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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - OCTOBER 2003 -

The U.S. Import Price Index rose 0.1 percent in October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. A rise in the price index for imported petroleum more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in nonpetroleum prices. Export prices increased 0.3 percent in October, with increases in prices for both agricultural and nonagricultural exports.

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>2002</u>						
October	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-1.8	0.1
November	-0.9	-8.2	-0.1	0.1	2.0	-0.1
December	0.6	5.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
<u>2003</u>						
January	1.8	14.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
February	1.7	11.3	0.3	0.6	-0.4	0.6
March	0.6	-1.1	1.0	0.2	-0.4	0.3
April	-3.1	-18.8	-1.0	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
May	-0.7	-5.0	-0.2	0.1	2.5	-0.2
June	0.9	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1
July	0.5	5.2 r	0.0 r	-0.1	-0.1 r	-0.1
August	0.0 r	1.8 r	-0.3	0.0	-1.0 r	0.1
September	-0.4 r	-5.0 r	0.2	0.4	5.6 r	-0.1
October	0.1	2.3	-0.1	0.3	2.5	0.1
October 2001-02	1.9	32.2	-0.4	0.4	5.9	0.0
October 2002-03	0.9	3.4	0.7	1.4	10.5	0.6

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

Import Goods

The index for overall import prices rose 0.1 percent last month after declining 0.4 percent in September. The overall trend in import prices continued to be driven by the price index for petroleum imports, which was up 2.3 percent in October following a 5.0 percent decrease in September. Over the past 12 months, petroleum prices increased 3.4 percent. In contrast, nonpetroleum import prices declined 0.1 percent in October after increasing 0.2 percent in September; despite the decline however, the index was up 0.7 percent for the year ended in October. Overall import prices were up 0.9 percent over the same 12-month period.

The decline in nonpetroleum import prices in October was led by a 0.5 percent decrease in prices for imported capital goods, the largest decline in this component since October 2002. Lower prices for computer peripherals and telecommunications equipment contributed to the decline in capital goods prices in October, which were down 1.1 percent for the year ended in October. The price indexes for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials and for consumer goods also contributed to the October decrease in nonpetroleum prices, falling 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Over the past 12 months, nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices were up 5.9 percent, while consumer goods prices fell 0.3 percent.

In contrast, prices for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines were up 0.6 percent, the largest increase for this index since April 1995. The increase was attributable to year-end model changeovers and the recent drop in the value of the U.S. dollar. For the year ended in October, automotive vehicle, parts, and engines prices rose 0.4 percent. The price index for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 0.1 percent in October and was up 1.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Export Goods

Overall export prices increased 0.3 percent in October, following a 0.4 percent rise in September. The advance was again led by higher agricultural prices, which were up 2.5 percent in October after rising 5.6 percent in the previous month. Agricultural export prices have risen 10.5 percent during the past 12 months. Higher prices for soybeans, meat, and cotton all contributed to the October increase. The price index for nonagricultural exports rose 0.1 percent in October after declining the same amount in September. Over the past year, the index was up 0.6 percent. Prices for overall exports were up 1.4 percent over the October 2002-2003 period.

The price indexes for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines, and for consumer goods each increased in October. Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials were up 0.6 percent, led by higher prices for precious metals, paper, and chemicals. The index was up 4.3 percent for the year ended in October. The price indexes for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines and for consumer goods each rose 0.2 percent last month and were up 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, over the past year.

The price index for capital goods was the only major nonagricultural commodity price index to decrease in October. Capital goods prices, which fell 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month, were down 0.8 percent for the year ended in October.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Japan rose 0.1 percent in October. In contrast, import prices from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries were down 0.3 percent last month, the third consecutive decline for this index. Over the past 12 months, prices for imports from Japan were down 1.0 percent and prices for imports from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries declined 0.7 percent.

The price indexes for imports from the European Union and from Latin America each rose in October after decreasing the previous month. Import prices from the European Union were up 0.5 percent for the month and 2.4 percent over the past year. Import prices from Latin America were up 1.2 percent last month and 1.4 percent for the year ended in October. Prices for imports from Canada rose for the second consecutive month, up 0.1 percent in October after rising 0.4 percent in September. The index was up 4.2 percent over the past 12 months.

Import and Export Services

The price index for import air passenger fares declined 9.1 percent in October, the largest one-month decline in this index since monthly publication began in January 2001. For the year ended in October, the index was down 1.4 percent. In contrast, prices for export air passenger fares increased 1.8 percent last month after having declined 7.6 percent in September. Export air passenger fares were up 15.1 percent over the past 12 months.

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

Beginning with the release of January 2004 data on February 13, the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes will be reweighted using 2002 trade weights. This will be a change to the previous practice of updating the weights every five years. Import and export price indexes will now be reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. The index reference base will remain fixed at calendar year 2000=100. In addition, the U.S. carrier and foreign carrier air passenger fares indexes found in Table 11 will be replaced with indexes that measure prices for inbound and outbound flights.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for November are scheduled for release on December 11 at 8:30 A.M. (E.S.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance September 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	96.3	96.4	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.1
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	89.426	97.2	97.1	0.7	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.133	101.6	101.7	1.7	0.8	-0.3	0.4	0.1
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.099	107.9	108.8	2.5	0.6	-0.2	0.4	0.8
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.034	87.7	86.0	-0.7	1.6	-0.6	0.2	-1.9
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	26.238	99.2	100.0	4.8	2.0	0.3	-1.3	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	15.665	100.2	100.0	5.9	-0.2	-0.8	1.3	-0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.363	97.3	97.5	5.3	1.3	0.5	2.0	0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.302	103.5	102.9	6.6	-1.8	-2.3	0.6	-0.6
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	12.189	100.1	101.5	5.0	3.6	0.4	-4.0	1.4
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	10.572	98.0	100.3	3.4	5.2	1.8	-5.0	2.3
10000	Crude.....	7.973	99.6	103.0	4.9	6.2	1.2	-5.7	3.4
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.121	92.9	93.9	4.2	-0.5	1.2	-1.9	1.1
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.717	102.5	103.1	3.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.6
13	Selected building materials.....	2.117	110.5	109.7	13.2	5.3	1.0	7.5	-0.7
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.122	93.4	94.3	4.9	0.0	0.8	0.5	1.0
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.433	99.0	99.0	1.9	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.0
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.539	97.2	97.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	28.594	93.5	93.0	-1.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5
20	Electric generating equipment.....	3.374	96.0	96.4	1.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.4
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	22.664	92.1	91.3	-1.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.9
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.556	102.1	102.2	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.138	100.5	101.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.6
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	23.874	97.9	97.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	11.580	99.7	99.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.032	96.2	96.0	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.262	96.0	96.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,
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END USE	Description	Relative Importance September 2003 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.8	100.1	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	8.086	114.9	117.8	10.5	-0.1	-1.0	5.6	2.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	91.914	98.6	98.7	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	7.413	115.5	117.6	9.3	-0.4	-1.2	5.5	1.8
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	6.825	116.5	118.8	9.8	-0.2	-1.3	6.3	2.0
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.588	105.7	105.8	3.6	-3.4	0.2	-3.5	0.1
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	23.296	100.1	100.9	4.7	-0.5	0.4	0.1	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.420	100.4	101.3	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	13.876	100.2	100.9	4.7	-0.9	0.7	-0.2	0.7
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.261	107.0	113.0	14.8	0.3	0.7	1.5	5.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	22.035	99.7	100.3	4.3	-0.5	0.4	0.0	0.6
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.182	97.4	97.2	3.4	0.0	3.5	-3.0	-0.2
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	18.690	100.4	101.0	4.3	-0.7	0.0	0.4	0.6
13	Selected building materials.....	1.163	98.5	98.8	2.3	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.3
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	46.764	97.6	97.5	-0.8	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	4.909	101.7	101.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	34.402	94.4	94.1	-1.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.453	105.1	105.2	3.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	10.930	101.7	101.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.560	99.5	99.7	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.2
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.629	98.6	98.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.270	100.1	100.2	0.6	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.660	100.6	101.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	96.3	96.4	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.1
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.239	99.7	100.4	2.9	0.8	-0.8	0.3	0.7
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.378	111.5	113.9	11.7	3.6	0.8	3.7	2.2
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.721	82.4	79.0	-2.9	2.7	-1.3	0.0	-4.1
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.852	103.9	108.6	1.0	-1.8	-1.2	-1.6	4.5
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.422	98.6	95.5	1.3	0.5	1.4	2.1	-3.1
2/	Other food and live animals.....	0.866	110.2	112.9	7.2	1.0	-1.3	-0.2	2.5
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.851	104.1	104.3	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
11	Beverages.....	0.746	104.0	104.2	2.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.074	105.9	104.5	9.2	1.2	-0.1	5.3	-1.3
24	Cork and wood.....	0.819	112.9	105.6	9.7	6.0	-0.8	13.7	-6.5
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.255	85.6	89.1	8.3	-1.8	-1.8	-6.9	4.1
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.337	103.6	104.1	11.0	0.6	2.6	0.7	0.5
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.237	100.2	99.2	-2.4	-5.2	-2.2	3.1	-1.0
2/	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.222	99.7	100.2	5.6	0.0	0.9	-0.6	0.5
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	12.228	102.3	102.5	5.7	4.2	0.5	-3.9	0.2
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	10.638	100.2	101.3	3.7	5.9	2.1	-5.1	1.1
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.504	114.1	107.3	22.9	-6.6	-10.5	4.9	-6.0
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	6.455	99.3	99.9	1.6	-0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.6
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.452	97.0	97.6	-1.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.7	0.6
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.569	105.4	106.4	4.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.6	0.9
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.232	98.3	98.2	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.1
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.323	101.9	102.0	2.5	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.287	91.7	90.9	-7.6	-0.4	-7.3	-0.1	-0.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.584	102.7	105.4	9.3	-1.7	-1.2	-0.3	2.6
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.377	101.3	101.3	1.8	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.465	91.7	92.2	1.3	1.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.5
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.309	95.7	96.4	3.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.652	98.5	98.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.736	113.2	118.7	27.1	8.1	3.3	5.8	4.9
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.261	94.5	94.8	1.6	-0.3	1.8	-0.4	0.3
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.340	100.5	100.7	2.5	0.8	-0.5	-0.6	0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.207	97.7	97.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.562	100.0	100.7	0.5	-0.3	0.4	-1.3	0.7
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.540	80.7	81.8	7.6	-0.1	1.4	2.0	1.4
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.897	98.3	98.7	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.4
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	46.263	95.5	95.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.976	99.8	100.0	1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	2.017	102.1	102.5	4.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.702	103.9	104.0	2.6	0.0	-0.8	-0.5	0.1

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74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.081	100.1	100.2	1.7	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.597	80.6	79.0	-6.9	-1.5	0.0	0.0	-2.0
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	5.546	88.6	87.6	-5.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-1.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	9.260	95.9	95.9	-0.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
78	Road vehicles.....	14.330	100.5	101.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.8
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	17.085	99.6	99.5	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.429	95.1	95.1	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.679	100.4	100.2	1.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.399	102.0	102.0	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.708	100.5	100.3	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
85	Footwear.....	1.308	99.7	99.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.925	99.3	99.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.263	99.3	99.2	0.7	0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.375	98.3	98.4	0.8	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	99.8	100.1	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.016	112.3	112.7	5.9	-0.4	0.5	4.4	0.4
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.149	117.7	123.2	38.3	1.7	4.3	7.9	4.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.413	103.8	101.6	2.1	-0.8	1.1	-4.3	-2.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.839	124.1	119.5	-8.4	-2.6	0.3	7.3	-3.7
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.111	101.2	104.6	6.8	1.6	-1.5	1.5	3.4
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.622	113.3	114.2	11.0	-0.6	-1.9	6.8	0.8
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.407	101.0	101.1	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.1
2/	Other food and live animals.....	0.476	103.7	104.3	4.9	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.6
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.893	97.8	98.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.9
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.679	96.2	97.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	1.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	4.099	106.1	111.1	15.0	0.0	-1.5	3.7	4.7
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.903	121.1	136.7	27.5	1.7	-12.5	10.9	12.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.539	91.7	91.5	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.9	-0.2
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.549	87.9	91.5	3.7	-5.1	-0.2	3.0	4.1
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.469	109.1	121.1	28.6	2.9	0.8	2.0	11.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.696	120.2	121.2	28.8	3.0	4.9	2.0	0.8
2/	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.943	110.4	110.4	4.8	-1.8	1.9	1.5	0.0
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	1.960	108.8	108.0	-1.1	2.0	4.6	-5.3	-0.7
32	Coal, coke and briquettes.....	0.343	111.6	111.6	-2.1	-0.8	0.0	0.4	0.0
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	1.409	104.2	104.1	-1.6	3.1	6.7	-7.8	-0.1
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	11.050	99.9	100.1	3.0	-1.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.504	98.9	98.9	3.1	-4.4	0.8	-0.5	0.0
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.733	99.4	98.9	2.2	-0.2	0.4	0.6	-0.5
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.553	98.4	98.6	0.6	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.2
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.853	105.3	105.5	4.1	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.721	97.5	99.0	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.5
56	Fertilizers.....	0.401	122.8	122.8	13.4	-3.6	7.4	1.2	0.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	1.760	95.3	95.3	1.6	-1.6	-0.3	0.5	0.0
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.812	98.1	98.3	0.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.713	101.8	102.5	4.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	9.701	100.1	100.3	1.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.789	109.5	109.6	3.9	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.1
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.447	98.3	97.7	0.9	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.496	102.0	102.0	1.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.398	99.5	99.5	-1.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	0.892	105.5	107.4	2.7	-1.7	0.4	0.1	1.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	0.904	81.6	82.0	-1.7	-0.6	1.4	0.9	0.5
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.309	104.4	104.4	1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
2/	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.464	116.1	118.7	16.3	3.5	0.7	6.4	2.2
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	53.135	98.0	97.9	-0.8	0.2	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,
October 2002-October 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance September 2003 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.815	107.4	107.9	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.509	103.1	103.1	1.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.896	100.6	100.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.818	102.7	102.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	6.833	87.7	87.6	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.182	93.4	93.6	-2.8	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	13.395	89.6	89.0	-4.6	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
78	Road vehicles.....	8.203	101.3	101.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.821	100.8	100.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.719	102.6	102.6	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	1.127	96.8	96.9	-1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.455	102.2	102.1	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.103	94.3	94.7	-2.7	-3.4	-0.9	-0.3	0.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.028	101.4	101.4	0.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
2/	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.390	104.9	105.0	3.3	1.2	-0.2	0.5	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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,
October 2002-October 2003 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.277	95.8	96.3	6.8	2.0	-1.2	0.0	0.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.333	112.8	115.4	13.1	3.7	0.6	3.9	2.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.585	82.5	79.1	-4.0	3.1	-2.1	-0.1	-4.1
2/	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.359	117.3	125.0	20.7	-1.0	-1.1	-3.3	6.6
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.194	100.4	102.3	-0.3	-2.4	-0.3	0.5	1.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.256	108.2	120.6	4.0	-6.6	-2.8	-2.9	11.5
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.343	98.0	98.6	-5.3	0.2	1.4	-0.1	0.6
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.249	87.0	84.1	13.5	3.5	3.0	4.8	-3.3
2/	Other vegetable products.....	0.346	105.6	105.7	-6.3	-5.0	-2.2	0.6	0.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	1.956	105.9	105.7	-0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.236	99.6	100.1	-0.3	2.4	-1.3	-0.6	0.5
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.755	102.4	102.7	1.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
2/	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.965	110.5	109.7	-1.8	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.7
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	12.440	101.0	101.5	5.6	4.0	0.6	-4.0	0.5
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	12.217	99.9	100.5	5.7	4.2	0.5	-4.1	0.6
2/	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.223	101.2	101.2	3.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	5.832	98.7	99.1	1.5	0.2	-0.6	0.0	0.4
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.635	103.6	104.4	7.0	0.9	-0.7	-0.5	0.8
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.613	96.8	97.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.2
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.093	101.4	101.6	1.1	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.2
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.234	97.6	97.5	2.3	-1.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.242	103.0	101.8	1.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-1.2
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.224	97.3	96.9	-0.9	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.4
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.360	93.2	93.3	-1.6	1.6	-2.7	-0.4	0.1
2/	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.431	103.1	105.8	9.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	2.6
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.684	103.7	104.6	4.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.9
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.741	103.0	103.6	4.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.6
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.943	105.1	106.7	4.5	-0.6	0.3	1.4	1.5
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.765	99.9	100.0	1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.665	101.0	101.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.655	117.4	116.9	20.9	8.4	1.6	10.9	-0.4
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.864	94.8	95.4	2.5	-0.1	0.8	-1.1	0.6
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.256	86.3	89.0	8.3	-1.9	-1.6	-6.3	3.1
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.266	93.7	94.0	1.5	-0.2	1.6	-0.3	0.3
49	Printed matter.....	0.341	112.7	112.5	1.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.591	99.6	99.6	0.8	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.339	100.1	99.9	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,
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Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.889	99.6	99.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.380	94.3	93.8	-2.4	1.0	0.0	0.4	-0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.983	101.2	101.9	3.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.7
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.534	99.2	99.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.310	99.7	99.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.224	96.5	96.5	-1.4	1.3	-0.4	-0.7	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.073	101.9	102.5	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.6
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.304	99.7	99.9	0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.2
69	Ceramic products.....	0.371	103.0	104.1	1.9	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	1.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.397	102.3	102.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.5
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.331	88.4	90.1	3.3	-0.5	-0.1	1.3	1.9
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	4.893	97.4	97.8	4.3	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.4
72	Iron and steel.....	1.336	103.5	103.5	4.3	0.5	0.7	-1.0	0.0
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.214	97.7	98.1	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.4
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.447	98.1	98.5	10.5	-1.0	4.2	0.8	0.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.778	97.7	97.9	3.1	-0.7	0.7	0.9	0.2
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.394	98.4	98.8	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.418	101.5	103.0	2.4	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	1.5
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.306	76.5	77.3	19.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	29.951	92.4	91.8	-1.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	14.681	92.2	91.3	-2.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	15.270	92.8	92.4	-1.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	16.177	100.9	101.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.6
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.575	100.5	101.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.7
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.497	101.1	101.1	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.636	99.1	99.2	0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	3.188	98.5	98.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.325	105.5	105.5	1.0	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	3.965	97.5	97.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.074	98.4	98.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.648	96.8	96.3	-0.8	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.5
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.243	96.1	96.2	-2.3	-1.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.791	115.2	117.8	25.6	0.7	4.8	4.4	2.3
02	Meat & edible meat offal.....	1.102	121.4	127.4	39.8	1.7	4.8	8.2	4.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.366	102.4	99.3	-0.6	-1.4	1.1	-6.3	-3.0
2/	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.323	116.1	114.5	16.1	0.2	9.8	6.1	-1.4
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.760	118.1	120.7	3.9	-0.5	-3.7	7.2	2.2
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.510	94.7	95.7	-1.7	-2.9	-0.8	1.1	1.1
10	Cereals.....	1.646	125.6	120.2	-9.5	-2.9	0.2	8.3	-4.3
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.071	119.6	133.1	22.8	1.0	-10.9	9.4	11.3
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.293	147.1	160.2	21.8	1.1	-3.4	2.7	8.9
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.639	103.5	104.3	4.1	-0.3	-0.8	1.8	0.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.315	105.8	106.4	4.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.347	100.7	100.7	-0.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.1	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.580	116.8	117.7	14.1	-0.9	-3.1	8.9	0.8
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.....	0.681	96.4	97.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.2
2/	Other prepared foods.....	0.716	103.0	103.8	3.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.361	107.5	107.0	5.1	1.8	3.0	-3.7	-0.5
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	1.921	106.2	105.6	1.6	1.1	3.5	-4.5	-0.6
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	9.100	101.5	101.9	3.8	-1.3	0.4	0.0	0.4
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.823	102.7	102.3	5.0	-0.1	2.2	0.1	-0.4
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.862	100.9	101.2	3.8	-4.0	0.7	0.3	0.3
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.479	103.9	104.1	3.8	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
31	Fertilizers.....	0.387	117.7	116.9	10.0	-1.7	3.0	0.3	-0.7
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.573	98.9	99.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.524	98.3	101.1	2.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	2.8
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.315	100.2	100.7	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.447	96.9	97.9	2.7	-2.4	-2.4	-0.5	1.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.458	101.3	102.0	4.1	1.1	0.0	-0.1	0.7
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	4.806	101.6	101.6	2.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	3.777	99.5	99.4	2.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.029	109.6	109.8	5.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	0.2
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.487	108.0	108.5	1.3	0.2	0.7	2.7	0.5
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.448	108.9	109.3	-0.7	-0.2	1.5	4.1	0.4
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.845	97.7	98.2	5.6	1.6	0.7	2.6	0.5
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.655	95.0	95.6	2.5	-0.8	0.2	0.5	0.6
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.530	84.2	87.8	3.8	-5.2	-0.1	3.2	4.3

See footnotes at end of table

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.473	95.7	95.2	1.4	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.5
49	Printed material.....	0.652	107.9	108.6	4.2	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.6
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.915	98.1	99.7	4.2	0.5	0.0	-0.1	1.6
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.468	92.4	101.6	23.9	2.1	0.7	2.8	10.0
54	Manmade filaments, yarns and woven fabrics (200112=100).....	0.346	110.3	110.1	11.6	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.2
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.575	95.5	95.5	-2.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.457	95.4	95.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.069	105.3	105.6	-0.1	0.8	-0.5	-1.4	0.3
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.822	98.4	98.3	-1.6	0.2	-0.3	-1.7	-0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.499	96.3	96.2	-1.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	1.924	92.9	96.0	7.0	-0.2	-0.7	1.8	3.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.354	101.2	101.6	3.6	-0.3	0.9	0.4	0.4
72	Iron and steel.....	0.755	106.7	108.5	10.0	-1.1	3.4	1.5	1.7
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.294	104.4	104.5	1.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.463	97.6	98.8	11.9	0.1	2.9	1.5	1.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.718	95.0	94.7	1.4	-0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.3
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.411	101.2	101.2	-1.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.475	108.2	107.6	3.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	39.374	95.2	94.9	-1.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	21.114	99.1	99.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	18.260	90.8	90.3	-4.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.788	105.2	105.4	1.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.466	101.3	101.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.298	101.2	101.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.623	100.7	100.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.910	102.9	102.9	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment, parts and accessories thereof.....	0.549	98.0	98.0	-2.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

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

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin, October 2002-October 2003
2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	51.536	98.6	99.0	2.2	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.4
Manufactured Goods.....	47.500	98.2	98.6	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.633	109.2	109.8	7.1	0.3	-2.7	-1.5	0.5
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	47.115	93.5	93.4	-0.5	0.9	0.2	-0.6	-0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	39.179	95.0	94.4	-1.7	-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.6
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.843	100.4	103.5	5.2	5.9	1.1	-4.3	3.1
Canada.....	18.515	104.0	104.1	4.2	0.8	-0.3	0.4	0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	15.442	103.2	103.2	3.5	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.749	112.0	112.7	7.1	0.2	-3.6	-2.5	0.6
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	17.316	102.8	103.3	2.4	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.5
Manufactured Goods.....	16.884	103.2	103.7	2.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.375	107.3	108.1	6.3	5.2	-0.2	-4.3	0.7
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.310	100.0	101.2	1.4	1.1	0.8	-1.5	1.2
Manufactured Goods.....	13.644	104.0	104.1	-0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.634	103.4	108.8	7.7	4.5	1.5	-5.8	5.2
Japan.....	12.262	93.7	93.8	-1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.1
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	9.281	91.2	90.9	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

3 Defined according to the BEA definition for Other Countries, which includes Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

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

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

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

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

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	125.9	114.5	-1.4	5.9	0.2	-2.9	-9.1
Europe.....	11250	127.1	110.0	-4.3	6.5	0.8	-2.8	-13.5
Asia.....	2626	111.0	109.8	2.1	2.2	0.1	-9.6	-1.1
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	107.3	106.1	3.4	7.4	-0.5	-5.8	-1.1
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	118.0	120.1	15.1	5.6	3.4	-7.6	1.8
Europe.....	5394	140.2	146.2	21.4	10.0	-0.6	-12.6	4.3
Asia.....	8936	103.8	104.7	13.3	1.9	11.0	-8.9	0.9
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3474	123.8	124.2	1.9	5.9	-1.1	0.7	0.3

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

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

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.

n.a. Not available

Table 11 U.S. International Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
October 2002-October 2003 2000 = 100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		September 2003	October 2003	Annual	Monthly			
				Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003	June 2003 to July 2003	July 2003 to Aug. 2003	Aug. 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003
Air Passenger Fares (U.S. Carrier).....	45965	119.7	118.3	8.0	4.8	1.8	-6.0	-1.2
Europe.....	16000	131.6	125.9	6.5	7.8	-0.2	-7.9	-4.3
Asia.....	13499	110.1	109.7	9.2	2.6	8.2	-7.8	-0.4
Latin America / Caribbean.....	10764	122.8	124.1	3.4	3.0	0.2	-3.2	1.1
Canada.....	3519	130.0	134.1	20.9	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	3.2
Air Passenger Fares (Foreign Carrier).....	39205	124.9	121.6	8.2	6.3	1.5	-5.9	-2.6
Europe.....	21511	132.6	127.8	6.5	7.0	-0.4	-6.6	-3.6
Asia.....	8446	110.7	108.3	9.9	5.6	10.0	-10.1	-2.2
Latin America / Caribbean.....	4107	115.5	115.5	8.7	6.5	-2.1	-2.7	0.0
Canada (200212=100).....	2368	111.0	112.0	n.a.	0.6	2.5	-0.4	0.9
Crude Oil Tanker Freight (Inbound).....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-7.9	-15.7	n.a.	n.a.

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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