

## **The Price Indices for August 2021**

### **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

The CPI in August 2021 (2016=100) increased 0.59% from the preceding month, mainly because the index for vegetables rose 23.92% due to the impact of Typhoon Lupit and torrential rains. The index for water, electricity and gas rose 7.18% as summer electricity rates resumed for all households. Moreover, the index for fruits rose 4.66% due to Ghost Festival, and the index for entertainment expenses rose 0.62% because domestic package holidays fees increased in summer travel season as COVID-19 local pandemic is controlled. However, the index for garments fell 1.99% due to promotions; the index for fuels and lubricants fell 1.17%, offsetting part of the increase. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) rose 0.04%.

The CPI in August 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 2.36%, mainly because the index for vegetables rose 35.22% due to the impact of continuous heavy rains since June. The index for fuels and lubricants rose 23.24% due to a relatively lower comparison base, and the index for transportation fees rose 13.10% due to the increase in airfares. Moreover, indices for meats, as well as fruits rose 5.38% and 3.60%, respectively. However, the index for personal effects fell 2.48%, offsetting part of the increase. The core CPI increased 1.33%.

For the first eight months of 2021, the CPI increased 1.64% over the same period of previous year. Indices for commodity and service moved up 1.97% and 1.33%, respectively. The core CPI increased 1.18%.

### **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**

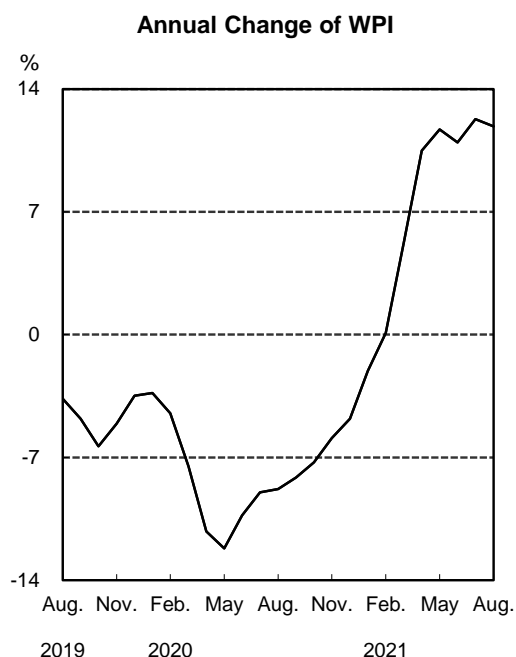
The WPI in August 2021 increased 0.25% from the preceding month. Indices for farm products, as well as basic metals rose 12.66% and 2.01%, respectively. However, indices for crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 4.31% and 1.81%, respectively, offsetting part of the increase.

The WPI in August 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 11.88%. Indices for quarrying and mining products, petroleum and coal products, as well as basic metals rose 56.95%, 44.39%, and 42.61%, respectively. Moreover, the index for chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 27.60%. However, the NTD appreciated 5.81% against the USD, offsetting part of the increase. The price index for domestic sales excluding imports (DPI) increased 15.66%, import price index (IPI) and export price index (EPI) also rose 12.56% and 8.62%, respectively.

For the first eight months of 2021, the WPI increased 7.43% over the same period of previous year. The DPI, IPI, and EPI also rose 10.67%, 8.34%, and 4.32%, respectively.

### Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI, the price index for products domestically produced, in August 2021 increased 0.64% from the preceding month. Indices for farm products, basic metals, as well as fabricated metal products rose 20.80%, 2.01%, and 1.78%, respectively. However, the index for petroleum and coal products fell 1.76%, offsetting part of the increase.



### **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

Table5 The Changes of Producer Price Indices

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