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

The U.S. Import Price Index increased 0.2 percent in April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Higher prices for nonpetroleum imports more than offset a modest decline in petroleum prices. Export prices rose 0.6 percent in April, after increasing 2.3 percent over the previous three months.

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>						
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	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1
July	0.5	5.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
August	0.0	1.8	-0.3	0.0	-1.0	0.1
September	-0.5	-5.8	0.3	0.4	5.4	-0.1
October	0.1	1.6	-0.1	0.2	2.4	0.1
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 r	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
February	0.4	0.4 r	0.4	0.7	1.5 r	0.6
March	0.8 r	5.2 r	0.2	0.9	3.4 r	0.6
April	0.2	-0.8	0.3	0.6	2.6	0.4
April 2002-03	1.8	11.1	0.8	1.6	8.3	1.2
April 2003-04	4.6	23.7	2.4	4.1	23.3	2.4

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

Import Goods

Prices of overall imports rose 0.2 percent in April, the smallest increase for this index in six months. The increase was led by a 0.3 percent rise in nonpetroleum import prices, the sixth consecutive monthly increase for the index. Over the past 12 months, prices for nonpetroleum imports rose 2.4 percent. In contrast, petroleum prices declined 0.8 percent in April, after rising in each of the prior six months. Import prices for petroleum were up 23.7 percent for the year ended in April, while overall import prices were up 4.6 percent over the same period.

Higher prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials continued to lead the price increase for nonpetroleum imports. Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials increased 2.0 percent in April, primarily attributable to a sharp rise in iron and steel prices, and were up 11.4 percent over the past year. The price indexes for foods, feeds, and beverages and for automotive vehicles also rose in April, up 1.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Over the past 12 months, foods, feeds, and beverages prices were up 4.6 percent, while prices for automotive vehicles rose 1.4 percent.

In contrast, capital goods prices fell in April, declining 0.5 percent. The decrease was the first for this index since December and was led by lower prices for computers, peripherals, and semiconductors. Prices for import capital goods decreased 1.2 percent for the April 2003-2004 period.

Consumer goods prices were unchanged last month and increased 0.7 percent for the year ended in April.

Export Goods

Export prices increased for the eighth consecutive month, as both agricultural and nonagricultural export prices rose in April. Agricultural prices rose 2.6 percent in April, continuing an upward trend since September 2003. Higher prices for soybeans and corn, which have risen over the past eight months, as well as April price increases for wheat and fruit, contributed to the increase in agricultural prices. For the year ended in April, prices for agricultural exports were up 23.3 percent. Nonagricultural export prices also continued a recent upward trend, rising 0.4 percent in April following price increases of 0.6 percent in each of the two previous months and a 0.7 percent rise in January. Over the past year, nonagricultural prices were up 2.4 percent, while overall export prices rose 4.1 percent.

The rise in nonagricultural exports was led by a continued advance in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, up 1.3 percent in April and 9.4 percent over the past 12 months. Higher prices for precious metals, iron and steel products, chemicals, fuels, and paper all contributed to the April increase.

Prices for each of the major finished goods categories also rose modestly in April, contributing to the increase in nonagricultural prices. The price index for capital goods, which account for approximately 42 percent of exports, was up 0.1 percent in April, following 0.2 percent and 0.3 percent increases in the prior two months. However, capital goods prices were down 0.2 percent for the year ended in April. Prices for automotive vehicles and for consumer goods edged up in April, increasing 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. For the April 2003-2004 period, automotive vehicle prices were up 0.6 percent and prices for consumer goods rose 0.9 percent.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from the European Union, from Latin America, and from Canada all rose in April, as higher prices for manufactured goods more than offset price declines for nonmanufactured goods. Prices of imports from the European Union increased 0.7 percent in April and 5.2 percent over the past 12 months, while import prices from Latin America were up 0.6 percent and 7.5 percent over the same periods. Prices of goods from Canada also were up, rising 0.2 percent in April and 7.9 percent over the past year.

Prices of imports from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries increased 0.6 percent last month, the first monthly advance for this index since September. The index was down 0.9 percent for the year ended in April.

Import prices from Japan were unchanged for the second consecutive month. The index rose 1.1 percent over the April 2003-2004 period.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares rose 7.3 percent in April, following declines in each of the three previous months. The increase was mainly attributable to a 10.7 percent increase in European fares. Export air passenger fares were up 0.6 percent in April, following declines of 0.1 percent and 3.5 percent in March and February. For the year ended in April, import air passenger fares fell 5.7 percent, whereas export air passenger fares were up 13.8 percent.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on June 10 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance March 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	100.2	100.4	4.6	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.2
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	87.492	99.1	99.4	2.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.3
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	85.750	102.4	102.7	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.604	105.9	107.2	4.6	0.5	1.4	0.7	1.2
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.393	113.1	114.3	5.0	1.0	1.2	-0.3	1.1
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.211	89.8	91.1	3.1	-1.0	2.1	3.3	1.4
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	28.642	112.8	113.6	16.4	4.7	1.3	2.6	0.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.134	107.9	110.1	11.4	3.1	1.8	0.7	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	14.392	116.5	119.1	13.0	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.822	108.3	112.3	20.8	1.8	3.6	3.2	3.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.312	107.4	107.4	1.7	4.7	0.0	-2.3	0.0
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	14.250	120.3	119.4	20.2	8.7	0.3	2.9	-0.7
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	12.508	120.1	119.1	23.7	7.3	0.4	5.2	-0.8
10000	Crude.....	9.197	120.9	119.9	23.2	6.6	0.7	5.1	-0.8
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.049	95.4	96.8	3.5	0.2	0.1	1.3	1.5
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.650	105.7	105.3	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.8	-0.4
13	Selected building materials.....	2.321	118.7	120.4	26.2	-1.1	6.4	4.5	1.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.326	114.5	123.1	34.2	5.3	4.5	4.9	7.5
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.421	104.3	106.8	10.2	0.7	1.0	1.6	2.4
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.625	99.4	99.7	2.7	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	23.517	93.2	92.7	-1.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.5
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.874	98.2	98.1	2.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	-0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	18.377	91.2	90.6	-2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.7
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.266	103.5	103.8	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.355	101.8	101.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	25.882	98.6	98.6	0.7	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	12.669	101.2	101.1	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.940	96.2	96.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.273	96.4	96.4	0.8	-0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
April 2003-April 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance March 2004 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.1	103.7	4.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	9.876	129.6	133.0	23.3	0.7	1.5	3.4	2.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	90.122	101.0	101.4	2.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	9.004	130.5	134.7	24.1	0.6	2.1	3.8	3.2
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	8.247	132.3	136.8	26.0	0.6	2.1	4.0	3.4
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.757	112.5	114.8	6.3	0.9	1.6	1.2	2.0
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	26.182	108.3	109.4	9.3	2.5	1.3	1.7	1.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.940	110.2	112.2	13.2	2.1	2.3	2.1	1.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	16.239	107.3	108.0	6.9	2.7	0.8	1.4	0.7
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.629	117.2	115.7	10.6	0.9	-1.7	0.5	-1.3
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	24.552	107.8	109.2	9.4	2.6	1.6	1.7	1.3
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.684	108.9	110.3	14.5	7.2	0.4	2.3	1.3
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	20.681	108.3	109.7	8.9	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.3
13	Selected building materials.....	1.187	102.1	103.0	6.6	-0.8	2.1	1.3	0.9
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	41.343	98.0	98.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	4.004	102.1	101.7	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.4
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.765	94.5	94.5	-1.2	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.575	106.6	107.1	3.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.468	102.0	102.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.956	100.1	100.2	0.9	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.860	99.8	99.8	1.3	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.350	100.1	100.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.746	101.1	100.8	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.3

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			March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	100.2	100.4	4.6	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.634	105.5	106.2	4.5	1.2	2.3	0.9	0.7
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.416	120.7	121.8	11.9	-2.2	0.0	2.5	0.9
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.868	83.1	84.7	0.5	-1.3	2.2	4.0	1.9
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.926	111.8	110.2	1.6	2.7	3.0	-3.4	-1.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.417	101.7	103.7	3.2	4.3	1.8	-0.2	2.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	1.007	119.4	120.3	8.2	2.0	3.2	2.1	0.8
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.938	105.1	105.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
11	Beverages.....	0.825	105.2	105.4	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.109	120.2	122.9	24.9	1.5	4.2	5.3	2.2
24	Cork and wood.....	0.827	123.5	128.1	37.2	0.8	6.2	6.7	3.7
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.245	95.4	100.8	8.9	0.5	-1.5	3.8	5.7
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.403	146.9	146.4	47.1	7.7	8.0	9.5	-0.3
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.227	99.7	99.3	-2.9	-0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.4
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	13.921	120.9	119.8	17.9	8.4	0.3	2.8	-0.9
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	12.238	120.1	119.2	20.9	6.6	0.4	4.9	-0.7
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.683	123.6	121.8	1.1	21.2	-0.7	-9.8	-1.5
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.800	104.0	103.9	3.5	1.9	0.6	0.4	-0.1
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.609	99.4	100.9	2.6	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.5
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.620	120.5	115.8	7.7	4.6	1.1	-0.1	-3.9
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.207	99.6	100.6	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.0	1.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.312	107.8	107.1	5.5	3.7	0.5	0.1	-0.6
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.336	93.7	93.4	-5.8	1.2	0.6	0.4	-0.3
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.615	106.9	105.8	6.3	-1.0	0.8	1.6	-1.0
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.378	102.6	102.4	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.539	95.9	95.9	-0.8	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.010	103.4	105.5	12.1	1.1	2.3	2.2	2.0
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.662	99.5	99.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.940	128.0	128.9	37.4	-7.3	14.6	7.6	0.7
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.254	94.9	95.0	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.457	103.7	104.1	3.6	1.3	0.6	0.0	0.4
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.189	98.9	99.3	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4
67	Iron and steel.....	1.527	118.4	129.3	28.8	4.6	3.5	4.1	9.2
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.872	102.6	106.0	35.0	5.2	5.1	5.8	3.3
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.004	100.8	101.9	4.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.1

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					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	41.978	95.5	95.3	-0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.938	101.1	101.4	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.3
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.648	106.7	106.5	5.9	1.3	1.4	0.3	-0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.456	107.5	106.6	2.6	1.3	0.9	0.1	-0.8
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.151	103.2	103.3	3.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.851	77.8	76.9	-7.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-1.2
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.107	85.1	84.9	-5.1	-0.3	-1.2	-0.4	-0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.844	95.7	95.1	-0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.6
78	Road vehicles.....	14.446	102.0	102.2	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	17.145	100.0	100.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.452	93.3	93.5	-2.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.867	100.8	101.9	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.1
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.390	103.7	103.7	2.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.460	100.5	100.5	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.324	100.5	100.4	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.798	99.6	99.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.987	100.0	99.7	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.867	99.3	99.5	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	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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			March 2004	April 2004	Annual April 2003 to April 2004	Monthly			
						Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.1	103.7	4.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.980	122.4	125.9	19.3	0.4	2.4	2.2	2.9
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.314	125.6	124.6	27.3	-0.2	1.2	1.0	-0.8
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.508	107.1	111.3	5.5	1.0	1.7	1.1	3.9
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	2.075	139.3	147.3	22.8	0.6	2.6	3.2	5.7
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.327	110.0	109.1	13.5	-0.1	5.1	1.5	-0.8
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.781	134.0	141.9	35.5	1.9	2.3	4.3	5.9
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.468	102.4	102.4	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.507	107.1	114.3	13.4	-1.2	0.3	2.9	6.7
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.708	102.1	101.9	4.4	0.4	1.0	0.1	-0.2
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.455	100.5	100.2	4.4	-0.1	1.0	-0.1	-0.3
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.608	128.5	132.8	28.2	2.8	1.7	5.2	3.3
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	1.559	181.6	197.1	65.8	3.1	2.4	12.9	8.5
24	Cork and wood.....	0.541	96.5	97.6	6.9	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.1
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.640	94.2	98.9	9.4	0.0	0.9	1.8	5.0
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.647	122.0	117.3	10.7	2.1	-1.2	-0.2	-3.9
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.227	169.7	177.6	64.7	9.0	5.3	8.2	4.7
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.994	108.3	106.5	-2.6	-0.3	-0.5	-1.4	-1.7
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.167	123.0	123.2	14.6	8.9	-1.0	3.1	0.2
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials..	1.561	120.1	119.8	16.5	10.0	-1.8	4.7	-0.2
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	13.437	105.2	106.2	4.7	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.001	111.3	115.3	9.7	2.7	2.2	2.7	3.6
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.819	99.6	100.6	2.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	1.0
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.581	97.3	97.0	-1.6	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.461	105.3	105.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.957	104.3	104.2	9.3	4.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
56	Fertilizers.....	0.472	142.6	141.3	25.7	2.8	4.3	8.0	-0.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.275	102.3	102.3	1.8	1.9	3.0	1.1	0.0
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.888	97.9	98.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.7	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.982	105.4	106.3	4.7	2.3	0.4	0.0	0.9
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.059	104.2	105.9	6.1	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.6
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.775	111.1	113.0	4.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	1.7
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.486	97.9	98.7	1.9	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.8
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.624	104.1	104.2	1.6	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.1
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.478	99.7	99.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.039	126.2	136.0	27.3	5.3	4.3	4.8	7.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.088	94.0	98.2	19.8	1.7	5.8	3.4	4.5
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.108	105.5	106.1	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.6

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance March 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual April 2003 to April 2004	Monthly			
						Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.462	120.3	121.8	16.7	-4.8	7.0	1.9	1.2
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	48.760	98.2	98.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.939	109.4	108.6	1.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.7
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.684	104.2	105.1	2.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.9
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.638	100.9	100.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.689	103.5	103.8	1.6	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.651	88.9	89.1	0.3	-1.0	0.7	0.7	0.2
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.451	92.5	92.6	-1.7	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	11.318	88.4	88.2	-4.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2
78	Road vehicles.....	8.798	101.8	102.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.231	100.9	100.9	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.639	102.4	102.2	0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.867	96.8	96.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.276	102.3	102.2	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.960	95.1	95.0	-2.6	-0.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.105	101.3	101.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.385	106.2	106.2	2.8	-0.8	0.0	0.1	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
 April 2003-April 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance March 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.510	102.8	103.9	6.8	-0.9	3.7	4.4	1.1
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.376	123.0	123.1	11.8	-1.8	0.1	3.2	0.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.693	83.4	84.6	0.4	-1.1	2.3	4.6	1.4
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.442	136.3	137.9	12.7	0.1	9.6	5.0	1.2
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.205	106.1	105.1	2.2	3.1	3.3	-2.3	-0.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.321	136.6	123.2	1.8	10.2	8.9	-5.3	-9.8
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.336	91.9	98.3	1.0	-2.9	0.3	-3.8	7.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.228	90.9	89.7	10.9	7.8	2.8	0.2	-1.3
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.320	110.2	109.8	-1.3	0.6	1.6	0.9	-0.4
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.145	107.2	108.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.243	100.4	100.8	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.4
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.836	103.3	103.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.066	112.4	114.9	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.3	2.2
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	14.282	120.3	119.4	19.6	8.2	0.3	2.5	-0.7
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	13.970	119.4	118.5	19.9	8.2	0.4	2.5	-0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.312	105.7	106.3	6.3	3.5	0.1	-0.2	0.6
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.098	103.4	103.3	3.8	2.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.694	119.3	112.6	6.9	5.7	0.3	0.2	-5.6
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.878	99.2	100.8	3.5	1.2	0.4	0.3	1.6
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.991	107.5	106.8	6.0	3.7	0.6	0.0	-0.7
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.205	97.5	98.3	0.2	0.2	-0.6	0.0	0.8
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.293	105.7	105.1	1.9	1.7	0.7	0.5	-0.6
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.176	96.8	97.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.404	93.3	92.4	-1.4	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-1.0
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.458	111.3	111.6	3.9	1.1	0.4	2.4	0.3
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.786	106.2	106.4	4.3	-0.1	0.7	0.7	0.2
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.852	105.5	105.4	4.2	0.0	0.7	0.6	-0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.934	107.7	108.5	4.5	-0.3	0.6	1.0	0.7
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.732	101.5	101.3	1.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.621	102.0	102.0	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.805	128.0	130.2	38.5	-2.0	8.3	6.4	1.7
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.837	96.5	97.3	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.244	95.0	100.4	8.0	0.5	-1.5	3.8	5.7
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.270	94.2	94.3	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
49	Printed matter.....	0.323	113.1	113.2	2.2	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.1
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.470	100.4	100.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.394	99.7	99.6	-1.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual April 2003 to April 2004	Monthly			
						Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.619	100.1	100.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.477	96.0	94.2	0.3	1.9	0.3	-0.1	-1.9
	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.981	104.7	105.3	3.9	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.550	99.9	99.8	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.318	100.3	100.2	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.232	97.4	97.4	1.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.040	103.8	104.2	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.4
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.316	99.0	98.9	-0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
69	Ceramic products.....	0.357	107.4	108.4	5.7	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.9
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.367	104.0	104.3	2.0	0.3	0.8	-0.1	0.3
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.434	93.9	96.4	10.9	1.9	1.2	0.2	2.7
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.302	111.5	115.6	20.2	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.7
72	Iron and steel.....	1.329	127.8	139.9	35.8	5.3	5.1	6.0	9.5
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.322	104.2	106.3	10.5	0.2	1.2	1.7	2.0
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.482	124.5	125.6	37.0	5.5	3.8	8.4	0.9
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.848	107.0	110.7	12.6	1.4	1.7	3.0	3.5
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.410	102.5	103.3	5.0	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.8
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.454	104.9	106.7	5.2	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.7
	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.456	106.7	106.0	44.2	8.6	5.9	4.0	-0.7
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	25.751	91.7	91.3	-1.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.4
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	13.344	92.1	91.6	-1.5	0.2	0.4	0.0	-0.5
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	12.407	91.4	91.0	-1.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	16.121	102.4	102.5	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.665	102.0	102.1	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.333	102.1	102.4	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.387	99.8	99.5	0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.990	99.0	98.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.286	108.2	107.6	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.2	-0.6
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.323	97.3	97.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.288	98.6	99.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.9
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.793	95.8	94.0	-3.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-1.9
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.242	98.1	103.5	6.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	5.5

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.960	119.6	121.1	20.5	-0.7	1.0	1.4	1.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.452	107.9	111.3	4.6	1.1	2.1	1.4	3.2
2/	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.296	105.6	117.1	17.9	-5.3	-3.3	2.7	10.9
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	4.788	143.3	150.6	32.8	1.0	3.5	6.1	5.1
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.648	101.9	102.7	14.6	-1.5	4.0	3.5	0.8
10	Cereals.....	1.796	141.5	150.8	24.6	0.1	2.9	3.5	6.6
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.726	172.0	185.2	56.6	2.8	2.1	11.5	7.7
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.397	181.0	181.7	25.8	2.9	-5.7	2.5	0.4
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.762	110.9	113.2	12.0	1.0	0.9	1.4	2.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.324	106.3	105.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.421	102.1	102.1	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.724	142.1	152.3	43.1	2.5	2.6	4.9	7.2
2/	Other prepared foods.....	0.840	106.1	107.3	4.9	0.9	0.4	0.1	1.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.690	121.9	124.4	18.3	8.4	-0.3	3.0	2.1
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.136	119.5	119.5	13.9	9.1	-0.9	3.0	0.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	10.801	106.9	107.8	5.2	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.8
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.904	102.9	104.2	3.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.3
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.392	111.1	113.6	6.8	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.3
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.011	105.0	104.9	2.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
31	Fertilizers.....	0.454	138.2	137.0	20.6	2.8	4.2	8.1	-0.9
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.592	97.6	96.9	-1.9	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.7
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.699	107.2	107.1	12.4	5.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.371	102.2	102.2	3.4	1.4	-0.7	-0.1	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.439	100.8	101.1	2.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.3
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.660	104.9	105.8	5.0	2.5	0.4	-0.1	0.9
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.310	105.2	105.4	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.6	0.2
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.287	103.4	103.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	0.7	-0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.023	111.6	113.1	3.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.3
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.520	112.1	109.7	3.5	1.9	0.5	0.4	-2.1
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.465	107.9	106.3	-2.4	2.1	0.5	-2.7	-1.5
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.841	102.5	103.7	11.3	-1.0	2.4	1.8	1.2
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.831	96.4	97.9	3.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.6
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.640	90.5	95.0	10.0	0.1	1.0	1.8	5.0
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.543	95.3	96.0	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.7
49	Printed material.....	0.649	109.0	109.1	1.5	0.5	0.3	-0.9	0.1
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.978	100.7	99.9	1.9	1.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.8
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.839	104.8	101.6	14.2	3.8	-0.6	-0.2	-3.1

See footnotes at end of table

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			March 2004	April 2004	Annual 2003 to April 2004	Monthly			
						Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.496	94.9	95.1	-0.7	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.378	95.6	95.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.266	105.5	105.5	-1.1	0.3	-0.4	0.3	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.808	99.3	98.5	-1.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.8
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.487	96.5	95.2	-1.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-1.3
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.226	100.1	104.3	15.5	2.0	0.9	-0.4	4.2
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.793	116.6	118.6	18.2	3.1	4.1	3.7	1.7
72	Iron and steel.....	1.106	146.6	151.9	47.2	8.2	7.9	7.2	3.6
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.238	108.7	110.8	5.4	1.5	0.8	1.7	1.9
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.437	130.8	128.5	39.7	6.9	7.3	9.4	-1.8
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.811	106.9	109.1	13.4	1.9	3.3	3.3	2.1
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.402	101.3	101.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.456	108.2	108.2	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	33.904	95.2	95.2	-1.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.747	100.2	100.3	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	15.157	89.6	89.4	-3.9	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	14.618	106.0	106.3	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.117	101.9	102.2	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.133	101.5	101.4	0.9	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.490	99.4	99.0	-1.5	-1.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.839	102.7	102.6	0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.502	96.0	94.8	-3.3	-1.9	-0.3	-0.1	-1.3

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,
April 2003-April 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2004	April 2004	Annual		Monthly		
				April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	49.276	103.5	104.3	6.3	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.8
Manufactured Goods.....	45.418	102.2	103.2	5.8	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.591	123.3	122.0	9.7	9.7	1.4	-1.4	-1.1
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	50.724	96.4	96.8	3.8	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.4
Manufactured Goods.....	43.453	95.4	96.1	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.7
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.173	117.5	116.3	19.2	5.5	1.2	3.3	-1.0
Canada.....	17.463	110.4	110.6	7.9	1.9	2.8	0.9	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	14.664	107.7	108.3	7.2	-0.3	2.7	1.8	0.6
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.611	126.9	125.8	9.7	12.0	2.7	-3.2	-0.9
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	18.739	107.4	108.1	5.2	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Manufactured Goods.....	18.224	107.4	108.2	4.7	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.7
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.458	128.1	126.9	19.9	4.7	-3.6	6.8	-0.9
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.761	107.0	107.6	7.5	2.3	0.2	1.7	0.6
Manufactured Goods.....	14.150	108.2	109.5	4.0	1.2	0.0	1.0	1.2
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.575	121.7	120.0	20.8	5.6	0.8	4.1	-1.4
Japan.....	10.651	95.1	95.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	8.019	90.2	90.7	-0.9	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.6

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
March 2003-March 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2003	March 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2003 to March 2004	March 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004
IMPORT								
Air Freight.....	4168	114.9	117.1	6.3	1.2	4.8	-1.6	1.9
Europe (200312=100).....	1407	100.0	106.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.0
Asia.....	2329	110.4	110.0	4.3	-1.4	10.8	-4.2	-0.4
EXPORT								
Air Freight.....	2836	95.4	97.1	0.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.3	1.8

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
April 2003-April 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	103.6	111.2	-5.7	-0.2	-2.7	-0.3	7.3
Europe.....	11250	96.6	106.9	-8.6	0.1	0.1	0.5	10.7
Asia.....	2626	100.8	102.5	-5.4	-7.3	-6.6	-1.9	1.7
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	109.6	111.2	5.9	6.7	-6.8	1.8	1.5
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	123.2	123.9	13.8	7.9	-3.5	-0.1	0.6
Europe.....	5394	151.0	147.8	13.2	5.6	0.7	1.5	-2.1
Asia.....	8936	107.1	107.6	15.2	11.0	-6.4	-0.4	0.5
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3413	128.9	132.4	13.0	10.4	-5.8	-2.5	2.7

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
March 2003-March 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2003	March 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2003 to March 2004	March 2003 to June 2003	June 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004
INBOUND								
Air Freight.....	7483	112.9	116.2	6.8	0.6	2.8	0.4	2.9
Europe (200312=100).....	2466	100.0	107.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.0
Asia.....	4180	107.1	107.2	3.5	-2.5	7.1	-1.0	0.1
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	117.8	118.9	26.5	23.5	0.1	1.4	0.9
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	110.6	114.6	14.6	8.4	-1.3	3.4	3.6
From Atlantic.....	3022	113.1	121.6	16.7	1.2	0.0	7.3	7.5
From Pacific.....	2817	109.6	110.8	21.6	21.1	0.0	-0.6	1.1
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	123.0	122.5	35.2	34.1	1.0	0.2	-0.4
OUTBOUND								
Air Freight.....	5193	94.9	96.2	-1.0	-1.9	0.1	-0.6	1.4
Europe (200312=100).....	1998	100.0	102.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.0
Asia.....	2365	95.4	96.0	-1.6	-2.4	0.4	-0.3	0.6

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
April 2003-April 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2004	April 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				April 2003 to April 2004	Dec. 2003 to Jan. 2004	Jan. 2004 to Feb. 2004	Feb. 2004 to March 2004	March 2004 to April 2004
INBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	38589	105.1	105.1	n.a.	7.7	-3.1	0.7	0.0
Europe (200312=100).....	15654	108.0	107.1	n.a.	5.8	0.5	1.6	-0.8
Asia (200312=100).....	12401	105.1	104.7	n.a.	10.8	-6.5	1.4	-0.4
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	5604	101.2	100.4	n.a.	10.0	-5.6	-2.5	-0.8
Canada (200312=100).....	2905	97.8	103.8	n.a.	0.3	-1.0	-1.5	6.1
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	46.5	18.4	n.a.	n.a.
OUTBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	43898	99.3	106.5	n.a.	1.0	-1.2	-0.5	7.3
Europe (200312=100).....	21857	101.2	112.9	n.a.	0.2	1.1	-0.1	11.6
Asia (200312=100).....	7190	94.6	99.5	n.a.	-0.9	-4.7	0.2	5.2
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	9206	99.5	99.7	n.a.	2.3	-2.3	-0.4	0.2
Canada (200312=100).....	2982	99.1	103.4	n.a.	4.2	-4.9	0.0	4.3

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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