

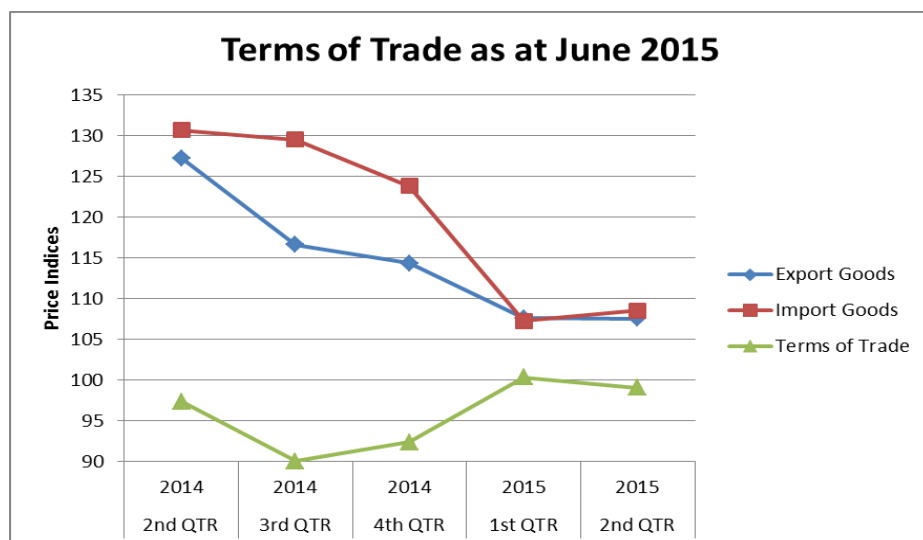
EXPORT-IMPORT PRICE INDEX

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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 second quarter of 2015.

PERFORMANCE OF INDEX

- ❖ Import commodity prices increased by 1.2 percent for the period April to June 2015 but declined by 16.9 percent for the 12 month period ending June 2015.
- ❖ Export commodity prices decreased by 0.1 percent for the quarter and by 15.5 percent for the 12 month period ending June 2015.
- ❖ The terms of trade, as measured by the ratio of export prices to import prices, decreased by 1.3 percent in the quarter but increased by 1.7 percent for the 12 months since June 2014.



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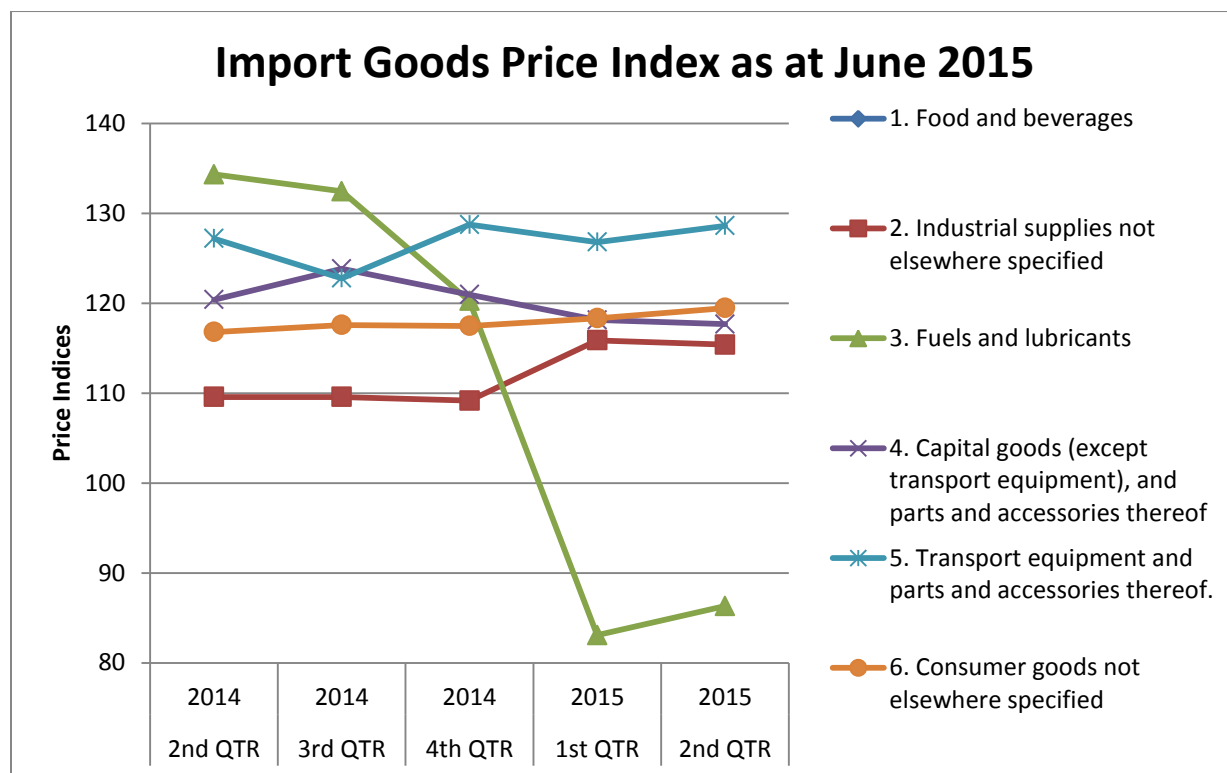
4th QTR 2007=100	2nd QTR 2014	3rd QTR 2014	4th QTR 2014	1st QTR 2015	2nd QTR 2015	2014	2nd QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
Export Goods	127.24	116.61	114.38	107.63	107.53	119.11	-0.1	-15.5
Import Goods	130.67	129.50	123.80	107.24	108.57	127.59	1.2	-16.9
Terms of Trade	97.38	90.04	92.39	100.36	99.04	93.35	-1.3	1.7

ANALYSIS OF EXPORT-IMPORT PRICE INDICES

Import Price Index for Goods

During the second quarter of 2015, Fuels and Lubricants increased by 3.9 percent while Capital Goods declined by 0.4 percent. Food and Beverages declined by 2.2 percent while Consumer Goods increased by 2.3 percent. In contrast, Transport equipment posted an increase of 1.4 percent in the second quarter of 2015 while Industrial Supplies prices declined by 0.4 percent.

However, for the 12 month period ending June 2015, Fuels and Lubricants declined by 35.7 percent while Capital Goods also decreased by 2.3 percent. Transport equipment prices increased by 1.1 percent while Food and Beverages prices declined over the 12 month period by 7.6 percent. In contrast, Industrial Supplies and Consumer Goods both posted increases of 5.3 percent and 2.3 percent respectively.

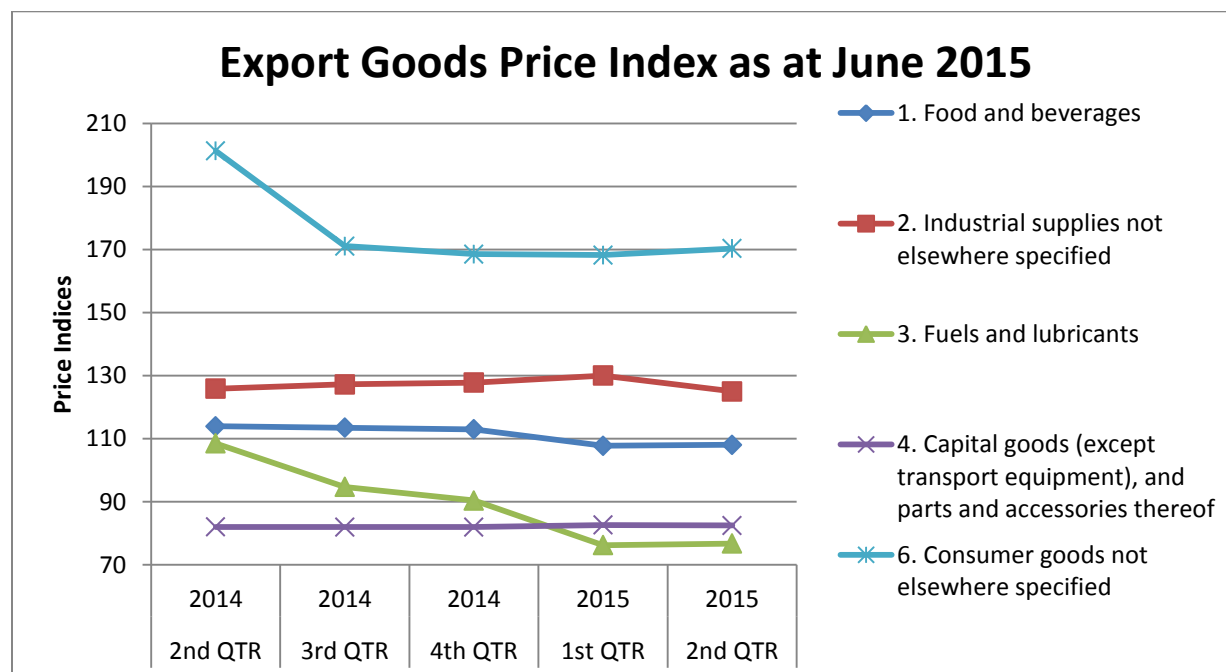


Export Price Index for Goods

During the second quarter of 2015, Fuels and Lubricants and Consumer Goods prices increased by 0.6 percent and 1.2 percent respectively. Food and Beverages prices increased by 0.3 percent while there were declines recorded in Industrial Supplies and Capital Goods of 3.9 percent and 0.2 percent respectively.

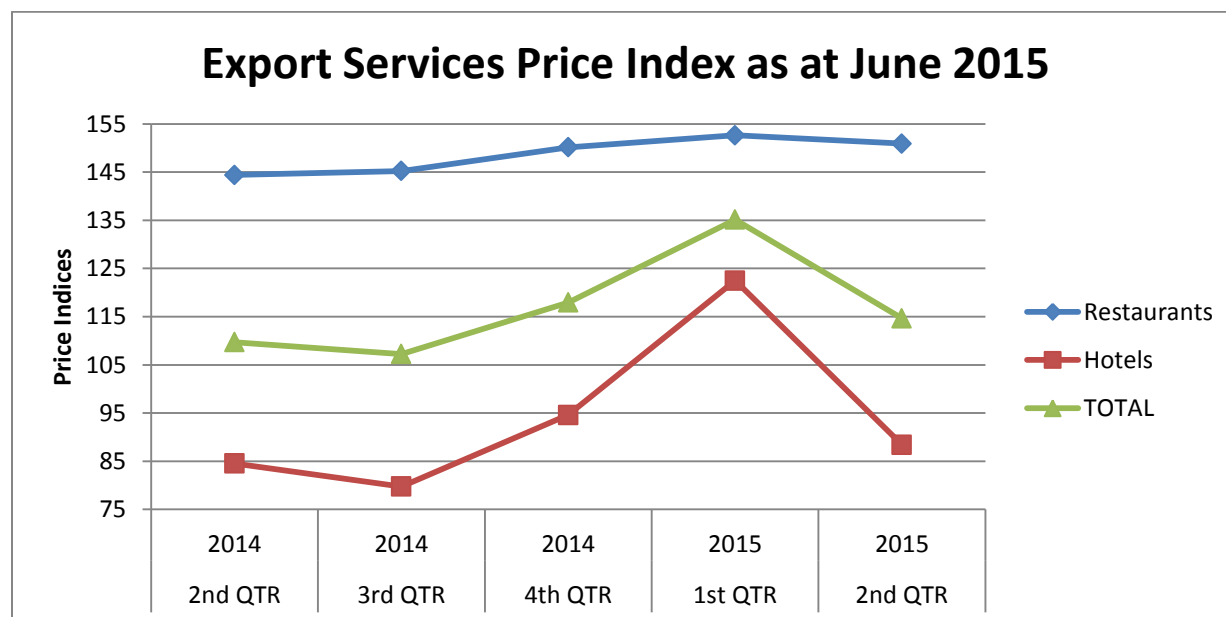
However, for the 12 month period ending June 2015, Fuels and Lubricants and Consumer Goods prices declined by 29.3 percent and by 15.4 percent respectively. Capital Goods increased by 0.6

percent while Industrial Supplies and Foods and Beverages recorded declines of 0.7 percent and 5.2 percent respectively.



Export Price Index for Services

Export travel services decreased by 15.2 percent for the quarter as restaurant and hotel prices declined by 1.1 percent and 27.8 percent respectively. However, during the 12 month period ending June 2015, hotel prices increased by 4.6 percent reflecting the usual seasonal pattern for this time of year.



APPENDIX

EXPORT GOODS PRICE INDEX

B.E.C. Exports 4th QTR 2007=100	2nd QTR 2014	3rd QTR 2014	4th QTR 2014	1st QTR 2015	2nd QTR 2015	2014	2nd QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
1. Food and beverages	113.97	113.50	112.98	107.75	108.05	113.72	0.3	-5.2
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	125.89	127.24	127.80	130.02	125.01	127.15	-3.9	-0.7
3. Fuels and lubricants	108.54	94.72	90.40	76.27	76.76	101.88	0.6	-29.3
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	82.03	81.97	81.97	82.64	82.50	82.00	-0.2	0.6
5. Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	201.25	171.06	168.53	168.22	170.30	168.42	1.2	-15.4
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	127.24	116.61	114.38	107.63	107.53	119.11	-0.1	-15.5

EXPORT SERVICES PRICE INDEX

Travel 4th QTR 2007=100	2nd QTR 2014	3rd QTR 2014	4th QTR 2014	1st QTR 2015	2nd QTR 2015	2014	2nd QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
Restaurants	144.41	145.23	150.14	152.63	150.90	147.44	-1.1	4.5
Hotels	84.55	79.75	94.61	122.50	88.42	92.59	-27.8	4.6
TOTAL	109.69	107.25	117.93	135.15	114.66	115.62	-15.2	4.5

IMPORT GOODS PRICE INDEX

B.E.C. Imports 4th QTR 2007=100	2nd QTR 2014	3rd QTR 2014	4th QTR 2014	1st QTR 2015	2nd QTR 2015	2014	2nd QTR % Change	12 Month % Change
1. Food and beverages	158.92	157.27	152.90	150.03	146.80	155.95	-2.2	-7.6
2. Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	109.58	109.58	109.15	115.87	115.39	109.72	-0.4	5.3
3. Fuels and lubricants	134.33	132.43	120.24	83.07	86.31	129.69	3.9	-35.7
4. Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	120.38	123.82	120.97	118.12	117.66	119.95	-0.4	-2.3
5. Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof.	127.19	122.78	128.74	126.80	128.61	126.48	1.4	1.1
6. Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	116.80	117.58	117.47	118.33	119.46	113.85	1.0	2.3
7. Goods not elsewhere specified	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	130.67	129.50	123.80	107.24	108.57	127.59	1.2	-16.9

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