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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
March 2005**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2005 as compared to March 2004, increased by 2,9%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,7%.

The CPI in March 2005 as compared to February 2005 increased by 2,3%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 2,5%.

In the twelve-month period April 04 – March 05 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,1%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,2%.

Consumer Price Index – March 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 (%)
			Mar.	Feb.		Mar.	Feb.	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	122,0	121,8	0,2	123,7	122,9	0,7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	129,5	129,4	0,1	129,2	128,9	0,2
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	123,0	106,1	15,9	118,9	100,1	18,7
4	Housing	117,13	133,7	130,2	2,7	122,3	120,5	1,5
5	Household Equipment	86,41	111,5	108,3	3,0	109,6	106,0	3,4
6	Health	69,07	124,5	123,7	0,6	120,0	119,6	0,3
7	Transport	129,81	116,5	115,6	0,8	111,5	110,4	1,0
8	Communication	37,55	76,7	76,7	0,0	77,9	77,9	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	116,0	115,7	0,2	113,7	113,6	0,2
10	Education	27,43	124,6	124,6	0,0	119,4	119,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	130,3	129,8	0,4	126,0	125,5	0,4
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	119,0	118,1	0,8	115,8	114,8	0,9
	Overall Index	1000,00	121,0	118,3	2,3	117,6	114,8	2,5

Consumer Price Index – March 2005

Annual rates of change

1999=100,0

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	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	123,7	120,3	2,8	0,55
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,2	120,4	7,2	0,30
3	Clothing and Footwear	118,9	114,6	3,7	0,37
4	Housing	122,3	121,0	1,1	0,13
5	Household Equipment	109,6	107,8	1,7	0,14
6	Health	120,0	114,8	4,5	0,31
7	Transport	111,5	110,4	1,0	0,13
8	Communication	77,9	80,6	-3,3	-0,09
9	Recreation and Culture	113,7	110,4	3,0	0,14
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	126,0	120,3	4,7	0,48
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	115,8	113,5	2,0	0,13
Overall Index		117,6	114,5	2,7	

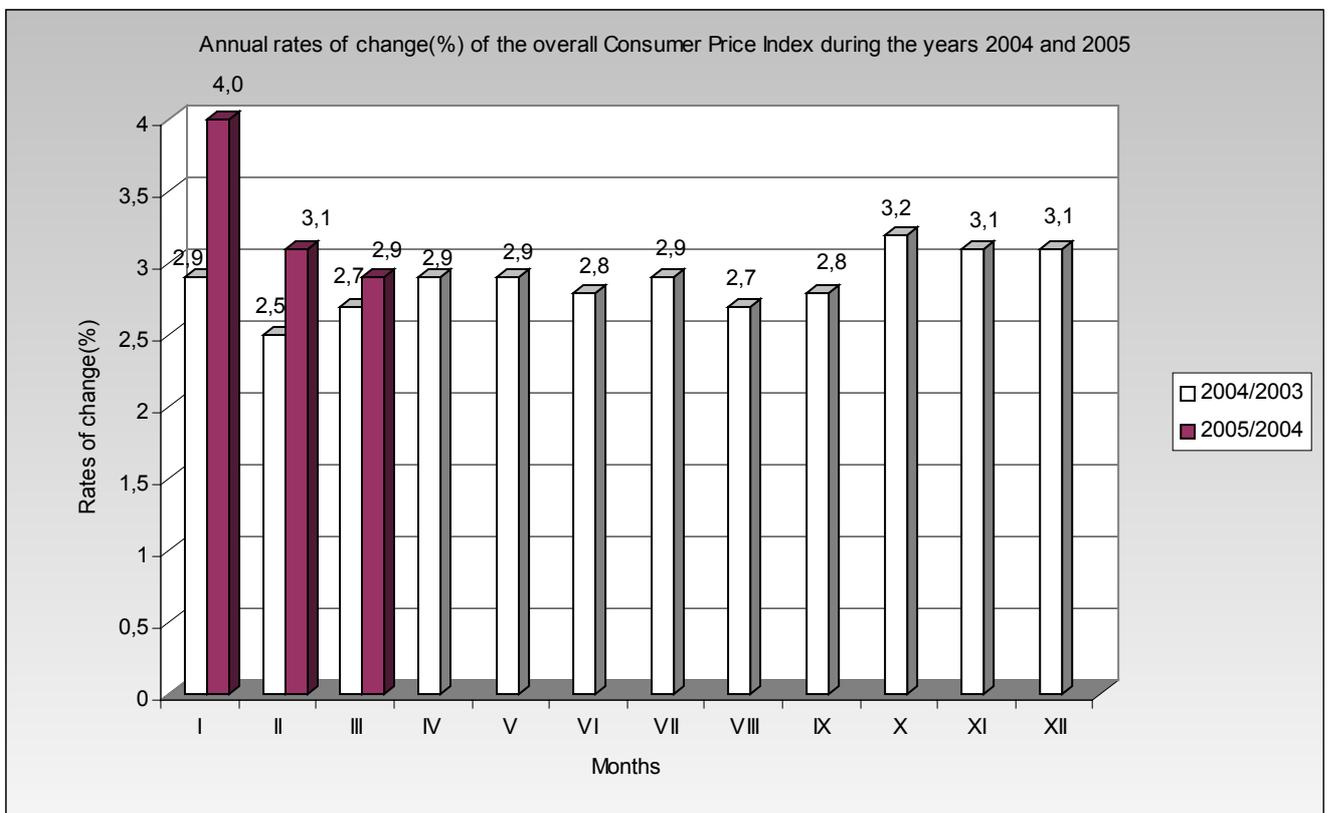
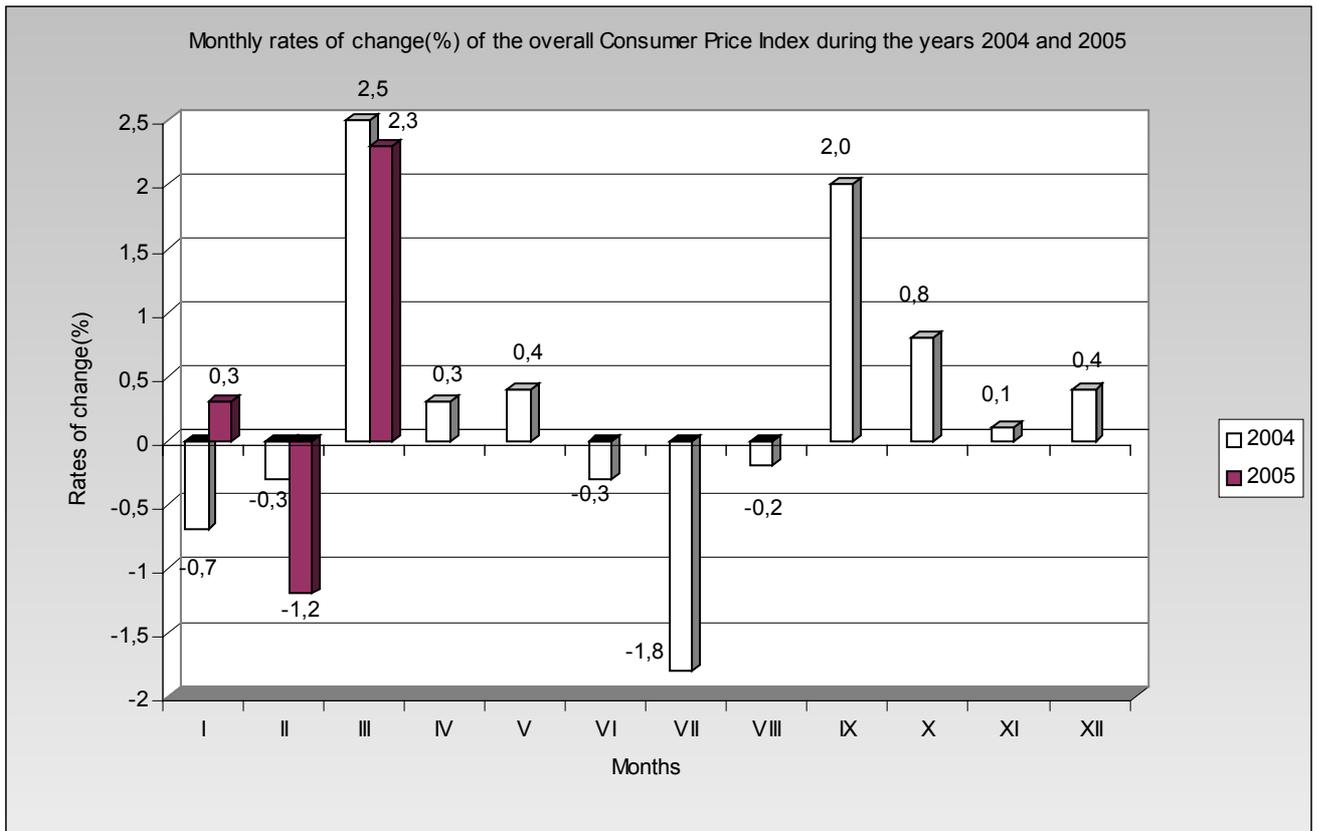
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	Main groups of goods and services	March		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,0	123,7	-1,3	-0,26
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129,5	129,2	0,3	0,01
3	Clothing and Footwear	123,0	118,9	3,5	0,35
4	Housing	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	

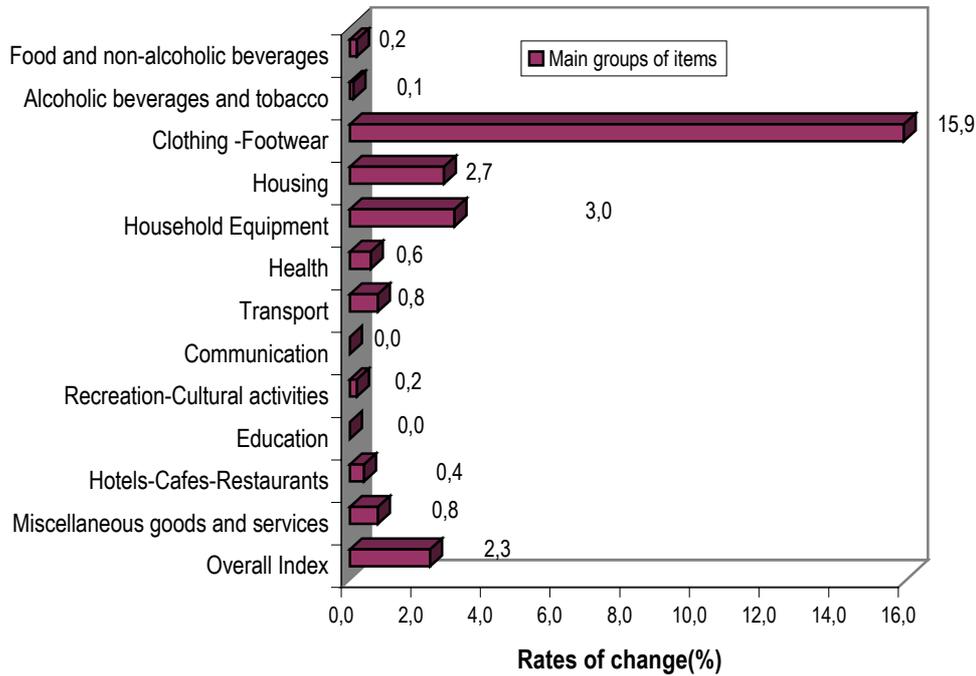
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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.

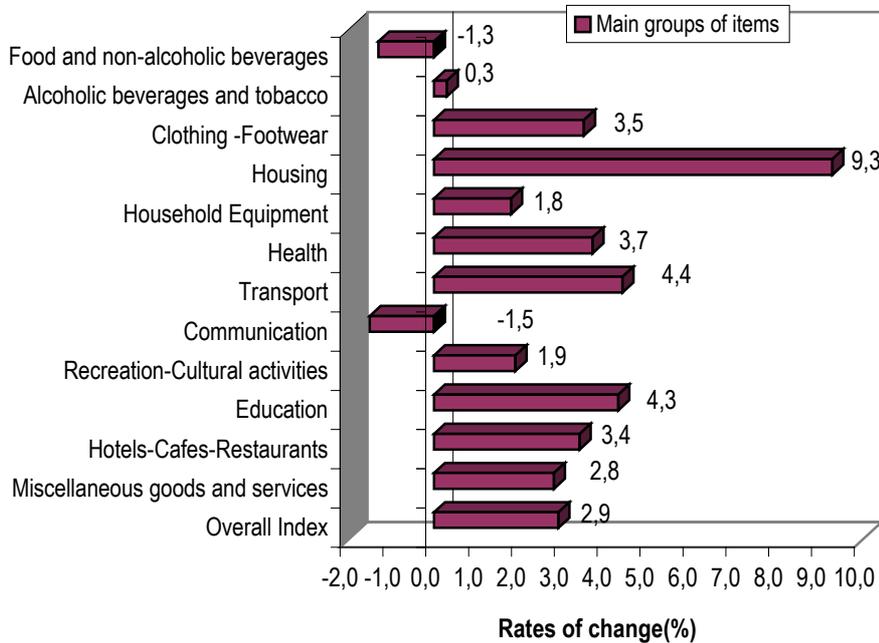
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2005 and February 2005



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



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