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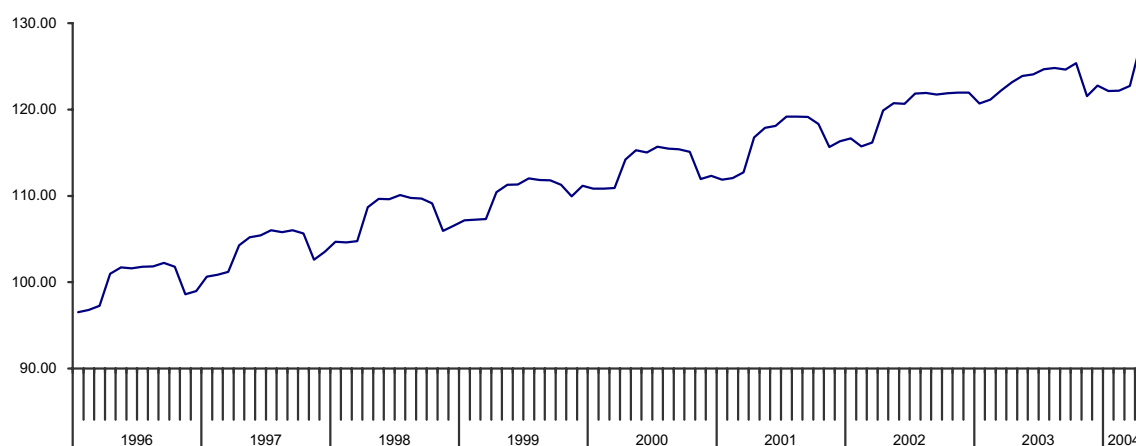
For the first time ever, the NSO is publishing its Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP). This is worked out in accordance with the rules specified in a series of European Union Regulations developed by Eurostat in conjunction with the EU Member States.

This initial release contains the results of the interim HICP, covering the period January 1996 to December 2002 and with a base period in 1996. This was substantially compiled on the basis of data that was originally collected for Retail Prices Index purposes. A new HICP series with a base period in December 2002 was introduced in January 2003. The HICP will henceforth be published on a monthly basis.

The HICP is used to compare inflation rates across the European Union. Indeed, it was developed in the EU for the purpose of assessing whether prospective members of the European Monetary Union would meet the inflation convergence criterion. Therefore, HICP inflation is not comparable to the inflation rate compiled on the basis of the Retail Prices Index due to the various coverage and methodological differences between the two indices.

A full dataset in respect of both the interim and the new series HICP is available on the NSO's website at: <http://www.nso.gov.mt/newsreleases/2004/news09204.pdf>

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(January 1996 - April 2004)



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Table 1. Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices ...

Item Group	Commodity	Base Weight (1996=100)	1996											
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	96.71	98.41	100.51	101.47	101.03	99.90	98.87	99.94	101.12	101.09	100.70	100.21
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	99.05	99.05	99.05	100.31	100.31	100.31	100.43	100.43	100.43	100.23	100.23	100.23
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	97.70	97.70	97.70	97.70	101.88	101.88	101.88	98.00	98.00	98.00	104.79	104.79
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	99.65	99.65	99.65	99.65	100.09	100.09	100.09	100.16	100.16	100.16	100.32	100.32
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	99.00	98.98	99.09	99.11	99.27	99.68	99.73	99.78	101.28	101.31	101.38	101.43
6	HEALTH	29.65	96.60	99.64	100.05	100.09	100.09	100.44	100.44	100.48	100.47	100.54	100.54	100.65
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	99.58	99.58	99.58	99.73	99.90	99.90	99.90	100.46	100.46	100.46	100.20	100.20
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	99.48	99.48	99.53	99.04	99.58	99.85	100.77	100.60	100.69	100.87	100.04	100.04
10	EDUCATION	10.31	93.51	93.51	93.51	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16	102.16
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	89.32	88.67	88.76	104.94	106.89	107.02	108.56	108.76	108.75	106.51	89.90	91.97
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	99.53	99.53	99.99	99.99	100.04	99.97	99.97	99.89	100.40	100.40	100.11	100.12
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	96.53	96.80	97.26	100.97	101.70	101.59	101.79	101.83	102.24	101.77	98.61	98.96

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			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	100.54	101.14	101.38	101.88	101.15	101.46	101.47	101.82	102.82	103.69	104.45	106.59
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	110.07	110.07	110.07	111.64	111.64	111.64	111.14	111.14	111.14	111.07	111.07	111.07
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	98.61	98.61	98.61	98.61	105.69	105.69	105.69	100.05	100.05	100.05	105.12	105.12
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	104.34	104.34	104.34	104.34	104.54	104.54	104.54	104.18	104.18	104.18	105.53	105.53
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	101.97	101.97	101.73	101.78	101.85	101.71	101.69	101.51	102.19	102.16	102.11	102.07
6	HEALTH	29.65	100.67	103.29	103.14	103.60	103.60	104.42	104.42	104.81	103.93	104.02	104.02	104.38
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	106.28	107.14	107.14	107.44	107.76	107.76	107.76	107.64	107.64	107.64	107.34	107.34
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	100.00	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	102.10	102.60	102.59	103.25	104.28	104.22	104.41	104.86	104.85	104.95	103.99	103.99
10	EDUCATION	10.31	102.16	102.16	102.16	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70	107.70
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	93.41	92.84	94.18	107.40	109.26	110.07	112.99	113.83	113.80	111.24	94.23	96.74
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	99.54	99.55	99.86	99.88	100.21	100.48	100.20	99.74	99.48	99.51	99.92	99.92
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	100.63	100.87	101.18	104.28	105.18	105.43	106.01	105.81	106.01	105.64	102.59	103.52

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			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	106.42	106.38	106.36	105.42	105.09	103.69	103.05	103.58	103.54	104.06	103.39	104.13
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	121.21	121.21	121.21	122.38	122.38	122.38	122.46	122.46	122.46	122.53	122.53	122.53
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	100.11	100.11	100.11	100.11	107.70	107.70	107.70	99.05	99.05	99.05	109.08	109.08
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	105.13	105.13	105.13	105.13	105.12	105.12	105.12	105.11	105.11	105.11	105.15	105.15
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	102.29	102.30	102.59	102.66	102.66	102.27	102.35	102.39	102.28	102.26	102.29	102.29
6	HEALTH	29.65	104.67	107.96	108.04	108.18	108.18	108.37	108.37	108.66	108.90	109.10	109.10	109.23
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	111.97	111.97	111.97	112.04	112.04	112.04	112.04	111.61	111.61	111.61	111.61	111.61
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	105.02	105.02	104.98	105.30	105.96	106.28	106.87	107.27	107.26	106.74	105.82	105.82
10	EDUCATION	10.31	107.70	107.70	107.70	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88	112.88
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	97.60	96.74	97.21	116.04	118.07	118.82	121.66	122.58	122.26	119.25	101.20	103.36
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	103.37	103.29	103.81	103.80	104.42	105.17	104.88	105.06	104.90	104.89	105.99	105.96
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	104.70	104.61	104.76	108.69	109.67	109.59	110.10	109.77	109.68	109.12	105.94	106.53

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			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	104.72	105.34	104.69	104.27	103.74	103.21	103.76	104.45	104.63	105.06	104.12	105.68
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	134.28	134.28	134.28	134.36	134.36	134.36	134.55	134.55	134.55	134.55	134.55	134.55
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	98.77	98.77	98.77	98.77	106.07	106.07	106.07	99.85	99.85	99.85	108.58	108.58
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	106.66	106.66	106.66	106.66	106.64	106.64	106.64	106.54	106.54	106.54	106.53	106.53
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	104.98	105.11	105.59	105.70	105.73	105.46	105.54	105.56	105.06	105.12	105.15	105.15
6	HEALTH	29.65	109.49	111.75	111.79	111.98	111.98	112.05	112.05	112.15	112.09	112.40	112.40	112.51
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	114.15	114.15	114.15	114.19	114.52	114.52	114.52	114.16	114.97	114.97	119.94	119.94
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.05
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	106.48	106.48	106.51	105.94	106.99	106.96	106.33	106.64	106.57	106.87	106.21	106.21
10	EDUCATION	10.31	112.88	112.88	112.88	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28	117.28
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	102.78	102.19	102.72	117.87	119.30	120.07	123.04	123.98	123.36	120.29	108.56	113.07
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	106.61	106.66	106.72	106.74	106.62	107.00	106.98	106.50	106.74	106.74	107.32	107.33
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	107.18	107.25	107.30	110.44	111.26	111.32	112.02	111.85	111.81	111.28	109.94	111.17

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			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	107.28	107.11	107.19	105.82	104.66	102.82	103.54	104.99	105.37	105.85	106.19	105.39
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	145.47	145.47	145.47	145.37	145.37	145.37	145.59	145.59	145.59	145.88	145.88	145.88
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	99.54	99.54	99.54	99.54	108.68	108.68	108.68	98.28	98.28	98.28	107.35	107.35
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	107.39	107.39	107.39	107.39	107.47	107.47	107.47	107.51	107.51	107.51	107.66	107.66
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	104.85	104.68	104.50	104.38	104.33	103.72	103.70	103.72	103.97	103.98	103.84	103.82
6	HEALTH	29.65	113.04	115.70	115.86	115.89	115.89	117.18	117.18	117.35	117.52	117.63	117.63	117.69
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	119.13	119.13	119.13	119.20	119.57	119.57	119.57	118.95	118.95	118.95	118.67	118.67
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04	105.04
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	105.79	105.79	105.79	105.62	106.78	106.82	107.09	107.59	107.62	108.03	107.16	107.16
10	EDUCATION	10.31	117.28	117.28	117.28	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35	122.35
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	110.84	110.75	111.14	127.94	130.36	130.57	132.98	134.25	133.33	131.24	113.23	115.57
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	107.28	107.13	107.19	107.19	107.66	108.64	108.64	108.57	109.15	109.17	109.76	109.76
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	110.82	110.82	110.91	114.21	115.30	115.04	115.70	115.45	115.40	115.10	111.96	112.31

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			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	105.40	106.76	107.99	108.48	107.97	108.71	110.52	112.54	112.66	110.78	111.73	113.23
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	151.58	151.58	151.58	152.03	152.03	152.03	152.60	152.60	152.60	152.04	152.59	152.59
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	96.72	96.72	96.72	96.72	106.20	106.20	106.20	98.93	98.93	98.93	107.87	107.87
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	109.84	109.84	109.84	109.84	109.80	109.80	109.80	110.03	110.03	110.03	109.94	109.94
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	103.97	104.04	104.28	104.31	104.35	104.52	104.54	104.58	104.79	104.77	104.73	104.72
6	HEALTH	29.65	117.69	120.22	120.27	120.35	120.35	120.57	120.57	121.30	121.28	121.40	121.40	121.44
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	119.14	119.14	119.14	119.18	119.51	119.51	119.51	118.92	118.92	118.92	119.66	119.66
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	109.23	109.23	109.30	109.55	110.58	110.58	110.58	110.96	111.01	111.18	110.86	110.86
10	EDUCATION	10.31	122.35	122.35	122.35	130.48	130.48	130.48	130.48	130.48	130.48	130.48	135.02	135.02
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	114.05	113.39	115.13	133.30	135.34	135.45	138.90	139.73	139.03	137.00	119.48	121.30
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	109.26	109.32	110.05	110.08	110.14	110.70	110.76	110.54	111.11	111.09	111.79	111.79
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	111.86	112.06	112.73	116.76	117.88	118.09	119.18	119.19	119.13	118.34	115.65	116.31

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Item Group	Commodity	Base Weight (1996=100)	2002											
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	184.00	113.48	112.00	111.92	111.98	111.61	111.14	111.20	112.60	112.36	112.69	112.11	112.09
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	47.73	163.60	163.60	163.60	163.75	163.75	163.75	163.76	163.76	163.76	163.93	163.93	163.93
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	78.47	99.26	99.26	99.26	99.26	103.67	103.67	103.67	99.08	99.08	99.08	101.68	101.68
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.43	112.32	112.32	112.32	112.32	112.33	112.33	112.35	112.36	112.36	112.42	112.47	112.47
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	108.64	105.41	105.42	105.04	105.29	105.38	104.57	104.50	104.55	104.92	104.97	104.99	105.00
6	HEALTH	29.65	121.47	123.79	123.14	123.53	123.53	123.63	123.63	123.70	123.79	123.83	123.83	123.94
7	TRANSPORT	138.77	119.36	119.36	119.36	118.68	118.96	118.96	120.66	120.78	120.78	120.83	120.83	120.83
8	COMMUNICATIONS	9.87	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	106.44	107.98	107.98	107.98	107.98	107.98
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	64.56	111.35	111.35	111.51	112.13	113.02	113.09	113.06	113.26	113.29	113.84	113.84	113.84
10	EDUCATION	10.31	135.02	135.02	135.02	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	194.08	121.87	118.36	120.51	137.67	140.07	140.31	144.82	145.34	144.29	144.38	144.38	144.38
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	61.49	112.32	112.43	113.36	113.36	113.42	113.98	114.27	114.17	114.71	114.71	114.79	114.79
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	116.66	115.73	116.17	119.88	120.73	120.65	121.85	121.93	121.74	121.88	121.97	121.97

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Item Group	Commodity	New Base Weight (Dec 2002=100)	2003											
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	173.61	113.43	115.51	115.87	113.92	114.06	112.67	110.70	112.89	114.11	117.18	115.94	116.75
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	46.41	164.16	164.16	164.27	164.24	164.40	164.54	164.52	164.45	164.40	164.40	164.36	181.06
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	69.03	86.56	87.62	94.73	96.55	96.71	97.10	92.35	82.80	88.08	98.32	102.00	103.07
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.57	112.49	112.49	112.54	113.07	113.05	117.02	117.14	117.12	114.86	114.78	114.89	115.16
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	93.00	104.77	104.76	104.83	104.37	104.21	105.02	104.88	104.73	104.64	104.51	104.64	105.10
6	HEALTH	27.42	125.51	125.72	125.70	124.95	132.53	132.63	132.56	132.54	132.52	132.58	132.58	134.01
7	TRANSPORT	142.44	121.31	121.30	121.30	121.63	122.05	121.97	122.72	124.42	124.38	122.35	123.04	122.43
8	COMMUNICATIONS	23.40	107.87	107.72	107.52	107.11	106.84	106.68	106.46	106.46	106.44	106.35	106.33	106.33
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	100.79	113.30	112.80	113.51	115.36	115.21	115.18	115.89	116.22	114.85	114.76	111.53	111.88
10	EDUCATION	9.85	144.65	144.65	144.65	144.65	146.18	146.18	146.18	146.18	146.18	150.73	150.73	150.73
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	188.67	142.46	142.28	144.38	150.35	153.33	153.40	160.20	161.77	158.34	155.75	132.80	134.82
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	52.81	114.89	115.19	114.96	114.85	115.03	115.29	117.25	117.42	117.80	118.08	118.26	118.67
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	120.71	121.13	122.19	123.13	123.89	124.08	124.68	124.82	124.61	125.36	121.55	122.78

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Item Group	Commodity	New Base Weight (Dec 2002=100)	2004			
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	173.61	117.70	116.81	116.50	114.47
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	46.41	186.21	187.16	187.37	187.31
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	69.03	85.08	84.98	90.17	95.83
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	72.57	115.97	115.99	116.00	116.50
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	93.00	106.71	106.93	107.24	107.41
6	HEALTH	27.42	134.14	138.15	138.19	138.46
7	TRANSPORT	142.44	124.58	124.71	124.38	125.19
8	COMMUNICATIONS	23.40	106.25	106.80	107.34	107.89
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	100.79	112.30	112.08	112.26	114.81
10	EDUCATION	9.85	150.73	150.73	150.73	151.36
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	188.67	133.12	133.30	134.27	160.17
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	52.81	122.02	122.19	122.15	123.11
	GRAND TOTAL	1000.00	122.15	122.19	122.75	127.49

Table 2. Annual Inflation Rates ...

Item Group	Commodity	1997											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3.96	2.77	0.87	0.40	0.12	1.56	2.63	1.88	1.69	2.57	3.72	6.37
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.66	10.66	10.66	10.82	10.82	10.82
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	3.74	3.74	3.74	2.09	2.09	2.09	0.31	0.31
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.01	4.01	4.01	5.19	5.19
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	3.00	3.02	2.66	2.69	2.60	2.04	1.97	1.73	0.90	0.84	0.72	0.63
6	HEALTH	4.21	3.66	3.09	3.51	3.51	3.96	3.96	4.31	3.44	3.46	3.46	3.71
7	TRANSPORT	6.73	7.59	7.59	7.73	7.87	7.87	7.87	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.13	7.13
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	2.63	3.14	3.07	4.25	4.72	4.38	3.61	4.23	4.13	4.04	3.95	3.95
10	EDUCATION	9.25	9.25	9.25	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	4.58	4.70	6.11	2.34	2.22	2.85	4.08	4.66	4.64	4.44	4.82	5.19
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.01	0.02	-0.13	-0.11	0.17	0.51	0.23	-0.15	-0.92	-0.89	-0.19	-0.20
	GRAND TOTAL	4.25	4.20	4.03	3.28	3.42	3.78	4.15	3.91	3.69	3.80	4.04	4.61

... Table 2. Annual Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	1998											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	5.85	5.18	4.91	3.47	3.90	2.20	1.56	1.73	0.70	0.36	-1.01	-2.31
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	10.12	10.12	10.12	9.62	9.62	9.62	10.19	10.19	10.19	10.32	10.32	10.32
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.90	1.90	1.90	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	3.77	3.77
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.89	0.89	0.89	-0.36	-0.36
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.31	0.32	0.85	0.86	0.80	0.55	0.65	0.87	0.09	0.10	0.18	0.22
6	HEALTH	3.97	4.52	4.75	4.42	4.42	3.78	3.78	3.67	4.78	4.88	4.88	4.65
7	TRANSPORT	5.35	4.51	4.51	4.28	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.69	3.69	3.69	3.98	3.98
8	COMMUNICATIONS	2.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	2.86	2.36	2.33	1.99	1.61	1.98	2.36	2.30	2.30	1.71	1.76	1.76
10	EDUCATION	5.42	5.42	5.42	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	4.49	4.20	3.22	8.04	8.06	7.95	7.67	7.69	7.43	7.20	7.40	6.84
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	3.85	3.76	3.96	3.92	4.20	4.67	4.67	5.33	5.45	5.41	6.07	6.04
	GRAND TOTAL	4.04	3.71	3.54	4.23	4.27	3.95	3.86	3.74	3.46	3.29	3.27	2.91

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Item Group	Commodity	1999											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	-1.60	-0.98	1.57	-1.09	-1.28	-0.46	0.69	0.84	1.05	0.96	0.71	1.49
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	10.78	10.78	10.78	9.79	9.79	9.79	9.87	9.87	9.87	9.81	9.81	9.81
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-1.34	-1.34	-1.34	-1.34	-1.51	-1.51	-1.51	0.81	0.81	0.81	-0.46	-0.46
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.31	1.31
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	2.63	2.75	2.92	2.96	2.99	3.12	3.12	3.10	2.72	2.80	2.80	2.80
6	HEALTH	4.60	3.51	3.47	3.51	3.51	3.40	3.40	3.21	2.93	3.02	3.02	3.00
7	TRANSPORT	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.92	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.28	3.01	3.01	7.46	7.46
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.39	1.39	1.46	0.61	0.97	0.64	-0.51	-0.58	-0.64	0.12	0.37	0.37
10	EDUCATION	4.81	4.81	4.81	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	5.31	5.63	5.67	1.58	1.04	1.05	1.13	1.14	0.90	0.87	7.27	9.39
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	3.13	3.26	2.80	2.83	2.11	1.74	2.00	1.37	1.75	1.76	1.25	1.29
	GRAND TOTAL	2.37	2.52	2.42	1.61	1.45	1.58	1.74	1.89	1.94	1.98	3.78	4.36

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Item Group	Commodity	2000											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2.44	1.68	2.39	1.49	0.89	-0.38	-0.21	0.52	0.71	0.75	1.99	-0.27
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	8.33	8.33	8.33	8.19	8.19	8.19	8.21	8.21	8.21	8.42	8.42	8.42
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	2.46	2.46	2.46	-1.57	-1.57	-1.57	-1.13	-1.13
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.06	1.06
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.12	-0.41	-1.03	-1.25	-1.32	-1.65	-1.74	-1.74	-1.04	-1.08	-1.25	-1.26
6	HEALTH	3.24	3.53	3.64	3.49	3.49	4.58	4.58	4.64	4.84	4.65	4.65	4.60
7	TRANSPORT	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.39	4.41	4.41	4.41	4.20	3.46	3.46	-1.06	-1.06
8	COMMUNICATIONS	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.93
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	-0.65	-0.65	-0.68	-0.30	-0.20	-0.13	0.71	0.88	0.99	1.09	0.89	0.89
10	EDUCATION	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.32
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	7.84	8.38	8.20	8.54	9.27	8.74	8.08	8.28	8.08	9.10	4.30	2.21
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.63	0.44	0.44	0.42	0.98	1.53	1.55	1.94	2.26	2.28	2.27	2.26
	GRAND TOTAL	3.40	3.33	3.36	3.41	3.63	3.34	3.29	3.22	3.21	3.43	1.84	1.03

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Item Group	Commodity	2001											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	-1.75	-0.33	0.75	2.51	3.16	5.73	6.74	7.19	6.92	4.66	5.22	7.44
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.58	4.58	4.58	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.22	4.60	4.60
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-2.83	-2.83	-2.83	-2.83	-2.28	-2.28	-2.28	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.48	0.48
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.12	2.12
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.84	-0.61	-0.21	-0.07	0.02	0.77	0.81	0.83	0.79	0.76	0.86	0.87
6	HEALTH	4.11	3.91	3.81	3.85	3.85	2.89	2.89	3.37	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.19
7	TRANSPORT	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.83	0.83
8	COMMUNICATIONS	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	3.25	3.25	3.32	3.72	3.56	3.52	3.26	3.13	3.15	2.92	3.45	3.45
10	EDUCATION	4.32	4.32	4.32	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.64	10.36	10.36
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	2.90	2.38	3.59	4.19	3.82	3.74	4.45	4.08	4.28	4.39	5.52	4.96
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	1.85	2.04	2.67	2.70	2.30	1.90	1.95	1.81	1.80	1.76	1.85	1.85
	GRAND TOTAL	0.94	1.12	1.64	2.23	2.24	2.65	3.01	3.24	3.23	2.81	3.30	3.56

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Item Group	Commodity	2002											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	7.67	4.91	3.64	3.23	3.37	2.24	0.62	0.05	-0.27	1.72	0.34	-1.01
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.31	7.31	7.31	7.82	7.43	7.43
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	2.63	2.63	2.63	2.63	-2.38	-2.38	-2.38	0.15	0.15	0.15	-5.74	-5.74
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.30	2.30	2.32	2.12	2.12	2.17	2.30	2.30
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	1.39	1.33	0.73	0.94	0.99	0.05	-0.04	-0.03	0.12	0.19	0.25	0.27
6	HEALTH	3.21	2.97	2.39	2.64	2.64	2.54	2.54	1.98	2.07	2.00	2.00	2.06
7	TRANSPORT	0.18	0.18	0.18	-0.42	-0.45	-0.46	0.96	1.56	1.56	1.61	0.98	0.98
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.94	1.94	2.02	2.36	2.21	2.27	2.24	2.07	2.05	2.39	2.69	2.69
10	EDUCATION	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.86	7.13	7.13
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	6.86	4.38	4.67	3.28	3.49	3.59	4.26	4.01	3.78	5.39	20.84	19.03
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.80	2.84	3.01	2.98	2.98	2.96	3.17	3.28	3.24	3.26	2.68	2.68
	GRAND TOTAL	4.29	3.28	3.05	2.67	2.42	2.17	2.24	2.30	2.19	2.99	5.46	4.87

... Table 2. Annual Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2003											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	-0.04	3.13	3.53	1.73	2.20	1.38	-0.45	0.26	1.56	3.98	3.42	4.16
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	0.34	0.34	0.41	0.30	0.40	0.48	0.46	0.42	0.39	0.29	0.26	10.45
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-12.79	-11.73	-4.56	-2.73	-6.71	-6.34	-10.92	-16.43	-11.10	-0.76	0.31	1.37
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.67	0.64	4.18	4.26	4.24	2.22	2.10	2.15	2.39
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.61	-0.63	-0.20	-0.87	-1.11	0.43	0.36	0.17	-0.27	-0.44	-0.33	0.10
6	HEALTH	3.33	1.56	2.08	1.15	7.29	7.28	7.22	7.15	7.05	7.07	7.07	8.12
7	TRANSPORT	1.63	1.63	1.63	2.49	2.60	2.53	1.71	3.01	2.98	1.26	1.83	1.32
8	COMMUNICATIONS	1.34	1.20	1.01	0.63	0.38	0.23	0.02	-1.41	-1.43	-1.51	-1.53	-1.53
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.75	1.30	1.79	2.88	1.94	1.85	2.50	2.62	1.38	0.81	-2.03	-1.72
10	EDUCATION	7.13	7.13	7.13	0.00	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	4.20	4.20	4.20
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	16.90	20.21	19.81	9.21	9.47	9.33	10.62	11.30	9.74	7.88	-8.02	-6.62
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.29	2.45	1.41	1.31	1.42	1.15	2.61	2.85	2.69	2.94	3.02	3.38
	GRAND TOTAL	3.47	4.67	5.18	2.71	2.62	2.84	2.32	2.37	2.36	2.86	-0.34	0.66

... Table 2. Annual Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2004			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3.76	1.13	0.54	0.48
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	13.43	14.01	14.06	14.05
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-1.71	-3.01	-4.81	-0.75
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	3.09	3.11	3.07	3.03
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	1.85	2.07	2.30	2.91
6	HEALTH	6.88	9.89	9.94	10.81
7	TRANSPORT	2.70	2.81	2.54	2.93
8	COMMUNICATIONS	-1.50	-0.85	-0.17	0.73
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	-0.88	-0.64	-1.10	-0.48
10	EDUCATION	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.64
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-6.56	-6.31	-7.00	6.53
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	6.21	6.08	6.25	7.19
	GRAND TOTAL	1.19	0.88	0.46	3.54

Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates ...

Item Group	Commodity	1996											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		1.76	2.13	0.96	-0.43	-1.12	-1.03	1.08	1.18	-0.03	-0.39	-0.49
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO		0.00	0.00	1.27	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR		0.00	0.00	0.00	4.28	0.00	0.00	-3.81	0.00	0.00	6.93	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		-0.02	0.11	0.02	0.16	0.41	0.05	0.05	1.50	0.03	0.07	0.05
6	HEALTH		3.15	0.41	0.04	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.04	-0.01	0.07	0.00	0.11
7	TRANSPORT		0.00	0.00	0.15	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.00	-0.26	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE		0.00	0.05	-0.49	0.55	0.27	0.92	-0.17	0.09	0.18	-0.82	0.00
10	EDUCATION		0.00	0.00	9.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS		-0.73	0.10	18.23	1.86	0.12	1.44	0.18	-0.01	-2.06	-15.59	2.30
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES		0.00	0.46	0.00	0.05	-0.07	0.00	-0.08	0.51	0.00	-0.29	0.01
	GRAND TOTAL		0.28	0.48	3.81	0.72	-0.11	0.20	0.04	0.40	-0.46	-3.11	0.35

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Item Group	Commodity	1997											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.33	0.60	0.24	0.49	-0.72	0.31	0.01	0.34	0.99	0.84	0.73	2.05
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	9.82	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	-0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.06	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-5.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.18	0.00	0.00	-5.34	0.00	0.00	5.07	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	4.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	-0.34	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.53	0.00	-0.24	0.05	0.07	-0.14	-0.02	-0.18	0.67	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04
6	HEALTH	0.02	2.60	-0.15	0.45	0.00	0.79	0.00	0.37	-0.84	0.09	0.00	0.35
7	TRANSPORT	6.07	0.81	0.00	0.28	0.30	0.00	0.00	-0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.28	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	2.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	2.06	0.49	-0.01	0.64	1.00	-0.06	0.18	0.43	-0.01	0.10	-0.91	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	1.57	-0.61	1.44	14.04	1.73	0.74	2.65	0.74	-0.03	-2.25	-15.29	2.66
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	-0.58	0.01	0.31	0.02	0.33	0.27	-0.28	-0.46	-0.26	0.03	0.41	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	1.69	0.24	0.31	3.06	0.86	0.24	0.55	-0.19	0.19	-0.35	-2.89	0.91

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	1998											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	-0.16	-0.04	-0.02	0.88	-0.31	-1.33	-0.62	0.51	-0.04	0.50	-0.64	0.72
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	9.13	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-4.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.58	0.00	0.00	-8.03	0.00	0.00	10.13	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	-0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.22	0.01	0.28	0.07	0.00	-0.38	0.08	0.04	-0.11	-0.02	0.03	0.00
6	HEALTH	0.28	3.14	0.07	0.13	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.27	0.22	0.18	0.00	0.12
7	TRANSPORT	4.31	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.99	0.00	-0.04	0.30	0.63	0.30	0.56	0.37	-0.01	-0.48	-0.86	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	0.89	-0.88	0.49	19.37	1.75	0.64	2.39	0.76	-0.26	-2.46	-15.14	2.13
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	3.45	-0.08	0.50	-0.01	0.60	0.72	-0.28	0.17	-0.15	-0.01	1.05	-0.03
	GRAND TOTAL	1.14	-0.09	0.14	3.75	0.90	-0.07	0.47	-0.30	-0.08	-0.51	-2.91	0.56

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	1999											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.57	0.59	-0.62	-0.40	-0.51	-0.51	0.53	0.66	0.17	0.41	-0.89	1.50
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-9.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.39	0.00	0.00	-5.86	0.00	0.00	8.74	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.09	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	2.63	0.12	0.46	0.10	0.03	-0.26	0.08	0.02	-0.47	0.06	0.03	0.00
6	HEALTH	0.24	2.06	0.04	0.17	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.09	-0.05	0.28	0.00	0.10
7	TRANSPORT	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.29	0.00	0.00	-0.31	0.71	0.00	4.32	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.62	0.00	0.03	-0.54	0.99	-0.03	-0.59	0.30	-0.08	0.28	-0.62	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-0.56	-0.57	0.52	14.75	1.21	0.65	2.47	0.76	-0.50	-2.49	-9.75	4.15
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.61	0.05	0.06	0.02	-0.11	0.36	-0.02	-0.45	0.23	0.00	0.54	0.01
	GRAND TOTAL	0.61	0.07	0.05	2.93	0.74	0.05	0.63	-0.15	-0.04	-0.47	-1.20	1.12

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2000											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.51	-0.16	0.07	-1.28	-1.10	-1.76	0.70	1.40	0.36	0.46	0.32	-0.75
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	8.12	0.00	0.00	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-8.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.18	0.00	0.00	-9.57	0.00	0.00	9.23	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.29	-0.16	-0.17	-0.11	-0.05	-0.58	-0.02	0.02	0.24	0.01	-0.13	-0.02
6	HEALTH	0.47	2.35	0.14	0.03	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.15	0.14	0.09	0.00	0.05
7	TRANSPORT	-0.68	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.52	0.00	0.00	-0.24	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	2.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	-0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.16	1.10	0.04	0.25	0.47	0.03	0.38	-0.81	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-1.97	-0.08	0.35	15.12	1.89	0.16	1.85	0.96	-0.69	-1.57	-13.72	2.07
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	-0.05	-0.14	0.06	0.00	0.44	0.91	0.00	-0.06	0.53	0.02	0.54	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	-0.31	0.00	0.08	2.98	0.95	-0.23	0.57	-0.22	-0.04	-0.26	-2.73	0.31

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2001											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.01	1.29	1.15	0.45	-0.47	0.69	1.66	1.83	0.11	-1.67	0.86	1.34
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	3.91	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	-0.37	0.36	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-9.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.80	0.00	0.00	-6.85	0.00	0.00	9.04	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.14	0.07	0.23	0.03	0.04	0.16	0.02	0.04	0.20	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01
6	HEALTH	0.00	2.15	0.04	0.07	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.61	-0.02	0.10	0.00	0.03
7	TRANSPORT	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.28	0.00	0.00	-0.49	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.93	0.00	0.06	0.23	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.05	0.15	-0.29	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.48	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-1.32	-0.58	1.53	15.78	1.53	0.08	2.55	0.60	-0.50	-1.46	-12.79	1.52
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	-0.46	0.05	0.67	0.03	0.05	0.51	0.05	-0.20	0.52	-0.02	0.63	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	-0.40	0.18	0.60	3.57	0.96	0.18	0.92	0.01	-0.05	-0.66	-2.27	0.57

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2002											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.22	-1.30	-0.07	0.05	-0.33	-0.42	0.05	1.26	-0.21	0.29	-0.51	-0.02
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	7.22	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-7.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.44	0.00	0.00	-4.43	0.00	0.00	2.62	0.00
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.00
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.66	0.01	-0.36	0.24	0.09	-0.77	-0.07	0.05	0.35	0.05	0.02	0.01
6	HEALTH	0.02	1.91	-0.53	0.32	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.09
7	TRANSPORT	-0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.57	0.24	0.00	1.43	0.10	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.44	0.00	0.14	0.56	0.79	0.06	-0.03	0.18	0.03	0.49	0.00	0.00
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	0.47	-2.88	1.82	14.24	1.74	0.17	3.21	0.36	-0.72	0.06	0.00	0.00
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.47	0.10	0.83	0.00	0.05	0.49	0.25	-0.09	0.47	0.00	0.07	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	0.30	-0.80	0.38	3.19	0.71	-0.07	0.99	0.07	-0.16	0.11	0.07	0.00

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2003											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.20	1.83	0.31	-1.68	0.12	-1.22	-1.75	1.98	1.08	2.69	-1.06	0.70
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	0.14	0.00	0.07	-0.02	0.10	0.09	-0.01	-0.04	-0.03	0.00	-0.02	10.16
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-14.87	1.22	8.11	1.92	0.17	0.40	-4.89	-10.34	6.38	11.63	3.74	1.05
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.47	-0.02	3.51	0.10	-0.02	-1.93	-0.07	0.10	0.24
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.22	-0.01	0.07	-0.44	-0.15	0.78	-0.13	-0.14	-0.09	-0.12	0.12	0.44
6	HEALTH	1.27	0.17	-0.02	-0.60	6.07	0.08	-0.05	-0.02	-0.02	0.05	0.00	1.08
7	TRANSPORT	0.40	-0.01	0.00	0.27	0.35	-0.07	0.61	1.39	-0.03	-1.63	0.56	-0.50
8	COMMUNICATIONS	-0.10	-0.14	-0.19	-0.38	-0.25	-0.15	-0.21	0.00	-0.02	-0.08	-0.02	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	-0.47	-0.44	0.63	1.63	-0.13	-0.03	0.62	0.28	-1.18	-0.08	-2.81	0.31
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.11	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-1.33	-0.13	1.48	4.13	1.98	0.05	4.43	0.98	-2.12	-1.64	-14.74	1.52
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.09	0.26	-0.20	-0.10	0.16	0.23	1.70	0.14	0.32	0.24	0.15	0.35
	GRAND TOTAL	-1.03	0.35	0.88	0.76	0.62	0.15	0.48	0.11	-0.17	0.60	-3.04	1.01

... Table 3. Monthly Inflation Rates

Item Group	Commodity	2004			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.81	-0.76	-0.27	-1.74
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	2.84	0.51	0.11	-0.03
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-17.45	-0.12	6.11	6.28
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.70	0.02	0.01	0.43
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	1.53	0.21	0.29	0.16
6	HEALTH	0.10	2.99	0.03	0.20
7	TRANSPORT	1.76	0.10	-0.26	0.65
8	COMMUNICATIONS	-0.08	0.52	0.51	0.51
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.38	-0.20	0.16	2.27
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	-1.26	0.14	0.73	19.29
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.82	0.14	-0.03	0.79
	GRAND TOTAL	-0.51	0.03	0.46	3.86

Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average) ...

Item Group	Commodity	1998											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2.53	2.74	3.07	3.33	3.65	3.70	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.32	2.92	2.17
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	10.88	10.80	10.71	10.57	10.43	10.29	10.24	10.21	10.17	10.14	10.09	10.06
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	1.87	1.93	1.97	2.01	1.86	1.70	1.55	1.29	1.04	0.80	1.09	1.38
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	4.20	3.87	3.54	3.20	2.87	2.55	2.22	1.96	1.70	1.46	1.01	0.55
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	1.67	1.44	1.29	1.14	0.99	0.87	0.76	0.70	0.62	0.56	0.52	0.48
6	HEALTH	3.68	3.74	3.89	3.95	4.04	4.03	4.00	3.96	4.07	4.18	4.30	4.38
7	TRANSPORT	7.29	7.02	6.76	6.45	6.13	5.79	5.48	5.19	4.90	4.62	4.38	4.12
8	COMMUNICATIONS	2.05	1.88	1.70	1.53	1.36	1.19	1.01	0.84	0.67	0.50	0.33	0.17
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	3.85	3.79	3.73	3.54	3.28	3.07	2.97	2.80	2.65	2.46	2.29	2.11
10	EDUCATION	6.02	5.72	5.42	5.37	5.32	5.26	5.21	5.16	5.11	5.06	5.01	4.96
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	4.16	4.12	3.91	4.40	4.92	5.38	5.71	5.98	6.23	6.47	6.66	6.78
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.18	0.49	0.83	1.16	1.51	1.86	2.23	2.68	3.21	3.73	4.27	4.78
	GRAND TOTAL	3.91	3.86	3.83	3.91	3.98	3.99	3.97	3.96	3.93	3.88	3.82	3.69

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	1999											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.55	1.04	0.50	0.13	-0.30	-0.52	-0.58	-0.66	-0.63	-0.58	-0.44	-0.11
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	10.12	10.17	10.23	10.25	10.25	10.27	10.25	10.21	10.19	10.14	10.10	10.06
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	1.16	0.91	0.68	0.45	0.17	-0.14	-0.44	-0.28	-0.14	0.00	-0.36	-0.72
4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.61	0.67	0.73	0.79	0.86	0.93	1.01	1.06	1.08	1.12	1.26	1.40
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.68	0.87	1.05	1.23	1.41	1.62	1.84	2.01	2.24	2.46	2.68	2.89
6	HEALTH	4.42	4.35	4.24	4.16	4.07	4.04	4.02	3.97	3.81	3.67	3.51	3.38
7	TRANSPORT	3.85	3.63	3.40	3.21	3.05	2.91	2.77	2.65	2.60	2.55	2.83	3.14
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.99	1.90	1.83	1.71	1.66	1.55	1.31	1.07	0.82	0.69	0.57	0.46
10	EDUCATION	4.91	4.86	4.81	4.74	4.65	4.57	4.50	4.41	4.34	4.27	4.19	4.11
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	6.83	6.94	7.13	6.54	5.89	5.28	4.68	4.08	3.50	2.95	2.96	3.18
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	4.71	4.67	4.56	4.48	4.29	4.03	3.81	3.49	3.18	2.89	2.49	2.10
	GRAND TOTAL	3.55	3.45	3.36	3.14	2.90	2.69	2.51	2.36	2.24	2.14	2.18	2.30

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	2000											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.23	0.45	0.78	1.00	1.18	1.19	1.11	1.09	1.06	1.05	1.15	1.01
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	9.85	9.64	9.43	9.29	9.15	9.02	6.30	6.19	6.07	5.99	5.90	5.80
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-0.55	-0.37	-0.20	-0.03	0.30	0.65	1.01	0.81	0.61	0.43	0.36	0.30
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	1.34	1.28	1.21	1.15	1.10	1.04	0.97	0.94	0.91	0.87	0.85	0.83
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	2.66	2.39	2.06	1.69	1.33	0.93	0.52	0.12	-0.18	-0.51	-0.83	-1.17
6	HEALTH	3.27	3.27	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.38	3.48	3.60	3.76	3.90	4.04	4.16
7	TRANSPORT	3.33	3.54	3.74	3.94	4.13	4.31	4.49	4.65	4.68	4.72	3.99	3.27
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.24	0.49	0.73	0.98	1.22	1.47	1.71	1.95	2.20	2.44	2.68	2.93
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.29	0.12	-0.06	-0.12	-0.23	-0.29	-0.19	-0.07	0.08	0.15	0.20	0.23
10	EDUCATION	4.04	3.97	3.90	3.93	3.98	4.01	4.04	4.08	4.12	4.15	4.19	4.22
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	3.39	3.59	3.80	4.41	5.13	5.80	6.43	7.08	7.73	8.44	8.20	7.62
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	1.90	1.66	1.46	1.26	1.17	1.16	1.11	1.17	1.21	1.25	1.33	1.42
	GRAND TOTAL	2.38	2.45	2.53	2.67	2.86	3.01	3.14	3.24	3.35	3.47	3.31	3.04

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	2001											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.64	0.48	0.34	0.43	0.62	1.11	1.68	2.24	2.76	3.08	3.35	3.99
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	5.45	5.11	4.77	4.47	4.18	3.89	8.56	8.27	7.97	7.61	7.29	6.97
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	0.02	-0.28	-0.56	-0.87	-1.26	-1.68	-2.09	-1.91	-1.74	-1.56	-1.41	-1.27
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	0.97	1.09	1.23	1.36	1.48	1.59	1.71	1.82	1.94	2.06	2.15	2.23
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-1.22	-1.23	-1.17	-1.08	-0.95	-0.76	-0.54	-0.33	-0.18	-0.02	0.14	0.34
6	HEALTH	4.23	4.27	4.28	4.30	4.33	4.19	4.05	3.95	3.81	3.68	3.57	3.45
7	TRANSPORT	2.91	2.54	2.18	1.81	1.44	1.08	0.71	0.37	0.09	-0.20	-0.03	0.13
8	COMMUNICATIONS	2.80	2.65	2.52	2.39	2.25	2.11	1.99	1.86	1.73	1.60	1.46	1.33
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.56	0.88	1.22	1.54	1.86	2.16	2.38	2.57	2.75	2.91	3.12	3.33
10	EDUCATION	4.26	4.29	4.32	4.53	4.72	4.92	5.12	5.32	5.51	5.70	6.21	6.71
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	7.22	6.76	6.40	6.02	5.55	5.12	4.80	4.44	4.11	3.73	3.83	4.04
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	1.52	1.65	1.84	2.03	2.14	2.16	2.21	2.19	2.14	2.10	2.07	2.03
	GRAND TOTAL	2.83	2.65	2.51	2.41	2.29	2.24	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.18	2.30	2.50

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	2002											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	4.78	5.23	5.47	5.53	5.53	5.24	4.72	4.12	3.50	3.26	2.85	2.16
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	7.29	7.61	7.92	8.18	8.44	8.70	6.47	6.68	6.88	7.17	7.40	7.63
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-0.85	-0.41	0.03	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.41	0.37	0.34	-0.22	-0.77
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.24	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.24	2.25	2.28	2.26	2.23	2.22	2.23	2.25
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.52	0.67	0.76	0.85	0.91	0.87	0.79	0.72	0.66	0.61	0.57	0.51
6	HEALTH	3.39	3.30	3.18	3.08	2.98	2.96	2.92	2.80	2.71	2.61	2.51	2.41
7	TRANSPORT	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.15	0.28	0.41	0.55	0.55	0.57
8	COMMUNICATIONS	1.22	1.11	1.00	0.88	0.78	0.66	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.59	0.60
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	3.21	3.11	2.99	2.89	2.77	2.67	2.59	2.49	2.40	2.36	2.30	2.24
10	EDUCATION	7.20	7.70	8.19	8.55	8.91	9.27	9.63	9.97	10.31	10.66	10.37	10.09
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	4.35	4.49	4.57	4.50	4.46	4.44	4.43	4.42	4.38	4.46	5.66	6.76
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.12	2.19	2.21	2.24	2.29	2.38	2.49	2.61	2.74	2.86	2.93	2.99
	GRAND TOTAL	2.78	2.95	3.06	3.10	3.12	3.08	3.01	2.93	2.84	2.86	3.04	3.15

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	2003											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.53	1.40	1.39	1.27	1.18	1.11	1.03	1.04	1.20	1.38	1.64	2.07
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	6.95	6.29	5.64	5.00	4.39	3.78	3.21	2.65	2.09	1.49	0.92	1.22
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-2.02	-3.17	-3.74	-4.16	-4.53	-4.88	-5.60	-6.95	-7.85	-7.93	-7.44	-6.85
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.07	1.89	1.72	1.58	1.44	1.60	1.76	1.95	1.96	1.96	1.94	1.95
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	0.34	0.19	0.10	-0.05	-0.22	-0.19	-0.15	-0.13	-0.17	-0.22	-0.27	-0.28
6	HEALTH	2.42	2.31	2.28	2.15	2.55	2.95	3.35	3.77	4.19	4.62	5.03	5.54
7	TRANSPORT	0.69	0.81	0.94	1.17	1.43	1.68	1.74	1.86	1.97	1.95	2.03	2.05
8	COMMUNICATIONS	0.71	0.82	0.90	0.95	0.99	1.01	1.01	0.76	0.52	0.27	0.03	-0.22
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	2.23	2.17	2.16	2.20	2.17	2.13	2.16	2.21	2.15	2.01	1.62	1.25
10	EDUCATION	9.82	9.54	9.28	8.31	7.46	6.62	5.78	4.98	4.18	3.66	3.44	3.21
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	7.55	8.75	9.91	10.40	10.92	11.40	11.96	12.60	13.11	13.30	10.84	8.72
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.94	2.91	2.78	2.63	2.51	2.35	2.30	2.27	2.23	2.21	2.24	2.29
	GRAND TOTAL	3.08	3.19	3.38	3.38	3.39	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.47	3.45	2.97	2.61

... Table 4. Inflation Rates (12-month moving average)

Item Group	Commodity	2004			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2.40	2.22	1.97	1.86
2	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	2.30	3.45	4.59	5.73
3	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	-5.98	-5.28	-5.31	-5.15
4	HOUSING, WATER , ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	2.19	2.44	2.68	2.88
5	FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	-0.08	0.14	0.35	0.67
6	HEALTH	5.83	6.53	7.18	7.99
7	TRANSPORT	2.14	2.24	2.31	2.35
8	COMMUNICATIONS	-0.46	-0.63	-0.73	-0.72
9	RECREATION & CULTURE	1.03	0.87	0.63	0.34
10	EDUCATION	2.98	2.76	2.54	2.93
11	RESTAURANTS & HOTELS	6.82	4.77	2.72	2.54
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	2.63	2.93	3.33	3.82
	GRAND TOTAL	2.43	2.13	1.74	1.81

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) is calculated according to rules specified in a series of European Union Regulations that were developed by the EU statistical office – Eurostat - in conjunction with the EU Member States.
2. The HICP is used to compare inflation rates across the European Union. Since January 1999 the European Central Bank (ECB) has also used it as the measure of price stability across the Euro area. Indeed, the HICP was developed in the EU for the purpose of assessing whether prospective members of European Monetary Union would meet the inflation convergence criterion and then of acting as the measure of inflation used by the European Central Bank to assess price stability in the euro area. The main requirement therefore was for a measure that could be used to make reliable comparisons of inflation rates across EU Member States. Such comparisons are not possible using national consumer price indices due to differences in index coverage and construction.
3. While the methodology of the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and the HICP is similar, it differs in the following ways:
 - (a) The population base of each index is different. The RPI is representative of private households only. The HICP covers private households, institutional households and foreign visitors to Malta.
 - (b) The RPI is a fixed weights and fixed base index while the HICP is a chain index whose weights are reviewed on an annual basis, in January of each year. In addition to this, newly significant goods and services are introduced into the HICP on an annual basis.
 - (c) The coverage of the HICP is based on an international classifications system, COICOP (classification of individual consumptions by purpose). The way in which this broadly maps to the RPI groupings is shown in the following table:

	COICOP Divisions	RPI Group
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Food (including take-away food and food consumed in restaurants)
02	Alcohol and tobacco	Beverages and tobacco
03	Clothing and footwear	Clothing and footwear
04	Housing and household services	Housing Water, electricity, gas and fuels
05	Furniture and household goods	Household equipment and house maintenance costs
06	Health	Personal care and health
07 08	Transport Communication	Transport and communications
09 10	Recreation and culture Education	Recreation and culture (including education)
11	Restaurants and hotels	Restaurants (included under food)
12	Miscellaneous goods and services*	Other goods and services

This comparison is broad and indicative only. Therefore, users are advised to consult the NSO before comparing the results of these indices at such levels.

4. Apart from the disparities identified in point 3 above, both the RPI and the HICP have the same geographic coverage in that both indices refer to the whole country. In addition to this, both indices utilize the same price collection methodologies in respect of, by and large, the same basket of goods and services. Prices are collected from the same outlets.
5. The RPI and the HICP use different weighting schemes. The RPI weights refer to expenditure by private households and are largely based on data derived from the Household Budgetary Survey. The HICP weights cover private household expenditure, institutional household expenditure as well as tourism expenditure in Malta. The differences in the underlying weighting schemes between the RPI and the HICP account significantly for the disparities in their results on a monthly basis.
6. The types of goods and services that in principle should be included in the index are known as the scope of the price index. The HICP largely follows National Accounts concepts of what constitutes household consumption in determining the index scope and mainly uses National Accounts data sources to weight the items in the basket. This makes for increased coherence between the HICP commodity and population coverage and National Accounts principles. As a result, HICP weights are therefore based on the final consumption expenditures of all individuals in the domestic territory, including spending by private households, institutional households and foreign visitors. National Accounts principles have also influenced the classification of goods and services within this index.
7. Whereas the HICP is subject to revisions, the RPI is, by convention, revised in rare and exceptional circumstances.
8. The HICP is being published with 1996 as its base year. However, as already indicated, the HICP is a chain index that is subject to review on an annual basis. Each monthly index is linked to the longer-term index series whose base is 1996. Such a longer-term series was possible because, initially, the NSO calculated an interim HICP on the basis of archived RPI price data in respect of years 1996 to 2002. For the historical interim HICP series, the relative weights were based on the RPI weights, which were, however, e-cast and aggregated up to the required COICOP divisions.
9. The HICP will, henceforth, be published in Malta by the NSO on a monthly basis. Eurostat will also publish it on a monthly basis. However, the latter also publishes aggregate HICP indices for the Monetary Union countries and the European Union. In aggregating the individual country indices, Eurostat uses weights that are based on each country's share of each relative bloc's total household final consumption expenditure.