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The business volume index of China Logistics Prosperity Index (LPI) came in at 49.9 in January, down from 58.6 in December 2019.¹

1. Logistics activities show remarkable seasonal slowdown

The business volume index plummeted by 8.7 pts to 49.9 in January. The plunge is mainly due to a temporary halt of manufacturing and logistics activities before and during the Chinese New Year holiday.

Industry sub-indices showed that road transport, cargo handling, and express delivery services were able to maintain relatively high levels of business activity. In terms of categories of goods, demand for logistics services for consumer-related goods, including clothing, food and daily necessities, remained robust.

2. Inventory-related indices drop

The average inventory index fell by 2.7 pts to 47.5 in January, while the inventory turnover index declined by 5.1 pts to 51.9. The drop in both indices is attributable to cyclical downturn, and a rebound is expected in the coming months.

3. Employment index falls

The employment index fell by 3.6 pts to 48.6 in January. The decline is driven by various factors including a slowdown in manufacturing and construction, decelerating growth of logistics activities, and workers traveling home during the Chinese New Year holiday.

4. Business outlook remains cautiously optimistic

The new orders index slipped from 56.8 to 50.1 pts in January, albeit still above the 50-point threshold, indicating expectation of a positive yet decelerating growth in logistics services going forward.

The present coronavirus epidemic is likely to negatively impact the demand for logistics services in the short run. In the medium term, the logistics industry is expected to resume steady growth as production and consumption recover with the end of the epidemic.

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Every month questionnaires are sent to logistics enterprises all over China. The data presented herein is compiled from the enterprises' responses about their logistics activities and inventory situations. No data of individual enterprises should be disclosed. The LPI should be compared to other economic data sources when used in decision-making.

The sampling of the enterprises involves the use of Probability Proportional to Size Sampling (PPS), which means the selection of enterprises surveyed is largely based on each sub-sector's contribution to the operating revenue of the logistics sector, and the representation of each geographical region.

There are 12 sub-indicators in the survey: Business Volume, New Orders, Average Inventory, Inventory Turnover, Cash Flow, Capacity Utilization, Logistics Service Charges, Operating Profit, Operating Cost, Investment in Fixed Asset, Employment and Business Expectations. An index reading above 50 indicates an overall positive change in a sub-indicator; below 50, an overall negative change.

About the Organisations:

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