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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 2007 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

The following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information:

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of July, 2007 was 133.1 representing an increase of 2.4 points or 1.8% over the Index for June, 2007.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–July 2007 over that for the period January–July, 2006 was 8.0%. This compares with an increase of 7.5% observed in the average All Items Index for January–July, 2006 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2005.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 213.1 in June, 2007 to 219.1 in July, 2007, reflecting an increase of 2.8%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of sweet potatoes, dasheen, irish potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, christophene, celery, onions, chive, canned vegetables, cheddar cheese and red fish. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in whole chicken, yams, melongene, hot peppers, avocado, limes, mangoes and apples.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2007 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.1 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2007 compared with June, 2007 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.3%; Health 1.0%; Home Ownership 0.1%; Rent 0.6%; Transport 1.9%; Recreation and Culture 7.6%; Hotels, Cafes, and Restaurants 2.6%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.9%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.2%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.7%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of July, 2007, accounted for a net overall increase of 1.3 points in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in July, 2007 compared with those of July, 2006 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2007–July, 2006
All Items	7.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	17.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.8
Home Ownership	4.5
Rent	4.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	4.2
Transport	5.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.3
Education	11.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	7.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for July, 2007

Period	Section Indices												
	All items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Transport, Communication, Recreation and Culture	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	1000	180	25	53	202	100	34	30	41	16	30	35	
Annual Average													
2005	112.9	130.4	100.0	91.0	105.0	105.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	100.1	100.1	101.4	102.0
2006	122.3	165.3	113.5	91.3	108.6	105.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	122.6	117.3	105.3
January 2005	111.4	144.0	100.0	91.0	100.0	100.0	111.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
January - July 2006	115.8	178.2	114.6	91.6	107.5	108.3	115.4	103.5	103.4	116.5	118.4	116.0	104.4
January 2007	129.4	200.2	131.0	92.0	112.0	114.4	119.5	105.3	105.0	123.4	132.9	124.1	109.7
2006 January	100.4	135.4	105.1	91.6	105.4	108.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
February	101.5	135.8	105.0	91.5	105.4	108.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
March	111.2	144.9	103.0	92.0	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
April	111.6	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
May	111.7	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
June	112.1	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
July	113.0	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
August	113.8	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
September	114.1	145.0	103.8	92.1	105.0	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
October	114.8	145.0	103.8	92.2	105.4	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
November	115.7	145.0	103.8	92.2	105.4	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
December	116.7	145.0	103.8	92.3	105.4	108.0	110.2	103.0	100.6	105.4	105.1	106.4	101.7
2006 January	100.3	108.7	108.7	91.0	100.9	101.4	111.0	102.4	102.0	112.2	108.1	114.1	103.8
February	101.7	109.0	109.4	91.0	100.9	101.4	111.0	102.4	102.0	112.2	108.1	114.1	103.8
March	116.5	172.8	110.1	91.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
April	115.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
May	120.8	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
June	121.0	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
July	123.3	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
August	124.0	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
September	125.1	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
October	126.3	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
November	126.8	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
December	127.5	174.1	118.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	103.8	102.4	113.3	109.1	114.4	103.9
2007 January	129.2	201.0	129.2	92.0	111.3	113.2	121.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
February	129.6	201.0	129.2	92.0	111.3	113.2	121.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
March	129.3	201.0	129.2	92.0	111.3	113.2	121.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
April	129.3	201.0	129.2	92.0	111.3	113.2	121.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
May	130.1	210.0	130.1	92.1	113.7	115.3	124.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
June	130.7	213.1	130.7	92.1	113.7	115.3	124.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4
July	133.1	216.1	133.1	92.1	113.7	115.3	124.5	105.4	105.4	119.2	117.7	119.4	105.4

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1983 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.008.