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**PRESS RELEASE  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
MARCH 2004**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2004 as compared to March 2003, increased by 2,7%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,1%.

The CPI in March 2004 as compared to February 2004 increased by 2,5%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 2,3 %.

In the twelve-months, April 03- March 04 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,2%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6%.

**Consumer Price Index – March 2004  
Monthly rates of change  
1999=100,0**

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (‰)	2004		Rate of change (%)	2003		Rate of change (%)
		March	February		March	February	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	123,7	122,9	0,7	120,3	118,4	1,6
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	129,2	128,9	0,2	120,4	120,4	0,1
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	118,9	100,1	18,7	114,6	97,6	17,5
4 Housing	117,13	122,3	120,5	1,5	121,0	119,7	1,1
5 Household Equipment	86,41	109,6	106,0	3,4	107,8	104,3	3,4
6 Health	69,07	120,0	119,6	0,3	114,8	114,4	0,3
7 Transport	129,81	111,5	110,4	1,0	110,4	110,6	-0,2
8 Communication	37,55	77,9	77,9	0,0	80,6	82,2	-2,0
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	113,7	113,6	0,2	110,4	110,3	0,2
10 Education	27,43	119,4	119,4	0,0	114,4	114,4	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	126,0	125,5	0,4	120,3	119,9	0,3
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	115,8	114,8	0,9	113,5	112,5	0,9
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>1000,00</b>	<b>117,6</b>	<b>114,8</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>114,5</b>	<b>112,0</b>	<b>2,3</b>

**Consumer Price Index – March 2004****Annual rates of change**

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	120,3	114,9	4,7	0,91
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,4	115,7	4,1	0,17
3	Clothing and Footwear	114,6	112,3	2,1	0,21
4	Housing	121,0	112,2	7,8	0,93
5	Household Equipment	107,8	106,2	1,5	0,12
6	Health	114,8	109,2	5,1	0,35
7	Transport	110,4	105,4	4,7	0,58
8	Communication	80,6	85,2	-5,5	-0,16
9	Recreation and Culture	110,4	106,9	3,3	0,16
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	120,3	115,1	4,5	0,46
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113,5	109,7	3,5	0,22
<b>Overall Index</b>		114,5	110,0	4,1	

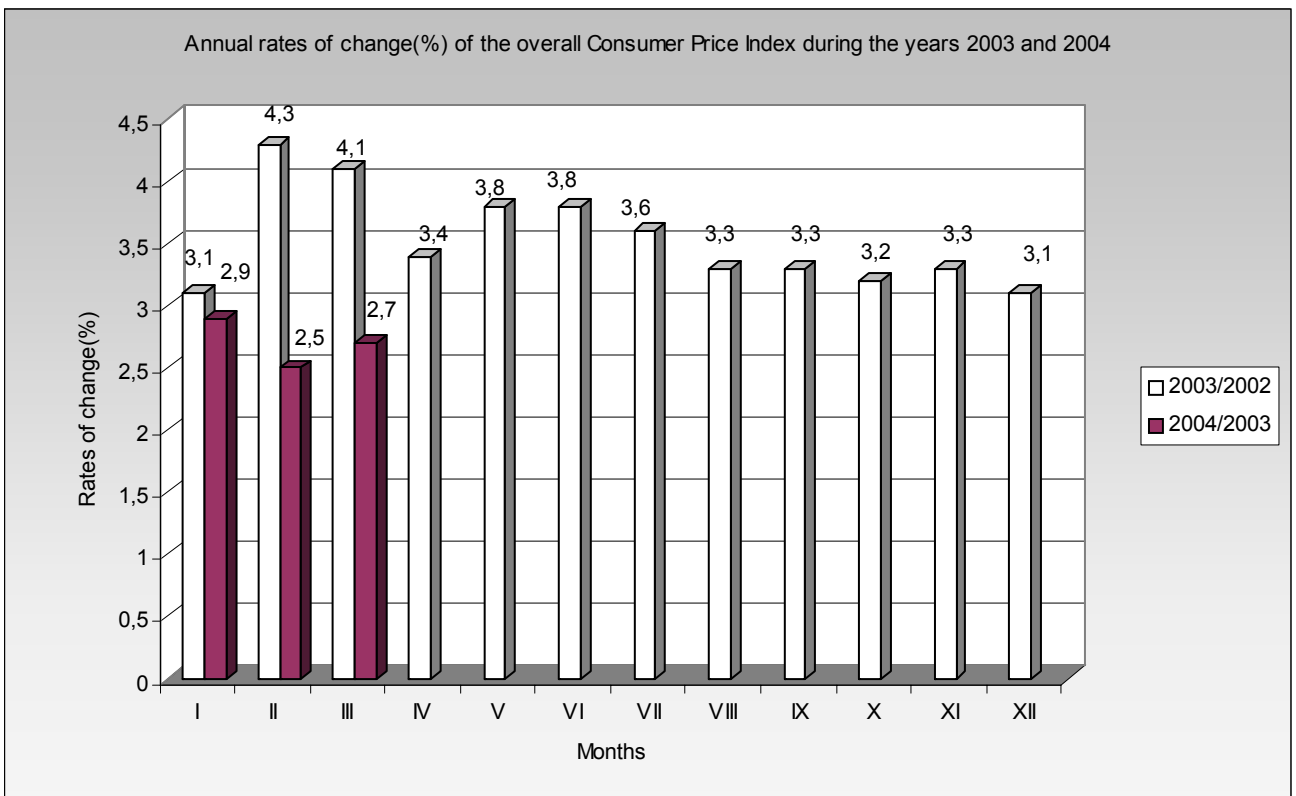
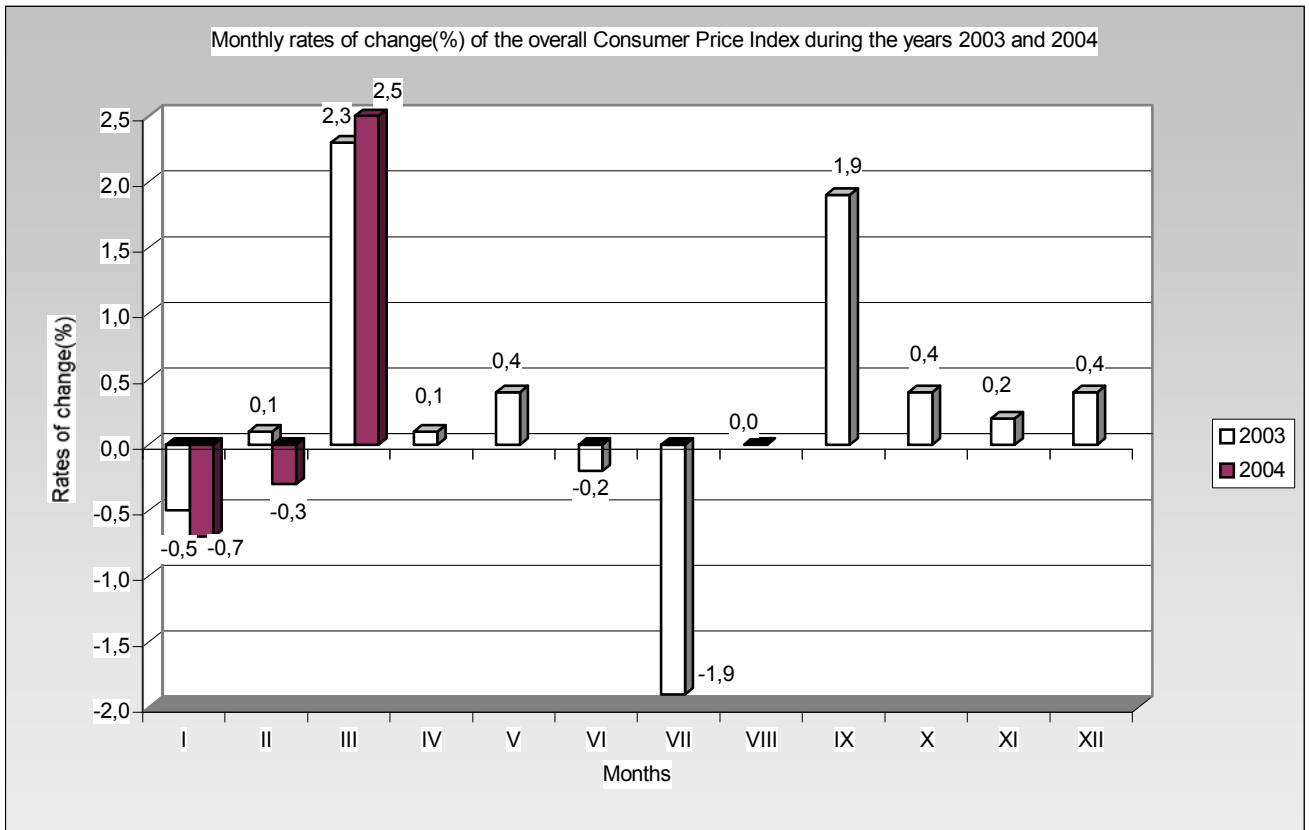
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	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	123,7	120,3	2,8	0,55
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,2	120,4	7,2	0,30
3	Clothing and Footwear	118,9	114,6	3,7	0,37
4	Housing	122,3	121,0	1,1	0,13
5	Household Equipment	109,6	107,8	1,7	0,14
6	Health	120,0	114,8	4,5	0,31
7	Transport	111,5	110,4	1,0	0,13
8	Communication	77,9	80,6	-3,3	-0,09
9	Recreation and Culture	113,7	110,4	3,0	0,14
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	126,0	120,3	4,7	0,48
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	115,8	113,5	2,0	0,13
<b>Overall Index</b>		117,6	114,5	2,7	

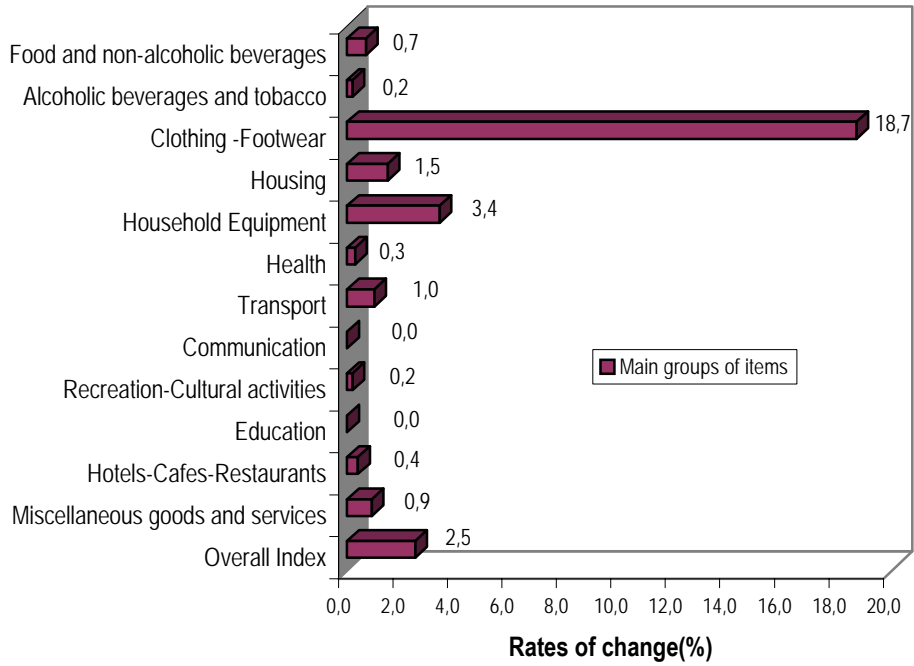
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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.

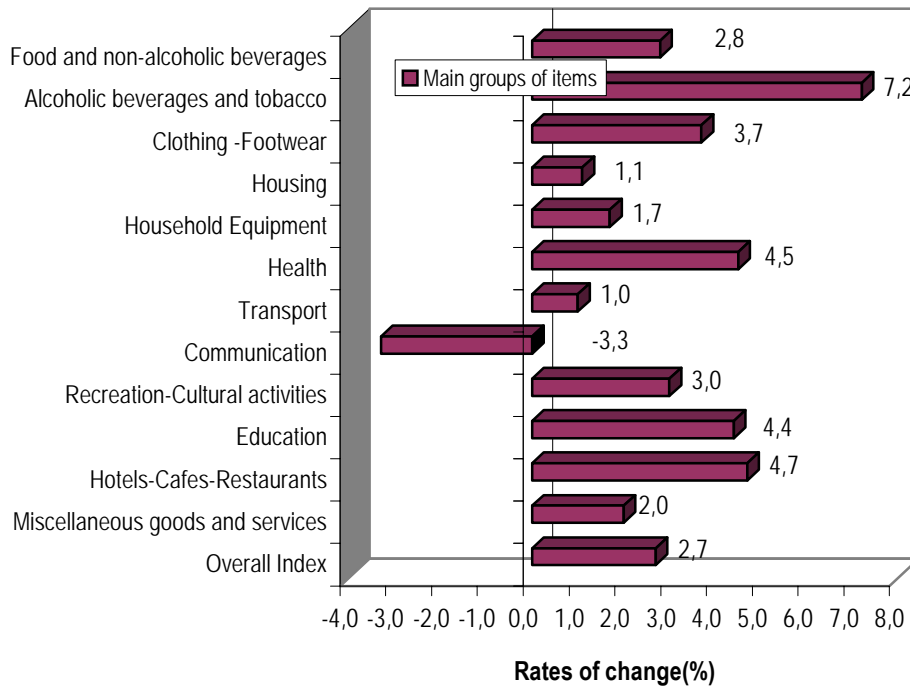
## DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2004 and February 2004



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2004 and March 2003.



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