#### **Links to BLS and DOL Resources**

Import and Export Price Indexes homepage: www.bls.gov/mxp/

Bureau of Labor Statistics homepage: <u>www.bls.gov</u>

Producer Price Index homepage: www.bls.gov/ppi/home.htm

Consumer Price Index homepage: www.bls.gov/cpi/

U. S. Department of Labor homepage: www.dol.gov



If you have any questions or comments, please send an e-mail to:

IPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov

## 4 <u>Easy</u> Steps for Reporting Your Data

# International Price Program Internet Data Collection System



U.S. Department Of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Important points to know before reporting to the IPP

- For your convenience, your permanent account number will be included in the notification email sent to you prior to each month you agreed to provide prices.
- Your temporary password can only be used once to create an account. To log in afterward, you are required to use your permanent password. If you forget your password, simply click on the "Forgot Password" link located to the right of the Password field and enter (or copy and paste from the notification sent) your permanent account number into the appropriate field. The password will then be emailed to you.
- If you are idle for more than 30 minutes, your session will time out. The data that you entered will not be lost. Simply re-access your data by going to <a href="https://idcf.bls.gov">https://idcf.bls.gov</a> and logging on again.
- If you do not have all the necessary item and pricing information needed, you can submit partial information and return to the system later to finish.
- You can navigate forward and backward through the survey by clicking on the blue "Continue" arrow or the blue numbered bubbles at the top of the screen.
- You can click on any field label to get field-specific help.
- Some mail servers will block emails originating from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Add <a href="mailto:IPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov">IPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov</a> to your Contacts list to allow transmission.

### **Getting started:**

You will receive an email from <a href="mailto:liPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov">liPP.HelpDesk@bls.gov</a> notifying you that it is time to submit prices each month in which you agreed to report prices to the IPP. The link to the IPP Data Collection website is provided in the email: <a href="https://idcf.bls.gov">https://idcf.bls.gov</a>. Note: The "s" in "https" is required to ensure a secure transmission.

- At the logon page, enter your account number and password and select "I Accept."
- Select "International Price Program" from the Select a Survey Box and click the blue "Continue" arrow to proceed to the survey.



#### Step 4: Review Your Items' Information

You will see your items summarized into two groups: **Incomplete Items** and **Completed Items**.

- Please review any Incomplete Items and provide a current price if you can.
- Click the "Printable Version" button if you wish to print out a copy of your updated information.
- Click the "Finish" arrow to submit your prices.



Thank you for using the IPP Internet Data Collection System. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Your continued participation allows us to bring you the highest quality economic indicators.

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#### More Item Price Factors Screen

This page allows you to review or update all of the item information.

International Price Program	
1. Review Item Description	
Make changes by clicking in the large description box.  Item Description:	
Quality: 9/9 (number of knots in square inch); Textile Fiber: Wool; Meth Hand Knotted; From India	nod of Construction:
	Click on any label for detailed instructions.
2. Review Price Factors Review the <u>price factors</u> below. Make any changes, if necessary, by dicking in the	e boxes.
Imported under HTSUSA: 5701 10 4000     Transaction Type: Market sale	1
Class of Seller: Class does not affect the price  Is price specific to quantity ordered?   No  C Yes	
Imported From: India Priced Per: Square Foot  Is duty included in the price?  No  C Yes	
3. Review Price Changes Review the prices below. Update the price in the "Current Price" box. If the current price has not changed from the previous price, click □.  Previously Reported Price Data  Date   Price   Currency   Price Basis   Change?     Cot 2006   7.0000   U.S., Dollar   CIF   Edit     This item was traded last session	
Current Price Data  Note - Current Price is entered as (123456789.1234).  Date Price Currency Price Basis  Jan 2007 U.S. Dollar CIF  Discount or Surcharge. If either has changed, click here.	Not Traded
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4. Enter Comments Please enter any comments that you think will help BLS regarding:	lick here to add, delete, r change a discount or urcharge.
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5. Complete Submit Cancel	
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#### **Step 1: Verify Your Contact Information**

On this screen, we ask you to review your contact information; such as name, address, email, and phone number. **Please update the information if it has changed.** 

 After you have verified that all of your contact information is correct, click on the "Continue" arrow or click the "2: Item Still Available?" bubble.



#### Step 2: Is Your Item Still Available?

On this screen, you will see a list of the items for which you currently send prices to the IPP. Here we ask you if any of the items have been discontinued or if you no longer offer them.

- If you still **DO** offer all of the items, click the "**Continue**" arrow or click on the "3. Submit Item Prices" bubble.
- If you DO NOT offer an item, click on the "No Longer Offered" button next to the item. You will then be asked if you can provide a comparable replacement item.
  - ◆ If you **CANNOT** provide a replacement item, select "**No**" on the pop-up window and then "Submit."
  - If you CAN provide a comparable replacement item, select "Yes" on the pop-up window and then "Submit." You will see a page where you can enter information for the new item. Note: The specifications of the discontinued item will be displayed in the fields to help you provide a comparable item. The instructions on the screen will guide you.
- If you are unsure how to provide a replacement item, or need any assistance, please click on the blue help-desk link at the bottom of the screen.



#### **Step 3: Submit Item Prices**

On this screen, you will see your list of items. For each item, please enter a current price for the requested month.

