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The Price Indices for December 2012

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in December 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.25% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables went up 18.26%, while prices of fruits and clothing decreased 5.31% and 2.64% respectively.

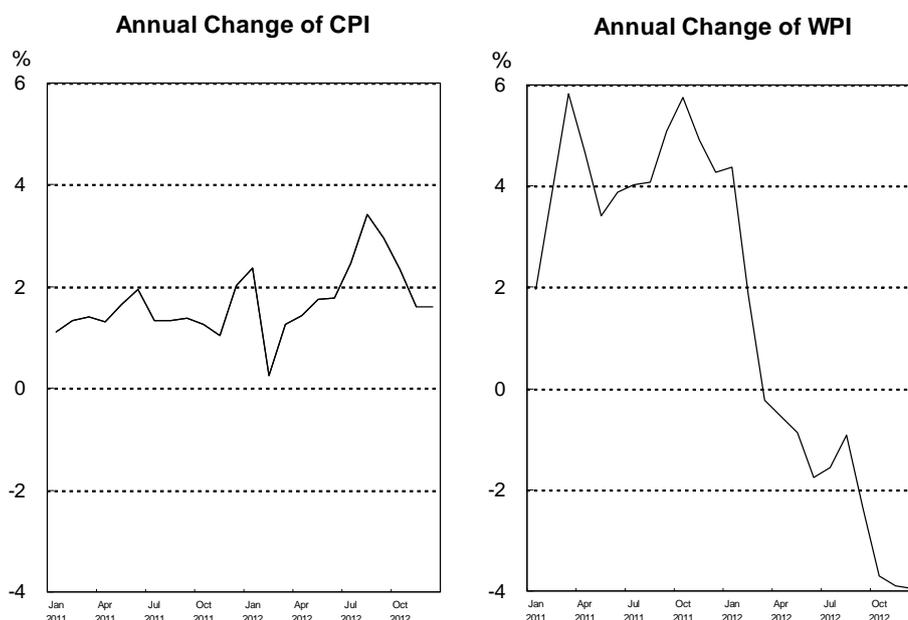
The annual change of CPI in December 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, was 1.61%, mainly because prices of fruits, fuels & lubricants and water, electricity & gas supply moved up 17.26%, 9.82% and 4.37% individually. Furthermore, prices of tobacco & betelnut went up 5.72%, whereas vegetables, eggs prices and communication fees declined 9.70%, 2.61% and 2.01% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, fish, shellfish and energy, i.e. core CPI, rose 1.09%. For the whole year of 2012, the CPI increased 1.93% compared with 2011's.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in December 2012 decreased 0.37% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of crude petroleum & natural gas and petroleum & coal products went down 1.05% and 1.02% individually. In addition, machinery & equipment prices moved down 1.26%, whereas prices of chemical material went up 0.42%.

The annual change of WPI in December 2012, compared with the same month of 2011, was minus 3.96%, mainly due to an appreciation of 4.12% for N.T. dollar against U.S. dollar. In addition, prices of basic metal, electronic parts & components decreased 9.66% and 4.55% individually. Besides, prices

of imported iron sand moved to a lower price level. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports rose 0.32%; import price index declined 6.68% and export price index moved down 5.13%. For the whole year of 2012, the WPI declined 1.16% compared with 2011's.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Dec. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2012 Compared with 2011's (%)
General Index	1,000.00	109.75	0.25	1.61	1.93
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	120.55	1.12	1.87	4.16
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	124.58	0.09	1.42	2.54
Meat	23.08	125.57	1.32	0.50	-2.28
Eggs	2.00	135.79	4.18	-2.61	7.13
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	144.92	-0.14	1.29	3.80
Vegetables	24.81	119.61	18.26	-9.70	22.18
Fruits	27.59	113.78	-5.31	17.26	7.74
Dairy Products	10.51	135.41	0.11	0.83	4.50
Edible Oil	1.70	148.15	-0.92	-0.26	1.03
2. Clothing	41.72	118.65	-2.64	1.37	2.58
Garments	26.97	119.26	-3.74	1.90	2.86
3. Housing	279.47	104.60	0.01	1.31	1.13
Residential Rent	185.40	101.96	0.01	0.79	0.62
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	115.51	-0.05	4.37	3.76
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	105.34	0.03	2.23	0.44
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	130.42	0.32	9.82	5.78
Communication Fee	31.77	84.86	0.00	-2.01	-6.57
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	111.57	0.38	1.60	0.89
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	134.99	1.33	2.78	1.11
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	100.68	-0.11	0.51	0.68
Educational Expense	111.25	98.43	0.12	0.10	-0.06
Entertainment Expense	60.22	104.77	-0.48	1.25	1.95
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	114.25	0.65	3.39	2.35
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	139.62	0.47	5.72	4.28
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.42	0.00	2.15	1.26
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	115.76	0.59	2.42	3.38
(Excluding Food)	264.95	111.14	-0.16	3.05	2.19
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	122.26	1.18	3.21	4.46
(Excluding Food)	126.96	121.70	0.54	5.50	3.61
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	111.73	-1.61	1.38	1.56
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	91.50	-0.25	-0.59	-0.30
2. Service	562.89	104.85	-0.05	0.91	0.74
Food	88.66	116.33	0.05	2.45	2.32
Housing	209.54	101.57	0.01	0.69	0.56
Transportation & Communication	76.99	96.98	-0.05	-0.86	-2.35
Medical Care	33.02	105.34	0.01	1.36	0.85
Education & Entertainment	129.64	108.11	-0.20	0.91	1.47
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.53	-0.04	1.55	1.28
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	109.35	-0.01	1.56	1.30
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	105.83	-0.10	1.51	1.07
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	107.59	-0.02	1.09	0.93

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Dec. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2012 Compared with 2011's (%)
General Index	1000.00	108.22	-0.37	-3.96	-1.16
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	115.61	0.06	0.32	-0.59
Imports	327.09	117.30	-0.82	-6.68	-1.28
Exports	365.05	92.22	-0.30	-5.13	-1.63
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	140.58	0.41	-3.12	3.50
(1) Farm Products	12.87	133.84	1.76	2.87	7.14
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	134.75	-0.33	-3.04	-5.87
(3) Forest Products	0.41	110.27	1.03	7.76	-6.47
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	157.21	-1.11	-11.51	5.88
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59	159.15	-1.01	-9.55	1.03
(1) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	159.05	-1.05	-3.96	4.42
(2) Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	104.02	0.01	2.02	2.06
(3) Other Mineral Products	9.25	180.11	-1.04	-28.45	-10.26
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	102.22	-0.35	-3.92	-1.85
(1) Foods	18.50	134.68	-0.20	0.58	0.67
(2) Beverages	5.34	107.21	0.24	2.75	3.09
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	131.98	0.00	7.56	8.11
(4) Textile Products	21.67	121.61	-0.37	-5.45	-5.09
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	106.10	-0.32	0.60	5.24
(6) Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	116.17	-0.02	-0.20	3.57
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	114.79	-0.16	-0.95	0.51
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	111.99	-0.12	-3.82	-4.76
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	146.28	-1.02	2.09	5.24
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	119.85	0.42	-2.01	-6.50
(11) Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	106.79	-0.87	-6.39	-1.48
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	114.52	-0.30	-2.81	0.07
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	102.37	-1.33	-3.00	0.05
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	105.98	0.25	-9.66	-9.85
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	106.55	0.01	-4.87	-3.74
(16) Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	72.33	-0.26	-4.55	-0.50
(17) Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	73.30	-0.65	-7.04	0.08
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	107.54	-1.02	-1.99	-1.10
(19) Machinery & Equipment	67.61	110.30	-1.26	-5.36	1.26
(20) Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	109.65	-0.30	-1.82	1.15
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	108.95	-0.15	-3.10	2.16
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	110.70	-0.10	-2.04	1.34
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	141.53	0.08	12.07	6.73
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	148.26	-0.56	-5.99	-2.39
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	109.00	-0.47	-2.91	-1.51
3. Finished Goods	140.17	111.81	0.01	-1.32	2.33
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	106.51	-1.43	-5.47	1.04
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	114.57	0.84	1.21	3.12
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	116.23	-0.39	-3.42	-0.95
Domestic Products	672.91	103.71	-0.12	-2.40	-1.09
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	112.93	-0.42	-3.05	-1.12
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	99.79	-0.33	-4.14	-2.05

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Dec. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2012 Compared with 2011's (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	117.30	-0.82	-6.68	-1.28
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	152.55	-1.89	1.27	1.36
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	159.89	-1.17	-8.83	0.94
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	121.96	-0.18	-12.82	-11.29
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	107.83	-0.56	-4.90	-5.76
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	115.29	-0.50	-5.78	-3.67
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	106.16	0.64	-9.51	-9.77
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	109.15	-1.69	-6.71	0.84
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	79.70	-0.47	-4.18	1.43
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	123.36	-0.91	-4.31	1.17
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	119.17	-0.06	-2.10	0.63
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	131.32	-0.58	-2.83	-1.91
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	170.81	-1.65	5.45	0.71
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	178.93	-0.94	-5.07	0.32
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	136.52	0.06	-9.23	-11.90
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	120.73	-0.32	-0.98	-6.41
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	129.09	-0.25	-1.89	-4.29
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	118.94	0.88	-5.78	-10.41
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	122.17	-1.46	-2.86	0.22
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.22	-0.23	-0.23	0.80
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	138.07	-0.67	-0.36	0.54
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	133.39	0.18	1.93	-0.02

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2012 Compared with 2011's (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	92.22	-0.30	-5.13	-1.63
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	139.84	-6.33	-19.47	7.02
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	117.77	-0.94	-4.45	-3.09
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	110.25	0.54	-5.79	-4.80
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	112.49	0.46	-3.31	-5.24
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	97.85	-0.16	-6.98	-7.54
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	84.89	-0.07	-3.81	0.37
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	71.49	-0.36	-5.88	-0.43
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	107.54	-0.29	-2.68	1.17
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	123.17	-0.44	-4.02	3.33
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	103.29	-0.07	-1.21	-2.26
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	156.58	-6.10	-16.13	6.39
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	131.89	-0.70	-0.49	-3.72
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	123.47	0.78	-1.90	-5.44
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	126.00	0.70	0.69	-5.87
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	109.63	0.07	-3.13	-8.17
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	95.05	0.17	0.17	-0.26
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	80.04	-0.12	-2.00	-1.05
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	120.43	-0.04	1.35	0.54
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	137.92	-0.20	-0.05	2.69

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