

## **The Price Indices for January 2016**

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

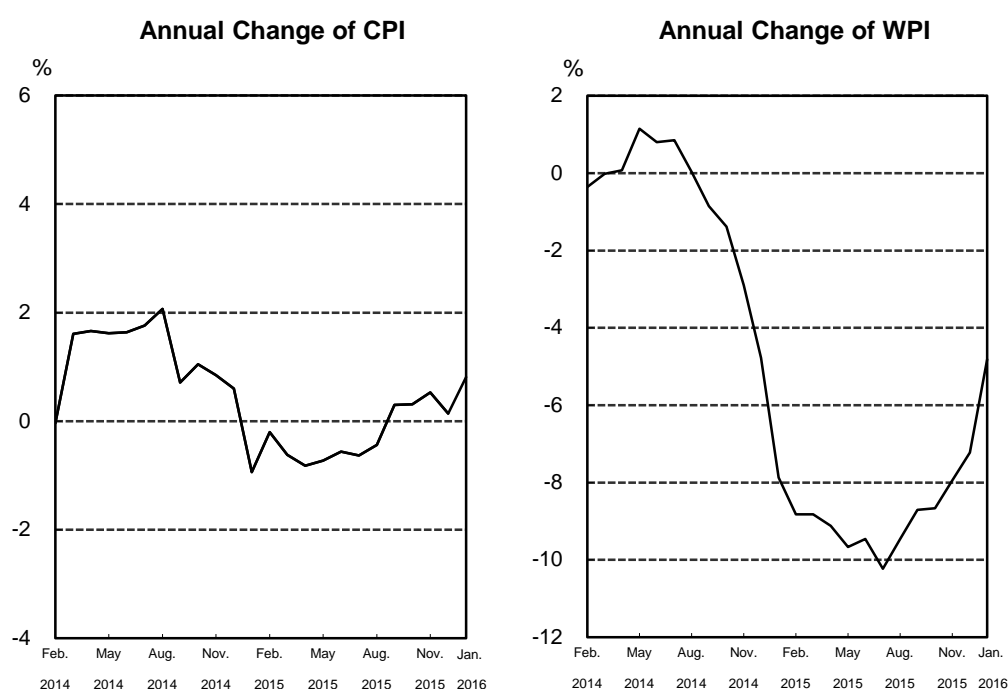
The CPI in January 2016 (2011=100) decreased 0.56% from the preceding month. Because of abundant production before the unprecedented cold front, prices of vegetables moved down 8.18%. Prices of fuels and lubricants fell 6.86%, and prices of garments declined 4.80% on winter clothing discount. On the other hand, prices of eggs went up 4.64%, and prices of fish and seafood rose 2.45%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.16%.

The annual change of CPI in January 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 0.81%. Prices of fruits, vegetables, and food away from home rose 10.70%, 6.60%, and 1.78%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply increased 6.90% as the result of the electricity rate refund plan last year. However, prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 15.50%. The core CPI increased 0.65%.

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

The WPI in January 2016 increased 0.06% from the preceding month. Prices of machinery and equipment went up 1.87%, prices of electronic parts and components rose 1.72%, and prices of computers, electronic and optical products moved up 1.44%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas fell 16.56%, and prices of petroleum and coal products went down 9.50%.

The annual change of WPI in January 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 4.82%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 34.25%, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 19.99%, and prices of basic metals fell 19.68%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 9.72%, but prices of machinery and equipment rose 2.47%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 6.84%, import price index fell 5.74%, and export price index declined 2.49%.



## 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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