

Producer Price Index (PPI- Manufacturing)

Fifth Quarter 2006

1. Background

This is the fifth issue of monthly Producer Price Index for the Manufacturing sector (PPI-M) covering the period October 2003 to December 2005. Work on the development of the methodology for the construction of the PPI-M started in March 2003 with technical assistance from the IMF EastAFRITAC and financial assistance, from the UK DFID. The PPI project is a joint project between the National Statistics Institute of Rwanda (NSIR) and the National Bank of Rwanda (NBR). In addition, Rwanda joined the IMF General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) in October 2003, and the development of monthly PPI for Manufacturing was included among the list of priorities and as a core economic indicator.

2. PPI- Manufacturing (PPI-M)

2.1 Definition

The PPI-M is designed to measure the monthly change in the effective selling prices received by manufacturers for their products as they leave the factory gate. *Price information is at basic prices, that is, they do not include taxes on products (e.g. VAT and excise duties) and include any subsidy.* The PPI-M will therefore reflect the price trends of a constant basket of well-specified products representing the output of the manufacturing establishments. The PPI-M will initially cover manufacturing establishments employing 10 or more workers.

The monthly PPI-M will be published in each quarter, about 8 weeks following the last data collection quarter. More details on the compilation methodology are provided in the Technical Note at Annex.

2.2 Uses of the PPI

The main uses of the PPI are:

- As a leading indicator of inflationary trends.
- As deflators for national accounting at constant prices.
- As “escalators” to adjust prices of inputs in long term sales contracts.

Table 1a: Monthly Producer Price Indices by activity group: First Quarter 2006
Goods Produced mainly for local sales
(Base Period: Fourth Quarter 2003 = 100)

ISIC(Rev 3)	Activity group	Weight	Mar.05	Jan.06	Feb.06	Mar.06	% change over	
							Previous month	12 months
1511 - 3610	PPI for Mainly Local Sold products	1000	116.9	118.3	119.5	119.6	0.1	2.3
1511-1600	Food Products, Beverages and Tobacco	456	112.1	111.0	112.5	114.0	1.3	1.7
1511-1542	Food Products	129	130.3	128.3	133.8	139.0	3.9	6.7
1511	Production, processing and preserving of meat and meat products	3	113.9	140.1	140.1	140.1	0.0	23.1
1513	Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables	8	119.8	136.8	136.8	136.84	0.0	14.2
1520	Manufacture of dairy products	32	112.5	131.3	131.3	131.3	0.0	16.7
1531-1533	Manufacture of grain mill and animal feeds products	27	115.4	115.2	115.2	115.5	0.2	0.1
1541	Manufacture of bakery products, pastry, biscuits	13	127.1	127.9	127.9	128.7	0.7	1.3
1542	Manufacture of sugar	45	155.9	131.7	147.3	162.0	9.9	3.9
1552-1600	Beverages and Tobacco	327	104.8	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0	-0.7
1552-1600	Manufacture of beer, soft drinks and tobacco	327	104.8	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0	-0.7
1711-3610	Other than Food, Beverages and Tobacco	544	120.9	124.4	125.4	124.3	-0.9	2.8
1711-1920	Manufacture of textiles, wearing apparel, tanning and dressing of leather	47	122.3	123.2	123.2	123.2	0.0	0.8
2029-2221	Manufacture of paper and paper products, publishing of books, newspapers	40	109.9	122.2	120.8	121.9	0.9	10.9
2422-2429	Manufacture of chemical products	172	118.7	116.4	120.1	116.1	-3.3	-2.2
2511-2520	Manufacture of plastic products, tubes, retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres	45	128.4	125.4	124.3	124.7	0.3	-2.9
2693-2695	Manufacture of ceramic products, cement, lime and articles of concrete	126	117.9	129.0	129.0	129.0	0.0	9.4
2811-2899	Manufacture of fabricated metal products	70	136.7	144.0	144.0	144.1	0.1	5.4
3610	Manufacture of furniture	43	113.3	113.8	113.8	113.8	0.0	0.4

Source: Quarterly Producer Price Index Survey

Table 1b: Monthly Producer Price Indices by activity group: First Quarter 2006
Goods produced mainly for export

(Base Period : Fourth Quarter 2003 = 100)

ISIC(Rev 3)	Activity group	Weight	Mar.05	Jan.06	Feb.06	Mar.06	% change over	
							Previous month	12 months
	PPI for Mainly Export Products 1549 and 2421	1000	140.2	137.0	147.6	147.1	-0.4	4.9
1549	Manufacture of other food products n.e.c	978	141.2	137.9	148.7	148.2	-0.4	5.0
	1549 Production of tea	585	105.6	105.1	120.9	119.2	-1.4	12.9
	1549 Production of coffee	392	194.2	186.9	190.2	191.3	0.6	-1.5
2421	Manufacture of pesticides and other agro-chemical products	22	99.1	97.3	97.3	97.3	0.0	-1.8
	2421 Production of pyrethrum	22	99.1	97.3	97.3	97.3	0.0	-1.8

Source: Quarterly Producer Price Index Survey

3. PPI-M (Base year: 4th Quarter 2003 =100)

3.1 PPI-M: Local sales

At the end of March 2006 the index for products manufactured for sale on the local market stood at 119.6, following an increase of 0.1% in March and also an increase of 0.7% and 1.0% registered in January and February respectively.

However, Compared to March 2006 (116.9), the index for March 2006 was 2.3% higher.

The 2.3% increase between March 2005 and March 2006, is mainly attributable to price increases in the following subgroups: « Food products» increased by 6.7%, with the index moving from 130.3(i.e. for March 2005) to 139.0(March 2006). The increase in the producer prices for food products is as follows: Production, processing and preserving of meat and meat products (+23.1%), Manufacture of dairy products (+16.7%), Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables (+14.2%), Sugar (+3.9%), and while prices for «Beverages and Tobacco», registered a slight decrease of 0.7%. Generally the main reasons for the price changes as reported by the producers are: Power shortage and increase in the cost of energy, as well as increase of purchase price of imported raw materials where prices increased while where the prices decreased was due to Competitiveness and Sales promotion.

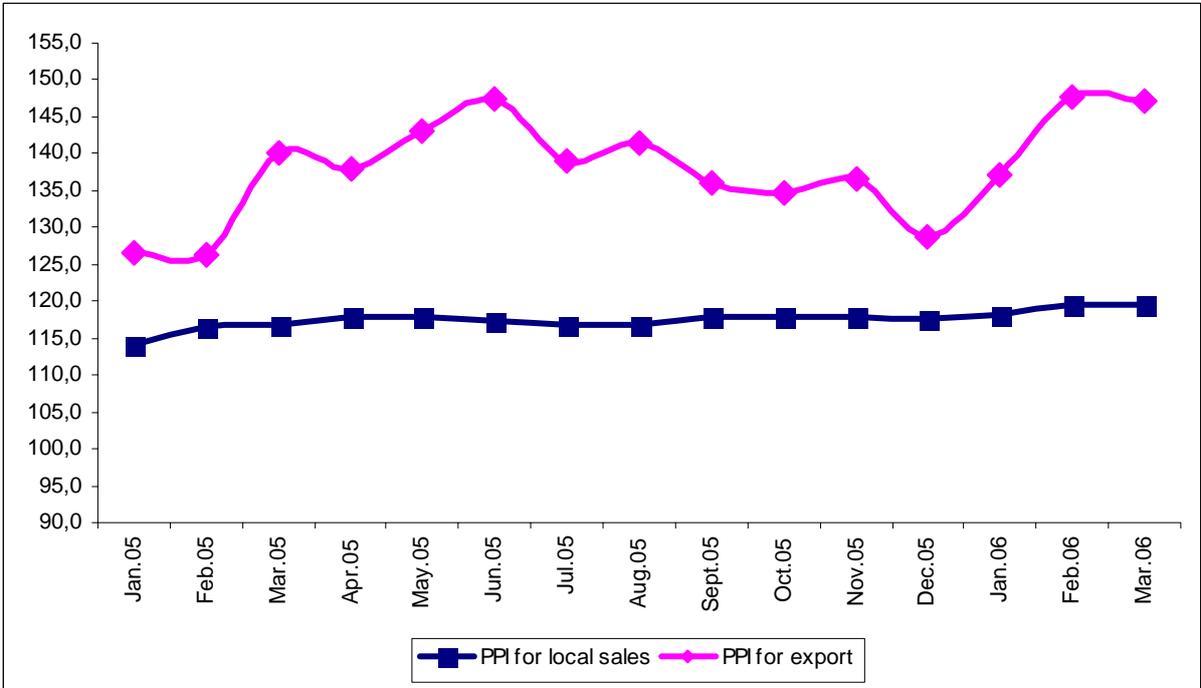
The index for the sub group « Other than Food, Beverages and Tobacco » increased by 2.8 % from 120.9 in March 2005 to 124.3 in March 2006. This rise was mostly due to the overall effect of price changes in the following groups: "Manufacture of paper and paper products,

publishing of books, newspapers (+10.9%), “Manufacture of ceramic products, cement, lime and articles of concrete” (+9.4%), as a result of ongoing private construction and public works programs which led to high demand that exceeds supply, “Manufacture of fabricated metal products ” (+5.4%). Higher selling prices therefore reflected the increase in the production cost, namely the higher prices paid for raw materials and energy.

3.2 PPI-M Exports

As shown in the table 1b, the PPI-M for goods mainly produced for exports stood at 137.0 in January, 147.6 in February and 147.1 in March 2006. The Prices fetched for coffee exports registered an increase of 5.1% in January, 1.8% in February and 0.6% in march. On the other hand, export price of tea registered an increase of 8.6% and 15.1% in January and February respectively, and a decrease of 1.4% in March, due to fall of tea prices on international market. However, the price fluctuations for both coffee and tea are caused by price changes on the international market. Compared to March 2005 (140.2), the index for March 2006 (147.1) was 4.9% higher. This increase was mainly attributable to higher prices fetched for tea (+12.9%).

Graph1: PPI for local sales and export products
(Fourth quarter 2003=100)



4. Analysis of trends- Quarterly Change

4.1 PPI-M Local sales

The quarterly PPI-M is obtained as an arithmetic average of the monthly PPI. When comparing the first quarter of the year 2006 with the fourth quarter of the previous year, the index moved slightly upward by 1.2 %. The index for local sales stood at 115.9 in the first quarter 2005 and at 119.1 in the first quarter of 2006 which shows a year-on-year increase of 2.8%.

4.2 PPI-M Exports

Comparing current quarter (first quarter 2006) with the previous quarter (Fourth quarter 2005) the index moved upward by 8.0%. The quarterly index for manufacturing exports rose from 131.0 in the first quarter of 2005 to 143.9 in the first quarter of 2006, thus comparing to prices 12 months ago, prices in the first quarter 2006 were therefore 9.8% higher. This increase is due to price rise for coffee by 11.8% and tea by 8.1%.

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Technical Note on PPI-M

- 1. Scope and composition:** For the purpose of these indices, manufacturing encompass all products produced for sale on the domestic market as well as for the exports that is divisions 15 to 36. The PPI-M will initially cover manufacturing establishments that operate with 10 or more workers.
- 2. Items and weights:** These indices are fixed weight indices. The weights were obtained from the gross output value reported by manufacturers at the 2000 Census of Industrial Production conducted in 2001. Gross output is valued at basic prices, and thus excludes all taxes on products, namely excise duties and Value added tax. Each selected product is assigned a weight representing its share in the total turnover for the fourth quarter of 2003 as reported by the establishments.
- 3. Price information:** The point of pricing is the establishment. The price is the selling price received by the producer for the selected product as it leaves the factory gate. In general prices are collected at *mid - point of each month*.
- 4. Reference base period for PPI_M:** The reference period for the calculation of PPI-M is the fourth quarter 2003. The base price for a particular product is an arithmetic mean of the fourth quarter monthly prices in 2003.
- 5. Index formula:** The PPI is calculated according to the Laspeyres' formula, which is the weighted average of price relatives.

$$I_c = \frac{\sum W_i * \left(\frac{P_{ci}}{P_{oi}} \right)}{\sum W_i} * 100$$

Where I_c = Index for current month

W_i = Weight associated with product i

P_{ci} = Price of product i for the current month

P_{oi} = Price for product i for the reference period

- 6. Dissemination of PPI-M:** The monthly PPI-M will be published in each quarter, about 8 weeks following the quarter under review.
