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Table code	EC_EI_025
Title	Import Indices by Economic Classification (Seasonally Adjusted) (US$)
Frequency ,Lag time and Release schedule	**Frequency** Monthly **Lag time** 1 month **Release schedule** The last business day of the following month
Summary Methodology • Analytical Framework, Concepts, Definitions, and Classifications • Scope of the data • Accounting Conventions • Nature of the Basic Data Sources • Compilation Practices	Import price index measures the overall import price movement over a specific time period. Price index (in terms of US dollar) is calculated by the Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices (BTEI), Ministry of Commerce (MOC). Prices are obtained through monthly importer survey, covering 1,055 items of imports (comprises approximately 76 percent of total import value for the year 2007, which is the base year for index calculation). Weight for index calculation is based on the Customs Department's data. Detail on data collection and index compilation methodology is disseminated on the MOC's website (www.moc.go.th). The BTEI calculates import price index using chained Laspeyres formula. Based on the price index provided by the MOC, the Bank of Thailand (BOT) calculates and disseminates value and quantity indices. 1. Total import value index is calculated based on total imports (BOP basis). 2. Volume index derived from figures in terms of US dollar and baht are equal and are based on the following formula : volume index = value index (in terms of US dollar) / price index (in terms of US dollar) * 100 3. Price index (in terms of baht) = value index (in terms of baht) / volume index * 100 Import indices are classified in accordance with the BOT's Economic Classification (EC), in line with our import statistics. The figures are seasonally adjusted.
Source of data	1. Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices (BTEI), Ministry of Commerce (MOC) 2. Customs Department, Ministry of Finance 3. Bank of Thailand
Accessibility	BOT's website (http://www2.bot.or.th/statistics/ReportPage.aspx?reportID=118&language=eng)
Revision policy	Revision to monthly figures of the previous year is made at the end of September of the following year.

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