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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
May 2005**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May 2005 as compared to May 2004, increased by 3,2%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,9%.

The CPI in May 2005 as compared to April 2005 increased by 0,3%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,4%.

In the twelve-month period June 04 – May 05 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,1%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was also 3,1%.

Consumer Price Index – May 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 (%)
			May	Apr.		May	Apr.	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	122,3	122,1	0,1	122,8	122,3	0,4
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	131,5	129,9	1,2	129,3	129,2	0,1
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	124,7	123,1	1,3	120,4	119,0	1,2
4	Housing	117,13	135,2	134,9	0,2	123,6	123,3	0,3
5	Household Equipment	86,41	112,4	112,0	0,4	110,4	110,2	0,2
6	Health	69,07	126,2	125,9	0,2	120,7	120,3	0,3
7	Transport	129,81	119,2	119,5	-0,3	114,6	113,0	1,4
8	Communication	37,55	76,7	76,7	0,0	77,9	77,9	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	116,5	116,2	0,3	114,2	114,0	0,2
10	Education	27,43	124,6	124,6	0,0	119,4	119,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	131,9	131,7	0,1	127,4	127,6	-0,2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	120,5	120,1	0,3	116,6	116,5	0,1
	Overall Index	1000,00	122,3	121,9	0,3	118,5	117,9	0,4

Consumer Price Index – May 2005

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	May		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,8	124,0	-1,0	-0,19
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,3	120,5	7,3	0,30
3	Clothing and Footwear	120,4	116,1	3,7	0,37
4	Housing	123,6	117,6	5,1	0,61
5	Household Equipment	110,4	108,6	1,7	0,14
6	Health	120,7	115,6	4,4	0,31
7	Transport	114,6	108,6	5,5	0,67
8	Communication	77,9	80,5	-3,3	-0,09
9	Recreation and Culture	114,2	110,9	3,0	0,14
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	127,4	122,2	4,3	0,44
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	116,6	114,3	2,0	0,13
	Overall Index	118,5	115,1	2,9	

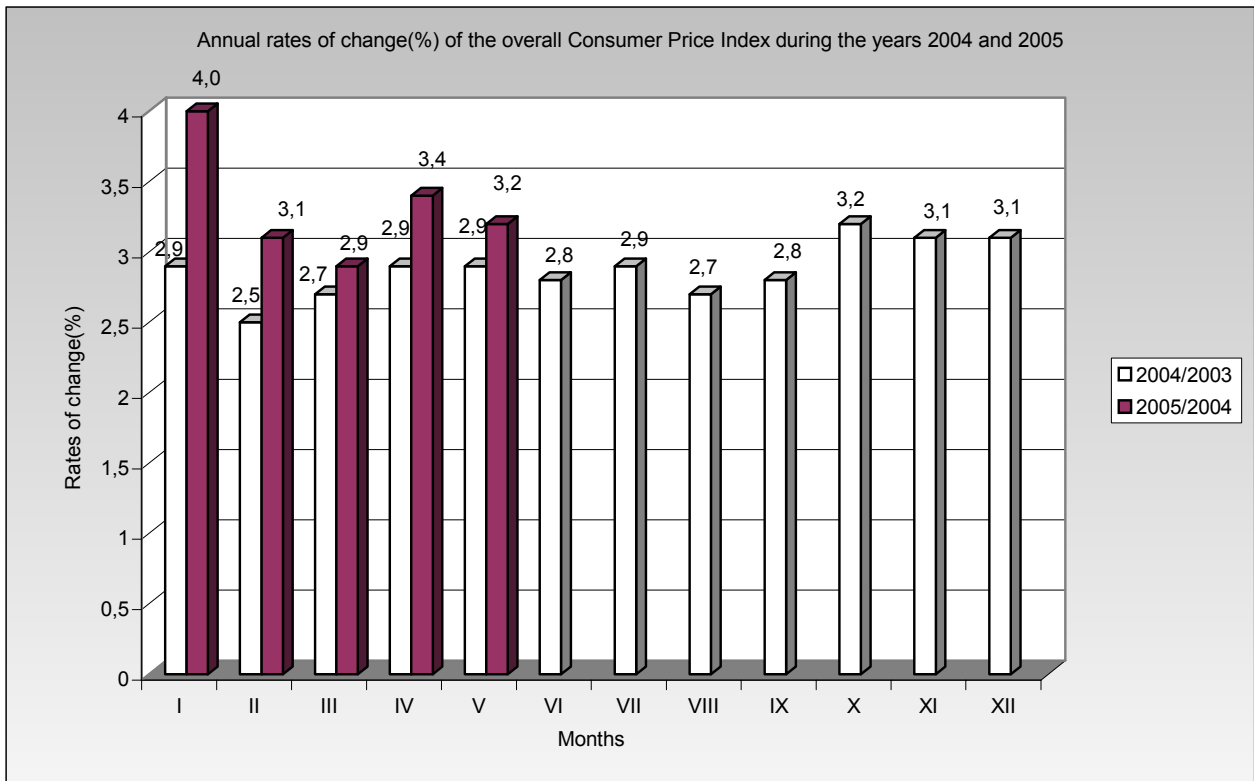
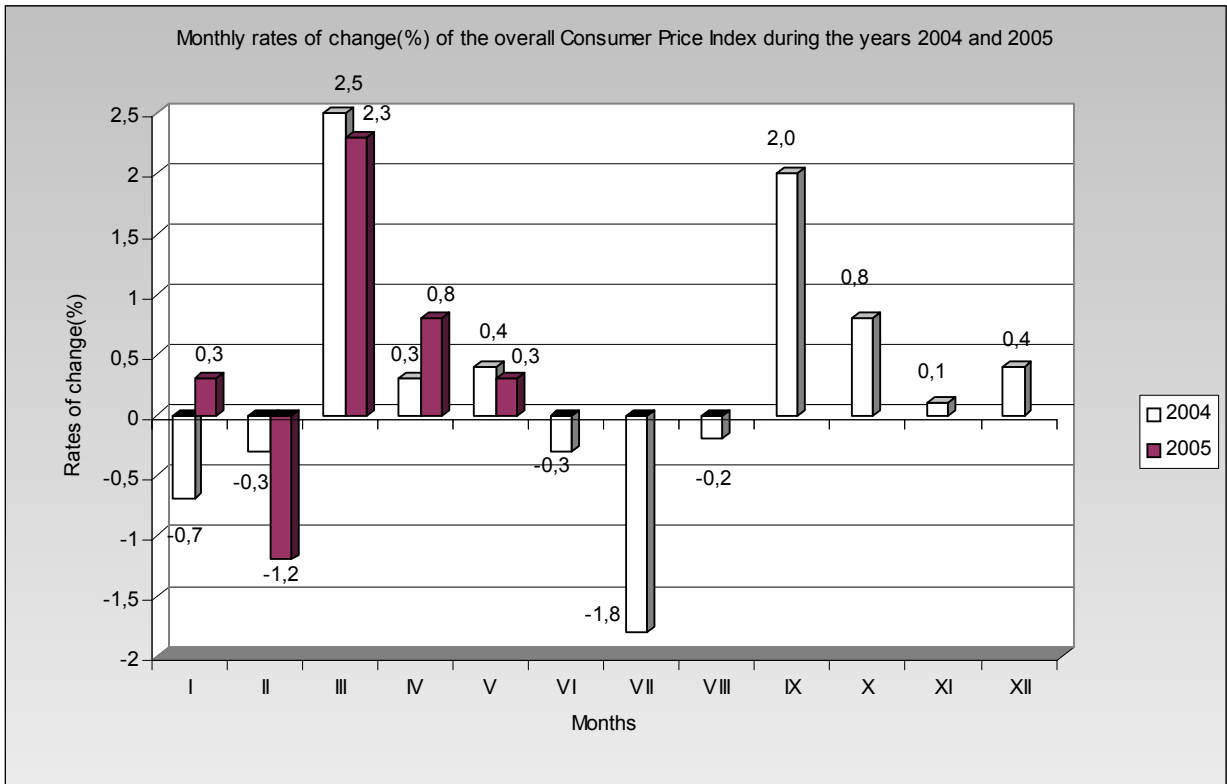
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	Main groups of goods and services	May		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,3	122,8	-0,4	-0,08
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	131,5	129,3	1,7	0,07
3	Clothing and Footwear	124,7	120,4	3,6	0,36
4	Housing	135,2	123,6	9,4	1,15
5	Household Equipment	112,4	110,4	1,9	0,15
6	Health	126,2	120,7	4,5	0,32
7	Transport	119,2	114,6	4,0	0,50
8	Communication	76,7	77,9	-1,5	-0,04
9	Recreation and Culture	116,5	114,2	2,0	0,09
10	Education	124,6	119,4	4,3	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	131,9	127,4	3,6	0,37
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	120,5	116,6	3,3	0,21
	Overall Index	122,3	118,5	3,2	

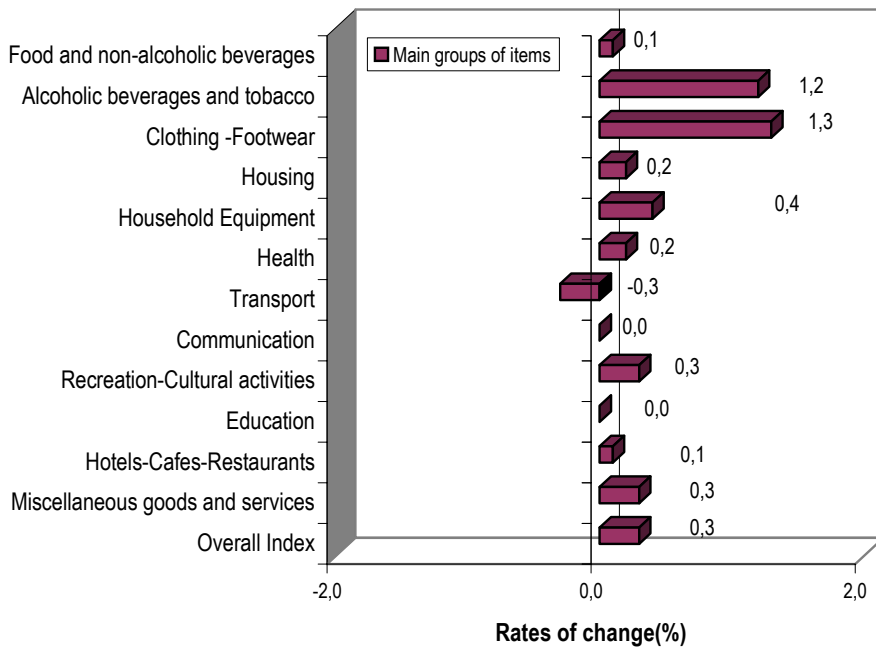
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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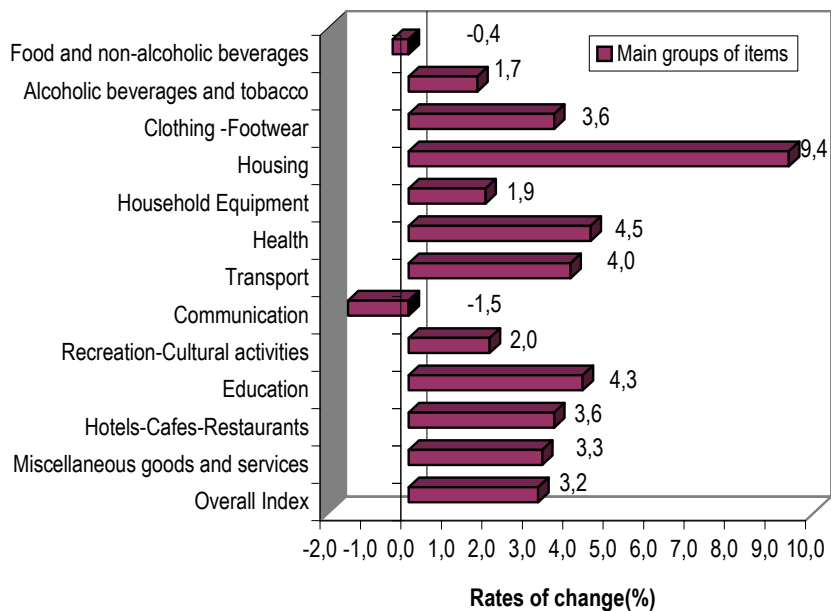
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between May 2005 and April 2005



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



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