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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in February 2003 as compared to February 2002, increased by 4,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%.

The CPI in February 2003 as compared to January 2003 increased by 0,1%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was –1,1%.

In the twelve-months, March 02 - February 03, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6 %. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%.

Consumer Price Index – February 2003

**Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0**

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2003		Rate of change (%)	2002		Rate of change (%)
		Feb.	Jan.		Feb.	Jan.	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	118,4	115,5	2,6	114,2	117,1	-2,5
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	120,4	120,2	0,1	113,5	113,5	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	97,6	104,5	-6,6	96,1	101,7	-5,4
4 Housing	117,13	119,7	117,7	1,7	111,2	110,8	0,4
5 Household Equipment	86,41	104,3	104,9	-0,6	102,1	103,1	-1,0
6 Health	69,07	114,4	114,2	0,2	108,3	108,1	0,1
7 Transport	129,81	110,6	109,6	0,9	104,3	104,3	0,0
8 Communication	37,55	82,2	82,5	-0,3	85,2	87,0	-2,1
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	110,3	109,9	0,3	106,5	106,1	0,4
10 Education	27,43	114,4	114,4	0,0	109,4	109,4	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	119,9	120,9	-0,9	113,3	113,7	-0,4
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	112,5	112,3	0,2	109,4	108,7	0,7
Overall Index	1000,00	112,0	111,8	0,1	107,3	108,4	-1,1

Consumer Price Index – February 2003

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2002	2001		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	114,2	105,1	8,6	1,62
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	113,5	107,1	6,0	0,24
3	Clothing and Footwear	96,1	93,1	3,3	0,29
4	Housing	111,2	109,9	1,2	0,15
5	Household Equipment	102,1	100,3	1,7	0,15
6	Health	108,3	104,9	3,2	0,23
7	Transport	104,3	105,5	-1,1	-0,15
8	Communication	85,2	88,9	-4,2	-0,13
9	Recreation and Culture	106,5	104,3	2,2	0,11
10	Education	109,4	105,6	3,6	0,10
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	113,3	106,7	6,1	0,61
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	109,4	105,8	3,4	0,22
Overall Index		107,3	103,7	3,4	

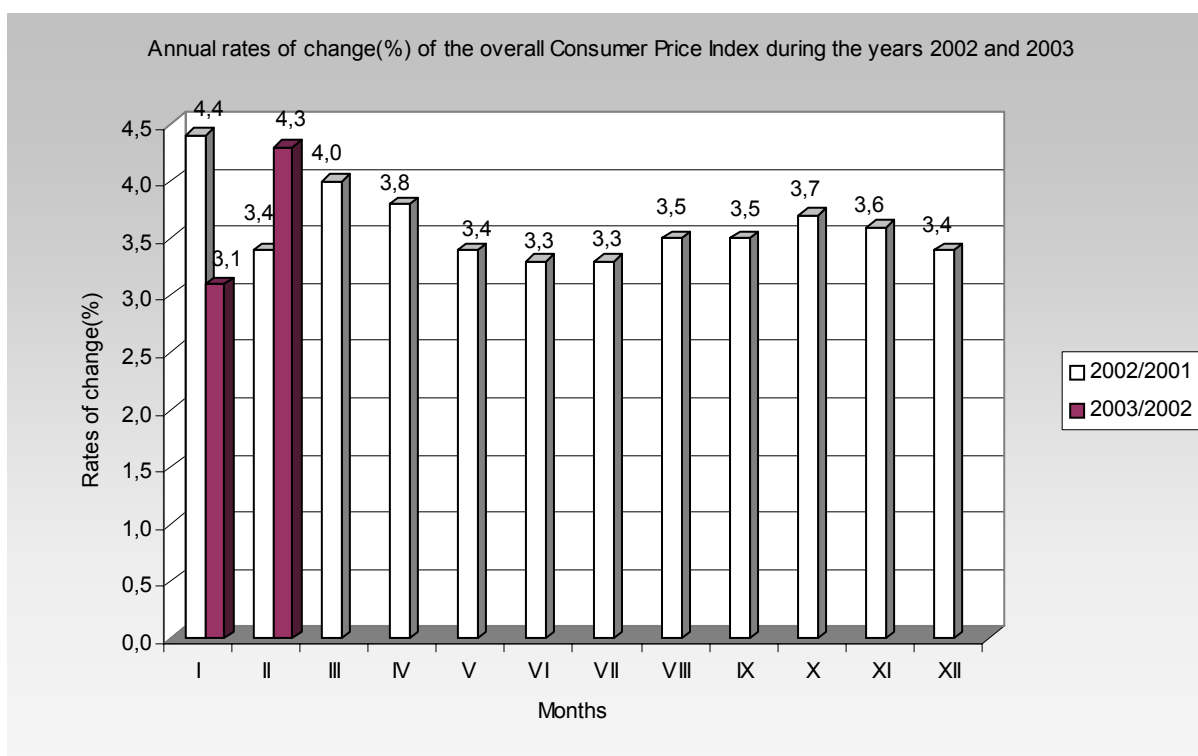
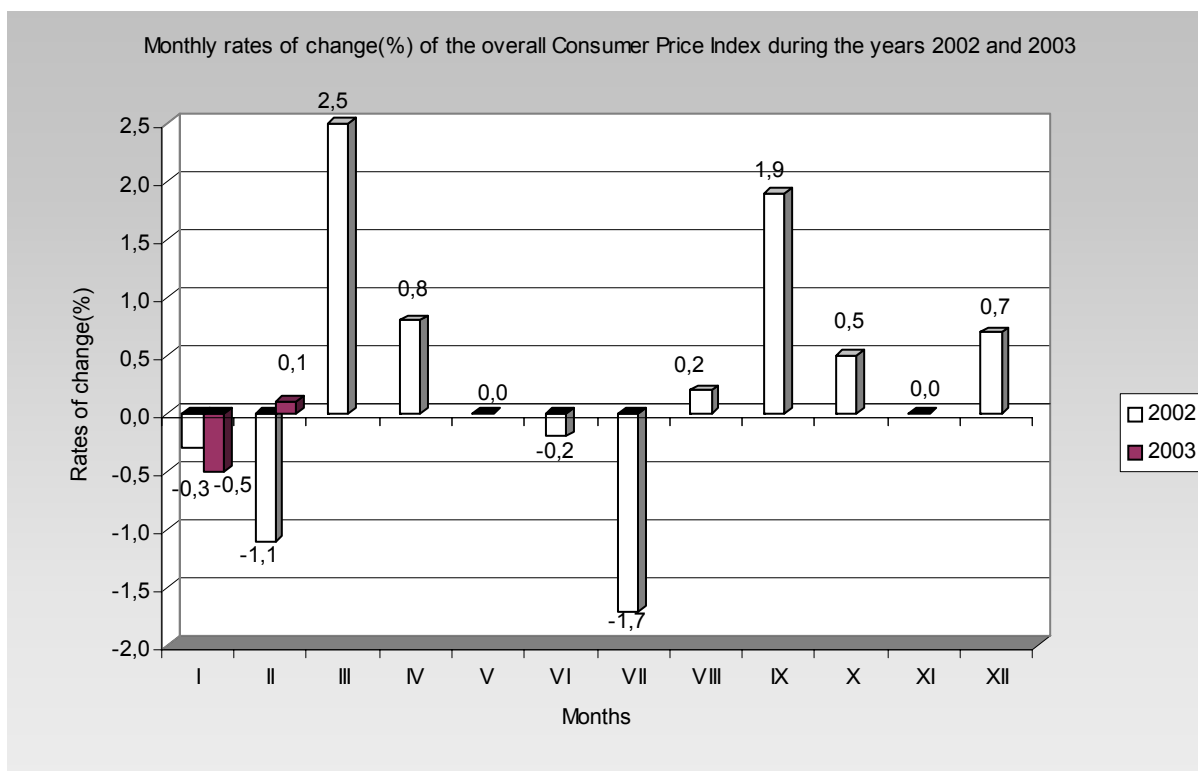
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Main groups of goods and services		February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	118,4	114,2	3,7	0,73
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,4	113,5	6,0	0,25
3	Clothing and Footwear	97,6	96,1	1,5	0,13
4	Housing	119,7	111,2	7,6	0,93
5	Household Equipment	104,3	102,1	2,2	0,18
6	Health	114,4	108,3	5,7	0,39
7	Transport	110,6	104,3	6,0	0,76
8	Communication	82,2	85,2	-3,5	-0,10
9	Recreation and Culture	110,3	106,5	3,5	0,17
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,13
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	119,9	113,3	5,8	0,60
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112,5	109,4	2,8	0,18
Overall Index		112,0	107,3	4,3	

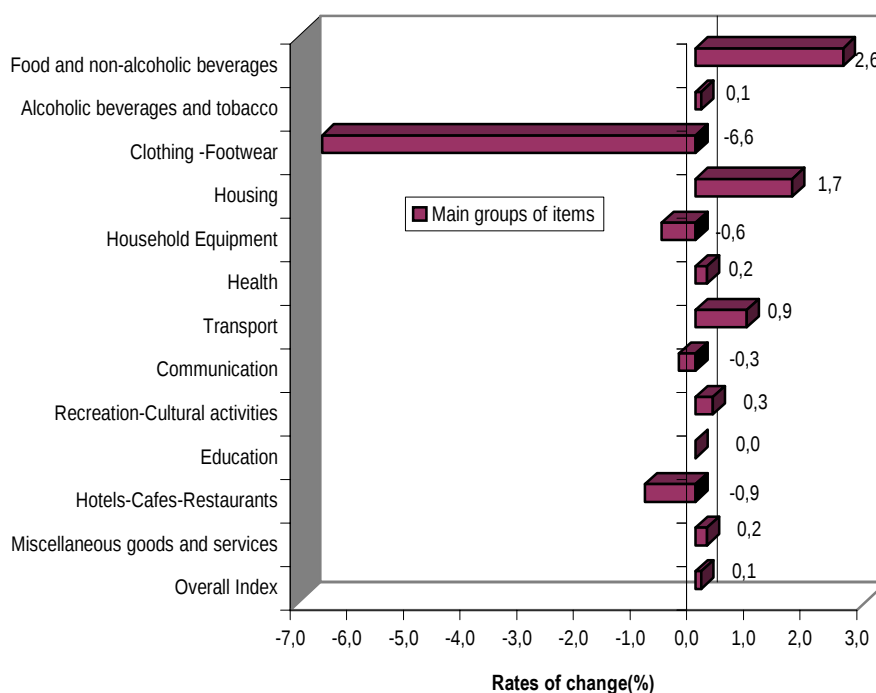
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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 February 2003 and January 2003



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between February 2003 and February 2002.

