

Uzbekistan

Metadata

Price indices of export supplies and import receipts

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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics acts independently in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” adopted on August 11, 2021.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

On September 2, 2017, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics” was approved, which defines the mandate, functions and structure of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, which is the main body responsible for coordination, monitoring and supervision of the National Statistical System, as well as for collecting, processing, analysis and dissemination of data. Its functions include providing a unified statistical methodology that meets international standards.

In accordance with article 14 of the Law, state statistics bodies have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;
- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for

submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order No. P-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the expanded General Data Dissemination System (r-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within this system.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

According to the Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, the State Committee on Statistics has the right to conduct statistical observations of the activities of legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and use the data obtained for statistical purposes, also ensures the confidentiality of the statistical data obtained, the protection of statistical data, containing state secrets.

The State Committee on Statistics employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the State Committee on Statistics is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

2 employees are engaged in the formation of price indices for export supplies and import receipts in the Central Office.

The number of employees is sufficient to fulfill the assigned tasks for the formation of statistical data. All employees have higher education and at least once every 2 years are trained at the courses of the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics.

Each workplace is provided with a personal computer connected to the local network.

The software is developed directly at The State Statistics Committee, which allows, if necessary, to make updates and changes to it in accordance with existing and emerging tasks.

The financial resources provided are sufficient to carry out the work stipulated by the Program of Statistical Works on Price Statistics.

1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

In the production of this statistical information, government intervention is not allowed, and professional independence is fully ensured.

When recruiting employees and appointing them to managerial positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Advanced training of management staff is provided through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Management staff lecture at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. Organized the placement of scientific articles of employees of the department in the media.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (clause 15) determines that The State Committee on Statistics has the right to consider and provide clarifications on cases of misuse and interpretation of statistical information and statistical data.

That is, The State Committee on Statistics may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the Committee (www.stat.uz). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at www.lex.uz. Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by The State Committee on Statistics prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that information published to the public in print statistical publications, newsletters and media is produced by The State Committee on Statistics.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee on Statistics notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The State Committee on Statistics posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

1.3. Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Rules of Conduct for The State Committee on Statistics employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of The State Committee on Statistics is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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The price indices for export deliveries and import receipts reflect the magnitude of price changes for goods exchanged between residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other countries.

The formation of price indices for export supplies and import receipts is carried out in accordance with the “Methodological Regulations for the Calculation of Price Indices for Export Supplies and Import Receipts” (approved by the Resolution of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 28, 2019 No. 32).

2.2 Scope

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2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

The general population for a sample of commodity items (commodity groups) is a database of customs statistics.

The selection of commodity items (commodity groups) includes only those records for which the value of the value is not equal to zero.

At the same time, commodity items (commodity groups) are selected that occupy a significant share in the total volume of exports and imports.

When selecting basic objects from the general list of legal entities, exporters and importers are selected who, in the base year, made regular, significant volumes of supplies of goods and products to the foreign market or their import into the territory of the country.

Preference is given to exporters and importers who carried out foreign trade transactions in the base year at least twice a quarter.

The optimal sample size is achieved when the selected basic objects provide the maximum possible coverage of the main groups of goods, products defined for national statistical observation.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

When forming a sample of commodity items (commodity groups), the sample does not include goods for which regular price jumps were observed in the base year associated with non-inflationary factors (assortment change, structural shifts, etc.).

The sample does not include the following product groups with code 93 “Arms and ammunition,

their parts and accessories” and 99 “Services”.

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

The sample does not include individual entrepreneurs and individuals, which are characterized by frequent turnover and ongoing assortment shifts in goods and their characteristics.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

For the classification and coding of goods, the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan (CN FEA Rep. of Uzb) is used, developed on the basis of the updated Harmonized System for Description and Coding of Goods.

The ten-digit digital code of the CN FEA Rep. of Uzb is formed as follows:

the first six digits fully correspond to the description and coding of goods according to the Harmonized System;

the same six digits plus the seventh and eighth characters correspond to the description and coding of goods according to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Community;

the ninth character is intended for detailing goods in the interests of the CIS (CN FEA CIS).

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

The valuation rules used to register flows are broadly in line with the 2008 SNA.

2.4.2 Recording basis

The basis of accounting is the database of customs statistics.

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

The calculation procedure is basically in line with the 2008 SNA principles.

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

Formation of information on prices is carried out in several stages based on the existing database containing information on the cost and quantity of exported and imported products.

3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

The initial data are consistent with the moment of recording.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The specificity of the formation of the database of customs statistics allows the formation of price indices for the current month within the time frames provided for by the Program of statistical works.

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

Information on relative prices and their extreme values is constantly checked. Analysis and comparison of prices for enterprises exporting / importing similar or similar products is carried out.

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

Data compilation procedures minimize coding errors by using an existing software package and logic control.

Due to the fact that the database of customs statistics contains cumulative (accumulated over the period from the beginning of the year) information on the value and quantity of exported and imported products, its cost and quantity for the current month are initially determined.

Further, by calculation, the average prices for the current month are formed by dividing the cost by the amount of exported / imported products.

In the case when information on the cost and quantity of exported and imported products is temporarily absent, conditional price values are calculated. This calculation is carried out until data on the actual cost and quantity of goods is received.

There are several ways of defining notional values: using the estimated prices of previous periods (repeating the latest prices) and using recalculated notional prices.

The method of using prices from previous periods is used only when prices are relatively stable and only for one or two months.

The method of recalculating conditional prices is used in case of unstable price dynamics and a longer cessation of export or import for a selected commodity item. The continuity of the time series in this case is ensured by calculating conditional prices and using the relative price change:

- for a similar heading for another base object;
- on average for all base organizations selected for observation that export or import goods similar to the missing one; - in general for export or import.

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

To establish the weighting factors, data on the value of exported and imported products for the

base period are used. The system of weights used in constructing price indices for export supplies and import receipts is revised annually.

To compile estimates, short-term price changes are used in comparison with the previous month and long-term price changes (to December of the previous year, to the corresponding month of the previous year, from the beginning of the year to the corresponding period of the previous year), calculated using the modified Laspeyres formula.

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

The price indices of export supplies and import receipts are compared with the available data on CPI and PPI in terms of comparable types of products.

3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

Comparison of information with data is carried out using other sources (see 3.4.1). The SCS investigates, if necessary, statistical discrepancies.

3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

Comparison of information with data is carried out using other sources (see 3.4.1). The SCS investigates, if necessary, statistical discrepancies.

3.5 Analysis of data revisions

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

Data on generated price indices are not revised. The formation of updated specific weights is carried out annually and is introduced into the calculation from January of each year.

4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Price indices for export deliveries and import receipts are compiled monthly.

4.1.2 Timeliness

The price indices of export deliveries and import receipts are distributed in accordance with the Program of Statistical Works on a monthly basis on the 25th day of the month following the reporting one.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

The price index for export supplies and import receipts is formed for the country as a whole, as well as broken down by types, sections and classes.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

Consecutive monthly series are available from 2019.

4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

The SCS ensures the consistency of statistical data on price indices for export supplies and import receipts with other statistics.

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

Data on generated and published indices are not revised.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

The final data is disseminated.

4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Data on price indices for export supplies and import receipts are provided to users through the statistical bulletin “Price index for export supplies and import receipts”, as well as on the official website of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan at <http://www.stat.uz> in the section “Official statistics”. The release schedules of statistical publications (data) are reflected in the Statistical Work Program.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

Output tables.

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

Tables for special user requests.

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

5.1.3. Advance release calendar

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

5.1.5 Dissemination on request

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics”, the Regulation “On the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics”, the Regulation on the organization of work on the preparation and dissemination of statistical information and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon their request in the prescribed manner.

Dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing, upon written request of legal entities or individuals, in the form of printed or electronic tables, statistical compilations, bulletins, express information, as well as in accordance with the agreements of the parties on information interaction.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, coverage, classifications, basis of accounting, data sources and statistical methods

The website contains metadata for price index indicators.

5.3. Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

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9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Completed plans:

Implementation of the methodology for the formation of price indices for export supplies and import receipts from 2020.

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

Expansion of the nomenclature list of goods for monitoring prices.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

Improvement of the mechanism for adjustments for temporarily missing items. Study of the possibility of introducing a mechanism for the formation of price indices for export supplies and import receipts based on direct data from respondents (reporting or questioning).

9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

Funding is provided within the framework of the annually approved Statistical Work Program.

9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term

Funding is provided within the framework of the annually approved Statistical Work Program.

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