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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 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 August, 2016 was 104.9 representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for July, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2016 over the period January to August, 2015 was 3.2%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to August, 2015 over the period January to August, 2014 which was 5.6%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 110.7 in July, 2016 to 111.2 in August, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of bodi, cereals, eddoes, pumpkin fresh chicken, green sweet pepper, tomatoes, curry, oranges and pasteurized milk. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh king fish, celery, dasheen, fresh cavali, melongene, irish potatoes, ochroes, culinary herbs and seasoning mix, cabbage and parboiled rice.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2016 compared with July, 2016 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.1% and Health of 1.7%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

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

| Sections | Percentage Change August, 2016—August, 2015 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| All Items | 3.1 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 7.3 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 0.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 2.5 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | -0.6 |
| 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 | 7.1 |
| Transport | 4.5 |
| 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 August, 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 | |
| | | | | | Total | Home- ownership | Rent | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | | | | | | | | | |
| Weights | 1000 | 173 | 9 | 57 | 275 | 193 | 22 | 60 | 67 | 41 | 147 | 45 | 66 | 10 | 25 | 85 | |
| Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January - August 2015 | 100.7 | 100.9 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 103.8 | 101.6 | 100.9 | 102.2 | |
| January - August 2016 | 103.9 | 109.2 | 101.6 | 103.7 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 101.4 | 100.4 | 102.2 | 103.6 | 102.9 | 104.6 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 105.8 | 105.4 | |
| 2015 January | 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 | |
| February | 100.0 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| March | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 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 | 100.6 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | |
| May | 100.8 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | |
| June | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | |
| July | 101.7 | 103.6 | 100.5 | 102.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.2 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | |
| August | 101.7 | 103.6 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.5 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | |
| September | 101.9 | 105.0 | 101.8 | 102.0 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.7 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | |
| October | 102.6 | 105.2 | 102.0 | 102.3 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 101.7 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.5 | |
| November | 102.5 | 104.7 | 102.2 | 102.7 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 101.7 | 100.8 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.5 | |
| December | 102.5 | 105.0 | 101.1 | 102.2 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 101.7 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.5 | |
| 2016 January | 102.4 | 104.5 | 102.1 | 103.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.0 | 101.5 | 100.9 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| February | 103.4 | 109.6 | 101.9 | 104.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.0 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| March | 103.3 | 108.6 | 101.5 | 104.7 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.0 | 101.5 | 103.1 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| April | 104.2 | 109.2 | 101.4 | 103.2 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 103.1 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.2 | |
| May | 104.2 | 109.0 | 101.7 | 103.5 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 103.4 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.2 | |
| June | 104.4 | 110.4 | 101.5 | 102.9 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 104.2 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.2 | |
| July | 104.6 | 110.7 | 101.4 | 103.2 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 102.7 | 105.8 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| August | 104.9 | 111.2 | 101.4 | 104.3 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 102.7 | 107.6 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 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.