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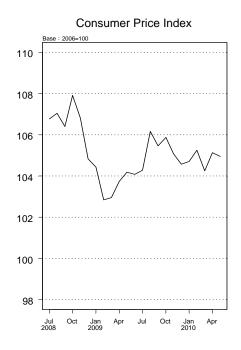
# The Price Indices for May 2010

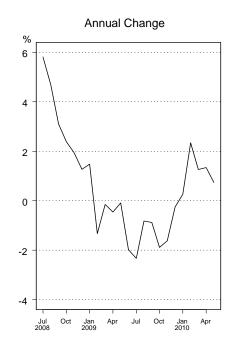
## **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in May 2010 was 104.95 (2006=100), falling 0.17% from previous month. Due mainly to price of Personal Care Service went down 6.5% around Mother's Day, Fruits prices moved down 1.15% and Educational Expense decreased 0.16%, while prices of Maintenance & Repairs and Entertainment Expense went up 0.48% and 0.14% individually. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, moved down 0.17%.

The annual change for CPI in May 2010, compared with the same month of previous year, advanced 0.74%. Tobacco & Betelnut price went up 18.43%, Transportation & Communication prices moved up 3.72%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants increased 15.72%. Food prices declined 0.41%, of which prices Fruits and Vegetables went down 5.99% and 3.14% respectively.

For the first five months of 2010, the CPI increased by 1.19% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity went up 2.84% and Service moved down 0.10%. The core CPI rose 0.08%.





### **CPI-Living Necessaries**

The CPI-Living Necessaries was compiled basing on 424 CPI items. It includes three kinds of CPI-Living Necessaries: Category A includes prices of Food, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply of Housing and Fuels & Lubricants of Transportation (190 items and 33.0% weights of CPI). Category B covers Category A and Education & Entertainment prices (244 items and 50.2% weights of CPI). Category C is the daily necessities, such as Food, Clothing, Water, Electricity & Gas, Fuels & Lubricants, Medical Care Services, and some items fall under segments of Communication and Personal Care Services (239 items and 42.7% weights of CPI).

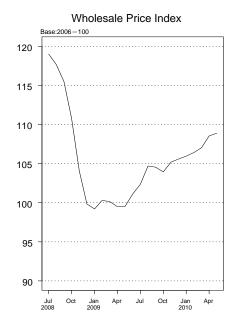
The CPI-Living Necessaries in May 2010, compared with the previous month: Index of Category A was 110.30 (2006=100), went down 0.14%, Category B was 106.81, decreased 0.11% and Category C was 108.34, moved down 0.21%.

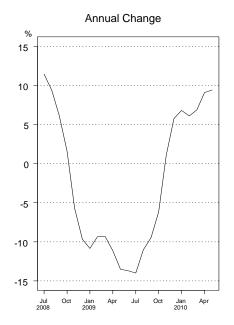
## Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in May 2010 was 108.88 (2006=100), increasing 0.32% from previous month, due mainly to prices of Fabricated Metal Products, Machinery & Equipment and Electronic Parts & Components went up 2.09%, 1.33% and 0.81% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Exports prices advanced 0.53% and 1.17% separately, Imports prices moved down 0.68%.

The annual change of WPI in May 2010, comparing with the same month of 2009, increasing 9.41%, due mainly to Basic Metal, Petroleum & Coal Products and Chemical Material prices moved up 37.01%, 30.38% and 29.73% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices rose 11.28%; Imports and Exports prices went up 10.74% and 6.30% separately.

For the first five months of 2010, the WPI increased 7.65% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index went up 9.91% and 2.97% individually.





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# Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices $_{ m May}$ $_{ m 2010}$

May 2010						
	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2010 (2006=100)	with	Compared with the Same	Months of 2010 Compared with	
Groups			Month	Month of	the Same Period	
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year	
				Year (%)	(%)	
General Index	1,000.00	104.95	-0.17	0.74	1.19	
Basic Group	1,000.00	104.73	0.17	0.74	1.17	
1. Food	260.82	110.35	-0.14	-0.41	0.64	
Meat	23.08	118.81	0.45	1.87	1.21	
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	130.88	0.67	7.52	6.27	
Vegetables	24.81	84.30	0.05	-3.14	3.34	
Fruits	27.59	101.58	-1.15	-5.99	3.34	
2. Clothing	41.72	110.93	0.01	1.20	2.53	
Garments	26.97	110.88	-0.42	0.50	2.58	
3. Housing	279.47	102.05	0.05	0.46	0.33	
Residential Rent	185.40	100.57	-0.01	-0.01	-0.12	
Maintenance & Repairs	14.78	107.86	0.48	1.45	-0.16	
Household Operations	14.53	96.30	0.44	-1.98	0.07	
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	108.03	-0.04	4.22	3.97	
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	102.97	-0.02	3.72	5.29	
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	113.46	-0.19	15.72	23.68	
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	100.60	0.10	-0.91	-0.59	
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	107.39	-0.05	0.94	0.71	
Medical Care Services	33.02	103.40	-0.01	1.39	1.39	
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	122.53	-0.15	0.26	-0.54	
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	99.42	-0.05	-0.48	-1.08	
Educational Expense	111.25	98.33	-0.16	-1.27	-1.52	
Entertainment Expense	60.22	101.38	0.14	0.94	-0.29	
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	108.17	-2.13	3.54	4.39	
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	130.16	0.26	18.43	19.86	
Personal Care Services	14.78	93.36	-6.50	-2.82	-0.83	
Commodity and Service Groups						
1. Commodity	437.11	107.37	-0.24	1.61	2.84	
(Excluding Food)	264.95	105.54	-0.25	3.17	3.95	
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	110.82	-0.27	2.53	4.26	
(Excluding Food)	126.96	111.89	-0.33	6.99	8.51	
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	106.49	-0.32	0.01	0.81	
<b>Durable Consumer Goods</b>	75.14	92.91	-0.02	-1.17	-1.75	
2. Service	562.89	102.83	-0.12	0.05	-0.10	
Food	88.66	110.92	0.03	-0.03	-0.58	
Housing	209.54	100.28	0.03	-0.16	-0.13	
Transportation & Communication	76.99	100.11	0.10	-0.95	-0.59	
Medical Care	33.02	103.40	-0.01	1.39	1.39	
Education & Entertainment	129.64	104.68	0.11	0.98	0.27	
Miscellaneous	23.83	95.73	-4.02	-1.86	-0.52	
Special Groups						
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	105.57	-0.14	1.02	1.08	
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	102.94	-0.18	1.17	1.39	
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	104.66	-0.17	0.20	0.08	
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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices May 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2010	Compared with	Compared with the	The First Five Months of 2010
	(,	(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with
		(	Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
			(,	Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1,000.00	108.88	0.32	9.41	7.65
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86		0.53	11.28	10.37
Imports	327.09	114.75	-0.68	10.74	9.91
Exports	365.05	98.01	1.17	6.30	2.97
Basic Group	303.03	70.01	1.17	0.50	2.71
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal					
Husbandry Products	27.15	134.02	3.02	2.62	3.99
(1)Farm Products	12.87	117.62	0.23	-7.30	1.76
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	133.65	2.09	3.51	0.68
(3)Forest Products	0.41	118.62	1.15	29.67	18.49
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	162.65	7.76	17.39	9.86
2. Quarrying & Minerals Products	57.59	132.83	-3.43	25.57	30.64
(1)Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	123.30	-5.73	30.98	53.86
(2)Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	105.27	-0.42	-8.71	-9.92
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	190.62	3.95	17.13	-11.48
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	105.40	0.56	8.70	6.38
(1)Foods	18.50		0.33	7.37	7.09
(2)Beverages	5.34	103.62	-0.02	0.20	0.52
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	116.87	0.15	13.33	12.91
(4)Textile Products	21.67	114.04	1.74	6.52	3.93
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	98.07	0.76	-1.79	-3.54
(6)Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	109.63	1.07	7.30	3.61
(7)Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	116.01	0.78	10.40	4.33
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	122.79	-0.09	19.04	13.73
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	122.35	0.27	30.38	35.92
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	118.21	0.50	29.73	33.87
(11)Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	107.76	0.30	-1.18	-3.08
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	112.60	0.68	1.92	-0.05
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	106.12	0.54	-6.13	-8.09
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	122.50 114.41	-1.33 2.09	37.01	26.61 3.63
(15)Flastronia Parts & Components	42.26 261.17	81.16		11.53	
(16)Electronic Parts & Components	64.22	81.70	0.81 0.94	-2.11 -6.50	-3.87 -8.52
(17)Computer, Electronic & Optical Products (18)Electrical Equipment	34.70		0.94	-6.30 8.48	7.75
(19)Machinery & Equipment	67.61	108.77	1.33	-0.86	-3.74
(20)Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	107.07	0.30	-0.86	-1.51
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	107.88	2.26	-0.16	-4.74
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	107.33	1.62	1.76	-2.52
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	125.11	0.00	4.14	3.70
By Stage of Processing	21.20	123.11	0.00		3.70
1.Raw Materials	138.48	134.47	-1.36	24.93	28.89
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	111.31	0.10	9.81	7.25
3.Finished Goods	140.17	108.73	0.91	0.93	0.40
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	106.67	1.35	-0.86	-3.08
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	109.51	0.64	2.02	2.65
Special Groups	33.77	107.51	0.04	2.02	2.03
Domestic Sales	634.95	113.93	-0.09	11.00	10.13
Domestic Products	672.91	105.92	0.85	8.71	6.49
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	111.97	0.79	4.73	2.03
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	103.94	0.50	9.76	7.55

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

May 2010

Groups  Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Five Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	114.75	-0.68	10.74	9.91
Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared	34.64	137.41	1.01	10.74	11.06
Foods	34.04	137.41	1.01	10.77	11.00
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral	208.51	134.40	-3.13	25.90	31.27
Products 3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	114.33	1.19	6.05	3.50
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	121.35	1.34	19.77	10.88
5.Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles	147.68	114.36	0.03	12.05	11.68
Thereof					
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	121.10	-3.72	37.13	29.50
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	110.15	1.62	-0.56	-3.18
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	85.30	1.08	-6.27	-6.51
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	119.31	1.72	2.62	0.29
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	119.07	1.68	5.72	3.56
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	117.16	-1.82	14.29	16.29
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	34.64	140.32	-0.16	14.55	17.47
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	137.17	-4.25	29.93	38.86
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	116.71	0.03	9.43	9.49
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	123.91	0.16	23.60	17.35
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	116.77	-1.13	15.63	18.14
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	123.73	-4.84	41.52	37.04
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	112.43	0.44	2.61	2.44
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	87.08	-0.09	-3.29	-1.11
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	121.79	0.55	5.90	6.09
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	121.55	0.50	9.10	9.56

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

May 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Five Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	98.01	1.17	6.30	2.97
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	9.95	127.98	5.19	12.90	6.40
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	116.20	1.64	8.59	6.56
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	126.84	-0.81	27.07	21.68
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	113.96	0.97	15.85	15.20
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	112.43	2.66	23.31	11.91
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	90.13	1.59	0.01	-3.93
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	82.13	0.58	-2.64	-4.41
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	105.26	-0.23	-2.52	-4.08
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	108.22	0.92	21.01	17.66
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	100.09	-0.01	9.71	8.96
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	9.95	130.65	3.97	16.53	12.60
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	118.63	0.47	12.06	12.75
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	129.51	-1.96	31.15	28.78
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	116.37	-0.21	19.56	21.88
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	114.85	1.48	27.26	18.44
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	92.01	0.40	3.22	1.67
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	83.84	-0.59	0.48	1.15
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	107.47	-1.39	0.61	1.50
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	110.49	-0.24	24.90	24.50

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