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## **0.4% the average decrease in the prices of wholesale trade for the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016**

Data issued by the Department of Statistics on the wholesale trade prices indicate a decrease in the average of wholesale trade prices for the first quarter of 2017 by 0.4% as compared with the same period of 2016. This was a result of a decrease in the prices of the group of "motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles" by 0.3%, the group of "Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies" by 9.6%, while there was an increase in the prices of the group " sale of agricultural raw materials, grains, food, beverages and tobacco" by 0.5%, the group of "sale of textiles, clothing and personal housing products" by 0.4% and "Sale of fuel, metals and construction materials and fitting" by 1.9%.

The data also indicate an increase in the general wholesale trade price index for the first quarter of 2017 by 1.4% as compared with the fourth quarter of 2016. This has resulted from the increase in the prices of the group of" Sale of motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles" by 0.3% , "sale of agricultural raw materials, grains, food, beverages and tobacco" by 1.6%, the group of "sale of textiles, clothing and personal housing products" by 4.0%, the group of "Sale of fuel, metals and construction materials and fitting" by 2.6% which their relative importance constitutes 19.8%, 39.2%, 10.9% and 20.8% respectively. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the prices of the group of "Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies" by 2.9% with a relative importance of 9.3%.

Its worthy to mention that the base year has been modified to 2010 instead of 1998, Where the prices data are collected by the Department of Statistics through a

sample that includes (330) commercial Establishments, covering the prices of (1590) commodities traded in wholesale market, in addition to fruits and vegetables whose prices are Obtained from the central market bulletin.

The following figure shows the trend general price index for wholesale trade prices for 2016 and 2017.

**Fig 1: Price Index for Wholesale Trade Prices for 2016 & 2017**

