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**PRESS RELEASE  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
February 2005**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in February 2005<sup>1</sup> as compared to February 2004, increased by 3,1%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,5%.

The CPI in February 2005 as compared to January 2005 decreased by 1,2%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was -0,3 %.

In the twelve-month period March 04 – February 05 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,0%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%.

**Consumer Price Index –February 2005  
Monthly rates of change  
1999=100,0**

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2005		Rate of change (%)	2004		Rate of change (%)
		Feb.	Jan.		Feb.	Jan.	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	121,8	120,2	1,3	122,9	119,5	2,8
2 Alcoholic Beverage&Tobacco	38,87	129,4	129,4	0,0	128,9	128,8	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	106,1	122,9	-13,7	100,1	109,1	-8,2
4 Housing	117,13	130,2	128,8	1,2	120,5	120,7	-0,2
5 Household Equipment	86,41	108,3	111,6	-2,9	106,0	106,2	-0,2
6 Health	69,07	123,7	123,2	0,4	119,6	118,1	1,2
7 Transport	129,81	115,6	114,4	1,1	110,4	110,6	-0,2
8 Communication	37,55	76,7	76,7	0,0	77,9	77,9	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	115,7	115,8	-0,1	113,6	113,3	0,2
10 Education	27,43	124,6	124,6	0,0	119,4	119,4	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	129,8	131,2	-1,0	125,5	126,9	-1,1
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	118,1	118,6	-0,4	114,8	114,7	0,1
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>1000,00</b>	<b>118,3</b>	<b>119,8</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>114,8</b>	<b>115,1</b>	<b>-0,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> It has to be notified that this year the general winter sales started on 1st February instead of 15th January that was the case in the previous years. Consequently this fact affected both the monthly as well as the annual rate of change of CPI for February 2005.

## Consumer Price Index –February 2005

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,9	118,4	3,7	0,73
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	128,9	120,4	7,1	0,3
3	Clothing and Footwear	100,1	97,6	2,6	0,23
4	Housing	120,5	119,7	0,7	0,09
5	Household Equipment	106,0	104,3	1,6	0,13
6	Health	119,6	114,4	4,5	0,32
7	Transport	110,4	110,6	-0,2	-0,02
8	Communication	77,9	82,2	-5,3	-0,15
9	Recreation and Culture	113,6	110,3	3,0	0,14
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	125,5	119,9	4,7	0,48
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114,8	112,5	2,0	0,13
<b>Overall Index</b>		<b>114,8</b>	<b>112,0</b>	<b>2,5</b>	

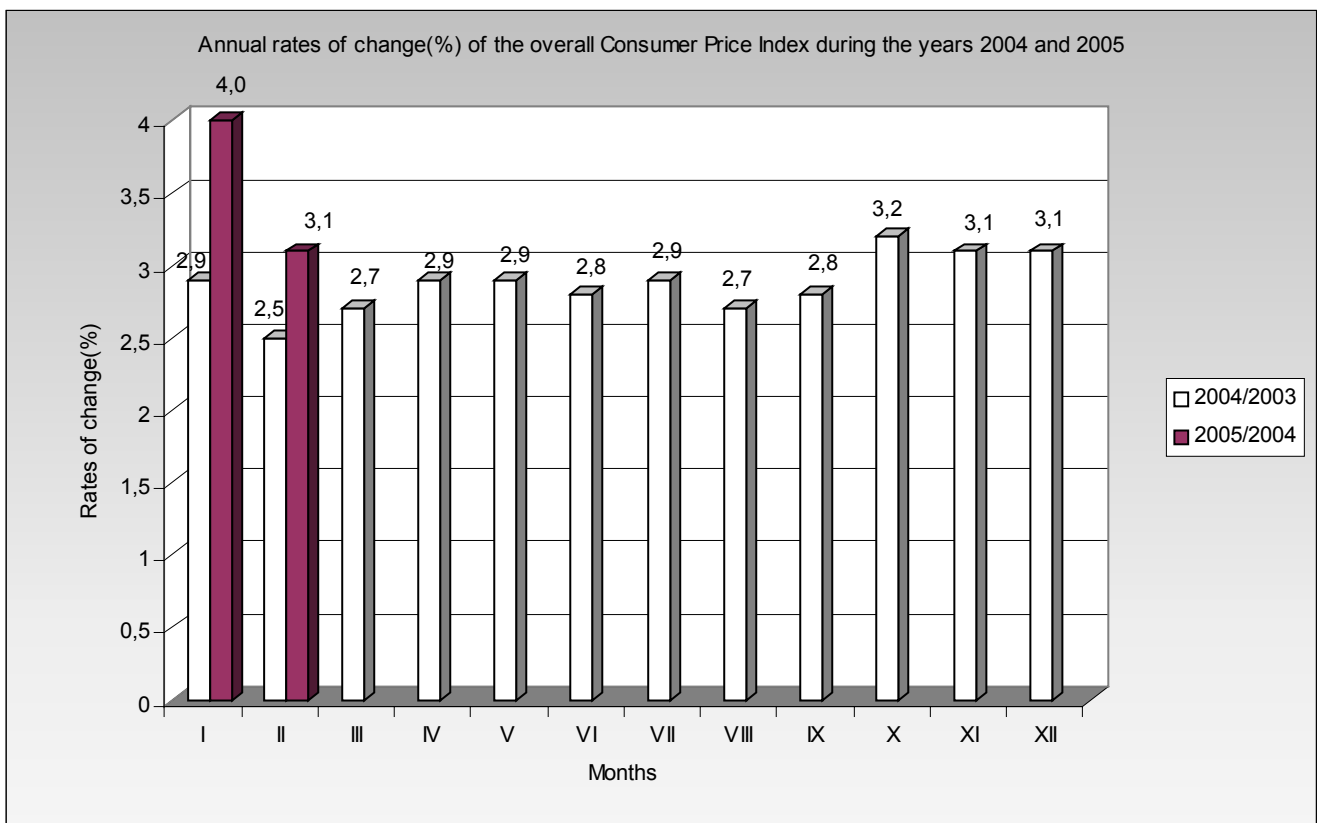
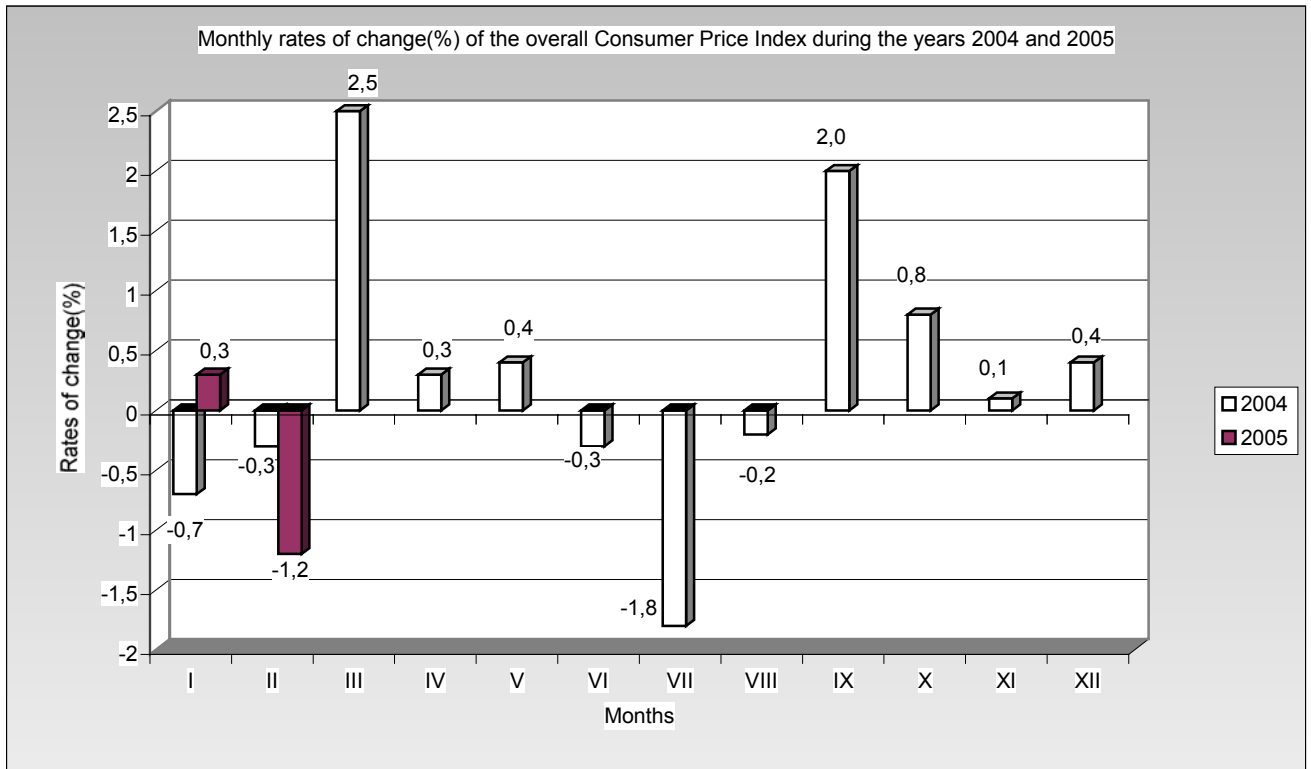
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	Main groups of goods and services	February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	121,8	122,9	-0,9	-0,17
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,4	128,9	0,4	0,02
3	Clothing and Footwear	106,1	100,1	6,0	0,52
4	Housing	130,2	120,5	8,1	0,99
5	Household Equipment	108,3	106,0	2,2	0,18
6	Health	123,7	119,6	3,5	0,25
7	Transport	115,6	110,4	4,7	0,59
8	Communication	76,7	77,9	-1,5	-0,04
9	Recreation and Culture	115,7	113,6	1,9	0,09
10	Education	124,6	119,4	4,3	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	129,8	125,5	3,5	0,37
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118,1	114,8	2,9	0,19
<b>Overall Index</b>		<b>118,3</b>	<b>114,8</b>	<b>3,1</b>	

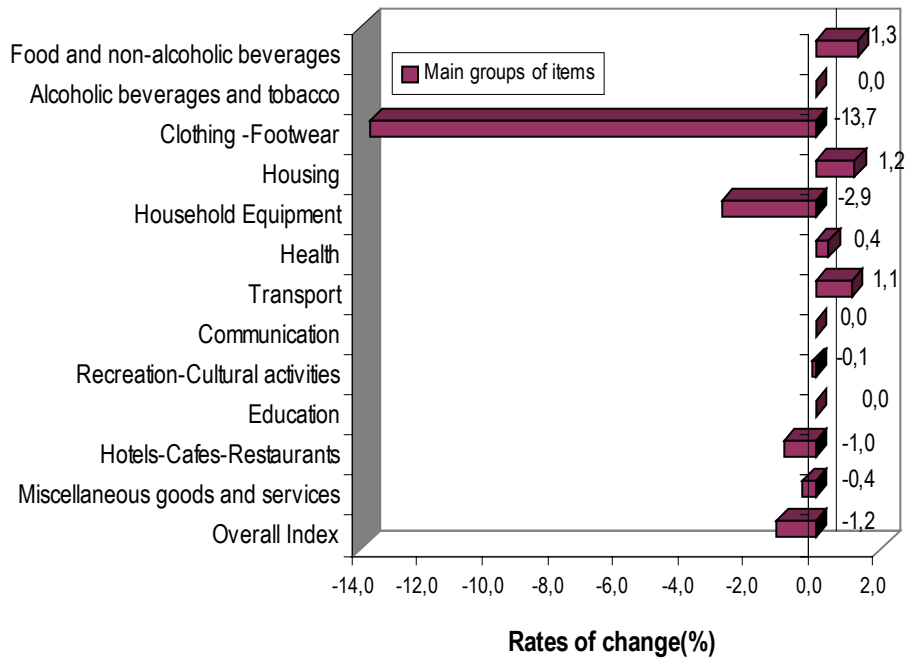
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Note 2: Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up

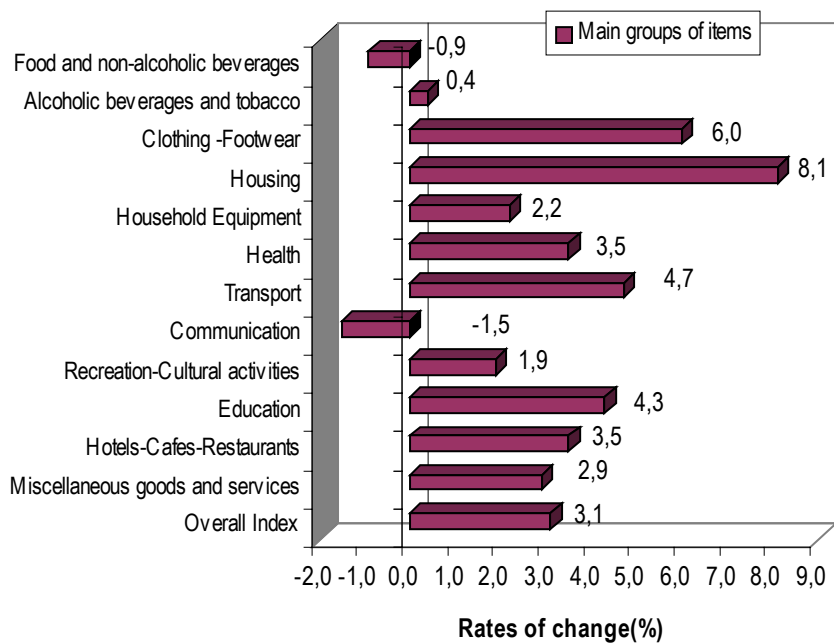
## DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between February 2005 and January 2005



### Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between February 2005 and February 2004.



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