Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Wholesale Price Index, during the First Quarter Quarter of 2016

Decrease in the Wholesale Price Index during the First Quarter of 2016

The overall Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in Palestine with its base year (2007=100) reached 123.84 in the First quarter 2016, which indicates a decrease by 0.91% compared with the Fourth quarter 2015.

WPI for local products (2007=100) reached 124.97 in the First quarter 2016, which indicates a sharp decrease by 1.44% compared with the Fourth quarter 2015.

WPI for imported products (2007=100) reached 120.47 in the First quarter 2016, which indicates a decrease by 0.52% compared with the Fourth quarter 2015.

The change of WPI in the First quarter 2016 is traced back to changes in the prices of the following major activities compared with the previous quarter:

[1] The resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods to retailers, industrial, commercial, institutional or professional users, to other wholesalers, or to those acting as agents or brokers in buying merchandise for, or selling merchandise to such persons or companies. The wholesale price includes VAT and any transport charges.

Major Activities	%Change
Agriculture goods	- 3.66%
Fishing	+ 14.54%
Mining and quarrying	+ 1.32%
Manufacturing group	+ 0.33%

The trend line for the WPI in Palestine, for the period:
First quarter 2014 – First quarter 2016
(Base year 2007=100)

