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ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI CONTINUE TO INCREASE

The Production Price Index (PPI) for all commodities for South African consumption shows an annual rate of increase of 8,3% at October 1996, i.e. for the period October 1995 to October 1996. This rate is 0,7 of a percentage point higher than the annual rate of increase of 7,6% at September 1996, and has been showing a steady increase during the past six months.

The monthly increase in this index for the period September 1996 to October 1996 is 1,3%, and 1,5% in the seasonally adjusted index.

SLIGHTLY LOWER ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR LOCALLY PRODUCED COMMODITIES

The annual rate of increase in the PPI for locally produced commodities is 8,5% at October 1996. This is 0,1 of a percentage point lower than the corresponding annual rate of 8,6% at September 1996. However, the monthly increase, i.e. from September 1996 to October 1996 this index is 0,8%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 0,9% over this period.

ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES UP TO 7,7%

The annual rate of increase of 7,7% at October 1996 in the PPI for imported commodities which is 3,0 percentage points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 4,7% at September 1996, is the highest since June 1995, when it was 9,1%. The monthly increase in this index is 3,0%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 3,3%.

MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE PPI FOR ALL COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

Relatively large monthly increases occurred in the price indices for agricultural products (+4,5%, mainly due to an increase of 4,7% in the prices of agricultural food products), mining and quarrying products (+5,7%, due to an increase of 11,2% in the prices of other minerals, including crude petroleum), tobacco products (+7,8%), leather and leather products (+2,3%), paper, paper products and printing (+2,5%), products of petroleum and coal (+2,6%), chemicals and chemical products (+1,9%), rubber and plastic products (+1,5%) and transport equipment (+1,9%, due to an increase of 7,0% in the prices of parts and accessories). Against these, relatively large monthly decreases occurred in the price indices for forestry products (-1,6%) and electricity (-2,1%).

MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE PPI FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES

Monthly increases occurred in the prices of agricultural products (+1,3%), mining and quarrying products (+19,8%, due to an increase of 23,2% in the prices of crude petroleum), food at manufacturing (+0,3%), tobacco products (+5,3%), textiles and made-up goods (+0,1%), paper, paper products and printing (+1,2%), chemicals and chemical products (+2,1%), rubber and plastic products (+4,3%) and transport equipment (+5,9%).

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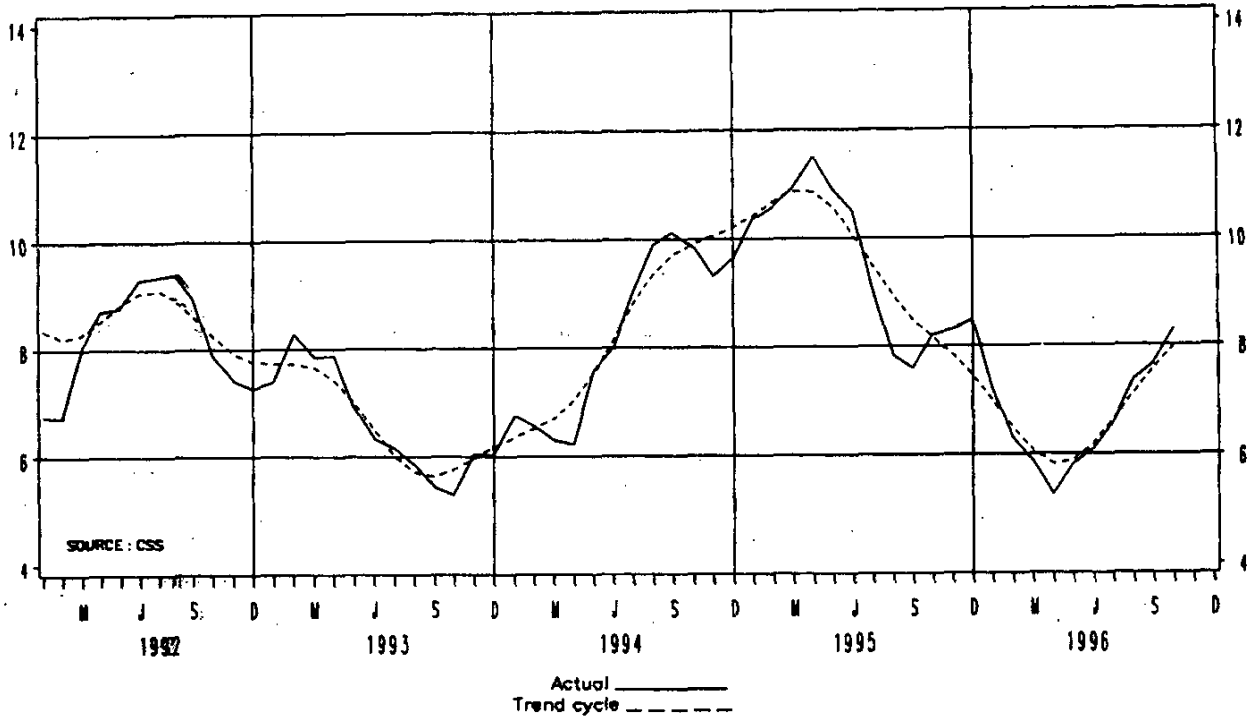
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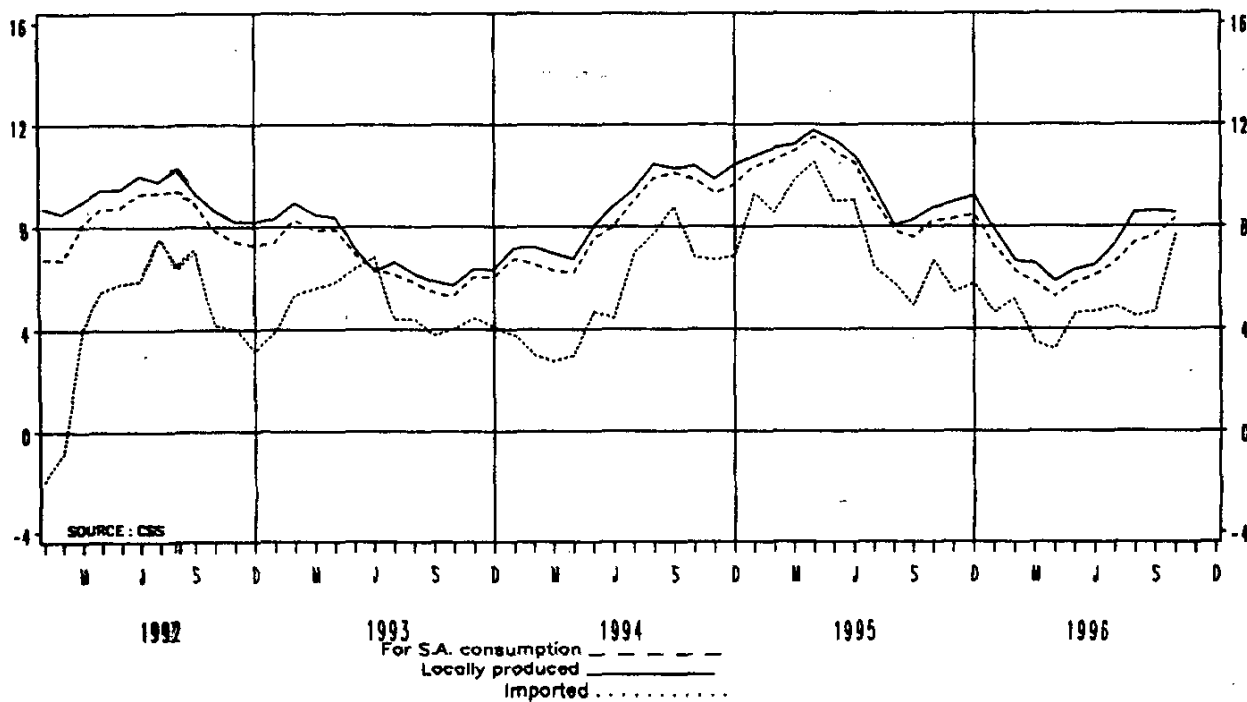
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PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX COMMODITIES FOR S.A. CONSUMPTION

ANNUAL CHANGE PERCENTAGE



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PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX

BASE : June 1995 = 100

DESCRIPTION	INDICES			PERCENTAGE CHANGE COMPARED WITH -		
	Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996		Oct. 1995
				Actual %	Seasonally adjusted %	
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	109,8	108,4	101,4	+1,3	+1,5	+8,3
Locally produced commodities	110,5	109,6	101,8	+0,8	+0,9	+8,5
Imported commodities	108,0	104,9	100,3	+3,0	+3,3	+7,7
Output of South African industry						
Total output	111,7	110,6	101,9	+1,0	+1,2	+9,6
For South African consumption	110,5	109,6	101,8	+0,8	+0,9	+8,5

PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES

GROUP	WEIGHT	MONTHLY % CHANGE	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996
ALL GROUPS	100,00	+3,0	+0,1
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	10,08	+16,9	-1,9
1.1 Agriculture	1,02	+1,3	-3,0
1.1.1 Food	0,58	+2,1	-4,5
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,44	+0,2	-0,6
1.2 Forestry	0,76	0,0	0,0
1.3 Fishing	0,06	0,0	0,0
1.4 Mining and quarrying, including crude petroleum	8,24	+19,8	-1,9
2. MANUFACTURING	89,88	+1,1	+0,4
2.1 Food	1,71	+0,3	+4,0
2.2 Beverages	0,52	0,0	+0,2
2.3 Tobacco products	0,05	+5,3	0,0
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,79	+0,1	+0,0
2.5 Wearing apparel	0,38	0,0	0,0
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,38	0,0	0,0
2.7 Footwear	0,26	0,0	0,0
2.8 Wood and wood products	0,48	0,0	0,0
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	2,30	+1,2	+0,3
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	0,95	0,0	0,0
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	9,54	+2,1	+0,5
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	1,36	+4,3	0,0
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	0,75	0,0	0,0
2.14 Basic metals	1,83	0,0	0,0
2.15 Metal products	1,78	0,0	0,0
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	10,96	0,0	+2,2
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	2,68	0,0	0,0
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,54	0,0	0,0
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,97	0,0	0,0
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	2,48	0,0	0,0
2.21 Transport equipment	10,51	+5,9	+0,1
2.22 Furniture	0,11	0,0	0,0
2.23 Other manufactures	33,55	0,0	0,0
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER			
3.1 Electricity	0,04	0,0	0,0
	0,04	0,0	0,0

+0,0 increase smaller than 0,1
-0,0 decrease smaller than 0,1

It should be noted that, in calculating the percentage change in a group of commodities, the CSS does not weigh the percentage changes, but rather weigh the underlying indices for the respective months and then calculates the percentage change in the weighted indices.

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	109,8	108,4	101,4	+1,3	+8,3
South African	80,74	110,5	109,6	101,8	+0,8	+8,5
Imported	19,26	108,0	104,9	100,3	+3,0	+7,7
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	17,90	116,2	111,5	102,1	+4,2	+13,8
1.1 Agriculture	8,17	115,2	110,2	102,6	+4,5	+12,3
1.1.1 Food	7,70	115,9	110,7	103,3	+4,7	+12,2
Grain	1,57	116,0	113,4	104,3	+2,3	+11,2
Sugar cane	0,55	98,7	97,7	97,2	+1,0	+1,5
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,75	142,6	125,3	96,8	+13,8	+47,3
Fruit	0,50	152,5	140,6	188,4	+8,5	-19,1
Meat	2,63	112,9	106,8	94,9	+5,7	+19,0
Milk and eggs	1,08	112,3	111,6	92,8	+0,6	+21,0
Other	0,34	79,2	79,2	100,0	0,0	-20,8
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,47	104,5	102,5	91,8	+2,0	+13,8
1.2 Forestry	2,39	98,2	99,8	100,0	-1,6	-1,8
1.3 Fishing	0,21	111,7	111,1	100,0	+0,5	+11,7
1.4 Mining and quarrying	7,13	123,6	116,9	102,3	+5,7	+20,8
Coal	1,93	111,7	117,9	105,3	-5,3	+6,1
Metal ores	0,87	104,8	102,5	98,2	+2,2	+6,7
Other minerals	4,33	132,7	119,3	101,7	+11,2	+30,5
2. MANUFACTURING	76,30	109,1	108,1	101,4	+0,9	+7,6
South African	59,93	111,4	110,5	102,0	+0,8	+9,2
Imported	16,37	103,7	102,6	100,1	+1,1	+3,6
2.1 Food	9,45	116,8	115,9	102,2	+0,8	+14,3
Meat	1,72	117,3	114,3	100,6	+2,6	+16,6
Fresh meat	1,30	118,6	115,5	100,5	+2,7	+18,0
Meat products	0,42	113,2	110,3	101,0	+2,6	+12,1
Fish and fish products	0,40	119,1	118,7	103,3	+0,3	+15,3
Fruit and vegetable products	0,58	109,2	109,2	100,9	0,0	+8,2
Fats and oils	0,83	109,5	109,5	100,2	0,0	+9,3
Milk products	0,51	118,7	118,1	101,1	+0,5	+17,4
Grain mill products	1,82	120,2	120,5	103,6	-0,2	+16,0
Sugar	0,48	104,9	104,9	99,9	0,0	+5,0
Coffee and tea	0,20	113,6	113,6	104,4	0,0	+8,8
Other	2,91	119,0	118,1	103,4	+0,8	+15,1
2.2 Beverages	3,27	108,2	107,9	100,5	+0,3	+7,7
Alcoholic	2,57	107,3	106,9	100,2	+0,4	+7,1
Non-alcoholic	0,70	111,3	111,3	101,4	0,0	+9,8
2.3 Tobacco products	0,59	115,9	107,5	103,3	+7,8	+12,2
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	3,11	106,0	106,0	103,6	0,0	+2,3
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,86	105,9	105,9	103,6	0,0	+2,2
Other textiles	1,25	106,2	106,2	103,6	0,0	+2,5
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,11	107,9	107,9	100,8	0,0	+7,0
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,49	108,9	108,9	101,4	0,0	+7,4
Wearing apparel	1,62	107,6	107,6	100,6	0,0	+7,0
Men's and boys' clothing	0,74	107,1	107,1	101,1	0,0	+5,9
Women's and girls' clothing	0,83	108,1	108,1	100,0	0,0	+8,1
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	108,6	108,6	103,2	0,0	+5,2
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,32	121,2	118,5	100,7	+2,3	+20,4
2.7 Footwear	0,84	113,9	114,2	104,3	-0,3	+9,2
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,20	110,3	109,4	102,5	+0,8	+7,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,62	112,2	112,0	103,8	+0,2	+8,1
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,58	108,3	106,6	101,1	+1,6	+7,1
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,40	114,5	111,7	109,7	+2,5	+4,4
Paper and paper products	2,90	117,3	113,7	114,6	+3,2	+2,4
Publishing and printing	1,50	109,4	107,7	102,9	+1,6	+6,3
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,20	126,9	123,7	98,5	+2,6	+28,8
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	8,52	108,4	106,4	102,0	+1,9	+6,3
Basic chemicals	4,12	111,4	108,3	103,1	+2,9	+8,1
Fertilizers	0,49	118,0	114,0	100,6	+3,5	+17,3
Other	3,63	110,7	107,8	104,3	+2,7	+6,1
Other chemical products	4,40	105,9	105,0	101,0	+0,9	+4,9
Pharmaceutical products	1,40	104,0	104,1	100,4	-0,1	+3,6
Other	3,00	107,2	105,8	101,4	+1,3	+5,7
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,49	112,2	110,5	103,8	+1,5	+8,1
Rubber products	0,85	111,5	109,4	102,6	+1,9	+8,7
Plastic products	1,64	112,5	111,1	104,4	+1,3	+7,8

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,52	109,0	109,0	100,9	0,0	+8,0
Glass and glass products	0,49	104,7	104,7	100,0	0,0	+4,7
Other	2,03	110,1	110,1	101,2	0,0	+8,8
2.14 Basic metals	4,39	105,5	105,5	100,7	0,0	+4,8
Ferrous	3,29	107,4	107,4	100,8	0,0	+6,5
Non-ferrous	1,10	99,9	99,9	100,3	0,0	-0,4
2.15 Metal products	3,93	109,2	109,2	100,4	0,0	+8,8
Structural metal products	1,61	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
Other	2,32	110,1	110,1	100,7	0,0	+9,3
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	6,95	104,5	104,5	100,0	0,0	+4,5
General purpose machinery	2,12	101,9	101,9	100,1	0,0	+1,8
Special purpose machinery	4,30	105,9	105,9	99,8	0,0	+6,1
Household appliances	0,53	103,7	103,7	100,6	0,0	+3,1
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,77	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,45	105,0	105,0	100,2	0,0	+4,8
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,63	105,1	105,1	100,1	0,0	+5,0
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,54	104,1	104,1	99,9	0,0	+4,2
Insulated wire and cable	0,58	105,9	105,9	100,6	0,0	+5,3
Other	0,70	105,1	105,1	100,0	0,0	+5,1
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,52	103,1	103,1	99,8	0,0	+3,3
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,82	101,2	101,0	100,6	+0,2	+0,6
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,66	101,0	100,9	100,6	+0,1	+0,4
Other, including watches and clocks	0,16	101,6	101,4	100,6	+0,2	+1,0
2.21 Transport equipment	9,34	106,8	104,8	100,1	+1,9	+6,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	8,20	107,7	105,5	100,1	+2,1	+7,6
Motor vehicles	6,19	104,6	104,6	99,9	0,0	+4,7
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,23	108,9	108,9	100,9	0,0	+7,9
Parts and accessories	1,78	115,7	108,1	101,0	+7,0	+14,6
Other transport equipment	1,14	100,3	100,3	100,0	0,0	+0,3
2.22 Furniture	1,13	107,8	107,8	100,9	0,0	+6,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,98	100,7	100,7	100,5	0,0	+0,2
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,80	100,5	102,0	98,7	-1,5	+1,8
3.1 Electricity	5,02	97,9	100,0	98,1	-2,1	-0,2
3.2 Gas and water	0,78	117,0	114,8	102,9	+1,9	+13,7

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production minus exports plus imports

Indices reflect prices of locally produced and sold commodities as well as prices of imported commodities

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	111,7	110,6	101,9	+1,0	+9,6
South African	100,00	111,7	110,6	101,9	+1,0	+9,6
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	29,85	116,1	114,0	102,6	+1,8	+13,2
1.1 Agriculture	8,61	114,3	110,2	101,2	+3,7	+12,9
1.1.1 Food	7,94	115,2	110,6	102,2	+4,2	+12,7
Grain	1,66	112,7	110,7	103,2	+1,8	+9,2
Sugar cane	0,52	98,7	97,7	97,2	+1,0	+1,5
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,71	141,9	124,9	96,9	+13,6	+46,4
Fruit	0,88	136,9	131,4	140,3	+4,2	-2,4
Meat	2,58	112,3	106,5	95,1	+5,4	+18,1
Milk and eggs	1,01	112,3	111,6	92,8	+0,6	+21,0
Other	0,30	77,8	77,8	100,0	0,0	-22,2
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,67	104,5	106,0	90,0	-1,4	+16,1
1.2 Forestry	2,07	98,0	99,8	100,0	-1,8	-2,0
1.3 Fishing	0,25	109,4	108,9	100,0	+0,5	+9,4
1.4 Mining and quarrying	18,92	119,0	117,3	103,5	+1,4	+15,0
Coal	3,54	126,7	126,5	105,6	+0,2	+20,0
Metal ores	11,91	119,8	116,9	103,3	+2,5	+16,0
Other minerals	3,47	108,3	109,4	102,4	-1,0	+5,8
2. MANUFACTURING	64,59	110,7	109,7	101,9	+0,9	+8,6
South African	64,59	110,7	109,7	101,9	+0,9	+8,6
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	9,22	115,9	115,2	102,0	+0,6	+13,6
Meat	1,64	116,9	113,9	100,6	+2,6	+16,2
Fresh meat	1,25	118,0	115,1	100,5	+2,5	+17,4
Meat products	0,39	113,2	110,3	101,0	+2,6	+12,1
Fish and fish products	0,32	113,8	113,2	104,1	+0,5	+9,3
Fruit and vegetable products	0,75	107,5	107,6	100,8	-0,1	+6,6
Fats and oils	0,73	110,1	110,1	100,3	0,0	+9,8
Milk products	0,48	118,4	117,9	101,0	+0,4	+17,2
Grain mill products	1,65	120,0	120,3	103,0	-0,2	+16,5
Sugar	0,75	107,2	107,4	100,4	-0,2	+6,8
Coffee and tea	0,18	113,5	113,5	104,4	0,0	+8,7
Other	2,72	119,0	118,2	103,4	+0,7	+15,1
2.2 Beverages	3,02	108,5	108,1	100,5	+0,4	+8,0
Alcoholic	2,34	107,8	107,3	100,2	+0,5	+7,6
Non-alcoholic	0,68	110,9	110,9	101,4	0,0	+9,4
2.3 Tobacco products	0,55	116,1	107,5	103,2	+8,0	+12,5
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,30	107,0	107,0	104,3	0,0	+2,6
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,46	106,8	106,8	104,3	0,0	+2,4
Other textiles	0,84	107,5	107,5	104,3	0,0	+3,1
2.5 Wearing apparel	1,97	108,3	108,3	100,8	0,0	+7,4
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,45	109,0	109,0	101,4	0,0	+7,5
Wearing apparel	1,52	108,0	108,0	100,6	0,0	+7,4
Men's and boys' clothing	0,71	107,5	107,5	101,1	0,0	+6,3
Women's and girls' clothing	0,76	108,5	108,5	100,0	0,0	+8,5
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	109,3	109,3	103,3	0,0	+5,8
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,35	106,0	103,6	99,9	+2,3	+6,1
2.7 Footwear	0,72	114,7	115,0	104,8	-0,3	+9,4
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,10	110,7	109,8	102,6	+0,8	+7,9
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,53	113,8	113,6	104,2	+0,2	+9,2
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,57	107,9	106,3	101,1	+1,5	+6,7
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,19	111,8	108,6	110,2	+2,9	+1,5
Paper and paper products	3,01	115,9	112,2	114,3	+3,3	+1,4
Publishing and printing	1,18	108,6	106,6	103,4	+1,9	+5,0
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,06	128,1	124,6	98,2	+2,8	+30,4
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	6,40	110,1	108,2	102,8	+1,8	+7,1
Basic chemicals	3,33	112,4	110,0	104,1	+2,2	+8,0
Fertilizers	0,48	117,2	113,2	100,6	+3,5	+16,5
Other	2,85	112,6	110,4	104,8	+2,0	+7,4
Other chemical products	3,07	107,8	106,6	101,5	+1,1	+6,2
Pharmaceutical products	0,72	106,0	106,2	100,8	-0,2	+5,2
Other	2,35	107,9	106,1	101,5	+1,7	+6,3
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,05	111,8	110,7	104,3	+1,0	+7,2
Rubber products	0,67	109,3	108,4	103,0	+0,8	+6,1
Plastic products	1,38	113,0	111,8	105,0	+1,1	+7,6

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,29	109,4	109,4	101,0	0,0	+8,3
Glass and glass products	0,43	105,2	105,2	100,0	0,0	+5,2
Other	1,86	110,4	110,4	101,2	0,0	+9,1
2.14 Basic metals	6,61	105,1	105,1	101,7	0,0	+3,3
Ferrous	5,10	107,0	107,0	102,5	0,0	+4,4
Non-ferrous	1,51	98,7	98,7	98,8	0,0	-0,1
2.15 Metal products	3,59	107,5	107,5	100,4	0,0	+7,1
Structural metal products	1,51	109,6	109,6	100,0	0,0	+9,6
Other	2,08	105,9	105,9	100,7	0,0	+5,2
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	3,90	104,9	104,9	100,1	0,0	+4,8
General purpose machinery	0,78	105,8	105,8	100,3	0,0	+5,5
Special purpose machinery	2,73	104,6	104,6	99,9	0,0	+4,7
Household appliances	0,39	104,7	104,7	100,8	0,0	+3,9
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,05	100,1	100,1	100,0	0,0	+0,1
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,74	107,0	107,0	100,2	0,0	+6,8
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,44	106,9	106,9	100,2	0,0	+6,7
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,29	108,6	108,6	99,9	0,0	+8,7
Insulated wire and cable	0,53	106,0	106,0	100,6	0,0	+5,4
Other	0,48	107,5	107,5	100,0	0,0	+7,5
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	0,94	104,9	104,9	99,7	0,0	+5,2
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,15	107,0	105,8	103,3	+1,1	+3,6
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,12	106,6	105,4	103,3	+1,1	+3,2
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	108,4	107,3	103,1	+1,0	+5,1
2.21 Transport equipment	6,44	105,4	105,4	100,2	0,0	+5,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	5,96	105,7	105,7	100,2	0,0	+5,5
Motor vehicles	4,40	105,7	105,7	99,9	0,0	+5,8
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,30	109,5	109,5	101,0	0,0	+8,4
Parts and accessories	1,26	104,9	104,9	101,0	0,0	+3,9
Other transport equipment	0,48	101,7	101,7	100,0	0,0	+1,7
2.22 Furniture	1,08	107,7	107,7	100,9	0,0	+6,7
2.23 Other manufactures	0,87	107,4	107,4	106,0	0,0	+1,3
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,56	100,4	101,9	98,7	-1,5	+1,7
3.1 Electricity	4,83	97,9	100,0	98,1	-2,1	-0,2
3.2 Gas and water	0,73	117,0	114,8	102,9	+1,9	+13,7

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production

• Indices reflect prices of locally produced commodities (both locally sold and exported)

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS (CONCLUDED)
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	110,5	109,6	101,8	+0,8	+8,5
South African	100,00	110,5	109,6	101,8	+0,8	+8,5
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	18,61	110,4	108,8	102,2	+1,5	+8,0
1.1 Agriculture	9,80	115,5	110,3	102,6	+4,7	+12,6
1.1.1 Food	9,34	115,9	110,6	103,2	+4,8	+12,3
Grain	1,83	115,4	112,9	103,8	+2,2	+11,2
Sugar cane	0,68	98,7	97,7	97,2	+1,0	+1,5
Oil seeds	0,33	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,92	143,0	125,6	96,8	+13,9	+47,7
Fruit	0,60	154,0	141,8	191,0	+8,6	-19,4
Meat	3,26	112,9	106,8	94,9	+5,7	+19,0
Milk and eggs	1,33	112,3	111,6	92,8	+0,6	+21,0
Other	0,39	77,4	77,4	100,0	0,0	-22,6
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,46	107,0	104,4	90,4	+2,5	+18,4
1.2 Forestry	2,68	98,0	99,8	100,0	-1,8	-2,0
1.3 Fishing	0,24	112,7	112,1	100,0	+0,5	+12,7
1.4 Mining and quarrying	5,89	107,4	110,2	102,7	-2,5	+4,6
Coal	2,35	111,9	118,2	105,4	-5,3	+6,2
Metal ores	1,00	105,1	102,7	98,1	+2,3	+7,1
Other minerals	2,54	104,2	105,6	102,0	-1,3	+2,2
2. MANUFACTURING	74,23	111,4	110,5	102,0	+0,8	+9,2
South African	74,23	111,4	110,5	102,0	+0,8	+9,2
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	11,10	116,7	115,9	102,1	+0,7	+14,3
Meat	2,09	117,4	114,4	100,6	+2,6	+16,7
Fresh meat	1,57	118,8	115,7	100,5	+2,7	+18,2
Meat products	0,52	113,2	110,3	101,1	+2,6	+12,0
Fish and fish products	0,35	113,7	113,1	103,8	+0,5	+9,5
Fruit and vegetable products	0,70	109,4	109,4	100,9	0,0	+8,4
Fats and oils	0,86	110,4	110,4	100,2	0,0	+10,2
Milk products	0,61	118,7	118,1	101,1	+0,5	+17,4
Grain mill products	2,14	119,9	120,2	103,1	-0,2	+16,3
Sugar	0,58	105,0	105,0	99,9	0,0	+5,1
Coffee and tea	0,24	113,7	113,7	104,4	0,0	+8,9
Other	3,53	119,3	118,4	103,4	+0,8	+15,4
2.2 Beverages	3,86	108,5	108,2	100,5	+0,3	+8,0
Alcoholic	3,00	107,7	107,3	100,2	+0,4	+7,5
Non-alcoholic	0,86	111,3	111,3	101,4	0,0	+9,8
2.3 Tobacco products	0,72	116,1	107,6	103,3	+7,9	+12,4
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,86	107,4	107,4	104,6	0,0	+2,7
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,81	107,1	107,1	104,6	0,0	+2,4
Other textiles	1,05	107,8	107,8	104,5	0,0	+3,2
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,48	108,3	108,3	100,9	0,0	+7,3
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,58	109,2	109,2	101,5	0,0	+7,6
Wearing apparel	1,90	108,1	108,1	100,7	0,0	+7,3
Men's and boys' clothing	0,89	107,3	107,3	101,2	0,0	+6,0
Women's and girls' clothing	0,95	108,8	108,8	100,0	0,0	+8,8
Other, including articles of fur	0,06	109,2	109,2	103,3	0,0	+5,7
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,26	108,8	104,6	101,1	+4,0	+7,6
2.7 Footwear	0,95	114,7	115,0	104,8	-0,3	+9,4
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,33	111,4	110,4	102,8	+0,9	+8,4
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,67	113,7	113,5	104,4	+0,2	+8,9
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,66	109,0	107,2	101,1	+1,7	+7,8
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,63	114,8	111,6	111,3	+2,9	+3,1
Paper and paper products	3,10	117,8	114,1	115,2	+3,2	+2,3
Publishing and printing	1,53	108,6	106,5	103,4	+2,0	+5,0
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	6,10	128,4	125,0	98,4	+2,7	+30,5
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	7,15	110,6	108,7	102,9	+1,7	+7,5
Basic chemicals	3,46	114,0	111,3	104,6	+2,4	+9,0
Fertilizers	0,54	118,8	114,2	100,7	+4,0	+18,0
Other	2,92	113,1	110,8	105,3	+2,1	+7,4
Other chemical products	3,69	107,7	106,6	101,5	+1,0	+6,1
Pharmaceutical products	0,87	106,0	106,2	100,7	-0,2	+5,3
Other	2,82	107,8	106,2	101,6	+1,5	+6,1
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,61	112,0	110,9	104,4	+1,0	+7,3
Rubber products	0,84	109,5	108,6	102,9	+0,8	+6,4
Plastic products	1,77	113,2	111,9	105,1	+1,2	+7,7

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
		Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sep. 1996	Oct. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,86	109,9	109,9	101,0	0,0	+8,8
Glass and glass products	0,49	105,9	105,9	100,0	0,0	+5,9
Other	2,37	110,7	110,7	101,2	0,0	+9,4
2.14 Basic metals	4,79	106,3	106,3	100,8	0,0	+5,5
Ferrous	3,67	108,3	108,3	100,9	0,0	+7,3
Non-ferrous	1,12	99,9	99,9	100,3	0,0	-0,4
2.15 Metal products	4,23	107,3	107,3	100,5	0,0	+6,8
Structural metal products	1,90	108,4	108,4	100,0	0,0	+8,4
Other	2,33	106,4	106,4	100,9	0,0	+5,5
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	4,70	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
General purpose machinery	0,81	106,0	106,0	100,3	0,0	+5,7
Special purpose machinery	3,39	104,5	104,5	99,9	0,0	+4,6
Household appliances	0,50	104,9	104,9	100,8	0,0	+4,1
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,13	107,2	107,2	100,2	0,0	+7,0
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,56	107,1	107,1	100,2	0,0	+6,9
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,33	108,5	108,5	99,8	0,0	+8,7
Insulated wire and cable	0,66	106,4	106,4	100,6	0,0	+5,8
Other	0,58	107,7	107,7	100,0	0,0	+7,7
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,19	104,9	104,9	99,7	0,0	+5,2
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,13	108,9	107,5	104,3	+1,3	+4,4
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,10	108,5	107,1	104,6	+1,3	+3,7
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	110,3	108,9	103,6	+1,3	+6,5
2.21 Transport equipment	7,83	105,4	105,4	100,2	0,0	+5,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	7,35	105,6	105,6	100,2	0,0	+5,4
Motor vehicles	5,60	105,6	105,6	99,9	0,0	+5,7
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,26	109,6	109,6	101,0	0,0	+8,5
Parts and accessories	1,49	105,0	105,0	101,1	0,0	+3,9
Other transport equipment	0,48	100,9	100,9	100,0	0,0	+0,9
2.22 Furniture	1,36	107,8	107,8	100,9	0,0	+6,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,96	109,2	109,2	107,1	0,0	+2,0
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	7,16	100,5	102,0	98,7	-1,5	+1,8
3.1 Electricity	6,20	97,9	100,0	98,1	-2,1	-0,2
3.2 Gas and water	0,96	117,0	114,8	102,9	+1,9	+13,7

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production minus exports

Indices reflect prices of locally produced and sold commodities

TABLE 2.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR MATERIALS USED IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.
	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995
Building and construction	111,9	111,0	101,2	+0,8	+10,6
Building industries	110,7	110,2	101,3	+0,5	+9,3
Civil engineering	111,1	109,9	100,7	+1,1	+10,3
Mechanical engineering	106,4	106,0	101,3	+0,4	+5,0
Electrical engineering	105,5	105,3	100,6	+0,2	+4,9

TABLE 2.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.
	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995
Wool, auction prices, 18 types	102,7	98,8	79,0	+3,9	+30,0
Coal, bituminous	111,8	118,1	105,4	-5,3	+6,1
Coal, bituminous - for local sales	113,0	113,6	105,8	-0,5	+6,8
- Cobbles, grade A	126,6	126,5	102,9	+0,1	+23,0
- Cobbles, grade B	113,5	113,4	99,3	+0,1	+14,3
- Large nuts, grade A	127,9	126,8	108,2	+0,9	+18,2
- Large nuts, grade B	124,5	124,1	110,0	+0,3	+13,2
- Small nuts, grade A	121,2	123,8	104,6	-2,1	+15,9
- Small nuts, grade B	95,6	97,6	100,0	-2,0	-4,4
- Peas, grade A	119,6	118,9	100,4	+0,6	+19,1
- Peas, grade B	115,6	113,3	100,0	+2,0	+15,6
Anthracite - for local sales					
- Grade SP	102,1	105,7	98,6	-3,4	+3,5
- Grade A	104,0	106,4	98,6	-2,3	+5,5
Wood products, excluding minewood	104,2	103,8	101,6	+0,4	+2,6
SA Pine, kiln dried	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Paper, newsprint	135,7	141,3	133,7	-4,0	+1,5
Kraft paper	119,4	115,4	115,6	+3,5	+3,3
Boxes, corrugated cardboard	119,8	111,5	109,8	+7,4	+9,1
Leather, bovine hide	104,9	101,0	97,7	+3,9	+7,4
Rubber crude					
- Natural	101,1	99,5	101,1	+1,6	0,0
- Synthetic	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Synthetic - Local	102,3	98,9	102,2	+3,4	+0,1
Tyres and tubes	102,3	98,9	102,3	+3,4	0,0
Plastic bottles	108,9	106,7	101,1	+2,1	+7,7
Plastic, bulk forms	105,8	104,1	97,6	+1,6	+8,4
Sulphuric acid	106,6	103,7	104,0	+2,8	+2,5
Glycerine	114,8	114,0	98,4	+0,7	+16,7
Paints	93,2	95,5	99,1	-2,4	-6,0
Foam insulation materials	110,8	109,3	104,4	+1,4	+6,1
- Polyurethane	109,5	108,5	103,7	+0,9	+5,6
- Polystyrene	118,1	116,1	107,1	+1,7	+10,3
Petro-chemical building materials	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Waterproofing	106,6	106,4	101,3	+0,2	+5,2
Resilient floor coverings	102,1	101,8	100,5	+0,3	+1,6
Petrol, 93 octane - Coast	104,6	103,9	100,9	+0,7	+3,7
- Witwatersrand	112,7	112,3	94,4	+0,4	+19,4
Diesel oil - Coast	112,7	112,3	94,4	+0,4	+19,4
- Witwatersrand	137,9	130,1	96,1	+6,0	+43,5
Transformer oil	137,9	130,1	96,1	+6,0	+43,5
Bitumen	94,4	93,4	99,8	+1,1	-5,4
Tar	109,8	109,8	100,0	0,0	+9,8
Bricks - Stock	121,6	120,6	103,6	+0,8	+17,4
- Face	111,3	111,3	99,5	0,0	+11,9
Sand	129,3	129,3	110,4	0,0	+17,1
Aggregated crushed stone	102,7	102,7	100,0	0,0	+2,7
Cement	113,7	113,7	100,5	0,0	+13,1
Ordinary and extended cement	110,4	110,4	101,3	0,0	+9,0
Natural stone, cut and sawn	103,2	103,2	103,2	0,0	0,0
Glass, for building industry	106,3	106,1	101,2	+0,2	+5,0
	111,6	111,6	108,6	0,0	+2,8

TABLE 2.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE COMPARED WITH	
	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.
	1996	1996	1995	1996	1995
Ironmongery	104,4	104,4	100,6	0,0	+3,8
Drainage	113,6	113,6	100,0	0,0	+13,6
Plumbing	100,8	100,8	100,0	0,0	+0,8
Ceramic and encaustic wall and floor tiles and mosaics	107,7	107,7	100,1	0,0	+7,6
Ceiling materials	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Partitioning materials	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Fibrous insulation - Preformed pipe sections	107,0	107,0	100,0	0,0	+7,0
- Batten board	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
- Mattresses	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
- Ceiling insulation	108,1	108,1	100,0	0,0	+8,1
Insulator, porcelain	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Containers, glass	104,7	104,7	100,0	0,0	+4,7
Billets, mild steel	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Angles, mild steel	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Structural steel, unworked	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Reinforcing steel	115,8	111,0	104,8	+4,3	+10,5
Plate, mild steel	109,4	109,4	101,3	0,0	+8,0
Sheet, uncoated	105,5	105,5	100,0	0,0	+5,5
Sheet, galvanized	109,4	109,4	101,3	0,0	+8,0
Tinplate	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Steel tubes, pipes and fittings	104,4	104,4	100,0	0,0	+4,4
Copper, basic forms	98,8	98,8	100,0	0,0	-1,2
Aluminium - Anodising	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Basic forms	94,6	94,6	100,0	0,0	-5,4
- Extruded products	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Sheetting	78,2	78,2	100,0	0,0	-21,8
Bearings, ball and roller	112,9	112,9	100,0	0,0	+12,9
Electrical contracting materials	108,9	108,7	100,5	+0,2	+8,4
Construction machinery (excluding trucks)	115,3	115,3	100,0	0,0	+15,3
Trucks	97,6	97,5	100,0	+0,1	-2,4
Mining machinery	106,4	106,4	101,1	0,0	+5,2
Rubber industry's indices:					
Natural rubber (imported)	83,5	83,5	89,5	0,0	-6,7
SBR tyres 1500 (local)	155,7	155,7	146,4	0,0	+6,4
Acrylonitrile butadiene rubber KRYNOC 805	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Polychloroprene rubber WRT type (imported)	102,8	100,0	100,0	+2,8	+2,8
Carbon black - N774 (local)	104,0	100,0	100,0	+4,0	+4,0
- N660	115,2	110,8	105,4	+4,0	+9,3
Accelerator ORAC NS (local)	111,8	126,7	106,8	-11,8	+4,7
Anti-oxidant OROX - ER (local)	109,0	109,0	108,3	0,0	+0,6
- Q	135,6	135,6	114,6	0,0	+18,3
Anti-ozonant ORFLEX PP (local)	142,5	126,4	116,7	+12,7	+22,1
Bulk yarn - Nylon	116,0	105,5	105,5	+10,0	+10,0
- Cotton	109,0	103,9	103,9	+4,9	+4,9
Stearic acid (local)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Plasticiser DDDP (local)	122,3	122,3	122,3	0,0	0,0
Coumarone indene resin (imported)	120,0	120,0	100,0	0,0	+20,0
Chlorobutyl rubber (imported)	108,0	101,0	101,0	+6,9	+6,9
EPDM Vistalon 5600 (imported)	102,3	97,0	100,0	+5,5	+2,3
Zinc oxide	105,8	101,0	100,0	+4,8	+5,8
Synthetic rubber - 1502	114,6	117,7	110,2	-2,6	+4,0
- 1712	109,7	113,6	109,2	-3,4	+0,8
Polybutadiene	110,6	112,5	107,8	-1,7	+2,6
Processing oil	105,4	105,4	105,4	0,0	0,0
Bead wire	101,5	107,9	100,0	-5,9	+1,5
Steel cord wire	118,5	118,5	118,5	0,0	0,0
Nylon fabric - 940 X 2	103,3	103,3	103,3	0,0	0,0
- 1400 X 2	102,7	103,1	103,1	-0,4	-0,4
Rayon fabric - 1840 X 2	104,9	104,9	104,9	0,0	0,0

TABLE 3 - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES

DESCRIPTION	Oct. 1996	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Jul. 1996	Jun. 1996
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	109,8	108,2	107,4	106,5	105,9
Locally produced commodities	110,5	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3
Imported commodities	107,6	104,2	104,0	104,2	104,3
Output of South African industry					
Total output	111,7	110,4	109,3	108,0	107,3
For South African consumption	110,5	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	111,0	107,6	105,1	102,3	102,0
Tobacco and Beverages	110,4	108,6	107,9	107,0	105,5
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	110,1	109,6	108,8	108,2	107,1
Machinery and Transport equipment	106,2	105,9	105,0	104,1	103,4
Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water	105,1	106,0	107,1	106,3	105,0
Basic metals and Metal products	107,7	107,3	106,5	104,7	104,0
Food	117,0	115,9	114,1	112,2	111,0
Total Manufacturing	111,5	110,7	109,6	108,4	107,6
Total South African	110,5	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3

NOTES1. **WEIGHTING BASIS**

<u>TABLE 1.1:</u> Commodities for South African consumption	- Value of South African production, minus exports plus imports
<u>TABLE 1.2:</u> Output of South African industry groups	
- Total output	- Value of South African production
- For South African consumption	- Value of South African production minus exports
<u>TABLE 2.1:</u> Materials used in certain industries	- Value of materials used

2. **PRICING BASIS**

All indices are based on producer prices at the point of production in the case of commodities produced in South Africa, and wholesale prices "ex-warehouse", in the case of imported commodities. Prices "delivered" or "free on rail" are accepted if this is the normal basis of quotation. Price information refers to the first seven days of the relevant month. General sales tax is excluded but can be accounted for by multiplying a particular index by 1,04 prior to March 1982; 1,05 from March 1982; 1,06 from September 1982; 1,07 from February 1984; 1,10 from July 1984; 1,12 from April 1985; and 1,13 from April 1989. Value added tax can be added by multiplying the relevant index by 1,10 from October 1991; and by 1,14 from April 1993.

THE PRICES OF ALL ITEMS EXCLUDE VAT.

Further details are provided in the **Bulletin of Statistics** and the annual statistical release on production prices of commodities (P0142.3).

SYMBOLS USED

- .. = not available.
- = nil or not applicable.
- * = revised since previous publication.