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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - MARCH 2002 -

The U.S. Import Price Index increased 1.1 percent in March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase, the largest since September 2000, was attributable to a large jump in petroleum prices. The Export Price Index also increased in March, up 0.3 percent, after declining in each of the previous five months.

### Percent changes in import and export price indexes by End Use category - not seasonally adjusted -

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All Imports	Petroleum Imports	Non-petroleum Imports	All Exports	Agricultural Exports	Nonagricultural Exports
<u>2001</u>						
March	-1.6	-6.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.3	-0.2
April	-0.5	-1.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
May	0.2	4.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.3
June	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
July	-1.5	-5.4	-1.1	-0.4	0.9	-0.5
August	-0.1	1.8	-0.3	-0.2	1.0	-0.3
September	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.1
October	-2.3	-15.3	-0.5	-0.7	-1.8	-0.5
November	-1.5	-13.1	-0.2	-0.5	-1.5	-0.4
December	-1.0	-6.1	-0.4	-0.2	1.0	-0.3 r
<u>2002</u>						
January	0.4	5.5 r	0.0 r	-0.1	0.6	-0.2 r
February	-0.1	3.0 r	-0.4 r	-0.2	-2.5	0.0
March	1.1	15.7	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.2
March 2000-01	-1.6	-12.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	-0.1
March 2001-02	-5.7	-13.6	-4.2	-2.4	-2.4	-2.5

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

## Import Goods

The upturn in overall import prices in March followed a 0.1 percent dip in February and a 0.4 percent rise in January. The index had decreased for seven consecutive months prior to January and in March was down 5.7 percent below its level a year ago. The March increase was led by rising petroleum prices, which rose 15.7 percent after gaining 3.0 percent in February and 5.5 percent in January. The March increase was the largest posted for the petroleum index in almost three years. Despite the recent increases, petroleum prices fell 13.6 percent over the March 2001-2002 period. In contrast to the surge in the petroleum index, the index for nonpetroleum imports was unchanged in March after declining 0.4 percent in February. The nonpetroleum index has not increased in 14 months and fell 4.2 percent for the year ended in March.

There were offsetting movements among the commodities that comprise the nonpetroleum index. Thus, the overall increase in import prices in March was boosted by higher prices for imported industrial supplies and materials excluding petroleum—up 1.0 percent, the second increase in the past three months. The March increase was largely attributable to rising prices for natural gas, lumber, and non-monetary gold. The index for industrial supplies and materials excluding petroleum declined 11.7 percent over the past 12 months. Led by rising vegetable and coffee prices, the index for foods, feeds, and beverages also rose in March, up 0.6 percent after falling 2.3 percent in February. For the year, the index fell 4.6 percent.

In contrast, prices in each of the three major finished goods areas (capital goods, consumer goods, and automotive vehicles, parts, and engines) declined 0.2 percent in March. The index for capital goods fell for the 12<sup>th</sup> straight month and was down 3.3 percent over the year. The decline for consumer goods in March matched the 0.2 percent decline in February. For the year, the index fell 1.5 percent. The decrease for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines in March reversed the 0.2 percent increase posted in the previous month. Over the March 2001-2002 period, the index dipped 0.2 percent.

## Export Goods

Prices for overall exports increased 0.3 percent in March, which was the largest one-month increase for this index since September 2000. The index had decreased, however, in each of the previous five months and was down 2.4 percent for the year. The upturn last month was the result of rising prices for both agricultural and nonagricultural export prices. The price index for agricultural exports rose 0.6 percent in March, attributable primarily to higher prices for soybeans and vegetables. Over the past 12 months, agricultural prices fell 2.4 percent. Nonagricultural export prices also increased in March, up 0.2 percent after no change in February. The index decreased 2.5 percent over the March 2001-2002 period.

The indexes for all of the major nonagricultural commodity areas either increased or recorded no change in March. The index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials posted the largest increase, gaining 0.7 percent, as rising prices for petroleum products, chemicals, and non-monetary gold had the largest impact. Over the past year, the index was down 6.9 percent. The indexes for capital goods and automotive vehicles, parts, and engines each edged up 0.1 percent in March. Over the past 12 months, the index for capital goods fell 1.3 percent, and the index for automotive vehicles, parts, and engines rose 0.6 percent.

Export prices for consumer goods were unchanged in March after falling 0.3 percent in February and 0.4 percent in January. For the year ended in March, the index was down 0.4 percent.

### Imports by Locality of Origin

Import prices from Japan fell for the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the past 15 months, down 0.3 percent in March. Over the past 12 months, the index fell 3.8 percent. Import prices from the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries also fell, decreasing 0.2 percent for the third consecutive month. The index has not increased since December 2000 and was down 4.2 percent from March 2001 to March 2002.

In contrast, import prices from Latin America, Canada, and the European Union increased in March—led by double-digit gains for nonmanufactured goods. In March, import prices rose 3.7 percent from Latin America, 2.6 percent from Canada, and 0.2 percent from the European Union. Over the past 12 months, the Latin America index rose 4.5 percent, while prices from Canada and the European Union fell 2.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

### Import and Export Services

The import air passenger price index declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in March. For the past year, however, the index gained 2.0 percent. The export air passenger index also fell for the second straight month, falling 0.8 percent in March. Over the past 12 months, the index declined 2.1 percent.

The import price index for air freight was unchanged in the first quarter of 2002, after declining in each of the previous five quarters. For the year ended in March, the index fell 3.3 percent. The price index for export air freight decreased 2.6 percent from December 2001 to March 2002, after decreasing 0.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2001. Over the past 12 months, the index was down 4.3 percent.

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 Import and Export Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on May 9, 2002, at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

END USE	Description	Relative Importance February 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002 2/	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	91.7	92.7	-5.7	-1.0	0.4	-0.1	1.1
	ALL IMPORTS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	92.622	95.8	95.8	-4.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.0
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	4.007	93.8	94.4	-4.6	-0.6	1.5	-2.3	0.6
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	2.933	97.2	98.7	-2.3	-1.2	1.9	-3.0	1.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	1.074	86.8	85.4	-9.6	0.5	0.2	-0.2	-1.6
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	22.087	79.5	84.2	-12.3	-2.9	2.1	0.4	5.9
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	14.710	89.3	90.2	-11.7	-1.3	0.4	-1.2	1.0
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	8.123	90.0	91.2	-7.0	-0.9	0.6	0.4	1.3
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE EXCLUDING PETROLEUM.....	6.587	88.3	88.9	-16.4	-1.9	0.4	-3.3	0.7
10	Fuels & lubricants.....	8.353	65.3	74.8	-17.9	-6.2	5.0	0.9	14.5
100	Petroleum & petroleum products.....	7.378	65.1	75.3	-13.6	-6.1	5.5	3.0	15.7
10000	Crude.....	5.563	66.1	77.3	-10.0	-3.6	4.9	5.6	16.9
11	Paper & paper base stocks.....	1.126	88.8	88.1	-15.6	-1.7	-0.8	-1.3	-0.8
12	Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	4.644	96.1	95.7	-6.9	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.4
13	Selected building materials.....	1.932	96.0	101.2	10.1	-3.3	0.2	3.1	5.4
14	Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	2.941	83.8	83.9	-15.7	0.0	1.3	0.7	0.1
15	Finished metals related to durable goods.....	1.472	96.8	96.9	-1.4	-0.7	0.1	-1.2	0.1
16	Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	1.619	97.4	97.3	-4.2	0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	30.681	95.6	95.4	-3.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2
20	Electric generating equipment.....	3.671	99.5	98.3	-3.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-1.2
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	24.365	94.4	94.3	-3.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	2.644	100.6	100.6	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.1	0.0
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	17.971	100.1	99.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	25.230	98.5	98.3	-1.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	12.168	99.7	99.5	-0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	11.741	97.4	97.2	-2.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	1.321	95.7	95.9	-3.4	0.7	-0.6	-0.1	0.2

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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Table 2 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
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END USE	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	97.3	97.6	-2.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	7.092	98.3	98.9	-2.4	1.0	0.6	-2.5	0.6
	NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.....	92.907	97.2	97.4	-2.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.2
0	FOODS, FEEDS, & BEVERAGES.....	6.509	98.9	99.2	-1.8	1.0	1.3	-3.0	0.3
00	Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	5.970	99.4	99.9	-1.3	0.9	1.0	-3.1	0.5
01	Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	0.539	94.6	93.2	-6.2	1.3	4.6	-1.8	-1.5
1	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	21.800	91.4	92.0	-7.0	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.7
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, DURABLE.....	9.080	94.4	94.5	-4.2	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, NONDURABLE.....	12.721	89.5	90.5	-8.6	-1.4	-0.2	-0.3	1.1
10	Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	1.122	92.8	93.7	-7.9	1.3	-1.2	0.7	1.0
	NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.....	20.678	91.3	91.9	-6.9	-1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.7
11	Fuels & lubricants.....	1.910	83.2	85.1	-15.2	-5.6	1.8	-2.1	2.3
12	Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	17.625	92.3	92.8	-5.8	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.5
13	Selected building materials.....	1.143	94.4	94.3	-3.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
2	CAPITAL GOODS.....	48.626	99.2	99.3	-1.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1
20	Electrical generating equipment.....	5.050	102.1	102.1	1.2	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0
21	Nonelectrical machinery.....	36.275	97.3	97.4	-2.3	-0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.1
22	Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (200112=100).....	7.302	100.4	100.5	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.2	0.1
3	AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, PARTS & ENGINES.....	11.212	100.8	100.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
4	CONSUMER GOODS, EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVES.....	11.815	99.2	99.2	-0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.0
40	Nondurables, manufactured.....	5.750	98.2	98.4	-0.6	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.2
41	Durables, manufactured.....	5.392	99.9	99.5	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.4
42	Nonmanufactured consumer goods (200112=100).....	0.673	100.0	101.6	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0	1.6

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	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	91.7	92.7	-5.7	-1.0	0.4	-0.1	1.1
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	3.230	94.6	96.1	-4.8	-0.3	0.9	-1.1	1.6
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.386	108.4	108.5	6.2	-6.9	-3.1	1.9	0.1
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.753	82.0	80.4	-13.5	0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.0
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	0.849	98.6	103.0	-6.4	-2.2	6.3	-6.6	4.5
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.....	0.354	78.8	83.3	-6.1	1.7	-1.3	1.7	5.7
3/	Other food and live animals.....	0.887	107.3	108.2	3.1	3.8	0.0	1.2	0.8
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.883	102.8	102.8	2.4	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0
11	Beverages.....	0.778	103.2	103.4	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	1.909	92.7	95.6	1.2	-1.5	0.1	3.0	3.1
24	Cork and wood.....	0.751	98.6	106.6	18.7	-5.9	1.0	6.5	8.1
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.242	77.2	74.8	-27.0	-0.4	0.5	-1.2	-3.1
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.317	92.7	93.6	-3.1	1.6	0.2	1.4	1.0
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.....	0.228	91.7	91.2	-0.9	3.1	-4.0	-0.5	-0.5
3/	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.221	94.6	94.0	-1.3	0.7	1.7	0.1	-0.6
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	8.122	64.7	74.7	-17.7	-5.8	4.7	0.9	15.5
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	7.240	64.9	75.5	-12.7	-5.1	5.0	3.3	16.3
34	Gas, natural and manufactured.....	0.807	58.3	63.9	-46.3	-9.6	3.2	-17.7	9.6
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	6.613	96.8	96.3	-6.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.5
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.554	96.2	96.4	-5.0	-0.6	1.6	-1.4	0.2
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.551	97.1	97.8	-8.8	-1.3	-0.6	0.1	0.7
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.242	97.4	97.3	-4.0	0.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.1
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.315	96.4	96.3	-1.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.329	99.9	99.8	0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	0.580	97.0	90.8	-10.2	0.0	-1.3	-1.5	-6.4
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.394	100.6	100.6	-4.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	0.506	95.1	93.6	-7.7	-0.6	-1.9	-1.0	-1.6
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	11.452	92.2	92.4	-7.6	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.2
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.679	97.6	97.6	-2.1	0.1	-0.5	0.2	0.0
63	Cork and wood manufactures other than furniture.....	0.636	93.2	99.5	8.2	-1.3	2.7	2.8	6.8
64	Paper and paperboard, cut to size.....	1.313	93.7	93.5	-9.7	-1.4	-1.2	-1.4	-0.2
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related prod.....	1.370	97.8	97.0	-2.1	-0.9	1.2	-0.5	-0.8
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	2.303	97.1	97.0	-2.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
67	Iron and steel.....	1.491	90.8	91.1	-4.6	0.0	-1.0	-0.9	0.3
68	Nonferrous metals.....	1.548	77.2	76.9	-26.5	0.1	3.5	1.0	-0.4
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	1.994	98.4	98.3	-1.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	49.541	97.3	97.1	-2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	3.077	98.2	97.1	-2.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-1.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	2.044	98.5	98.6	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.704	99.2	98.6	-2.0	-0.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.6

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74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & machine parts, n.e.s.....	3.141	97.1	97.0	-2.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.1
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	7.588	88.3	88.0	-8.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	6.236	94.8	94.5	-3.7	-0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	9.911	97.7	97.5	-2.4	-0.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.2
78	Road vehicles.....	15.014	100.2	100.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	17.843	98.9	98.8	-1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
81	Prefabricated buildings; plumbing, heat & lighting fixtures, n.e.s.....	0.468	98.9	98.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	1.743	99.2	99.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers.....	0.408	99.2	99.2	-0.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	6.010	100.7	100.4	-0.7	0.0	0.1	0.4	-0.3
85	Footwear.....	1.372	99.5	99.5	-1.3	0.4	-1.0	0.2	0.0
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	2.003	98.3	98.2	-0.9	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.301	97.3	97.2	-2.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.538	97.0	96.7	-3.0	-0.7	0.2	-1.0	-0.3

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2000 trade values.

2 Data for December 2001, January and February 2002  
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3 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,  
March 2001-March 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002 2/	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
	ALL COMMODITIES.....	100.000	97.3	97.6	-2.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS.....	5.497	100.0	99.8	-2.6	0.3	1.5	-2.6	-0.2
01	Meat and meat preparations.....	0.915	91.2	93.7	-8.7	-1.4	-4.8	-2.0	2.7
03	Fish, crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof.....	0.371	91.0	88.9	-10.2	0.2	4.3	-1.5	-2.3
04	Cereals and cereal preparations.....	1.608	105.8	105.3	-2.4	1.9	1.0	-2.3	-0.5
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts, fresh or dried.....	1.154	102.5	102.0	4.2	0.9	9.8	-7.2	-0.5
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals).....	0.570	101.3	99.6	-1.1	-1.3	-2.1	1.0	-1.7
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations.....	0.415	100.4	100.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
<u>3/</u>	Other food and live animals.....	0.463	98.5	98.0	-1.3	-2.1	-1.0	-0.5	-0.5
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.....	0.920	98.1	97.6	-1.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures.....	0.708	97.7	97.1	-1.8	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.6
2	CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.....	3.442	86.8	87.8	-8.5	0.9	0.0	-0.3	1.2
22	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits.....	0.684	89.4	92.0	-2.6	2.0	0.8	-2.4	2.9
24	Cork and wood.....	0.528	87.6	87.2	-9.3	-0.8	0.1	-0.6	-0.5
25	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.471	73.4	73.7	-18.2	-0.3	-1.8	-3.2	0.4
26	Textile fibers and their waste.....	0.382	86.6	86.2	-11.7	2.4	1.5	1.5	-0.5
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap.....	0.517	87.0	88.1	-4.2	0.6	3.7	2.5	1.3
<u>3/</u>	Other crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....	0.860	98.1	100.0	-4.1	0.6	-2.4	0.7	1.9
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.....	1.553	84.0	89.5	-12.6	-6.7	5.3	-3.2	6.5
32	Coal, coke and briquettes.....	0.346	109.7	110.9	11.7	-0.1	0.6	0.2	1.1
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials.....	1.061	76.5	83.6	-15.7	-7.8	7.4	-4.5	9.3
5	CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.....	10.470	92.2	93.3	-5.5	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.2
51	Organic chemicals.....	2.150	82.8	84.7	-11.7	-1.5	-2.0	0.7	2.3
52	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.766	101.3	101.6	-2.4	0.3	-1.3	-0.2	0.3
53	Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials.....	0.559	97.0	97.3	-2.3	-0.3	-1.9	2.6	0.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products.....	1.821	100.8	101.2	2.0	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.4
55	Essential oils; polishing and cleansing preps.....	0.735	96.8	97.3	-2.9	-0.1	-1.7	-0.3	0.5
56	Fertilizers.....	0.322	96.3	98.1	-6.8	2.4	2.3	0.1	1.9
57	Plastics in primary forms.....	1.624	85.7	87.7	-10.3	-2.3	-1.3	0.4	2.3
58	Plastics in nonprimary forms.....	0.814	95.8	95.9	-1.7	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.....	1.679	97.3	97.7	-1.4	-1.1	0.3	-0.6	0.4
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.....	9.677	97.4	96.9	-3.3	0.1	0.6	0.1	-0.5
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.....	0.743	100.5	100.9	0.5	0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.4
64	Uncoated Paper/paperboard, and linerboard.....	1.432	94.8	92.4	-6.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	-2.5
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, and made-up articles, n.e.s.....	1.485	98.7	98.7	-0.1	-0.9	1.4	-0.2	0.0
66	Nonmetallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.....	1.463	101.5	102.6	2.8	0.7	-0.4	-0.2	1.1
67	Iron and steel.....	0.836	96.4	96.6	-0.2	-0.6	0.7	0.0	0.2
68	Nonferrous metals.....	0.977	85.9	85.2	-18.8	1.6	2.6	0.7	-0.8
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.....	2.334	102.9	102.0	1.1	-0.1	0.9	0.3	-0.9
<u>3/</u>	Other manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (200112=100).....	0.407	99.3	100.3	n.a.	n.a.	-1.1	0.4	1.0
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	55.289	99.3	99.4	-1.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1

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Table 4 U.S. Export Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
March 2001-March 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

SITC Rev. 3	Description	Relative Import- ance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002 <u>1/</u>	March 2002 <u>2/</u>	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
71	Power generating machinery and equipment.....	4.817	104.7	104.8	2.7	-0.2	0.7	0.1	0.1
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries.....	4.527	100.9	101.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
73	Metalworking machinery.....	0.912	99.8	99.8	-1.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.9	0.0
74	General industrial machinery, equipment, & parts, n.e.s.....	4.909	102.0	102.2	1.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.2
75	Computer equipment and office machines.....	7.429	92.9	92.6	-5.3	-1.4	-0.4	0.4	-0.3
76	Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment.....	4.478	97.5	97.3	-2.5	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.2
77	Electrical machinery and equipment.....	14.526	94.7	94.8	-4.4	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	0.1
78	Road vehicles.....	8.325	100.2	100.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	12.085	100.4	100.4	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
82	Furniture and parts thereof.....	0.731	101.7	101.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.....	1.174	98.2	98.3	1.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.....	4.521	101.1	101.2	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.1
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.....	1.160	96.7	96.6	-2.5	-0.9	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.....	4.112	100.9	100.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
<u>3/</u>	Other miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.387	101.7	101.7	1.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0

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Table 5 U.S. Import Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Categories of Goods,  
March 2001-March 2002 2000=100, unless otherwise noted

Harmonized System	Description	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
		1/	2/						
I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.272	90.8	90.2	-8.2	-2.0	-0.2	0.9	-0.7
02	Meat and edible meat offal.....	0.335	108.1	107.6	3.2	-7.8	-3.0	1.8	-0.5
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.609	81.7	80.2	-13.3	-0.2	0.2	-1.3	-1.8
<u>3/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.328	102.0	103.3	-5.4	-0.5	2.0	4.4	1.3
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	1.138	91.1	94.0	-7.8	-0.7	0.6	-4.9	3.2
07	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers.....	0.250	100.6	112.2	-17.0	-12.3	16.2	-15.0	11.5
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.341	92.7	89.6	-9.3	4.8	-4.4	-5.4	-3.3
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	0.206	68.7	76.3	-6.8	-0.3	-1.9	0.7	11.1
<u>3/</u>	Other vegetable products.....	0.341	98.9	97.9	1.2	2.8	-3.9	0.7	-1.0
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	1.985	102.2	101.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.8	-1.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.258	103.4	96.8	0.7	1.4	4.0	5.1	-6.4
22	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	0.793	102.3	102.3	1.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0
<u>3/</u>	Other prepared foodstuffs.....	0.934	101.9	101.6	-0.2	0.9	-0.2	0.4	-0.3
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	8.534	65.9	75.4	-17.5	-5.6	4.3	1.7	14.4
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	8.307	64.7	74.2	-18.5	-5.9	4.4	1.9	14.7
<u>3/</u>	Other mineral products (200112=100).....	0.227	98.3	98.4	n.a.	n.a.	-1.8	0.1	0.1
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	5.920	95.4	95.5	-6.5	-0.4	0.4	-0.9	0.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.600	93.2	93.8	-11.9	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	0.6
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.681	94.4	94.8	-5.8	-0.4	1.3	-1.4	0.4
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.102	97.3	97.1	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.6	-0.2
32	Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	0.244	97.0	97.0	-4.0	0.5	1.0	-0.4	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids (200112=100).....	0.246	99.6	99.5	n.a.	n.a.	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.235	97.2	96.9	-3.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	0.385	94.7	93.9	-7.9	-1.3	-2.2	-2.0	-0.8
<u>3/</u>	Other products of the chemical or allied industries.....	0.427	97.2	96.8	-8.9	0.2	-0.8	0.3	-0.4
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	2.620	96.4	96.1	-4.7	-0.1	-0.4	-1.1	-0.3
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	1.705	96.1	95.4	-6.4	0.0	-0.3	-2.4	-0.7
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.915	97.0	97.5	-1.3	0.0	-0.7	1.4	0.5
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.790	98.2	98.1	-1.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
42	Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	0.658	99.0	99.0	-0.7	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	1.406	94.9	102.7	14.0	-4.6	0.2	4.7	8.2
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	1.912	92.5	92.0	-11.2	-1.3	-0.4	-1.1	-0.5
47	Pulp wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; waste paper/paperboard.....	0.240	76.9	74.6	-26.7	-0.4	0.5	-1.2	-3.0
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.321	92.9	92.8	-10.9	-1.8	-1.3	-1.4	-0.1
49	Printed matter.....	0.351	110.4	110.0	6.6	0.1	2.1	0.1	-0.4
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	6.914	99.5	99.0	-0.6	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.5
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	2.428	98.9	98.4	-1.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5

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			February 2002 2/	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	3.082	101.1	100.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	1.0	-0.2
63	Made-up or worn textile articles.....	0.414	97.8	97.8	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
<u>3/</u>	Other textile & textile articles.....	0.990	96.9	95.5	-1.3	-0.8	3.1	-0.6	-1.4
XII	HEADGEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.....	1.616	99.5	99.5	-1.1	0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.0
64	Footwear and parts of such articles.....	1.374	99.6	99.5	-1.2	0.3	-1.0	0.3	-0.1
<u>3/</u>	Other footwear, headgear, umbrellas, whips, art. flowers, etc.....	0.242	99.1	99.2	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	1.115	100.7	100.6	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (200112=100).....	0.321	99.9	99.5	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
69	Ceramic products.....	0.377	99.5	99.5	1.2	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.417	102.2	102.1	0.1	1.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	2.389	86.2	86.3	-18.2	-1.1	2.1	0.0	0.1
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL.....	4.802	90.9	91.3	-5.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4
72	Iron and steel.....	1.210	89.2	89.5	-4.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.3	0.3
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.255	96.1	96.9	-1.4	-0.4	-0.7	-1.0	0.8
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.434	90.5	91.6	-6.4	2.2	-0.1	0.9	1.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.779	93.0	94.1	-7.2	-0.1	1.4	-0.5	1.2
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.416	99.0	98.8	-1.9	-0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.430	99.4	99.2	-1.2	-0.2	-1.0	0.3	-0.2
<u>3/</u>	Miscellaneous nonferrous metals and articles, including scrap.....	0.279	66.3	64.1	-25.3	-0.2	1.1	5.1	-3.3
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE & SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC.....	32.504	95.5	95.1	-3.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	15.853	94.7	94.3	-4.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
85	Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	16.651	96.3	96.0	-3.0	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	16.948	100.5	100.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	15.279	100.2	100.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	3.782	98.1	98.0	-1.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
90	Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	3.326	97.8	97.7	-1.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	0.326	100.6	100.6	0.5	-0.2	-1.1	-0.3	0.0
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	4.189	98.0	97.8	-1.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2
94	Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldg.....	2.180	98.4	98.4	-1.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	1.751	97.9	97.5	-1.6	0.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.4
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	0.258	96.9	96.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.3

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I	LIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL PRODUCTS.....	1.491	93.4	94.2	-8.1	-0.9	-1.8	-2.3	0.9
02	Meat & edible meat offal.....	0.870	93.4	96.2	-6.9	-1.6	-4.7	-2.2	3.0
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	0.331	90.4	88.3	-11.7	1.8	5.9	-1.5	-2.3
<u>3/</u>	Other live animals and animal products.....	0.289	101.2	98.7	-5.3	-2.3	-1.3	-3.3	-2.5
II	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS.....	3.322	101.6	102.2	0.2	1.9	3.0	-4.2	0.6
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	0.518	93.6	92.6	2.8	0.5	-3.0	-5.2	-1.1
10	Cereals.....	1.424	105.8	105.2	-3.0	2.2	1.2	-2.6	-0.6
12	Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	0.857	93.3	95.6	0.3	1.5	0.8	-1.9	2.5
III	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS.....	0.245	119.9	113.5	21.3	6.2	-2.8	-0.2	-5.3
IV	PREPARED FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, AND TOBACCO.....	2.610	99.7	99.0	-0.5	-0.8	-0.4	0.5	-0.7
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	0.313	102.5	102.3	1.6	-1.1	1.3	2.1	-0.2
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	0.356	100.7	100.7	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	0.518	101.6	100.2	-1.4	-2.6	-2.1	1.3	-1.4
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.....	0.710	97.8	97.1	-1.9	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.7
<u>3/</u>	Other prepared foods.....	0.713	99.8	98.9	1.4	-1.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.9
V	MINERAL PRODUCTS.....	1.941	86.1	89.2	-10.0	-4.9	4.9	-2.4	3.6
27	Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral wax.....	1.594	85.8	89.7	-10.9	-5.8	5.6	-2.9	4.5
VI	PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES.....	8.546	92.9	93.9	-5.2	-0.6	-1.0	0.0	1.1
28	Inorganic chemicals.....	0.820	100.0	100.7	-1.7	0.1	0.5	-0.5	0.7
29	Organic chemicals.....	2.417	83.3	85.7	-11.5	-1.3	-3.2	0.5	2.9
30	Pharmaceutical products.....	1.447	99.3	99.8	0.8	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.5
31	Fertilizers.....	0.325	96.6	98.4	-6.5	2.5	2.3	0.1	1.9
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	0.582	98.2	98.2	-1.8	-0.2	-0.7	1.1	0.0
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet.....	0.542	99.3	99.9	-0.4	-0.1	1.3	-0.4	0.6
34	Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	0.312	97.1	97.1	-2.8	0.0	-3.2	0.4	0.0
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.....	0.441	93.4	93.3	-4.5	-2.0	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	1.421	96.6	96.8	-1.8	-1.0	0.1	-0.6	0.2
VII	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF; RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.....	4.551	93.8	94.7	-4.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	1.0
39	Plastics and articles thereof.....	3.602	92.5	93.5	-5.1	-1.0	-0.6	0.2	1.1
40	Rubber and articles thereof.....	0.949	98.5	98.9	-3.5	0.1	-0.9	0.0	0.4
VIII	RAW HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER, FURSKINS, TRAVEL GOODS, ETC.....	0.444	95.9	100.2	-7.9	0.7	-4.0	1.2	4.5
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	0.315	95.0	100.5	-11.1	1.0	-5.7	1.6	5.8
IX	WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL, CORK, STRAW, BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK.....	0.806	90.8	90.6	-6.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.2
X	WOODPULP, RECOVERED PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS.....	2.581	89.9	88.8	-7.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-1.2
47	Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	0.470	72.8	72.9	-19.3	-0.1	-1.8	-2.8	0.1

See footnotes at end of table

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

Harmoni- zied System	Description	Relative Import- ance  February 2002 1/	Index		Percent Change				
			February 2002 2/	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
					March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	1.476	93.4	91.3	-6.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-2.2
49	Printed material.....	0.635	102.4	102.6	1.8	0.0	0.5	-0.1	0.2
XI	TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES.....	2.872	94.1	94.2	-3.4	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.1
52	Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	0.396	76.1	76.0	-20.5	2.1	-0.5	-1.9	-0.1
54	Manmade filaments, yarns and woven fabrics (200112=100).....	0.320	99.3	99.5	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	-1.2	0.2
61	Apparel & clothing knitted or crocheted (200112=100).....	0.615	99.6	99.6	n.a.	n.a.	-0.7	0.3	0.0
62	Apparel Articles & Accessories, not knitted.....	0.474	96.4	96.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
<u>3/</u>	Other textile and textile articles (200112=100).....	1.067	102.4	102.5	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	2.1	0.1
XIII	STONE, PLASTER, CEMENT, ASBESTOS, CERAMICS, GLASS ETC.....	0.863	100.7	100.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.8	-0.1	0.0
70	Glass and glassware.....	0.533	100.3	100.2	-1.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.0	-0.1
XIV	PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, IMITATION JEWELRY, AND COINS.....	1.823	85.8	88.3	-14.5	2.2	1.1	0.5	2.9
XV	BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METALS.....	4.281	97.0	96.7	-2.6	-0.3	0.7	0.6	-0.3
72	Iron and steel.....	0.664	91.4	92.2	-0.6	-1.3	1.8	0.3	0.9
73	Articles of iron or steel.....	1.291	101.4	101.2	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.2
74	Copper and articles thereof.....	0.445	91.2	90.7	-7.4	1.5	0.0	2.0	-0.5
76	Aluminum and articles thereof.....	0.725	93.4	93.5	-7.8	-0.4	0.4	1.0	0.1
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	0.424	101.6	101.3	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	-0.3
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	0.471	104.6	104.7	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.1
XVI	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, TV IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS, PARTS, ETC...	41.560	97.9	97.9	-2.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	21.798	99.6	99.6	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	19.762	95.7	95.7	-3.7	0.0	-0.7	-0.3	0.0
XVII	VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.....	13.792	102.5	102.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
87	Motor vehicles and their parts.....	8.588	100.1	100.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1
XVIII	OPTICAL, PHOTO, MEASURING, MEDICAL & MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS; & TIMEPIECES.....	6.422	100.5	100.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1
XX	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.....	1.680	101.6	101.5	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
94	Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	0.925	102.0	102.0	1.4	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
95	Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	0.585	101.5	101.4	2.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1

- 1 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.  
2 Data for December 2001, January and February 2002 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents. All data are subject to revision in each of the three months after original publication.

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

n.a. Not available

NOTE: Published categories may include price data not shown separately

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

Description 1/	Relative Importance	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2002	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
<u>3/</u> Developed Countries.....	100.000	95.6	96.6	-3.6	0.8	0.2	0.0	1.0
Manufactured Goods.....	92.016	95.6	95.7	-4.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	7.243	98.4	111.2	7.0	18.0	4.9	5.0	13.0
<u>3/</u> Developing Countries.....	100.000	96.5	99.2	2.3	6.7	0.3	0.2	2.8
Manufactured Goods.....	82.128	95.3	95.7	-3.9	-1.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.4
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	17.683	102.5	117.0	31.6	42.9	4.0	2.8	14.1
Canada.....	100.000	97.6	100.1	-2.4	1.3	0.5	1.0	2.6
Manufactured Goods.....	83.650	98.1	98.9	-2.7	-0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.8
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	14.693	96.8	109.6	1.4	14.1	5.5	5.7	13.2
<u>4/</u> European Union.....	100.000	98.6	98.8	-0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.2
Manufactured Goods.....	97.288	98.3	98.2	-1.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.1
Nonmanufactured Goods.....	2.407	109.6	123.9	29.1	30.9	3.0	6.9	13.0
<u>5/</u> Latin America .....	100.000	100.3	104.0	4.5	8.8	0.4	-0.1	3.7
Manufactured Goods .....	78.628	100.5	101.4	-2.7	-1.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.9
Nonmanufactured Goods .....	21.202	101.7	116.0	29.9	41.2	4.7	0.1	14.1
Japan.....	100.000	95.9	95.6	-3.8	-0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.3
<u>6/</u> Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.....	100.000	93.4	93.2	-4.2	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

1 Regions are not mutually exclusive.

2 Data for December 2001, January and February 2002 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents.

3 Defined according to the United Nations definition.

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

7 Relative importance figures are based on 2000 trade values.

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2001	March 2002	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2001 to March 2002	March 2001 to June 2001	June 2001 to Sept. 2001	Sept. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to March 2002
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Freight	4168	95.6	95.6	-3.3	-2.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
Atlantic	1519	97.5	95.8	-5.8	-4.1	0.5	-0.5	-1.7
Pacific	2412	93.5	92.7	-4.0	-2.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.9
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Freight	2836	97.9	95.4	-4.3	-1.3	0.2	-0.7	-2.6

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2002	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
<b>IMPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares	18253	103.4	103.1	2.0	3.1	0.1	-2.3	-0.3
Atlantic	11998	96.8	97.4	0.7	-0.3	2.2	-1.8	0.6
Pacific	3407	103.1	99.4	1.7	12.0	-6.2	-2.0	-3.6
Latin American / Caribbean	1916	111.0	111.0	0.2	3.7	1.1	-6.2	0.0
<b>EXPORT</b>								
Air Passenger Fares	20319	98.3	97.5	-2.1	-0.3	2.8	-2.9	-0.8
Atlantic	5546	105.9	105.7	2.2	0.1	2.3	-1.5	-0.2
Pacific	9563	86.9	87.2	-9.2	-0.9	3.1	-7.1	0.3
Latin American / Caribbean	3474	127.7	122.6	11.0	3.1	4.0	2.7	-4.0

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		December 2001	March 2002	Annual	Quarterly			
				March 2001 to March 2002	March 2001 to June 2001	June 2001 to Sept. 2001	Sept. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to March 2002
Air Freight (Inbound)	7483	95.1	93.8	-4.2	-2.9	-0.2	0.2	-1.4
Atlantic	2607	99.5	97.6	-3.9	-3.4	0.0	1.4	-1.9
Pacific	4314	91.8	89.5	-6.2	-2.7	-0.6	-0.4	-2.5
Air Freight (Outbound)	5193	97.8	95.3	-4.8	-2.1	-0.4	0.2	-2.6
Atlantic	2094	98.4	97.3	-2.6	-2.3	-0.4	1.2	-1.1
Pacific	2639	98.1	95.1	-5.3	-2.0	-0.2	-0.1	-3.1
Ocean Liner Freight (Inbound)	17817	92.8	91.7	-10.8	-1.9	-2.7	-5.4	-1.2
U.S. East Coast	6938	97.0	95.8	-9.5	-5.4	-1.3	-1.8	-1.2
from Atlantic	3022	102.1	101.2	-0.1	0.0	1.0	-0.2	-0.9
from Pacific	2817	88.0	86.9	-13.7	-4.0	-4.6	-4.7	-1.2
U.S. West Coast	10879	90.7	89.5	-11.6	0.0	-3.5	-7.2	-1.3

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available

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

Description	Trade (Mil. of Dollars)	Index		Percent Change				
		February 2002	March 2002	Annual	Monthly			
				March 2001 to March 2002	Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2001	Dec. 2001 to Jan. 2002	Jan. 2002 to Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002 to March 2002
Air Passenger Fares (U.S. Carrier)	45965	103.9	103.2	1.3	0.6	2.0	-1.6	-0.7
<u>1/</u> Atlantic	16441	105.7	105.9	2.6	0.2	0.8	-1.0	0.2
<u>1/</u> Pacific	14973	93.5	93.3	-4.9	0.4	2.5	-5.5	-0.2
<u>1/</u> Latin American / Caribbean	10764	124.8	121.9	9.6	2.7	3.5	1.4	-2.3
Canadian	3519	103.5	103.3	3.7	-2.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2
Air Passenger Fares (Foreign Carrier)	39205	99.7	99.4	-1.3	1.0	1.6	-2.6	-0.3
<u>1/</u> Atlantic	22657	98.4	98.9	-1.8	-0.8	1.1	-1.4	0.5
<u>1/</u> Pacific	10073	92.9	92.0	-5.4	2.3	1.7	-5.6	-1.0
Latin American / Caribbean	4107	115.3	111.6	2.6	3.7	4.2	-3.4	-3.2
<u>1/</u> Crude Oil Tanker Freight (Inbound)	3434	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-14.4	n.a.	n.a.

1 Detailed data available upon request.

n.a. Not available



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