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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2005 was 111.6 representing an increase of 0.4 points or 0.4% over the Index for March, 2005.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—April, 2005 over that for the period January—April, 2004 was 6.8%. This compares with an increase of 3.0% observed in the average All Items Index for January—April, 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 144.9 in March, 2005 to 145.0 in April, 2005, an increase of 0.1%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of paw paw, chive, sweet potatoes, dasheen, whole chicken, pumpkin, and limes. Partly offsetting these increases were decreases in the prices of cucumbers, tomatoes, celery, hot peppers, ochros, sweet peppers, fish (king, carite), bodie and melongene.

Price changes in this section, for the month of April, 2005, accounted for a net overall increase of .02 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2005 compared with March, 2005 indicated increases in Clothing and Footwear, 0.1%; Rent, 1.2%; Health, 1.8%; Transportation, 0.5%; Recreation and Culture, 1.0%; Education, 3.7%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants, 0.1% and Miscellaneous, 1.4%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of April, 2005, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.38 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2005—April, 2004
All Items	7.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	24.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.5
Clothing and Footwear	-2.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6
Home Ownership	2.8
Rent	6.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	4.5
Transport	4.3
Communication	-9.0
Recreation and Culture	6.0
Education	4.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Service	2.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2005

Period	General Index		Section Indices																					
	All Items Sept 1993 = 100	All Items Jan 2003 = 100	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Clothing and Footwear			Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Furnishings, Household equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House						Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
	1000	1000	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	53	25	180	25	180	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36					
Weights			262	180	24	58	53	25	180	180	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36						
Annual Average																								
2003	153.6	101.9	100.5	100.5	101.2	100.3	98.8	99.8	108.4	108.4	100.6	101.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.2	100.4						
2004	159.3	105.7	103.2	103.4	105.9	101.7	93.4	102.8	122.3	122.3	100.1	103.8	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9						
Average																								
January - April 2004	156.4	103.6	101.6	101.1	104.9	101.5	94.6	101.6	115.3	115.3	100.1	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	102.2	100.8						
January - April 2005	167.0	110.7	105.5	106.0	110.5	102.1	91.9	105.6	141.7	141.7	100.6	106.1	107.8	87.4	104.3	108.4	102.1	100.9						
2004 January	155.9	103.3	101.0	100.5	104.8	100.8	94.9	100.8	114.5	114.5	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9						
February	156.0	103.4	101.1	100.5	104.8	101.4	94.7	101.5	114.8	114.8	100.2	102.6	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9						
March	156.3	103.6	101.2	100.5	104.8	102.0	94.4	102.0	115.4	115.4	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9						
April	157.4	104.3	102.9	103.0	105.2	101.7	94.4	102.2	116.4	116.4	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3						
May	158.3	104.9	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	94.3	102.3	119.9	119.9	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3						
June	158.7	105.2	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	93.8	102.4	121.7	121.7	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3						
July	159.7	105.8	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	93.3	102.5	121.1	121.1	99.6	103.8	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9						
August	160.1	106.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	93.1	103.0	122.7	122.7	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9						
September	161.0	106.7	103.9	104.2	106.2	101.9	93.3	103.9	125.7	125.7	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9						
October	162.2	107.5	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	92.6	104.3	127.9	127.9	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3						
November	163.1	108.1	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	91.4	104.4	131.8	131.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3						
December	164.3	108.9	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	91.0	104.0	136.0	136.0	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3						
2005 January	165.1	109.4	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	91.8	105.1	135.4	135.4	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7						
February	166.7	110.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	91.5	105.8	141.5	141.5	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7						
March	167.8	111.2	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	92.0	105.8	144.9	144.9	100.6	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7						
April	168.4	111.6	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.4	92.1	105.8	145.0	145.0	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1						

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.