

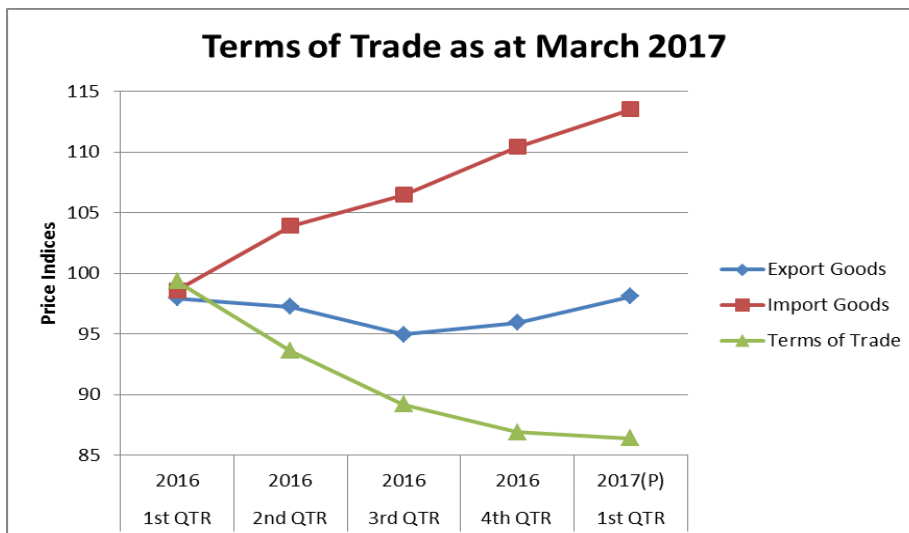
EXPORT-IMPORT PRICE INDEX

JANUARY-MARCH 2017

The Export and Import Price Index (XMPI), along with the Retail Price Index and the Producer Price Index, is designed to capture the change in prices in Barbados. Foreign trade price indices allow policy makers to analyze the impact of international trade on growth and inflation in the domestic economy. The XMPI will be used to deflate the foreign trade component in the expenditure approach for calculating Gross Domestic Product at current prices thus deriving Gross Domestic Product at constant prices. The XMPI will also be a useful tool in tracking trade flows in real terms by breaking down changes in the value of traded goods and services into price changes, volume changes, or both. In addition, export and import price indices provide an early indicator of inflation pressures on the domestic economy as well as an input for a variety of other purposes including negotiations for trade agreements, analyzing the effects of exchange rates, and measuring competitiveness. This document specifically covers the movement of export and import prices within Barbados for the first quarter of 2017.

PERFORMANCE OF INDEX

- ❖ Import commodity prices increased by 2.8 percent for the period January to March 2017 and by 15.1 percent for the 12 month period ending March 2017.
- ❖ Export commodity prices increased by 2.2 percent for the quarter and by 0.1 percent for the 12 month period ending March 2017.
- ❖ The terms of trade, as measured by the ratio of export prices to import prices, decreased by 0.6 percent in the quarter and by 13.0 percent for the 12 months since March 2016.



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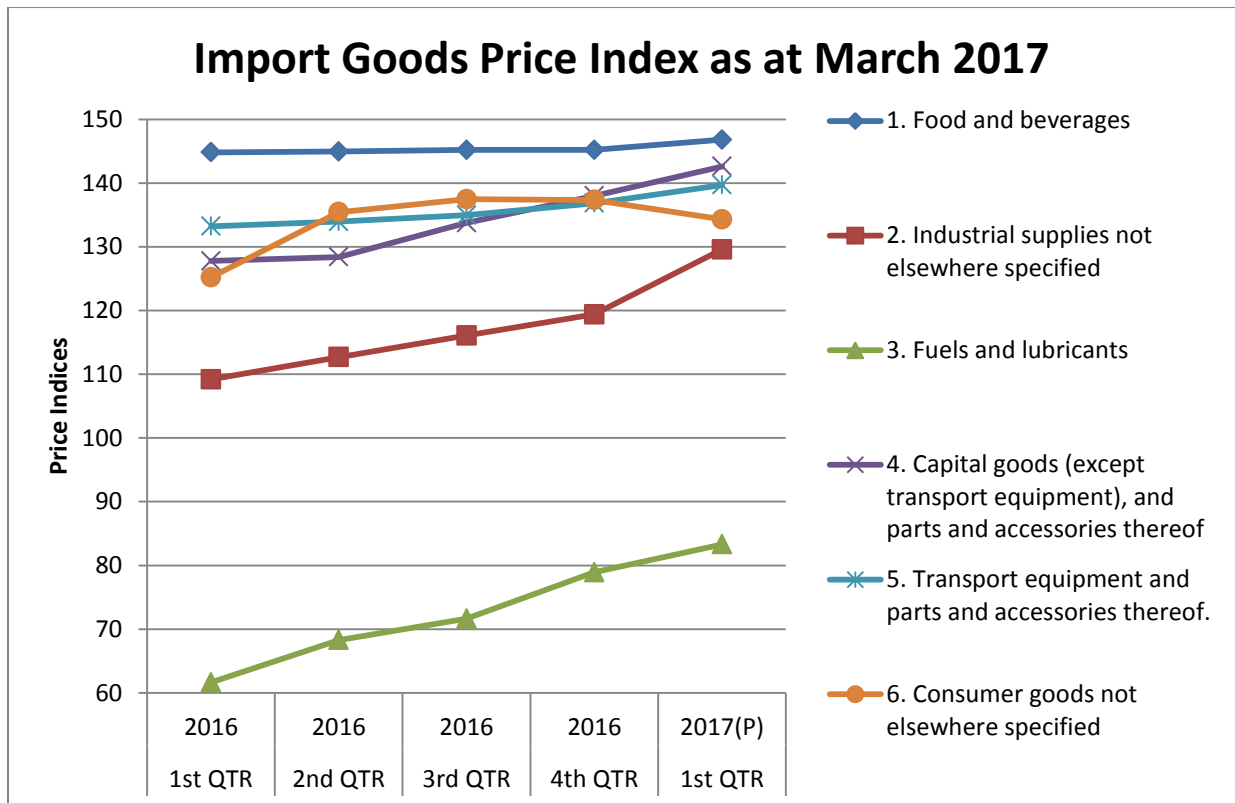
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	1st QTR		1st QTR %	12 Month %
4th QTR 2007=100	2016	2016	2016	2016	2017(P)	2016	Change	Change
Export Goods	97.94	97.25	94.94	95.94	98.09	96.52	2.2	0.1
Import Goods	98.59	103.90	106.47	110.42	113.51	104.85	2.8	15.1
Terms of Trade	99.34	93.60	89.17	86.89	86.41	92.05	-0.6	-13.0

ANALYSIS OF EXPORT-IMPORT PRICE INDICES

Import Price Index for Goods

During the first quarter of 2017, Fuels and Lubricants and Capital Goods prices both increased by 5.6 percent and 3.4 percent respectively. Consumer Goods declined by 2.2 percent while Food and Beverages increased by 1.1 percent. Similarly, Transport equipment and Industrial Supplies both posted increases of 2.1 percent and 8.5 percent respectively.

However, for the 12 month period ending March 2017, Fuels and Lubricants increased by 35.1 percent while Capital Goods also increased by 11.6 percent. Industrial Supplies increased by 18.7 percent while Food and Beverages prices also increased over the 12 month period by 1.4 percent. Similarly, Transport Equipment and Consumer Goods both posted increases of 4.9 percent and 7.3 percent respectively.

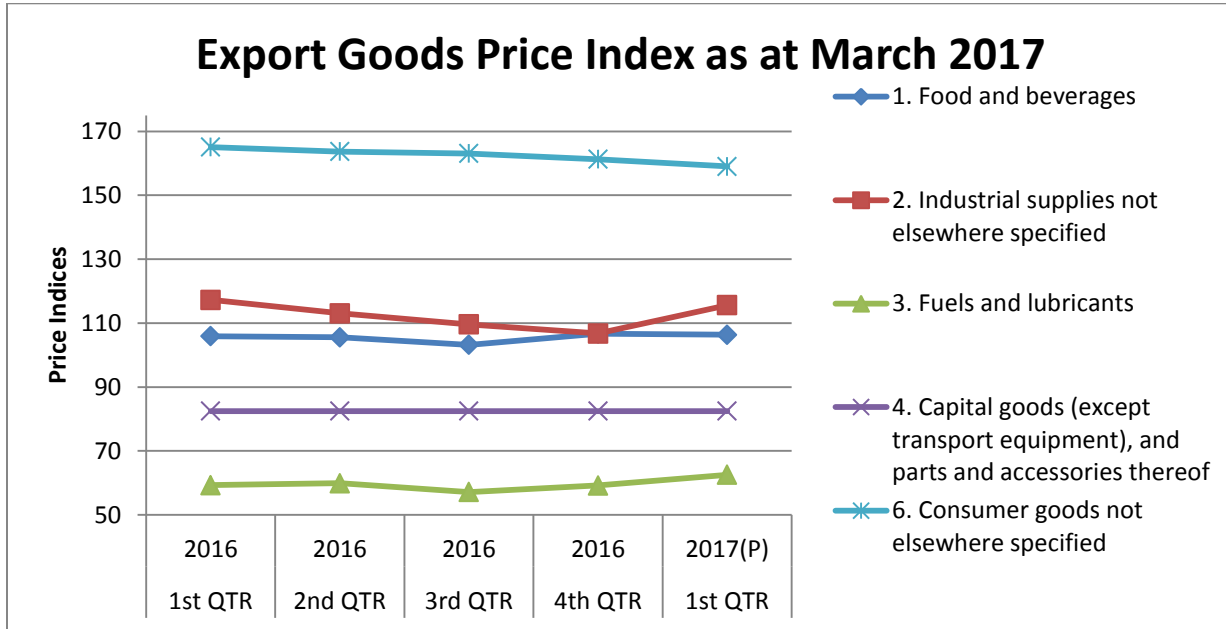


Export Price Index for Goods

During the first quarter of 2017, Fuels and Lubricants prices increased by 5.6 percent while Consumer Goods declined by 1.4 percent. Industrial Supplies increased by 8.3 percent while Food and Beverages declined by 0.3 percent. Capital Goods prices remained constant.

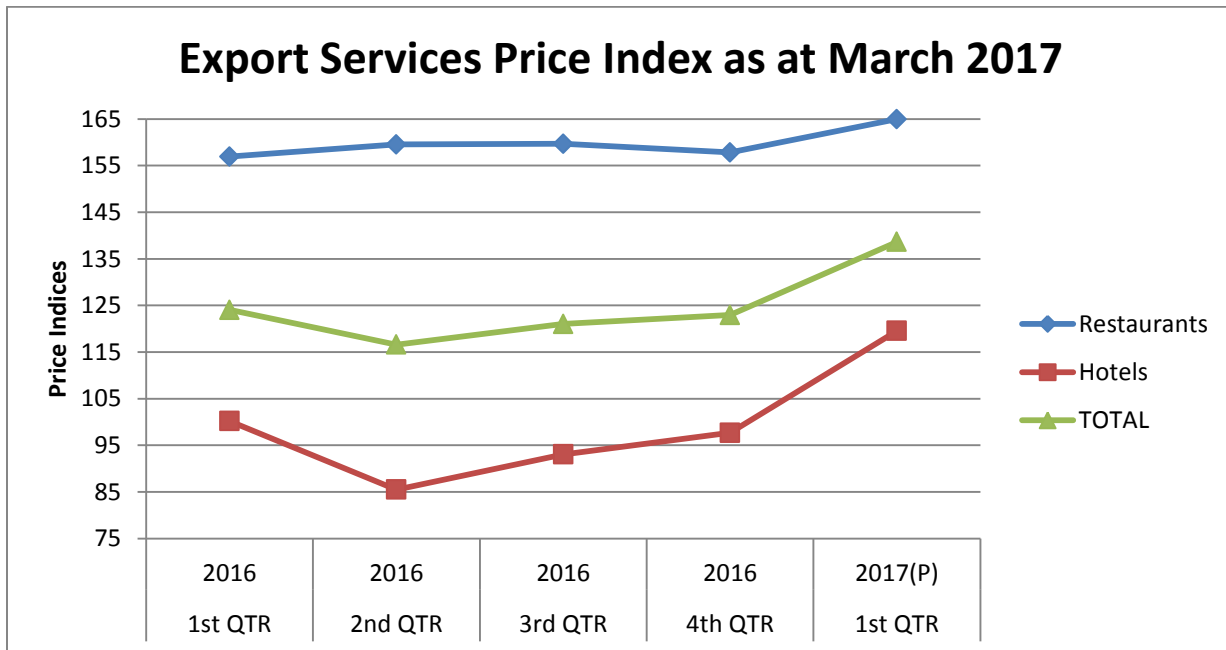
However, for the 12 month period ending March 2017, Fuels and Lubricants prices increased by 5.4 percent while Consumer Goods declined by 3.7 percent. Industrial Supplies declined by 1.4

percent while Food and Beverages increased by 0.4 percent. Capital Goods prices remained constant.



Export Price Index for Services

Export travel services increased by 12.8 percent for the quarter as restaurant and hotel prices increased by 4.5 percent and 22.4 percent respectively. However, during the 12 month period ending March 2017, hotel prices increased by 19.3 percent reflecting the usual seasonal pattern for this time of year.



APPENDIX

EXPORT GOODS PRICE INDEX

B.E.C. Exports 4th QTR 2007=100	1st QTR 2016	2nd QTR 2016	3rd QTR 2016	4th QTR 2016	1st QTR 2017(P)	2016	1st QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
1. Food and beverages	105.92	105.57	103.18	106.69	106.37	105.34	-0.3	0.4
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	117.28	113.07	109.62	106.77	115.61	111.68	8.3	-1.4
3. Fuels and lubricants	59.32	59.90	57.17	59.22	62.53	58.91	5.6	5.4
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	0.0	0.0
5. Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	165.09	163.70	163.08	161.28	159.01	163.29	-1.4	-3.7
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	97.94	97.25	94.94	95.94	98.09	96.52	2.2	0.1

EXPORT SERVICES PRICE INDEX

Travel 4th QTR 2007=100	1st QTR 2016	2nd QTR 2016	3rd QTR 2016	4th QTR 2016	1st QTR 2017(P)	2016	1st QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
Restaurants	156.94	159.55	159.67	157.81	164.95	158.49	4.5	5.1
Hotels	100.20	85.48	93.06	97.69	119.55	94.11	22.4	19.3
TOTAL	124.03	116.59	121.04	122.94	138.62	121.15	12.8	11.8

IMPORT GOODS PRICE INDEX

B.E.C. Imports 4th QTR 2007=100	1st QTR 2016	2nd QTR 2016	3rd QTR 2016	4th QTR 2016	1st QTR 2017(P)	2016	1st QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
1. Food and beverages	144.81	144.94	145.20	145.21	146.81	145.04	1.1	1.4
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	109.19	112.68	116.07	119.40	129.57	114.41	8.5	18.7
3. Fuels and lubricants	61.64	68.30	71.62	78.91	83.30	70.12	5.6	35.1
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	127.78	128.41	133.76	138.00	142.62	131.99	3.4	11.6
5. Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof.	133.21	133.94	134.95	136.84	139.70	134.73	2.1	4.9
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	125.22	135.42	137.47	137.35	134.31	133.87	-2.2	7.3
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	98.59	103.90	106.47	110.42	113.51	104.85	2.8	15.1

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