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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in December 2003 as compared to December 2002, increased by 3,1%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%.

The CPI in December 2003 as compared to November 2003 increased by 0,4%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,7 %.

In the twelve-months, January 03- December 2003 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6%.

¹ The present Press Release is the same as the one published on 9-01-04, with the addition of the average CPI of the twelve-month period January 03-December 03, the compilation of which was possible after the compilation of the indices for October and November, which were not available on 9-01-04.

Consumer Price Index – December 2003

Monthly rates of change 1999=100,0

	Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2003		Rate of change (%)	2002		Rate of change (%)
			December	November		December	November	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	117,7	116,9	0,7	114,2	113,2	1,0
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	128,9	128,9	-0,1	120,1	120,1	0,0
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	118,8	118,4	0,4	115,4	115,4	0,0
4	Housing	117,13	119,7	120,4	-0,6	116,4	114,6	1,5
5	Household Equipment	86,41	109,5	109,3	0,1	107,3	107,2	0,1
6	Health	69,07	117,7	117,0	0,6	113,5	112,9	0,5
7	Transport	129,81	110,0	110,0	0,1	108,0	107,0	1,0
8	Communication	37,55	79,8	80,5	-0,9	81,3	83,5	-2,7
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	112,9	112,4	0,4	109,9	109,7	0,2
10	Education	27,43	119,4	119,4	0,0	114,4	114,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	126,6	123,8	2,3	120,6	118,4	1,9
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	115,7	114,7	0,8	112,3	111,6	0,6
Overall Index		1000,00	115,9	115,4	0,4	112,4	111,6	0,7

Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Note 2: Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Consumer Price Index – December 2003

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

I

	Main groups of goods and services	December		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2002	2001		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	114,2	113,3	0,8	0,16
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,1	113,4	6,0	0,24
3	Clothing and Footwear	115,4	112,2	2,9	0,29
4	Housing	116,4	109,7	6,1	0,72
5	Household Equipment	107,3	105,9	1,3	0,11
6	Health	113,5	107,5	5,6	0,38
7	Transport	108,0	103,6	4,2	0,53
8	Communication	81,3	87,4	-7,0	-0,21
9	Recreation and Culture	109,9	106,1	3,6	0,17
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	120,6	113,3	6,4	0,65
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112,3	108,6	3,4	0,22
Overall Index		112,4	108,7	3,4	

II

	Main groups of goods and services	December		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	117,7	114,2	3,0	0,57
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	128,9	120,1	7,3	0,30
3	Clothing and Footwear	118,8	115,4	2,9	0,30
4	Housing	119,7	116,4	2,8	0,34
5	Household Equipment	109,5	107,3	2,1	0,17
6	Health	117,7	113,5	3,7	0,26
7	Transport	110,0	108,0	1,8	0,23
8	Communication	79,8	81,3	-1,8	-0,05
9	Recreation and Culture	112,9	109,9	2,7	0,13
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	126,6	120,6	5,0	0,51
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	115,7	112,3	3,0	0,19
Overall Index		115,9	112,4	3,1	

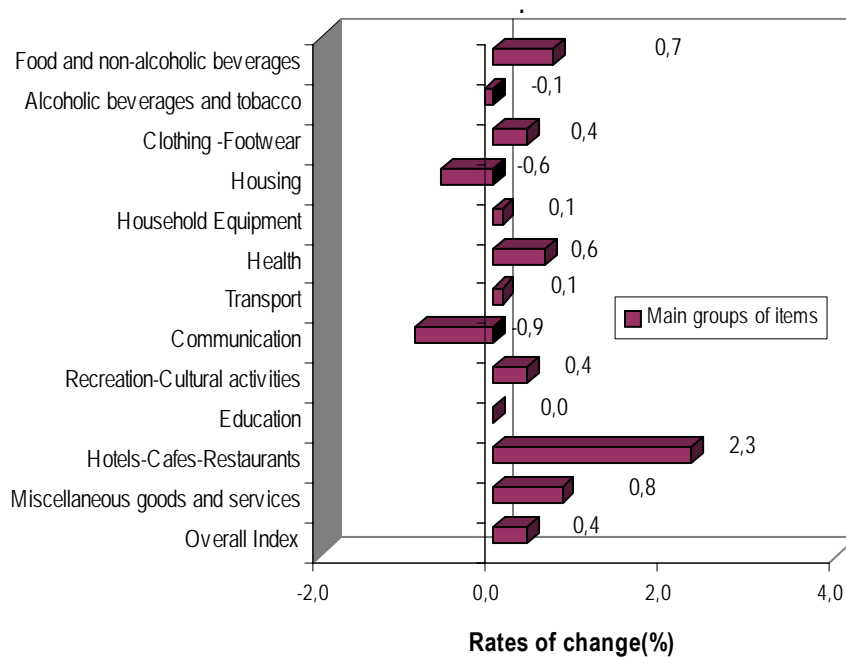
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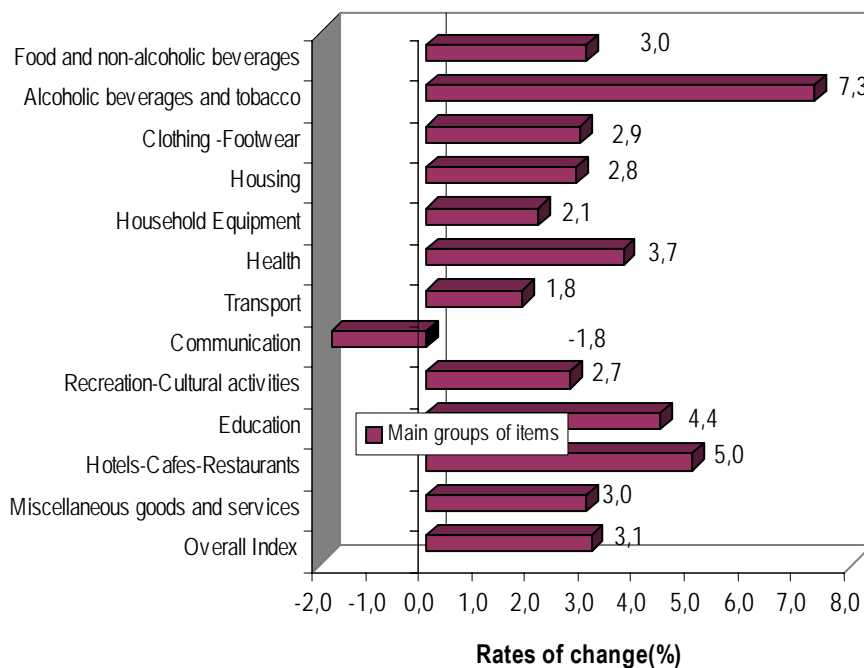
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between December 2003 and November 2003



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between December 2003 and December 2002.



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