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## **0.6% the average decrease in the prices of wholesale trade of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018**

The annual report issued by the Department of Statistics on the wholesale trade prices of 2019, indicates a decrease in the wholesale trade prices by 0.6% to reach 97.6 in 2019 compared with 98.2 during the same period in 2018. This was a result of a decrease in the prices of the group of “Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies” by 6.9% which represent 0.67 percentage points , “sale of fuel, metal & construction materials & fittings” by 1.4%, which represents 0.31 percentage points and the prices of “sale of garments, clothes and housing and personal commodities” by 1.2%, this group has decreased the index number by 0.13 percentage points which their relative importance constituted 9.3%, 20.8% and 10.9% respectively. “

The group of " trade of raw agricultural materials ,cereals and food products, beverages & tobacco” has increased by 0.8% which represents 0.32 percentage points as well as the group of “ motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles” by 0.9% which represents 0.20 percentage points and which their relative importance constituted 39.2% and 10.9% respectively.

The report on the general wholesale trade price index, indicates a decrease by 0.3% to reach 97.0 in the fourth quarter of 2019 compared with 97.3 in the third 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 0.6% representing 0.12 percentage points, the group 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 0.7% representing 0.08 percentage points and the prices of “Sale of

machinery, equipment and supplies” by 0.5% representing 0.04 percentage points. Their relative importance constituted 20.8%, 19.8%, 10.9% and 9.3% respectively.

Meanwhile the prices of “trade of raw agricultural materials ,cereals and food products, beverages & tobacco” has increased by 0.1% representing 0.04 percentage points which their relative importance constituted 39.2%.

The report on the general wholesale trade price index for the fourth quarter of 2019 , indicates a decrease by 1.6% to reach 97.0 in 2019 compared with 98.5 during the same period in 2018 .

This was a result of a decrease in the prices of the group of “Sale of fuel, metals and construction materials and fitting” by 3.7% representing 0.78 percentage points, the group of “Sale of machinery, equipment and supplies” by 3.5% representing 0.33 percentage points, the prices of ” trade of raw agricultural materials ,cereals and food products, beverages & tobacco” by 0.7% representing 0.27 percentage points and the prices of “sale of garments, clothes and housing and personal commodities” by 1.9% representing 0.20 percentage points. Their relative importance constituted 20.8%, 9.3%, 39.2% and 19.8% respectively.

Meanwhile the prices of “motor vehicles and their parts and motorcycles” has increased by 0.1% representing 0.03 percentage points which their relative importance constituted 19.8%.

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.

Fig 1: The price Index Number for Wholesale Trade of 2018 & 2019

