

## **The Price Indices for April 2017**

### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in April 2017 (2011=100) increased 0.27% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments, vegetables, tobacco and betel nuts, entertainment expenses, and medical care services rose 13.68%, 3.88%, 2.77%, 1.13%, and 0.77% respectively. Nonetheless, prices of fruits and fuels and lubricants fell 12.95% and 1.11% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.71%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, rose 0.12%. Prices of fuels and lubricants, tobacco and betel nuts, fish and seafood, meats, and food away from home increased 12.24%, 6.76%, 5.06%, 2.19%, and 1.97% respectively. Additionally, prices of transportation fees, medical care services, and water, electricity and gas supply rose 1.84%, 1.81%, and 1.58%. On the other hand, prices of vegetables, eggs, communication fees, and garments fell 34.54%, 8.20%, 1.47%, and 1.33%. The core CPI increased 1.01%.

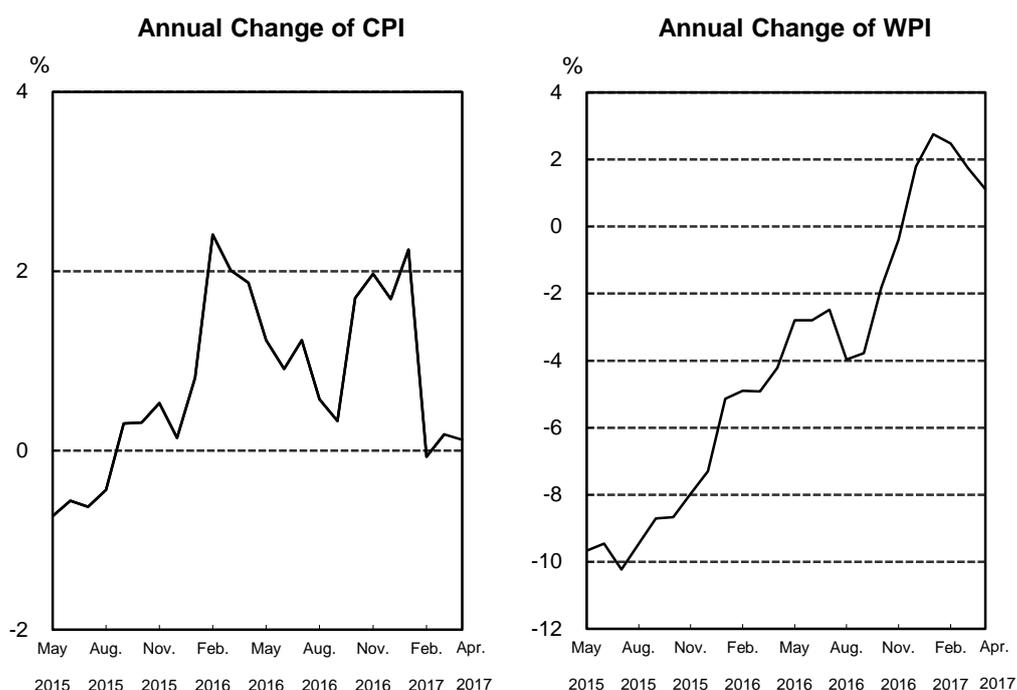
For the first four months of 2017, the CPI increased 0.61% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services rose 0.17% and 0.94%. The core CPI increased 0.94%.

### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in April 2017 decreased 0.83% from the preceding month. Prices of chemical materials, petroleum and coal products, computer, electronic and optical products, and electronic parts and components fell 4.20%, 1.34%, 0.82%, and 0.68%. However, prices of poultry and livestock products and farm products increased 4.14% and 1.55%.

The annual change of WPI in April 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, increased 1.12%. Prices of quarrying products and other mineral products, crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, basic metals, chemical materials, and fabricated metal products rose 34.02%, 23.34%, 20.67%, 13.58%, 6.64%, and 3.38%. However, prices of farm products, machinery and equipment, computer, electronic and optical products, electronic parts and components, chemical products and medical goods, and transport equipment and parts decreased 5.05%, 4.88%, 4.71%, 4.03%, 3.86%, and 3.59%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 3.87%, import price index increased 1.29%, but export price index decreased 1.17%.

For the first four months of 2017, the WPI increased 2.02% over the same period of previous year.



### Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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