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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PRODUCER PRICE INDICES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH, 2024**

#### **Introduction**

The National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the first quarter January-March of 2024. 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 are collected as at 15<sup>th</sup> 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 the Fourth Quarter (October-December) of the year 2018(2018Q4=100). It shows the producer price changes since December 2018 up to the first quarter of 2024, 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.

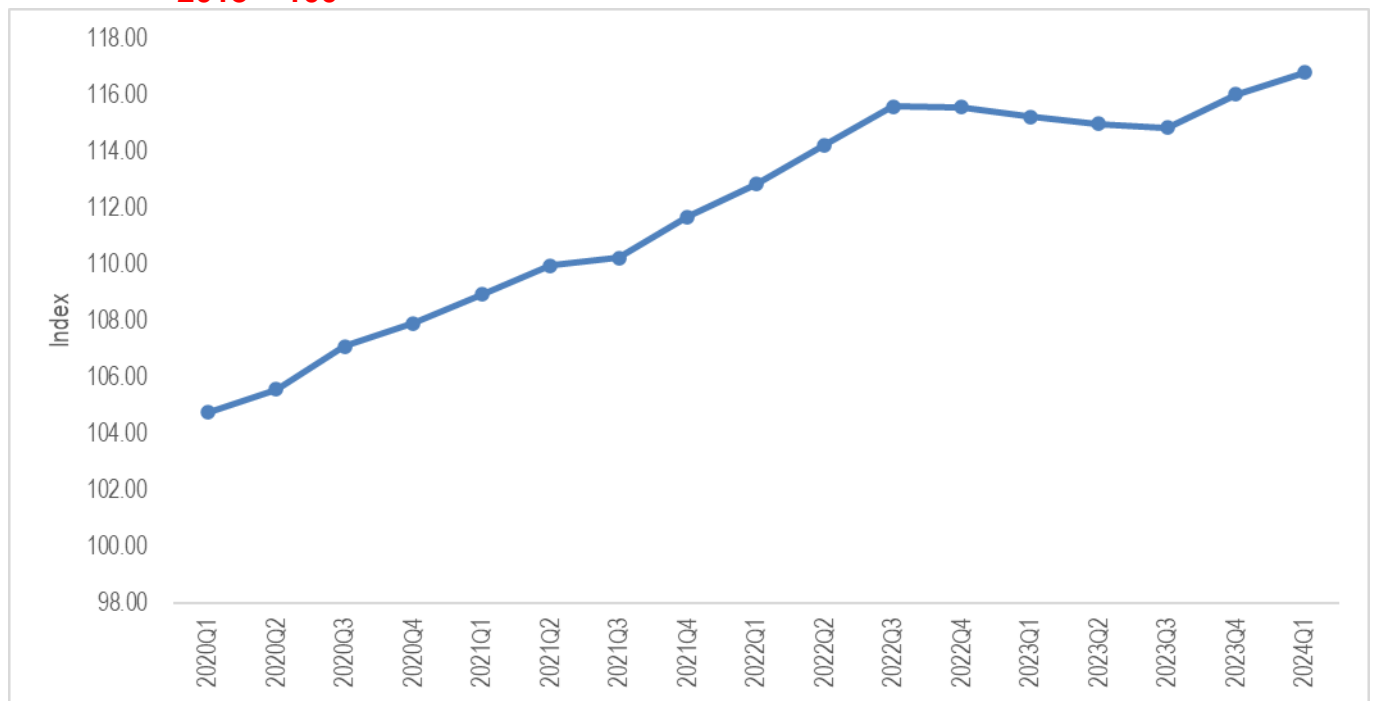
#### **Methodology**

In the process of deriving the structure and weights, a top-down approach was adopted in order to maximize the indirect representation of industries and items. The basket was 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 March 2024 (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	
			Jan - March 2023	Oct -Dec 2023	Jan - March 2024	2024Q1 vs 2023Q4	2024Q1 vs 2023Q1
7	Mining of metal ores	15.71	130.39	130.39	130.39	0.00	0.00
8	Other mining and quarrying	3.37	120.65	120.60	120.75	0.13	0.08
<b>B</b>	<b>Mining and Quarrying</b>	<b>19.08</b>	<b>128.67</b>	<b>128.66</b>	<b>128.69</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.01</b>
10	Manufacture of food products	19.4	124.72	121.88	122.14	0.21	-2.07
11	Manufacture of beverages	11.97	116.31	118.29	122.04	3.17	4.93
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	3.27	130.85	135.27	135.27	0.00	3.38
13	Manufacture of textiles	3.15	110.72	109.44	109.44	0.00	-1.16
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	0.08	100.16	100.16	100.16	0.00	0.00
15	Manufacture of leather and related products	0.27	127.32	117.14	117.14	0.00	-7.99
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	1.28	117.23	118.73	118.73	0.00	1.28
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	2.25	104.33	103.28	104.01	0.72	-0.30
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	1.2	99.86	99.46	97.12	-2.35	-2.74
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	0.25	119.16	124.33	124.38	0.04	4.39
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	2.99	94.94	97.51	97.48	-0.03	2.68
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	102.26	104.57	106.92	2.25	4.56
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	5.69	106.35	115.04	118.19	2.74	11.14
24	Manufacture of basic metals	3.21	111.09	106.57	106.95	0.35	-3.72
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	0.37	108.19	113.06	113.06	0.00	4.50
26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	0.05	103.81	107.57	108.87	1.20	4.87
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	0.72	99.14	99.15	102.10	2.97	2.99
28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	0	99.15	99.87	99.87	0.00	0.73
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0.58	86.32	86.59	86.59	0.00	0.31
31	Manufacture of furniture	2.34	102.82	100.79	100.84	0.05	-1.93
32	Other manufacturing	0.59	118.86	120.98	141.10	16.63	18.72
33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	0.11	107.70	107.70	107.70	0.00	0.00
<b>C</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>114.87</b>	<b>115.29</b>	<b>116.68</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.57</b>
35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	16.95	101.76	104.32	101.76	-2.45	0.00
36	Water collection, treatment and supply	1.18	111.67	119.26	147.04	23.30	31.67
<b>35&amp;36</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>18.12</b>	<b>102.40</b>	<b>105.29</b>	<b>104.70</b>	<b>-0.56</b>	<b>2.24</b>
	<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115.24</b>	<b>116.03</b>	<b>116.80</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>1.3</b>

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

Overall index recorded an increase of 0.66 percent from 116.03 of fourth quarter 2023 to 116.80 of first quarter 2024. An increase was attributed to water collection, treatment and supply by 23.30 percent followed by other manufacturing by 16.63 percent and manufacture of tobacco products increased by 3.17 percent. On the other hand, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply decreased by 2.45 percent followed by printing and reproduction of recorded media by 2.35 percent and manufacture of chemicals and chemical products decreased by 0.03 percent.

Looking at percentage change on the same quarter (first quarter 2023 to first quarter 2024), the overall index recorded an increase of 1.35 percent from 116.80 first quarter 2024 to 115.24 first quarter 2023. An increase was attributed to water collection, treatment and supply increased by 31.67 percent followed by other manufacturing by 18.72 percent and manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products increased by 11.1 percent. On the other hand, manufacture of leather and related products decreased by 7.99 followed by manufacture of basic metals by 3.72 percent and printing and reproduction of recorded media decreased by 2.74 percent

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