## SPECIAL RELEASE

## Unit Value Index (UVI) for Exports and Imports (2018=100) <br> Second Quarter 2023

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Table A. Unit Value Index (UVI) and Year-on-Year Growth Rates of UVI for Total Exports and Imports: Philippines Second Quarter 2022r, First Quarter 2023r, and Second Quarter $2023^{\text {² }}$ (2018=100)

| Indicator | Second Quarter 2022 ${ }^{r}$ | First Quarter $2023^{r}$ | Second Quarter 2023 ${ }^{\text {p }}$ |
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| 1. Exports |  |  |  |
| - UVI for Total Exports | 106.5 | 111.2 | 110.8 |
| - Year-on-Year Growth Rate of UVI for Total Exports (\%) | 4.9 | 6.6 | 4.1 |
| 2. Imports |  |  |  |
| - UVI for Total Imports | 121.4 | 120.3 | 122.7 |
| - Year-on-Year Growth Rate of UVI for Total Imports (\%) | 13.4 | 2.2 | 1.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { p-preliminary } \\ & \text { r-revised } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Source: Philippine Statistics Authority |  |  |  |

## A. EXPORTS

## 1. Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques was the primary driver to the slower annual increment of UVI for Exports

The Unit Value Index (UVI) of exported goods for the second quarter of 2023 registered a slower annual growth rate of 4.1 percent from the 6.6 percent annual increase in the previous quarter. UVI for exports also grew by 4.9 percent in the second quarter of 2022. (Figure 1, and Tables A and 2)

The deceleration in the annual growth rate of UVI in the second quarter of 2023 relative to its annual increase in the first quarter of 2023 was mainly brought about by works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques with a slower annual increment of 27.9 percent in the second quarter of 2023 from an annual increase of 34.6 percent in the previous quarter. This section contributed 32.0 percent to the slower annual growth rate of UVI in the second quarter of 2023.

Other main contributors to the slower annual growth rate of UVI for exports in the second quarter of 2023 were the annual declines observed in machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles at 0.4 percent in the second quarter of 2023 from a 1.0 percent annual increase in the first quarter of 2023, and the slower annual increment recorded in mineral products at 4.5 percent in the second quarter of 2023 from a 19.3 percent annual increase in the previous quarter.

Of the remaining 18 sections, 13 exhibited annual increases, while five posted annual decreases in the second quarter of 2023. (Tables A, B, and 2)

2. Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques was the main contributor to the overall annual growth rate of UVI for Exports

The top three sections contributing to the overall annual growth rate of UVI for exports in the second quarter of 2023 were the following:
a. Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques (27.9\%);
b. Base metals and articles of base metal (7.8\%); and
c. Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (6.4\%). (Tables B and 2)

Figure 1. Year-on-Year Growth Rates of Unit Value Index for Total Exports: Philippines, First Quarter $2021^{r}$ to Second Quarter $2023^{p}$ (2018=100)

$p$-preliminary
$r$-revised
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## B. IMPORTS

1. Mineral products was the primary driver to the slowdown of UVI for Imports

The UVI of imported goods registered an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent in the second quarter of 2023. This indicates a slowdown from the annual increase of 2.2 percent recorded in the first quarter of 2023. UVI for imports also recorded an annual increase of
13.4 percent in the second quarter of 2022. (Figure 2, and Tables A and 4)

The slower annual growth rate of UVI for imports in the second quarter of 2023 was mainly contributed by the faster annual decrease recorded in mineral products at 12.4 percent from an annual decrement of 1.0 percent in the first quarter of 2023. This section contributed 78.8 percent to the slower annual growth rate of UVI for imports in the second quarter of 2023.

Completing the top three contributors to the slower annual rate of UVI for imports during the period were the slower annual increments in works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques at 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 2023 from an annual increment of 3.0 percent in the first quarter of 2023, and plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof at 0.7 percent in the second quarter of 2023 from an annual increment of 3.5 percent in the first quarter of 2023.

Of the remaining 18 sections, 14 sections registered annual increases, while four reflected annual declines in the second quarter of 2023. (Tables A, C, and 4)
2. Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles was the main contributor to the overall annual growth rate of UVI for Imports

The top three sections contributing to the overall annual growth rate of UVI for imports in the second quarter of 2023 were the following:
a. Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles (5.8\%);
b. Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment (9.7\%); and
c. Vegetable products (9.5\%). (Tables C and 4)

Figure 2. Year-on-Year Growth Rates of Unit Value Index for Total Imports: Philippines, First Quarter 2021r to Second Quarter 2023¹
(2018=100)

$p$-preliminary
$r$-revised
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Table B. Year-on-Year Growth Rates of UVI for Exports by Section First Quarter 2023r and Second Quarter $2023^{p}$


Table C. Year-on-Year Growth Rates of UVI for Imports by Section First Quarter 2023r and Second Quarter 2023p

| Section | Description | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Q1 } \\ \mathbf{2 0 2 3}^{r} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ 2023^{p} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | Live animals; animal products | 7.2 | 4.9 |
| II | Vegetable products | 2.5 | 9.5 |
| III | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes | 0.4 | -1.5 |
| IV | Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 2.2 | 5.2 |
| V | Mineral products | -1.0 | -12.4 |
| VI | Products of the chemical or allied industries | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| VII | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof | 3.5 | 0.7 |
| VIII | Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut) | 11.3 | 30.1 |
| IX | Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerworks | 8.9 | -9.7 |
| X | Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof | 10.8 | 10.9 |
| XI | Textiles and textile articles | 6.5 | 9.1 |
| XII | Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walkingsticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair | 41.7 | 39.1 |
| XIII | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware | 1.3 | 11.8 |
| XIV | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | 25.6 | 16.0 |
| XV | Base metals and articles of base metal | -3.1 | -1.0 |
| XVI | Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers,television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles | 1.2 | 5.8 |
| XVII | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| XVIII | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof | -1.1 | 2.0 |
| XIX | Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof | -0.4 | 4.6 |
| XX | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 2.8 | -2.0 |
| XXI | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques | 3.0 | 1.5 |

