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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - DECEMBER 2002 -

The U.S. Import Price Index increased 0.7 percent in December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase was largely attributable to an upturn in petroleum prices. The Export Price Index decreased 0.2 percent in December, after increasing 0.1 percent in 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>2001</u>						
December	-1.0	-6.1	-0.4	-0.2	1.0	-0.3
<u>2002</u>						
January	0.2	5.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	-0.2
February	0.0	4.3	-0.4	-0.2	-2.6	0.0
March	1.3	17.0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.3
April	1.6	12.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3
May	0.1	2.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
June	-0.3	-3.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
July	0.4	3.8	0.0	0.3	2.7	0.1
August	0.3	3.7	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.0
September	0.7	5.8	0.1 r	0.3	3.2 r	0.1
October	0.0	-0.1 r	0.0 r	-0.1	-1.8 r	0.1
November	-1.0	-9.2 r	-0.1 r	0.1	2.0 r	-0.1
December	0.7	7.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1
December 2000-01	-9.1	-39.5	-4.5	-2.5	-1.8	-2.5
December 2001-02	4.2	57.9	0.2	1.0	7.9	0.5

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

From December 2001 to December 2002, import prices rose 4.2 percent. The increase over the past year was led by a surge in petroleum prices. During the same period, export prices were up 1.0 percent.

Import Goods

The index for imports, which recorded only two monthly decreases in 2002, resumed an upward trend in December. Led by volatile petroleum prices, overall import prices rose 0.7 percent last month after falling 1.0 percent in November. The petroleum index, which had decreased in the previous two months, rose 7.4 percent in December. Last month's increase was the largest since the index rose 12.7 percent in April. The petroleum index rose 57.9 percent from December 2001 to December 2002 after falling 39.5 percent during the previous calendar year. The price index for nonpetroleum imports also increased in December, edging up 0.1 percent after dipping the same amount in November. Over the past 12 months, the nonpetroleum index rose 0.2 percent after dropping 4.5 percent in 2001.

Among nonpetroleum imports, the indexes for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, for foods, feeds, and beverages, for automotive vehicles parts and engines, and for consumer goods each increased in December. Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, which have increased in six of the past seven months, rose 0.3 percent for the second straight month—led by continued rises in prices for natural gas and unfinished metals. Over the past 12 months, the index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials rose 5.6 percent. Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages increased 0.5 percent last month and 6.2 percent for the year ended in December. The index had decreased on an annual basis in each of the previous four years. The indexes for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines and for consumer goods both increased 0.1 percent in December. Over the past year, auto prices rose 0.5 percent and consumer goods fell 0.7 percent.

In contrast, the index for imported capital goods dipped 0.1 percent for the second straight month. The index for capital goods has increased only once since March 2001 and was down 2.5 percent for the year—the seventh consecutive annual decline for this index.

Export Goods

Export prices decreased 0.2 percent in December, as both agricultural prices and nonagricultural prices fell last month. Led by a downturn for both wheat and corn, the index for agricultural exports fell 0.6 percent in December. For the year ended in December, however, agricultural prices increased 7.9 percent—the largest annual increase since 1995. The index for nonagricultural exports continued to record little movement, declining 0.1 percent for the second straight month. Over the past 12 months, the index increased 0.5 percent.

The small downward movement in prices for nonagricultural exports last month was attributable to falling prices for industrial supplies and materials and for capital goods. The index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in December. Despite the recent declines, the index rose 4.7 percent over the December 2001-2002 period. Prices for capital goods continued a downward trend, declining 0.1 percent in December and 1.2 percent for the year. The price index for consumer goods, which was unchanged in December, also decreased for the year, down 0.6 percent.

In contrast, the index for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines edged up 0.1 percent in December. Prices for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines, which have declined only once in the past 12 months, were up 0.9 percent for the year.

Summary of December-to-December percent changes

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
All commodity imports	-1.0	5.2	2.6	1.5	-5.2	-6.4	7.0	3.2	-9.1	4.2
Excluding petroleum	1.4	3.8	2.4	-1.8	-2.8	-3.3	0.0	1.3	-4.5	0.2
Petroleum	-21.7	20.3	6.0	33.7	-25.5	-40.8	137.2	17.6	-39.5	57.9
All commodity exports	1.0	3.9	3.3	-1.1	-1.2	-3.4	0.5	1.1	-2.5	1.0
Excluding agricultural	0.1	4.4	1.7	-0.4	-1.0	-2.7	1.2	0.9	-2.5	0.5
Agricultural	8.3	-0.2	17.3	-6.9	-2.9	-9.3	-6.8	3.1	-1.8	7.9

Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Japan were unchanged in December after declining in each of the previous four months. Over the past year, the index declined 2.5 percent.

The index for the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries resumed a downward trend in December, falling 0.4 percent after a modest rise of 0.2 percent in November. Before November, this index had not increased since December 2000 and was down 2.6 percent for the year after dropping 5.5 percent in 2001.

In contrast, import prices from the European Union were up 0.5 percent in December, after decreasing in the previous two months. The index had posted increases or no change in eight of the first nine months of the year, and rose 3.6 percent from December 2001 to December 2002.

Led by the upturn in petroleum prices, prices from Latin America and Canada increased in December, up 1.6 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. Import prices from Latin America increased 8.8 percent for the year ended in December and the index for Canada was up 7.1 percent over the same period.

Import and Export Services

The import air passenger index increased 1.5 percent in December after decreasing in each of the previous three months. Over the past year, the index advanced 1.4 percent. Export air passenger fares also increased last month after three consecutive monthly declines, rising 0.1 percent in December. The index rose 4.9 percent for the year.

The import price index for air freight rose in each quarter of 2002, up 5.2 percent from September to December. For the year ended in December, the index rose 11.4 percent. In contrast, the price index for export air freight declined 5.0 percent in the fourth quarter. For the December 2001 to December 2002 period, the index declined 4.6 percent.

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Import and Export Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on February 13, 2003, at 8:30 A.M. (E.S.T.).

Table 1 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,
December 2001-December 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance November 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2002 2/	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	94.5	95.2	4.2	0.7	0.0	-1.0	0.7
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	90.313	96.3	96.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.147	100.0	100.5	6.2	2.9	0.3	0.0	0.5
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.101	106.0	106.4	8.2	3.3	0.7	-0.1	0.4
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.046	87.1	87.5	0.8	1.5	-0.8	0.6	0.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	24.786	91.9	94.7	22.0	2.8	0.2	-3.7	3.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	15.099	94.7	95.0	5.6	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.111	92.6	92.7	4.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	6.989	97.0	97.6	7.4	1.7	1.4	0.5	0.6
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	11.048	89.0	95.1	54.4	6.1	0.4	-7.9	6.9
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	9.685	88.1	94.6	57.9	5.8	-0.1	-9.2	7.4
10000	Crude.....	7.210	88.4	96.5	61.6	4.8	-1.4	-10.0	9.2
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.103	89.7	89.0	-1.9	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.679	99.8	99.9	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
13	Selected building materials.....	1.882	96.4	94.8	2.0	-1.6	-0.7	-0.5	-1.7
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.082	90.4	91.5	11.4	1.2	0.3	0.4	1.2
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.428	96.8	96.8	-1.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.0
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.563	96.9	97.0	-2.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	29.254	93.9	93.8	-2.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1
20	Electric generating equipment.....	3.396	94.8	94.9	-5.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	23.280	92.8	92.7	-2.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.578	101.1	101.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.456	100.4	100.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	24.335	97.9	98.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.757	99.3	99.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.303	96.7	96.5	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.275	95.2	95.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2

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,
December 2001-December 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2002	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
1/	2/								
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	98.8	98.6	1.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.730	108.7	108.1	7.9	3.2	-1.8	2.0	-0.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.271	98.0	97.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	7.111	109.6	108.7	7.9	3.5	-2.0	1.9	-0.8
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.537	110.4	109.4	7.7	3.7	-2.3	2.0	-0.9
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.574	102.2	102.7	11.5	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	22.596	96.1	95.9	4.9	0.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.151	96.5	96.5	2.9	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	13.446	96.0	95.7	6.3	0.8	0.7	-0.5	-0.3
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.193	100.2	102.0	9.3	0.7	0.0	1.8	1.8
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	21.404	95.9	95.6	4.7	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.3
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.072	91.6	91.2	9.2	5.6	1.2	-2.6	-0.4
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	18.180	96.6	96.3	4.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
13	Selected building materials.....	1.152	96.5	96.1	2.0	0.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	47.590	98.3	98.2	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	4.976	102.0	102.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	35.268	95.7	95.6	-2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.346	102.5	102.5	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.002	101.3	101.4	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.663	99.3	99.3	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.693	98.6	98.8	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.303	99.7	99.6	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.667	100.6	100.6	0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	94.5	95.2	4.2	0.7	0.0	-1.0	0.7
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.235	97.6	99.2	4.6	2.3	-1.2	0.0	1.6
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.350	101.2	106.8	-2.7	-1.9	-1.4	-0.8	5.5
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.731	82.0	82.4	-0.6	2.3	-4.1	0.7	0.5
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.887	106.1	107.1	7.9	1.6	0.8	-1.4	0.9
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.430	98.6	99.9	27.3	10.7	0.9	4.6	1.3
3/	Other food and live animals.....	0.836	104.2	106.1	0.1	0.8	-1.6	-1.0	1.8
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.855	102.5	102.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0
11	Beverages.....	0.749	102.2	102.2	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.898	95.0	93.9	4.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.2
24	Cork and wood.....	0.710	96.0	93.5	2.0	-3.4	-2.0	-0.3	-2.6
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.245	80.5	78.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	-2.2	-2.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.311	93.9	94.5	3.6	-2.0	0.5	0.1	0.6
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.242	100.3	101.5	5.7	6.7	-2.3	-1.3	1.2
3/	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.216	95.1	94.3	1.5	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.8
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	10.936	89.7	95.6	56.2	5.7	0.6	-7.4	6.6
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	9.624	88.9	94.9	58.7	5.3	-0.2	-8.9	6.7
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.239	92.1	97.4	42.0	11.6	7.6	5.5	5.8
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	6.504	98.0	98.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.525	97.9	98.4	2.4	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.5
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.567	102.9	102.2	4.7	-0.1	1.4	1.4	-0.7
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.231	95.9	96.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.8
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.316	99.4	99.2	2.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.315	98.8	99.2	-0.9	-2.8	0.0	0.4	0.4
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.556	95.7	94.5	-5.3	1.6	-1.8	-0.4	-1.3
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.379	99.6	99.6	-1.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.469	90.8	91.6	-6.5	-1.2	-1.5	-0.2	0.9
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.286	93.6	93.7	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.671	99.3	99.3	1.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.612	92.3	89.8	1.7	0.0	-0.5	-1.2	-2.7
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.269	93.3	92.8	-3.5	1.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.337	98.3	97.9	0.8	-0.4	1.2	0.1	-0.4
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.249	97.6	97.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.607	100.8	101.8	10.1	4.1	0.4	0.5	1.0
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.489	76.5	77.4	4.9	-1.7	-0.5	0.7	1.2
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.934	98.3	98.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	47.533	96.2	96.1	-1.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	3.001	98.7	98.7	0.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.0
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.989	98.7	99.2	0.5	-0.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.697	101.2	101.3	1.6	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.1

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74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.097	98.6	98.6	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	7.052	84.5	84.1	-5.3	-0.6	-1.7	-0.5	-0.5
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.868	91.9	91.8	-4.7	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	9.443	95.9	95.6	-2.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
78	Road vehicles.....	14.614	100.5	100.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.3	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	17.296	98.8	99.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.444	96.5	95.6	-2.8	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.9
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.696	99.4	99.4	0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.402	100.6	99.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.4
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.778	99.7	100.4	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7
85	Footwear.....	1.330	99.4	99.6	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.939	98.0	98.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.275	98.3	98.5	0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.2
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.432	97.6	97.5	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,
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SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance November 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2002 2/	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	98.8	98.6	1.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.768	106.7	105.8	4.5	4.2	-1.2	0.3	-0.8
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.866	87.9	89.8	-8.2	1.2	-0.8	-1.3	2.2
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.401	100.0	102.1	15.2	1.2	0.9	0.5	2.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.967	131.7	126.3	17.8	11.3	-2.2	0.9	-4.1
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.095	99.0	98.6	-2.0	0.7	-1.0	1.1	-0.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.568	102.6	103.5	1.1	-0.4	-3.7	-0.3	0.9
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.409	100.7	100.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>3/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.462	99.8	100.6	0.6	1.1	2.2	0.4	0.8
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.907	98.5	98.7	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.695	97.6	97.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	3.850	98.8	98.8	13.4	-0.6	-0.7	2.3	0.0
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.879	116.9	116.2	27.8	0.5	-6.0	9.0	-0.6
24	Cork and wood.....	0.537	90.6	90.2	2.5	1.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.4
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.554	87.9	85.5	10.8	-3.5	2.3	-0.7	-2.7
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.418	96.4	98.4	17.1	-0.9	1.2	2.3	2.1
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.555	95.0	97.5	19.0	-4.1	0.2	1.0	2.6
<u>3/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.907	105.3	105.2	5.4	1.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	1.899	104.5	99.5	20.8	5.7	6.2	-4.3	-4.8
32	Coal, coke and briquettes.....	0.354	114.0	113.7	4.5	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	1.359	99.6	92.2	23.6	6.5	8.0	-5.9	-7.4
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	10.801	96.8	96.6	4.1	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.2
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.450	95.9	94.7	12.9	0.6	0.6	0.0	-1.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.717	96.4	96.9	-5.7	4.2	-4.2	-0.4	0.5
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.555	98.0	98.0	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.797	101.2	101.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.726	97.2	97.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
56	Fertilizers.....	0.329	99.9	104.3	11.0	1.4	7.3	-7.8	4.4
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	1.741	93.5	93.1	7.6	-0.2	1.0	-0.3	-0.4
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.815	97.7	95.9	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	-1.8
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.671	98.5	98.8	1.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.3
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	9.679	99.0	99.0	2.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.766	105.4	105.6	4.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.434	96.6	96.9	1.9	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.3
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.501	101.4	101.1	3.7	-0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.3
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.435	101.3	101.3	-0.8	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	0.891	104.5	104.3	9.0	0.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.2
68	Nonferrous metals.....	0.930	83.2	83.3	0.2	-0.6	-1.2	-0.2	0.1
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.307	103.4	103.3	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<u>3/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.415	102.9	103.1	3.1	1.5	0.1	0.8	0.2
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	54.004	98.7	98.6	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1

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			November 2002 <u>2/</u>	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.758	105.2	105.2	1.3	-0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.484	101.7	101.7	1.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.905	100.6	100.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.839	102.3	102.3	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.969	88.6	88.7	-4.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.348	96.3	96.2	-1.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	14.076	93.4	92.8	-3.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.6
78	Road vehicles.....	8.241	100.9	100.9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.891	100.5	100.7	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.718	101.5	101.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	1.149	97.9	97.9	-0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.461	101.5	101.7	0.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.146	97.1	97.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.037	100.7	101.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4
<u>3/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.381	101.7	101.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2

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Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2002	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.232	90.5	92.7	2.8	1.7	-0.7	0.3	2.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.305	101.3	107.5	-1.8	-1.9	-1.2	-0.7	6.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.600	82.8	82.6	0.0	2.6	-0.2	0.5	-0.2
<u>3/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.327	104.6	108.6	13.4	3.7	-1.0	1.0	3.8
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.253	103.2	104.2	9.5	5.0	0.4	0.7	1.0
07	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers.....	0.270	111.9	116.8	14.7	-0.4	5.1	-3.5	4.4
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.363	101.6	100.4	-2.0	3.9	-1.9	-2.3	-1.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.247	84.6	85.5	23.0	9.7	0.5	14.2	1.1
<u>3/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.373	111.4	112.1	9.7	7.7	-0.4	-1.2	0.6
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	1.981	105.0	105.6	4.5	2.0	0.0	-1.0	0.6
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.242	100.1	100.2	5.9	-1.3	1.9	-0.4	0.1
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.762	101.2	101.5	-1.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
<u>3/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.976	109.5	110.7	8.8	4.5	-0.4	-2.0	1.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	11.185	88.9	94.9	52.8	5.6	0.2	-7.5	6.7
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	10.965	87.8	93.8	54.3	5.7	0.2	-7.7	6.8
<u>3/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.220	98.1	98.2	-1.8	-0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	5.882	97.5	97.6	1.8	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.621	99.3	98.5	4.6	-0.4	2.2	1.7	-0.8
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.664	96.6	96.6	2.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.0
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.104	100.3	100.5	2.9	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.2
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.234	95.4	96.6	0.2	0.1	-1.3	0.1	1.3
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.242	100.8	101.4	1.4	-1.5	0.1	0.5	0.6
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.230	97.8	97.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.1
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.373	94.5	95.1	-3.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.6
<u>3/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.415	97.3	96.8	-0.9	-0.3	0.8	0.4	-0.5
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.639	99.9	99.6	1.7	1.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.711	99.2	98.8	0.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.928	101.2	101.2	5.0	2.2	0.7	-1.0	0.0
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.775	99.1	98.7	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.644	99.6	99.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.6
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.380	95.9	93.4	3.3	-2.2	-1.5	-0.8	-2.6
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.865	92.9	92.4	-1.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.245	80.7	79.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	-1.8	-1.9
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.277	92.5	92.1	-3.5	1.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4
49	Printed matter.....	0.344	111.1	111.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.670	98.8	99.4	0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.6
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.345	98.3	99.9	0.6	-1.0	0.6	0.0	1.6

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			November 2002 2/	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.955	99.8	99.8	-0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.391	94.8	95.2	-3.1	0.0	-0.1	-1.4	0.4
<u>3/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.979	98.7	99.0	4.7	-0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.562	99.0	99.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.334	99.4	99.6	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
<u>3/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.228	96.4	96.5	-3.5	0.0	-0.2	-1.5	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.094	101.8	101.7	1.1	-0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.309	99.2	98.7	-1.3	-1.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.5
69	Ceramic products.....	0.376	102.3	102.4	3.5	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.409	103.1	103.2	0.9	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.348	87.2	87.1	3.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	4.816	93.9	94.7	4.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9
72	Iron and steel.....	1.317	99.9	101.0	13.0	3.0	1.0	0.7	1.1
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.217	95.9	96.2	-1.6	0.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.3
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.414	88.9	90.0	0.2	-2.5	0.1	-0.2	1.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.772	94.9	96.4	4.6	-1.1	-0.4	-0.2	1.6
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.406	99.3	99.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.423	100.6	100.9	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
<u>3/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.267	65.3	66.9	7.2	-4.3	0.5	0.8	2.5
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	30.917	93.5	93.3	-2.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	15.149	93.1	93.1	-2.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	15.768	93.8	93.6	-3.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	16.500	100.8	100.8	0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.878	100.5	100.5	0.2	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.675	98.1	98.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	3.220	97.5	97.6	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.329	104.5	105.0	2.9	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.5
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.046	97.5	97.4	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.103	97.7	97.6	-0.8	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.689	97.1	97.1	-0.8	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.254	98.3	98.6	1.8	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.3

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I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.461	93.0	94.3	-3.2	0.8	0.2	-0.9	1.4
02	Meat & edible meat offal.....	0.821	89.4	91.2	-9.0	1.4	-0.5	-1.9	2.0
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.361	100.2	100.7	16.1	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.5
<u>3/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.279	99.2	99.8	-5.8	-1.5	2.1	0.6	0.6
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.867	120.1	117.4	14.1	5.8	-3.1	3.4	-2.2
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.524	96.2	95.6	-6.1	0.1	-1.5	-1.2	-0.6
10	Cereals.....	1.775	134.0	128.1	19.4	12.4	-2.6	0.9	-4.4
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.055	116.6	116.0	23.0	0.5	-5.2	7.6	-0.5
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.287	142.5	150.2	21.4	-3.6	-1.0	8.4	5.4
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.582	100.2	100.5	0.9	0.3	-0.8	0.1	0.3
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.308	102.3	103.1	4.0	-0.4	1.1	0.8	0.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.351	100.7	100.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.518	103.2	104.2	1.8	-0.1	-3.9	0.0	1.0
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.....	0.698	97.6	97.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.2
<u>3/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.708	100.7	100.8	0.3	1.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.187	98.5	98.3	16.9	3.8	3.5	-3.3	-0.2
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	1.827	99.9	99.6	19.0	5.4	4.1	-3.9	-0.3
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	8.859	97.8	97.5	3.9	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.3
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.781	96.4	96.9	-3.1	2.0	-1.9	-1.0	0.5
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.786	97.2	95.8	11.9	0.3	0.5	-0.3	-1.4
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.443	100.3	100.4	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1
31	Fertilizers.....	0.340	102.2	101.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	-3.9	-0.8
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.575	98.2	98.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.531	98.5	98.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.317	99.9	99.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.444	95.2	95.6	1.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.424	97.9	98.2	1.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	4.714	98.6	98.2	4.1	0.0	0.6	-0.1	-0.4
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	3.719	97.0	96.4	3.8	-0.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.6
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.995	104.9	105.3	5.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.486	106.6	105.6	6.9	3.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.357	109.4	108.0	9.0	4.7	-0.2	-0.6	-1.3
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.812	92.9	92.5	1.6	1.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.4
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.630	93.1	92.9	2.0	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	-0.2
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.537	84.4	82.1	7.6	-3.4	2.2	-0.5	-2.7

See footnotes at end of table

Table 6 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,
December 2001-December 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmoni- zied System	Description	Relative Import- ance November 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			November 2002 2/	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.457	93.7	94.1	-0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.4
49	Printed material.....	0.637	104.2	104.4	2.4	-0.1	1.1	0.0	0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.887	96.1	96.2	2.6	-0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.428	83.6	85.1	9.1	-0.5	0.5	2.0	1.8
54	Manmade filaments, yarns and woven fabrics (200112=100).....	0.314	99.0	98.6	-1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.4
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.593	97.5	97.5	-2.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.464	95.8	95.8	-0.5	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
<u>3/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.088	106.0	105.8	5.8	-0.5	1.1	0.3	-0.2
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.843	99.9	99.9	-1.7	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.511	97.6	97.6	-3.7	-0.3	-1.3	0.0	0.0
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	1.867	89.2	89.0	5.3	-0.3	0.9	-0.6	-0.2
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.266	98.1	98.4	2.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.3
72	Iron and steel.....	0.704	98.5	98.2	9.7	-0.8	1.0	-0.1	-0.3
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.288	102.8	102.7	2.0	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.426	88.6	89.8	0.4	-2.5	-1.2	0.3	1.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.713	93.3	94.5	2.6	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.422	102.8	102.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.463	104.4	104.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC...	40.343	96.5	96.4	-1.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	21.210	98.5	98.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	19.133	94.2	93.8	-3.0	0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.4
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.751	103.8	103.9	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.518	100.8	100.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.343	100.8	101.0	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.650	101.3	101.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.909	101.8	101.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.572	100.9	100.8	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1

- 1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.
2 Data for September, October and November 2002 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents. All data are subject to revision in each of the three months after original publication.

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

n.a. Not available

NOTE: Published categories may include price data not shown separately

Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin, December 2001-December 2002
2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description 1/	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2002	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
7/	2/							
<u>3/</u> Developed Countries.....	100.000	96.5	97.0	3.5	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	92.020	96.7	96.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.230	99.4	106.8	52.8	3.9	0.3	-3.2	7.4
<u>3/</u> Developing Countries.....	100.000	92.1	93.4	5.4	1.0	-0.4	-1.9	1.4
Manufactured Goods.....	83.918	95.3	95.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	15.883	90.1	96.8	48.2	6.0	-1.3	-8.3	7.4
Canada.....	100.000	99.3	99.8	7.1	0.4	0.4	-0.7	0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	84.426	99.7	98.8	0.7	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.9
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	15.231	101.0	109.3	56.6	3.3	1.2	-4.1	8.2
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	100.000	100.4	100.9	3.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	97.514	100.9	101.2	2.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.3
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.164	100.9	107.3	41.7	3.4	2.2	-0.9	6.3
<u>5/</u> Latin America	100.000	97.0	98.6	8.8	1.5	-0.2	-2.8	1.6
Manufactured Goods	80.676	103.2	103.7	2.3	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods	19.137	91.9	98.1	45.8	6.8	-1.8	-9.1	6.7
Japan.....	100.000	94.6	94.6	-2.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	100.000	91.8	91.4	-2.6	-0.1	-1.0	0.2	-0.4

1 Regions are not mutually exclusive.

2 Data for September, October and November 2002 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents.

3 Defined according to the United Nations definition.

4 Includes European Union countries.

5 Includes Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

6 Includes Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan.

7 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
December 2001-December 2002 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2002	December 2002	Annual	Quarterly			
				Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2001 to March 2002	March 2002 to June 2002	June 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002
IMPORT								
Air Freight	4168	101.2	106.5	11.4	1.2	3.1	1.5	5.2
Atlantic	1519	101.3	105.6	8.3	-1.0	5.2	-0.2	4.2
Pacific	2412	97.2	103.8	11.0	-0.5	1.4	3.1	6.8
EXPORT								
Air Freight	2836	98.3	93.4	-4.6	-2.5	2.5	0.4	-5.0

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
December 2001-December 2002 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2002	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares	18253	105.6	107.2	1.4	-2.2	-7.3	-9.0	1.5
Atlantic	11998	99.7	99.5	3.1	-3.0	-9.9	-13.3	-0.2
Pacific	3407	106.5	113.4	1.1	-1.4	-2.1	-0.5	6.5
Latin American / Caribbean	1916	102.6	106.5	-9.0	-2.3	-0.9	0.0	3.8
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares	20319	103.1	103.2	4.9	-6.7	-3.5	-1.2	0.1
Atlantic	5546	115.5	116.8	11.1	-9.8	-0.8	-3.5	1.1
Pacific	9563	92.4	93.9	3.5	-8.3	-7.2	-0.4	1.6
Latin American / Caribbean	3474	121.9	116.7	-2.3	-1.1	-0.4	0.0	-4.3

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

Table 10 U.S. International Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
December 2001-December 2002 2000 = 100

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2002	December 2002	Annual	Quarterly			
				Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Dec. 2001 to March 2002	March 2002 to June 2002	June 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Dec. 2002
Air Freight (Inbound)	7483	100.3	105.8	11.3	-1.3	4.7	2.0	5.5
Atlantic	2607	105.3	109.9	10.5	-1.5	7.2	0.2	4.4
Pacific	4314	95.7	102.1	11.2	-2.9	3.5	3.8	6.7
Air Freight (Outbound)	5193	97.3	95.4	-2.5	-1.9	2.6	-1.1	-2.0
Atlantic	2094	99.2	97.5	-0.9	-0.6	1.7	-0.3	-1.7
Pacific	2639	96.5	95.1	-3.1	-2.7	3.4	-2.2	-1.5
Ocean Liner Freight (Inbound)	17817	93.5	93.3	0.5	-1.2	-1.5	3.5	-0.2
U.S. East Coast	6938	98.2	98.5	1.5	-1.2	-0.8	3.4	0.3
from Atlantic	3022	107.9	108.2	6.0	-0.9	-0.1	6.7	0.3
from Pacific	2817	86.5	86.5	-1.7	-1.1	-3.0	2.5	0.0
U.S. West Coast	10879	90.9	90.4	-0.3	-1.3	-2.0	3.6	-0.6

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

Table 11 U.S. International Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
December 2001-December 2002 2000 = 100

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		November 2002	December 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2002	Aug. 2002 to Sept. 2002	Sept. 2002 to Oct. 2002	Oct. 2002 to Nov. 2002	Nov. 2002 to Dec. 2002
Air Passenger Fares (U.S. Carrier)	45965	107.3	107.9	4.3	-5.2	-4.2	-2.0	0.6
<u>1/</u> Atlantic	16441	111.9	113.0	6.7	-6.5	-6.3	-4.7	1.0
<u>1/</u> Pacific	14973	98.9	100.7	4.4	-6.8	-5.1	-1.0	1.8
<u>1/</u> Latin American / Caribbean	10764	120.0	118.5	-0.3	-2.6	-1.1	0.0	-1.2
Canadian	3519	112.2	111.9	8.6	0.7	-1.2	1.2	-0.3
Air Passenger Fares (Foreign Carrier)	39205	106.0	107.2	6.3	-3.8	-5.1	-5.7	1.1
<u>1/</u> Atlantic	22657	106.7	107.3	8.7	-3.8	-5.8	-9.0	0.6
<u>1/</u> Pacific	10073	100.4	102.8	6.2	-7.2	-6.1	-0.7	2.4
Latin American / Caribbean	4107	105.5	107.7	-6.0	-1.9	-1.3	-0.8	2.1
<u>1/</u> Crude Oil Tanker Freight (Inbound)	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-5.9	-1.7	n.a.	n.a.

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

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Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are weighted with 2000 trade weights. The merchandise price indexes are published using three classifications: the Harmonized System (HS), the Bureau of Economic Analysis End Use System, and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) system, Rev. 3. Price indexes for internationally traded services are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represents transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represents all transactions with U.S. importers or exporters, regardless of nationality). Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. Net transaction price data are collected every month for over 20,000 products from over 6,000 companies and secondary sources. Indexes are not seasonally adjusted. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained from the Division of International Prices, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., PSB 3955, Washington, DC 20212 or (202) 691-7101.

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