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

The U.S. Import Price Index rose 1.7 percent in August, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Higher prices for both petroleum and nonpetroleum imports contributed to the overall increase. In contrast, August export prices fell 0.5 percent as lower prices for agricultural exports more than offset an increase in nonagricultural export prices.

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>						
August	0.0	1.8	-0.3	0.0	-1.0	0.1
September	-0.5	-5.8	0.3	0.4	5.4	-0.1
October	0.1	1.6	-0.1	0.2	2.4	0.1
November	0.5	2.1	0.2	0.5	4.0	0.1
December	0.7	5.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
<u>2004</u>						
January	1.5	7.3	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 r	0.2 r	0.4	0.5	0.3
June	-0.2 r	-1.2 r	0.1 r	-0.8 r	-4.7 r	-0.2
July	0.3 r	2.0 r	0.0 r	0.5 r	-1.0	0.6
August	1.7	9.6	0.4	-0.5	-8.5	0.4
August 2002-03	2.0	12.4	0.7	0.9	3.4	0.8
August 2003-04	7.2	40.4	3.2	3.9	6.1	3.9

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

Import Goods

Import prices increased 1.7 percent in August, the tenth increase in the past eleven months and the largest monthly rise for the index since February 2003. The increase was again led by higher petroleum prices, up 9.6 percent in August and 40.4 percent over the past year. The August price index for petroleum imports was at its highest level since publication began in 1982. Nonpetroleum prices also contributed to the overall increase in import prices, rising 0.4 percent last month and marking the largest gain for that index since rising the same amount in February. Prices for nonpetroleum imports had been unchanged in July and were up 3.2 percent for the year ended in August. Overall import prices rose 7.2 percent over the same period.

The increase in nonpetroleum prices was primarily attributable to a 2.0 percent advance in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. Higher prices for lumber, metals, chemicals, and natural gas all contributed to the increase. Nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices have risen in each of the past ten months and were up 16.3 percent for the August 2003-2004 period. The price index for foods, feeds, and beverages rose a modest 0.1 percent in August and was up 5.9 percent over the past 12 months.

In contrast, prices for each of the major finished goods categories posted no change in August. Capital goods prices remained unchanged as a drop in computer prices was offset by higher prices for capital goods excluding computers. Lower computer prices continued to put downward pressure on capital goods prices, which fell 1.5 percent over the past year. The price indexes for automotive vehicles and consumer goods were up over the past 12 months, rising 1.6 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively.

Export Goods

Overall export prices fell 0.5 percent in August, the second decline in the past three months following an upward trend since September 2003. The August decline was driven by an 8.5 percent decrease in agricultural prices, the third consecutive decline for that index and the largest one-month decrease since monthly publication began in 1989. Sharp drops in soybean and corn prices were the largest contributors to the decline. Despite the recent decreases, the price index for agricultural prices was up 6.1 percent over the past 12 months. Nonagricultural prices were up 0.4 percent in August. Prices for nonagricultural exports and overall exports each rose 3.9 percent over the past year.

Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices increased 0.8 percent in August, continuing the upward trend for this index over the past year. Rising prices for chemicals, metals, and fuel all contributed to the upward movement in the index, which rose 13.1 percent for the year ended in August.

The price indexes for each of the finished goods categories posted modest increases for the second consecutive month. Prices for capital goods and for automotive vehicles both were up 0.1 percent in August, the same as in July. Capital goods prices rose 0.3 percent over the past year, while prices for automotive vehicles were up 0.8 percent. Consumer goods prices increased 0.2 percent in August following a 0.5 percent rise in July and were up 1.7 percent over the past year.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices for imports from Latin America and from the European Union were up in August, led by rising prices for petroleum products. Import prices from Latin America rose 2.5 percent, the largest monthly increase for the index since February 2003, and were up 11.2 percent for the year ended in August. The price index of imports from the European Union advanced 0.8 percent in August and 6.1 percent over the past 12 months.

Import prices from Canada rose 2.2 percent in August, continuing the recent upward trend. The August increase was the largest since February, and the index was up 10.8 percent over the past year.

Prices for imports from Japan rose a modest 0.1 percent last month after a 0.2 percent advance in July. Over the past 12 months, the price index of imports from Japan was up 1.3 percent.

In contrast, import prices from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries were unchanged in August and were down 0.7 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares declined 0.3 percent in August, following four consecutive monthly increases. The index was down 2.7 percent for the year ended in August. In contrast, export air passenger fares increased 7.7 percent in August, led by a 21.8 percent increase in Asian fares. The increase in export air passenger fares was the third consecutive monthly advance, and the index rose 9.3 percent for the year ended in August.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on October 14 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	102.0	103.7	7.2	1.5	-0.2	0.3	1.7
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	86.281	99.7	100.1	3.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	84.560	102.8	103.2	2.8	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.4
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.576	107.2	107.3	5.9	-0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	3.362	114.1	113.8	5.8	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.214	91.6	92.6	5.9	-1.2	-0.6	1.7	1.1
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	30.061	120.5	127.1	26.5	5.1	-0.3	1.0	5.5
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	16.342	112.7	114.9	16.3	1.8	0.4	0.2	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING FUELS (200112=100).....	14.621	120.5	122.9	15.2	1.5	-0.5	0.5	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.030	112.9	116.0	21.6	2.2	-1.3	0.1	2.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	7.312	112.4	113.7	10.5	1.2	2.6	0.4	1.2
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	15.441	132.7	144.4	38.6	8.6	-0.1	1.4	8.8
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	13.720	132.2	144.9	40.4	9.4	-1.2	2.0	9.6
10000	Crude.....	10.117	133.5	146.5	39.0	7.8	-1.8	3.8	9.7
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.081	100.1	100.2	5.8	1.4	0.8	1.1	0.1
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.636	107.3	108.5	6.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.1
13	Selected building materials.....	2.256	117.5	123.9	20.6	2.8	-2.5	-2.5	5.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	3.602	126.3	129.5	39.4	3.7	-1.3	1.4	2.5
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.462	109.2	111.3	12.5	0.6	0.1	1.0	1.9
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.584	98.6	98.8	1.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	22.858	92.2	92.2	-1.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
20	Electric generating equipment.....	2.803	97.5	97.8	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.3
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	17.823	90.0	90.0	-2.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.232	103.8	103.8	1.7	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.124	102.2	102.2	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	25.381	98.5	98.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	12.425	101.1	101.1	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.694	95.9	95.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.262	97.4	97.9	2.4	0.9	-0.5	0.6	0.5

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.
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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
August 2003-August 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.8	103.3	3.9	0.4	-0.8	0.5	-0.5
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	9.538	126.1	115.4	6.1	0.5	-4.7	-1.0	-8.5
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	90.462	102.1	102.5	3.9	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.4
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	8.783	128.2	116.6	6.6	0.6	-4.7	-0.8	-9.0
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	8.038	129.9	117.0	6.8	0.7	-5.0	-0.9	-9.9
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.745	111.6	112.0	2.3	-0.6	-1.2	0.2	0.4
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	26.784	111.6	112.5	12.5	1.0	-0.4	1.6	0.8
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	10.240	114.4	114.8	14.9	0.4	-0.6	2.3	0.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	16.543	110.1	111.2	10.8	1.5	-0.4	1.3	1.0
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.500	108.7	108.0	2.4	-1.0	-2.6	-1.8	-0.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	25.284	111.9	112.8	13.1	1.2	-0.3	1.9	0.8
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	2.881	117.8	119.5	19.0	7.2	-2.9	3.2	1.4
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	21.216	112.0	112.8	12.7	0.5	0.1	1.8	0.7
13	Selected building materials.....	1.187	102.9	103.5	5.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	40.986	97.9	98.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	3.973	102.1	102.2	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	29.421	94.1	94.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.592	107.7	108.0	3.1	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.3
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.439	102.5	102.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.962	100.9	101.1	1.7	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.2
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.873	100.8	101.0	2.3	0.0	-0.2	0.9	0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.351	100.9	101.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.738	100.8	101.2	0.8	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.4

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			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	102.0	103.7	7.2	1.5	-0.2	0.3	1.7
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.635	107.4	107.6	8.1	-0.3	0.7	0.6	0.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.453	133.7	133.9	23.8	2.2	3.5	3.8	0.1
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.883	86.1	87.5	6.3	-1.2	0.0	2.4	1.6
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.833	102.3	101.4	-3.9	-3.1	-0.2	-3.4	-0.9
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.414	102.7	102.9	6.5	-1.2	4.6	-4.1	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	1.053	127.1	126.8	14.9	2.1	-0.6	3.0	-0.2
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.924	105.3	105.5	1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
11	Beverages.....	0.814	105.7	105.9	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	2.165	125.6	134.0	33.3	3.6	-1.2	-0.2	6.7
24	Cork and wood.....	0.869	132.1	149.0	50.1	8.8	-2.1	-2.9	12.8
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.273	108.0	107.6	17.1	2.6	3.0	1.4	-0.4
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.389	144.4	160.1	55.6	-3.2	-2.2	2.8	10.9
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.227	101.2	97.6	0.8	2.8	-4.0	3.3	-3.6
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	15.103	133.5	145.1	36.2	8.7	-0.1	1.5	8.7
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials....	13.298	132.7	145.3	37.6	9.3	-1.1	2.1	9.5
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	1.805	134.8	139.2	27.9	5.0	8.3	-3.9	3.3
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	7.761	105.3	105.9	6.8	0.0	0.3	1.4	0.6
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.611	101.2	101.9	5.8	-0.2	0.7	1.3	0.7
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.634	125.5	127.4	20.2	1.4	1.9	4.8	1.5
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.206	101.2	101.5	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.269	107.7	107.7	5.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	0.0
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.329	93.6	93.6	2.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.611	108.3	108.2	4.9	0.3	-1.1	3.5	-0.1
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.372	102.8	103.0	1.6	0.0	-0.6	0.5	0.2
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.530	96.0	96.4	4.9	-0.3	0.1	0.8	0.4
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	12.109	106.1	107.5	12.7	1.2	-0.7	0.0	1.3
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.657	100.6	100.8	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.808	112.0	114.4	7.1	-1.0	-7.1	-5.6	2.1
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.251	96.4	96.6	1.8	0.7	0.0	0.9	0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.434	103.9	104.1	3.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.164	99.5	100.4	2.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9
67	Iron and steel.....	1.850	146.0	150.1	48.2	8.7	2.5	1.0	2.8
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.834	102.3	105.1	32.9	0.3	-4.2	0.7	2.7
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.006	102.7	103.3	5.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.6

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			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	41.024	95.0	94.9	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	2.893	101.4	101.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	1.627	107.2	107.7	5.1	0.2	-0.2	0.7	0.5
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.446	107.0	107.6	3.1	-0.6	0.3	0.7	0.6
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.124	104.1	104.3	3.9	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.536	74.9	74.4	-7.7	-0.1	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.977	84.4	84.1	-5.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	6.643	94.6	94.7	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	14.258	102.5	102.5	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	16.840	100.0	100.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.445	93.5	93.5	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.860	102.2	102.2	1.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.382	103.4	103.4	1.7	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	5.379	100.8	100.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
85	Footwear.....	1.300	100.4	100.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	1.771	99.9	99.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.2
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.950	98.1	98.1	-1.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	0.0
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.754	98.7	98.9	0.7	-0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods
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			July 2004	August 2004	Annual Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	Monthly			
						April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	103.8	103.3	3.9	0.4	-0.8	0.5	-0.5
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	6.807	120.4	117.1	8.8	0.5	-2.1	-2.9	-2.7
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	1.287	124.1	126.2	15.9	0.1	-0.3	-2.5	1.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.518	110.2	110.6	1.9	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.4
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.890	128.0	120.5	4.1	-1.2	-3.3	-9.3	-5.9
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.316	110.1	114.1	14.4	3.5	-1.9	-0.9	3.6
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.809	140.1	116.4	9.8	0.8	-6.1	6.3	-16.9
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.461	101.6	101.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
<u>2/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.525	111.8	109.6	6.7	0.8	0.6	-2.3	-2.0
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.701	101.9	102.0	4.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.450	100.3	100.3	4.3	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	5.610	129.6	115.3	12.7	-0.2	-5.2	3.2	-11.0
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	1.570	184.5	117.4	7.5	1.0	-15.3	9.5	-36.4
24	Cork and wood.....	0.550	99.0	99.1	9.0	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.1
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.675	100.1	99.5	16.6	1.6	0.4	-0.7	-0.6
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.541	102.9	101.5	-5.1	-0.9	-5.4	-5.3	-1.4
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	1.262	176.1	169.7	44.1	-3.2	-1.6	4.9	-3.6
<u>2/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	1.011	111.0	112.2	3.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.1
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	2.385	136.5	139.4	21.3	9.7	-3.6	4.8	2.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials..	1.718	133.2	136.1	20.4	12.7	-5.4	4.3	2.2
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	13.549	107.0	108.2	8.2	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.1
51	Organic chemicals.....	3.090	115.5	117.8	18.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.0
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.800	98.0	98.9	0.1	-1.4	0.5	-0.5	0.9
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.582	98.2	98.8	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	2.498	107.8	108.0	2.4	0.0	0.1	1.9	0.2
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.947	104.1	104.1	6.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
56	Fertilizers.....	0.457	139.1	140.6	15.8	-2.0	-1.9	1.2	1.1
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	2.343	106.2	107.4	13.3	0.7	0.3	2.9	1.1
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.877	97.5	97.8	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.3
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.955	104.8	106.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	10.393	108.6	109.9	9.9	0.9	0.4	1.5	1.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.774	111.9	112.1	2.4	-0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.529	101.7	101.9	3.7	0.3	0.3	2.4	0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.635	105.7	105.7	3.0	-0.1	1.3	0.3	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.471	100.1	100.3	0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2
67	Iron and steel.....	1.260	154.4	165.1	56.6	7.0	2.0	6.2	6.9
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.095	95.5	96.9	19.8	-0.5	-2.3	0.1	1.5
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.196	110.9	111.5	6.7	1.4	0.6	2.3	0.5

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

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance July 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	Monthly			
						April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
<u>2/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.432	113.3	115.8	6.1	0.2	-3.0	-4.1	2.2
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	48.392	98.3	98.4	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.877	108.9	109.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	3.708	105.7	105.9	2.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.630	100.5	100.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.729	105.3	105.4	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	5.445	86.4	86.3	-1.9	-0.2	-1.8	-0.7	-0.1
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	3.388	91.6	91.6	-1.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	11.224	88.4	88.5	-1.4	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.784	102.5	102.7	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	11.152	101.0	101.2	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.635	102.6	102.9	0.8	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.3
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	0.861	96.9	97.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.217	101.8	101.9	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	0.954	95.3	96.0	1.5	0.1	-0.2	0.8	0.7
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.098	102.0	102.2	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.4	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.387	107.7	108.0	3.4	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.3

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.623	112.6	113.2	17.9	1.7	1.0	4.5	0.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.411	137.2	137.7	25.9	2.4	4.2	4.9	0.4
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.695	85.1	86.2	4.4	-1.9	-0.2	2.3	1.3
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals; animal products.....	0.517	162.6	162.4	33.9	6.7	0.3	7.1	-0.1
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.103	99.0	97.2	-2.7	-1.5	0.1	-3.9	-1.8
07	Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	0.230	100.0	95.2	-14.5	-7.8	2.1	-12.1	-4.8
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.346	96.4	98.3	0.2	-0.2	-1.5	0.1	2.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.215	87.6	86.9	4.7	-1.2	7.9	-8.4	-0.8
<u>2/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.311	109.2	104.3	-0.8	2.3	-5.0	2.3	-4.5
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.151	109.5	110.1	4.1	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.240	101.3	101.9	1.8	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	0.6
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.824	103.7	103.9	1.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	1.087	116.7	117.5	6.7	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.7
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	15.488	133.0	144.1	37.0	8.3	0.1	1.6	8.3
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	15.169	132.1	143.4	37.6	8.5	0.1	1.5	8.6
<u>2/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.319	110.2	110.3	9.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	7.088	105.3	106.0	7.4	0.0	0.6	1.5	0.7
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.707	123.9	127.1	22.1	1.7	2.1	5.4	2.6
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.898	101.8	102.4	6.3	-0.2	0.8	1.6	0.6
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.952	107.5	107.5	5.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	0.0
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.204	98.9	99.2	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.286	105.1	105.1	1.9	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.173	96.8	96.8	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.393	92.5	93.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5
<u>2/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.476	117.9	121.2	18.0	0.8	1.5	3.0	2.8
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.753	106.9	107.0	3.7	0.0	-0.3	0.9	0.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.830	106.3	106.4	3.3	0.0	-0.6	1.4	0.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.923	108.3	108.4	4.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.719	101.4	101.4	1.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.609	101.8	101.8	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.724	124.5	133.0	25.7	3.3	-3.7	-3.9	6.8
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.850	99.0	99.2	3.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.2
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.271	107.6	107.1	16.3	2.5	3.0	1.5	-0.5
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.264	95.5	95.7	1.8	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.2
49	Printed matter.....	0.315	112.5	112.8	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.354	100.4	100.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.358	100.1	100.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	Monthly			
						April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	2.567	100.0	99.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.459	94.2	94.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.970	105.6	106.6	4.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.9
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.520	99.8	99.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.292	100.2	100.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
<u>2/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.228	97.3	97.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.021	103.8	103.9	1.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.311	99.2	99.2	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
69	Ceramic products.....	0.351	107.8	107.8	4.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.359	103.5	103.7	1.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.2
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.391	94.0	95.2	9.0	-1.2	-1.1	0.5	1.3
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	5.600	120.0	123.4	26.7	3.4	-0.8	0.9	2.8
72	Iron and steel.....	1.601	156.9	165.0	57.9	10.8	-0.6	1.0	5.2
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.379	110.8	113.0	15.7	1.3	0.7	1.7	2.0
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.465	122.2	124.6	28.1	-1.9	-3.6	2.7	2.0
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.838	107.7	109.5	13.1	1.4	-1.5	-2.5	1.7
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.407	103.7	103.7	5.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.455	107.3	108.0	6.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7
<u>2/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.454	108.2	112.8	49.0	0.9	-3.6	4.9	4.3
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	24.954	90.5	90.4	-2.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	12.919	90.8	90.6	-1.8	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	12.035	90.3	90.2	-2.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	15.898	102.9	102.9	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	14.460	102.4	102.4	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (200212=100).....	1.315	102.6	102.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.297	99.0	99.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	2.907	98.0	98.0	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.279	107.5	107.6	1.5	-0.5	0.5	0.6	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.249	97.5	97.6	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.268	99.6	99.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.743	94.8	95.1	-2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.238	98.2	98.3	2.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance July 2004 <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.930	118.7	118.7	7.8	0.3	-0.7	-2.5	0.0
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.445	107.1	107.4	-1.7	-0.8	-1.4	0.7	0.3
<u>2/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.318	114.1	111.1	1.6	3.7	-1.9	-6.1	-2.6
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	4.584	138.2	119.2	8.2	1.0	-7.9	-1.5	-13.7
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.676	107.2	108.6	15.9	1.9	4.0	-1.8	1.3
10	Cereals.....	1.621	128.6	120.3	3.7	-1.4	-3.6	-10.3	-6.5
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	1.739	174.7	117.6	7.6	1.0	-13.9	8.5	-32.7
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.377	173.1	156.3	9.1	0.9	-8.3	2.7	-9.7
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.789	112.8	107.2	5.4	0.3	-1.9	1.9	-5.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.321	106.2	110.5	4.1	-0.3	0.1	0.4	4.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.419	102.4	102.4	1.6	0.0	0.8	-0.1	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.753	149.0	118.4	10.3	0.8	-7.5	7.7	-20.5
<u>2/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.846	107.7	108.0	4.9	0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.3
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	2.891	132.0	135.0	21.0	6.4	-2.6	2.8	2.3
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	2.343	132.1	135.3	21.7	9.5	-3.7	4.8	2.4
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	10.896	108.6	109.8	8.2	0.1	0.3	0.9	1.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.886	101.9	102.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.4
29	Organic chemicals.....	3.517	116.4	118.8	18.1	0.7	1.0	1.7	2.1
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	2.039	107.6	107.8	3.6	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2
31	Fertilizers.....	0.438	134.8	136.3	16.2	-2.0	-1.9	1.3	1.1
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.592	98.5	99.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.9
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.685	106.1	106.1	7.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.373	103.7	103.7	3.6	1.1	1.1	-0.6	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.426	98.8	99.3	2.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.5
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.638	104.5	106.1	4.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	1.5
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	5.395	107.7	108.4	6.6	0.3	0.4	2.0	0.6
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	4.358	105.9	106.6	7.0	0.3	0.2	2.2	0.7
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	1.037	113.9	114.5	4.4	0.1	0.9	1.1	0.5
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.508	110.2	111.0	5.5	-1.4	0.5	1.6	0.7
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.457	106.6	107.4	2.7	-1.5	0.2	1.8	0.8
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.835	102.6	103.3	8.5	0.5	-0.5	-1.2	0.7
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.891	99.2	99.3	5.1	0.4	-0.2	1.0	0.1
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.673	96.0	95.2	16.7	1.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.8

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

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.580	98.4	98.5	2.8	0.2	0.2	2.1	0.1
49	Printed material.....	0.638	108.0	108.8	0.7	-0.5	-1.6	0.6	0.7
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.873	97.9	97.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.9	-0.2
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.737	92.8	91.8	2.1	-1.0	-2.4	-4.6	-1.1
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.494	95.1	95.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.375	95.7	95.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>2/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.267	106.4	106.4	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.802	99.3	99.4	-0.7	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.483	96.3	96.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.3	0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.250	101.9	102.6	12.4	-0.5	-2.2	0.3	0.7
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	5.073	124.4	125.9	24.9	1.3	0.1	4.0	1.2
72	Iron and steel.....	1.268	169.3	169.8	61.6	4.0	-1.7	10.7	0.3
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.357	120.0	123.6	18.3	3.3	1.9	4.1	3.0
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.406	122.3	124.5	29.7	-6.8	2.4	-0.3	1.8
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.808	107.4	108.9	15.6	1.3	-2.9	0.1	1.4
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.402	101.9	102.4	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.463	110.7	110.7	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC..	33.581	95.0	95.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	18.562	99.9	100.0	0.8	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.1
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	15.019	89.4	89.5	-1.6	0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	14.627	106.8	107.1	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	9.106	102.5	102.7	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.072	101.2	101.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.475	99.2	100.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.8
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.837	103.2	104.6	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.4
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.490	94.3	94.5	-3.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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Table 7 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes by Locality of Origin
August 2003-August 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Percentage of U.S. Imports ^{1/}	Index		Percent Change				
		July 2004	August 2004	Annual		Monthly		
				Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
<u>2/</u> Industrialized Countries.....	49.276	105.0	106.2	7.7	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.1
Manufactured Goods.....	45.418	103.0	103.6	5.6	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.6
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.591	133.8	142.0	27.9	5.7	2.8	0.7	6.1
<u>3/</u> Other Countries.....	50.724	98.3	100.2	6.6	1.7	-0.5	0.4	1.9
Manufactured Goods.....	43.453	96.1	96.8	2.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.173	126.3	135.4	29.3	5.7	-2.1	2.5	7.2
Canada.....	17.463	112.2	114.7	10.8	1.0	0.4	0.0	2.2
Manufactured Goods.....	14.664	108.0	109.6	7.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	1.5
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.611	138.0	144.9	26.1	4.8	3.9	0.1	5.0
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	19.312	108.5	109.4	6.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.8
Manufactured Goods.....	18.793	108.4	109.0	5.5	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	0.460	134.6	144.7	28.4	5.4	1.4	-0.4	7.5
<u>5/</u> Latin America.....	17.761	110.1	112.8	11.2	1.8	-1.1	1.4	2.5
Manufactured Goods.....	14.150	110.0	111.1	6.5	0.5	-0.3	0.7	1.0
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	3.575	129.9	138.6	26.5	5.9	-3.3	3.2	6.7
Japan.....	10.651	95.3	95.4	1.3	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	8.019	90.8	90.8	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.0

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2002 trade values.

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

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

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

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

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2004	June 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				June 2003 to June 2004	June 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004
IMPORT								
Air Freight.....	4168	117.1	117.4	5.3	4.8	-1.6	1.9	0.3
Europe (200312=100).....	1407	106.0	107.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.0	1.5
Asia.....	2329	110.0	108.6	4.4	10.8	-4.2	-0.4	-1.3
EXPORT								
Air Freight.....	2836	97.1	99.1	4.1	-0.1	0.3	1.8	2.1

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.
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Table 9 U.S. Import and Export Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
August 2003-August 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) <u>1/</u>	Index		Percent Change				
		July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
IMPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	18253	126.6	126.2	-2.7	0.9	9.7	2.8	-0.3
Europe.....	11250	121.5	121.1	-7.4	0.9	11.1	1.3	-0.3
Asia.....	2626	124.4	125.6	2.3	1.5	17.1	2.1	1.0
Latin America / Caribbean.....	1916	123.1	122.3	7.4	1.2	1.8	7.5	-0.6
EXPORT								
Air Passenger Fares.....	20319	129.6	139.6	9.3	-0.2	0.2	4.7	7.7
Europe.....	5394	159.5	158.8	-1.0	-2.0	4.0	5.8	-0.4
Asia.....	8936	111.7	136.1	19.4	3.3	-3.3	4.4	21.8
Latin America / Caribbean.....	3413	136.9	136.2	10.7	-2.6	1.2	4.9	-0.5

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		March 2004	June 2004	Annual	Quarterly			
				June 2003 to June 2004	June 2003 to Sept. 2003	Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2003	Dec. 2003 to March 2004	March 2004 to June 2004
INBOUND								
Air Freight.....	7483	116.2	116.5	6.5	2.8	0.4	2.9	0.3
Europe (200312=100).....	2466	107.0	107.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.0	0.7
Asia.....	4180	107.3	106.8	5.7	7.1	-1.0	0.2	-0.5
Ocean Liner Freight.....	17817	119.1	121.1	4.3	0.1	1.4	1.1	1.7
U.S. East Coast.....	6938	114.8	116.0	7.0	-1.3	3.4	3.8	1.0
From Atlantic.....	3022	121.6	119.2	13.1	0.0	7.3	7.5	-2.0
From Pacific.....	2817	110.8	113.5	2.9	0.0	-0.6	1.1	2.4
U.S. West Coast.....	10879	122.5	124.9	2.8	1.0	0.2	-0.4	2.0
OUTBOUND								
Air Freight.....	5193	96.1	98.9	3.7	0.1	-0.6	1.3	2.9
Europe (200312=100).....	1998	101.8	106.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.8	4.7
Asia.....	2365	96.0	97.6	2.4	0.4	-0.3	0.6	1.7

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised one quarter after original publication.
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Table 11 U.S. Inbound and Outbound Monthly Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Services
August 2003-August 2004 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars) 1/	Index		Percent Change				
		July 2004	August 2004	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2003 to Aug. 2004	April 2004 to May 2004	May 2004 to June 2004	June 2004 to July 2004	July 2004 to Aug. 2004
INBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	38589	112.7	117.0	n.a.	-0.6	1.3	6.2	3.8
Europe (200312=100).....	15654	115.9	116.6	n.a.	-2.8	4.4	6.6	0.6
Asia (200312=100).....	12401	113.0	126.6	n.a.	3.3	-1.9	6.8	12.0
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	5604	107.8	106.5	n.a.	-1.8	1.3	5.6	-1.2
Canada (200312=100).....	2905	105.7	105.8	n.a.	-1.8	0.7	3.0	0.1
Crude Oil Tanker Freight.....	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-5.8	-8.9	n.a.	n.a.
OUTBOUND								
Air Passenger Fares (200312=100).....	43898	118.3	117.7	n.a.	0.2	7.0	3.6	-0.5
Europe (200312=100).....	21857	127.1	126.6	n.a.	0.8	9.8	1.7	-0.4
Asia (200312=100).....	7190	117.4	118.3	n.a.	0.6	8.0	8.6	0.8
Latin America / Caribbean (200312=100).....	9206	104.9	104.0	n.a.	-0.5	1.9	3.8	-0.9
Canada (200312=100).....	2982	108.2	109.3	n.a.	4.4	-0.6	0.8	1.0

1 Trade dollar values are based on 2000 trade values.

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