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CORRIGENDA

In "Trinidad and Tobago Gazette", Vol. 61, No. 223, dated Wednesday 21st December, 2022, Page 3021–3022, Item No. 1874, appearing under the heading "INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2022", the indices for October, 2022, (reflected in the April 2023 RPI Table) and the Analysis were revised. Please see revisions below.

IN "Trinidad and Tobago Gazette", Vol. 62, No. 46, dated Tuesday 28th March, 2023, Page 587–588, Item No. 435, appearing under the heading "INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January 2023", the Table was revised to reflect the indices in October 2022 (reflected in the April 2023 RPI Table). Please see revisions below.

In "Trinidad and Tobago Gazette", Vol. 62, No. 55, dated Friday 14th April, 2023, Page 709–710, Item No. 521, appearing under the heading "INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February 2023", the Table was revised to reflect the indices in October, 2022, (reflected in the April 2023 RPI Table). The Year on Year Percentage change in the Analysis was also amended. Please see revisions below.

In "Trinidad and Tobago Gazette", Vol. 62, No. 61, dated Friday 21st April, 2023, Page 859–860, Item No. 554, appearing under the heading "INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2023", the Table was revised to reflect the indices in October, 2022 (reflected in the April 2023 RPI Table). The Rate of Inflation (revised to 7.8% from 7.7%) and the Year on Year Percentage Change in the Analysis were also amended. Please see revisions below.

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(AMENDED) INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2022 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

ANDRE BLANCHARD
Acting Director of Statistics

GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of October, 2022 was 122.5, representing an increase of 3.5 points or 2.9% 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 5.3%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to October, 2021 over the period January to October, 2020, which was 1.7%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 141.5 in September, 2022 to 144.5 in October, 2022, reflecting an increase of 2.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef, chilled or frozen beef, fresh beef, chilled or frozen pork, pumpkin, carite-fresh, tomatoes, hot peppers, cheddar cheese and table margarine. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of whole chickens-fresh, ochroes, oranges, eddoes, melongene, white flour, green (sweet) pepper, grapes, garlic and milo.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2022 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.5 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 2.4%. An increase was noted in Clothing and Footwear of 2.3%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 1.5%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 3.9%, Health of 0.2%, Transport of 7.2%, Communication 1.0%, Recreation and Culture of 3.8%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 4.4% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 4.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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(AMENDED) INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2022 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)—Continued

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	7.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.1
Clothing and Footwear	2.2
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	2.1
Transport	14.6
Communication	2.7
Recreation and Culture	4.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	9.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.6

1306

$(AMENDED)\ YEAR\ TO\ YEAR\ PERCENTAGE\ CHANGES\ FOR\ FEBRUARY, 2023\ AND\ MARCH, 2023$

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2022—February, 2023	Percentage Change March, 2022—March, 2023
All Items	7.6	7.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.0	13.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.1	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	0.8	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other F	uels 2.9	2.9
Home Ownership	3.6	3.6
Rent	1.8	1.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Rout	tine 6.7	6.7
Maintenance of the House		
Health	1.5	1.9
Transport	14.0	14.0
Communication	0.2	0.2
Recreation and Culture	11.0	11.0
Education	0.0	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	10.0	10.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.4	7.4

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2023 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

ANDRE BLANCHARD
Acting Director of Statistics

GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of April, 2023 was 122.8, representing a no change above/below the All Items Index for March, 2023.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2023, over the period January to April, 2022 was 7.3%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to April, 2022, over the period January to April, 2021, which was 4.3%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 146.1 in March, 2023 to 144.5 in April, 2023, reflecting a decrease of 1.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of pumpkin, melongene, hot peppers, ochroes, tomatoes, grapes, carrots, pimento, table margarine, and chives. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of chilled or frozen beef, fresh beef, chilled or frozen pork, onions, cheddar cheese, eddoes, whole fresh chickens, fresh steak, celery and carbonated soft drinks.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2023, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2023, compared with March, 2023, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.2%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.8%, Health of 0.7%, Transport of 0.8%, Communication of 0.3%, Recreation and Culture of 1.9%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 1.7%, Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.6%. Also, this period showed a decrease in the sub-index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages of 1.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 1.6% and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Changes in consumer prices in April, 2023, compared with those of April, 2022, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2022—April, 2023
All Items	6.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	-0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	6.2
Health	3.1
Transport	10.7
Communication	1.3
Recreation and Culture	10.4
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	9.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.3

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ANDRE BLANCHARD Acting Director of Statistics

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for April, 2023

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Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	1000	173	6	57	275	193	22	09	29	41	147	45	99	10	25	85
Average																
January - April 2021	110.0	119.7	115.2	91.0	105.2	105.6	107.5	100.7	104.5	137.7	108.3	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.1	112.1
January - April 2022	114.7	129.3	118.9	91.3	112.2	114.4	107.7	100.7	108.3	141.1	111.7	109.7	107.6	102.5	121.3	113.4
January - April 2023	123.1	147.2	120.1	91.6	114.8	117.6	109.6	100.7	115.4	143.9	126.4	110.2	119.3	102.5	133.2	121.8
2021 January	109.9			91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3		104.4	137.5		106.6		102.5	118.0	112.1
February March	109.8	119.3	114.9	90.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7		137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
April	110.3			91.0	106.5	107.1	1.801	100.7		137.9		106.6		102.5	118.2	112.0
May	110.5			91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7		137.9		106.6		102.5	118.2	112.0
June	110.8	122.5		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
August	111.6	_		91.0	107.9	108.8		100.7			108.4	107.2		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
November	113.6			91.1	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7		141.0		107.2		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		100.7		141.7	110.6	109.9		102.5	120.6	113.2
February March	114.4			91.2	111.8	113.8	7.701	100.7	108.0			109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
April	115.9			6.06	113.5	116.1		100.7				109.0		102.5	123.5	114.0
May	115.9	130.4		90.9	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.0		109.0	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
July	118.0			91.2	1142	116.9	108.8	100.7			117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
August	118.6			91.0	114.2	116.9		100.7				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			117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
November	122.7			92.7	115.9	119.0		100.7		142.7		110:1	114.5	102.5	130.7	119.8
December	123.2		116.5	92.7	115.9	119.0		100.7		142.7	126.2	110.1	114.5	102.5	130.7	119.8
2023 January	123.6			92.1	115.0	117.9		100.7				110.1	118.7	102.5	132.6	121.6
February	123.1	147.8	118.6	91.9	115.0	117.9	109.6	100.7	115.2	143.9	126.1	110.1	118.7	102.5	132.6	121.6
April	122.8			90.4	114.3	116.8		100.7		144.5		110.4	120.9	102.5	134.9	122.3
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