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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2021 (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, 2021, was 109.9, representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for February, 2021.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2021, over the period January to March, 2020 was 0.9% which was also recorded for the previous period (January to February, 2021/January to February, 2020). This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to March, 2020, over the period January to March, 2019, which was 0.4%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 119.3 in February, 2021, to 119.8 in March, 2021, reflecting an increase of 0.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of garlic, ochroes, steak—fresh beef, whole chickens—fresh, parboiled rice, macaroni, bodi, soya bean oil, salted pigtail, salmon—fresh. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of tomatoes, potatoes, oranges, cabbage, melongene, melon, hot peppers, pimento, pumpkin and grapes.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2021, accounted for 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March 2021, compared with February, 2021, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5% and Clothing and Footwear of 0.6%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of March, 2021, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in March, 2021, compared with those of March, 2020, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2020—March, 2021
All Items	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	-3.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	0.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.1
Health	3.7
Transport	1.1
Communication	-0.2
Recreation and Culture	0.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for March, 2021

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	108.5	115.8	107.9	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
January - March 2019	108.9	116.8	111.5	94.8	104.2	104.4	100.7	100.7	104.3	132.4	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
January - March 2020	109.9	119.8	115.0	91.0	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	129.7	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	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	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	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
May	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.4	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
June	108.2	114.1	109.5	96.5	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.7	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
July	108.6	114.7	109.9	97.6	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	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	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	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	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	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	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
2020 January	108.9	116.5	111.1	95.3	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
February	108.9	116.6	111.5	94.4	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	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	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
April	109.1	117.8	112.0	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.5	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
May	109.0	117.6	111.2	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
June	108.8	116.6	111.5	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
July	109.0	117.3	111.1	93.3	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	134.5	106.8	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
August	109.2	117.9	111.9	93.4	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	135.7	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
September	109.5	119.9	112.4	92.8	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
October	109.5	120.4	112.5	92.7	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.7	136.7	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	92.3	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.0	106.8	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
December	109.5	120.1	113.4	92.1	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.2	106.8	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
2021 January	109.9	120.2	114.7	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.5	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
February	109.8	119.3	114.9	90.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
March	109.9	119.8	115.5	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	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.