199	143.6	146.0	5.4	0.8	1.6	2.3	1.7
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.430	117.9	117.5	2.4	0.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.3
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.530	100.9	100.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.5
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	20.547	91.3	91.2	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.477	99.5	99.6	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	16.236	88.3	88.2	-1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.834	106.7	106.2	1.6	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.5
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	15.340	103.6	103.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	24.033	99.5	99.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.966	102.8	102.8	1.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	10.875	95.9	96.1	-0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.191	99.9	99.8	1.6	1.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 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 November 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	107.5	107.6	2.7	0.8	0.7	-0.7	0.1
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	8.839	121.5	120.9	4.8	-1.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	91.160	106.5	106.6	2.4	1.0	0.8	-0.8	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	8.054	122.5	122.0	4.4	-1.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.4
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	7.275	122.3	121.5	4.2	-1.8	0.1	-0.3	-0.7
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.779	124.1	125.7	6.2	-0.8	0.7	-0.3	1.3
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	29.794	127.5	127.8	8.3	3.2	2.2	-2.1	0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.684	126.4	128.6	7.0	0.7	2.0	0.4	1.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	19.110	128.2	127.5	9.1	4.8	2.2	-3.4	-0.5
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.564	117.8	117.9	7.7	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.1
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	28.230	128.2	128.5	8.3	3.4	2.3	-2.2	0.2
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	4.072	163.1	163.1	30.1	17.9	4.0	-15.1	0.0
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	23.006	125.1	125.6	5.6	1.0	2.0	0.3	0.4
13	Selected building materials.....	1.152	106.1	106.4	1.9	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	39.098	97.5	97.5	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.778	103.4	103.5	-0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	28.451	92.2	92.2	-1.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	6.869	113.5	113.7	3.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.000	104.0	104.0	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.019	101.9	101.8	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	6.003	101.6	101.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.192	101.4	101.4	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.823	106.5	106.5	3.5	0.3	2.3	0.0	0.0

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	112.4	112.2	7.9	2.1	0.1	-1.8	-0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.541	115.2	117.3	4.8	-0.4	1.2	0.3	1.8
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.407	141.2	139.8	5.1	0.9	-0.2	0.5	-1.0
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.877	90.9	91.9	8.1	0.6	1.5	-2.0	1.1
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.863	112.2	120.5	7.4	-2.6	4.0	1.5	7.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.476	122.1	120.5	5.3	0.3	-1.4	4.0	-1.3
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.918	130.3	130.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.6	-0.6	0.1
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.898	108.6	108.6	1.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
11	Beverages.....	0.809	109.4	109.4	1.7	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.827	129.7	132.2	5.3	3.2	-0.2	-1.6	1.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.630	119.6	123.6	-0.9	3.0	1.4	-5.2	3.3
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.220	105.6	106.0	5.7	-0.6	3.6	-0.3	0.4
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.400	190.5	194.9	16.5	4.1	-3.2	1.8	2.3
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.205	101.9	100.9	2.6	10.9	-3.1	-0.8	-1.0
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	21.085	204.8	202.4	44.0	8.3	-0.7	-7.7	-1.2
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	17.895	197.6	196.6	43.5	6.3	-3.1	-9.4	-0.5
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	3.190	253.8	241.8	47.9	27.2	17.7	3.1	-4.7
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	8.398	115.7	115.5	5.4	1.0	0.9	0.1	-0.2
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.663	110.2	109.4	0.1	0.8	-0.4	-2.6	-0.7
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.861	174.5	168.4	32.9	5.3	8.4	6.1	-3.5
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.181	99.5	99.9	1.2	-0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.4
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.464	110.2	109.9	0.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.401	95.0	95.0	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.692	133.8	140.4	20.9	1.7	3.3	3.2	4.9
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.367	107.3	107.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	-0.3
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.547	103.5	103.5	7.7	0.0	1.8	-0.1	0.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.443	114.2	114.5	3.7	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.3
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.652	104.5	104.5	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.771	115.4	113.2	0.2	6.3	5.3	-6.3	-1.9
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.202	104.4	104.6	5.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.313	105.5	105.5	1.3	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.037	101.9	101.8	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.411	152.5	150.9	-5.7	-2.1	-0.3	0.5	-1.0
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.962	128.6	133.3	20.1	2.3	3.3	2.8	3.7
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.008	108.8	108.1	1.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6

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7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	36.782	94.3	94.2	-1.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.423	104.3	104.5	2.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.600	110.8	110.7	1.1	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.427	118.1	117.2	4.2	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.8
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	2.965	107.3	107.1	1.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.860	67.8	67.5	-7.3	-1.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.604	80.0	80.0	-3.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	5.824	93.8	94.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3
78	Road vehicles.....	12.784	104.1	104.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	15.575	101.2	101.2	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.437	96.3	96.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.859	106.4	106.2	1.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.363	106.2	105.7	0.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	4.893	100.7	100.8	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
85	Footwear.....	1.131	100.9	100.9	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.732	101.4	101.3	1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.825	98.4	98.1	-0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.336	100.0	100.3	1.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1	0.3

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Importance November 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	107.5	107.6	2.7	0.8	0.7	-0.7	0.1
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.585	123.4	122.8	4.0	-0.3	0.9	-1.2	-0.5
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.311	141.6	136.3	9.4	2.5	0.1	-0.8	-3.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.489	116.1	117.4	6.4	-0.3	0.7	0.4	1.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.624	119.9	121.1	4.0	-1.2	4.0	-1.5	1.0
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.511	124.4	123.9	-4.6	-1.7	-0.7	-3.0	-0.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.624	123.0	123.5	14.9	-0.4	-0.2	2.6	0.4
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.497	107.3	107.1	4.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.530	112.3	112.1	3.9	0.2	-0.4	-1.9	-0.2
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.669	101.8	100.7	-0.8	0.1	-1.5	-0.2	-1.1
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.417	101.8	100.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	-1.4
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.465	128.2	130.6	9.4	-2.0	0.6	0.8	1.9
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	1.072	119.7	119.7	7.7	-10.3	-4.0	2.5	0.0
24	Cork and wood.....	0.502	97.0	97.2	-1.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.2
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.630	97.6	97.6	-1.2	0.3	-0.6	-1.1	0.0
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.634	108.4	109.9	14.0	1.5	2.8	0.6	1.4
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.465	214.0	227.1	16.5	-0.3	3.9	-0.1	6.1
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.163	134.5	135.0	11.3	0.8	1.0	1.8	0.4
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	3.428	201.0	198.9	35.8	20.6	5.4	-17.8	-1.0
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	2.604	206.0	206.2	42.6	21.5	2.4	-15.9	0.1
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	15.348	121.2	120.1	5.4	1.5	1.9	0.1	-0.9
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.720	136.2	133.1	3.7	2.6	1.2	-1.7	-2.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.979	123.9	124.9	9.9	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.8
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.657	107.2	107.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	1.072	112.6	113.2	3.8	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.5
56	Fertilizers.....	0.498	167.2	165.5	11.6	3.8	1.2	2.0	-1.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.944	139.1	135.9	14.3	2.9	7.6	1.8	-2.3
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.968	107.7	108.1	8.2	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.4
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.893	107.3	107.1	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.1	-0.2
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.518	115.0	116.0	3.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.9
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.709	117.2	118.1	4.6	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.8
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.438	102.6	102.5	-1.6	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.584	110.6	111.2	3.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.5
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.588	105.5	105.5	3.8	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.360	159.2	160.8	-5.7	1.4	1.7	0.8	1.0
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.259	113.2	118.3	16.6	0.9	1.8	2.4	4.5
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.182	119.3	119.4	5.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance November 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Monthly			
						Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.397	117.2	117.3	1.2	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	45.902	97.9	97.9	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.565	112.4	112.5	1.9	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.654	112.7	113.9	5.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	1.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.601	103.7	103.7	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.671	109.8	109.9	3.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	4.816	76.7	76.1	-9.2	-0.5	-1.1	-1.9	-0.8
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.056	89.4	89.5	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	10.881	84.6	84.5	-3.9	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.647	104.0	104.0	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	10.947	102.6	102.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.586	103.5	103.3	-1.1	0.1	-1.0	0.0	-0.2
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.744	96.6	96.5	-0.6	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.223	103.5	103.6	1.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.914	95.6	95.2	-1.9	0.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.110	104.2	104.2	0.2	0.5	0.9	-0.2	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.371	109.6	109.6	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance November 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.392	115.3	115.3	2.6	0.3	1.1	-1.4	0.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.357	139.5	137.9	1.7	0.2	-0.4	0.6	-1.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.713	92.2	92.4	10.4	0.3	1.6	-2.0	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.322	148.3	149.1	-10.7	0.2	1.8	-2.0	0.5
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.155	112.7	116.9	6.0	-0.5	2.1	1.0	3.7
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.328	149.7	167.4	19.7	-3.2	9.6	-0.2	11.8
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.282	83.8	86.3	-9.2	-2.2	0.2	-2.1	3.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.263	117.0	115.2	12.0	-1.5	-0.9	8.1	-1.5
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.282	113.3	113.1	3.2	4.9	-1.0	-0.6	-0.2
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.146	115.1	115.3	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.249	107.1	107.5	5.9	0.1	0.3	5.0	0.4
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.823	107.1	107.2	1.3	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.074	124.0	124.3	3.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.2
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	21.651	203.4	201.1	43.3	8.2	-0.5	-7.5	-1.1
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	21.343	203.1	200.8	43.9	8.3	-0.5	-7.7	-1.1
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.308	126.1	127.4	12.9	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.471	112.8	112.6	3.2	1.0	0.2	-1.1	-0.2
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.836	156.3	155.6	25.8	6.2	3.3	1.4	-0.4
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.922	109.5	108.7	-0.4	0.9	-0.4	-3.0	-0.7
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.173	110.5	110.1	1.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.185	100.5	101.0	2.6	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.5
33	Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.349	107.0	107.0	0.8	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.374	92.9	92.8	1.3	0.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.494	129.7	133.2	6.6	-0.4	1.8	2.9	2.7
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.769	116.3	118.0	7.4	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.5
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.871	117.0	119.3	8.5	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.898	115.0	115.5	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.649	103.9	103.8	0.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.555	104.0	103.8	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.432	120.3	121.5	-0.2	3.6	2.5	-4.7	1.0
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.707	104.2	104.5	4.9	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.3
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.218	105.2	105.6	5.7	-0.6	3.6	-0.3	0.4
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.207	103.4	103.7	5.8	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3
49	Printed matter.....	0.281	112.2	112.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	5.820	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.116	99.5	99.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.391	100.2	100.2	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.472	93.1	93.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.842	108.7	108.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.4
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.339	100.2	100.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.130	100.7	100.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.209	97.3	97.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.954	105.4	105.2	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.2
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.298	100.9	100.9	2.5	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.329	110.2	110.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-1.1	-0.2
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.326	104.0	103.8	-0.7	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.390	104.0	106.4	8.2	2.5	1.8	1.0	2.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.169	132.7	132.9	2.8	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.2
72	Iron and steel.....	1.137	157.7	154.7	-12.6	-1.6	-1.6	0.1	-1.9
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.408	123.8	122.7	4.2	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.9
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.503	171.9	180.8	33.0	3.4	2.1	4.5	5.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.846	118.5	121.2	8.1	1.8	1.3	2.2	2.3
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.401	104.4	104.2	-1.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.433	111.8	111.6	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other base metals and articles of base metals.....	0.441	130.6	130.7	14.1	2.5	1.3	0.3	0.1
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	22.452	88.4	88.3	-2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	11.723	88.8	88.6	-2.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	10.729	88.0	88.1	-1.9	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	14.218	104.7	104.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	12.988	104.1	104.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	1.074	106.2	105.3	1.6	-0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.8
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.153	99.8	99.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.791	99.0	98.8	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.263	107.9	107.9	1.5	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.927	99.4	99.3	0.8	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.243	103.4	103.3	1.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.466	94.1	94.2	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.219	101.4	101.3	3.4	0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance November 2005 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	2.003	134.0	131.0	7.3	2.0	0.4	-0.8	-2.2
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.458	121.8	123.3	8.3	-0.4	1.2	0.0	1.2
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	4.044	123.3	123.4	1.4	-4.0	0.2	-0.7	0.1
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.835	122.5	114.4	-13.8	1.5	1.1	-2.1	-6.6
10	Cereals.....	1.376	119.9	121.4	5.1	-1.4	4.9	-1.7	1.3
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.254	122.2	122.3	8.2	-8.8	-3.3	2.2	0.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.578	110.7	110.6	5.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.5	-0.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.457	108.8	108.4	4.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.534	123.2	123.8	16.5	-0.7	-1.1	3.2	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.843	108.0	107.9	1.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	4.237	201.0	201.6	37.0	15.7	5.1	-13.4	0.3
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	3.391	190.6	188.9	32.7	19.4	5.5	-17.2	-0.9
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	11.907	118.4	117.8	2.9	0.9	0.8	-0.1	-0.5
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	1.082	132.3	133.7	13.5	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	4.046	132.2	130.2	1.9	1.9	1.4	-0.8	-1.5
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.225	106.9	106.7	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
31	Fertilizers.....	0.493	162.0	160.3	11.6	3.8	1.1	2.0	-1.0
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.636	106.4	106.6	1.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.771	113.3	113.2	1.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.391	104.9	106.4	4.1	0.7	-0.5	0.7	1.4
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.413	104.1	103.7	3.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.647	108.5	108.3	3.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	-0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	6.025	128.2	127.1	10.1	1.7	4.1	1.5	-0.9
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.967	127.3	125.6	10.0	1.9	5.0	1.4	-1.3
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.058	130.2	131.6	10.6	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.488	113.4	113.5	2.3	-0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.346	108.4	108.6	1.2	-0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.771	103.8	104.1	0.9	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.774	100.9	100.8	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.624	93.4	93.3	-1.5	0.4	-0.7	-1.1	-0.1
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.510	100.0	99.8	-1.1	0.8	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2
49	Printed material.....	0.640	114.9	114.8	2.8	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1

See footnotes at end of table

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.830	101.0	101.5	4.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.699	92.2	93.5	6.1	1.2	-0.5	0.5	1.4
61	Apparel & clothing knitted								
	or crocheted (Dec. 2001=100).....	0.402	94.8	94.6	-0.9	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.278	95.6	95.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (Dec. 2001=100).....	1.451	114.0	114.3	5.3	-0.5	1.0	0.0	0.3
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.820	103.1	103.1	2.8	0.1	-0.7	0.3	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.477	95.4	95.3	-1.2	0.1	-1.2	0.2	-0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.537	114.8	117.0	7.2	1.4	3.6	1.5	1.9
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.403	133.8	135.8	5.6	0.2	2.1	0.1	1.5
72	Iron and steel.....	1.295	153.8	157.7	-9.2	-0.1	5.8	-2.8	2.5
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.307	125.7	126.9	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.577	166.1	170.2	31.3	-0.5	4.0	3.9	2.5
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.817	117.6	121.2	8.1	1.8	-0.2	2.3	3.1
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.400	105.4	105.4	-1.1	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.445	117.2	117.2	5.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	31.821	93.4	93.4	-1.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	17.454	99.7	99.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	14.367	86.5	86.4	-2.9	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.844	110.0	110.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.974	104.1	104.1	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.057	101.4	101.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.436	100.1	100.0	-1.0	0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.1
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.789	105.5	105.4	-0.8	0.1	-0.8	0.0	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.511	93.8	93.8	-1.0	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2003 trade values.

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

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

Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin

December 2004-December 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	47.950	114.4	113.4	5.5	1.7	1.5	-0.7	-0.9
Manufactured Goods.....	43.658	107.2	106.7	2.0	0.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	4.024	208.7	202.0	37.3	11.0	6.6	-3.6	-3.2
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	52.050	109.5	109.3	9.6	1.1	-0.3	-2.1	-0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	43.318	99.6	99.6	2.6	-0.1	1.4	-1.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	8.625	180.8	180.3	38.4	4.1	-4.4	-5.4	-0.3
Canada.....	17.203	131.1	130.2	11.7	3.7	3.5	-1.2	-0.7
Manufactured Goods.....	13.876	114.5	115.0	3.9	0.9	1.7	-0.4	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.133	221.9	213.7	42.0	12.3	8.6	-3.1	-3.7
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	19.566	114.6	114.5	2.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	19.013	113.0	112.8	1.7	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.498	197.0	195.8	20.0	7.0	1.2	-7.2	-0.6
France (Dec. 2003=100).....	2.069	101.5	101.6	-1.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
Germany (Dec. 2003=100).....	5.308	103.5	103.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.185	113.4	113.3	4.7	1.5	0.3	-1.8	-0.1
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.344	129.4	129.7	14.7	1.9	-1.1	-2.2	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	13.359	120.5	120.7	6.0	0.1	1.0	-0.7	0.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.941	182.9	183.7	41.2	6.2	-5.6	-5.5	0.4
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100).....	10.952	111.7	112.5	8.2	1.1	-0.7	-1.7	0.7
<u>6/</u> Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100).....	33.549	99.2	99.0	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
China (Dec. 2003=100).....	12.320	98.5	98.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Japan.....	9.512	95.5	95.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
<u>7/</u> Asian NICs.....	7.447	88.8	88.5	-2.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3
<u>8/</u> ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100).....	6.608	97.3	97.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.5
<u>9/</u> Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100).....	3.353	159.3	158.4	29.1	0.4	-3.3	-5.9	-0.6

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2003 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 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
December 2004-December 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2005	December 2005	Annual	Quarterly			
				Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004 to March 2005	March 2005 to June 2005	June 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Dec. 2005
IMPORT								
Air Freight.....	4168	129.7	126.5	-0.2	1.4	-0.2	1.0	-2.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	1407	122.6	119.6	-2.4	-1.3	-0.2	1.7	-2.4
Asia.....	2329	117.5	113.3	0.3	3.8	-0.2	0.3	-3.6
EXPORT								
Air Freight.....	2836	110.9	115.3	8.7	0.3	3.5	0.7	4.0

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	112.7	116.3	4.1	-5.3	-4.4	-4.9	3.2
Europe.....	11250	104.7	104.7	3.4	-4.2	-6.7	-7.8	0.0
Asia.....	2626	108.5	128.6	6.5	-16.4	-0.6	0.3	18.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	1916	110.9	115.5	0.6	-4.9	-1.1	0.1	4.1
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	127.9	128.4	-4.2	-9.9	-2.8	-5.7	0.4
Europe.....	5394	145.3	144.3	-9.2	-12.8	-2.0	-10.1	-0.7
Asia.....	8936	108.7	106.7	-9.2	-15.5	-6.4	-2.9	-1.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	3413	139.9	149.8	10.2	-1.2	-2.0	0.1	7.1

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
December 2004-December 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2005	December 2005	Annual	Quarterly			
				Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004 to March 2005	March 2005 to June 2005	June 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Dec. 2005
INBOUND								
Air Freight.....	7483	127.5	125.5	0.3	1.0	-0.6	1.5	-1.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	2466	121.2	117.5	-2.1	0.0	-0.2	1.3	-3.1
Asia.....	4180	114.0	112.8	0.7	1.7	-1.1	1.2	-1.1
OUTBOUND								
Air Freight.....	5193	112.4	112.0	7.0	-0.9	3.3	4.9	-0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	1998	126.1	126.5	12.0	1.2	4.1	6.1	0.3
Asia.....	2365	106.4	104.4	0.7	-3.1	2.1	3.7	-1.9

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
December 2004-December 2005 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2005	December 2005	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005	Aug. 2005 to Sept. 2005	Sept. 2005 to Oct. 2005	Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005	Nov. 2005 to Dec. 2005
INBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (Dec.2003=100).....	38589	108.2	108.5	-3.6	-8.9	-2.3	-6.4	0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	15654	104.7	103.4	-9.3	-12.5	-2.1	-9.9	-1.2
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	12401	102.7	102.9	-6.1	-12.2	-6.0	-4.6	0.2
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	5604	109.1	115.4	7.1	-1.1	-0.8	0.0	5.8
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	2905	145.3	144.5	13.8	8.5	5.1	-8.4	-0.6
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	7.1	n.a.	n.a.
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	129.3	126.8	3.3	-0.5	1.3	-0.2	-1.9
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	128.6	128.4	11.7	-0.6	3.4	-0.5	-0.2
From Atlantic.....	3022	132.3	132.8	19.9	-0.7	7.6	0.0	0.4
From Pacific.....	2817	125.5	124.5	9.9	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	130.3	126.4	-1.4	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-3.0
OUTBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (Dec.2003=100).....	43898	109.0	110.6	4.9	-3.3	-4.8	-4.6	1.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21857	108.9	109.1	4.3	-3.1	-9.0	-7.6	0.2
Asia (Dec. 2003=100).....	7190	103.4	108.4	1.9	-12.7	-0.2	-4.2	4.8
Latin America/Caribbean (Dec. 2003=100).....	9206	105.8	108.7	3.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	2.7
Canada (Dec. 2003=100).....	2982	142.5	143.1	29.6	5.8	2.2	0.0	0.4

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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