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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - SEPTEMBER 2004 -

The U.S. Import Price Index was up 0.2 percent in September, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase was attributable to higher prices for both petroleum and nonpetroleum imports and followed a 1.4 percent rise in August. September export prices increased 0.4 percent, following a 0.5 percent decline 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>2003</u>						
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	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
February	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.5	0.6
March	0.8	5.1	0.2	0.8	3.5	0.5
April	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.7	2.5	0.5
May	1.5	9.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3
June	-0.2	-1.1 r	0.1	-0.7 r	-4.7	-0.2
July	0.4 r	2.2 r	0.0	0.5	-1.1 r	0.7 r
August	1.4 r	8.3 r	0.3 r	-0.5	-8.5	0.4
September	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	1.6	0.2
September 2002-03	0.7	0.1	0.9	1.0	5.6	0.6
September 2003-04	7.8	48.7	2.9	4.0	2.2	4.3

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

## Import Goods

Import prices increased for the third consecutive month, up 0.2 percent in September. Higher petroleum prices again were the primary factor behind the increase, rising a more modest 0.6 percent in September compared with increases of 8.3 percent and 2.2 percent in the previous two months. Prices for petroleum were up 48.7 percent over the past year. Nonpetroleum prices also contributed to the September increase in overall import prices, rising 0.1 percent. For the year ended in September, nonpetroleum prices were up 2.9 percent and overall import prices rose 7.8 percent.

Higher prices for automotive vehicles, for foods, feeds, and beverages, and for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials all contributed to the increase in nonpetroleum prices. The price index for automotive vehicles increased 0.3 percent in September after two months of no movement, and the index was up 2.0 percent over the past year. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 0.8 percent last month, led by higher vegetable prices. For the year ended in September, import food prices were up 6.5 percent. Prices for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials, which have been steadily increasing for the past year, were up a more modest 0.1 percent in September. Nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices increased 14.3 percent over the past 12 months.

The price indexes for capital goods and for consumer goods were both unchanged for the third consecutive month. For the year ended in September, prices for capital goods fell 1.4 percent, while consumer goods prices were up 0.6 percent.

## Export Goods

Export prices rose 0.4 percent in September as higher prices for agricultural exports and for nonagricultural exports contributed to the overall increase. The price index for agricultural exports was up 1.6 percent in September, following decreases in each of the previous three months. The September increase was led by higher prices for soybeans, vegetables, and seafood. Agricultural export prices were up 2.2 percent over the past year. Prices for nonagricultural exports were up 0.2 percent, continuing the recent trend for this index. Nonagricultural prices have risen in 11 of the past 12 months and were up 4.3 percent over that period. Overall export prices increased 4.0 percent for the year ended in September.

The advance in nonagricultural prices was again attributable to rising prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, up 0.7 percent in September. Higher chemicals prices were the main contributor to the increase. The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials has trended upward over the past year and was up 14.6 percent for that period.

The export price indexes for capital goods and for consumer goods both were up 0.1 percent in September. The increase in capital goods prices was the first since April, and the index was up a modest 0.4 percent over the past year. In contrast, prices of consumer goods have risen in each of the past three months and were up 1.9 percent for the year ended in September.

Prices for automotive vehicles were unchanged in September and have risen 0.8 percent over the past 12 months.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices for imports from Japan fell 0.1 percent in September after increasing in each of the two previous months. The index was up 1.6 percent for the year ended in September.

Import prices from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries rose 0.1 percent for the third consecutive month. Despite the recent increases, the index was down 0.9 percent over the past year.

Prices for imports from Latin America and from the European Union were up in September, rising 1.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. For the past 12 months, prices for imports from Latin America were up 13.4 percent, and prices for imports from the European Union rose 6.5 percent.

The price index for imports from Canada fell 0.2 percent in September, but was up 10.0 percent for the past 12 months.

### Import and Export Services

The indexes for both import and export air passenger fares declined in September, attributable primarily to seasonal factors. September import air passenger fares fell 4.1 percent, following a 0.3 percent decline the previous month. The August drop had been the first since March. The index for export air passenger fares fell 6.8 percent in September, the first decrease since May. For the year ended in September, import air passenger fares were down 3.9 percent, whereas export air passenger fares increased 10.3 percent.

The import price index for air freight increased for the third quarter in a row, rising 2.1 percent between June and September. Export air freight prices rose 1.2 percent for the third quarter of 2004, the fourth consecutive quarterly increase for the index. For the year ended in September, the price indexes for import air freight and for export freight were up 2.7 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively.

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance August 2004 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.5	103.7	7.8	-0.2	0.4	1.4	0.2
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	85.312	100.0	100.1	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	83.626	103.2	103.5	2.9	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.523	107.5	108.4	6.5	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.8
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.315	114.2	115.9	7.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2	1.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.208	92.5	91.7	4.7	-0.3	1.9	0.5	-0.9
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	31.067	126.4	126.9	28.3	-0.3	1.1	4.8	0.4
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.379	114.5	114.6	14.3	0.4	0.1	1.7	0.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	14.693	122.8	124.4	15.3	-0.6	0.5	2.0	1.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.138	115.9	117.9	21.2	-1.3	0.1	2.7	1.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.241	112.8	110.7	6.6	2.6	0.2	0.5	-1.9
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	16.374	142.8	142.3	43.2	-0.1	1.7	7.3	-0.4
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	14.688	143.6	144.5	48.7	-1.1	2.2	8.3	0.6
10000	Crude.....	10.845	145.2	145.7	47.9	-1.8	3.9	8.7	0.3
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.068	100.4	101.9	8.4	0.8	1.0	0.4	1.5
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.612	108.3	108.6	6.0	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.3
13	Selected building materials.....	2.350	124.2	125.9	14.1	-2.5	-2.3	5.5	1.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.635	129.3	132.7	42.1	-1.4	1.4	2.5	2.6
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.465	111.1	112.2	13.3	0.1	1.0	1.7	1.0
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.563	98.7	99.2	1.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	22.518	92.2	92.2	-1.4	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.767	97.6	97.6	1.9	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.551	90.0	90.0	-2.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.200	103.8	103.8	1.6	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	16.876	102.2	102.5	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	25.016	98.5	98.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	12.241	101.0	101.0	1.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.524	95.9	95.9	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.251	97.9	97.9	2.3	-0.5	0.6	0.5	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  
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END USE	Description	Relative Importance August 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.4	103.8	4.0	-0.7	0.5	-0.5	0.4
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	8.754	115.3	117.2	2.2	-4.7	-1.1	-8.5	1.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	91.246	102.6	102.8	4.3	-0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	8.007	116.4	118.6	2.9	-4.8	-0.9	-9.0	1.9
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	7.260	116.9	119.1	2.4	-5.0	-1.0	-9.9	1.9
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.747	111.4	114.0	7.0	-1.8	-0.6	1.3	2.3
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	27.266	113.2	114.0	13.8	-0.3	2.0	1.0	0.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.383	116.0	115.8	15.3	-0.6	3.3	0.4	-0.2
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	16.884	111.7	113.1	12.6	-0.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.494	107.9	108.7	1.3	-2.6	-1.7	-0.8	0.7
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	25.772	113.6	114.4	14.6	-0.2	2.3	1.1	0.7
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.949	120.1	121.3	24.3	-2.2	3.0	1.4	1.0
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	21.626	113.7	114.5	13.9	0.1	2.3	1.1	0.7
13	Selected building materials.....	1.197	103.4	104.0	5.7	-0.5	-0.6	0.6	0.6
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	41.134	97.8	97.9	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.998	102.3	102.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.498	94.0	93.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.638	107.9	108.1	2.9	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.501	102.6	102.6	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	12.042	101.2	101.3	1.9	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.913	101.1	101.1	2.6	-0.1	0.9	0.2	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.385	101.1	101.2	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.744	101.2	101.8	1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.6

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					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.5	103.7	7.8	-0.2	0.4	1.4	0.2
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.586	107.5	108.9	8.9	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.3
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.447	133.9	134.6	19.3	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.5
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.881	87.1	86.2	4.9	0.0	2.5	1.0	-1.0
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.812	101.3	109.6	4.4	-0.2	-3.6	-0.8	8.2
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.408	102.8	102.5	4.0	4.5	-4.1	0.2	-0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	1.038	127.1	125.3	13.7	-0.5	2.9	-0.1	-1.4
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.917	106.1	106.2	2.1	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1
11	Beverages.....	0.809	106.6	106.6	2.6	-0.1	0.8	0.2	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.277	134.0	135.7	27.9	-1.2	-0.2	6.7	1.3
24	Cork and wood.....	0.966	149.0	151.3	33.9	-2.1	-2.9	12.8	1.5
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.268	107.7	106.4	17.7	3.0	1.4	-0.3	-1.2
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.425	160.2	162.7	56.9	-2.2	2.8	10.9	1.6
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.215	97.6	99.1	3.6	-4.0	3.3	-3.6	1.5
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	16.006	143.5	142.9	40.8	-0.1	1.7	7.3	-0.4
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	14.205	144.0	144.7	45.6	-1.1	2.2	8.4	0.5
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.801	136.6	125.9	10.1	8.1	-3.7	1.3	-7.8
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.673	105.6	106.3	7.2	0.3	1.3	0.5	0.7
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.587	101.8	103.6	6.8	0.6	1.3	0.7	1.8
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.636	127.7	127.7	21.2	2.0	4.9	1.6	0.0
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.201	100.1	100.1	2.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.0
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.236	107.6	107.4	5.4	-0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.325	93.7	93.7	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.604	108.5	109.4	6.5	-1.1	2.9	0.8	0.8
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.369	103.5	104.1	2.7	-0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.511	93.9	94.0	2.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.9	0.1
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.097	107.5	108.9	13.8	-0.7	0.0	1.3	1.3
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.649	100.7	100.7	2.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.815	114.6	118.1	3.9	-7.1	-5.6	2.3	3.1
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.238	96.8	98.3	4.0	0.0	0.9	0.4	1.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.417	104.2	103.9	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.3
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.152	100.4	100.4	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0
67	Iron and steel.....	1.875	150.1	157.2	57.4	2.6	1.0	2.7	4.7
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.858	105.2	105.8	31.1	-4.2	0.7	2.8	0.6
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.990	103.3	103.7	5.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.4

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7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	40.398	94.9	95.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.849	101.3	101.3	1.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.610	107.6	107.4	5.1	-0.1	0.6	0.4	-0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.441	107.3	107.0	3.3	0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.3
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.081	104.2	104.4	4.2	-0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.414	74.3	74.3	-7.7	-1.2	-0.8	-0.8	0.0
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.885	84.0	83.9	-5.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.557	94.7	94.6	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	14.058	102.5	102.8	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	16.611	100.1	100.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.439	93.5	93.5	-1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.836	102.3	102.3	1.9	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.376	103.4	103.5	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.303	100.8	100.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.277	100.1	100.5	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.4
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.746	99.9	99.9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.938	98.1	98.1	-1.1	-0.3	-0.9	0.0	0.0
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.696	98.9	99.0	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.4	103.8	4.0	-0.7	0.5	-0.5	0.4
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.606	116.4	117.7	5.0	-2.2	-3.3	-2.8	1.1
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.307	125.6	123.8	5.6	-0.3	-3.6	2.4	-1.4
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.510	108.1	110.6	7.1	-1.5	-1.1	0.7	2.3
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.787	120.6	122.0	-1.8	-3.3	-9.3	-5.8	1.2
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.369	114.1	121.3	19.6	-1.9	-0.9	3.6	6.3
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.653	112.6	108.5	-3.7	-6.1	5.5	-19.1	-3.6
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.463	101.6	101.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.516	109.6	108.9	5.0	0.6	-2.3	-2.0	-0.6
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.702	101.8	101.7	4.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.452	100.3	100.2	4.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.122	117.9	119.3	12.3	-5.1	5.1	-10.7	1.2
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	1.002	117.4	125.1	3.3	-15.3	9.5	-36.4	6.6
24	Cork and wood.....	0.552	98.9	99.1	8.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.2
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.673	99.5	99.3	11.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.534	101.1	102.1	-6.8	-5.4	-5.3	-1.7	1.0
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.317	183.0	177.2	47.8	-1.8	13.6	-3.8	-3.2
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.044	114.2	117.8	6.8	1.5	1.2	2.0	3.2
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.448	139.6	141.2	29.9	-2.4	4.3	1.5	1.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials..	1.763	136.2	137.7	32.1	-3.9	3.7	1.3	1.1
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	13.813	108.7	109.6	9.3	0.2	1.2	1.5	0.8
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.183	118.6	120.2	19.7	0.8	1.1	2.3	1.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.824	100.6	101.4	2.3	0.7	0.2	1.7	0.8
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.587	98.8	99.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.519	108.3	108.3	2.8	0.1	2.1	0.3	0.0
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.955	104.6	104.7	6.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.1
56	Fertilizers.....	0.458	139.1	145.2	18.2	-1.9	1.2	0.0	4.4
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.412	108.9	111.0	16.4	0.3	2.9	2.5	1.9
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.881	97.7	97.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.5	0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.994	106.6	106.4	4.4	0.1	-0.2	1.8	-0.2
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.550	109.8	110.5	10.3	0.4	1.3	1.3	0.6
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.778	112.0	111.6	2.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	-0.4
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.537	101.8	103.0	4.8	0.2	2.1	0.5	1.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.640	105.7	106.3	4.1	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.6
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.478	100.2	100.6	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4
67	Iron and steel.....	1.352	165.1	165.3	55.8	2.0	6.2	6.9	0.1
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.115	96.9	98.1	20.2	-2.3	0.0	1.6	1.2
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.207	111.1	111.7	7.0	0.6	2.0	0.5	0.5

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  August 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Monthly			
						May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.442	115.7	117.5	1.4	-3.0	-4.1	2.1	1.6
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	48.552	98.3	98.3	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.895	108.9	109.0	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.726	105.9	106.1	2.9	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.626	99.6	99.5	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	-0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.748	105.3	105.3	2.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.473	86.5	86.4	-1.6	-1.6	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.367	90.7	90.7	-2.8	-0.2	-0.3	-0.9	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	11.237	88.2	88.1	-1.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.832	102.7	102.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.213	101.2	101.2	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.639	102.9	102.9	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.865	97.0	96.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.236	101.9	101.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.964	96.0	96.1	1.8	-0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.120	102.2	102.3	1.1	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.390	108.0	108.0	2.9	1.2	0.1	0.3	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  
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance August 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.605	112.9	110.3	15.0	1.0	4.3	0.4	-2.3
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.407	137.6	137.8	20.9	4.2	4.9	0.3	0.1
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.697	86.6	85.0	3.3	0.0	2.6	1.2	-1.8
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.502	159.9	152.2	29.6	0.1	6.1	-0.4	-4.8
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.070	97.3	104.1	3.7	0.1	-3.9	-1.7	7.0
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.216	95.2	126.5	15.1	2.1	-12.1	-4.8	32.9
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.350	98.7	97.2	-0.8	-1.5	0.1	2.4	-1.5
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.211	86.9	87.8	0.9	7.9	-8.4	-0.8	1.0
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.293	104.3	106.4	1.9	-5.0	2.3	-4.5	2.0
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.138	110.4	110.7	4.4	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.3
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.237	101.2	103.3	2.5	-0.5	0.1	0.2	2.1
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.819	104.6	104.7	2.3	-0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.082	117.8	117.9	6.7	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.1
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	16.371	142.5	142.0	41.6	0.1	1.8	6.9	-0.4
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	16.056	141.8	141.3	42.4	0.0	1.9	7.0	-0.4
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.315	110.3	110.3	8.9	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.024	105.8	106.5	7.9	0.5	1.4	0.8	0.7
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.715	126.9	127.0	22.6	2.1	5.4	2.5	0.1
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.866	102.1	103.8	7.3	0.7	1.3	0.7	1.7
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.925	107.5	107.2	5.7	-0.3	0.5	0.1	-0.3
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.199	97.9	97.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.282	105.2	105.3	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.171	96.8	96.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.389	92.9	92.9	-0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.478	120.0	120.2	16.5	1.5	2.4	2.4	0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.714	106.9	107.5	3.5	-0.3	0.8	0.1	0.6
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.804	106.3	106.8	3.5	-0.6	1.1	0.3	0.5
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.910	108.3	108.9	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.6
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.709	101.4	101.6	1.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.600	101.8	102.0	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.818	133.2	135.9	16.3	-3.7	-3.9	7.0	2.0
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.829	99.2	100.1	4.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.9
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.266	107.2	105.9	16.8	3.0	1.5	-0.4	-1.2
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.251	95.8	97.3	3.8	0.0	0.8	0.3	1.6
49	Printed matter.....	0.312	112.8	112.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.1
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.275	100.6	100.5	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.325	100.1	100.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Monthly			
						May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.532	100.0	99.9	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.452	94.0	94.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.967	106.7	106.6	5.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	-0.1
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.495	99.5	99.9	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.4
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.270	99.9	100.3	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.4
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.225	97.4	97.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.008	104.0	103.9	1.8	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.307	99.3	99.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
69	Ceramic products.....	0.347	107.9	107.9	4.4	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.354	103.8	103.6	1.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.393	95.3	96.2	8.8	-1.1	0.4	1.5	0.9
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.643	122.7	124.8	28.0	-0.8	0.8	2.3	1.7
72	Iron and steel.....	1.632	162.1	170.8	65.0	-0.7	0.8	3.6	5.4
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.384	112.8	114.1	16.9	0.7	1.6	1.9	1.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.467	124.6	124.1	26.5	-3.6	2.7	2.0	-0.4
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.840	109.5	110.4	13.0	-1.5	-2.5	1.7	0.8
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.403	104.0	104.3	5.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.450	107.4	107.2	4.8	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.467	112.8	109.8	43.5	-3.6	4.9	4.3	-2.7
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	24.559	90.4	90.3	-2.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.703	90.5	90.5	-1.7	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	11.856	90.2	90.1	-2.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	15.686	102.9	103.2	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.262	102.5	102.8	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.297	102.6	102.6	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.253	99.0	99.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.867	98.1	98.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.276	107.9	107.6	2.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	-0.3
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.198	97.7	97.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.240	99.8	99.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.723	95.1	95.3	-1.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.235	98.4	98.4	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	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.

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.940	118.9	119.2	3.9	-0.9	-3.3	1.2	0.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.445	106.8	110.1	7.4	-2.5	-0.2	1.7	3.1
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.310	111.1	113.8	-1.2	-1.9	-6.1	-2.6	2.4
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.966	119.2	125.2	6.1	-7.9	-1.5	-13.7	5.0
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.686	108.4	112.9	19.1	4.0	-1.8	1.1	4.2
10	Cereals.....	1.520	120.3	122.0	-2.9	-3.6	-10.3	-6.5	1.4
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.173	117.5	124.7	4.3	-13.9	8.5	-32.7	6.1
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.347	158.8	165.3	11.6	-8.3	2.7	-8.3	4.1
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.632	106.1	104.9	1.5	-1.9	1.7	-5.8	-1.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.335	110.5	110.5	4.4	0.1	0.4	4.0	0.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.421	102.5	102.4	1.7	0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.578	113.9	108.9	-6.2	-7.4	7.0	-23.1	-4.4
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.847	107.5	107.0	3.9	0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.5
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	3.039	138.3	139.6	30.0	-1.6	5.1	1.5	0.9
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.410	135.4	137.0	29.0	-2.2	4.1	1.7	1.2
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	11.085	110.1	111.0	8.9	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.8
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.916	105.0	106.8	4.1	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.7
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.614	119.3	121.0	19.0	1.1	1.7	2.4	1.4
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.055	108.1	108.1	3.7	0.1	2.2	0.3	0.0
31	Fertilizers.....	0.440	134.8	140.7	19.6	-1.9	1.3	0.0	4.4
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.597	99.2	99.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.4
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.688	106.1	106.2	6.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.1
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.378	104.7	105.0	4.8	1.1	-0.6	1.0	0.3
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.429	99.3	99.3	2.3	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.665	106.0	105.8	4.3	0.0	-0.1	1.5	-0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.488	109.2	110.3	8.5	0.5	1.9	1.4	1.0
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.431	107.4	108.6	9.1	0.2	2.1	1.5	1.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.057	115.7	116.2	5.9	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.513	111.1	111.0	3.1	0.6	1.6	0.7	-0.1
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.462	107.6	107.4	-0.9	0.4	1.7	0.8	-0.2
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.842	103.1	103.8	6.4	-0.5	-1.2	0.5	0.7
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.903	99.3	99.9	5.3	-0.3	0.9	0.3	0.6
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.670	95.3	95.1	11.8	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.2

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.588	98.5	99.7	4.2	0.1	1.9	0.4	1.2
49	Printed material.....	0.645	108.8	109.0	2.1	-1.6	0.6	0.7	0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.874	97.6	98.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.9	-0.3	0.4
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.730	91.6	92.2	-0.2	-2.4	-4.6	-1.3	0.7
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.496	95.3	95.1	-0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.376	95.7	95.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.272	106.4	107.1	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.7
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.802	99.0	99.8	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.482	95.9	95.7	-0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.271	102.6	103.3	11.2	-2.2	0.3	0.7	0.7
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.207	127.2	126.4	24.8	0.1	5.3	1.0	-0.6
72	Iron and steel.....	1.333	177.4	170.1	58.4	-1.7	16.2	-0.2	-4.1
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.399	123.3	124.3	19.1	1.9	4.0	2.8	0.8
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.415	124.5	125.4	28.7	2.4	-0.3	1.8	0.7
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.822	108.9	108.9	14.6	-2.9	0.1	1.4	0.0
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.405	102.3	102.3	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.465	110.8	111.1	2.7	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	33.639	94.8	94.8	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.635	100.0	100.0	0.9	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	15.004	89.1	89.0	-1.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	14.713	107.1	107.2	1.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.154	102.7	102.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.097	101.3	101.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.492	100.0	100.0	-0.8	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.0
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.851	104.6	104.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.492	94.4	94.5	-3.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1

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

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports <sup>1/</sup>	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2004	September 2004	Annual		Monthly		
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	49.276	106.1	106.1	7.6	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.0
Manufactured Goods.....	45.418	103.6	104.1	6.0	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.591	140.3	135.5	24.4	2.9	0.3	5.1	-3.4
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	50.724	100.3	100.7	7.9	-0.5	0.5	1.9	0.4
Manufactured Goods.....	43.453	96.9	97.2	2.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	0.3
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.173	135.6	136.6	38.3	-2.1	3.0	6.9	0.7
Canada.....	17.463	114.5	114.3	10.0	0.5	-0.1	2.0	-0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	14.664	109.5	110.4	7.0	-0.3	-0.2	1.4	0.8
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.611	143.8	137.4	23.2	4.1	0.1	4.1	-4.5
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	19.312	109.4	109.5	6.5	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1
Manufactured Goods.....	18.793	109.1	109.2	5.8	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.460	141.5	142.2	27.5	1.4	-0.9	5.7	0.5
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.761	111.9	113.2	13.4	-1.1	1.2	1.8	1.2
Manufactured Goods.....	14.150	110.6	111.6	6.9	-0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.575	136.5	138.6	37.4	-3.3	2.9	5.3	1.5
Japan.....	10.651	95.4	95.3	1.6	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	8.019	90.8	90.9	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

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.

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Table 8 U.S. Import and Export Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2004	September 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	4168	117.5	120.0	2.7	-1.6	1.9	0.3	2.1
Europe (200312=100).....	1407	107.9	112.1	n.a.	n.a.	6.0	1.8	3.9
Asia.....	2329	108.6	109.3	-5.1	-4.2	-0.4	-1.3	0.6
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Freight.....	2836	99.1	100.3	5.5	0.3	1.8	2.1	1.2

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	126.2	121.0	-3.9	9.7	2.8	-0.3	-4.1
Europe.....	11250	121.1	118.1	-7.1	11.1	1.3	-0.3	-2.5
Asia.....	2626	125.6	111.1	0.1	17.1	2.1	1.0	-11.5
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	122.3	112.9	5.2	1.8	7.5	-0.6	-7.7
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	139.6	130.1	10.3	0.2	4.7	7.7	-6.8
Europe.....	5394	158.8	151.3	7.9	4.0	5.8	-0.4	-4.7
Asia.....	8936	136.1	120.4	16.0	-3.3	4.4	21.8	-11.5
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3413	136.2	130.1	5.1	1.2	4.9	-0.5	-4.5

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 10 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Quarterly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		June 2004	September 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to Sept. 2004
<b>INBOUND</b>								
Air Freight.....	7483	116.6	118.7	5.5	0.4	2.9	0.3	1.8
Europe (200312=100).....	2466	108.0	111.6	n.a.	n.a.	7.0	0.9	3.3
Asia.....	4180	106.8	107.8	-0.4	-1.0	0.2	-0.5	0.9
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	121.1	120.3	3.5	1.4	1.1	1.7	-0.7
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	116.0	113.5	6.1	3.4	3.8	1.0	-2.2
From Atlantic.....	3022	119.2	110.5	4.8	7.3	7.5	-2.0	-7.3
From Pacific.....	2817	113.5	113.4	2.8	-0.6	1.1	2.4	-0.1
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	124.9	125.2	2.0	0.2	-0.4	2.0	0.2
<b>OUTBOUND</b>								
Air Freight.....	5193	99.0	100.7	5.4	-0.6	1.3	3.0	1.7
Europe (200312=100).....	1998	106.7	108.7	n.a.	n.a.	1.8	4.8	1.9
Asia.....	2365	97.6	98.5	2.9	-0.3	0.6	1.7	0.9

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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n.a. Not available

Table 11 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services  
September 2003-September 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		August 2004	September 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004 to Sept. 2004
<b>INBOUND</b>								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	38589	117.0	110.1	n.a.	1.3	6.2	3.8	-5.9
Europe (200312=100).....	15654	116.6	110.0	n.a.	4.4	6.6	0.6	-5.7
Asia (200312=100).....	12401	126.6	114.9	n.a.	-1.9	6.8	12.0	-9.2
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	5604	106.5	103.0	n.a.	1.3	5.6	-1.2	-3.3
Canada (200312=100).....	2905	105.8	107.1	n.a.	0.7	3.0	0.1	1.2
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-8.9	6.6	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OUTBOUND</b>								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	43898	117.7	114.2	n.a.	7.0	3.6	-0.5	-3.0
Europe (200312=100).....	21857	126.6	124.0	n.a.	9.8	1.7	-0.4	-2.1
Asia (200312=100).....	7190	118.3	106.9	n.a.	8.0	8.6	0.8	-9.6
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	9206	104.0	101.1	n.a.	1.9	3.8	-0.9	-2.8
Canada (200312=100).....	2982	109.3	107.5	n.a.	-0.6	0.8	1.0	-1.6

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