

## **The Price Indices for April 2019**

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

The CPI in April 2019 (2016=100) increased 0.75% from the preceding month. Prices of garments rose 10.98% due to the new arrival of spring and summer clothes. Moreover, prices of vegetables, as well as fuels and lubricants also rose 8.53% and 4.32%, respectively. However, prices of eggs and fruits fell 5.38% and 3.06%, respectively, both of which offset the increase. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.62%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.66%. Prices of vegetables, eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants rose 21.13%, 14.66%, and 2.37%, respectively. Besides, prices of water, electricity and gas supply rose 2.26% owing to the increase of gas price. Nonetheless, prices of fruits and communication fees declined 11.09% and 5.49%, respectively, both of which offset the increase. The core CPI increased 0.59%.

For the first four months of 2019, the CPI increased 0.40% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 0.09% and 0.70%. The core CPI increased 0.47%.

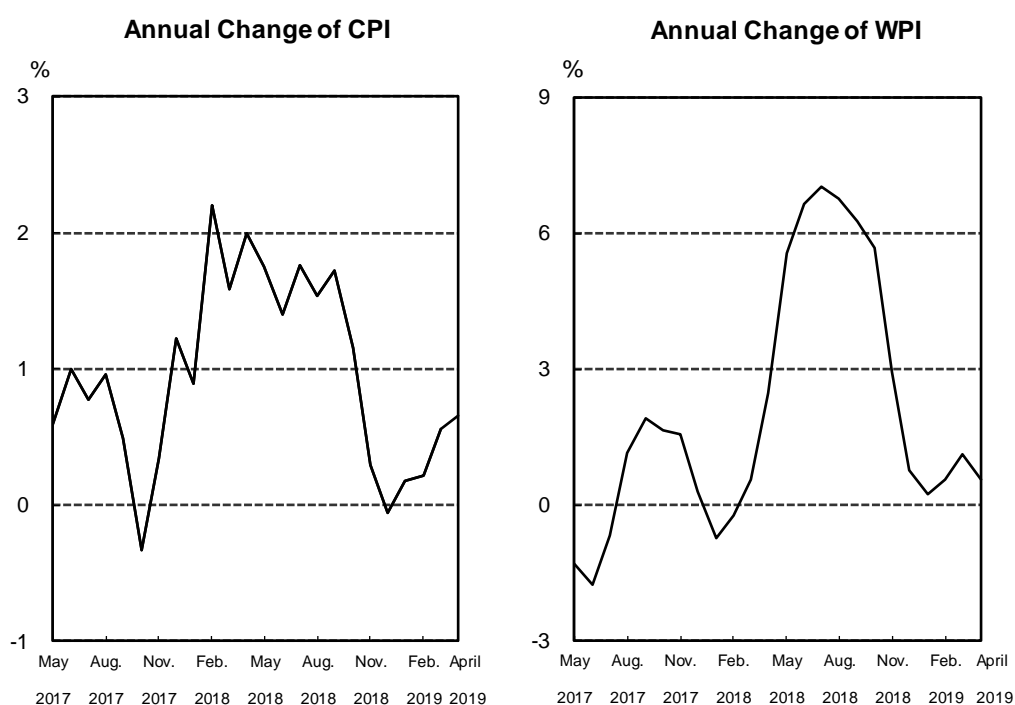
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in April 2019 increased 0.40% from the preceding month. Prices of fishery products, as well as crude petroleum and natural gas rose 8.76% and 4.82%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of quarrying products and other mining products fell 2.04%.

The annual change of WPI in April 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.58%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as

non-metallic mineral products rose 7.47% and 5.22%, respectively. However, prices of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals fell 5.67%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 0.13%, but import price index and export price index rose 1.78% and 0.10%, respectively.

For the first four months of 2019, the WPI increased 0.64% over the same period of the previous year.



**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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