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Canadian Economic Observer

July 1990

The July issue of the *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The July issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, and major economic and statistical events in June, a review of the first quarter National Accounts, and a feature article on new measures of productivity. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

The *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) can now be ordered from Publication Sales (613-951-7277).

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Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)

Week Ending July 14, 1990

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending July 14, 1990 totalled 251 936 tonnes, an increase of 12.4% over the preceding week's total of 224 171 tonnes, but down 16.7% from the year-earlier level of 302 523 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1990 was 7 745 084 tonnes, a decrease of 9.8% from 8 581 850 tonnes for the same period in 1989.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending July 7, 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 2.0% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 0.3% and the number of cars loaded decreased 1.3% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 3.5% higher than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Electric Lamps

June 1990

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 19,876,259 light bulbs and tubes in June 1990, a decrease of 3.7% from the 20,632,853 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales for 1990 amounted to 121,338,658 light bulbs and tubes, up 1.6% over the 119,456,858 sold during the same period in 1989.

The June 1990 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)

May 1990

Commodity-country import trade statistics based on the Harmonized System (H.S. Based) for May 1990 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

The May 1990 issue of *Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)* (65-007, \$55.10/\$551) will be available the second week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), International Trade Division. ■

Consumer Price Index on a 1986 Time Base

As previously announced, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is changing time base from 1981=100 to 1986=100. The CPI data for June will be published on the new time base on Friday, July 20, 1990. To aid users to adapt to the new time bases, historical data on the 1986=100 time base are now available on **CANSIM: matrices 2201-2230 and 2231-2259.**

Users will find that the series identifiers on CANSIM have changed slightly, with the "D" at the start of each identifier changed to a "P".

For further information on CANSIM, call (613-951-8200).

For further information on the time base conversion, contact your local Statistics Canada Advisory Services office or the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9606), (613-951-3349), (613-951-3353), Prices Division. ■

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Oil Pipe Line Transport, 1989.

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Consumer Price Index, June 1990.

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Available Friday, July 20, 1990 at 7 a.m.

Quarterly Demographic Statistics, January-March 1990.

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