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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
March 2006**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2006, as compared to March 2005, increased by 3,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,9%.

The CPI in March 2006, as compared to February 2006, increased by 2,3%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was also 2,3%.

In the twelve-month period April 05 – March 06 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 3,1%.

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

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2006		Rate of change (%)	2005		Rate of change (%)
		March	February		March	February	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	124,7	124,3	0,3	122,0	121,8	0,2
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	133,8	133,7	0,0	129,5	129,4	0,1
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	125,7	107,2	17,3	123,0	106,1	15,9
4 Housing	117,13	143,8	142,4	1,0	133,7	130,2	2,7
5 Household Equipment	86,41	113,9	108,8	4,7	111,5	108,3	3,0
6 Health	69,07	128,7	128,3	0,3	124,5	123,7	0,6
7 Transport	129,81	121,2	119,3	1,6	116,5	115,6	0,8
8 Communication	37,55	77,1	77,1	0,0	76,7	76,7	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	118,2	118,0	0,2	116,0	115,7	0,2
10 Education	27,43	129,3	129,3	0,0	124,6	124,6	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	133,9	133,8	0,0	130,3	129,8	0,4
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	122,2	121,3	0,7	119,0	118,1	0,8

Overall Index	1000,00	125,0	122,1	2,3	121,0	118,3	2,3
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Consumer Price Index – March 2006

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,0	123,7	-1,3	-0,26
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,5	129,2	0,3	0,01
3	Clothing and Footwear	123,0	118,9	3,5	0,35
4	Housing	133,7	122,3	9,3	1,14
5	Household Equipment	111,5	109,6	1,8	0,14
6	Health	124,5	120,0	3,7	0,26
7	Transport	116,5	111,5	4,4	0,55
8	Communication	76,7	77,9	-1,5	-0,04
9	Recreation and Culture	116,0	113,7	1,9	0,09
10	Education	124,6	119,4	4,3	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	130,3	126,0	3,4	0,36
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	119,0	115,8	2,8	0,18
	Overall Index	121,0	117,6	2,9	

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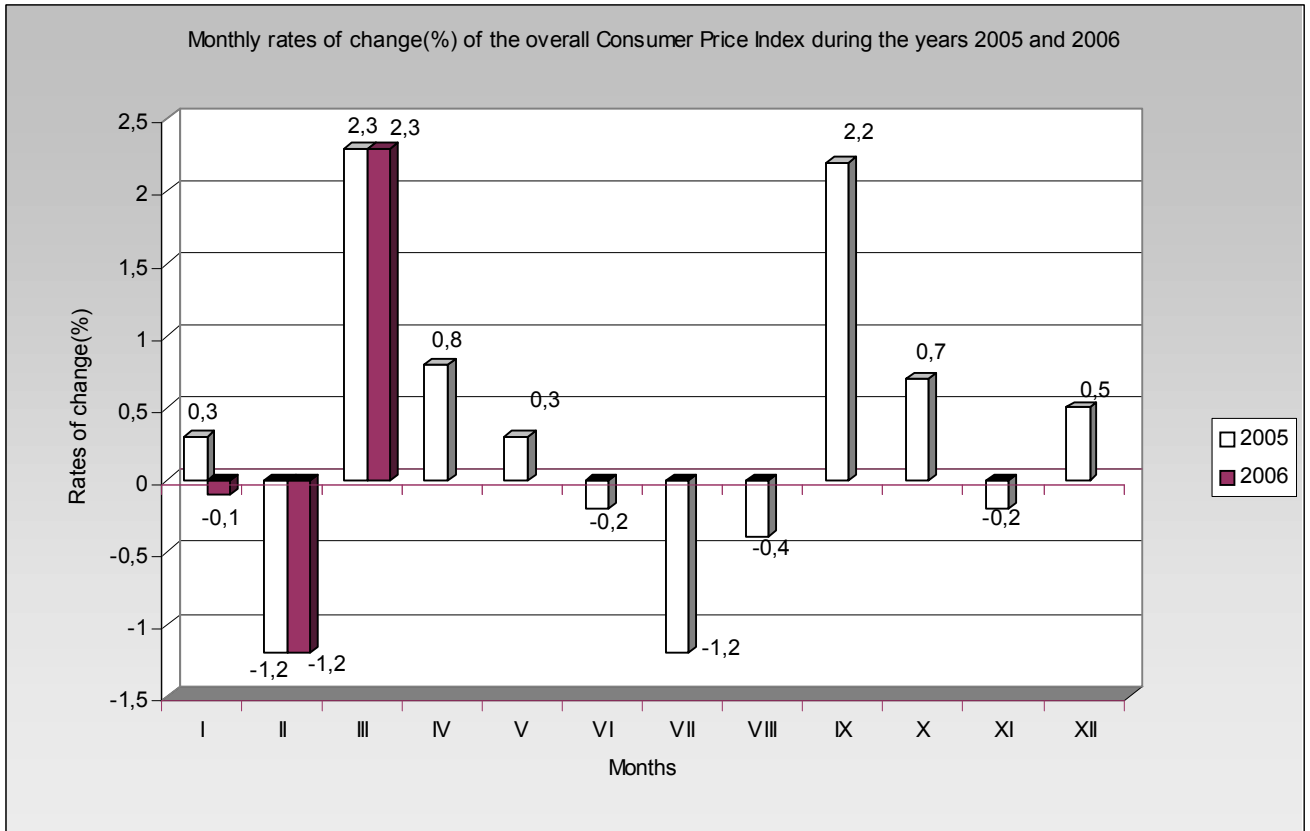
	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2006	2005		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	124,7	122,0	2,1	0,40
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	133,8	129,5	3,3	0,14
3	Clothing and Footwear	125,7	123,0	2,2	0,22
4	Housing	143,8	133,7	7,6	0,98
5	Household Equipment	113,9	111,5	2,1	0,17
6	Health	128,7	124,5	3,4	0,24
7	Transport	121,2	116,5	4,0	0,50
8	Communication	77,1	76,7	0,5	0,01
9	Recreation and Culture	118,2	116,0	2,0	0,09
10	Education	129,3	124,6	3,7	0,11
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	133,9	130,3	2,7	0,28
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	122,2	119,0	2,6	0,17

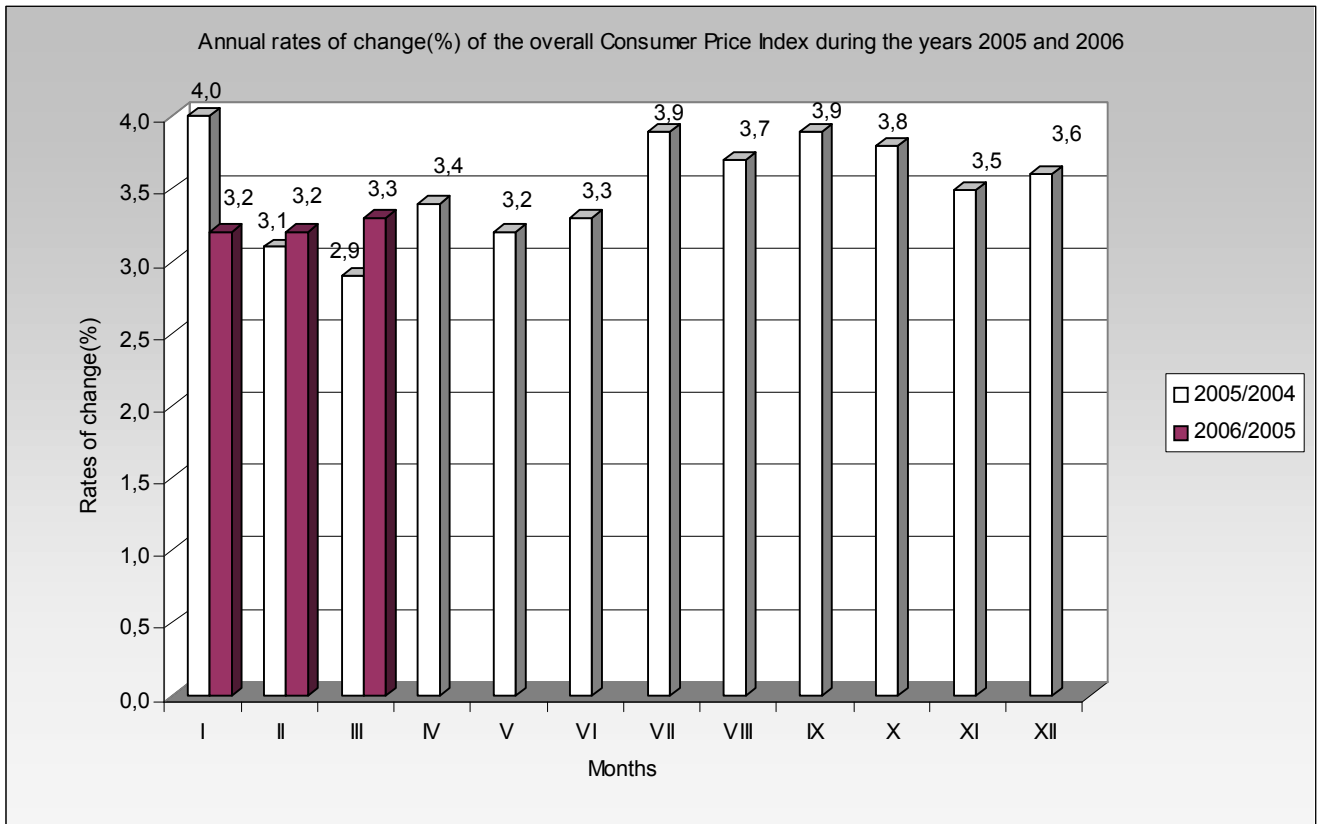
Overall Index	125,0	121,0	3,3
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Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

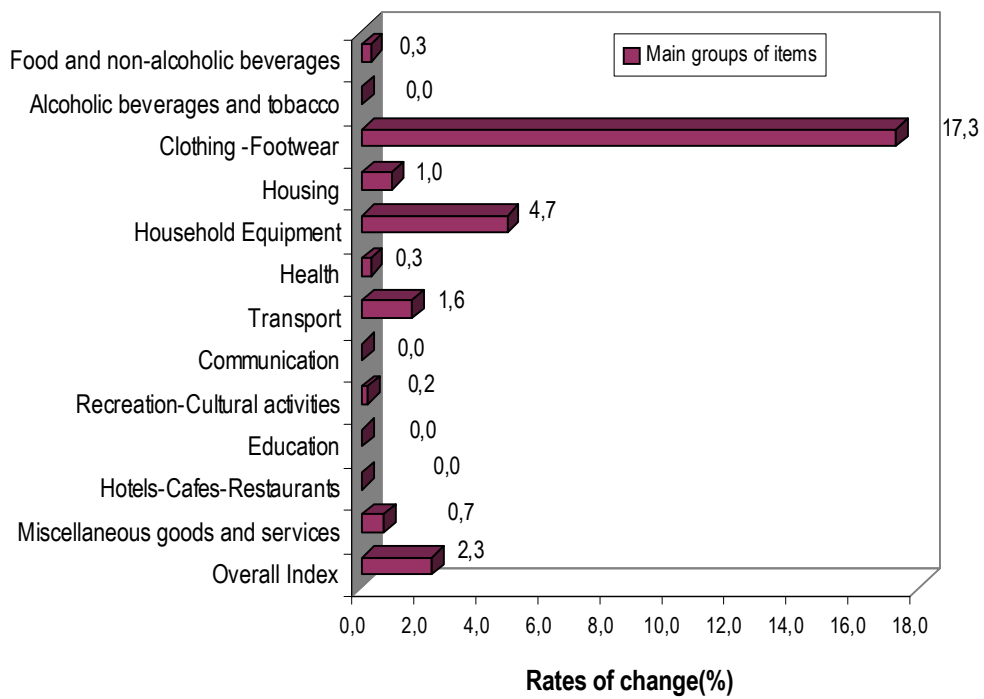
Note 2: Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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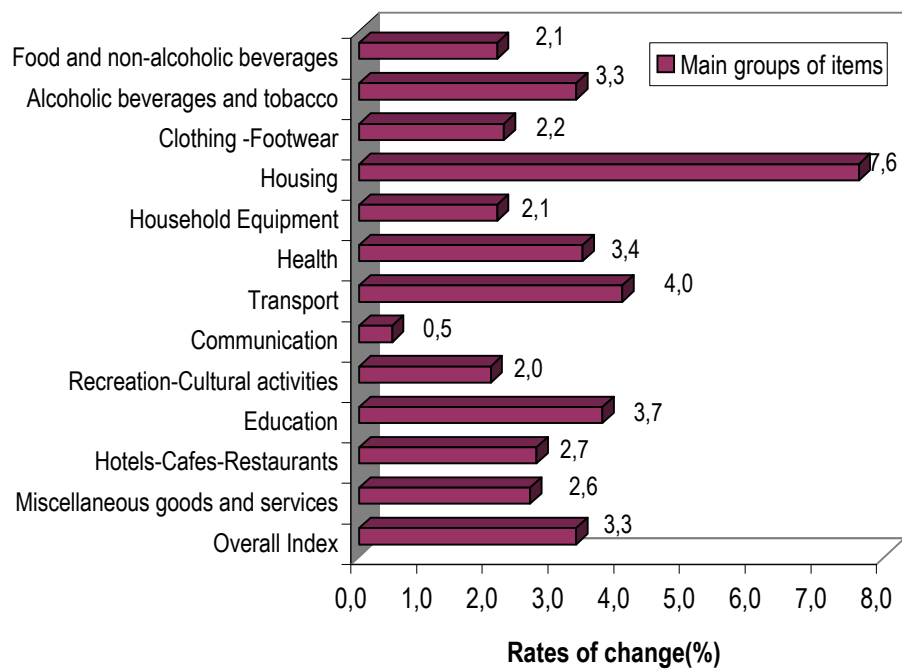




Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2006 and February 2006



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



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