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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

MARCH 2003

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2003 as compared to March 2002, increased by 4,1%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,0%.

The CPI in March 2003 as compared to February 2003 increased by 2,3%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 2,5%.

In the twelve-months, April 02 - March 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 – March 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 (%)
			Mar.	Feb.		Mar.	Feb.	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	120,3	118,4	1,6	114,9	114,2	0,6
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	120,4	120,4	0,1	115,7	113,5	1,9
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	114,6	97,6	17,5	112,3	96,1	16,8
4	Housing	117,13	121,0	119,7	1,1	112,2	111,2	0,9
5	Household Equipment	86,41	107,8	104,3	3,4	106,2	102,1	4,0
6	Health	69,07	114,8	114,4	0,3	109,2	108,3	0,9
7	Transport	129,81	110,4	110,6	-0,2	105,4	104,3	1,1
8	Communication	37,55	80,6	82,2	-2,0	85,2	85,2	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	110,4	110,3	0,2	106,9	106,5	0,4
10	Education	27,43	114,4	114,4	0,0	109,4	109,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	120,3	119,9	0,3	115,1	113,3	1,6
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	113,5	112,5	0,9	109,7	109,4	0,2
Overall Index		1000,00	114,5	112,0	2,3	110,0	107,3	2,5

Consumer Price Index – March 2003
Annual rates of change
1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2002	2001		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	114,9	106,2	8,1	1,51
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	115,7	107,1	8,0	0,32
3	Clothing and Footwear	112,3	108,2	3,8	0,39
4	Housing	112,2	109,6	2,4	0,3
5	Household Equipment	106,2	104,1	2,0	0,17
6	Health	109,2	105,0	4,0	0,28
7	Transport	105,4	105,4	0,1	0,01
8	Communication	85,2	89,2	-4,5	-0,14
9	Recreation and Culture	106,9	104,1	2,7	0,13
10	Education	109,4	105,6	3,6	0,10
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	115,1	106,9	7,7	0,75
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	109,7	106,1	3,4	0,22
Overall Index		110,0	105,8	4,0	

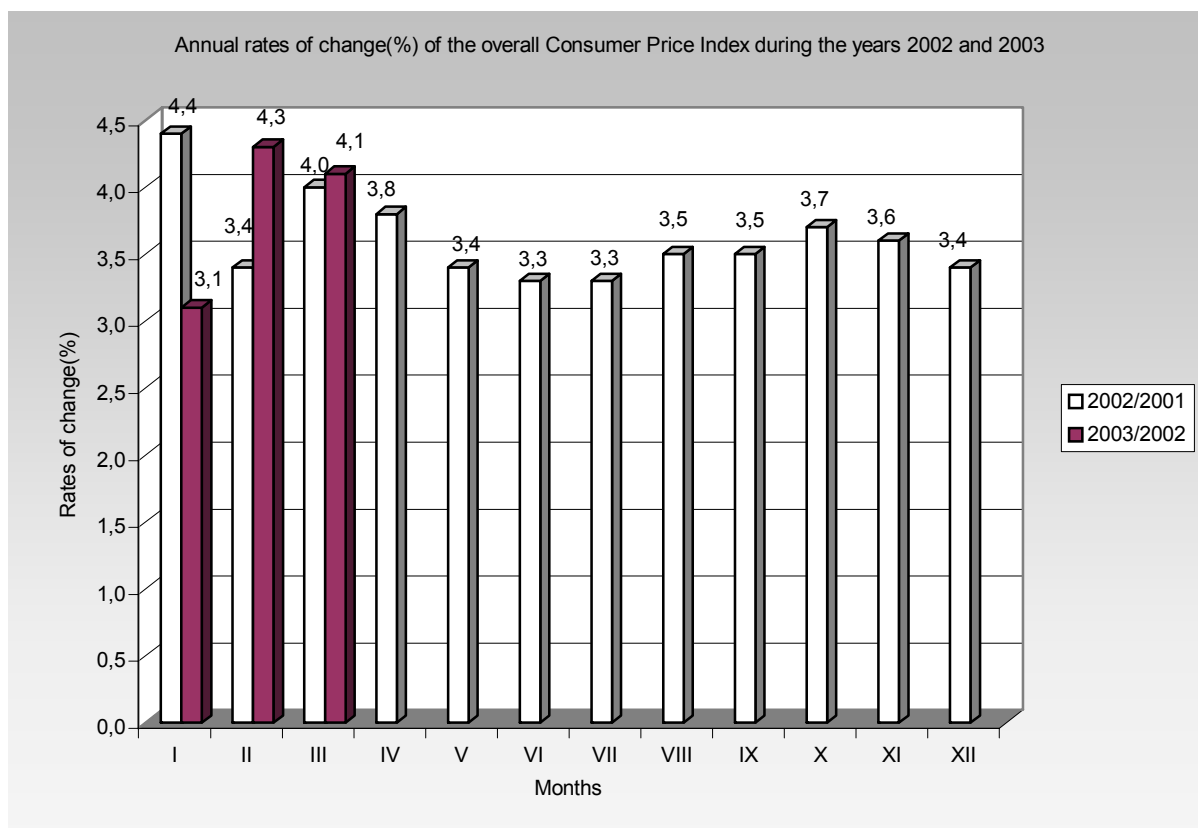
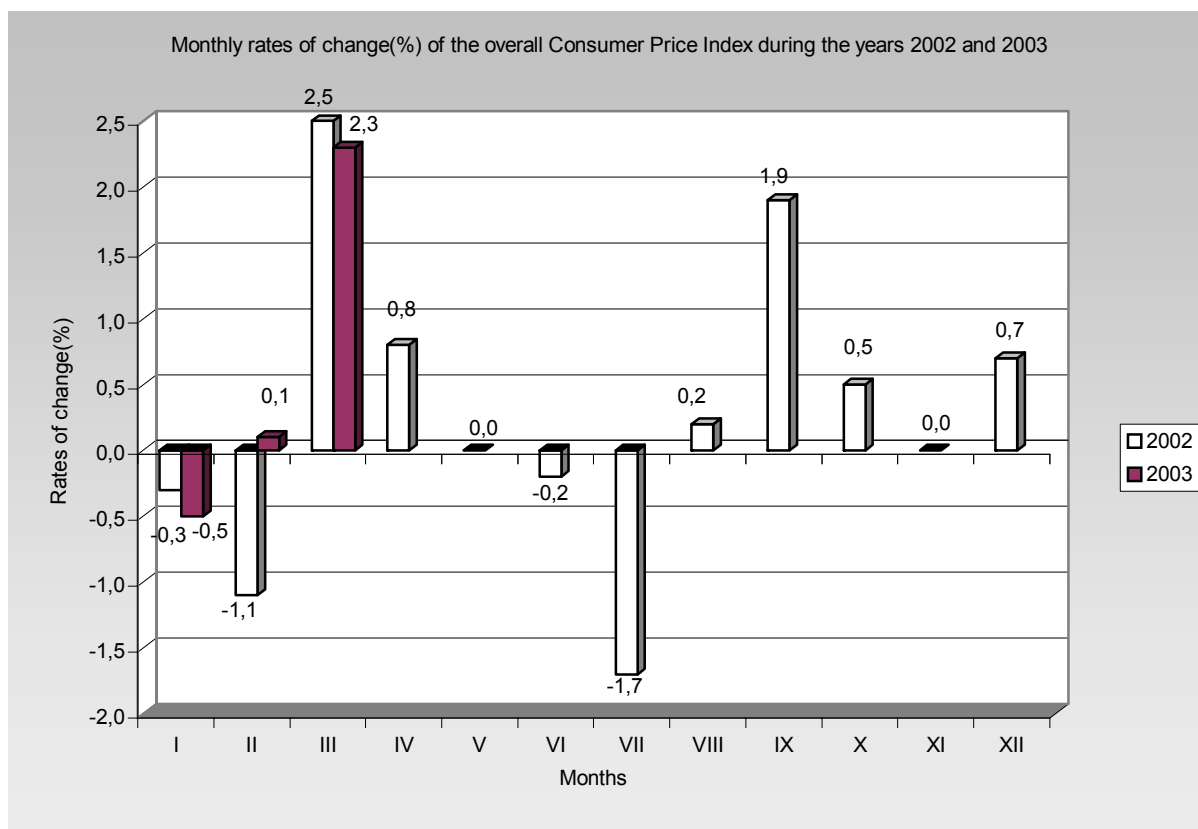
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Main groups of goods and services		March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	120,3	114,9	4,7	0,91
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,4	115,7	4,1	0,17
3	Clothing and Footwear	114,6	112,3	2,1	0,21
4	Housing	121,0	112,2	7,8	0,93
5	Household Equipment	107,8	106,2	1,5	0,12
6	Health	114,8	109,2	5,1	0,35
7	Transport	110,4	105,4	4,7	0,58
8	Communication	80,6	85,2	-5,5	-0,16
9	Recreation and Culture	110,4	106,9	3,3	0,16
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	120,3	115,1	4,5	0,46
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113,5	109,7	3,5	0,22
Overall Index		114,5	110,0	4,1	

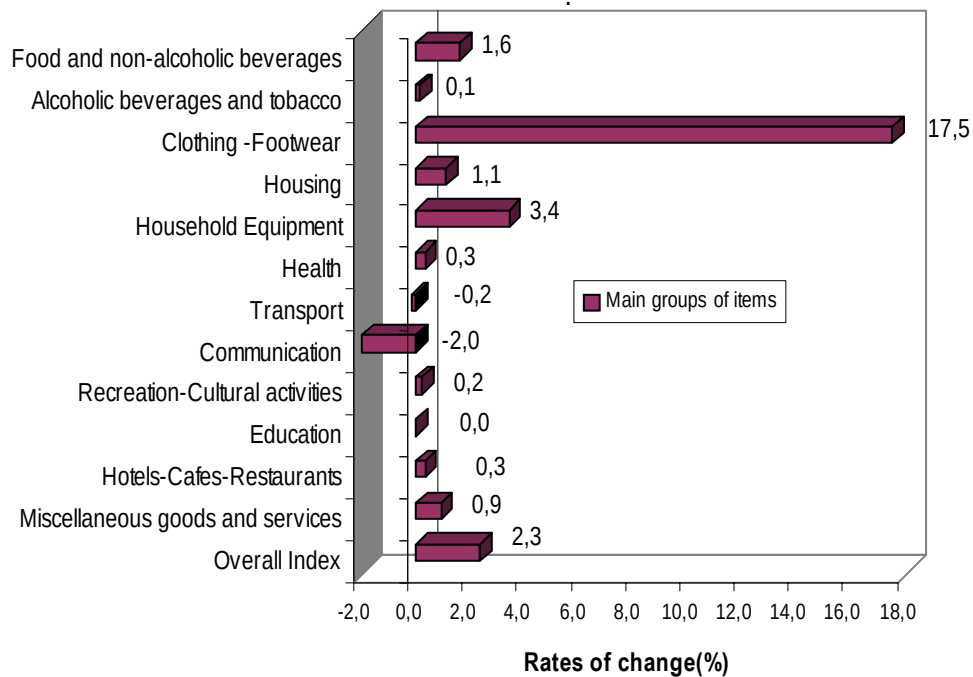
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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 March 2003 and February 2003



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

