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THE INFLATION RATE FOR MARCH 1996 DECREASES

The official inflation rate for March 1996, as measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index, is 6,3%. This rate is 0,2 of a percentage point lower than the corresponding rate of 6,5% for February 1996.

The monthly increase (i.e. from February 1996 to March 1996) in the Consumer Price Index is 0,8%, while the seasonally adjusted index shows an increase of 0,6% for the corresponding period.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MONTHLY INCREASE OF 0,8%

The monthly increase of 0,8% can be attributed to increases in the price indices for food (+0,2 of a percentage point), housing (+0,1 of a percentage point), recreation and entertainment (+0,1 of a percentage point), education (+0,3 of a percentage point) and all other items (+0,1 of a percentage point).

FOOD PRICES

The price index for food shows an annual rate of increase of 3,3% for March 1996. This rate is 0,2 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding rate of 3,1% for February 1996.

The monthly rate of increase, which is 0,8%, was caused by increases in the price indices for grain products (+0,4%), fish and other seafood (+0,8%), milk, cheese and eggs (+0,1%), fats and oils (+1,0%), fruit and nuts (+5,9%), vegetables (+2,1%), sugar (+0,5%), coffee, tea and cocoa (+0,1%) and "other" food items (+0,7%). These increases were counteracted by a decrease in the price index for meat (-0,4%).

THE MONTHLY INCREASE IN THE PRICE INDEX FOR ALL OTHER ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD IS 0,9%

The monthly rate of increase of 0,9% in the index for all items excluding food was caused by increases in the price indices for non-alcoholic beverages (+2,4%), alcoholic beverages (+1,1%), housing (+0,7%), furniture and equipment (+0,7%), household operation (+1,0%), recreation and entertainment (+2,0%), education (+9,3%) and personal care (+1,8%). A decrease occurred in the price index for "other" items (-0,1%).

INCOME GROUP INDICES

An inflation rate of 6,2% was recorded for the lower income group, 6,5% for the middle income group and 6,3% for the higher income group.

URBAN AREAS INDICES

The highest inflation rate of 7,4% was recorded for Pietermaritzburg, while the lowest rate of 4,8% was recorded for Free State Goldfields.

Regarding food, the highest monthly rate of increase of 1,5% was recorded for Cape Peninsula area while the largest monthly rate of decrease of 0,9% occurred in Bloemfontein.

INFLATION RATE FOR PENSIONERS

The inflation rate for pensioners is 6,2% for March 1996. The highest rate of increase of 6,8% was recorded for Pietermaritzburg and the lowest rate of increase of 4,6% was recorded for the Free State Goldfields.

FOOD INFLATION AS MEASURED AT CHAIN-STORES AND OTHER RETAILERS

Food prices at chain-stores show an annual rate of increase of 4,0% while food prices at other retailers show an annual increase of 2,0%. From February 1996 to March 1996 food prices at chain-stores increased by 0,9% and those at other retailers increased by 0,5%.

CPI FOR APRIL 1996

In addition to the normal price surveys for April 1996, it has come to the attention of the CSS that changed prices apply with effect from April 1996 with regard to certain urban areas' assessment rates and water tariffs as well as for magazines, newspapers and medical fund tariffs.

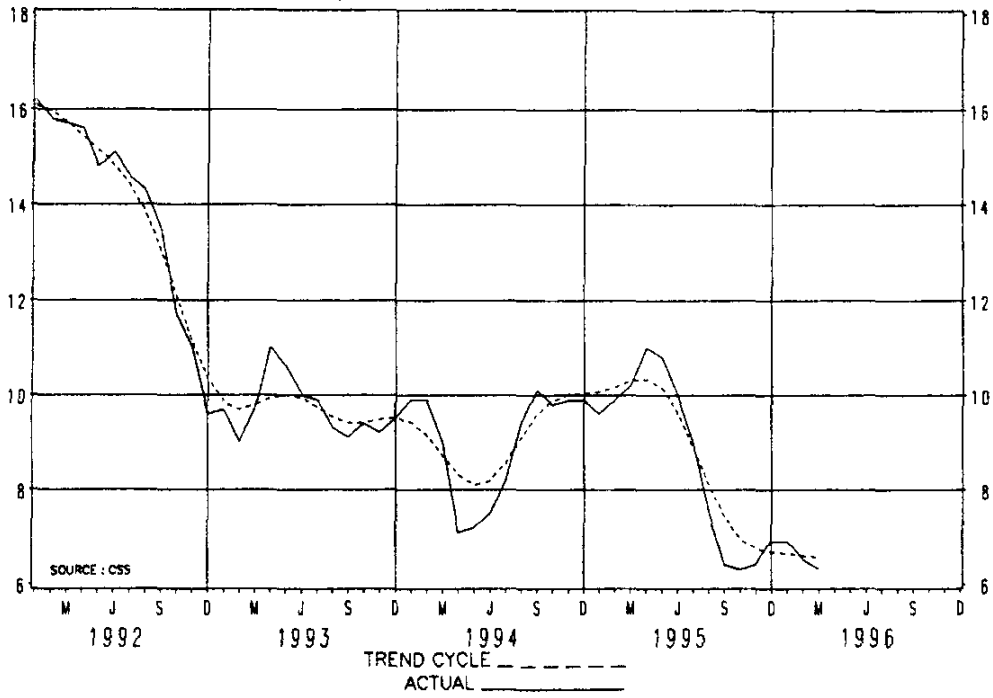
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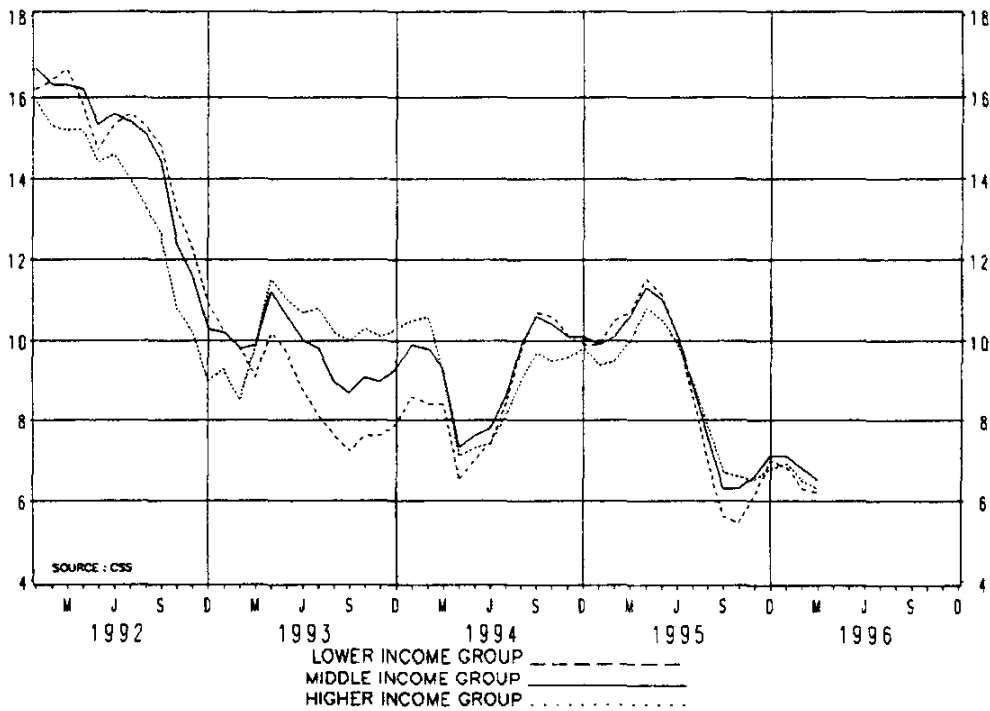
EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. All price information refers to the first seven days of the relevant month.
2. The Consumer Price Indices relating to different urban areas as shown in Table 4 do not permit inter-urban comparison of price levels or living costs. The indices do not indicate whether it is more expensive to live in one city than in another. The indices indicate for each urban area, independently of any of the other urban areas, the price changes which have taken place from time to time.
3. Consumer Price Indices have been compiled for the areas Pietersburg and Nelspruit/Witbank as from July 1994. Although prices are collected in each of the respective areas, the indices for June 1994 and the weighting structure of Pretoria were used as basis for the CPI for Pietersburg and those of the Vaal Triangle as basis for Nelspruit/Witbank. The weighting structure of the said areas will be used until the Survey of the Expenditures of Households has taken place in 1995, and the weighting structure for each of the new areas will then be determined accordingly. Furthermore, it should be noted that the indices for the weighted average have been calculated excluding the new areas. The new areas will be taken into account in the calculation of the weighted average as soon as a weighting structure for each has been brought into effect.
4. The indices for all items excluding food, Table 4.4, have been calculated for each area separately as from July 1994. These indices are calculated by means of the indices for all items and food of each area.
5. Value Added Tax (VAT) is included in general in the prices of all items on which VAT is applicable.
6. A more comprehensive description of the weighting system, seasonal adjustment, price collection methodology, etc., appears in the brochure "Inflation" as well as in the notes of Chapter 3 of the Bulletin of Statistics.

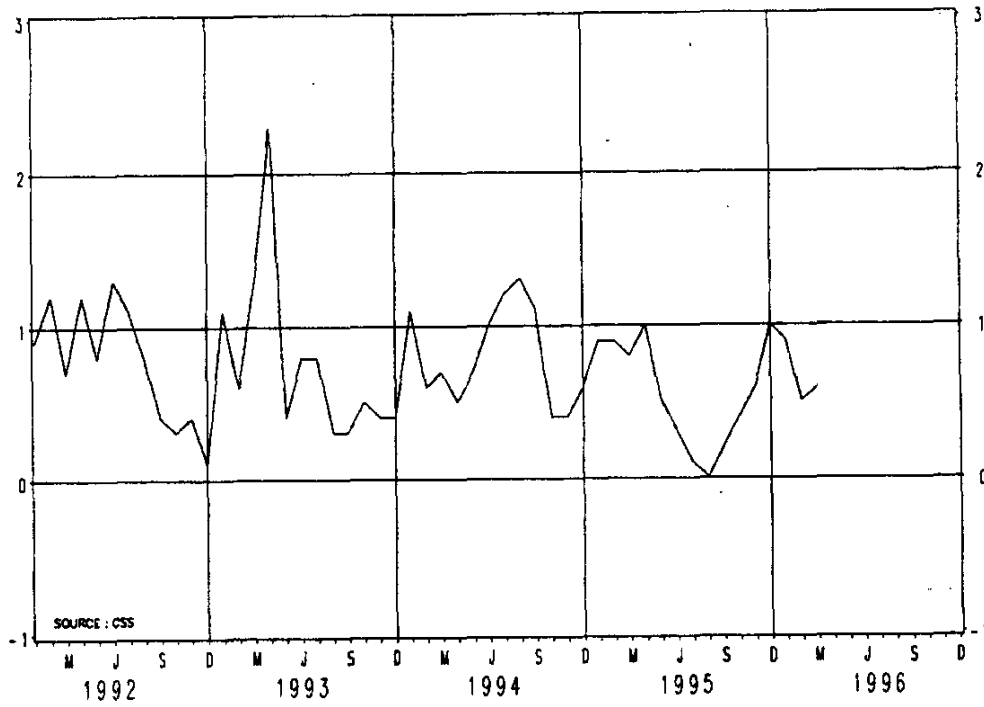
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ANNUAL CHANGE
PERCENTAGE



ANNUAL CHANGE
PERCENTAGE



MONTHLY CHANGE
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
PERCENTAGE



General Fig.

TABLE 1 INCOME GROUP INDICES AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE

BASE : 1990 - 100

Group	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Percentage change compared with		
				Feb. 1996		Mar. 1995
				Actual	Seasonally adjusted	Actual
Lower income group	177,3	175,9	167,0	+0,8	+0,6	+6,2
Middle income group	181,3	179,9	170,3	+0,8	+0,6	+6,5
Higher income group	178,0	176,4	167,4	+0,9	+0,6	+6,3
All income groups	178,4	176,9	167,8	+0,8 ¹⁾	+0,6 ¹⁾	+6,3
Food only	205,8	204,2	199,2	+0,8	+0,9	+3,3
All items excluding food	171,8	170,3	160,2	+0,9	+0,6	+7,2
All income groups (VAT EXCLUDED)	172,6	171,1	162,3	+0,9 ¹⁾	+0,6 ¹⁾	+6,3 ¹⁾

Index

month on month

year on year
inflation
etc.

1) On theoretical grounds and due to rounding off, these rates of change can differ.

TABLE 2 EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
- ALL INCOME GROUPS

Group	Contribution
Food	+0,2
Housing	+0,1
Recreation and entertainment	+0,1
Education	+0,3
All other items	+0,1
All items	+0,8

TABLE 3 GROUP INDICES - WEIGHTED AVERAGE
OF THE PRINCIPAL URBAN AREAS

BASE : 1990 = 100

Group	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Percentage change compared with		Weights
				Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	
All items	178,4	176,9	167,8	+0,8	+6,3	100,00
Lower income group	177,3	175,9	167,0	+0,8	+6,2	19,42
Middle income group	181,3	179,9	170,3	+0,8	+6,5	24,09
Higher income group	178,0	176,4	167,4	+0,9	+6,3	56,50
Commodities	182,5	181,4	174,7	+0,6	+4,5	57,92
Services	174,8	172,9	159,9	+1,1	+9,3	42,08
All items, excluding housing	189,0	187,4	179,4	+0,9	+5,4	79,46
All items, excluding food	171,8	170,3	160,2	+0,9	+7,2	81,36
Food	205,8	204,2	199,2	+0,8	+3,3	18,64
Lower income group	205,5	204,2	197,3	+0,6	+4,2	25,16
Middle income group	206,5	205,1	200,0	+0,7	+3,3	20,85
Higher income group	205,3	203,6	199,8	+0,8	+2,8	15,45
Processed	193,9	193,3	183,9	+0,3	+5,4	11,69
Unprocessed	215,8	213,9	213,6	+0,9	+1,0	6,95
Grain products	193,6	192,9	174,5	+0,4	+10,9	2,92
Meat	211,3	212,2	217,2	-0,4	-2,7	6,17
Fish and other seafood	185,9	184,4	175,1	+0,8	+6,2	0,70
Milk, cheese and eggs	179,0	178,8	170,1	+0,1	+5,2	2,28
Fats and oils	201,6	199,7	190,1	+1,0	+6,0	0,87
Fruit and nuts	289,1	272,9	271,5	+5,9	+6,5	1,18
Vegetables	226,1	221,5	217,6	+2,1	+3,9	1,88
Sugar	193,1	192,2	178,3	+0,5	+8,3	0,48
Coffee, tea and cocoa	191,1	191,0	187,5	+0,1	+1,9	0,59
Other	189,1	187,8	176,8	+0,7	+7,0	1,57
Non-alcoholic beverages	201,6	196,9	184,8	+2,4	+9,1	0,69
Alcoholic beverages	195,1	192,9	186,8	+1,1	+4,4	0,96
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	219,0	218,2	198,3	+0,4	+10,4	1,21
Clothing and footwear	145,5	145,1	140,3	+0,3	+3,7	7,02
Clothing	144,9	144,5	139,9	+0,3	+3,6	5,87
Footwear	146,8	146,4	141,2	+0,3	+4,0	1,15
Housing	135,7	134,7	121,2	+0,7	+12,0	20,54
Fuel and power	181,0	180,6	167,8	+0,2	+7,9	3,26
Furniture and equipment	142,9	141,9	139,1	+0,7	+2,7	5,50
Furniture	144,7	143,5	139,8	+0,8	+3,5	2,47
Appliances	144,4	143,9	142,7	+0,3	+1,2	1,57
Other household equipment and textiles	145,9	144,4	140,6	+1,0	+3,8	1,46
Household operation	209,3	207,2	188,1	+1,0	+11,3	2,57
Household consumables	187,0	184,9	172,0	+1,1	+8,7	1,37
Domestic workers	257,0	253,9	221,3	+1,2	+16,1	0,83
Other household services	196,8	196,8	184,1	0,0	+6,9	0,37
Medical care and health expenses	214,6	214,2	202,3	+0,2	+6,1	5,22
Transport	184,1	183,7	174,6	+0,2	+5,4	14,43
Vehicles	205,9	206,2	198,7	-0,1	+3,6	5,51
Running cost	165,3	164,1	157,0	+0,7	+5,3	5,76
Public and hired transport	174,4	174,4	158,7	0,0	+9,9	3,16
Communication	202,2	202,2	187,0	0,0	+8,1	1,61
Recreation and entertainment	156,7	153,7	149,2	+2,0	+5,0	3,71
Reading matter	201,7	201,7	174,7	0,0	+15,5	0,75
Education	310,9	284,4	284,4	+9,3	+9,3	1,76
Personal care	172,4	169,4	160,6	+1,8	+7,3	2,64
Other	180,6	180,8	172,5	-0,1	+4,7	9,49

TABLE 4 URBAN AREAS INDICES
TABLE 4.1 Index for all items
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1990 = 100

Urban area	All items			Percentage change compared with	
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Cape Peninsula	181,6	180,1	170,9	+0,8	+6,3
Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage	179,7	178,2	170,0	+0,8	+5,7
East London	180,4	178,5	168,7	+1,1	+6,9
Kimberley	180,1	178,7	171,0	+0,8	+5,3
Pietermaritzburg	183,6	182,1	170,9	+0,8	+7,4
Durban / Pinetown	174,5	173,2	164,3	+0,8	+6,2
Pretoria / Centurion / Akasia	180,1	178,7	168,6	+0,8	+6,8
Witwatersrand	177,8	176,2	167,1	+0,9	+6,4
Klerksdorp / Stilfontein / Orkney	177,9	176,5	167,3	+0,8	+6,3
Vaal Triangle	169,5	168,0	159,3	+0,9	+6,4
Free State Goldfields	176,3	175,0	168,3	+0,7	+4,8
Bloemfontein	173,1	172,1	164,2	+0,6	+5,4
Weighted average of the twelve areas	178,4	176,9	167,8	+0,8	+6,3
Nelspruit / Witbank	166,5	165,2	157,4	+0,8	+5,8
Pietersburg	178,1	176,3	166,1	+1,0	+7,2

TABLE 4.2 Index for food
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1990 = 100

Urban area	Food			Percentage change compared with	
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Cape Peninsula	216,2	213,1	212,3	+1,5	+1,8
Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage	208,7	206,5	205,9	+1,1	+1,4
East London	213,8	212,8	203,3	+0,5	+5,2
Kimberley	195,9	195,1	195,1	+0,4	+0,4
Pietermaritzburg	228,0	227,9	215,2	0,0	+5,9
Durban / Pinetown	199,5	200,2	192,4	-0,3	+3,7
Pretoria / Centurion / Akasia	205,3	203,7	197,9	+0,8	+3,7
Witwatersrand	203,1	201,4	195,4	+0,8	+3,9
Klerksdorp / Stilfontein / Orkney	203,3	202,8	194,7	+0,2	+4,4
Vaal Triangle	191,5	189,7	183,1	+0,9	+4,6
Free State Goldfields	199,9	199,1	195,6	+0,4	+2,2
Bloemfontein	207,6	209,4	204,9	-0,9	+1,3
Weighted average of the twelve areas	205,8	204,2	199,2	+0,8	+3,3
Nelspruit / Witbank	186,5	185,8	179,0	+0,4	+4,2
Pietersburg	200,4	197,8	191,6	+1,3	+4,6

TABLE 4 URBAN AREAS INDICES (concluded)
TABLE 4.3 Index for all items excluding housing
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1990 = 100

Urban area	All items excluding housing			Percentage change compared with	
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Cape Peninsula	192,6	191,1	183,6	+0,8	+4,9
Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage	190,3	188,7	182,2	+0,8	+4,4
East London	191,6	189,5	180,7	+1,1	+6,0
Kimberley	187,6	186,1	181,1	+0,8	+3,6
Pietermaritzburg	194,0	192,5	182,5	+0,8	+6,3
Durban / Pinetown	184,1	182,9	175,3	+0,7	+5,0
Pretoria / Centurion / Akasia	190,9	189,3	180,6	+0,8	+5,7
Witwatersrand	188,5	186,7	178,4	+1,0	+5,7
Klerksdorp / Stilfontein / Orkney	185,5	183,8	175,1	+0,9	+5,9
Vaal Triangle	176,0	174,4	166,5	+0,9	+5,7
Free State Goldfields	185,2	183,7	177,2	+0,8	+4,5
Bloemfontein	185,9	184,9	178,4	+0,5	+4,2
Weighted average of the twelve areas	189,0	187,4	179,4	+0,9	+5,4
Nelspruit / Witbank	172,5	171,0	164,4	+0,9	+4,9
Pietersburg	188,7	186,5	178,2	+1,2	+5,9

TABLE 4.4 Index for all items excluding food
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1990 = 100

Urban area	All items excluding food			Percentage change compared with	
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Cape Peninsula	169,4	168,4	157,2	+0,6	+7,8
Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage	169,7	168,5	158,4	+0,7	+7,1
East London	170,1	168,0	158,2	+1,3	+7,5
Kimberley	172,2	170,7	161,1	+0,9	+6,9
Pietermaritzburg	169,7	168,0	157,4	+1,0	+7,8
Durban / Pinetown	163,2	161,4	152,5	+1,1	+7,0
Pretoria / Centurion / Akasia	172,0	170,7	160,0	+0,8	+7,5
Witwatersrand	169,2	167,6	158,0	+1,0	+7,1
Klerksdorp / Stilfontein / Orkney	168,4	166,8	157,6	+1,0	+6,9
Vaal Triangle	162,7	161,3	152,1	+0,9	+7,0
Free State Goldfields	165,5	164,1	156,7	+0,9	+5,6
Bloemfontein	163,0	161,3	152,7	+1,1	+6,7
Weighted average of the twelve areas	171,8	170,3	160,2	+0,9	+7,2
Nelspruit / Witbank	160,2	158,8	150,8	+0,9	+6,2
Pietersburg	170,7	169,1	158,3	+0,9	+7,8

TABLE 5 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES

BASE : 1990 = 100

Group	BASE : 1990 = 100				Weights
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1996	Dec. 1995	
All items	178,7	177,6	176,7	175,2	100,00
Lower income group	177,4	176,4	175,4	173,8	19,42
Middle income group	181,6	180,5	179,6	178,0	24,09
Higher income group	178,1	177,0	176,2	174,8	56,50
All items excluding food	171,8	170,8	169,9	168,8	81,36
Commodities	183,2	182,2	181,7	180,4	57,92
Food	206,6	204,7	204,2	201,2	18,64
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	206,4	204,2	204,1	200,9	19,33
Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	208,7	208,1	206,7	207,1	2,17
Clothing and footwear	145,5	145,4	145,2	145,1	7,02
Furniture and equipment	142,2	141,8	141,4	141,1	5,50
Vehicles	207,0	206,9	207,0	206,7	5,51
Other transport commodities	162,1	162,1	161,6	160,8	5,09
Other commodities	177,6	176,8	175,5	175,0	13,30
Services	174,0	172,7	171,3	169,9	42,08
Housing and domestic workers	139,6	138,1	137,0	136,0	21,37
Transport	179,2	177,5	176,2	173,5	3,83
Other services	219,4	218,4	216,6	214,9	16,88
All items (VAT excluded)	172,9	171,8	171,0	169,6	100,00

TABLE 6 THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR PENSIONERS - URBAN AREAS INDICES
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1990 = 100

Urban area	All items			Percentage change compared with	
	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Cape Peninsula	185,3	183,8	174,0	+0,8	+6,5
Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage	180,5	179,2	171,3	+0,7	+5,4
East London	185,0	183,9	173,6	+0,6	+6,6
Kimberley	181,6	180,4	171,3	+0,7	+6,0
Pietermaritzburg	181,5	180,6	170,0	+0,5	+6,8
Durban / Pinetown	179,8	178,7	169,5	+0,6	+6,1
Pretoria / Centurion / Akasia	181,8	181,0	171,4	+0,4	+6,1
Witwatersrand	179,9	178,5	169,0	+0,8	+6,4
Klerksdorp / Stilfontein / Orkney	179,9	178,9	169,3	+0,6	+6,3
Vaal Triangle	174,1	173,0	163,2	+0,6	+6,7
Free State Goldfields	167,8	167,1	160,4	+0,4	+4,6
Bloemfontein	183,2	181,8	174,7	+0,8	+4,9
Weighted average of the twelve areas	181,4	180,2	170,8	+0,7	+6,2
Nelspruit / Witbank	170,5	169,4	160,6	+0,6	+6,2
Pietersburg	178,2	177,1	167,1	+0,6	+6,6

TABLE 7 PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY TYPE OF STORE

TABLE 7.1 Chain-stores 1/

Group	Percentage change compared with	
	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Food	+0,9	+4,0
Processed	+0,3	+5,4
Unprocessed	+1,1	+2,2
Grain products	+0,5	+11,8
Meat	-0,5	-2,6
Fish and other seafood	+0,9	+6,6
Milk, cheese and eggs	-0,1	+4,4
Fats and oils	+1,2	+6,0
Fruit and nuts	+7,6	+9,6
Vegetables	+2,4	+7,5
Sugar	+0,3	+8,3
Coffee, tea and cocoa	+0,1	+1,2
Other	+0,7	+7,5

1/ With at least 15 branches

TABLE 7.2 Other retailers 2/

Group	Percentage change compared with	
	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1995
Food	+0,5	+2,0
Processed	+0,5	+5,3
Unprocessed	+0,4	-0,8
Grain products	+0,4	+8,8
Meat	+0,1	-2,2
Fish and other seafood	+1,5	+5,4
Milk, cheese and eggs	+0,7	+5,4
Fats and oils	+0,4	+6,2
Fruit and nuts	+2,6	-1,7
Vegetables	+0,3	+0,6
Sugar	+1,0	+7,9
Coffee, tea and cocoa	+0,1	+3,4
Other	+0,6	+5,4

2/ Retailers not considered as chain-stores (see Table 7.1)

DIE INFLASIEKODERS VIR MAART 1996 NEEM AF

Die amptelike inflasiekoers vir Maart 1996, soos gemeet aan die verandering in die Verbruikersprysindeks, is 6,3%. Hierdie koers is 0,2 van 'n persentasiepunt laer as die ooreenstemmende koers van 6,5% vir Februarie 1996.

Die maandelikse toename (d.i. vanaf Februarie 1996 tot Maart 1996) in die Verbruikersprysindeks is 0,8%, terwyl die seisoensaangepaste indeks vir die ooreenstemmende tydperk 'n toename van 0,6% getoon het.

BYDRAES TOT DIE MAANDELIKSE TOENAME VAN 0,8%

Die maandelikse toename van 0,8% kan toegeskryf word aan stygings in die prysindekse vir voedsel (+0,2 van 'n persentasiepunt), behuising (+0,1 van 'n persentasiepunt), ontspanning en vermaaklikheid (+0,1 van 'n persentasiepunt), opvoeding (+0,3 van 'n persentasiepunt) en alle ander items (+0,1 van 'n persentasiepunt).

VOEDSELPRYSE

Die prysindeks vir voedsel toon 'n jaarlikse toenamekoers van 3,3% vir Maart 1996. Hierdie koers is 0,2 van 'n persentasiepunt hoër as die ooreenstemmende koers van 3,1% vir Februarie 1996.

Die maandelikse toenamekoers van 0,8% is veroorsaak deur stygings in die prysindekse vir graanprodukte (+0,4%), vis en ander seekos (+0,8%), melk, kaas en eiers (+0,1%), vette en olies (+1,0%), vrugte en neute (+5,9%), groente (+2,1%), suiker (+0,5%), koffie, tee en kakao (+0,1%) en "ander" voedselitems (+0,7%). Hierdie stygings is egter teengewerk deur 'n daling in die prysindeks vir vleis (-0,4%).

DIE MAANDELIKSE STYGING IN DIE PRYSINDEKS VIR ALLE ITEMS UITGESONDERD VOEDSEL IS 0,9%

Die maandelikse toenamekoers van 0,9% in die indeks vir alle items uitgesonderd voedsel, is veroorsaak deur stygings in die prysindekse vir nie-alkoholiese drank (+2,4%), alkoholiese drank (+1,1%), behuising (+0,7%), meublement en toerusting (+0,7%), lopende huishouding (+1,0%), ontspanning en vermaaklikheid (+2,0%), opvoeding (+9,3%) en persoonlike versorging (+1,8%). 'n Daling het voorgekom in die prysindeks vir "ander" items (-0,1%).

INKOMSTEGROEPIINDEXE

'n Inflasiekoers van 6,2% is vir die laerinkomstegroep aangeteken, 6,5% vir die middelinkomstegroep en 6,3% vir die hoërinkomstegroep.

STEDELIKE GEBIEDSINDEXE

Die hoogste inflasiekoers van 7,4% is vir Pietermaritzburg aangeteken, terwyl die laagste koers van 4,8% vir die Vrystaatse Goudvalde aangeteken is.

Met betrekking tot voedsel, is die hoogste maandelikse toenamekoers van 1,5% in die Kaapse Skiereiland-gebied aangeteken, terwyl die hoogste maandelikse afnamekoers van 0,9% in Bloemfontein voorgekom het.

INFLASIEKODERS VIR PENSIONARISSE

Die inflasiekoers vir pensionarisse is 6,2% vir Maart 1996. Die hoogste toenamekoers van 6,8% is vir Pietermaritzburg aangeteken en die laagste toenamekoers van 4,6% is vir die Vrystaatse Goudvalde aangeteken.

VOEDSELINFLASIE SOOS GEMEET BY KETTINGWINKELS EN ANDER KLEINHANDELAARS

Voedselpryse by kettingwinkels toon 'n jaarlikse toenamekoers van 4,0%, terwyl voedselpryse by ander kleinhandelaars 'n jaarlikse toename van 2,0% toon. Vanaf Februarie 1996 tot Maart 1996 het voedselpryse by kettingwinkels met 0,9% toegeneem, terwyl dié by ander kleinhandelaars met 0,5% toegeneem het.

VPI VIR APRIL 1996

Buiten die gebruikelike prysopnames vir April 1996, het dit onder die SSD se aandag gekom dat veranderde pryse met ingang van April 1996 geld ten opsigte van sommige stedelike gebiede se eiendomsbelasting en watertariewe asook vir tydskrifte, koerante en mediese fondstariewe.