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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2020 (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 March, 2020 was 109.0 representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for February, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2020 over the period January to March, 2019 was 0.4%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to March, 2019 over the period January to March, 2018 which was 1.4%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 116.6 in February, 2020 to 117.4 in March 2020, reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of garlic; hot peppers; pumpkin; king fish—fresh; carite—fresh; cabbage; green (sweet) pepper; grapes; ochros and cheddar cheese. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of cucumber; tomatoes; other chilled or frozen chicken (parts); shrimp—fresh; table margarine; other pasta products (not macaroni); whole chickens—fresh; shark—fresh; milk based beverages and lentils.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2020 accounted for 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2020 compared with February, 2020 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, and Health of 0.2%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of March, 2020 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in March, 2020 compared with those of March, 2019 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2019—March, 2020
All Items	0.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.4
Clothing and Footwear	-3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	0.8
Rent	2.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.7
Health	1.1
Transport	-1.4
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-0.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 2020

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				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	107.0	115.4	107.3	100.4	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.4	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
January - March 2018	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
January - March 2019	108.5	115.8	107.9	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
January - March 2020	108.9	116.8	111.5	94.8	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
2018 January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
June	107.0	112.5	107.2	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.4	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
July	107.4	113.0	107.4	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
September	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.7	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
November	108.3	116.2	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
December	108.2	116.1	107.4	98.8	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	129.7	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
February	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
March	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
April	108.3	113.9	108.8	98.3	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	108.8
May	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.4	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	108.8
June	108.2	114.1	109.5	96.5	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	108.8
July	108.6	114.7	109.9	97.6	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
August	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.4	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
September	108.7	115.2	110.5	98.0	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	133.0	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
October	108.7	115.3	110.7	96.7	104.0	104.2	106.3	100.7	104.4	130.7	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
November	108.6	114.9	111.0	96.4	104.0	104.2	106.3	100.7	104.4	131.2	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
December	108.6	114.9	110.6	96.1	104.0	104.2	106.3	100.7	104.4	130.9	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
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February	108.9	116.6	111.5	94.4	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
March	109.0	117.4	111.8	94.7	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1

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.