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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2013 (Base: January 2003 = 100)

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### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of December, 2013 was 214.7 representing an increase of 0.8 point or 0.4% above the All Items Index for November, 2013.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2013 over the period January to December, 2012 was 5.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 9.2% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2012 over the period January to December, 2011.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 547.6 in November, 2013 to 552.0 in December, 2013 reflecting an increase of 0.8%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochroes, limes, avocados, green pigeon peas, yams, melongene, watercress, bodi, tomatoes and carite. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumbers, sweet potatoes, dasheen, oranges, celery, christophene, mangoes, irish potatoes, chive/thyme and canned vegetables.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 2013 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2013 compared with November, 2013 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5% and Health 0.1%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.5%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2013 were negligible.

Changes in consumer prices in December, 2013 compared with those of December, 2012 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

| Sections  | Percentage Change<br>December, 2013—December, 2012 |
|---|--|
| All Items   | 5.6  |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                                      | 10.2   |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco                                       | 4.3  |
| Clothing and Footwear   | -1.3   |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels                      | -0.2   |
| Home Ownership  | -0.3   |
| Rent  | -0.1   |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels                               | 0.0  |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 0.2  |
| Health  | 3.4  |
| Transport   | 2.7  |
| Communication   | 0.0  |
| Recreation and Culture  | 3.9  |
| Education   | 3.1  |
| Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant  | 3.1  |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services                                      | 10.0   |

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| Period         | Section Indices               |  |  |                             |  |                    |       |   |  |           |               |                           |           |                                     |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|---|--|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                | All items<br>Jan 2003<br>=100 | Food and<br>Non-<br>Alcoholic<br>Beverages | Alcoholic<br>Beverages<br>and<br>Tobacco | Clothing<br>and<br>Footwear | Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels |                    |       |   | Health<br>Furnishings,<br>Household<br>Equipment<br>and Routine<br>Maintenance<br>of the House | Transport | Communication | Recreation<br>and Culture | Education | Hotels, Cafes<br>and<br>Restaurants | Miscellaneous<br>Goods and<br>Services |
|                |                               |  |  |                             | Total  | Home-<br>ownership | Rent  | Water,<br>Electricity,<br>Gas and<br>Other<br>Fuels |  |           |               |                           |           |                                     |  |
| Weights        | 1000                          | 180  | 25                                       | 53                          | 262  | 180                | 24    | 58  | 54   | 167       | 41            | 85                        | 16        | 30                                  | 36                                     |
| Annual Average | 174.9                         | 376.8                                      | 180.8                                    | 94.4                        | 125.6  | 122.6              | 142.1 | 128.1   | 113.5  | 139.8     | 78.5          | 138.5                     | 171.0     | 174.3                               | 128.7                                  |
| 2010           | 183.8                         | 416.2                                      | 190.0                                    | 95.0                        | 127.3  | 123.8              | 151.3 | 128.1   | 114.6  | 140.9     | 78.5          | 143.9                     | 174.8     | 177.7                               | 132.5                                  |
| 2011           | 200.8                         | 495.8                                      | 196.9                                    | 97.8                        | 130.3  | 127.0              | 159.9 | 128.2   | 116.6  | 143.6     | 78.6          | 149.0                     | 179.8     | 183.5                               | 135.7                                  |
| 2012           | 211.3                         | 539.1                                      | 203.2                                    | 98.2                        | 130.5  | 127.0              | 161.5 | 128.2   | 117.7  | 148.5     | 78.6          | 154.5                     | 188.6     | 189.9                               | 145.1                                  |
| 2011 January   | 182.1                         | 410.5                                      | 189.2                                    | 93.7                        | 126.5  | 123.1              | 148.0 | 128.1   | 114.0  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.1                     | 172.4     | 174.5                               | 130.5                                  |
| February       | 180.9                         | 403.4                                      | 189.9                                    | 94.2                        | 126.5  | 123.1              | 148.0 | 128.1   | 114.0  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.1                     | 172.4     | 174.5                               | 130.5                                  |
| March          | 179.7                         | 396.6                                      | 190.0                                    | 94.1                        | 126.5  | 123.1              | 148.0 | 128.1   | 114.0  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.1                     | 172.4     | 174.5                               | 130.5                                  |
| April          | 180.4                         | 399.2                                      | 189.7                                    | 93.8                        | 126.6  | 123.1              | 148.8 | 128.1   | 114.2  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.2                     | 175.7     | 177.6                               | 132.0                                  |
| May            | 179.7                         | 395.3                                      | 189.4                                    | 94.2                        | 126.6  | 123.1              | 148.8 | 128.1   | 114.2  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.2                     | 175.7     | 177.6                               | 132.0                                  |
| June           | 180.7                         | 400.9                                      | 188.8                                    | 94.0                        | 126.6  | 123.1              | 148.8 | 128.1   | 114.2  | 140.4     | 78.5          | 144.2                     | 175.7     | 177.6                               | 132.0                                  |
| July           | 182.6                         | 409.2                                      | 189.6                                    | 95.5                        | 126.9  | 123.3              | 151.5 | 128.1   | 114.6  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.7                     | 175.7     | 179.1                               | 133.0                                  |
| August         | 185.1                         | 423.3                                      | 189.8                                    | 95.1                        | 126.9  | 123.3              | 151.5 | 128.1   | 114.6  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.7                     | 175.7     | 179.1                               | 133.0                                  |
| September      | 187.5                         | 436.1                                      | 190.1                                    | 96.8                        | 126.9  | 123.3              | 151.5 | 128.1   | 114.6  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.7                     | 175.7     | 179.1                               | 133.0                                  |
| October        | 187.3                         | 431.3                                      | 190.5                                    | 96.0                        | 129.1  | 125.7              | 157.0 | 128.1   | 115.8  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.4                     | 175.4     | 179.6                               | 134.2                                  |
| November       | 189.6                         | 444.2                                      | 190.1                                    | 96.3                        | 129.1  | 125.7              | 157.0 | 128.2   | 115.8  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.4                     | 175.4     | 179.6                               | 134.2                                  |
| December       | 189.7                         | 444.5                                      | 193.1                                    | 95.7                        | 129.1  | 125.7              | 157.0 | 128.2   | 115.8  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 143.5                     | 175.4     | 179.6                               | 134.2                                  |
| 2012 January   | 194.4                         | 467.8                                      | 194.0                                    | 96.7                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 116.0  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 145.0                     | 175.4     | 180.4                               | 134.8                                  |
| February       | 197.5                         | 484.8                                      | 194.1                                    | 96.8                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 116.0  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 145.0                     | 175.4     | 180.4                               | 134.8                                  |
| March          | 196.1                         | 477.0                                      | 194.6                                    | 96.8                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 116.0  | 141.3     | 78.5          | 145.0                     | 175.4     | 180.4                               | 134.8                                  |
| April          | 201.6                         | 503.6                                      | 194.1                                    | 96.4                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 115.7  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 181.0                               | 135.4                                  |
| May            | 202.3                         | 507.3                                      | 194.3                                    | 96.7                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 115.7  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 181.0                               | 135.4                                  |
| June           | 200.6                         | 497.4                                      | 197.8                                    | 96.5                        | 129.9  | 126.7              | 157.9 | 128.2   | 115.7  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 181.0                               | 135.4                                  |
| July           | 202.3                         | 501.6                                      | 198.7                                    | 96.7                        | 130.3  | 126.9              | 161.4 | 128.2   | 117.1  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 185.3                               | 135.1                                  |
| August         | 199.8                         | 488.4                                      | 198.5                                    | 98.0                        | 130.3  | 126.9              | 161.4 | 128.2   | 117.1  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 185.3                               | 135.1                                  |
| September      | 202.0                         | 500.9                                      | 199.0                                    | 98.8                        | 130.3  | 126.9              | 161.4 | 128.2   | 117.1  | 143.4     | 78.6          | 147.9                     | 178.6     | 185.3                               | 135.1                                  |
| October        | 204.9                         | 509.0                                      | 199.2                                    | 99.4                        | 131.0  | 127.8              | 162.4 | 128.2   | 117.4  | 146.4     | 78.6          | 150.9                     | 186.4     | 187.3                               | 137.4                                  |
| November       | 204.9                         | 510.2                                      | 199.1                                    | 99.5                        | 131.0  | 127.8              | 162.4 | 128.2   | 117.4  | 146.4     | 78.6          | 150.9                     | 186.4     | 187.3                               | 137.4                                  |
| December       | 203.3                         | 501.1                                      | 199.2                                    | 98.7                        | 131.0  | 127.8              | 162.4 | 128.2   | 117.4  | 146.4     | 78.6          | 150.9                     | 186.4     | 187.3                               | 137.4                                  |
| 2013 January   | 208.5                         | 532.4                                      | 198.8                                    | 99.5                        | 130.0  | 126.4              | 161.1 | 128.2   | 117.5  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 148.0                     | 186.4     | 187.7                               | 136.4                                  |
| February       | 209.1                         | 536.4                                      | 197.9                                    | 98.4                        | 130.0  | 126.4              | 161.1 | 128.2   | 117.5  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 148.0                     | 186.4     | 187.7                               | 136.4                                  |
| March          | 209.6                         | 538.5                                      | 202.6                                    | 98.4                        | 130.0  | 126.4              | 161.1 | 128.2   | 117.5  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 148.0                     | 186.4     | 187.7                               | 136.4                                  |
| April          | 212.7                         | 550.7                                      | 203.7                                    | 98.6                        | 130.4  | 127.0              | 161.8 | 128.2   | 117.7  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 152.3                     | 187.9     | 188.8                               | 144.2                                  |
| May            | 213.7                         | 556.1                                      | 203.6                                    | 98.1                        | 130.4  | 127.0              | 160.6 | 128.2   | 117.7  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 152.3                     | 187.9     | 188.8                               | 144.2                                  |
| June           | 214.3                         | 560.0                                      | 203.1                                    | 96.8                        | 130.4  | 127.0              | 160.6 | 128.2   | 117.7  | 146.7     | 78.6          | 152.3                     | 187.9     | 188.8                               | 144.2                                  |
| July           | 210.0                         | 525.8                                      | 203.7                                    | 98.3                        | 130.6  | 127.2              | 162.0 | 128.2   | 117.8  | 150.4     | 78.6          | 160.7                     | 187.9     | 189.9                               | 148.7                                  |
| August         | 210.0                         | 525.9                                      | 203.4                                    | 97.7                        | 130.6  | 127.2              | 162.0 | 128.2   | 117.8  | 150.4     | 78.6          | 160.7                     | 187.9     | 189.9                               | 148.7                                  |
| September      | 208.0                         | 515.0                                      | 203.3                                    | 98.0                        | 130.6  | 127.2              | 162.0 | 128.2   | 117.8  | 150.4     | 78.6          | 160.7                     | 187.9     | 189.9                               | 148.7                                  |
| October        | 210.5                         | 528.9                                      | 203.9                                    | 98.7                        | 130.8  | 127.4              | 162.2 | 128.2   | 117.6  | 150.3     | 78.6          | 156.8                     | 189.1     | 193.1                               | 151.2                                  |
| November       | 213.9                         | 547.6                                      | 206.8                                    | 97.9                        | 130.8  | 127.4              | 162.2 | 128.2   | 117.6  | 150.3     | 78.6          | 156.8                     | 189.1     | 193.1                               | 151.2                                  |
| December       | 214.7                         | 552.0                                      | 207.8                                    | 97.4                        | 130.8  | 127.4              | 162.2 | 128.2   | 117.6  | 150.3     | 78.6          | 156.8                     | 189.1     | 193.1                               | 151.2                                  |

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 1.503.