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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MAY 2004**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May 2004 as compared to May 2003, increased by 2,9%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,8%.

The CPI in May 2004 as compared to April 2004 increased by 0,4%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was also 0,4 %.

In the twelve-months, June 03 - May 04 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,1%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6%.

Consumer Price Index – May 2004
Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0

	Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2004		Rate of change (%)	2003		Rate of change (%)
			May	April		May	April	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	122,8	122,3	0,4	124,0	121,8	1,7
<u>2</u>	<u>Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco</u>	<u>38,87</u>	129,3	<u>129,2</u>	0,1	120,5	120,5	0,0
³	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	120,4	119,0	1,2	116,1	114,7	1,2
4	Housing	117,13	123,6	123,3	0,3	117,6	117,3	0,3
5	Household Equipment	86,41	110,4	110,2	0,2	108,6	108,1	0,4
6	Health	69,07	120,7	120,3	0,3	115,6	115,4	0,2
7	Transport	129,81	114,6	113,0	1,4	108,6	109,7	-1,0
8	Communication	37,55	77,9	77,9	0,0	80,5	80,5	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	114,2	114,0	0,2	110,9	110,8	0,1
10	Education	27,43	119,4	119,4	0,0	114,4	114,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	127,4	127,6	-0,2	122,2	122,4	-0,2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	116,6	116,5	0,1	114,3	114,2	0,1
	Overall Index	1000,00	118,5	117,9	0,4	115,1	114,6	0,4

Consumer Price Index –May 2004

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		May		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	124,0	112,4	10,3	1,92
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,5	119,9	0,5	0,02
3	Clothing and Footwear	116,1	113,7	2,1	0,21
4	Housing	117,6	113,8	3,4	0,40
5	Household Equipment	108,6	106,5	2,0	0,16
6	Health	115,6	110,4	4,7	0,32
7	Transport	108,6	107,8	0,8	0,10
8	Communication	80,5	85,1	-5,4	-0,15
9	Recreation and Culture	110,9	107,5	3,1	0,15
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	122,2	118,4	3,2	0,33
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114,3	110,4	3,6	0,23
Overall Index		115,1	110,8	3,8	

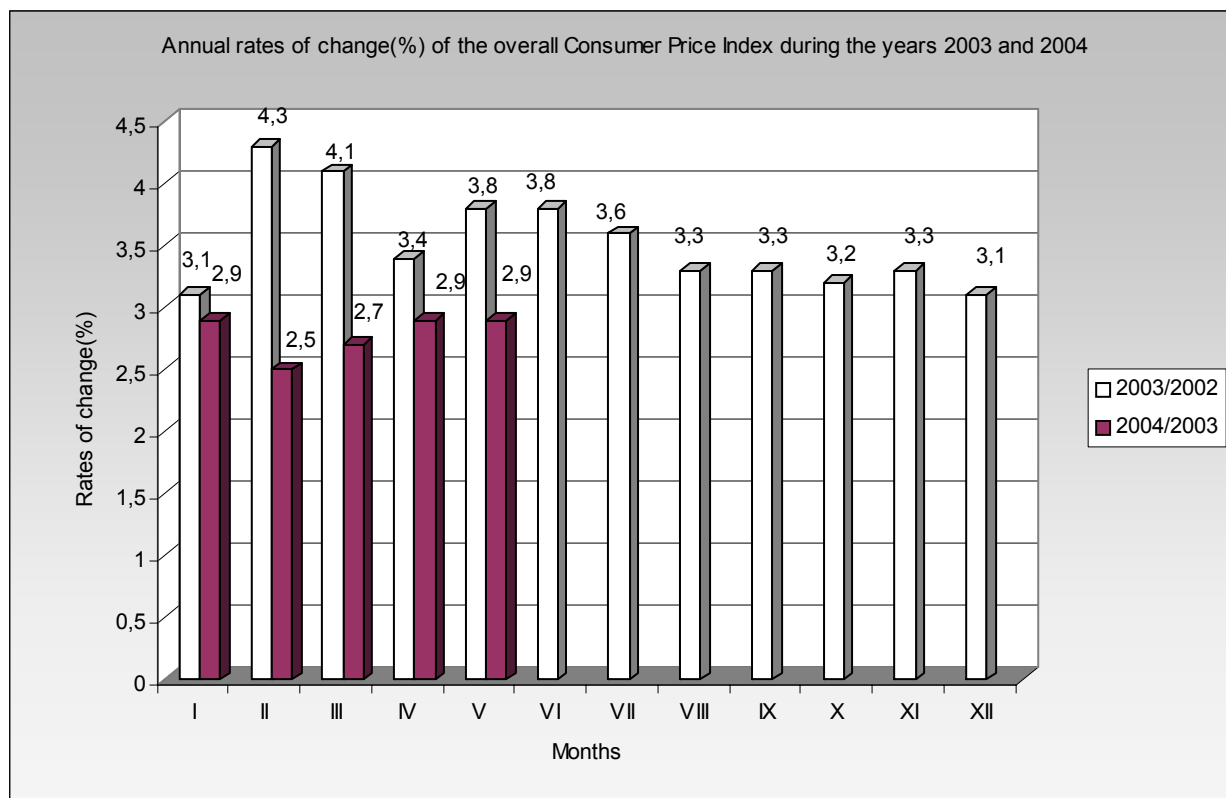
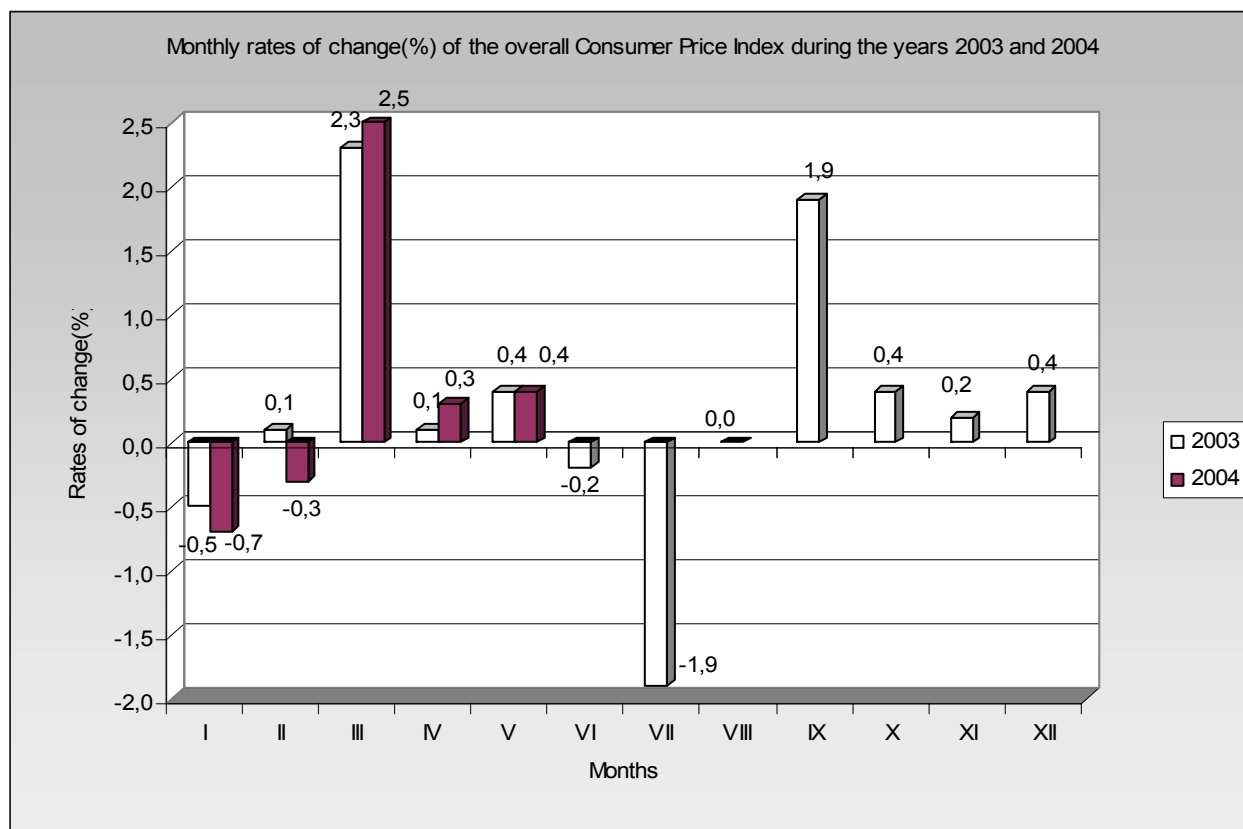
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Main groups of goods and services		May		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,8	124,0	-1,0	-0,19
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,3	120,5	7,3	0,30
3	<u>Clothing and Footwear</u>	120,4	116,1	3,7	0,37
4	<u>Housing</u>	123,6	117,6	5,1	0,61
5	<u>Household Equipment</u>	110,4	108,6	1,7	0,14
6	<u>Health</u>	120,7	115,6	4,4	0,31
7	<u>Transport</u>	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	

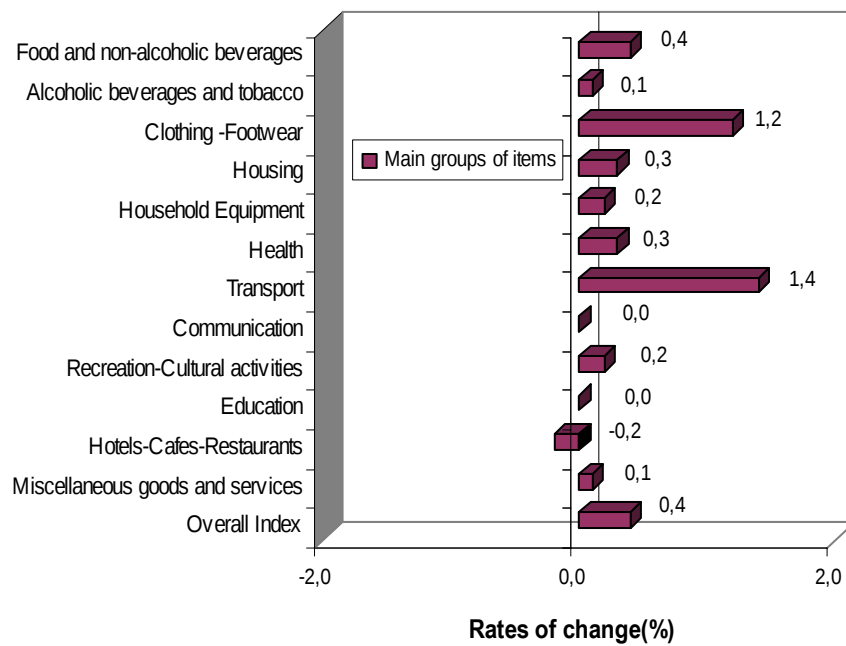
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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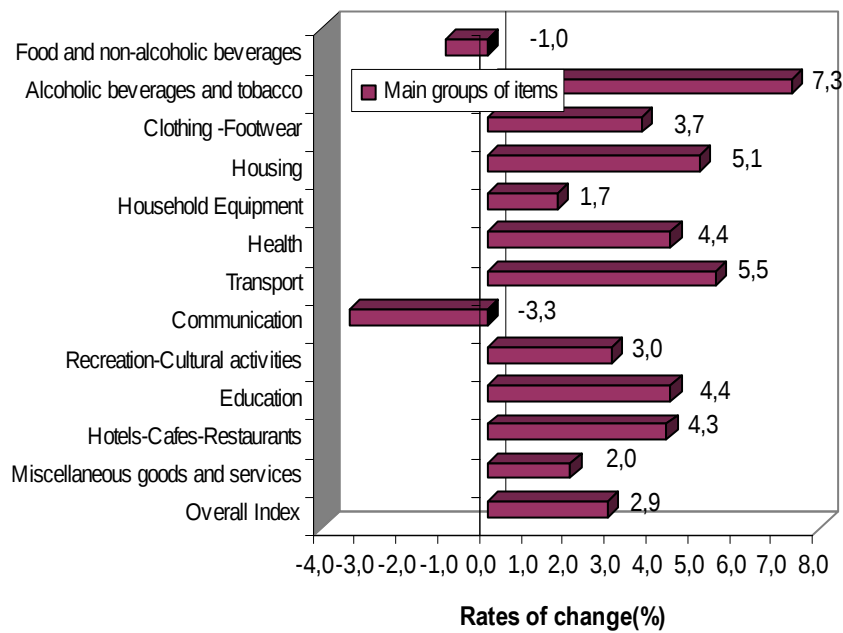
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between May 2004 and April 2004



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between May 2004 and May 2003.



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