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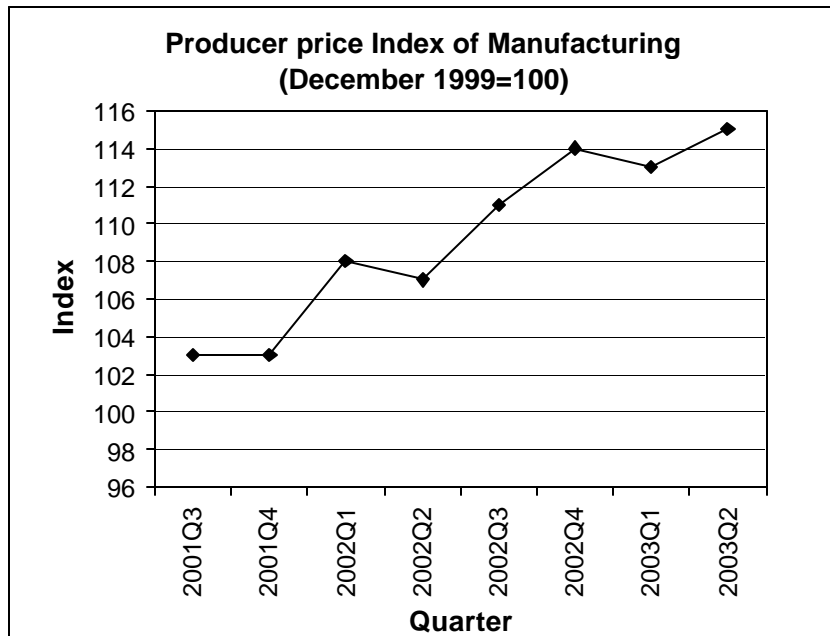
STATISTICS RELEASE

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Producer Price Index of Manufacturing Second Quarter 2003

In order to improve the accessibility of statistics to all users and to the public in general, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) disseminates a series of quarterly short-term social and economic indicators through regular "Statistics Releases". This release refers to the Producer Price Index of manufacturing for the second quarter 2003.

The Producer Price Index of manufacturing measures changes in the selling prices of commodities produced as part of their output, and sold in the domestic market. It reflects the price trends of a constant basket of goods, produced by selected establishments where the majority employ 50 or more workers.



Producer Price Index of Manufacturing (December 1999 = 100)

The graph and the table show the evolution of the index on a quarterly basis. The quarterly index was obtained as an arithmetic mean of the monthly indices.

The Producer Price Index of manufacturing for the second quarter of 2003 stood at 115.0. When compared with that of the first quarter 2003 it shows an increase of 1.8 percent. This overall increase was mainly caused by increase in prices for "Fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment" (8.9%) followed by "Basic metal products" (6.2 %) and "Food beverages and tobacco" (1.9 %). At the same time "Chemical, petroleum and plastic product show a fall (-15.6 %)

Activities	Weight	2002Q2	2003Q1	2003Q2	% Change on Previous Quarter	% Change on same Quarter last Year
Food beverages and tobacco	55	119	108	110	1.9	-7.6
Textiles and leather	3	100	105	98	-6.9	-2.3
Wood and wood products	8	98	98	98	0.0	0.0
Paper and paper products	1	103	100	100	0.3	-2.7
Chemical, petroleum, and plastic products	9	123	117	104	-11.5	-15.6
Pottery, china, glass and non-metallic products	11	133	140	141	0.4	5.7
Basic metals industries	8	99	122	130	6.2	30.5
Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment	5	110	118	121	8.9	10.0
Manufacturing	100	107	113	115	1.8	7.0

Note: Q1 = 1st Quarter; Q2 = 2nd Quarter; Q3 = 3rd Quarter; Q4 = 4th Quarter

However, a comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2002 shows an increase of seven percent.

**Producer Price Index of Manufacturing
(December 1999 = 100)**

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual average
2001	101	103	104	103	102.8
2002	108	107	111	114	110.0
2003	113	115			

The annual average Producer Price Index of manufacturing obtained as an arithmetic mean of the quarterly indices shows an increase of 7.0 percent in year 2002 compared to the year 2001.

Note:

Producer Price Index of manufacturing covering Tanzania Mainland was first produced in year 1993 with reference month December 1992=100 is available on request.

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