



### **INVENTORIES**



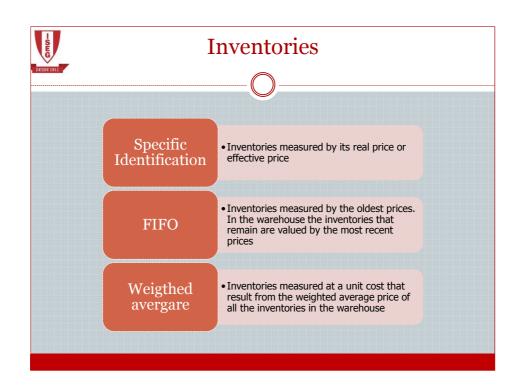
#### **Inventory Valuation Methods**

The acquisition price of inventories is not always the same;

It varies with time (prices are not stable and are depending on the law of demand and supply)

When there is inflation the prices rise.

Because of these reasons, there is the need to adopt some **criteria** to value the stocks in the firm that are sold and the ones that are on the warehouse at the end of the year.



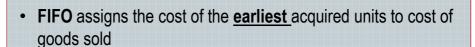


## **Specific Identification**

- The specific identification method concentrates on physically linking the particular items sold with the cost of goods sold that is reported
- This method is relatively easy to use for expensive lowvolume merchandise
- The use of bar codes and scanning equipment makes specific identification economically feasible for many companies



### **FIFO**



- The costs of the newer units is assigned to the units in ending inventory
- FIFO provides inventory valuations that closely approximate the actual market value of the inventory at the balance sheet date
- In periods of rising prices, FIFO leads to higher net income



# Weighted Average

- The weighted-average method computes a unit cost by dividing the total acquisition cost of all items available for sale by the number of units available for sale
- The weighted-average method produces gross profit somewhere between that obtained under FIFO and LIFO

