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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2016 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of September, 2016 was 105.0 representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for August, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2016 over the period January to September, 2015 was 3.1%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to September, 2015 over the period January to September, 2014 which was 5.6%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 111.2 in August, 2016 to 111.4 in September, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of channa, fresh whole chickens, tomatoes, fresh carite, irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, canned sardines, celery, hot peppers and fresh shark. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of melongene, cabbage, pumpkin, garlic, fresh steak (beef), cucumber, eddoes, grapes, fresh duck, and lettuce.

Price changes in this section for the month of September, 2016 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2016 compared with August, 2016 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, and Health of 2.0%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of September, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in September, 2016 compared with those of September, 2015 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2016—September, 2015
All Items	3.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.7
Home Ownership	-1.1
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	9.0
Transport	4.6
Communication	9.8
Recreation and Culture	1.8
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2016

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =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			
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2015 January	100.9	101.3	100.4	100.5	100.3	100.4	100.0	100.7	100.2	99.8	99.5	104.1	101.7	100.9	102.4	102.4
February	104.0	109.4	101.6	103.8	100.2	100.0	101.4	102.2	104.3	103.0	105.0	107.9	102.5	105.9	105.5	105.5
March	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	104.3
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	104.3
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	105.5
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	105.5
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	105.5
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	105.1
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	101.5	101.5	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	105.1
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	100.6	101.4	101.5	102.3	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	105.1
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2	105.2
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June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2	105.2
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September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.6	101.2	102.7	109.7	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1	106.1

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.