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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
August 2005**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2005¹ as compared to August 2004, increased by 3,7%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,7%.

The CPI in August 2005 as compared to July 2005 decreased by 0,4%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was -0,2%.

In the twelve-month period September 04 – August 05 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,3%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 2,9%.

Consumer Price Index – August 2005

Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2005		Rate of change (%)	2004		Rate of change (%)
		August	July		August	July	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	117,7	116,2	1,3	116,1	115,4	0,6
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	133,7	133,7	0,0	129,4	129,4	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	99,06	109,7	117,2	-6,4	105,9	110,1	-3,8
4 Housing	117,13	135,9	135,7	0,1	124,4	124,3	0,1
5 Household Equipment	86,41	107,2	109,9	-2,5	105,4	106,9	-1,5
6 Health	69,07	126,5	126,5	0,0	121,4	121,4	0,1
7 Transport	129,81	121,5	120,4	0,9	115,3	114,7	0,5
8 Communication	37,55	77,5	76,7	1,1	77,8	77,8	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	49,01	116,3	116,5	-0,1	114,1	114,1	0,0
10 Education	27,43	124,6	124,6	0,0	119,5	119,4	0,1
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	132,1	132,1	0,0	128,4	128,1	0,3
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	119,8	120,2	-0,3	116,3	116,4	-0,1
Overall Index	1000,00	120,0	120,5	-0,4	115,7	116,0	-0,2

¹ It has to be notified that this year the general summer sales have started on the 18th of July instead of the 10th of July 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 August 2005.

Consumer Price Index – August 2005

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	116,1	116,9	-0,7	-0,13
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,4	123,5	4,7	0,20
3	Clothing and Footwear	105,9	101,8	4,0	0,36
4	Housing	124,4	118,2	5,3	0,65
5	Household Equipment	105,4	105,1	0,3	0,02
6	Health	121,4	115,7	5,0	0,35
7	Transport	115,3	110,9	4,0	0,51
8	Communication	77,8	80,5	-3,4	-0,09
9	Recreation and Culture	114,1	111,1	2,8	0,13
10	Education	119,5	114,4	4,5	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	128,4	123,2	4,3	0,45
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	116,3	113,7	2,3	0,15
Overall Index		115,7	112,6	2,7	

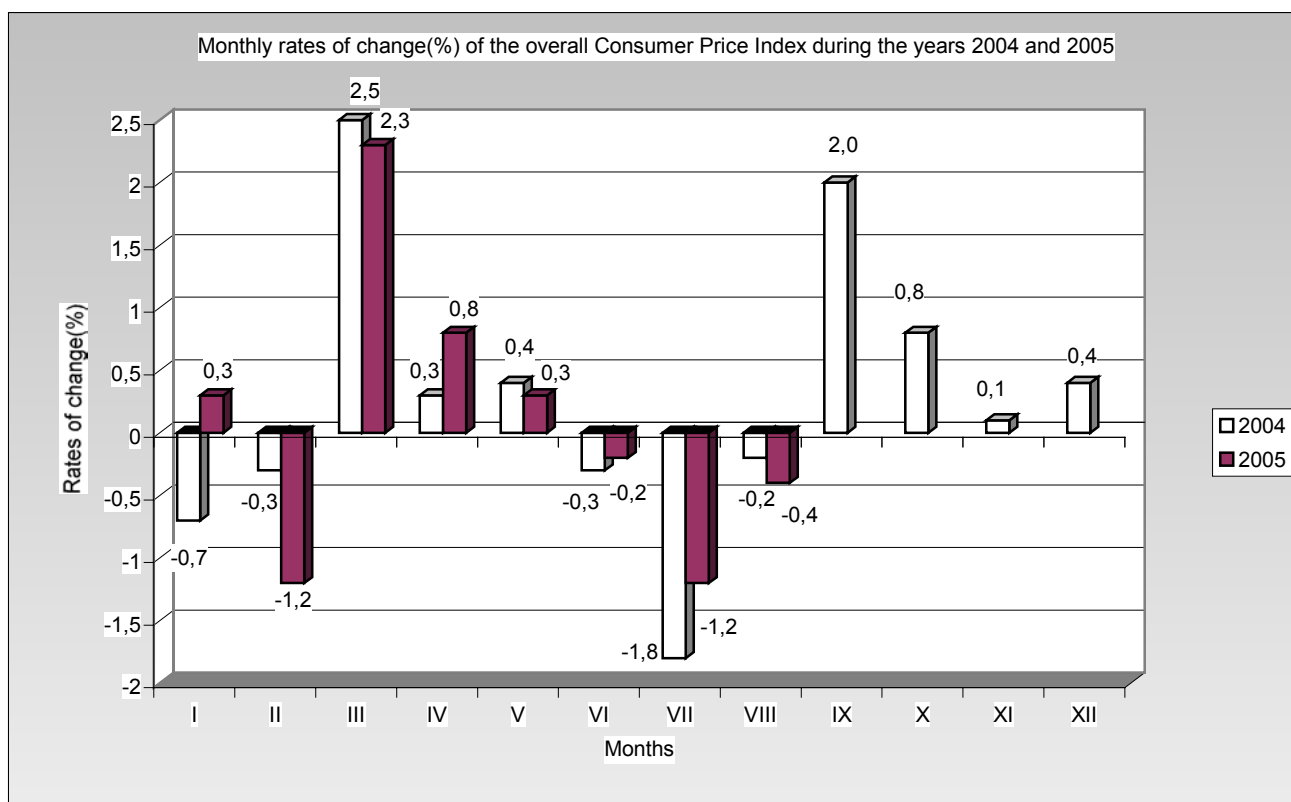
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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	117,7	116,1	1,4	0,26
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	133,7	129,4	3,3	0,14
3	Clothing and Footwear	109,7	105,9	3,6	0,33
4	Housing	135,9	124,4	9,2	1,16
5	Household Equipment	107,2	105,4	1,7	0,14
6	Health	126,5	121,4	4,2	0,30
7	Transport	121,5	115,3	5,4	0,70
8	Communication	77,5	77,8	-0,4	-0,01
9	Recreation and Culture	116,3	114,1	1,9	0,09
10	Education	124,6	119,5	4,3	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	132,1	128,4	2,9	0,31
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	119,8	116,3	3,0	0,19
Overall Index		120,0	115,7	3,7	

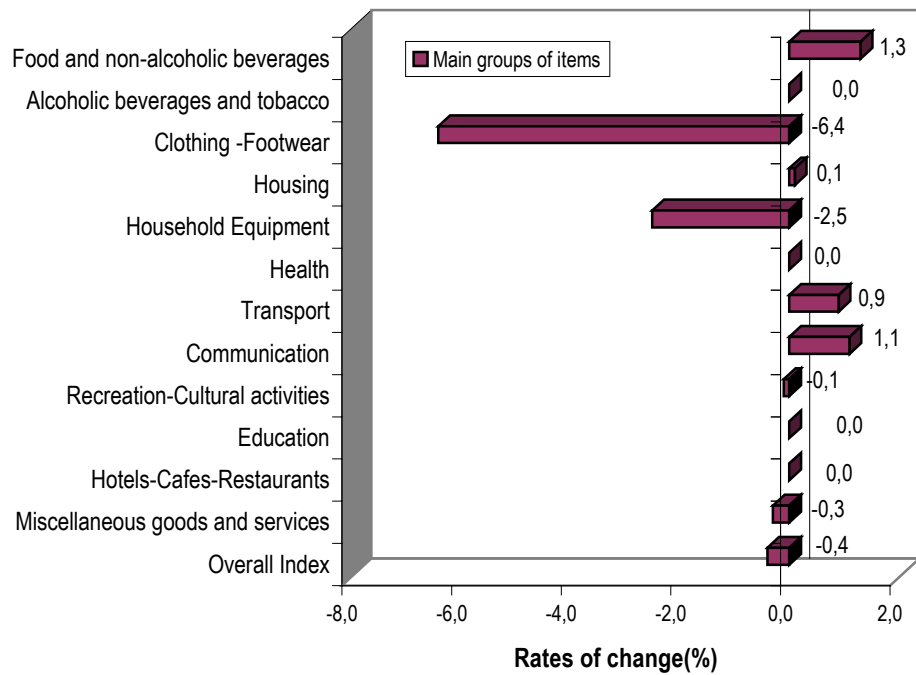
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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.

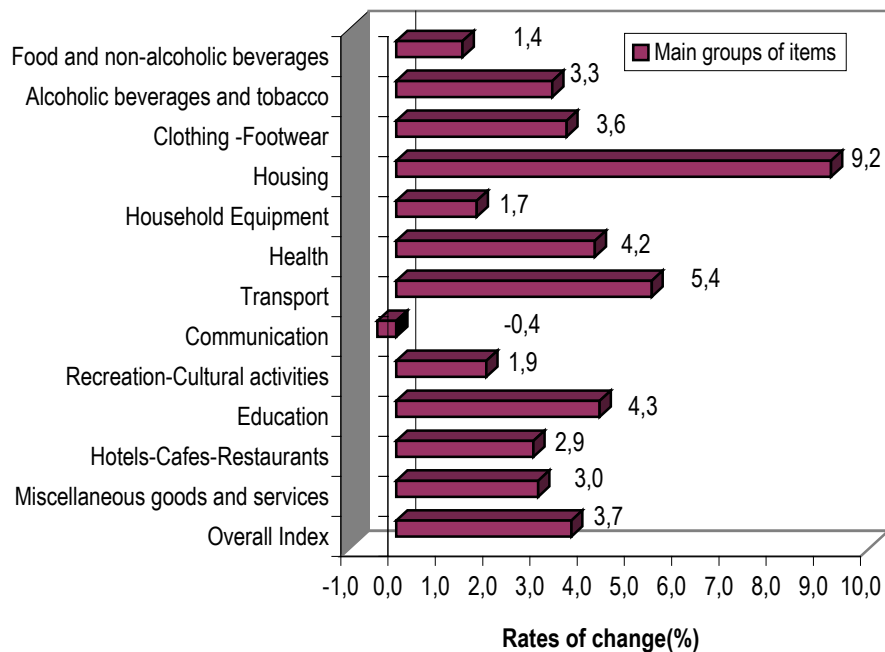
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2005 and July 2005



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2005 and August 2004.



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