

The Price Indices for August 2018

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2018 (2016=100) decreased 0.07% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments as well as tobacco and betel nuts fell 2.63% and 2.08%. However, prices of fruits and eggs rose 7.95% and 6.15%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) fell 0.27%.

The annual change of CPI in August 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.53%. Prices of tobacco and betel nuts rose 33.47% due to the increase of cigarette tax. Prices of fuels and lubricants also increased 19.47% as the international oil prices hovered within the high interval. Moreover, prices of eggs, transportation fees, as well as water, electricity and gas supply rose 16.37%, 5.78%, and 3.72%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of vegetables and communication fees fell 11.63% and 4.00%. The core CPI increased 1.36%.

For the first eight months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.64% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.58% and 1.06%. The core CPI increased 1.44%.

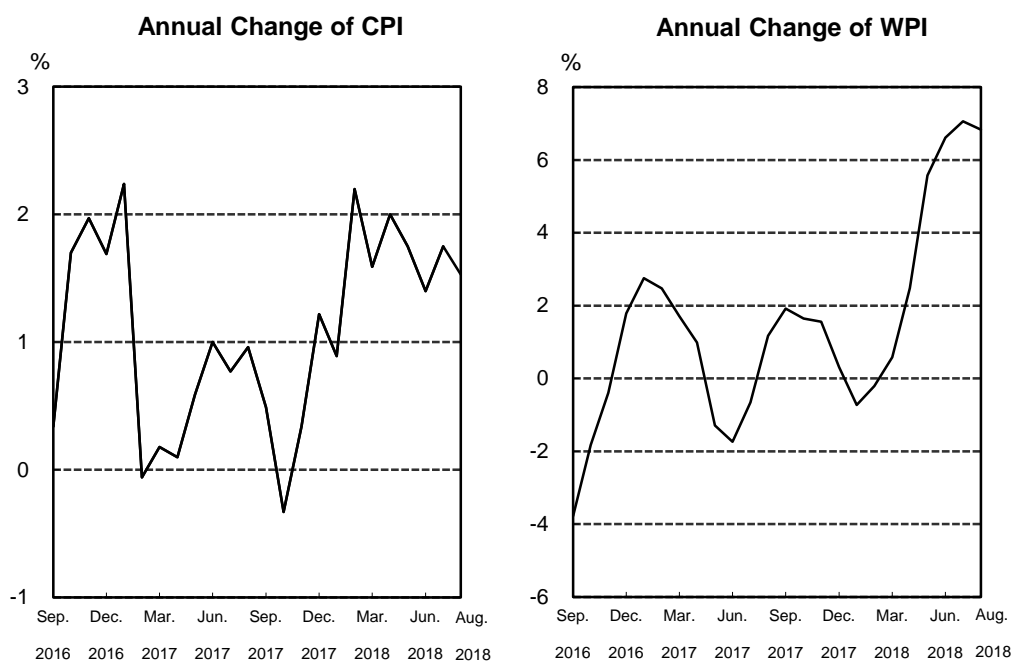
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2018 increased 0.53% from the preceding month. Prices of fishery products, quarrying and mining products, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 3.99%, 2.58%, and 1.44%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in August 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 6.83%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, petroleum and coal products, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals increased 40.54%, 35.05%, and 13.86%,

respectively. However, prices of farm products as well as computer, electronic and optical products decreased 5.87% and 2.66%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 5.86%, import price index and export price index also rose 10.41% and 4.66%.

For the first eight months of 2018, the WPI increased 3.49% over the same period of previous year.



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