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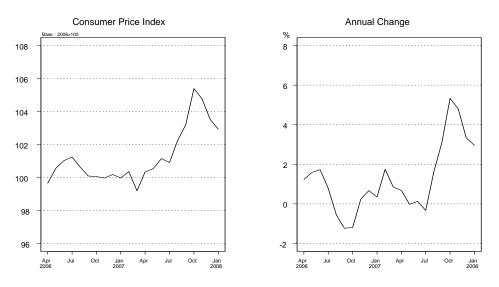
The Price Indices for January 2008

In order to go in line with the up-to-date expenditure patterns of households, economy and production structure, the base was revised once every five years for Consumer, Wholesale, Import, Export Price Indices and Construction Cost Index. The base was shifted to 2006 from 2001 since January 2008.

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in January 2008 was 102.93 (2006=100), down 0.57% from last month, due mainly to sufficient supply of Vegetables which price declined 31.38%, and Clothing down 5.10% for stores in promotion period, while Entertainment Expense rose 1.54% for traveling fee became expensive during winter vacation. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went up 0.06%

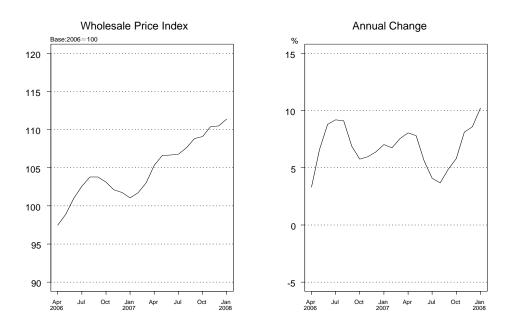
The annual change rate for CPI in January 2008 was 2.96%. Prices of Food increased 5.29%, where Vegetables down 30.06%, Eggs up 28.82%, Fruits up 24.95%, Dairy Products up 14.76%, Meat up 10.69%, Cereals & Cereal Products up 10.03%, Food Away from Home up 6.16%. Transportation & Communication prices advanced 4.56%, due mainly to prices of Fuels & Lubricants jumped 17.66% and Taxi fees raised 12.14%. Medicines & Medical Care prices went up 4.69%, due primarily to shortage of Chinese Herbal Medicine which price rose 20.48%. The core CPI, moved up 2.71%.



Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2008 was 111.38 (2006=100), up 0.81% from last month, due mainly to prices of Basic Metal, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Machinery and Equipment decreased 2.30%, 1.99% and 1.51% respectively, whereas Electronic Parts and Components fell 0.53%, Computer, Electronic and Optical Products down 0.30%.

The WPI in January 2008 increased 10.21% from the same month of previous year, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products, Basic Metal, and Chemical Material advanced 65.34%, 32.21%, 15.11% and 13.48% individually. Besides, the Import and Export Price Index rose 16.94% and 3.10% separately.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Jan. 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2008 (2006=100)	-	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	102.93	-0.57	2.96
Basic Group				
1. Food	260.82	105.04	-1.71	5.29
Meat	23.08	110.97	1.10	10.69
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	111.30	2.49	4.86
Vegetables	24.81	69.70	-31.38	-30.06
Fruits	27.59	116.40	3.16	24.95
2. Clothing	41.72	104.03	-5.10	3.77
Garments	26.97	103.03	-7.39	
3. Housing	279.47	100.93	0.04	
Residential Rent	185.40	100.55	0.09	
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	102.12	0.08	
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	104.07	0.17	
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	114.59	0.07	17.66
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	101.53	0.13	1.37
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	105.13	-0.06	
Medical Care Services	33.02	100.90	-0.01	0.76
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	119.80	-0.26	
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	101.16	0.46	
Educational Expense	111.25	100.59	-0.14	
Entertainment Expense	60.22	102.16	1.54	
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	101.67	0.03	0.81
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	103.96	0.86	1.78
Commodity and Service Groups				
1. Commodity	437.11	103.88	-1.58	
(Excluding Food)	264.95	103.62	-0.79	
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	105.08	-1.49	
(Excluding Food)	126.96	106.36	0.25	6.11
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	102.40	-3.71	2.05
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	99.09	-0.08	-0.78
2. Service	562.89	101.95	0.24	
Food	88.66 209.54	106.74 100.33	0.38 0.12	
Housing	209.34	100.33	0.12	
Transportation & Communication Medical Care	33.02	101.32	-0.01	0.76
Education & Entertainment	129.64	100.90	-0.01	
Miscellaneous	23.83	98.10	-1.55	
Special Groups	25.05	90.10	-1.55	-1.37
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	103.39	0.11	3.17
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	103.09	-0.15	
General Index Excluding Food General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	102.87	0.06	

Note :Due to late reports and corrections by respondents all data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Jan. 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	111.38	0.81	10.21
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	111.50		9.79
Imports	327.09	117.34		16.94
Exports	365.05	104.09		3.10
Basic Group				
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	124.45	3.17	24.75
Husbandry Products				
(1)Farm Products	12.87	133.62	0.86	33.31
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	121.10	5.07	26.46
(3)Forest Products	0.41	108.45	-1.86	-6.42
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	109.46	7.04	7.37
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	139.64		54.09
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	141.15		
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	128.24		20.75
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	140.22		
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	108.68		
(1)Foods	18.50			
(2)Beverages	5.34	101.09		1.10
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	102.88		0.29
(4)Textile Products	21.67	107.00		4.83
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65 4.97	98.72 105.28		-1.76 1.94
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products		105.28		2.46
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	2.15 15.11	110.39		8.56
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	129.09		32.21
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	118.36		13.48
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	104.77		4.13
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	106.39	0.66	5.16
(12)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	109.51	1.48	8.03
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	126.72	2.30	
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	112.14		5.35
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	92.02		-6.93
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	92.90		-5.25
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	106.24	0.55	5.21
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	104.47	1.51	4.29
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	102.49	0.61	2.32
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	103.42	0.18	3.20
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	102.80		1.24
4.Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	102.70	0.00	0.81
By Stage of Processing				
1.Raw Materials	138.48	137.99		45.87
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	112.55		
3.Finished Goods	140.17	104.41	0.95	4.79
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	102.04		
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	105.41	0.65	5.80
Special Groups	624.05	114.20	1.05	12 12
Domestic Sales	634.95	114.36		13.12
Domestic Products	672.91	108.38		6.86
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	107.12		5.22
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	109.15	0.53	6.94

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Jan. 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)			<u>.</u>	
General Index	1,000.00	117.34	1.43	16.94
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	141.81	2.67	25.36
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	140.97	2.94	57.12
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.41	0.12	2.21
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	113.23	0.96	5.80
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	113.91	0.55	9.75
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	127.03	3.13	15.45
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	104.74	2.05	5.22
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	92.61	-1.36	-7.51
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	105.35	2.26	5.84
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	113.04	1.76	9.40
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	117.95	1.58	18.39
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	142.57	2.83	26.91
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	141.65	3.09	59.05
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.96	0.28	3.48
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	113.83	1.11	7.11
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	114.52	0.70	11.11
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	127.79	3.29	16.87
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	105.26	2.20	6.52
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	93.09	-1.21	-6.37
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	105.87	2.41	7.13
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	113.61	1.92	10.74

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Jan. 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)		-	-	-
General Index	1,000.00	104.09	-0.02	3.10
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	107.98	2.72	10.44
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	106.53	-0.12	4.52
3.Wood, Paper,Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	108.63	0.15	5.87
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	113.79	0.57	9.39
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	113.24	-0.14	4.87
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	101.50	0.43	1.54
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	92.42	-0.51	-5.34
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	104.27	0.48	2.61
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	116.11	0.10	19.34
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	104.63	0.12	4.38
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	108.53	2.89	11.82
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	107.08	0.04	5.82
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	109.19	0.29	7.18
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	114.40	0.73	10.75
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	113.88	0.01	6.16
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	102.01	0.58	2.79
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	92.88	-0.35	-4.17
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	104.81	0.64	3.88
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	116.71	0.26	20.83

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