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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2017 (Base: January, 2015 = 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 the prices collected for the month of August, 2017, was 106.3, representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the the All Items Index for July, 2017.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2017, over the period January to August, 2016, was 2.1%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to August, 2016, over the period January to August, 2015, which was 3.2%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 112.3 in July, 2017, to 113.3 in August, 2017, reflecting an increase of 0.9%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, chive, celery, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), hot peppers, table margarine, white flour, mixed fresh seasoning, oranges and pimento. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh whole chickens, garlic, cucumber, parboiled rice, bodi, soya bean oil, macaroni, fresh shark, other kinds of cheese (not cheddar), and carrots.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2017, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2017, compared with July, 2017, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Health of 0.1%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, and Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2017, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2017, compared with those of August, 2016, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2017—August, 2016
All Items	1.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.5
Clothing and Footwear	-0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Home Ownership	0.0
Rent	1.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.0
Health	14.2
Transport	-0.3
Communication	0.2
Recreation and Culture	0.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	3.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2017

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															
2015															
January - August 2015	100.7	100.9	100.2	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	101.4	100.4	102.2	103.6	102.9	104.6	107.9	102.5	105.8	105.4
January - August 2017	106.1	112.1	107.5	105.9	100.0	99.6	102.6	103.9	121.7	104.2	108.4	108.8	102.5	110.0	107.3
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
February	100.0	100.0	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
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	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	100.5	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	100.0	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	100.6	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	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	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	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	101.7	100.7	98.4	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	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	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	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	101.0	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	102.3	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	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	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	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	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	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	109.7	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
October	105.2	110.7	101.2	107.1	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	112.8	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
2017															
January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
February	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.8	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4

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.