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## **I. Introduction**

1. The complexity of a CPI, the importance of this statistical series for the economy, and the many uses by policy makers, business sector, financial markets and the general public, in economic and social contracts, require special care in publication and dissemination of the index.

2. Chapter 13 of the Consumer Price Index Manual, *Practice and Theory* sets guidelines for publication, dissemination and user relations in a CPI. Compilation and publication of the CPI, in Israel, are constantly updated according to these guidelines. In this paper I present several issues relating to publication of a family of indices, within this framework:

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- indices to be compiled and presented within the General CPI
- indices that are related to or can be alternative measures to a CPI
- the level of detail within each index

## II. Framework for Family of Indices

3. An overall CPI consists of price indices for hundreds of products, based on thousands of price observations. All levels of the CPI, for which consumption weights may have been derived directly from a Household Expenditure Survey (or other statistically sufficient sources), can be compiled and published on a monthly basis. These may be not only the overall CPI but, in addition, consumption groups, aggregates and sub-aggregates. If consistent with user needs, price indices of "selected products" may be compiled and published on a monthly basis. Many users will want to know which goods or services have contributed most to changes in the index. These contributions, which take into account the consumption weights and price change, may be presented at publication.

4. Indices published within the CPI framework may be included in civil or government contracts, without knowledge of the statistical office. The compilers of the CPI must anticipate that any or all of the published indices may be directly influential on several parts of the economy, households and individuals. A price index should be published only if it is consistent with the basic elements of CPI production: able sampling frame, collection of enough (and suitable) price observations, sufficient consumption weights, etc.

5. CPI's attract enormous public attention as they possess two important characteristics in most economies: (a) they have direct influence on every ones "pocket" through indexation (b) everybody is an "expert" on consumption patterns, prices, etc. As compilers of CPI we recognize that there are many difficulties in producing a monthly (or quarterly) Consumer Price Index, and should deal with these issues on publication.

6. Chapter 22 of the CPI manual deals with the treatment of seasonal products and estimation of seasonal effects. While existing index number theory cannot deal satisfactorily with various seasonal commodities in the context of constructing month to month indices of consumer prices, it can deal satisfactorily with seasonal commodities if the focus is changed from month to month CPI's to CPI's that compare the prices of one month with the prices of the *same* month in a previous year. In comparing one month with the same month a year earlier, it is assumed that seasonal patterns are much the same from one year to the next. However, if the CPI is used in a monthly indexation process, the year to year comparisons may not be sufficient<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> See chapter 22 of the CPI Manual: *Theory and Practice* for an exhaustive analysis of remedies for seasonality in a CPI.

7. Alongside the official CPI, many statistical offices may publish a seasonally adjusted series, as is common in all economic statistics. Care should be taken to distinguish between the data and supply full explanation of the methodology applied. Another method to handle seasonality is to publish an overall CPI excluding seasonal items like fruits and vegetables, clothing and footwear, energy, etc.

8. Overall CPI's may be used in the economy for indexation of contracts or benefits that are granted to certain sub-population groups like the elderly, children, employees, disabled, etc. Statistical offices may compile and publish indices that measure the price change for those groups (when possible) to monitor whether a large difference is found between the overall CPI and the group specific CPI. However, we must publish the limitations of these group specific CPI's. The most important drawback being that our price collection design (sample of outlets, items, prices) is usually satisfactory for the general population and not for a specific group within.

9. Other important indices, published in the CPI framework, may be measures of core or underlying inflation, including trend indices; indices compiled for international comparison like the European Union's Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and indices that estimate the change in cost of living (COLI). As any or all of these indices do not replace the "National CPI", it is important to explain clearly the underlying concepts and, if necessary, the reason why the monthly, quarterly or annual results are different from the CPI.

### **III. Family of Indices in Israel**

10. The Consumer Price Index in Israel is published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month along with several indices that comprise the Producer Price Index. The main indices are (table 1 below):

- General CPI
- CPI excluding fruits and vegetables
- CPI excluding housing
- Wholesale price index of manufacturing output
- Price index of input in residential building
- Price index of input in road construction
- Price index of input in agriculture\price index of input in buses

11. The Public Council on Statistics, that accompanies the work of the statistical office, appoints advisory committees with specialists and user representatives to recommend to the Government Statistician on the statistical needs of the economy, in these areas. However, the final decisions on the statistical program, including the methodology to be applied in each of the statistical series, is at the lone discretion of the Government Statistician.

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**TABLE 1.- MONTHLY PRICE INDICES**

	Consumer Price Index			Wholesale price index of manufacturing output		Price Index of input in residential building	Price Index of input in road construction	Price Index of input in agriculture	Price Index of input in buses	
	General Index	Index, excl. vegetables and fruit	Index excluding housing	General Index	Index, excl. fuel				Total	Public sector
<b>2005 Average</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>170.6</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>172.9</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>237.1</b>
<b>2005 I</b>	100.0	99.8	103.0	173.1	167.5	104.4	163.3	122.1	227.4	232.4
<b>II</b>	100.2	100.0	103.2	173.4	167.2	104.5	164.2	122.1	227.7	232.9
<b>III</b>	100.0	100.0	103.0	175.3	168.6	104.8	165.6	122.7	229.8	234.9
<b>IV</b>	100.7	100.8	104.0	178.3	170.2	105.1	169.0	123.9	231.1	235.9
<b>V</b>	101.0	101.1	104.3	179.0	170.8	105.3	170.0	124.1	230.7	235.3
<b>VI</b>	101.1	101.3	104.0	178.0	171.0	105.8	169.6	124.1	230.9	235.7
<b>VII</b>	102.2	102.6	104.8	179.5	170.4	108.8	173.9	127.8	232.2	236.5
<b>VIII</b>	102.4	102.7	104.9	178.9	170.0	111.7	175.3	127.9	234.0	238.5
<b>IX</b>	102.5	102.6	105.1	180.9	170.4	112.0	179.6	128.1	235.3	239.3
<b>X</b>	103.3	103.3	105.9	185.2	173.2	111.4	183.1	126.1	238.7	243.0
<b>XI</b>	103.2	103.2	105.5	185.1	174.4	110.4	181.7	125.8	236.9	241.2
<b>XII</b>	103.0	103.2	105.1	182.6	173.7	109.7	178.9	125.6	234.4	239.0
<b>Base Period:</b>	<b>Average 2002</b>	<b>Average 2002</b>	<b>Average 2002</b>	<b>Average 2005<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Average 2005<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>I/2004<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>I/1996</b>	<b>Average 2000</b>	<b>X-XII/1993</b>	<b>X-XII/1993</b>
<b>2006 I</b>	102.7	102.8	105.0	102.3	101.9	111.0	180.1	125.4	236.3	240.7
<b>II</b>	103.3	103.3	105.7	104.7	102.8	111.4	183.5	126.0	238.8	243.0
<b>III</b>	103.6	103.7	105.8	105.3	103.8	112.0	184.4	126.5	239.9	244.3

(1) As from January 2006 the updated Wholesale Price Index of Manufacturing Output is calculated on a new base: average 2005 = 100.0 (on the updating of the index, see Appendix to the "Price Statistics Monthly", no. 1, 2006, Hebrew only). To compare previous indices based on average 1994 = 100.0, one has to multiply the general index by the linking coefficient 1.791 and the index excluding fuel by the linking coefficient 1.706.

(2) As of February 2004, updated Price Index of Input in Residential Building is calculated based on January 2004=100.0 (see the Price Statistics Monthly, No. 2, 2004 for the updating of the index). To compare with previous indices, based on January 1992=100.0, one has to multiply the index as of February 2004 by the index coefficient - 2.048.

12. Within the CPI, tables (2 and 3 below) are presented monthly for the changes and contributions of the main consumption groups and specific goods and services that especially contributed to the price changes of that month.

**TABLE 2.- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BY CONSUMPTION GROUPS -  
CONTRIBUTION AND PERCENT CHANGE  
March 2006**

Code	Main Group	Change Compared to February 2006		Percent Change Compared to December 2005	Percent Change Compared to March 2005
		Percent Change	Contribution (%)		
120010	<u>Consumer Price Index - General</u>	0.3	0.3	0.6	3.6
120020	The index, excluding vegetables and fruit	0.4	-	0.5	3.7
110040	The index, excluding housing	0.1	-	0.7	2.7
120030	The index, excluding vegetables, fruit and housing	0.1	-	0.5	2.7
120050	Food, excluding vegetables and fruit	0.8	0.125	2.5	4.4
120040	Vegetables and fruit	0.5	0.0	4.3	2.7
120450	Housing	1.2	0.225	0.3	7.5
120520	Dwellings maintenance	0.2	0.025	-1.3	3.5
120660	Furniture and household equipment	0.3	0.0	0.8	-1.3
120850	Clothing and footwear	-4.4	-0.125	-15.0	0.3
121230	Health	-0.1	0.0	0.6	2.0
121050	Education, culture and entertainment	0.7	0.075	0.6	1.6
121320	Transport and communication	-0.1	-0.025	1.6	3.1
121430	Miscellaneous	-0.1	0.0	1.3	2.8

Table 3: Consumer Price Index: Contribution and Percent Change of Selected Groups, March 2006

Consumption Item	Price Change	Contribution
Owner Occupied Housing	1.5	0.2262
Meat, Poultry, Fish	1.9	0.0701
Travel Abroad	0.8	0.0316
Telecommunications	0.9	0.0308
Fresh vegetables	2.5	0.0304
Hotels	4.7	0.0272
Catered affairs	1.7	0.0256
Books	8.3	0.0150
Rent	0.3	0.0124
Gasoline for cars	-2.0	-0.0922
Clothing	-5.3	-0.0958

13. In order to supply users with the maximum amount of indices, whether for economic analysis or contractual purposes, indices are published for main groups, groups, sub-groups and selected products (appendix 1 tables a-b). The principles for publication are similar to those stated above: consistency in compilation, user needs, statistically sufficient in terms of consumption weights, price observations, pricing schemes, etc. The price changes to be presented will include, monthly, annual and accumulated changes from the beginning of the calendar year.

14. In addition to the general CPI, a monthly CPI, reclassified for economic branch (table 4 below), is published in order to allow comparison to the PPI. Here caution is taken to ensure that the level and the change in the general index will be the same in both cases. This is due to the fact that the CPI for economic branches is directly derived from the overall CPI, however grouped according to the categorization of the economic branches.

**TABLE 4.- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (INCL. V.A.T.), BY ECONOMIC BRANCH**

**Base: Average 2002=100.0**

Code of Index	Item	New Weight as of 1/2005	2005	2005			2006			Percent change		
			Average	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	Monthly	Compared to December 2005	Annual
130010	<u>Consumer Price Index - General</u>	1,000.0	101.6	103.3	103.2	103.0	102.7	103.3	103.6	0.3	0.6	3.6
130015	<u>The index, excluding agricultural produce</u>	967.1	101.6	103.2	103.1	103.1	102.7	103.3	103.6	0.3	0.5	3.7
130020	<u>Agricultural produce</u>	32.9	101.6	104.8	106.7	99.8	102.8	103.4	104.8	1.4	5.0	2.7
130030	Vegetables, fruit and field crops	27.7	100.5	104.4	106.8	98.5	102.1	102.7	103.8	1.1	5.4	2.9
130040	Fish and animal products	5.2	107.4	107.2	106.2	106.6	106.8	107.4	109.9	2.3	3.1	2.0
130050	<u>Manufacturing products</u>	362.6	104.0	105.8	105.2	105.2	105.5	106.3	106.0	-0.3	0.8	3.5
130060	Food, beverages and tobacco	130.8	105.9	106.5	107.3	107.3	108.2	109.4	110.1	0.6	2.6	4.4
130070	Milk and dairy products	23.9	108.5	108.6	109.1	109.4	109.5	109.7	110.0	0.3	0.5	1.9

130080	Preserved and frozen meat and fish	13.1	100.8	101.5	104.2	104.4	104.3	106.5	107.0	0.5	2.5	6.7
130090	Flour, bread and pastry products	26.7	108.4	108.5	110.2	110.3	110.3	110.7	111.1	0.4	0.7	3.0
130100	Fresh beef and poultry	19.5	107.6	111.0	109.9	108.7	114.2	116.2	119.1	2.5	9.6	11.5
130110	Other food and tobacco	47.6	103.8	103.9	104.7	104.8	105.0	106.5	106.7	0.2	1.8	2.9
130120	Wood and its products	16.5	97.6	95.4	96.2	95.0	96.5	96.1	96.6	0.5	1.7	-2.9
130130	Clothing and textile products	30.3	87.4	84.5	87.1	92.8	89.0	84.8	81.7	-3.7	-12.0	0.5
130140	Footwear and leather products, rubber and plastics	13.1	89.5	88.7	90.0	92.1	90.6	87.8	87.5	-0.3	-5.0	0.9
130150	Chemical and oil products	65.7	120.0	130.4	124.0	121.4	122.6	126.9	125.3	-1.3	3.2	9.3
130160	Metal products, machinery, transport vehicles, electricity	76.4	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.0	99.0	99.2	99.3	0.1	0.3	-0.3
130170	Miscellaneous manufacturing, n.e.s.	29.8	99.4	99.1	99.7	99.8	100.7	100.5	100.9	0.4	1.1	1.5
130180	<u>Building and housing services</u>	<b>212.8</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>
130190	<u>Electricity and water</u>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
130200	<u>Transport and communication</u>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>
130210	<u>Services</u>	<b>266.0</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>
130220	Taxes and insurance	63.8	98.8	98.3	98.4	98.3	96.7	96.7	96.8	0.1	-1.5	-2.0
130225	Public services	85.0	104.3	105.1	105.2	105.2	105.5	105.8	106.0	0.2	0.8	2.4
130230	Educational services	49.8	102.1	102.7	102.9	102.5	102.8	103.1	103.4	0.3	0.9	2.1
130240	Health services	35.2	107.4	108.4	108.5	108.9	109.2	109.6	109.6	0.0	0.6	2.9
130245	Personal services	62.8	105.5	105.4	105.8	106.1	106.0	106.5	106.7	0.2	0.6	1.0
130250	Entertainment services	27.7	104.6	103.8	104.3	104.9	104.1	105.1	105.3	0.2	0.4	-0.1
130260	Other services	35.1	106.2	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.6	107.5	107.8	0.3	0.7	2.0
130270	Tourist accommodation services	49.2	101.9	102.7	102.7	102.4	101.8	102.2	103.4	1.2	1.0	4.1
130280	Business services	5.2	98.8	100.5	101.2	101.1	101.0	101.0	101.5	0.5	0.4	4.4



15. In the process of compiling and presenting the CPI, average prices may be calculated for categories of goods and services. It is thus possible to publish average prices for selected goods and services. In the Israeli CPI we publish average prices for a well defined group of goods and services (appendix 1, table c). As the CPI is used extensively for indexation, we state explicitly that the average prices should not be used in this case. However, we can not prevent such use and therefore deliberate continuously with our user committees how to find the delicate balance between dissemination of statistical data and user "abuse".

#### Seasonality and Trend Indices

16. Socio-economic time series data, including CPI, are used for studying and following the developments of trends and for detecting the occurrence of turning points and changes in the direction of the socio-economic activity. This detection task is made difficult when the original data contain not only the fundamental trend-cycle behaviour of interest, but also movements attributable to seasonal, trading day, movable holiday and irregular influences. In order to estimate the trend in time series, seasonal, movable holiday and trading day variations must first be removed and then irregular influences dampened.

17. Methods developed in other leading statistical agencies, academic institutions and central banks around the world were analyzed, new methods were developed, and those appropriate to Israeli time series are applied. In particular, the prior adjustment factors are calculated using the special method developed by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics for the estimation of the moving Jewish festival dates and trading day effects in Israel. The seasonal factors, and the seasonally adjusted series, are calculated using the X-11-ARIMA (Dagum, 1988) or the X-12-ARIMA (U.S. Census Bureau, 2001) seasonal adjustment methods. The estimation of the trend is carried out according to an improved method based on symmetric Henderson moving averages<sup>3</sup>.

18. The seasonally adjusted and trend indices, compiled and published monthly along with the "regular" CPI, enables the analysts to detect price changes without seasonal or irregular factors. These indices, in contrast to the official series, are adjusted each month retroactively based on the new information received in the current CPI. Therefore they may not be used for purposes of indexation. Seasonally adjusted indices (table 5 below) are compiled for components of the index that contain seasonal patterns. These patterns were detected based on analysis of price changes for periods of ten years or more.

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<sup>3</sup> For a complete description of the methodology see: [www.cbs.gov.il](http://www.cbs.gov.il) , technical publications.

**TABLE 5.- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
CONSUMER PRICE INDICES**

**Base: Average 2002 = 100.0**

		Indices of seasonally adjusted items								
		Consumer Price Index - General	The index, excluding housing	The index, excluding vegetables, fruit and housing	Fresh vegetables	Fresh fruit	Clothing	Footwear	Recreation and excursions, etc.	Expenditures for travel abroad
<b>2004</b>	<b>I</b>	99.8	102.0	102.1	98.1	104.5	92.5	98.5	95.1	104.2
	<b>II</b>	99.8	102.2	102.3	99.3	100.3	92.4	92.3	94.9	105.4
	<b>III</b>	99.9	102.1	102.2	95.9	101.4	92.7	92.3	94.2	106.8
	<b>IV</b>	100.3	102.4	102.6	94.0	101.2	92.2	91.9	94.4	111.1
	<b>V</b>	100.5	102.5	102.9	93.8	94.3	91.1	91.2	94.3	112.6
	<b>VI</b>	100.5	102.5	103.0	90.2	92.2	90.9	91.6	94.4	112.4
	<b>VII</b>	100.3	102.5	102.9	91.1	90.3	90.2	91.1	94.4	111.7
	<b>VIII</b>	100.4	102.6	103.0	90.8	91.4	89.8	90.3	94.9	113.3
	<b>IX</b>	100.5	102.6	103.1	91.0	91.6	90.0	89.2	95.0	114.4
	<b>X</b>	100.3	102.8	103.4	87.0	90.2	89.7	87.7	95.5	114.4
	<b>XI</b>	100.5	103.2	103.7	92.9	92.3	89.7	89.0	95.7	114.6
	<b>XII</b>	100.8	104.1	103.8	120.4	93.4	89.1	88.3	95.9	115.1
<b>2005</b>	<b>I</b>	100.6	103.6	103.6	112.1	94.4	86.6	80.6	95.7	114.5
	<b>II</b>	100.6	103.6	103.7	109.7	93.4	85.9	81.2	96.1	113.8
	<b>III</b>	100.6	103.7	103.9	97.7	94.0	86.2	81.0	95.6	113.5
	<b>IV</b>	100.6	103.7	104.0	94.8	94.5	87.3	81.4	97.1	110.5
	<b>V</b>	100.7	103.9	104.2	95.6	93.2	87.8	81.4	96.9	111.5
	<b>VI</b>	100.9	103.5	103.9	97.0	92.6	89.8	82.2	96.9	112.9
	<b>VII</b>	101.9	104.5	104.8	96.0	93.8	88.4	80.7	97.7	115.8
	<b>VIII</b>	102.0	104.6	104.8	97.1	96.6	87.4	79.5	98.6	114.8
	<b>IX</b>	102.4	105.1	105.3	100.8	98.7	86.2	78.4	98.1	114.5
	<b>X</b>	103.0	105.7	105.9	99.5	100.1	84.9	79.9	98.4	117.3
	<b>XI</b>	103.2	105.6	105.7	105.3	102.2	84.5	79.5	99.0	119.7
	<b>XII</b>	103.2	105.4	105.8	89.9	101.7	86.8	79.5	99.7	118.8
<b>2006</b>	<b>I</b>	103.3	105.6	105.9	89.8	104.6	88.3	80.2	99.7	118.9
	<b>II</b>	103.7	106.1	106.4	88.7	106.5	87.9	79.8	100.1	120.7
	<b>III</b>	104.2	106.4	106.7	95.4	104.1	87.0	80.1	101.4	121.2

19. Trend indices are computed and published (table 6 below) for the total CPI, the CPI excluding housing and the CPI excluding housing and fruits and vegetables. The 4 month price change in the CPI trend series, "inflated" to annual price change, is usually what is stated by the journalists as the present annual inflation rate.

**TABLE 6. - CPI, SEASONAL AND TREND INDICES****Base: Average 2002 = 100.0**

		Percentage Change								
		CPI	Seasonal	Trend	CPI exc. housing	Seasonal	Trend	CPI exc. Housing and F.V.	Seasonal	Trend
<b>2005</b>	<b>XII</b>	-0.19	0.00	0.29	-0.38	-0.19	0.19	0.00	0.09	0.19
<b>2006</b>	<b>I</b>	-0.29	0.10	0.19	-0.10	0.19	0.09	-0.28	0.09	0.19
	<b>II</b>	0.58	0.39	0.29	0.67	0.47	0.28	0.67	0.47	0.19
	<b>III</b>	0.29	0.48	0.29	0.09	0.28	0.19	0.09	0.28	0.28

Indices for other population groups

20. Consumer Price Indices for Quintiles of Disposable Income per Standard Person are computed and published monthly for the lowest, middle and highest quintiles (table 7 below). These indices indicate whether there are differential price changes for different socio-economic groups in the population. These groups have different consumption patterns and therefore may face different inflationary pressures. It should be stated (again) that the limitation of such series is the assumption that prices collected for the "average consumer" are representative of the specific population groups. The journalists will use these indices to report on the inflation for the "rich" vs. the "poor".

**TABLE 7- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OF THE MAIN "BASKET" GROUPS,  
FOR QUINTILES OF DISPOSABLE INCOME PER STANDARD PERSON**

**Base: Average 2002=100.0**

Text	Period		Quintile								
			Bottom			Medium			Top		
			Index	Percent Change Compared to:		Index	Percent Change Compared to:		Index	Percent Change Compared to:	
				Monthly	VS. DEC.		Monthly	VS. DEC.		Monthly	VS. DEC.
<b>Consumer Price Index</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>The index, excluding vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>The index, excluding housing</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>The index, excluding vegetables, fruit and housing</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Food, including vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Food, excluding vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>
		<b>February</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>
		<b>March</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

<b>Dwellings maintenance</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	94.4	-0.9	-0.9	94.2	-1.2	-1.2	94.1	-1.2	-1.2
		<b>February</b>	94.7	0.3	-0.6	94.5	0.3	-0.8	94.3	0.2	-0.9
		<b>March</b>	95.7	1.1	0.4	95.6	1.2	0.3	95.5	1.3	0.3
<b>Furniture and household equipment</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	111.5	-0.1	0.4	110.6	0.0	0.4	109.2	-0.1	0.2
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	115.3	-2.3	-2.3	113.9	-2.0	-2.0	112.2	-1.5	-1.5
		<b>February</b>	115.9	0.5	-1.8	114.4	0.4	-1.5	112.6	0.4	-1.1
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>		<b>March</b>	115.9	0.0	-1.8	114.5	0.1	-1.5	112.9	0.3	-0.9
	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	96.3	0.3	-0.2	97.7	0.4	1.1	98.0	0.4	1.2
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	94.9	0.5	0.5	96.2	0.8	0.8	96.5	0.9	0.9
<b>Health</b>		<b>February</b>	94.7	-0.2	0.3	95.9	-0.3	0.5	96.1	-0.4	0.5
		<b>March</b>	95.0	0.3	0.6	96.2	0.3	0.8	96.5	0.4	0.9
	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	76.5	-3.3	-18.6	78.8	-3.3	-17.6	79.2	-3.8	-17.8
<b>Education, culture and entertainment</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	85.6	-5.0	-5.0	88.0	-4.9	-4.9	89.1	-5.1	-5.1
		<b>February</b>	79.9	-6.7	-11.3	82.4	-6.4	-10.9	83.4	-6.4	-11.2
		<b>March</b>	76.4	-4.4	-15.2	78.9	-4.2	-14.7	79.6	-4.6	-15.2
<b>Transport and communication</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	105.7	0.2	-0.1	106.0	0.2	0.2	105.7	0.4	0.8
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	107.3	0.2	0.2	107.6	0.2	0.2	107.6	0.3	0.3
		<b>February</b>	107.7	0.4	0.6	108.1	0.5	0.7	108.1	0.5	0.7
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>March</b>	107.6	-0.1	0.5	108.1	0.0	0.7	108.1	0.0	0.7
	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	97.5	-0.1	-0.9	99.0	0.0	-0.1	98.8	0.1	0.2
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	97.6	-0.4	-0.4	99.7	-0.2	-0.2	99.7	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>February</b>	97.9	0.3	-0.1	99.9	0.2	0.0	99.7	0.0	-0.1
		<b>March</b>	98.4	0.5	0.4	100.6	0.7	0.7	100.5	0.8	0.7
	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	102.3	0.4	-0.7	103.7	0.3	-0.3	105.6	0.2	-0.8
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	103.6	0.0	0.0	105.1	0.0	0.0	107.5	0.2	0.2
		<b>February</b>	105.3	1.6	1.6	106.8	1.6	1.6	109.2	1.6	1.8
		<b>March</b>	105.2	-0.1	1.5	106.7	-0.1	1.5	109.2	0.0	1.8
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>March</b>	108.4	0.1	1.0	104.9	-0.2	-0.4	103.2	-0.2	-0.1
	<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	111.6	0.8	0.8	107.2	0.9	0.9	105.5	1.0	1.0
		<b>February</b>	112.2	0.5	1.4	107.8	0.6	1.5	106.1	0.6	1.5
	<b>March</b>	112.1	-0.1	1.3	107.7	-0.1	1.4	106.0	-0.1	1.4	

Indicators based on data outside of the official CPI

21. CPI's presented in this framework have either been sub-groups of the overall CPI or indices that utilize the basic CPI data for construction of related or alternative measures. However, indices on housing, based on alternative methods of owner occupied housing, as implemented by the statistical office, may be computed and published. Several statistical offices compute alternative series for housing that are not part of the official CPI. As the component of owner occupied housing in the Israeli CPI is based on rental equivalence, and therefore uses the rental transactions already collected in the framework of the CPI, the actual prices of housing transactions are not measured in the

index. The users of the CPI requested that such prices should be collected to indicate the price change for the stock of houses in the economy. Therefore these prices are collected and a price index (using hedonic methods) is computed and published monthly (table 8 below). Such series, similar to all those that are not used for indexation, may be adjusted retroactively, as new price data is collected on previous time periods.

**TABLE 8.- PRICES OF OWNER OCCUPIED DWELLINGS,  
ACCORDING TO THE "SURVEY OF HOUSING PRICES"<sup>(1)</sup>  
- MONTHLY INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES**

**Base: Average 1993=100.0**

Survey Period	Mid Mark	Date of Publication	Index	Percent Change
January 2004-February 2004	01/02/2004	15/04/2004	182.0	0.4
February 2004-March 2004	01/03/2004	15/05/2004	183.7	0.9
March 2004-April 2004	01/04/2004	15/06/2004	184.9	0.7
April 2004-May 2004	01/05/2004	15/07/2004	186.6	0.9
May 2004-June 2004	01/06/2004	15/08/2004	187.6	0.5
June 2004-July 2004	01/07/2004	15/09/2004	186.6	-0.5
July 2004-August 2004	01/08/2004	15/10/2004	187.2	0.3
August 2004-September 2004	01/09/2004	15/11/2004	185.7	-0.8
September 2004-October 2004	01/10/2004	15/12/2004	182.4	-1.8
October 2004-November 2004	01/11/2004	15/01/2005	182.0	-0.2
November 2004-December 2004	01/12/2004	15/02/2005	180.4	-0.9
December 2004-January 2005	01/01/2005	15/03/2005	178.8	-0.9
January 2005-February 2005	01/02/2005	15/04/2005	178.6	-0.1
February 2005-March 2005	01/03/2005	15/05/2005	179.5	0.5
March 2005-April 2005	01/04/2005	15/06/2005	182.2	1.5
April 2005-May 2005	01/05/2005	15/07/2005	182.5	0.2
May 2005-June 2005	01/06/2005	15/08/2005	183.1	0.3
June 2005-July 2005	01/07/2005	15/09/2005	185.6	1.4
July 2005-August 2005	01/08/2005	15/10/2005	185.7	0.1
August 2005-September 2005	01/09/2005	15/11/2005	185.4	-0.2
September 2005-October 2005	01/10/2005	15/12/2005	187.1	0.9
October 2005-November 2005	01/11/2005	15/01/2006	189.0	1.0
November 2005-December 2005	01/12/2005	15/02/2006	(2)189.0	(2)0.0
December 2005-January 2006	01/01/2006	15/03/2006	(2)185.1	(2)-2.1
January 2006-February 2006	01/02/2006	15/04/2006	(2)188.9	(2)2.1

(1) As of January 1999 these surveys serve as an indicator to changes in housing prices and are not part of the Consumer Price Index.  
(2) Provisional datum. The final datum will be published in the future.

#### IV. Summary

22. The importance of a CPI requires special attention when making decisions related to publication and dissemination of the index. Chapter 13 of the CPI Manual: *Theory and*

*Practice* sets out several guidelines relating to these issues. While rules of dissemination may be identical in many statistical offices (making available as soon as possible, to all users at the same time, according to pre-announced timetables, without political interference, etc.), the "mix" of price indices to be computed is derived from the needs of the economy and users, and the resources at the disposal of the statistical office.

23. Indices can be computed as part of the CPI, related and alternative to the CPI (although based on CPI data) or complimentary series to the CPI, based on data that may not be part of the regular CPI collection process.

24. The use of the Price Index Series in Israel requires publication of all price indices at an identical dissemination time (18:30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month). Indexes are published for CPI and PPI. Within the CPI framework indices are published for overall CPI, CPI's excluding certain components, main consumption groups, groups, sub-groups, selected products and average prices for a well defined set of goods and services. Alternative and related measures include: seasonally adjusted indexes, trend indices, indices for socio-economic groups and housing indices compiled for an indicator of price changes in the housing stock (although not part of the official CPI).

25. Whether one CPI or many indices are published, special care must be taken to assure that the indices will be published on a regular basis, that methodology used is consistent with the CPI manual of best practices and that sufficient explanations of underlying concepts are distributed along with the publication of the CPI; in order to differentiate the official CPI from the supplemental information.

## Appendix

**TABLE A.- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (INCL. V.A.T.),  
BY MAIN GROUP, GROUP AND SUB-GROUP**

**Base: Average 2002=100.0**

Item	New Weight as of I/2005	2005	2005			2006			Percent change		
		Avg.	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	Monthly	vs. Dec	Annual
<b><u>Consumer Price Index - General</u></b>	1,000.0	101.6	103.3	103.2	103.0	102.7	103.3	103.6	0.3	0.6	3.6
<b><u>The index, excluding vegetables and fruit</u></b>	966.8	101.7	103.3	103.2	103.2	102.8	103.3	103.7	0.4	0.5	3.7
<b><u>The index, excluding housing</u></b>	783.8	104.4	105.9	105.5	105.1	105.0	105.7	105.8	0.1	0.7	2.7
<b><u>The index, excluding vegetables, fruit and housing</u></b>	750.6	104.6	106.0	105.5	105.5	105.2	105.9	106.0	0.1	0.5	2.7
<b><u>Food, excluding vegetables and fruit</u></b>	139.3	105.5	106.1	106.9	106.9	107.7	108.7	109.6	0.8	2.5	4.4
Bread, cereals and dough products	26.7	108.4	108.5	110.2	110.3	110.3	110.7	111.1	0.4	0.7	3.0
Bread	8.8	118.9	118.0	123.2	124.5	124.5	123.6	123.6	0.0	-0.7	5.0
Biscuits, cakes and cookies	9.0	102.6	103.4	102.5	103.4	102.7	104.3	105.0	0.7	1.5	2.6
Flour	1.0	123.3	123.4	123.2	124.0	123.5	122.4	122.8	0.3	-1.0	-0.4
Flour products	4.0	102.2	102.3	104.1	100.7	102.8	102.9	104.1	1.2	3.4	1.2
Cereals and cereal products	3.9	100.7	101.3	101.7	100.9	99.8	101.7	101.3	-0.4	0.4	1.2
Meat, poultry, fish and their products	34.5	104.7	106.9	107.2	106.6	109.6	111.7	113.8	1.9	6.8	9.3
Beef, all kinds	7.1	106.2	109.0	112.9	114.8	116.5	117.4	120.8	2.9	5.2	16.6
Other meat (mutton, pork, etc.)	2.5	101.9	102.8	103.1	103.5	106.9	106.9	110.6	3.5	6.9	10.3
Chicken and parts thereof	13.5	109.2	113.2	111.1	108.6	115.3	118.0	120.4	2.0	10.9	10.7
Canned meat, sausage and frankfurters	5.8	95.8	95.0	96.8	95.9	94.9	98.0	96.3	-1.7	0.4	-0.2
Fish	3.4	104.5	104.9	105.1	106.8	106.1	106.5	111.2	4.4	4.1	7.0
Fish preserves and fish salads	2.2	99.8	100.0	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.4	104.7	1.3	5.4	2.9



<b>Oils and margarine</b>	3.6	109.0	110.3	109.8	110.3	113.0	115.8	116.5	0.6	5.6	7.7
<b>Oils, mayonnaise etc.</b>	3.1	105.6	106.7	106.0	106.2	109.2	111.0	111.3	0.3	4.8	5.9
<b>Margarine</b>	0.5	129.6	132.2	133.0	136.1	136.8	145.8	148.7	2.0	9.3	16.4
<b>Milk and dairy products</b>	23.9	108.5	108.6	109.1	109.4	109.5	109.7	110.0	0.3	0.5	1.9
<b>Milk</b>	6.2	109.6	109.9	110.3	110.7	109.7	110.4	110.8	0.4	0.1	1.6
<b>Sour milk, yoghurt and milk delicacies</b>	5.9	109.1	109.1	110.0	110.3	111.2	110.5	111.3	0.7	0.9	3.0
<b>Cream</b>	1.0	106.3	106.1	106.7	106.6	106.9	107.0	107.0	0.0	0.4	0.8
<b>Butter</b>	0.4	106.2	106.3	106.5	106.5	106.4	106.2	106.2	0.0	-0.3	0.4
<b>Cheese</b>	8.7	110.1	110.3	110.7	111.1	110.9	111.3	111.6	0.3	0.5	2.1
<b>Ice cream</b>	1.7	96.2	95.2	95.4	94.5	97.3	98.0	96.8	-1.2	2.4	-1.1
<b>Eggs</b>	2.9	112.5	112.7	112.8	112.6	112.6	112.5	113.1	0.5	0.4	0.8
<b>Sugar, jam and sweets</b>	4.6	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.1	100.3	103.7	105.8	2.0	6.8	9.3
<b>Sugar and substitutes</b>	0.8	92.3	96.3	98.7	99.7	102.0	116.9	126.5	8.2	26.9	41.3
<b>Jam, honey and confiture</b>	0.7	96.5	95.0	96.2	96.1	99.7	102.1	102.7	0.6	6.9	4.6
<b>Sweets and chocolate</b>	3.1	99.8	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.7	101.2	0.5	1.6	3.0
<b>Beverages</b>	11.2	96.9	95.4	98.0	98.3	97.2	99.9	100.1	0.2	1.8	3.0
<b>Soft drinks</b>	8.2	95.8	94.2	96.9	97.2	95.6	98.8	99.0	0.2	1.9	3.2
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	3.0	100.0	98.7	101.0	101.4	101.5	103.1	103.1	0.0	1.7	2.1
<b>Miscellaneous food products</b>	9.4	98.9	98.7	99.3	99.4	99.4	98.9	100.3	1.4	0.9	1.3
<b>Spices, soup mix etc.</b>	5.2	100.0	98.7	100.0	99.6	100.5	100.4	100.8	0.4	1.2	0.3
<b>Tea</b>	0.8	105.2	105.1	105.3	105.4	107.4	108.6	109.9	1.2	4.3	3.8
<b>Coffee of various kinds</b>	2.3	98.1	100.4	100.7	99.7	97.9	95.9	99.9	4.2	0.2	2.8
<b>Cocoa</b>	0.2	105.8	108.0	107.3	106.8	107.4	109.1	109.0	-0.1	2.1	3.6
<b>Ready made food</b>	0.9	87.6	86.9	85.1	90.2	88.0	86.7	88.0	1.5	-2.4	0.7
<b>Meals away from home</b>	22.5	107.1	107.7	107.9	108.2	108.3	108.8	108.9	0.1	0.6	2.2
<b>Meals on the job<sup>(1)</sup></b>	0.9	112.9	113.1	113.1	113.1	113.3	113.6	113.6	0.0	0.4	0.8
<b>Meals at restaurants and cafes</b>	16.1	106.6	107.3	107.6	108.1	108.1	108.5	108.7	0.2	0.6	2.4
<b>Commodities sold at take-out stands and cafeterias</b>	5.5	107.6	108.2	108.1	108.0	108.3	109.1	108.9	-0.2	0.8	1.9
<b><u>Vegetables and fruit</u></b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Fresh vegetables</b>	13.1	99.8	106.2	111.4	95.5	97.9	95.7	98.1	2.5	2.7	-1.5
<b>Fresh fruit</b>	9.5	96.1	98.1	97.9	96.0	101.5	106.5	106.6	0.1	11.0	10.9
<b>Frozen, pickled and preserved vegetables</b>	6.7	99.4	99.4	99.6	99.4	99.3	101.6	99.5	-2.1	0.1	-1.2
<b>Dried and preserved fruit</b>	3.9	104.2	105.4	105.9	107.3	108.0	108.3	108.3	0.0	0.9	4.2

<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b>216.2</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Owned dwellings' services	166.9	91.3	93.8	95.1	95.5	94.2	94.3	95.7	1.5	0.2	8.4
Rent <sup>(2)</sup>	42.7	93.2	95.1	96.0	95.9	95.8	96.5	96.8	0.3	0.9	6.1
Other housing expenses (brokerage, contract, insurance etc.)	6.6	89.2	86.3	87.3	87.4	86.2	86.2	87.0	0.9	-0.5	-3.5
<b><u>Dwellings maintenance</u></b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Fuel, water, electricity etc.	42.8	124.7	129.8	129.8	130.4	125.7	126.4	126.1	-0.2	-3.3	4.6
Electricity	27.5	123.0	126.9	126.9	126.9	119.5	119.5	119.1	-0.3	-6.1	-1.1
Gas and service fees	4.1	131.0	139.7	143.4	143.3	143.6	145.7	146.5	0.5	2.2	14.8
Kerosene and distillate fuel oil	1.5	208.9	250.3	241.4	227.7	228.0	239.7	237.8	-0.8	4.4	28.7
Water	9.7	113.8	115.1	115.2	119.7	120.1	120.1	120.1	0.0	0.3	10.7
Maintenance and home improvement	13.0	108.8	110.1	110.1	109.8	110.3	110.9	111.7	0.7	1.7	4.4
Paint, painting and whitewashing	2.8	112.1	114.9	112.8	112.0	112.0	112.8	115.4	2.3	3.0	6.8
Repairs, renovation and other maintenance expenses for private dwellings	10.2	107.9	108.8	109.4	109.2	109.9	110.3	110.7	0.4	1.4	3.8
Miscellaneous household items	8.3	97.3	97.4	98.9	98.4	100.9	101.6	101.3	-0.3	2.9	3.9
Laundry powder and detergents	6.2	98.2	98.6	99.9	99.6	101.7	102.2	101.5	-0.7	1.9	3.5
Other household articles	2.1	94.5	93.8	96.0	95.0	98.4	100.0	100.8	0.8	6.1	5.2
Municipal taxes	23.3	102.4	104.0	104.2	104.1	101.2	101.7	102.1	0.4	-1.9	1.4
Household help	16.4	105.4	105.9	106.2	106.3	107.0	106.9	107.4	0.5	1.0	2.4
<b><u>Furniture and household equipment</u></b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Furniture	17.0	97.6	95.3	96.2	95.2	96.6	96.2	96.8	0.6	1.7	-2.7
Cupboards, buffets etc. for living-rooms	5.1	95.9	95.1	95.4	94.0	94.5	94.0	94.7	0.7	0.7	-1.8
and kitchen Beds, mattresses, sofas, armchairs	7.5	96.7	93.5	94.7	93.8	96.7	96.2	96.5	0.3	2.9	-3.2
Dining room tables and chairs	2.9	100.8	97.2	98.4	96.6	96.7	96.2	96.7	0.5	0.1	-6.4

<b>Furniture and equipment for babies</b>	0.9	96.2	96.6	96.4	96.4	96.2	97.6	98.2	0.6	1.9	2.3
<b>Garden furniture</b>	0.6	111.3	107.5	112.7	114.6	114.6	111.5	117.8	5.7	2.8	6.9
<b>Electrical equipment for home and kitchen</b>	15.9	95.1	95.6	95.3	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.3	0.1	0.2	0.8
<b>Heavy electrical appliances for home and kitchen</b>	7.0	96.3	95.6	95.7	95.5	95.2	95.0	95.1	0.1	-0.4	-2.2
<b>Other electrical equipment</b>	3.3	93.6	92.4	91.0	91.0	91.6	91.0	91.2	0.2	0.2	-4.6
<b>Electrical equipment for heating and cooling the house</b>	4.0	89.6	93.5	92.8	92.1	91.9	92.9	92.5	-0.4	0.4	9.9
<b>Insurance and repair of electrical equipment</b>	1.6	106.4	108.0	109.0	109.3	109.7	110.4	111.6	1.1	2.1	5.4
<b>Non-electric equipment for home and kitchen</b>	3.0	100.9	101.3	102.2	101.5	101.2	100.3	101.3	1.0	-0.2	0.4
<b>Eating utensils</b>	1.8	97.6	98.1	98.6	98.8	98.3	97.0	97.0	0.0	-1.8	-1.4
<b>Cooking and baking utensils(pots etc.)</b>	0.5	98.7	98.3	98.1	96.7	98.3	98.9	100.7	1.8	4.1	1.5
<b>Miscellaneous cleaning utensils</b>	0.7	110.8	111.5	114.4	111.7	111.0	109.7	112.6	2.6	0.8	4.0
<b>Bedding and home decoration</b>	6.7	94.1	94.3	93.2	92.7	94.2	93.4	93.4	0.0	0.8	-3.7
<b>Bedding and towels</b>	1.7	83.5	83.7	83.5	83.1	83.1	82.2	81.9	-0.4	-1.4	-1.8
<b>Home decorations</b>	5.0	97.7	97.9	96.5	96.0	97.9	97.2	97.3	0.1	1.4	-4.2
<b><u>Clothing and footwear</u></b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Clothing</b>	22.5	86.9	83.1	86.6	94.4	89.2	83.5	79.1	-5.3	16.2	0.6
<b>Men's outerwear</b>	5.4	89.8	84.6	88.7	96.9	92.6	87.2	83.4	-4.4	13.9	2.1
<b>Women's outerwear</b>	8.7	81.5	75.4	81.1	91.7	83.9	76.3	71.0	-6.9	22.6	0.1
<b>Children's outerwear</b>	3.0	73.7	73.8	74.3	80.3	74.6	69.4	63.8	-8.1	20.5	-1.8
<b>Men's underwear and sleepwear</b>	0.3	99.8	100.5	100.2	100.2	99.5	98.2	97.7	-0.5	-2.5	1.2
<b>Women's underwear and sleepwear</b>	1.4	101.6	100.5	101.7	104.2	102.9	101.4	100.0	-1.4	-4.0	0.0
<b>Children's underwear and sleepwear</b>	0.3	99.7	102.1	102.0	105.8	102.2	98.0	97.5	-0.5	-7.8	5.6
<b>Men's socks</b>	0.1	108.6	107.6	106.6	107.4	104.7	103.3	104.6	1.3	-2.6	2.1
<b>Women's hosiery</b>	0.2	108.7	110.1	110.3	110.6	109.9	109.2	111.8	2.4	1.1	6.9
<b>Children's socks</b>	0.1	99.1	95.2	95.0	95.3	93.6	94.1	95.0	1.0	-0.3	-3.0

Miscellaneous clothing	1.1	95.4	89.2	90.2	97.5	95.7	89.7	84.2	-6.1	13.6	-5.6
Sportswear (including exercise apparel) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.9	97.2	101.4	103.7	112.2	110.4	103.0	94.7	-8.1	15.6	11.2
Fabrics and sewing accessories	0.3	103.3	103.4	103.2	103.3	103.3	103.2	102.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
Sewing and tailoring	0.3	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cleaning and laundry away from home	0.4	100.9	102.3	103.2	103.0	103.0	101.8	101.9	0.1	-1.1	1.9
Footwear	7.4	80.5	79.1	80.5	83.7	80.8	75.5	74.3	-1.6	11.2	-1.3
Men's footwear	2.4	86.4	86.3	86.7	88.0	85.5	82.8	82.8	0.0	-5.9	0.0
Women's footwear	3.2	74.7	73.2	75.9	78.7	75.3	69.2	67.0	-3.2	14.9	-0.3
Children's footwear	1.6	80.5	77.1	77.6	85.2	82.3	73.9	72.6	-1.8	14.8	-5.6
Shoe repairs and shoe polish	0.2	101.1	101.6	101.4	101.0	101.2	101.4	101.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.6
<b>Health</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Medical services	18.4	108.3	109.2	109.3	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.3	0.0	0.5	2.8
Health insurance services in health funds and insurance companies	12.1	110.5	111.6	111.7	112.2	112.5	112.6	112.7	0.1	0.4	2.7
Private medical services	6.3	104.0	104.5	104.6	105.0	105.7	105.8	105.8	0.0	0.8	2.9
Dental treatment	15.7	107.0	108.0	108.2	108.5	108.7	109.4	109.7	0.3	1.1	3.5
Medicines and medical equipment	16.5	104.6	104.0	104.3	104.5	104.4	105.2	104.8	-0.4	0.3	-0.3
Medicines and miscellaneous medical appliances	11.9	108.0	108.2	107.9	107.9	108.4	108.4	107.9	-0.5	0.0	-0.1
Eyeglasses and other rehabilitation aids	4.6	95.9	93.2	95.1	95.9	94.3	97.0	96.8	-0.2	0.9	-0.8
<b>Education, culture and entertainment</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Education	50.5	102.1	102.7	102.8	102.5	102.7	103.0	103.3	0.3	0.8	1.9
center	13.6	105.6	104.9	105.2	104.9	106.4	106.4	106.5	0.1	1.5	0.5
Fee for pre-school and day care	5.4	98.6	98.7	98.8	101.6	101.3	101.8	102.2	0.4	0.6	5.5
Tuition for primary school											

<b>Tuition for secondary school, including post-secondary and boarding school</b>	7.9	95.5	97.5	97.4	95.5	95.2	95.7	96.1	0.4	0.6	2.1
<b>Higher education Lessons, lectures and proficiency courses</b>	9.9	98.6	99.4	99.4	97.9	97.6	98.1	98.5	0.4	0.6	1.2
<b>School books and stationery</b>	10.9	107.6	109.1	109.4	109.4	109.3	109.3	109.9	0.5	0.5	3.0
<b>Culture and entertainment</b>	2.8	101.5	100.0	100.3	100.8	101.3	101.3	101.4	0.1	0.6	-1.0
<b>Dailies, weeklies and monthlies</b>	78.1	97.7	97.4	97.6	97.5	97.0	97.1	98.1	1.0	0.6	1.4
<b>Reading books</b>	4.1	107.4	107.7	109.5	109.6	109.7	110.7	111.2	0.5	1.5	4.1
<b>Religious artifacts and ornaments</b>	2.1	99.0	97.4	99.2	97.5	98.6	88.8	96.2	8.3	-1.3	-2.1
<b>Cinema</b>	0.6	106.0	105.3	105.7	105.6	105.1	104.5	105.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.7
<b>Theatre, concerts, other entertainment events</b>	0.9	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	104.7	104.7	104.7	0.0	1.1	1.2
<b>Recreation and excursions, etc.</b>	7.7	106.6	105.6	104.6	106.7	108.0	108.0	108.6	0.6	1.8	1.7
<b>Television, video, stereo equipment</b>	26.7	97.5	98.5	98.2	97.5	96.4	96.5	98.8	2.4	1.3	6.0
<b>Hobbies</b>	24.7	98.6	97.4	98.2	98.0	96.9	97.8	97.7	-0.1	-0.3	-2.2
<b>Toys for kids and teenagers</b>	8.8	84.8	84.3	84.0	84.4	84.8	84.6	83.9	-0.8	-0.6	-1.8
<b>2.5</b>	88.1	87.6	87.3	87.1	87.2	87.4	87.5	0.1	0.5	-1.4	
<b><u>Transport and communication</u></b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Transport</b>	172.1	110.1	114.5	110.8	109.6	109.8	111.6	111.3	-0.3	1.6	3.6
<b>Commuting by bus</b>	6.0	102.7	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9
<b>Commuting by taxi</b>	4.0	109.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	0.0	0.0	3.8
<b>Travel by train and inland flights</b>	0.7	108.2	108.3	108.5	108.7	108.8	108.8	108.8	0.0	0.1	0.7
<b>Expenditures for travel abroad</b>	36.3	114.8	120.0	115.2	113.6	114.2	116.2	117.1	0.8	3.1	6.7
<b>Private vehicles and maintenance</b>	121.3	109.2	113.8	110.0	108.8	108.9	110.9	110.2	-0.6	1.3	3.0
<b>Driving lessons, car rentals etc.</b>	3.8	106.1	106.9	105.4	106.0	105.4	106.3	107.4	1.0	1.3	5.1
<b>Communication services</b>	39.8	93.0	92.9	92.7	92.5	92.3	93.4	94.2	0.9	1.8	0.3
<b>Telephone services</b>	39.6	93.0	92.8	92.6	92.4	92.2	93.4	94.0	0.6	1.7	0.2
<b>Postal services</b>	0.2	107.9	107.9	107.9	107.9	107.9	107.9	139.3	29.1	29.1	29.1
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Cigarettes and tobacco</b>	11.3	118.9	120.0	120.1	120.0	120.9	121.2	121.3	0.1	1.1	3.1

<b>Personal services and cosmetics</b>	24.5	102.4	101.8	102.7	102.5	102.7	103.3	103.0	-0.3	0.5	1.0
<b>Hairdressing, beauty parlour</b>	5.3	102.0	102.0	101.9	102.0	102.0	102.1	102.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Washing and cosmetic articles</b>	12.4	93.8	91.5	93.0	92.8	93.3	94.3	93.8	-0.5	1.1	-1.1
<b>Legal and other services</b>	6.6	118.6	121.0	121.3	120.9	120.9	121.0	121.2	0.2	0.2	4.8
<b>Other services (newspaper ads etc.)</b>	0.2	101.2	102.2	102.1	102.0	105.7	104.0	103.6	-0.4	1.6	3.8
<b>Jewellery and watches</b>	3.9	109.6	112.6	113.1	114.5	120.5	121.2	120.8	-0.3	5.5	11.6
<b>Jewellery</b>	2.8	114.6	118.7	119.4	121.7	130.0	130.9	130.5	-0.3	7.2	16.6
<b>Wristwatches and repairs of watches</b>	1.1	96.9	97.1	97.0	96.2	96.2	96.4	96.1	-0.3	-0.1	-2.4
<b>Bags, satchels and baby goods</b>	4.2	94.5	95.2	95.8	95.5	96.0	97.3	97.9	0.6	2.5	3.8

**TABLE B.- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OF SELECTED PRODUCTS**

**Base: Average 2002=100.0**

Item	2005	2005			2006			Percent change		
	Avg.	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	Monthly	vs. Dec.	Annual
<b>Food</b>										
<b>Loaf of bread</b>	123.9	122.7	129.8	130.3	131.0	131.0	131.0	0.0	0.5	6.7
<b>Wafers</b>	97.0	95.0	97.8	95.7	98.3	99.4	99.4	0.0	3.9	3.2
<b>Salted snacks</b>	99.6	101.0	99.3	99.4	97.4	98.2	100.7	2.5	1.3	-0.1
<b>Cookies and biscuits</b>	102.9	104.7	103.9	105.0	103.3	104.9	103.8	-1.0	-1.1	2.4
<b>Regular white flour</b>	126.1	126.4	125.7	127.6	126.2	125.1	125.1	0.0	-2.0	-1.0
<b>Spaghetti, Noodles etc.</b>	109.8	109.6	110.1	113.7	106.2	110.7	112.6	1.7	-1.0	3.6
<b>Rice</b>	95.9	94.3	95.9	94.5	94.5	96.5	97.2	0.7	2.9	-0.3
<b>Fresh beef</b>	107.9	110.1	111.9	113.5	115.8	117.1	121.7	3.9	7.2	14.4
<b>Frozen beef</b>	106.5	112.1	121.5	123.9	125.0	125.0	125.9	0.7	1.6	24.2
<b>Fresh poultry</b>	110.7	117.9	112.4	107.4	119.6	125.2	127.0	1.4	18.2	14.8
<b>Frozen plucked poultry</b>	114.1	116.3	116.9	115.4	118.7	121.8	126.1	3.5	9.3	12.3
<b>Sausages and frankfurters</b>	95.1	95.2	96.4	94.9	95.1	96.5	95.5	-1.0	0.6	-0.1
<b>Fresh fish</b>	102.0	101.5	98.7	99.8	99.1	100.3	105.9	5.6	6.1	3.1
<b>Frozen fish</b>	108.6	110.5	114.8	117.6	117.0	116.9	120.1	2.7	2.1	12.7
<b>Oil</b>	104.2	104.8	103.9	104.4	108.0	108.4	108.1	-0.3	3.5	4.5
<b>Margarine</b>	129.6	132.2	133.0	136.1	136.8	145.8	148.7	2.0	9.3	16.4

<b>Uht long life milk</b>	108.8	109.8	109.9	110.7	110.2	110.0	110.2	0.2	-0.5	2.1
<b>Sour cream</b>	106.8	106.9	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.0	107.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
<b>Butter</b>	106.2	106.3	106.5	106.5	106.4	106.2	106.2	0.0	-0.3	0.4
<b>Soft cheese</b>	111.2	111.6	111.6	112.8	111.1	112.0	112.5	0.4	-0.3	1.9
<b>Hard cheese</b>	107.1	106.9	107.3	108.0	108.4	108.3	108.7	0.4	0.6	1.9
<b>Regular sugar</b>	90.7	95.0	97.5	98.7	101.0	117.9	128.8	9.2	30.5	46.0
<b>Jam and confiture</b>	96.8	96.1	98.5	96.5	97.8	99.5	99.2	-0.3	2.8	1.6
<b>Honey</b>	96.2	94.1	94.5	95.8	101.1	104.0	105.4	1.3	10.0	6.9
<b>Candy and miscellaneous sweets</b>	103.1	102.8	104.4	104.3	103.7	104.4	104.5	0.1	0.2	2.9
<b>Chocolate</b>	91.8	93.2	91.7	89.8	91.2	91.9	93.2	1.4	3.8	4.3
<b>Soft drinks, carbonated</b>	98.8	96.4	100.5	100.7	100.4	104.1	104.5	0.4	3.8	6.1
<b>Wine</b>	94.9	92.6	96.8	96.4	95.6	97.8	97.3	-0.5	0.9	2.0
<b>Beer</b>	106.9	106.4	107.1	108.0	108.7	108.8	108.9	0.1	0.8	0.7
<b>Brandy and liqueur</b>	98.2	96.5	97.9	105.3	110.0	124.3	131.1	5.5	24.5	33.0
<b>Ground coffee</b>	100.1	102.4	102.6	102.3	102.0	101.4	101.1	-0.3	-1.2	2.4
<b><u>Housing</u></b>										
<b>Rent - in dwellings with key money<sup>(1)</sup></b>	111.8	112.0	112.0	112.1	112.3	112.4	112.5	0.1	0.4	0.7
<b><u>Dwellings maintenance</u></b>										
<b>Kerosene</b>	188.2	216.2	210.7	204.9	202.9	209.4	210.6	0.6	2.8	22.5
<b>Gas in containers</b>	120.2	130.2	133.4	131.8	131.8	134.1	134.7	0.4	2.2	14.8
<b>Central gas</b>	135.5	143.7	147.5	148.1	148.4	150.5	151.3	0.5	2.2	14.8
<b>Painting and whitewashing</b>	108.7	111.0	107.9	107.7	107.5	110.1	113.8	3.4	5.7	7.4
<b>Plumbing services</b>	105.8	109.3	110.3	111.7	113.4	113.4	114.0	0.5	2.1	11.2
<b>Electricity repairs</b>	106.3	107.9	108.9	109.3	109.7	110.3	111.5	1.1	2.0	5.3
<b>Glazery service</b>	111.7	111.8	114.4	114.0	114.7	114.7	114.7	0.0	0.6	3.7
<b>Laundry powder</b>	100.3	99.3	101.9	101.1	103.3	103.9	102.5	-1.3	1.4	2.2
<b>Detergents for washing dishes</b>	95.4	95.9	97.2	98.9	99.9	99.1	97.5	-1.6	-1.4	2.0
<b>Other detergents and pesticides</b>	103.2	102.7	103.7	105.2	105.4	104.8	105.4	0.6	0.2	2.1
<b><u>Equipment for home and kitchen</u></b>										
<b>Refrigerator</b>	91.9	91.2	91.5	91.5	90.9	90.7	91.0	0.3	-0.5	-1.8
<b>Washing machine and dryer</b>	100.2	99.4	99.7	99.3	99.1	98.7	98.9	0.2	-0.4	-2.6
<b>Gas-electric stove for cooking and baking</b>	97.0	96.8	96.3	96.4	96.1	95.8	95.7	-0.1	-0.7	-1.9
<b>Dishwasher</b>	99.7	98.8	98.1	97.7	97.9	97.9	97.4	-0.5	-0.3	-3.6
<b>Electrical air conditioner</b>	89.3	93.7	92.7	91.8	91.8	92.8	92.6	-0.2	0.9	11.3
<b>Flowers and seedlings</b>	112.7	113.1	111.1	109.8	114.5	113.7	113.4	-0.3	3.3	-5.6
<b><u>Men's clothing</u></b>										

<b>Suits</b>	96.2	94.0	98.6	105.2	98.8	94.8	92.7	-2.2	-11.9	6.2
<b>Slacks</b>	93.3	88.7	91.9	98.5	94.2	89.5	86.3	-3.6	-12.4	-0.8
<b>Men's jackets and coats<sup>(2)</sup></b>	-	81.6	84.3	93.1	95.8	88.0	77.5	-11.9	-16.8	4.4
<b>Sweaters and pullovers</b>	-	82.6	86.2	107.8	96.3	87.1	76.4	-12.3	-29.1	1.6
<b>Shirts</b>	85.0	77.3	82.6	91.7	87.5	81.5	78.6	-3.6	-14.3	3.4
<b>Underwear</b>	101.6	102.7	102.5	101.2	102.3	102.2	102.9	0.7	1.7	2.2
<b><u>Women's clothing</u></b>										
<b>Suits</b>	83.4	82.2	83.8	92.8	84.5	76.5	69.2	-9.5	-25.4	-8.2
<b>Dresses</b>	76.1	65.7	75.9	82.0	77.7	72.8	69.3	-4.8	-15.5	0.6
<b>Skirts</b>	79.3	71.3	76.2	91.6	83.9	77.0	72.0	-6.5	-21.4	7.0
<b>Sweaters, pullovers and shawls</b>	-	71.3	72.6	83.8	73.9	66.0	60.2	-8.8	-28.2	-5.0
<b>Jacket and coat</b>	-	81.2	84.1	104.1	87.9	75.3	67.1	-10.9	-35.5	-2.2
<b><u>Women's underwear</u></b>										
<b>Underwear</b>	105.6	105.5	107.3	106.9	107.4	107.1	106.2	-0.8	-0.7	2.4
<b>bra</b>	101.5	100.0	100.7	101.9	101.7	102.4	102.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.5
<b><u>Children's clothing</u></b>										
<b>Suit</b>	47.2	43.4	42.5	52.7	46.4	42.1	40.9	-2.9	-22.4	-3.8
<b>Trousers</b>	85.2	85.5	85.4	91.1	85.8	79.1	73.7	-6.8	-19.1	-6.4
<b>Shirt and blouse</b>	86.5	90.1	91.6	94.3	86.8	80.5	71.8	-10.8	-23.9	-1.1
<b><u>Cleaning and laundering away from home</u></b>										
<b>Laundering at laundry shops</b>	102.9	104.4	104.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	0.0	0.0	1.8
<b>Dry cleaning</b>	100.3	101.7	102.8	102.9	102.9	101.2	101.4	0.2	-1.5	2.0
<b><u>Men's footwear</u></b>										
<b>Casuals (low-shoes)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	85.8	85.4	85.9	87.1	84.6	82.3	82.9	0.7	-4.8	-0.1
<b>Slippers</b>	-	108.1	101.7	101.5	99.3	90.5	78.3	-13.5	-22.9	-5.4
<b>Sandals</b>	-	83.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><u>Women's footwear</u></b>										
<b>Casuals (low-shoes)</b>	59.1	62.1	62.2	61.1	59.0	55.5	55.0	-0.9	-10.0	-1.6
<b>Sandals</b>	-	71.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Slippers</b>	92.6	85.7	88.9	94.6	91.3	82.4	77.6	-5.8	-18.0	-11.6
<b><u>Children's footwear</u></b>										
<b>Casuals (low-shoes)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	77.6	77.0	77.5	85.7	89.8	75.7	73.6	-2.8	-14.1	6.1
<b>Sandals</b>	-	77.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b><u>Education</u></b>										
<b>Tuition fees at private kindergartens</b>	108.5	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	0.0	0.0	3.7



<b>Textbooks</b>	100.1	98.4	99.0	99.7	100.0	99.3	100.0	0.7	0.3	-1.1
<b><u>Culture and entertainment</u></b>										
<b>Daily newspapers Weeklies and monthly magazines</b>	112.0	113.4	113.8	113.8	113.8	113.8	115.2	1.2	1.2	3.3
<b>Theatre</b>	108.4	109.2	109.4	109.6	110.1	110.6	110.9	0.3	1.2	3.5
<b>Hotels and convalescent homes</b>	108.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.8	109.8	0.0	0.6	1.6
<b>Catering parties and other events</b>	119.9	123.3	120.6	118.3	114.1	113.8	119.2	4.7	0.8	15.4
<b>Audio systems</b>	86.7	86.4	86.9	86.5	86.0	86.2	87.7	1.7	1.4	2.1
<b>Colour t.v.</b>	79.8	78.8	78.7	78.8	79.2	78.8	78.1	-0.9	-0.9	-3.9
<b>Videotapes and video cameras</b>	74.2	70.0	69.6	68.6	69.7	67.6	67.0	-0.9	-2.3	-14.2
<b>Video and DVD library services</b>	69.1	67.1	67.0	66.6	66.6	66.3	66.1	-0.3	-0.8	-6.9
<b>Cable television</b>	105.6	106.3	105.8	106.1	106.1	106.1	106.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Internet services</b>	114.8	114.5	116.2	116.2	116.2	118.2	118.2	0.0	1.7	2.8
	70.3	68.6	68.6	68.1	68.1	68.1	67.8	-0.4	-0.4	-5.6
<b><u>Transport</u></b>										
<b>Urban and suburban commuting by bus</b>	103.2	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	0.0	0.0	-0.9
<b>Interurban bus travel</b>	100.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	0.0	0.0	-0.7
<b>Interurban taxi travel</b>	105.2	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
<b>Urban and suburban commuting by taxi</b>	114.4	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	0.0	0.0	6.8
<b>Interurban travel by train</b>	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cars</b>	104.5	104.7	104.4	104.2	104.0	104.2	104.5	0.3	0.3	-0.1
<b>Bicycles and maintenance</b>	108.4	108.5	108.6	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	0.0	0.0	0.5
<b>Driving and vehicle permits</b>	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	0.0	-3.9	-4.2
<b>Vehicle insurance</b>	92.7	90.7	90.6	90.5	90.2	89.6	89.4	-0.2	-1.2	-5.2
<b>Vehicle fuel and lubricants</b>	129.6	147.6	134.4	130.1	131.7	139.0	136.2	-2.0	4.7	13.0
<b>Vehicle repairs and spare parts</b>	109.5	109.6	109.5	109.7	109.6	110.1	110.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
<b>Vehicle accessories</b>	94.6	93.4	93.6	93.5	93.4	93.4	92.9	-0.5	-0.6	-2.8
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>										
<b>Haircut</b>	102.5	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.7	102.7	0.0	-0.1	0.5
<b>Toilet soap</b>	98.3	98.0	97.2	97.4	97.6	99.6	101.4	1.8	4.1	2.4
<b>Toothbrush and toothpaste</b>	99.3	96.8	98.9	99.4	96.5	99.8	95.8	-4.0	-3.6	-3.3
<b>Banking services</b>	103.4	104.5	104.6	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.6	0.1	0.1	1.9
<b>Wristwatch</b>	95.1	95.5	95.3	94.3	94.3	94.5	94.2	-0.3	-0.1	-3.1

**Table C. - Average Prices for the Consumer - selected goods and services**

Item	Unit	2005				2006		
		IX	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
<b><u>Bread, cereal and pastry products</u></b>								
Standard bread	750 G	3.25	3.25	3.42	3.43	3.43	3.44	3.44
Standard white bread	750 G	3.25	3.25	3.42	3.43	3.46	3.46	3.46
Sabbath loaf, standard	500 G	3.48	3.51	3.76	3.76	3.78	3.80	3.80
Biscuits, petit-beurr	250 G	6.40	6.42	6.44	6.39	6.47	6.49	6.40
Standard white flour	1 Kg	2.91	2.91	2.90	2.95	2.93	2.89	2.92
Noodles	250 G	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.17	3.17
Macaroni	250 G	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
American rice (packed)	1 Kg	7.61	7.29	7.56	7.48	7.11	7.46	7.43
<b><u>Beef, poultry and fish</u></b>								
Fresh beef - breast	1 Kg	36.46	36.37	36.71	37.46	38.28	38.87	40.26
Fresh beef - ribs	1 Kg	44.67	44.82	46.09	46.13	47.02	46.79	48.25
Fresh beef - shoulder	1 Kg	58.36	59.18	62.34	63.51	64.54	65.05	66.81
Frozen beef - ribs	1 Kg	23.57	23.54	25.54	26.50	27.20	26.68	27.04
Liver, frozen	1 Kg	16.28	16.19	16.59	16.23	16.29	16.18	16.32
Poultry - fresh, slaughtered and plucked	1 Kg	15.91	16.21	15.63	14.62	16.59	17.26	17.54
Poultry - frozen, packed	1 Kg	15.01	15.07	15.16	14.67	15.39	15.82	16.82
Chicken - breast	1 Kg	26.60	26.30	25.66	25.16	26.61	26.84	27.19
Carps, live	1 Kg	24.15	22.17	22.69	22.83	22.87	22.87	24.28
Fish fillets, frozen	1 Kg	29.87	29.50	31.03	32.39	31.45	31.95	33.30
Canned tuna	170 G	4.98	5.32	4.86	5.10	5.14	5.07	5.11
<b><u>Fats and margarine</u></b>								
Soya oil, in plastic bottles	1,000 Cu cm	6.56	6.43	6.45	6.33	6.41	6.35	6.50
Margarine	200 G	2.35	2.37	2.38	2.39	2.39	2.61	2.70

<b>Margarine for spreading, in cups</b>	<b>250 G</b>	6.13	6.25	6.08	6.46	6.63	6.83	6.82
<b><u>Milk and dairy products</u></b>								
<b>Pasteurized milk in plastic bag</b>	<b>1 L</b>	4.19	4.19	4.20	4.19	4.18	4.20	4.20
<b>Natural yoghurt in a plastic container</b>	<b>200 MI</b>	2.16	2.14	2.16	2.16	2.18	2.32	2.36
<b>Sour cream</b>	<b>200 MI</b>	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99
<b>Unsalted butter</b>	<b>100 G</b>	2.71	2.70	2.69	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71
<b>Sour milk</b>	<b>200 MI</b>	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.40	1.40
<b>White cheese, fat</b>	<b>250 G</b>	5.27	5.32	5.28	5.25	5.21	5.30	5.33
<b>Hard cheese of cow's milk</b>	<b>100 G</b>	4.14	4.12	4.14	4.18	4.17	4.18	4.20
<b><u>Eggs</u></b>								
<b>No. 1</b>	<b>12 Units</b>	10.16	10.22	10.18	10.05	10.07	10.14	10.13
<b>No. 2</b>	<b>12 Units</b>	9.64	9.65	9.63	9.50	9.60	9.59	9.64
<b><u>Sugar, jam and confectionery</u></b>								
<b>White sugar</b>	<b>1 Kg</b>	2.70	2.76	2.84	2.86	2.93	3.41	3.73
<b>Jam</b>	<b>About 900 G</b>	10.29	10.19	10.18	10.13	10.32	10.20	10.28
<b>Confiture</b>	<b>330 G</b>	11.89	9.99	13.89	13.89	13.89	13.89	13.89
<b>Fruit toffee, packed</b>	<b>200 G</b>	6.05	6.12	5.98	6.01	6.01	5.87	5.82
<b>Milk chocolate, standard</b>	<b>100 G</b>	5.23	5.38	5.27	5.14	5.13	4.90	4.43
<b><u>Beverages</u></b>								
<b>Beer, ordinary</b>	<b>330 MI</b>	4.98	4.97	4.97	4.67	5.29	5.30	5.28
<b>Carbonated drink in plastic bottle</b>	<b>1.5 L</b>	5.58	5.41	5.66	5.67	5.66	5.91	5.95
<b>Citrus fruit beverages, pasteurized</b>	<b>2 L</b>	3.59	3.73	3.77	3.81	3.61	3.76	3.71
<b>Brandy</b>	<b>750 MI</b>	36.17	35.39	36.22	39.28	41.25	47.72	51.05
<b><u>Miscellaneous food products</u></b>								
<b>Tea, in bags (1 g)</b>	<b>100 Bags</b>	17.12	17.24	17.03	17.61	17.72	18.40	17.80
<b>Coffee, roasted and ground</b>	<b>100 G</b>	6.12	6.06	6.14	6.05	6.06	6.08	6.04

Local instant coffee in cans	200 G	21.91	21.18	22.40	22.18	21.32	19.71	22.67
Cocoa powder	150 G	9.39	9.48	9.49	9.87	9.87	9.87	9.87
<b><u>Meals at restaurants and cafes</u></b>								
Hummous	1 Portion	15.25	15.25	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88
Soup	1 Portion	19.14	18.97	18.54	18.60	18.75	18.63	18.55
Chicken with side-dish	1 Portion	41.78	40.89	40.50	40.72	41.25	40.97	40.99
Beefsteak with side-dish	1 Portion	49.46	48.90	48.41	48.31	48.95	48.36	48.36
Coffee	1 Cup	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.13
<b><u>Vegetables (class A)</u></b>								
Green beans	1 Kg	10.86	11.71	10.79	9.87	11.20	14.03	13.50
Carrots	1 Kg	3.88	4.13	4.03	3.80	3.49	3.35	3.54
Green peppers, dark	1 Kg	5.17	6.18	5.63	4.90	4.85	5.20	5.72
Green peppers, light	1 Kg	5.66	7.06	6.30	5.22	5.31	6.06	7.29
Regular round tomatoes	1 Kg	4.51	5.07	5.81	3.05	3.09	2.78	2.88
Sherry tomatoes	1 Kg	8.32	9.47	9.58	7.14	6.84	6.56	7.00
Cucumbers	1 Kg	3.66	4.16	4.94	3.73	4.50	4.04	4.56
Lettuce	Middle size	4.25	4.25	4.10	3.81	3.57	3.45	3.54
Radish	1 Kg	7.23	7.93	7.65	7.31	8.09	7.71	7.57
Cabbage, white	1 Kg	5.08	4.46	3.97	2.79	2.39	2.27	2.25
Cauliflower	1 Kg	5.41	5.11	4.83	4.03	4.24	4.56	4.55
Eggplants	1 Kg	3.31	3.52	3.65	3.47	3.80	4.38	4.68
Vegetable marrows	1 Kg	6.03	5.75	5.36	4.48	4.70	5.02	5.17
Potatoes	1 Kg	3.18	3.29	3.45	3.62	3.53	3.43	3.39
Onions and green onions	1 Kg	2.06	2.19	2.59	2.94	3.41	3.21	2.92
<b><u>Fruit (class A)</u></b>								
Oranges - Shamouti	1 Kg	-	-	-	-	3.61	3.58	3.62
Oranges - Valencia	1 Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.21
Tangerine	1 Kg	-	5.03	4.87	4.36	4.56	5.19	5.51
Grapefruit	1 Kg	-	5.42	5.07	4.64	4.31	4.13	4.30
Lemons	1 Kg	5.73	5.59	5.13	4.53	4.36	4.14	4.01
Seedless table grapes - Sultana	1 Kg	6.27	6.72	-	-	-	-	-

Seedless table grapes - Muscat	1 Kg	6.25	6.10	-	-	-	-	-
Melons - Galia	1 Kg	4.68	4.85	4.99	4.87	6.43	-	6.06
Melons - HaOgen	1 Kg	4.65	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apples - Grand Alexander	1 Kg	6.88	6.65	6.68	6.77	7.05	7.40	7.62
Apples - Jonathan	1 Kg	5.96	6.64	6.72	6.97	6.94	7.37	7.56
Apples - Golden Delicious	1 Kg	5.67	5.78	5.91	6.02	6.24	6.37	6.53
Pears - Spadona	1 Kg	6.02	6.70	7.05	7.30	7.52	7.49	7.38
Peaches, white	1 Kg	6.64	7.43	-	-	-	-	-
Plums - Sageev	1 Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums - Santa Rosa	1 Kg	6.07	7.32	7.72	7.89	-	-	-
Apricots	1 Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water melons	1 Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bananas	1 Kg	5.93	5.63	5.62	4.96	4.77	4.55	4.55
Avocadoes	1 Kg	9.86	8.18	7.41	7.28	8.59	9.09	9.46
Persimmon	1 Kg	-	8.03	6.84	6.74	7.17	7.54	-
<b><u>Vegetable, fruit preserves, etc.</u></b>								
Peas, canned	About 335 G	5.09	5.14	5.34	5.31	5.30	5.34	5.20
Tomato puree	100 G	1.88	1.88	1.87	1.84	1.85	1.84	1.86
Olives, green, pickled	100 G	3.34	3.35	3.37	3.39	3.50	3.67	3.65
Eggplant salad	250 G	6.96	7.15	6.99	6.76	7.17	7.01	7.01
Hummous salad	250 G	6.72	6.74	6.74	6.71	6.67	6.57	6.78
<b><u>Fuel of all kinds</u></b>								
Diesel fuel	1 L	5.05	5.24	5.05	4.69	4.77	4.92	4.92
Gasoline 95 octane unleaded	1 L	5.86	6.18	5.59	5.42	5.49	5.80	5.67
Gasoline, 96 octane	1 L	5.90	6.23	5.63	5.46	5.51	5.84	5.71
Car engine oil	1 Kg	43.06	43.75	44.38	45.85	45.94	46.12	46.10
Light heating oil	1,000 L	4,282.28	4,433.56	4,258.46	3,966.92	3,988.46	4,226.83	4,170.29
Gas, container Kerosene and fuel for heating	12 Kg	93.93	104.75	107.75	106.25	106.25	108.25	108.75
	1 L	5.98	6.25	6.14	5.97	5.88	6.06	5.97