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**CALCULATION AND DISSEMINATION OF FOREIGN TRADE INDICES
ACCORDING TO NEW BASE YEAR**

Indices measured the change in unit values and quantities of the trading goods, cover the unit value and volume indices for exports and imports.

As is the case in all the indices, changing of the base year is indispensable for reflecting the actual developments. Despite the fact that the chain method eliminates some disadvantages of the wearing out of the base year, some subjects such as; renewing the covered sectors, covering the sectors that have increasing weight instead of the sectors that have decreasing weight, determination of commodity level based on calculation of the indices are only methodologically possible with the renewing the base year of the indices.

In this context, foreign trade indices with base year 2003=100 are recalculated with new base year 2010=100. In order to reflect the structural economical developments in foreign trade, base year is updated for foreign trade index that is one of the base economic indicators at specific times. For taking into consideration of user needs, foreign trade indices by ISIC Rev.4 is going to be calculated.

Due to this reason, foreign trade indices with new base year is going to be published on 14 March 2013 for results in January 2013 News Release.

The coverage of seasonal and calendar adjusted series are enlarged. In addition to current adjustments, main sectors and sub titles are seasonally and calendar adjusted. The methodology of seasonal and calendar adjustments are also modified. Seasonal and calendar adjusted series by SITC Rev.3 and 10 sub titles, BEC and 3 sub titles and ISIC Rev.3 and 4 sub titles will be available in the data base of Turkstat website.

Announced to public with respect.

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