

## **The Price Indices for December 2013**

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

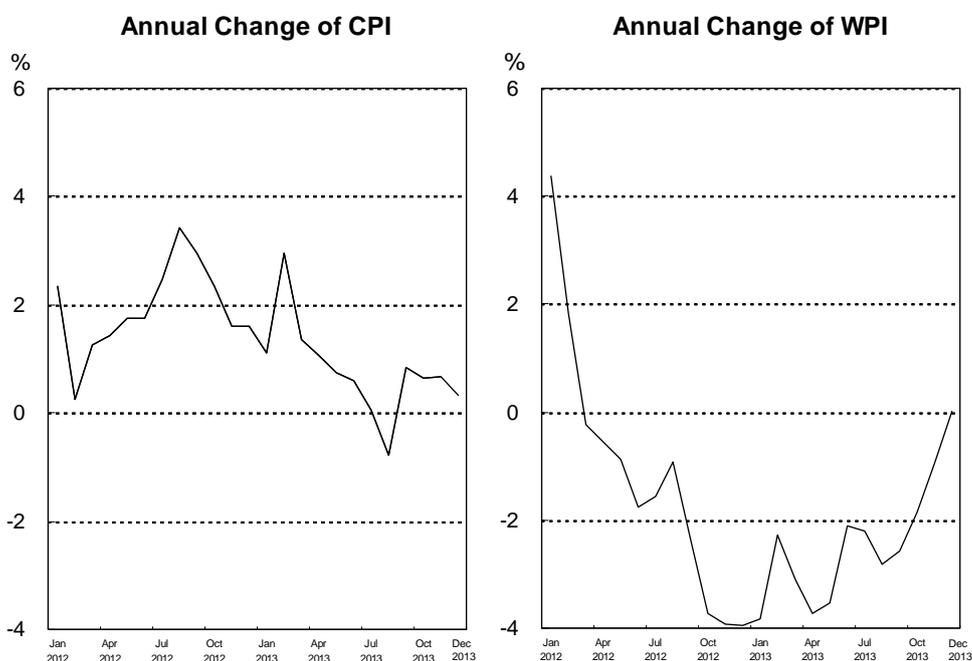
The CPI in December 2013 (2011=100) decreased 0.10% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables and garments went down 7.95% and 3.18%, yet prices of meats, fruits, fuels and lubricants rose 2.24%, 2.16%, and 1.50% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.01%.

The annual change of CPI in December 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, rose 0.33%, mainly because prices of fruits, fish and seafood, meats, and electricity stayed high. Furthermore, prices of food away from home and bottled gas increased. However, prices of vegetables, eggs, communication fees, and garments declined. The core CPI advanced 0.21%. For the whole year of 2013, the CPI increased 0.79% compared with 2012's.

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

The WPI in December 2013 increased 0.63% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, chemical materials, and electronic parts and components moved up 2.46%, 2.32%, 1.10%, and 0.58% individually, but the price of fishery products and machinery and equipment declined 4.97% and 0.15% to offset the rise.

The annual change of WPI in December 2013, compared with the same month of 2012, went up 0.02%, mainly because prices of water supply, electricity and gas, crude petroleum and natural gas, and petroleum and coal products increased 8.18%, 4.10%, and 1.90%, however, prices of basic metals and machinery and equipment decreased. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 0.53%, import price index moved down 0.96%, and export price index rose 0.50%. For the whole year of 2013, the WPI declined 2.43% compared with 2012's.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Dec. 2013

| Groups  | Weight (%) | Index of Dec. 2013 (2011=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The Annual Average Index of 2013 Compared with 2012's (%) |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| General Index                                       | 1,000.00   | 102.93                        | -0.10                            | 0.33  | 0.79  |
| The Basic Group                                     |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| 1. Food   | 251.94     | 106.83                        | -0.20                            | 1.36  | 1.27  |
| Meats   | 19.96      | 105.73                        | 2.24                             | 5.43  | 4.30  |
| Eggs  | 1.94       | 101.10                        | 1.64                             | -6.59   | -4.00   |
| Fish & Seafood                                      | 15.57      | 108.35                        | 1.70                             | 5.95  | 2.49  |
| Vegetables  | 19.69      | 116.56                        | -7.95                            | -7.12   | 2.45  |
| Fruits  | 22.58      | 117.40                        | 2.16                             | 7.41  | -2.58   |
| 2. Clothing   | 37.68      | 104.88                        | -2.81                            | -2.68   | -0.19   |
| Garments  | 29.43      | 106.67                        | -3.18                            | -2.37   | 0.04  |
| 3. Housing  | 271.35     | 102.16                        | 0.09                             | 0.84  | 0.91  |
| Residential Rent                                    | 182.23     | 101.64                        | 0.11                             | 0.66  | 0.68  |
| Water, Electricity & Gas Supply                     | 36.99      | 105.51                        | -0.05                            | 2.56  | 2.57  |
| 4. Transportation & Communication                   | 153.36     | 100.40                        | 0.24                             | -0.73   | 0.46  |
| Fuels & Lubricants                                  | 35.24      | 109.49                        | 1.50                             | 1.20  | 2.68  |
| Transportation Fees                                 | 22.38      | 100.05                        | -0.03                            | 0.37  | 0.45  |
| Communication Fees                                  | 34.91      | 91.13                         | -0.04                            | -3.87   | -0.60   |
| 5. Health   | 49.24      | 102.25                        | 0.15                             | 0.34  | 1.17  |
| Medical Care Services                               | 33.59      | 102.08                        | 0.08                             | 0.49  | 0.99  |
| 6. Education & Entertainment                        | 168.44     | 99.76                         | -0.35                            | -0.34   | 0.32  |
| Educational Expenses                                | 97.20      | 99.44                         | -0.04                            | -0.51   | -0.05   |
| Entertainment Expenses                              | 71.24      | 100.22                        | -0.75                            | -0.08   | 0.78  |
| 7. Miscellaneous                                    | 67.99      | 102.74                        | 0.92                             | 0.16  | 0.39  |
| Tobacco & Betel Nuts                                | 11.54      | 109.82                        | 1.49                             | 3.87  | 3.56  |
| Services For Nursery & Nursing Care <sup>1</sup>    | 6.73       | 95.45                         | 0.00                             | 1.67  | -1.38   |
| Commodity and Service Groups                        |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| 1. Commodity  | 425.11     | 104.92                        | -0.19                            | 0.22  | 0.78  |
| Non-durable Consumer Goods                          | 280.71     | 107.18                        | 0.22                             | 1.38  | 1.56  |
| Semi-durable Consumer Goods                         | 62.74      | 103.20                        | -1.77                            | -1.64   | 0.05  |
| Durable Consumer Goods                              | 81.65      | 96.65                         | -0.43                            | -2.59   | -1.84   |
| 2. Service  | 574.89     | 101.29                        | -0.02                            | 0.42  | 0.73  |
| Food Away From Home                                 | 98.99      | 104.53                        | 0.10                             | 1.12  | 1.55  |
| Housing Service                                     | 199.51     | 101.49                        | 0.11                             | 0.65  | 0.62  |
| Transportation & Communication Service              | 83.75      | 96.41                         | -0.04                            | -1.55   | -0.31   |
| Medical Care Service                                | 33.59      | 102.08                        | 0.08                             | 0.49  | 0.99  |
| Education & Entertainment Service                   | 128.35     | 101.39                        | -0.31                            | 0.60  | 1.11  |
| Frequency of Purchase Group                         |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| Items to buy about once a month                     | 251.61     | 105.61                        | -0.24                            | 1.02  | 1.66  |
| Items to buy about once every three months          | 154.00     | 104.19                        | 0.22                             | 0.26  | 0.44  |
| Items to buy about once every six months            | 105.93     | 103.98                        | 0.01                             | 0.08  | 1.44  |
| Items to buy about once a year                      | 118.47     | 102.62                        | -0.23                            | 0.54  | 0.69  |
| Items to buy infrequently                           | 208.20     | 99.12                         | -0.27                            | -0.72   | -0.32   |
| Other Special Group                                 |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables         | 957.74     | 102.22                        | 0.05                             | 0.34  | 0.82  |
| General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables & Energy | 890.26     | 101.76                        | -0.01                            | 0.21  | 0.65  |
| General Index Excluding Imputed Rent                | 838.21     | 103.18                        | -0.14                            | 0.27  | 0.81  |
| Households in Different Disposable Income Groups    |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group                  | 1,000.00   | 103.55                        | -0.05                            | 0.61  | 0.95  |
| Middle 60% Disposable Income Group                  | 1,000.00   | 103.06                        | -0.06                            | 0.40  | 0.84  |
| Highest 20% Disposable Income Group                 | 1,000.00   | 102.63                        | -0.13                            | 0.21  | 0.80  |

Note: 1.includes nannies, housecleaning expenses and services paid for keeping household running efficiently.

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Dec. 2013

| Groups  | Weight (%) | Index of Dec. 2013 (2011=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The Annual Average Index of 2013 Compared with 2012's (%) |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| General Index                                   | 1000.00    | 96.31                         | 0.63                             | 0.02  | -2.43   |
| Domestic Sales Excluding Imports                | 298.00     | 99.05                         | 0.11                             | 0.53  | -0.72   |
| Imports   | 334.08     | 94.03                         | 1.02                             | -0.96   | -4.46   |
| Exports   | 367.92     | 95.98                         | 0.71                             | 0.50  | -2.05   |
| Basic Group                                     |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| 1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal      |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| Husbandry Products                              | 28.46      | 97.56                         | 0.02                             | 0.84  | -5.47   |
| (1)Farm Products                                | 15.22      | 95.82                         | 1.95                             | -1.94   | -6.26   |
| (2)Poultry & Livestock Products                 | 6.96       | 97.48                         | 0.76                             | 1.06  | 2.43  |
| (3)Forest Products                              | 0.33       | 103.84                        | 1.30                             | 7.61  | 8.02  |
| (4)Fishery Products                             | 5.95       | 102.34                        | -4.97                            | 7.35  | -10.00  |
| 2. Quarrying & Minerals Products                | 68.10      | 98.69                         | 2.12                             | 3.31  | -4.07   |
| (1)Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas                | 48.99      | 104.63                        | 2.46                             | 4.10  | -2.59   |
| (2)Quarrying Products & Other Mineral Products  | 19.10      | 81.50                         | 1.09                             | 0.90  | -9.27   |
| 3. Manufacturing Products                       | 876.63     | 95.35                         | 0.56                             | -0.55   | -2.42   |
| (1)Foods  | 23.64      | 100.42                        | -0.22                            | -0.23   | 0.49  |
| (2)Beverages                                    | 5.11       | 103.87                        | 0.06                             | -0.05   | 0.85  |
| (3)Tobaccos                                     | 2.24       | 111.29                        | 0.00                             | 2.27  | 2.95  |
| (4)Textile Products                             | 18.30      | 97.57                         | 0.01                             | 2.31  | -0.74   |
| (5)Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories       | 3.47       | 106.41                        | 0.49                             | 1.10  | 0.89  |
| (6)Leather, Fur & Related Products              | 3.83       | 111.14                        | -0.48                            | 7.25  | 4.09  |
| (7)Wood & Bamboo Products                       | 1.79       | 105.22                        | 0.67                             | 5.72  | 4.70  |
| (8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter | 13.84      | 93.32                         | 0.38                             | 0.33  | -1.56   |
| (9)Petroleum & Coal Products                    | 63.88      | 105.11                        | 2.32                             | 1.90  | -1.56   |
| (10)Chemical Materials                          | 117.65     | 92.18                         | 1.10                             | 0.32  | -0.99   |
| (11)Chemical Products & Medical Goods           | 28.96      | 93.05                         | 0.23                             | -2.62   | -4.73   |
| (12)Rubber & Plastic Products                   | 23.42      | 95.70                         | 0.21                             | -2.86   | -2.86   |
| (13)Non-metallic Mineral Products               | 19.84      | 87.91                         | -0.60                            | -6.88   | -8.46   |
| (14)Basic Metals                                | 80.93      | 82.23                         | 0.33                             | -3.77   | -7.14   |
| (15)Fabricated Metal Products                   | 39.13      | 93.89                         | 0.17                             | 0.33  | -1.58   |
| (16)Electronic Parts & Components               | 227.68     | 98.51                         | 0.58                             | 0.59  | -1.32   |
| (17)Computer, Electronic & Optical Products     | 67.69      | 94.06                         | 0.52                             | -2.17   | -3.93   |
| (18)Electrical Equipment                        | 27.16      | 95.68                         | 0.16                             | -1.74   | -2.19   |
| (19)Machinery & Equipment                       | 60.18      | 95.31                         | -0.15                            | -3.08   | -4.80   |
| (20)Transport Equipment & Parts                 | 36.02      | 100.03                        | 0.14                             | -0.11   | -0.84   |
| (21)Furniture & Fixtures                        | 3.96       | 102.46                        | 0.45                             | 1.79  | 0.14  |
| (22)Miscellaneous Products                      | 7.95       | 105.44                        | 0.35                             | 5.06  | 3.20  |
| 4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas              | 26.82      | 119.16                        | -0.12                            | 8.18  | 7.00  |
| By Stage of Processing                          |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| 1. Crude Materials                              | 87.80      | 96.47                         | 1.82                             | 2.57  | -2.49   |
| 2. Intermediate Materials                       | 396.99     | 95.85                         | 0.50                             | -0.46   | -2.37   |
| 3. Finished Goods                               | 147.31     | 99.64                         | 0.08                             | -1.28   | -2.74   |
| (1)Capital Equipment                            | 45.19      | 93.82                         | -0.07                            | -3.93   | -6.23   |
| (2)Consumer Goods                               | 102.13     | 102.73                        | 0.14                             | -0.16   | -0.92   |
| Special Groups                                  |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| Domestic Sales                                  | 632.08     | 96.41                         | 0.57                             | -0.25   | -2.68   |
| Domestic Products                               | 665.92     | 97.54                         | 0.44                             | 0.52  | -1.32   |
| Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products          | 157.57     | 97.12                         | 0.12                             | 0.12  | -1.31   |
| Heavy Chemical Industrial Products              | 719.06     | 94.76                         | 0.67                             | -0.69   | -2.73   |

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Dec. 2013

| Groups  | Weight<br>(%) | Index of Dec.<br>2013<br>(2011=100) | Compared<br>with Previous<br>Month<br>(%) | Compared with<br>the Same Month<br>of Previous Year<br>(%) | The Annual Average<br>Index of 2013<br>Compared with 2012's<br>(%) |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)</b>  |               |                                     |   |  |  |
| General Index   | 1000.00       | 94.03                               | 1.02                                      | -0.96  | -4.46  |
| Sec. 1 Animal Products  | 8.61          | 109.70                              | 2.14                                      | 13.63  | 8.24   |
| Sec. 2 Vegetable Products   | 18.11         | 95.06                               | 4.16                                      | -3.96  | -3.26  |
| Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco                                | 14.68         | 103.36                              | 0.08                                      | 0.07   | 0.83   |
| Sec. 5 Mineral Products   | 251.08        | 98.53                               | 2.26                                      | 2.77   | -4.61  |
| Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries                                    | 125.25        | 93.78                               | 1.31                                      | -1.39  | -2.88  |
| Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof                           | 36.74         | 85.46                               | 0.00                                      | -4.45  | -7.33  |
| Sec. 8 Leather & Articles Thereof   | 4.12          | 114.93                              | -0.03                                     | 9.89   | 5.69   |
| Sec. 9 Wood & Articles of Wood  | 5.15          | 105.36                              | 0.92                                      | 6.24   | 5.71   |
| Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof  | 10.59         | 90.87                               | 0.96                                      | 3.71   | -1.63  |
| Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles   | 13.17         | 84.60                               | 0.69                                      | 2.29   | -4.41  |
| Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware  | 13.33         | 69.67                               | -2.01                                     | -14.85   | -19.61   |
| Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal  | 99.49         | 81.65                               | 0.78                                      | -4.77  | -7.34  |
| Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders,<br>Etc             | 326.36        | 95.34                               | 0.15                                      | -2.91  | -4.40  |
| Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment  | 23.03         | 99.00                               | 0.14                                      | -0.24  | -1.86  |
| Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments &<br>Parts Thereof | 41.48         | 99.70                               | 1.15                                      | 1.55   | -2.43  |
| Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles   | 5.31          | 96.32                               | -0.05                                     | -2.85  | -4.22  |
| <b>Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)</b>  |               |                                     |   |  |  |
| General Index   | 1000.00       | 92.94                               | 0.30                                      | -3.19  | -4.81  |
| Sec. 1 Animal Products  | 8.61          | 108.46                              | 1.41                                      | 11.07  | 7.79   |
| Sec. 2 Vegetable Products   | 18.11         | 93.92                               | 3.42                                      | -6.13  | -3.63  |
| Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco                                | 14.68         | 102.16                              | -0.63                                     | -2.18  | 0.45   |
| Sec. 5 Mineral Products   | 251.08        | 97.40                               | 1.54                                      | 0.46   | -4.97  |
| Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries                                    | 125.25        | 92.69                               | 0.60                                      | -3.61  | -3.25  |
| Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof                           | 36.74         | 84.45                               | -0.71                                     | -6.59  | -7.68  |
| Sec. 8 Leather & Articles Thereof   | 4.12          | 113.61                              | -0.73                                     | 7.42   | 5.26   |
| Sec. 9 Wood & Articles of Wood  | 5.15          | 104.11                              | 0.20                                      | 3.85   | 5.29   |
| Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof  | 10.59         | 89.77                               | 0.23                                      | 1.38   | -1.99  |
| Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles   | 13.17         | 83.59                               | -0.02                                     | -0.01  | -4.77  |
| Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware  | 13.33         | 68.82                               | -2.69                                     | -16.76   | -19.88   |
| Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal  | 99.49         | 80.66                               | 0.09                                      | -6.90  | -7.68  |
| Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders,<br>Etc             | 326.36        | 94.26                               | -0.56                                     | -5.09  | -4.76  |
| Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment  | 23.03         | 97.87                               | -0.57                                     | -2.49  | -2.24  |
| Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments &<br>Parts Thereof | 41.48         | 98.55                               | 0.43                                      | -0.74  | -2.80  |
| Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles   | 5.31          | 95.23                               | -0.75                                     | -5.03  | -4.57  |

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## Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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| Groups   | Weight (%) | Index of Dec. 2013 (2011=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The Annual Average Index of 2013 Compared with 2012's (%) |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)</b>   |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| General Index  | 1000.00    | 95.98                         | 0.71                             | 0.50  | -2.05   |
| Sec. 1 Animal Products   | 6.61       | 89.93                         | -0.07                            | 0.84  | -18.68  |
| Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco                             | 4.29       | 111.05                        | 0.33                             | 4.64  | 3.12  |
| Sec. 5 Mineral Products  | 59.90      | 100.38                        | 2.92                             | 1.28  | -3.77   |
| Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries                                 | 74.94      | 91.61                         | 1.08                             | -0.43   | 0.51  |
| Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof                        | 84.07      | 93.46                         | 0.54                             | -0.43   | -1.98   |
| Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof   | 6.26       | 93.16                         | 1.43                             | 2.31  | -1.32   |
| Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles  | 42.39      | 95.43                         | 0.18                             | 2.22  | -1.54   |
| Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware   | 8.57       | 81.02                         | -1.11                            | -7.99   | -10.54  |
| Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal   | 100.69     | 87.48                         | 0.26                             | -1.20   | -3.78   |
| Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc             | 480.78     | 98.44                         | 0.62                             | 1.38  | -1.39   |
| Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment   | 30.25      | 100.69                        | 0.42                             | 0.77  | -0.26   |
| Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof | 79.74      | 97.84                         | 0.67                             | -2.69   | -1.12   |
| Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles  | 15.18      | 102.86                        | 0.62                             | 2.13  | 0.18  |
| <b>Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)</b>   |            |                               |                                  |   |   |
| General Index  | 1000.00    | 94.87                         | 0.00                             | -1.76   | -2.41   |
| Sec. 1 Animal Products   | 6.61       | 88.95                         | -0.78                            | -1.44   | -18.96  |
| Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco                             | 4.29       | 109.79                        | -0.37                            | 2.27  | 2.71  |
| Sec. 5 Mineral Products  | 59.90      | 99.22                         | 2.20                             | -1.00   | -4.15   |
| Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries                                 | 74.94      | 90.51                         | 0.38                             | -2.68   | 0.13  |
| Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof                        | 84.07      | 92.35                         | -0.17                            | -2.68   | -2.36   |
| Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof   | 6.26       | 92.04                         | 0.70                             | 0.00  | -1.69   |
| Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles  | 42.39      | 94.31                         | -0.53                            | -0.08   | -1.90   |
| Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware   | 8.57       | 80.03                         | -1.80                            | -10.07  | -10.86  |
| Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal   | 100.69     | 86.43                         | -0.44                            | -3.43   | -4.15   |
| Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc             | 480.78     | 97.31                         | -0.08                            | -0.91   | -1.76   |
| Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment   | 30.25      | 99.52                         | -0.30                            | -1.51   | -0.64   |
| Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof | 79.74      | 96.71                         | -0.05                            | -4.89   | -1.51   |
| Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles  | 15.18      | 101.70                        | -0.09                            | -0.17   | -0.21   |

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