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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2022  
(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 October, 2022 was 123.6, representing an increase of 4.6 points or 3.9% above the All Items Index for September, 2022.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2022 over the period January to October, 2021 was 5.4%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to October, 2021 over the period January to October, 2020, which was 1.8%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 141.5 in September, 2022 to 145.1 in October, 2022, reflecting an increase of 2.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, carite—fresh, pumpkin, white flour, hot peppers, cheddar cheese, table margarine, chive, celery and carrots. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of eddoes, garlic, melongene, ochroes, cucumber, milo, grapes, green sweet pepper, oranges and powdered milk—full cream.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2022 accounted for a net overall increase of 4.6 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2022 compared with September, 2022 reflected a decrease in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 4.0%. An increase was noted in Clothing and Footwear of 1.6%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 3.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 6.5%, Health of 1.1%, Transport of 6.1%, Communication 2.3%, Recreation and Culture of 5.0%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 7.4% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 6.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Changes in consumer prices in October, 2022 compared with those of October, 2021 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2021—October, 2022
All Items	8.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	12.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-1.7
Clothing and Footwear	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	6.6
Home Ownership	8.2
Rent	2.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	12.0
Health	3.0
Transport	13.4
Communication	4.0
Recreation and Culture	5.4
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	12.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	9.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for October, 2022

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Period	Section Indices											Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport		Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
<b>Average</b>	109.1	117.8	111.7	104.1	104.2	107.2	100.7	104.4	134.1	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.3	112.2
January - October 2020	111.0	122.6	115.6	106.8	107.5	107.8	100.7	104.9	138.1	108.5	106.8	109.7	102.5	118.3	112.1
January - October 2021	117.0	134.1	118.5	113.6	116.2	108.3	100.7	111.0	141.5	115.4	109.5	109.6	102.5	124.2	115.0
2020 January	108.9	116.5	111.1	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
February	108.9	116.6	111.5	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	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
April	109.1	117.8	112.0	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.5	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
May	109.0	117.6	111.2	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
June	108.8	116.6	111.5	104.3	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
July	109.0	117.3	111.1	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	134.5	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
August	109.2	117.9	111.9	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	135.7	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
September	109.5	119.9	112.4	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
October	109.5	120.4	112.5	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.7	136.7	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.0	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
December	109.5	120.1	113.4	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.2	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
2021 January	109.9	120.2	114.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.5	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
February	109.8	119.3	114.9	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
March	109.9	119.8	115.5	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
April	110.3	119.6	115.5	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
May	110.5	120.6	116.1	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
June	110.8	122.5	116.2	110.0	106.5	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
July	111.4	123.1	115.9	110.0	107.9	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.1	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
August	111.6	124.6	115.1	110.0	107.9	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.2	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
September	112.1	126.8	116.3	110.0	107.9	108.8	100.7	104.7	138.7	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
October	113.8	129.6	116.0	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	139.9	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
November	113.6	128.2	116.0	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	141.0	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
December	113.3	127.0	115.6	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	140.2	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
2022 January	114.1	128.1	117.9	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.7	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
February	114.4	129.6	118.7	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.8	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
March	114.4	129.3	119.6	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	140.8	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
April	115.9	130.0	119.4	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.2	114.8	109.0	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
May	115.9	130.4	119.7	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.0	114.8	109.0	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
June	116.2	132.0	118.6	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.1	114.8	109.0	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
July	118.0	135.8	119.4	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	141.6	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
August	118.6	139.2	119.3	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	142.3	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
September	119.0	141.5	118.8	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	142.6	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
October	123.6	145.1	114.0	117.7	121.3	110.4	100.7	120.1	144.1	124.9	111.5	115.8	102.5	134.5	122.7

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.