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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2022 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of December 2022 was 123.2, representing an increase of 0.5 point or 0.4% in the All Items Index for December 2022.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December 2022 over the period January to December 2021 was 5.8%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to December 2021 over the period January to December 2020, which was 2.0%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 145.9 in November 2022 to 149.0 in December 2022, reflecting an increase of 2.1 %. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of chilled or frozen beef; fresh beef; chilled or frozen pork; tomatoes, cucumber; chive; carrots; celery; bodi; mixed fresh seasoning; ochros and table margarine. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of onions; white flour; cabbage; salted pig tail; eddoes; green (sweet) pepper; pimento; full cream milk; oranges; ketchup and red fish- fresh.

Price changes in this section for the month of December 2022 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2022 compared with November 2022 reflected a decrease in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

| Sections  | Percentage Change<br>December, 2021—December, 2022 |
|---|--|
| All Items   | 8.7  |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                                      | 17.3   |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco                                       | 0.8  |
| Clothing and Footwear   | 1.9  |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels                      | 5.0  |
| Home Ownership  | 6.2  |
| Rent  | 1.7  |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels                               | 0.0  |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 9.3  |
| Health  | 1.8  |
| Transport   | 14.6   |
| Communication   | 2.7  |
| Recreation and Culture  | 4.2  |
| Education   | 0.0  |
| Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant  | 9.5  |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services                                      | 6.6  |

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| 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                              | Total                 | Home-ownership                                   | Rent  | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 67  | 41     | 147       | 45            | 66                     | 10        | 25                            | 85                               |       |
| <b>Average</b>          |                         |                                  |                                 |                       |  |       |   |   |        |           |               |                        |           |                               |                                  |       |
| January - December 2020 | 109.2                   | 118.2                            | 112.1                           | 93.7                  | 104.1  | 104.2 | 107.3                                   | 100.7   | 104.4  | 134.6     | 106.9         | 106.7                  | 109.5     | 102.5                         | 117.4                            | 112.2 |
| January - December 2021 | 111.4                   | 123.4                            | 115.7                           | 91.1                  | 107.4  | 108.3 | 107.9                                   | 100.7   | 105.3  | 138.5     | 108.8         | 106.9                  | 109.8     | 102.5                         | 118.5                            | 112.1 |
| January - December 2022 | 117.9                   | 136.3                            | 118.4                           | 91.5                  | 113.9  | 116.5 | 108.5                                   | 100.7   | 111.8  | 141.6     | 117.3         | 109.5                  | 110.3     | 102.5                         | 125.0                            | 115.5 |
| 2020                    |                         |                                  |                                 |                       |  |       |   |   |        |           |               |                        |           |                               |                                  |       |
| January                 | 108.9                   | 116.5                            | 111.1                           | 95.3                  | 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                           | 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  | 104.1 | 107.0                                   | 100.7   | 104.2  | 132.7     | 107.0         | 106.7                  | 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   | 104.3  | 133.5     | 106.9         | 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     | 106.9         | 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     | 106.9         | 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         | 106.7                  | 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     | 106.8         | 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     | 106.8         | 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   | 104.4  | 136.7     | 106.8         | 106.7                  | 109.4     | 102.5                         | 118.0                            | 112.2 |
| November                | 109.6                   | 120.8                            | 114.6                           | 92.3                  | 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                           | 92.1                  | 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                           | 91.2                  | 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                           | 90.7                  | 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                           | 91.2                  | 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                           | 91.0                  | 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                           | 91.0                  | 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                           | 91.0                  | 106.5  | 107.1 | 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                           | 91.0                  | 107.9  | 108.8 | 108.1                                   | 100.7   | 104.7  | 138.1     | 108.4         | 106.6                  | 109.7     | 102.5                         | 118.2                            | 112.0 |
| August                  | 111.6                   | 124.6                            | 115.1                           | 91.0                  | 107.9  | 108.8 | 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                           | 91.5                  | 107.9  | 108.8 | 108.1                                   | 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                           | 91.2                  | 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                           | 91.1                  | 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                           | 91.0                  | 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                           | 91.3                  | 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                           | 91.2                  | 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                           | 91.8                  | 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                           | 90.9                  | 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                           | 90.9                  | 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                           | 90.2                  | 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                           | 91.2                  | 114.2  | 116.9 | 108.8                                   | 100.7   | 112.8  | 141.6     | 117.7         | 110.0                  | 110.3     | 102.5                         | 125.2                            | 115.1 |
| August                  | 118.6                   | 139.2                            | 119.3                           | 91.0                  | 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                           | 91.1                  | 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                 | 122.5                   | 144.5                            | 115.9                           | 93.2                  | 115.9  | 119.0 | 109.7                                   | 100.7   | 117.2  | 142.9     | 126.2         | 110.1                  | 114.5     | 102.5                         | 130.7                            | 119.8 |
| November                | 122.7                   | 145.9                            | 116.7                           | 92.7                  | 115.9  | 119.0 | 109.7                                   | 100.7   | 117.2  | 142.7     | 126.2         | 110.1                  | 114.5     | 102.5                         | 130.7                            | 119.8 |
| December                | 123.2                   | 149.0                            | 116.5                           | 92.7                  | 115.9  | 119.0 | 109.7                                   | 100.7   | 117.2  | 142.7     | 126.2         | 110.1                  | 114.5     | 102.5                         | 130.7                            | 119.8 |

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.