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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2005 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September, 2005 was 114.1 representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3 % over the Index for August, 2005.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—September, 2005 over that for the period January—September, 2004 was 6.9%. This compares with an increase of 3.3% observed in the average All Items Index for January—September 2004 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2003.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 153.0 in August, 2005 to 154.9 in September 2005, an increase of 1.2%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of sweet potatoes, yams, oranges, pawpaw, christophene, grapefruit, Irish potatoes, plantain, ripe bananas, green bananas, cabbage, and dasheen. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in carrots, tomatoes, limes, melongene, lettuce, sweet and hot peppers.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September 2005, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2005 compared with August, 2005 indicated an increase in Clothing and Footwear, 0.1%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Health, 0.1%. Price changes in these sections, for the month of September 2005 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2005, compared with those of September, 2004 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September 2005—September 2004
All Items	6.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	23.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	-1.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.8
Home Ownership	1.6
Rent	6.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	4.6
Transport	2.1
Communication	-9.1
Recreation and Culture	11.1
Education	4.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	7.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3

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Figures for September, 2005

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>1000</b>															
2003	101.9	108.4	99.8	98.8	100.5	101.2	100.3	100.6	101.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.2	100.4	
2004	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.4	105.9	101.7	100.1	103.8	105.3	100.5	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9	
<b>Average</b>																
January - September 2004	104.8	119.1	102.3	94.0	102.6	105.4	101.6	99.9	103.3	104.4	100.3	100.3	103.0	103.5	100.7	
January - September 2005	112.0	146.7	106.0	91.8	105.6	111.5	102.3	100.7	107.4	108.0	107.7	105.8	102.7	109.6	102.7	
2004																
January	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	104.8	100.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
February	103.4	114.8	101.5	94.7	101.1	104.8	101.4	100.2	102.6	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
March	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	104.8	102.0	100.2	102.7	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
April	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.1	102.9	105.2	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
May	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.2	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
June	105.2	121.7	102.4	93.8	102.8	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.7	103.7	100.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
July	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	106.2	102.0	99.6	103.8	105.9	100.7	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
August	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	105.9	100.7	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
September	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	104.2	106.2	101.9	99.6	104.3	105.9	100.7	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
October	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	105.1	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.2	107.7	101.1	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
November	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	105.1	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	101.1	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
December	108.9	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	101.1	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
2005																
January	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	105.1	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	105.1	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
March	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.6	105.7	107.7	105.1	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
April	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	106.1	106.1	103.3	108.5	103.1	
May	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	106.1	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.8	108.2	106.1	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	101.0	108.7	108.1	111.9	107.1	107.1	112.0	103.2	
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	101.0	109.1	108.1	111.9	107.1	107.1	112.0	103.2	
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.1	108.1	111.9	107.1	107.1	112.0	103.2	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.509.