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PRODUCER PRICE INDICES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2023

Introduction

The National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the fourth quarter October-December of 2023. The Producer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices received by selected domestic producers for the production of goods. A basket includes a list of selected commodities of goods that are being priced on quarterly basis. The producer prices collected as at 15th of the mid-month of every quarter that is; (Q1: January-March), (Q2: April-June), (Q3: July-September) and (Q4: October-December).

Weights and a Reference Period

The index weights are based on gross output derived from the 2015 Annual Survey of Industrial Production (ASIP 2015). The Producer Price Index on this release reports the indices with reference to Fourth Quarter (October-December) of the year 2018 (2018Q4=100). It shows the producer price changes since December 2018 up to fourth quarter of 2023, the index has been linked back up to the first quarter of the year 2013 to show the trend of price movements on three major sub-sectors of industry (Mining, Manufacturing, and Utilities).

Classification

Industrial Classification follows the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) Rev.4.

Methodology

In the process of deriving the structure and weights, a top-down approach was adopted to maximize the indirect representation of industries and items. The basket selected and base weights were calculated from Gross Output (GO) based on The Annual Survey of Industrial Production of 2015. During the process of weights calculation, establishments with a contribution of at least 80% of Gross Output were selected in each ISIC Rev.4 Group.

A sample of establishments for inclusion in the price survey was then selected using cut-off sampling procedures.

The first level of aggregation is the class 4-digit ISIC; these indices are the un-weighted Elementary Aggregates (EA) and are being compiled using the Jevons geometric mean aggregation formula which refers to the Geometric Mean of the price relatives. The Elementary Aggregates indices are then being progressively combined with higher levels within the index structure (i.e. Group 3-digit, 2-digit division and 1-digit Section levels of the ISIC, and then the all-groups levels) using the standard base-weighted Laspeyres formula.

Chart 1: Overall Producer Price Indices for the Quarter Ending December, 2023 (Dec 2018 = 100)

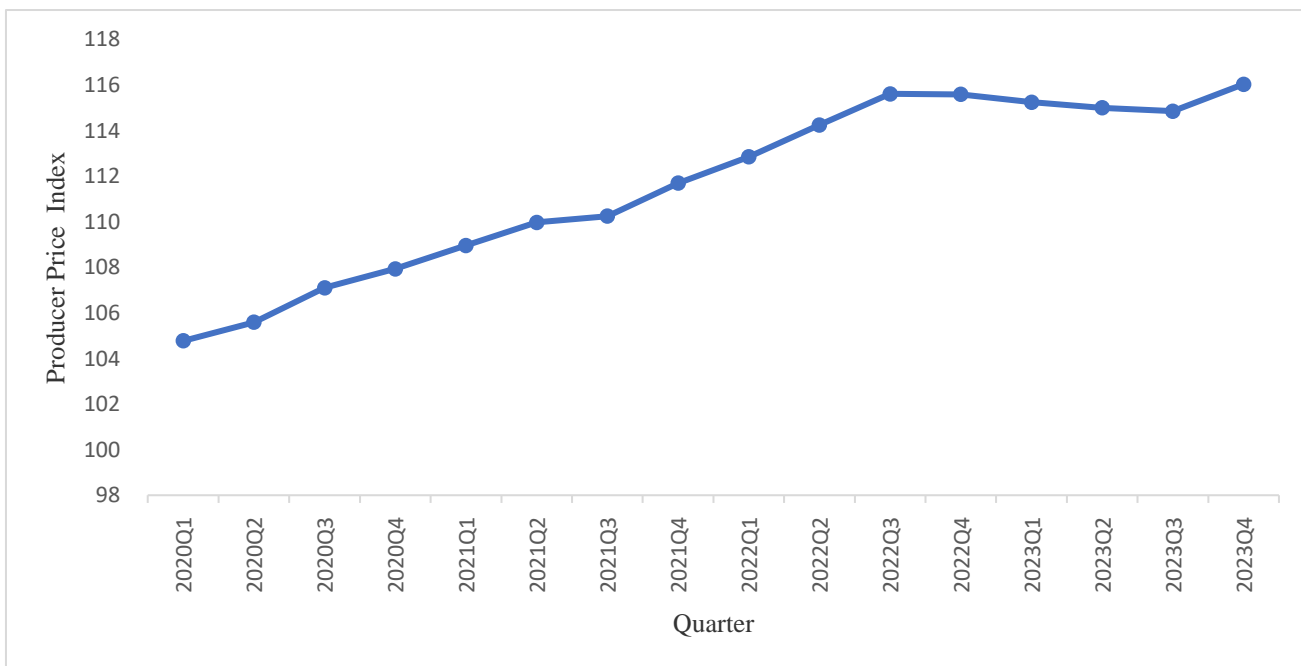


Table 1: Producer Price Indices by Sub-sectors and Major Groups

ISIC Rev.4	Industrial Activity	Weight	Index (Dec 2018=100)			Percentage Change	
			Oct -Dec 2022	Jul-Sept 2023	Oct -Dec 2023	2023Q4 vs 2023Q3	2023Q4 vs 2022Q4
7	Mining of metal ores	15.71	130.39	130.39	130.39	0.00	0.00
8	Other mining and quarrying	3.37	120.68	120.60	120.60	0.00	-0.06
B	Mining and Quarrying	19.08	128.67	128.66	128.66	0.00	-0.01
10	Manufacture of food products	19.4	128.77	119.35	121.88	2.12	-5.35
11	Manufacture of beverages	11.97	115.04	117.89	118.31	0.36	2.85
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	3.27	130.85	135.27	135.27	0.00	3.38
13	Manufacture of textiles	3.15	108.50	109.55	109.44	-0.10	0.86
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	0.08	100.00	100.16	100.16	0.00	0.16
15	Manufacture of leather and related products	0.27	113.93	117.14	117.14	0.00	2.82
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	1.28	117.28	118.73	118.73	0.00	1.23
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	2.25	104.04	103.14	103.28	0.13	-0.74
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	1.2	99.86	99.46	99.46	0.00	-0.39
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	0.25	118.01	122.16	124.33	1.78	5.36
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	2.99	95.20	96.60	97.51	0.95	2.43
21	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products	0.38	104.78	104.78	104.78	0.00	0.00
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	2.65	102.21	106.80	104.57	-2.09	2.31
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	5.69	102.99	111.11	115.04	3.53	11.70
24	Manufacture of basic metals	3.21	111.81	106.88	106.57	-0.29	-4.68
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	0.37	106.91	113.26	113.06	-0.18	5.75
26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	0.05	99.14	96.98	99.15	2.24	0.01
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	0.72	104.45	107.57	107.57	0.00	2.98
28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	0	96.57	99.87	99.87	0.00	3.41
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0.58	86.32	86.52	86.59	0.09	0.31
31	Manufacture of furniture	2.34	102.84	99.92	100.79	0.00	-1.99
32	Other manufacturing	0.59	115.88	120.98	120.98	0.00	4.40
33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	0.11	107.70	107.70	107.70	0.00	0.00
C	Manufacturing	62.8	115.41	114.10	115.30	1.05	-0.10
35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	16.95	101.76	101.76	104.32	2.52	2.52
36	Water collection, treatment and supply	1.18	111.79	119.38	119.26	-0.10	6.68
35&36	Utility	18.12	102.41	102.90	105.29	2.32	2.81
	Overall Index	100	115.59	114.85	116.03	1.03	0.39

*Utilities includes; Electric power generation, transmission and distribution and Water collection, treatment and supply

Overall index recorded increase of 1.03 percent from 114.85 of third quarter 2023 to 116.03 of fourth quarter 2023. An increase was attributed to Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products by 3.53 percent followed by electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply by 2.52 percent and Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products by 2.24 percent. On the other hand, Manufacture of rubber and plastics products decreased by 2.09 percent followed by Manufacture of basic metals 0.29 percent and Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment by 0.18 percent.

Looking at percentage change on the same quarter (fourth quarter 2022 to fourth quarter 2023), the overall index recorded an increase of 0.39 percent from 115.59 fourth quarter 2022 to 116.03 fourth quarter 2023. An increase was attributed to Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products by 11.70 percent followed by Water collection, treatment and supply by 6.68 percent and Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment by 5.75 percent. On the other hand, Manufacture of food products decreased by 5.35 percent followed by Manufacture of basic metals by 4.68 and Manufacture of furniture by 1.99 percent.

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