

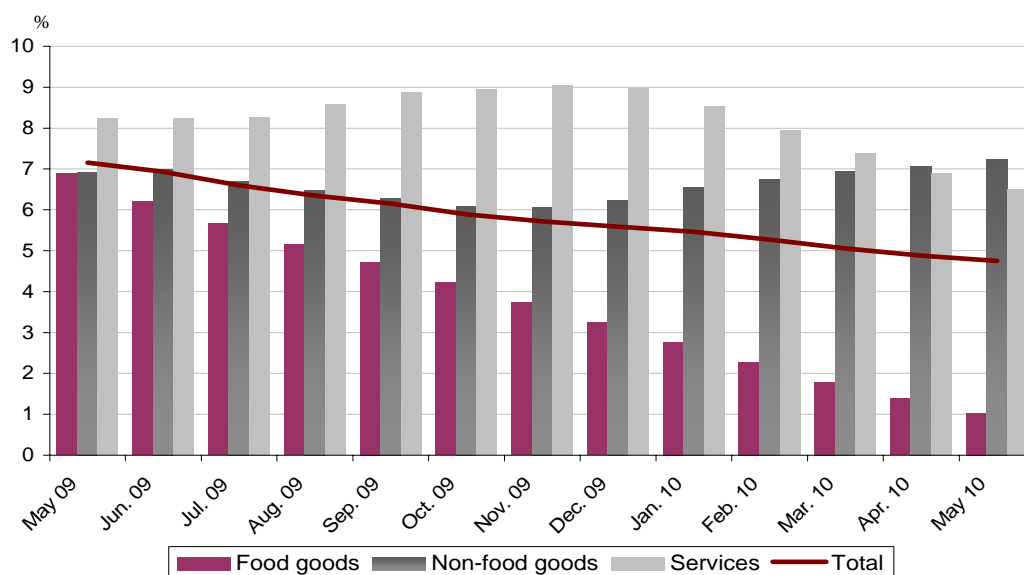
**PRESS RELEASE****No. 127 of June 10, 2010****Consumer Price Index in May 2010**

For an accurate interpretation of the indicator, please see the methodological explanations.

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 104.42% in May 2010 compared to May 2009.

The overall average price increase in the last 12 months (June 2009 – May 2010) compared to the previous 12 months (June 2008 – May 2009) which was determined on the basis of the CPI amounted to 4.8% and the one determined on the basis of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) amounted to 4.7%.

**Moving average rate (12 months)**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for May 2010, overall and by group of goods and services, and the monthly average inflation rate had the following values:

- percentages -

	May 2010 compared to:			Monthly average inflation rate during the period 11 – 31 V	
	April 2010	December 2009	May 2009	2010	2009
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.15</b>	<b>102.61</b>	<b>104.42</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Food goods	99.91	100.77	99.76	0.2	0.3
Non-food goods	100.20	104.63	108.68	0.9	0.7
Services	100.47	101.21	103.69	0.2	0.8

The prices for food goods were down 0.1%, while the prices for non-food goods and the tariffs for services increased by 0.2% and 0.5%, respectively.

The partial indices, calculated by excluding certain components from the CPI, had the following values:

	previous month=100
	May 2010 %
<b>TOTAL CPI</b>	<b>100.15</b>
Total CPI excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco	100.16
Total CPI excluding fuels	100.12
Total CPI excluding products whose prices are regulated*	100.14
Total CPI excluding vegetables, fruit, eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated*	100.11
Total CPI excluding vegetables, fruit, eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated*, beverages and tobacco	100.12

<sup>)</sup> Products whose prices are regulated: medicines, electric energy, natural gas, thermal energy, rail transport, water transport, mail and courier, radio-TV subscription, issuance of identity cards, driving licences, passports, water, sewerage, sanitation, urban public transport, rents set by local administration.

The weighting coefficients and the Consumer Price Indices for the main food goods, non-food goods and services are presented in the annex.

### Methodological explanations

The information for the calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is obtained through a monthly sample survey organised by the NIS. Retail sale prices for a nomenclature of circa 1750 types of products are collected in approximately 7100 stores and service-providing units of the county seats. The weights used to calculate the CPI are obtained from the Family Budget Survey (FBS) and result from the structure of the monthly average expenditure incurred by a household for the purchase of goods and the payment of services necessary for meeting living needs.

#### *Indicators calculated*

The Consumer Price Index compared to the previous month measures the evolution of prices in the current month compared to the previous month. It is used to determine the monthly inflation rate, by subtracting 100 from the index expressed in percentage points.

The monthly average inflation rate expresses the average of monthly price increases. It is calculated as a geometric mean of the chain-based monthly indices of consumer prices, from which the comparison base equalling 100 is subtracted.

The index compared to the same month of the previous year measures the evolution of prices in the current month compared to the same month of the previous year. It is used to determine the annual inflation rate, by subtracting 100 from the index expressed in percentage points.

The moving average rate for 12 months is the increase in consumer prices in the last 12 months compared to the previous 12 months.

*The next press release will be issued on July 12, 2010.*

*For international comparisons, please consult the Eurostat press release on the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices that will come out on June 16, 2010*

*(<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home/>).*

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IN MAY 2010  
FOR THE MAIN GOODS AND SERVICES**

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	May 2010 in % compared to:	
		April 2010	December 2009
10000	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.15</b>	<b>102.61</b>
3739	<b>TOTAL FOOD GOODS</b>	<b>99.91</b>	<b>100.77</b>
791	Mill and bakery products	99.99	100.12
48	- Mill products	99.71	99.67
29	- Flour	99.79	99.85
19	- Maize flour	99.57	99.40
658	- Bread, loaf products and specialties	100.02	100.21
587	- Bread	100.02	100.18
19	- Loaf products	100.09	100.25
31	- Bakery specialties	100.04	100.56
362	Vegetables and tinned vegetables	101.61	105.78
19	- Beans and other leguminous plants	100.09	99.52
68	- Potatoes	109.56	109.15
213	- Other vegetables and tinned vegetables	100.82	106.31
245	Fruit and tinned fruit	101.11	103.62
126	- Fresh fruit	101.80	103.75
110	- Citrus and other exotic fruit	100.49	103.77
9	- Tinned fruit	100.01	100.28
176	Oil, lard, fats	100.08	101.51
154	- Edible oil	100.07	101.69
20	- Margarine	99.96	100.91
897	Meat, meat products and tinned meat	99.74	100.79
101	- Beef	99.90	100.19
213	- Pork	99.88	99.77
231	- Poultry	99.98	100.22
283	- Meat products	99.91	100.11
15	- Tinned meat	100.07	100.61
115	Fish and tinned fish	100.03	100.41
81	- Fresh fish	100.03	100.43
8	- Tinned fish and other fish products	100.09	100.35
512	Milk and dairy products	99.61	100.07
261	- Milk – total	99.83	100.30
42	- Cow milk	99.44	99.48
115	- Cheese – total	98.94	99.32
65	- Cow cheese (cottage cheese type)	99.03	99.32
46	- Ewe cheese (cottage cheese type)	98.81	99.33
16	- Butter	100.01	101.37
61	Eggs	89.16	81.13
156	Sugar, confectioneries and honey	99.89	99.92
60	- Sugar	99.58	98.92
12	- Honey	99.93	100.03
93	Cocoa and coffee	100.12	100.77
90	- Coffee	100.13	100.78
131	Alcoholic beverages	100.13	100.78
26	- Wine	100.06	100.55
25	- Brandy, plum brandy and other beverages	100.10	100.99
76	- Beer	100.17	100.79
200	Other food products	100.02	100.85

(continued)

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	May 2010 in % compared to:	
		April 2010	December 2009
<b>4472</b>	<b>TOTAL NON-FOOD GOODS</b>	<b>100.20</b>	<b>104.63</b>
477	Clothing, haberdashery, passementerie trimmings and mercery	100.11	100.46
1	- Fabrics	100.07	100.48
350	- Wearing apparel	100.12	100.45
98	- Knitwear	100.08	100.49
13	- Haberdashery, passementerie trimmings and mercery	100.06	100.48
313	Footwear	100.09	100.38
198	- Leather footwear	100.08	100.32
258	Domestic products, furniture	100.08	100.35
79	- Furniture	100.08	100.28
24	- Refrigerators and freezers	100.08	100.56
15	- Washing machines	100.19	100.39
7	- Gas stoves, gas cylinders	100.05	100.28
31	- Domestic articles	100.11	100.53
232	Chemicals	100.04	100.66
12	- Varnishes and paints	100.09	100.60
160	- Detergents	100.01	100.63
2	- Domestic soap	100.05	100.41
329	Cultural and sporting products	100.84	102.72
120	- Books, newspapers, magazines	101.64	107.08
110	- Watches, audio-video sets, sporting goods	100.12	100.50
99	- Cars and spare parts	100.49	99.42
602	Hygiene articles, cosmetics and medical articles	100.37	103.96
222	- Hygiene articles, cosmetics	100.13	100.98
380	- Medical articles	100.50	105.69
357	- Medicines	100.52	105.99
753	Fuels	100.42	106.80
473	Tobacco, cigarettes	100.02	114.62
939	Electric energy, gas and central heating	100.00	102.64
492	- Electric energy	100.00	104.20
320	- Gas	100.00	100.00
127	- Thermal energy	100.00	102.86
96	Other non-food goods	99.82	100.55
<b>1789</b>	<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>	<b>100.47</b>	<b>101.21</b>
19	Making and repairing of clothing and footwear	100.07	100.51
70	Rent	100.38	100.11
231	Water, sewerage, sanitation	100.58	103.06
220	Cinemas, theatres, museums, expenditure for education and tourism	100.15	100.43
19	Car and electronic repairs, photo works	100.05	101.00
71	Medical care	100.17	101.70
44	Hygiene and cosmetics	100.13	100.90
88	Urban transport	100.04	102.58
92	Interurban transport (other transport types)	100.13	100.88
11	- Rail	100.00	100.00
12	- Road	100.10	101.44
52	- Bus – subscriptions	100.11	100.97
2	- Air	101.11	98.75
685	Post and telecommunications	100.85	99.09
2	- Mail services	100.00	100.00
513	- Phone	101.11	98.75
170	- Radio-TV subscription	100.03	100.23
116	Restaurants, coffee shops, canteens	100.10	100.92
43	Other industrial-type services	100.04	100.19
91	Other services	100.13	114.07
1	- Payment of accommodation in hotel units	99.95	99.79