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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
January 2006**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in January 2006¹, as compared to January 2005, increased by 3,2%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,0%.

The CPI in January 2006, as compared to December 2005, decreased by 0,1%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,3 %.

In the twelve-month period February 05 – January 06 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 3,0%.

Consumer Price Index –January 2006
Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2006		2005		Rate of change (%)	2005		2004		Rate of change (%)
		January	December	January	December		January	December			
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	122,1	121,0	0,9	120,2	119,9	0,3				
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	133,7	133,7	0,0	129,4	129,4	0,0				
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	122,2	127,2	-3,9	122,9	122,9	0,0				
4 Housing	117,13	141,9	140,9	0,7	128,8	128,5	0,2				
5 Household Equipment	86,41	112,2	113,2	-0,9	111,6	111,5	0,1				
6 Health	69,07	128,1	127,5	0,5	123,2	122,9	0,3				
7 Transport	129,81	119,9	119,3	0,5	114,4	113,1	1,1				
8 Communication	37,55	77,1	77,1	0,0	76,7	75,7	1,4				
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	118,1	118,0	0,1	115,8	115,9	0,0				
10 Education	27,43	129,3	129,3	0,0	124,6	124,6	0,0				
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	134,8	134,6	0,1	131,2	131,4	-0,1				
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	121,5	121,7	-0,1	118,6	118,6	0,0				
Overall Index	1000,00	123,6	123,8	-0,1	119,8	119,5	0,3				

¹ It has to be notified that this year the general winter sales have started on 23rd January 2006 instead of 1st February 2005 that was the case in the previous year. Consequently this fact affected both the monthly as well as the annual rate of change of CPI for January 2006.

Consumer Price Index –January 2006

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	January		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	120,2	119,5	0,6	0,11
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,4	128,8	0,4	0,02
3	Clothing and Footwear	122,9	109,1	12,7	1,19
4	Housing	128,8	120,7	6,6	0,82
5	Household Equipment	111,6	106,2	5,0	0,40
6	Health	123,2	118,1	4,3	0,31
7	Transport	114,4	110,6	3,4	0,42
8	Communication	76,7	77,9	-1,5	-0,04
9	Recreation and Culture	115,8	113,3	2,2	0,11
10	Education	124,6	119,4	4,3	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	131,2	126,9	3,4	0,36
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118,6	114,7	3,5	0,22
Overall Index		119,8	115,1	4,0	

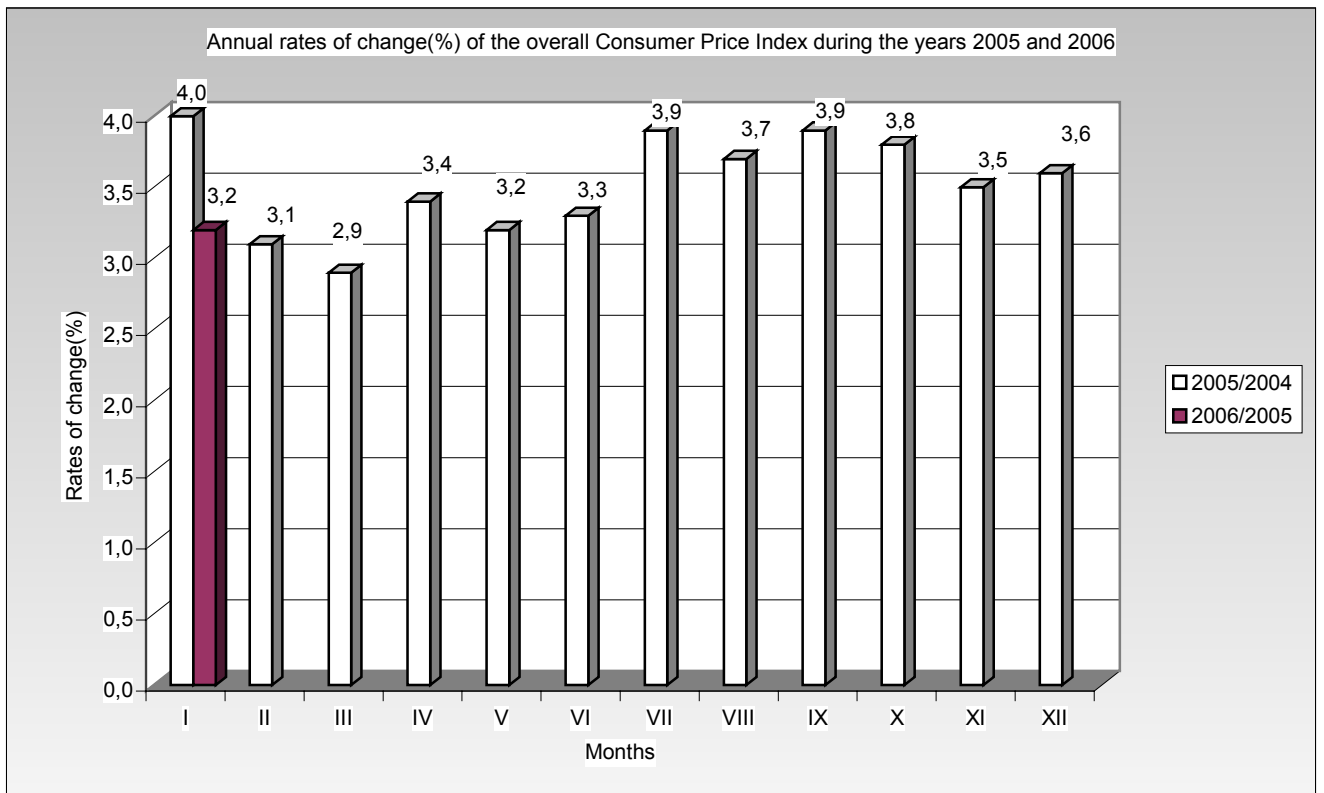
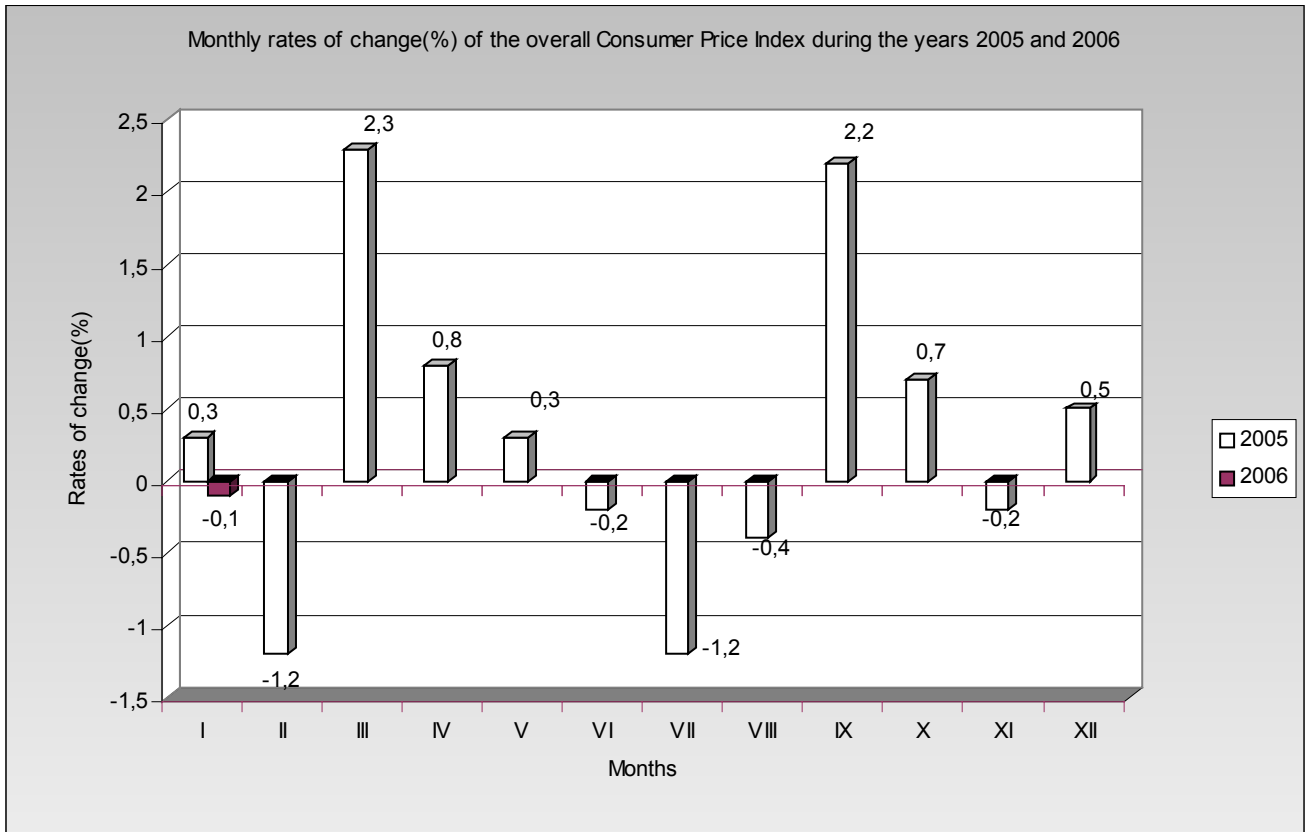
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	Main groups of goods and services	January		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2006	2005		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,1	120,2	1,6	0,30
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	133,7	129,4	3,3	0,14
3	Clothing and Footwear	122,2	122,9	-0,6	-0,06
4	Housing	141,9	128,8	10,2	1,28
5	Household Equipment	112,2	111,6	0,5	0,04
6	Health	128,1	123,2	4,0	0,28
7	Transport	119,9	114,4	4,8	0,60
8	Communication	77,1	76,7	0,5	0,01
9	Recreation and Culture	118,1	115,8	1,9	0,09
10	Education	129,3	124,6	3,7	0,11
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	134,8	131,2	2,8	0,29
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	121,5	118,6	2,5	0,16
Overall Index		123,6	119,8	3,2	

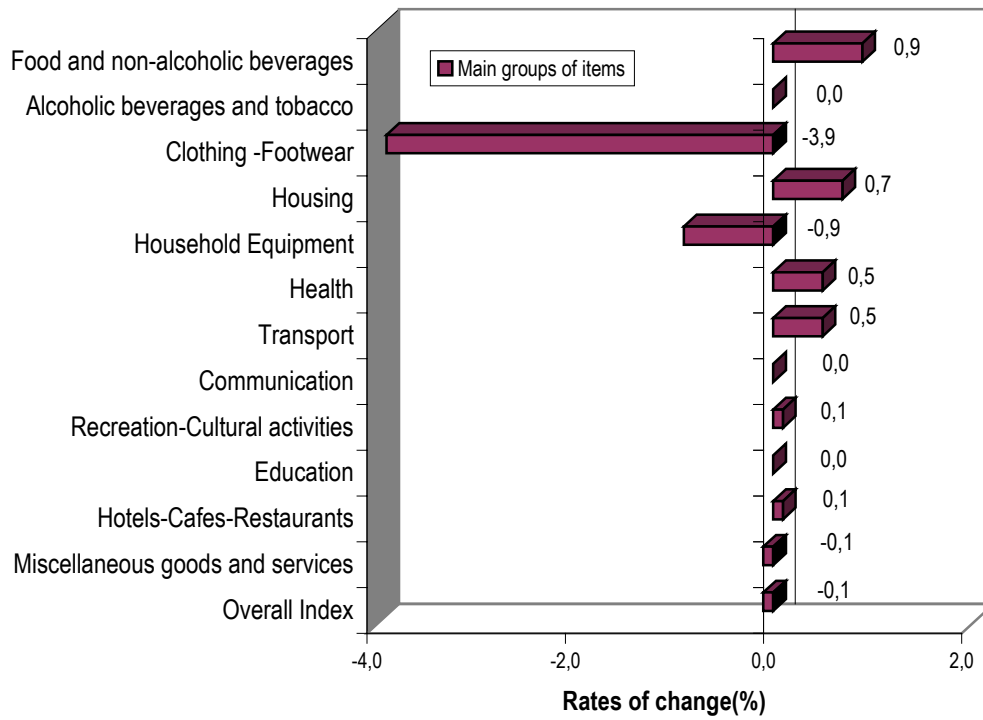
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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.

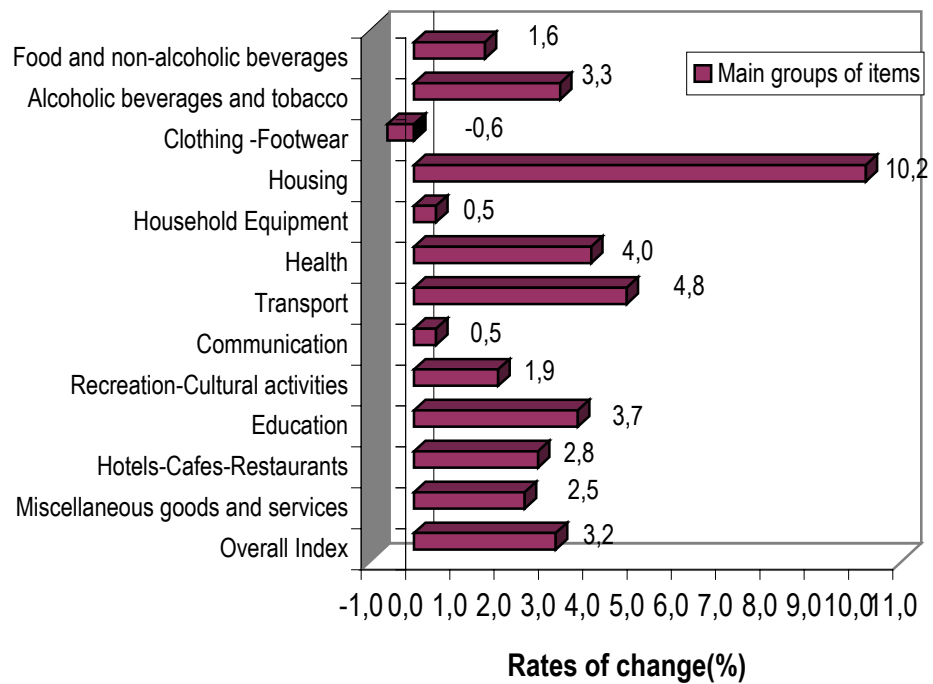
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between January 2006 and December 2005



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between January 2006 and January 2005



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