

Last year, final household consumption expenditure on food in the domestic market was estimated at €611 million.

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On the occasion of World Food Day (16 October) the NSO is publishing a set of figures relating to the food sector in Malta, with a focus on the economic aspects of consumption. This year, the Day's theme devised by the United Nations is: "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition".

Table 1 shows the consumption expenditure on food by private households over the past five years. In 2012, food expenditure was estimated at €611 million, a decline of 2.2 per cent over 2011. The share of household expenditure on food was estimated at 12.8 per cent of total private final expenditure in the domestic market in 2012.

In 2012, there was a decrease in household spending on most food items, ranging from a 0.2 per cent decline in expenditure on vegetables, to a 10.1 per cent drop in respect of fruit when compared to 2011. On the other hand, increases of 9.2 per cent were registered in household expenditure on fish and of 3.2 per cent on sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery.

Last year, food inflation measured on the basis of the 12-month moving average rate was 4.7 per cent, while the annual rate was 6.0 per cent (Table 3). Food prices were higher, mainly in respect of sugar, vegetables, eggs, fish and meat (Chart 3). Indices of food prices by item are shown in Table 2.

Latest figures for 2012 put the value of imported foodstuffs at €496 million, an increase of 15.0 per cent when compared to 2011. An increase was recorded in most food products, mainly fish (+80.2 per cent) and cereals (+30.2 per cent). Malta's food exports advanced by 38.4 per cent to an estimated value of €180 million when compared to 2011. This was mainly due to an increase in the exports of fish and cereals, by 181.8 and 150.9 per cent respectively ■



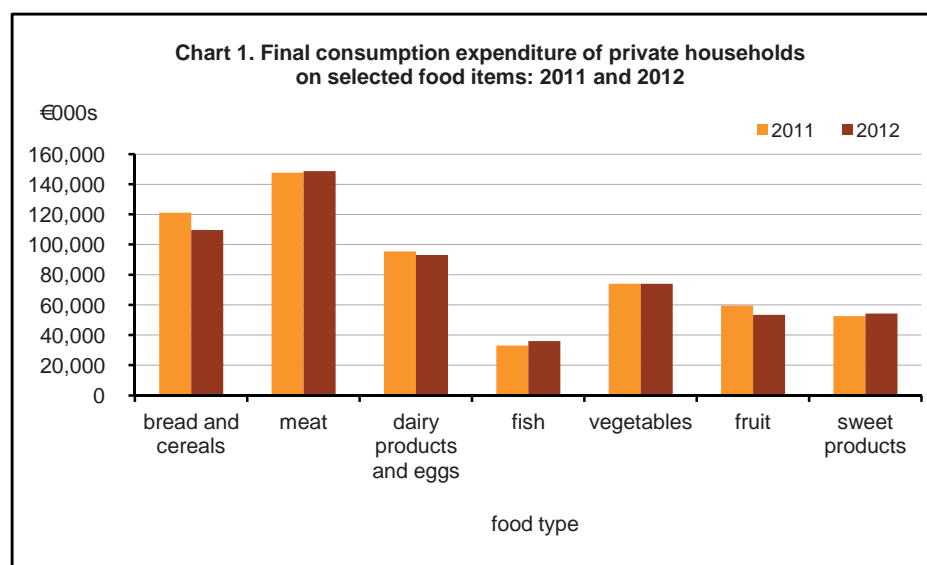
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Table 1. Final consumption expenditure of households on food in the domestic market

€000s

| Item | Food type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.1 | FOOD | | | | | |
| 01.1.1 | Bread and cereals | 122,150 | 110,057 | 109,306 | 121,005 | 109,600 |
| 01.1.2 | Meat | 142,514 | 140,217 | 138,213 | 147,742 | 148,799 |
| 01.1.3 | Fish | 33,976 | 38,905 | 35,168 | 32,985 | 36,013 |
| 01.1.4 | Milk, cheese and eggs | 93,095 | 84,008 | 87,602 | 95,395 | 93,102 |
| 01.1.5 | Oils and Fats | 18,950 | 16,214 | 16,798 | 19,503 | 18,521 |
| 01.1.6 | Fruit | 49,197 | 55,715 | 57,428 | 59,522 | 53,511 |
| 01.1.7 | Vegetables | 76,090 | 72,027 | 72,865 | 74,043 | 73,910 |
| 01.1.8 | Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery | 39,998 | 42,139 | 45,620 | 52,579 | 54,255 |
| 01.1.9 | Food products | 22,595 | 19,789 | 20,725 | 21,881 | 23,136 |
| | Food category of expenditure incurred by households in the local market | 598,565 | 579,071 | 583,725 | 624,655 | 610,847 |
| | Private final expenditure in the domestic market | 4,125,779 | 4,158,382 | 4,396,111 | 4,644,447 | 4,768,773 |

Note: Data are in line with News Release 170/2013

Source: National Accounts.

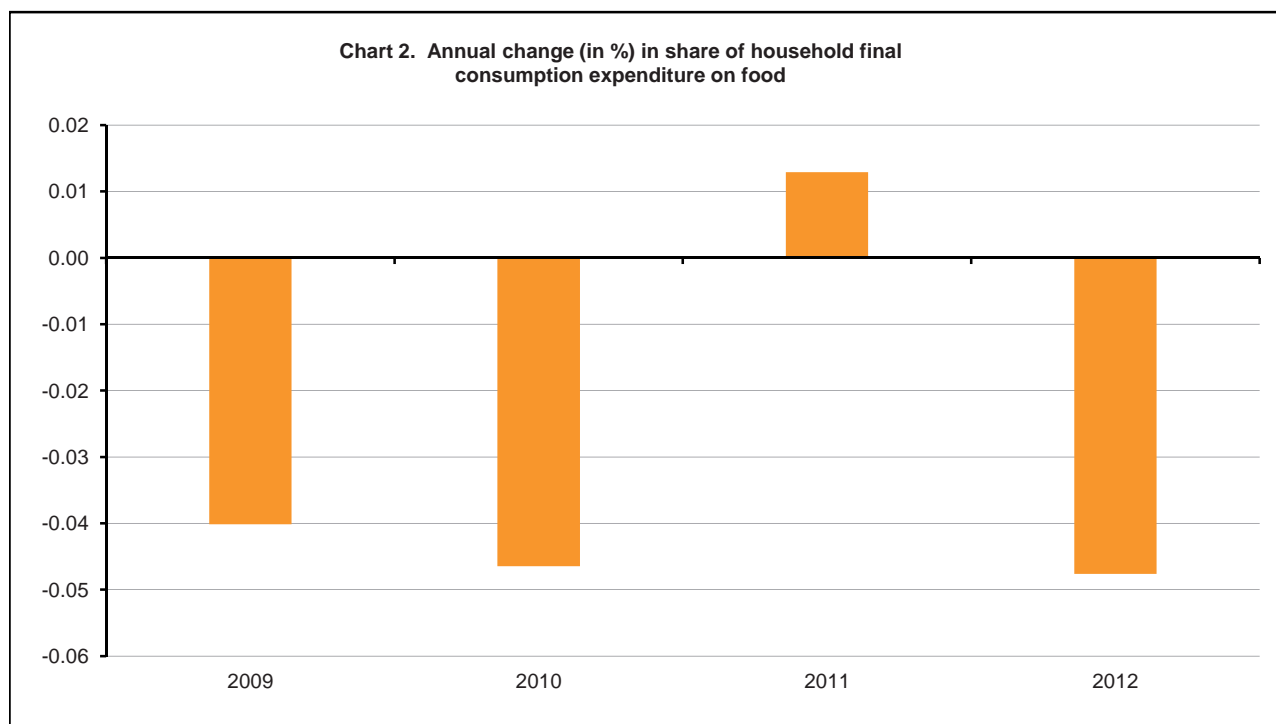


Table 2. Indices of food prices
December 2002=100

| 1 | FOOD | Annual average | | | | December | | | |
|-------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | | 127.59 | 128.88 | 133.85 | 140.15 | 125.89 | 132.26 | 137.67 | 145.92 |
| 1.001 | Fresh bread and fresh pastry | 145.70 | 152.26 | 168.40 | 173.12 | 147.23 | 164.72 | 169.69 | 181.42 |
| 1.002 | Cereals | 117.27 | 118.72 | 118.23 | 119.72 | 118.34 | 117.75 | 117.40 | 120.40 |
| 1.003 | Flour, bakery products | 175.93 | 178.61 | 176.19 | 177.98 | 178.72 | 177.56 | 176.92 | 178.96 |
| 1.004 | Biscuits and rusks | 108.54 | 108.86 | 114.98 | 119.70 | 108.96 | 109.89 | 116.30 | 120.58 |
| 1.005 | Pasta | 107.89 | 105.51 | 104.86 | 106.42 | 107.12 | 104.67 | 104.53 | 106.84 |
| 1.006 | Beef/Pork | 111.12 | 113.28 | 117.31 | 126.33 | 113.21 | 113.47 | 122.45 | 132.88 |
| 1.007 | Frozen meat | 136.26 | 138.08 | 155.12 | 168.54 | 136.93 | 141.54 | 162.30 | 171.82 |
| 1.008 | Poultry and Rabbit meat | 112.36 | 112.39 | 114.74 | 118.20 | 112.98 | 113.24 | 115.54 | 123.15 |
| 1.009 | Prepared and processed meat | 125.94 | 128.50 | 135.06 | 145.76 | 127.80 | 129.68 | 140.63 | 152.68 |
| 1.010 | Fish, fresh or chilled | 135.10 | 165.47 | 192.36 | 213.67 | 151.55 | 136.99 | 229.01 | 242.02 |
| 1.011 | Prepared and preserved fish and seafood | 114.43 | 117.97 | 126.01 | 141.81 | 118.75 | 118.61 | 131.29 | 148.77 |
| 1.012 | Eggs | 119.10 | 123.69 | 144.00 | 160.63 | 118.86 | 138.54 | 147.98 | 177.20 |
| 1.013 | Milk and milk products | 117.64 | 125.01 | 129.68 | 132.07 | 117.57 | 126.35 | 130.53 | 134.43 |
| 1.014 | Cheese | 136.69 | 137.16 | 140.27 | 141.77 | 134.81 | 141.23 | 141.48 | 142.72 |
| 1.015 | Refined Oils | 139.57 | 131.63 | 139.45 | 142.80 | 132.81 | 131.65 | 142.26 | 142.25 |
| 1.016 | Margarine and butter | 145.81 | 152.54 | 168.76 | 175.28 | 144.77 | 160.38 | 175.82 | 176.23 |
| 1.017 | Fruits, fresh or chilled | 154.51 | 141.59 | 148.69 | 150.15 | 152.95 | 163.34 | 163.65 | 171.36 |
| 1.018 | Preserved and processed fruits | 102.39 | 103.55 | 106.71 | 111.14 | 103.16 | 104.29 | 109.50 | 113.08 |
| 1.019 | Ice-cream | 119.03 | 119.64 | 122.24 | 128.28 | 120.24 | 121.90 | 123.40 | 132.96 |
| 1.020 | Sugar | 179.07 | 184.86 | 228.21 | 260.23 | 187.89 | 181.67 | 256.80 | 261.96 |
| 1.021 | Chocolate | 126.16 | 127.09 | 128.41 | 133.37 | 127.07 | 127.51 | 128.98 | 136.44 |
| 1.022 | Unprocessed potatoes | 113.20 | 130.23 | 122.55 | 123.76 | 107.00 | 153.29 | 107.31 | 139.09 |
| 1.023 | Processed potatoes | 118.99 | 119.41 | 128.85 | 131.80 | 118.47 | 121.47 | 131.29 | 132.34 |
| 1.024 | Vegetables | 187.78 | 170.36 | 171.65 | 192.95 | 128.80 | 195.88 | 184.71 | 228.80 |
| 1.025 | Processed vegetables | 106.42 | 108.87 | 109.33 | 114.88 | 109.52 | 107.84 | 112.11 | 116.57 |
| 1.026 | Other foods | 109.47 | 108.59 | 109.84 | 118.38 | 109.32 | 108.38 | 112.21 | 119.48 |
| 1.027 | Tea | 116.95 | 114.82 | 116.41 | 118.87 | 117.94 | 113.54 | 117.91 | 120.65 |
| 1.028 | Coffee | 109.57 | 111.16 | 116.62 | 124.08 | 110.47 | 111.75 | 118.46 | 128.15 |
| 1.029 | Cocoa | 128.51 | 129.30 | 130.42 | 132.89 | 128.67 | 129.59 | 132.72 | 133.02 |
| 1.030 | Served meals and food | 125.39 | 127.07 | 128.34 | 130.31 | 125.49 | 127.22 | 130.27 | 130.69 |
| 1.031 | Take-aways | 130.04 | 131.74 | 136.00 | 144.80 | 130.64 | 131.90 | 139.08 | 146.57 |

Source: Price Statistics

Table 3. Price inflation by food type
December 2002=100

Per cent

| | 12-month moving average rate 2010 | Annual rate (Dec 2010) | 12-month moving average rate 2011 | Annual rate (Dec 2011) | 12-month moving average rate 2012 | Annual rate (Dec 2012) |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 FOOD | 1.01 | 5.06 | 3.85 | 4.09 | 4.70 | 6.00 |
| 1.001 Fresh bread and fresh pastry | 4.51 | 11.88 | 10.60 | 3.01 | 2.80 | 6.92 |
| 1.002 Cereals | 1.23 | -0.49 | -0.41 | -0.30 | 1.26 | 2.55 |
| 1.003 Flour, bakery products | 1.52 | -0.65 | -1.36 | -0.36 | 1.02 | 1.15 |
| 1.004 Biscuits and rusks | 0.29 | 0.86 | 5.63 | 5.83 | 4.10 | 3.68 |
| 1.005 Pasta | -2.20 | -2.29 | -0.62 | -0.13 | 1.48 | 2.21 |
| 1.006 Beef/Pork | 1.94 | 0.23 | 3.56 | 7.91 | 7.69 | 8.52 |
| 1.007 Frozen meat | 1.34 | 3.37 | 12.34 | 14.66 | 8.65 | 5.87 |
| 1.008 Poultry and Rabbit meat | 0.03 | 0.23 | 2.09 | 2.04 | 3.02 | 6.58 |
| 1.009 Prepared and processed meat | 2.04 | 1.47 | 5.10 | 8.44 | 7.92 | 8.57 |
| 1.010 Fish, fresh or chilled | 22.48 | -9.60 | 16.25 | 67.17 | 11.08 | 5.68 |
| 1.011 Prepared and preserved fish and seafood | 3.09 | -0.12 | 6.82 | 10.69 | 12.54 | 13.32 |
| 1.012 Eggs | 3.86 | 16.56 | 16.42 | 6.81 | 11.55 | 19.75 |
| 1.013 Milk and milk products | 6.26 | 7.47 | 3.74 | 3.31 | 1.84 | 2.98 |
| 1.014 Cheese | 0.34 | 4.76 | 2.27 | 0.18 | 1.06 | 0.88 |
| 1.015 Refined Oils | -5.69 | -0.88 | 5.94 | 8.06 | 2.40 | -0.01 |
| 1.016 Margarine and butter | 4.61 | 10.78 | 10.64 | 9.63 | 3.86 | 0.24 |
| 1.017 Fruits, fresh or chilled | -8.36 | 6.79 | 5.01 | 0.19 | 0.98 | 4.71 |
| 1.018 Preserved and processed fruits | 1.13 | 1.10 | 3.05 | 4.99 | 4.15 | 3.27 |
| 1.019 Ice-cream | 0.51 | 1.38 | 2.18 | 1.23 | 4.94 | 7.75 |
| 1.020 Sugar | 3.24 | -3.31 | 23.45 | 41.36 | 14.03 | 2.01 |
| 1.021 Chocolate | 0.74 | 0.35 | 1.04 | 1.15 | 3.86 | 5.79 |
| 1.022 Unprocessed potatoes | 15.04 | 43.26 | -5.89 | -29.99 | 0.98 | 29.61 |
| 1.023 Processed potatoes | 0.35 | 2.53 | 7.90 | 8.09 | 2.29 | 0.79 |
| 1.024 Vegetables | -9.28 | 52.08 | 0.76 | -5.70 | 12.41 | 23.87 |
| 1.025 Processed vegetables | 2.30 | -1.53 | 0.43 | 3.95 | 5.07 | 3.98 |
| 1.026 Other foods | -0.81 | -0.86 | 1.15 | 3.53 | 7.77 | 6.48 |
| 1.027 Tea | -1.83 | -3.73 | 1.39 | 3.85 | 2.12 | 2.32 |
| 1.028 Coffee | 1.45 | 1.16 | 4.91 | 6.01 | 6.40 | 8.18 |
| 1.029 Cocoa | 0.61 | 0.72 | 0.87 | 2.41 | 1.89 | 0.22 |
| 1.030 Served meals and food | 1.34 | 1.38 | 1.00 | 2.40 | 1.54 | 0.32 |
| 1.031 Take-aways | 1.31 | 0.96 | 3.23 | 5.45 | 6.48 | 5.39 |

Source: Price Statistics

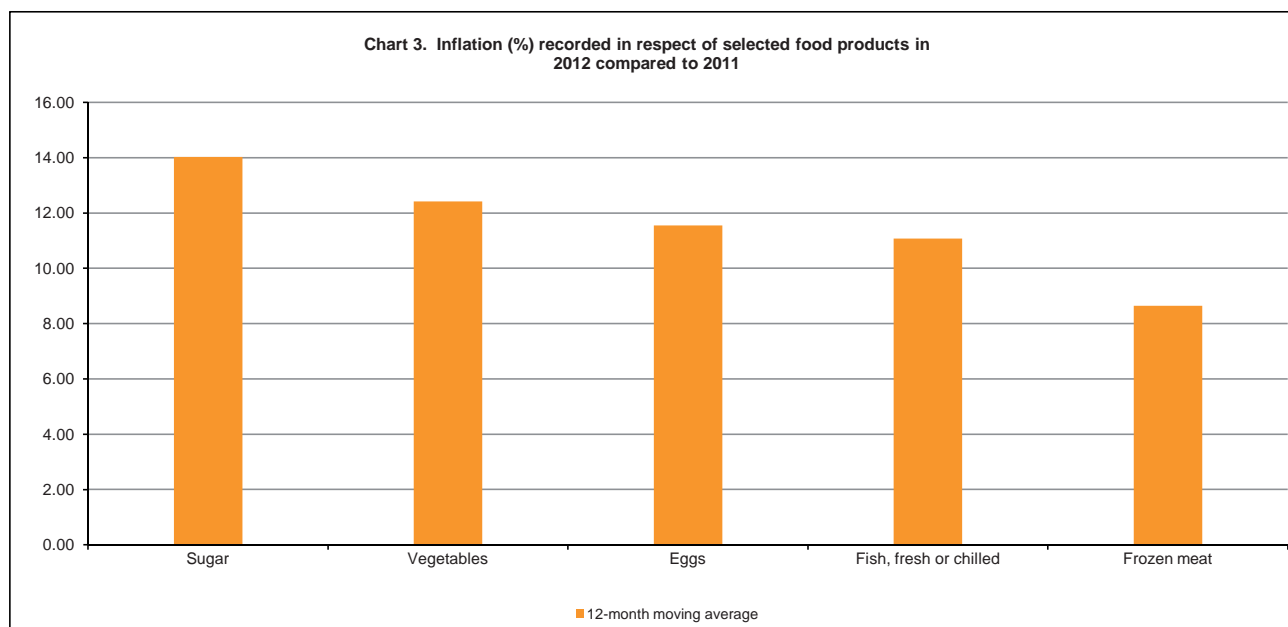


Table 4. Imports of food

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| Item | Food type | 2008* | 2009* | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Meat fresh, frozen or prepared | 68,939,631 | 68,254,033 | 67,630,367 | 74,072,465 | 75,799,633 |
| 2 | Milk, cheese and eggs | 43,185,087 | 39,474,075 | 40,796,052 | 45,149,858 | 45,652,475 |
| 3 | Fish fresh, frozen or prepared | 62,093,202 | 38,036,272 | 36,876,354 | 36,973,390 | 66,632,976 |
| 4 | Cereals and preparations | 94,015,198 | 70,118,021 | 68,687,816 | 77,628,893 | 101,052,794 |
| 5 | Fruit and vegetables | 61,332,511 | 61,952,230 | 66,336,997 | 65,248,836 | 63,155,322 |
| 6 | Sugar, sugar preparations and honey | 16,097,952 | 15,225,163 | 20,650,916 | 23,831,636 | 24,221,782 |
| 7 | Oils and fats | 13,938,970 | 11,704,158 | 11,867,162 | 13,953,905 | 15,159,727 |
| 8 | Other food not elsewhere specified | 84,609,707 | 88,137,146 | 87,013,216 | 94,053,855 | 104,041,652 |
| | Food imports | 444,212,258 | 392,901,098 | 399,858,880 | 430,912,838 | 495,716,361 |
| | Total imports | 3,897,185,818 | 3,472,520,034 | 4,328,283,208 | 5,335,970,460 | 6,178,250,722 |

Table 5. Exports of food

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| Item | Food type | 2008* | 2009* | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Meat fresh, frozen or prepared | 337,945 | 425,153 | 388,690 | 174,824 | 492,594 |
| 2 | Milk, cheese and eggs | 255,721 | 104,610 | 96,748 | 398,022 | 280,198 |
| 3 | Fish fresh, frozen or prepared | 94,474,360 | 14,893,179 | 70,259,113 | 55,722,051 | 81,220,836 |
| 4 | Cereals and preparations | 19,138,390 | 4,626,436 | 8,269,367 | 8,578,992 | 21,521,433 |
| 5 | Fruit and vegetables | 2,381,410 | 844,653 | 1,096,237 | 3,630,038 | 2,340,836 |
| 6 | Sugar, sugar preparations and honey | 110,601 | 12,217 | 12,938 | 213,227 | 1,319,397 |
| 7 | Oils and fats | 530,608 | 38,926 | 4,543 | 0 | 8,684 |
| 8 | Other food not elsewhere specified | 44,734,485 | 48,746,142 | 55,560,381 | 61,165,492 | 72,531,132 |
| | Food exports | 161,963,520 | 69,691,316 | 135,688,017 | 129,882,646 | 179,715,110 |
| | Total exports | 2,455,777,350 | 2,087,435,518 | 2,809,338,519 | 3,819,038,974 | 4,431,057,000 |

* Provisional

Note 1: Includes trade in live and frozen fish used in the aquaculture industry. See Methodological Note in respect of Tables 4 and 5.

Note 2: Items are classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) as follows:

Item 1 is Division 01 of the SITC

Item 2 is Division 02 of the SITC

Item 3 is Division 03 of the SITC

Item 4 is Division 04 of the SITC

Item 5 is Division 05 of the SITC

Item 6 is Division 06 of the SITC

Item 7 is made up of Divisions 41, 42, 43 and part of 09 (091)

Item 8 is made up of Divisions 07, 08, and part of 09 (098)

Source: International Trade and Transport Statistics.

Methodological Notes:

Table 1: The classification used is the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose Adapted to the needs of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices. The short title of this classification is: COICOP/HICP2000. This classification may be viewed in full at:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=CLASSIFIC&StrLanguageCode=EN.

Table 2: The Retail Price Index shows the average change in the price of a general “basket” of goods and services bought by final consumers. Each item in the index is weighted in proportion to its relative importance in total consumption expenditure.

Table 3: The 12-month moving average rate of inflation compares retail price indices of the immediate past 12 months with the indices of the previous 12 months. Hence, the 12-month average rate measures inflation over a relatively long period when compared to the monthly inflation rate and the annual inflation rate, the latter two rates being more subject to transient changes in prices.

Tables 4 and 5: The classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification, Third Revision. The short title of this classification is: SITC Rev. 3. According to this classification, food items are classified in the food category irrespective of whether this food is meant for human consumption or otherwise. This classification may be viewed in full at:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=CLASSIFIC&StrLanguageCode=EN