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# The Price Indices for April 2012

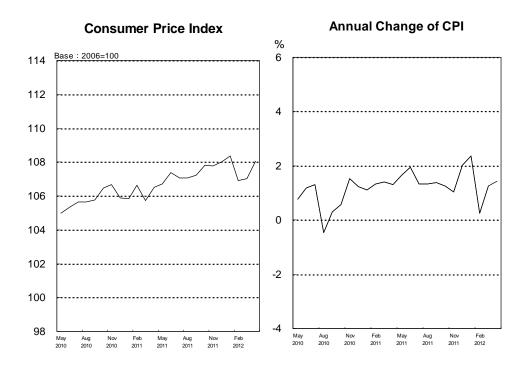
## **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in April 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.94% from the previous month, mainly because clothing prices went up 14.89% while new items for spring/summer seasons beginning to be available on the market, besides, Fuels & Lubricants moved up 8.39%, however, prices of Vegetables and Meat decreased 6.97% and 1.33% separately. The general CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.86%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2012, comparing with the same month of previous year, was 1.44%. Clothing prices rose 5.92%, mainly because Garments prices increased 6.41%. Tobacco prices moved up which brought Miscellaneous prices to go up 2.41%. Food prices went up 2.11%, of which Vegetables prices up 15.00%, Fish & Shellfish prices up 5.80%, Dairy Products and Eggs prices up 5.16% and 4.85% individually, Cereals & Cereal Products prices up 3.04%, while Meat prices decreased 3.95%. Package tour expense went up brought Education & Entertainment prices to rise 0.92%. Gas prices advanced 9.70% and Residential Rent went up 0.49%, which brought Housing prices to rise 0.89%. In additions, Transportation & Communication prices increased 0.14% mainly because Fuels & Lubricants went up 6.32%. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables rose 1.33%, the core CPI moved up 0.92%.

For the first four months of 2012, the CPI increased 1.32% over the same period of 2011, Commodity prices went up 2.39% and Service prices moved up 0.46%. The core CPI rose 0.87%.

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### **CPI for Households in Different Disposable Income Groups**

For April 2012, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group increased 1.42% and 1.48% respectively, comparing with the same month of 2011, furthermore, CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group rose 1.53%.

#### Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

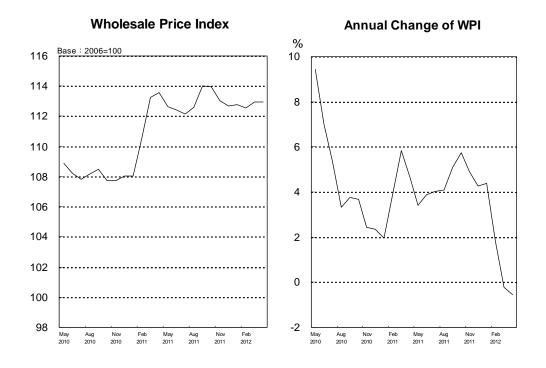
The WPI in April 2012 declined 0.03% from the previous month, mainly because prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Basic Metal and Chemical Material went down 2.78%, 0.71% and 0.48% respectively, while Petroleum & Coal Products prices moved up 3.33%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports increased 0.87%. Import price index went down 0.68%, and Export price index down 0.22%.

The annual change of WPI in April 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was minus 0.55%. Mainly because prices of Basic Metal, Textile Products and Chemical Material decreased 9.80%, 8.62% and 5.65% individually, nevertheless, prices of Petroleum & Coal Products and Crude

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Petroleum & Natural Gas went up 6.99% and 4.89% respectively. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports fell 1.46%; Export price index declined 0.41%, while Import price index went up 0.14%.

For the first four months of 2012, the WPI increased 1.31% compared with the same period of the previous year, of which the Import price index rose 3.32% and Export price index moved up 1.10%.



## **Statistical Tables**

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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