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1.1% the average decrease in the prices of wholesale trade for the third quarter of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

Quarterly report issued by the Department of Statistics on the wholesale trade prices for the third quarter of 2019, indicates a decrease in the wholesale trade prices by 1.1% to reach 97.3 in 2019 compared with 98.4 during the same period in 2018. This was a result of a decrease in the prices of the group of "sale of fuel, metal &construction materials & fittings" by 3.4% which represent 0.73 percentage points and "Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies" by 6.0%, which represents 0.57 percentage points, the prices of "sale of garments, clothes and housing and personal commodities" by 1.1%, this group has decreased the index number by 0.12 percentage points which their relative importance constituted 20.8%, 9.3% and 10.9% respectively.

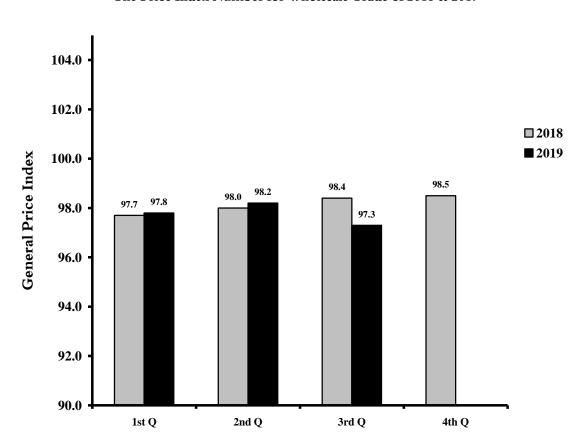
The group of "motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles" has increased by 0.9% which represents 0.18 percentage points as well as the group of "trade of raw agricultural materials, cereals and food products, beverages & tobacco" by 0.4% which represents 0.16% and which their relative importance constituted 19.8% and 39.2% respectively.

The report also indicates a decrease in the general wholesale trade price index for the third quarter of 2019 by 0.9% compared with the second quarter of 2019. This was a result of a decrease in the prices of the group of "Sale of fuel, metals and construction materials and fitting" by 2.0% representing 0.41 percentage points, the group of "trade of raw agricultural materials ,cereals and food products, beverages & tobacco" by 0.7% representing 0.26%, the prices of "motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles" by 0.6% representing 0.12 percentage points, the prices of "sale of garments, clothes and

housing and personal commodities" by 0.8% representing 0.08 percentage points and the prices of "Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies" by 0.3% representing 0.03 percentage points. Their relative importance constituted 20.8%, 39.2%, 19.8%, 10.9% and 9.3% respectively.

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 which prices are obtained from the central market bulletin.

The following figure shows the trend of general quarterly index number of wholesale trade prices for 2018 & 2019.



The Price Index Number for Wholesale Trade of 2018 & 2019