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Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices February 2006

Euro-zone[1] annual inflation, as measured by the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP), was 2.3% in February 2006[2], down from 2.4% in January 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.1%.

EU annual inflation, as measured by the European Index of Consumer Prices (EICP)[3], was 2.2% in February 2006[4], the same as in January 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.1%.

EEA annual inflation, as measured by the European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices (EEAICP), was 2.2% in February 2006.

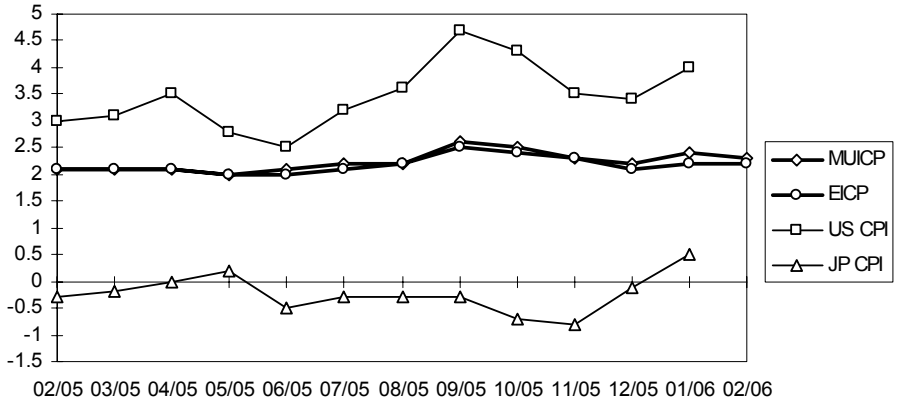
In February 2006, the highest annual inflation rates in EU Member States were recorded in **Latvia** (7.0%), **Estonia** (4.5%), **Slovakia** (4.3%) and **Spain** (4.1%), and the lowest rates were observed in **Poland** (0.9%), **Sweden** (1.1%), the **Netherlands** (1.4%) and **Austria** (1.5%).

For the **USA**[5] and **Japan**[5] no February data was available in time for publication.

The annual inflation rates for the **euro-zone**[1], the **EU**[4] and the latest available rates for the **USA**[5] and **Japan**[5] are shown in the graph below.

Methodological notes can be accessed via the Eurostat internet site under Publications/Methods and nomenclatures/Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices – Short guide for users (issue date: 17/05/2004).

Annual Rate of Change (%)



1 *The euro-zone comprises: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.*

2 *Starting this month, HICP index levels for Greece will be published with two decimal places. February 2006 data for Ireland were not available in time for publication. Eurostat estimates have been used to compute euro-zone, EU and EEA indices. Finland HICP data from January 2005 onwards should be regarded as provisional. For January and February 2006, Eurostat estimates have been used for Finland in order to compute the Euro-zone, EU, EEA indices.*

3 *The EICP (EICP='European Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) is the official EU aggregate. It covers 15 Member States until April 2004 and 25 Member States starting from May 2004. The ten new Member States are integrated into the EICP starting from May 2004 using a chain index formula.*

4 *February 2006 data for the UK were not available in time for publication. Eurostat estimates have been used to compute EU and EEA indices.*

5 *For the USA and Japan the national CPIs are given, which are not strictly comparable with the HICPs.*

TABLE I

HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

INDEX NUMBERS **2005 = 100**

	Euro-zone	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
Annual Average Index													
2003	95.81	95.95	95.75	96.0	97.5	96.4	93.22	93.79	93.86	95.89	95.7	95.7	96.18
2004	97.86	97.88	97.53	98.4	98.3	98.1	96.05	96.63	96.73	98.14	97.9	97.8	98.00
2005	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.00
Monthly Index - 2004													
Jan	96.45	96.51	95.05	97.7	97.4	97.0	93.65	94.71	94.44	96.79	95.9	96.2	95.55
Feb	96.62	96.69	96.84	97.8	97.8	97.2	93.85	94.05	94.52	97.22	96.8	96.1	95.55
Mar	97.29	97.28	96.92	98.0	98.3	97.7	94.18	96.74	95.22	97.65	97.2	97.1	96.42
Apr	97.72	97.69	97.44	98.0	98.4	97.9	94.77	97.10	96.55	97.91	97.5	97.9	97.13
May	98.05	98.08	97.78	98.6	98.8	98.1	96.62	97.54	97.09	98.26	97.7	98.0	97.99
Jun	98.05	98.09	97.69	98.8	98.5	98.1	96.95	97.32	97.25	98.35	98.2	98.2	98.62
Jul	97.88	97.92	96.67	99.0	98.2	98.5	96.69	95.43	96.55	98.17	97.8	98.0	97.36
Aug	98.05	98.06	98.29	99.0	97.8	98.6	96.62	95.14	97.01	98.35	98.4	97.8	97.84
Sep	98.22	98.23	98.20	98.3	98.6	98.3	96.82	97.18	97.17	98.43	98.5	98.3	98.86
Oct	98.56	98.57	98.71	98.8	99.0	98.5	97.15	97.90	98.18	98.78	98.6	98.6	99.88
Nov	98.48	98.53	98.54	98.6	98.7	98.1	97.54	97.98	98.42	98.78	98.8	98.8	100.28
Dec	98.90	98.92	98.20	98.6	98.4	99.2	97.74	98.49	98.34	98.95	98.9	99.1	100.51
Monthly Index - 2005													
Jan	98.31$	98.42$	96.92	99.2	98.2	98.6	97.54	98.70	97.40	98.35	97.9	98.1	98.23
Feb	98.65$	98.73$	99.06	99.2	98.8	99.0	98.14	97.03	97.64	99.04	98.8	98.0	97.84
Mar	99.32$	99.32$	99.65	99.1	99.6	99.3	98.73	99.50	98.49	99.73	99.0	99.2	98.70
Apr	99.75$	99.73$	99.82	99.4	100.1	99.3	99.19	100.30	99.90	99.91	99.6	100.0	99.80
May	100.00$	100.00$	99.99	99.5	100.0	99.7	99.39	100.67	100.05	99.91	99.8	100.3	100.04
Jun	100.08$	100.08$	100.33	100.1	100.2	99.9	100.05	100.45	100.36	100.08	100.1	100.3	100.12
Jul	100.00$	100.02$	99.31	100.4	100.0	100.3	100.45	99.14	99.74	99.91	100.0	100.1	98.62
Aug	100.25$	100.26$	101.10	100.4	100.1	100.5	100.71	98.56	100.21	100.34	100.5	99.9	99.33
Sep	100.76$	100.71$	101.10	100.3	100.9	100.8	101.57	100.88	100.83	100.77	101.2	100.5	100.98
Oct	101.02$	100.95$	100.93	101.2	100.9	100.8	101.50	101.54	101.61	100.77	101.2	101.2	102.09
Nov	100.76$	100.75$	100.85	100.8	100.5	100.3	101.43	101.32	101.77	100.51	101.0	101.2	102.32
Dec	101.10$	101.03$	100.93	100.5	100.6	101.3	101.30	101.90	102.00	100.69	100.8	101.2	101.93
Monthly Index - 2006													
Jan	100.65$	100.63$	99.60	101.6	100.2	100.7	102.08	101.67	101.53	100.60	100.3	100.3	100.22
Feb	100.94$	100.92$	101.88	101.6	100.9	101.1	102.60	100.07	101.60	100.99	:	100.2	100.13
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2005 = 100 INDEX NUMBERS

LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
Annual Average Index														
88.10	96.29	93.36	90.50	94.95	97.18	96.06	94.5	95.52	94.16	90.52	99.10	98.18	96.7	**2003**
93.55	97.41	96.37	96.63	97.53	98.52	97.94	97.9	97.92	97.60	97.28	99.24	99.18	98.0	**2004**
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	**2005**
Monthly Index - 2004														
90.36	95.77	94.02	94.41	94.26	97.33	96.80	95.8	96.40	95.58	96.09	99.01	98.36	97.0	**Jan**
90.92	95.61	95.24	95.47	94.33	97.89	97.23	95.9	96.24	95.75	96.73	99.45	98.18	97.2	**Feb**
91.82	96.09	95.32	95.97	94.72	98.69	97.58	96.2	96.48	96.32	96.95	99.01	99.06	97.4	**Mar**
92.37	96.41	95.81	96.25	98.70	99.01	97.49	96.9	97.42	96.94	96.95	99.01	99.32	97.8	**Apr**
93.55	97.93	96.29	97.12	98.86	99.18	97.84	98.0	98.20	97.79	97.27	99.19	99.67	98.1	**May**
94.10	98.01	96.70	97.17	99.17	98.45	98.02	98.6	99.37	98.24	97.48	99.10	99.15	98.1	**Jun**
94.31	97.93	95.89	97.17	99.64	98.13	97.75	98.5	98.51	98.75	97.65	98.84	98.97	97.8	**Jul**
94.24	97.61	96.94	96.85	99.17	98.29	98.10	98.2	98.12	98.47	97.54	99.10	98.88	98.1	**Aug**
94.66	98.17	97.10	96.94	99.64	99.10	98.02	98.5	98.04	98.07	97.65	99.53	99.67	98.2	**Sep**
95.00	98.33	97.59	97.40	99.64	99.26	98.54	99.1	98.51	98.18	97.81	99.88	100.11	98.4	**Oct**
95.49	98.57	97.92	97.45	95.66	98.85	98.71	99.4	98.82	98.75	97.70	99.36	99.41	98.6	**Nov**
95.77	98.49	97.67	97.40	96.60	98.05	99.15	99.4	98.90	98.30	97.54	99.36	99.41	99.1	**Dec**
Monthly Index - 2005														
96.39	98.49	96.70	98.14	96.05	98.53	99.15	99.4	98.35	97.79	99.20	98.84$	98.88	98.6	**Jan**
97.29	98.65	98.32	98.69	96.67	99.34	99.50	99.4	98.27	98.47	99.31	99.45$	99.32	98.8	**Feb**
97.85	99.21	98.65	99.15	97.14	100.14	99.93	99.5	98.67	99.48	99.31	99.88$	99.58	99.3	**Mar**
98.89	99.53	99.38	99.88	100.65	100.30	99.76	99.9	99.37	99.54	99.53	100.15$	99.76	99.7	**Apr**
99.65	99.77	99.86	100.48	101.27	100.22	99.76	100.1	99.92	99.88	99.63	99.80$	99.85	100.0	**May**
100.27	99.93	99.78	100.76	101.27	99.90	100.02	100.0	99.99	99.93	100.01	100.06$	99.93	100.0	**Jun**
100.27	99.77	99.70	100.67	101.35	99.58	99.76	100.0	100.38	100.72	99.69	99.71$	99.67	100.1	**Jul**
100.13	99.85	101.08	100.21	101.66	99.90	99.93	100.0	100.54	100.22	99.63	100.06$	99.93	100.4	**Aug**
101.66	100.65	101.65	100.39	101.66	100.78	100.55	100.4	100.70	101.18	99.90	100.67$	100.72	100.6	**Sep**
102.35	101.30	102.46	100.44	102.60	100.78	100.55	100.7	101.09	101.35	101.24	100.67$	100.98	100.7	**Oct**
102.70	101.38	101.41	100.62	99.79	100.46	100.37	100.5	101.32	100.78	101.24	100.32$	100.63	100.7	**Nov**
102.56	101.46	101.00	100.58	99.87	100.06	100.72	100.2	101.40	100.67	101.30	100.41$	100.72	101.0	**Dec**
Monthly Index - 2006														
103.67	101.98	100.63	100.55	98.31	100.28	100.66#	100.3	100.95	100.32	103.23	:	100.01	100.5	**Jan**
104.09	102.03	102.13	100.92	98.93	100.78$	101.01$	100.3	101.15	100.70	103.56	:	100.37	:	**Feb**
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TABLE II

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RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	Euro-zone	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
Annual Average Rate of Change													
2003/12	2.1	2.0	1.5	-0.1	2.0	1.0	1.4	3.4#	3.1	2.2	4.0	2.8	4.0
2004/12	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.6	0.9	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.9
2005/12	2.2$	2.2$	2.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	4.1	3.5	3.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.0
2006/2	2.2$	2.2$	2.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	4.2	3.4	3.5	2.0	:	2.2	2.0
Annual Rate of Change - 2004													
Jan	1.9	1.8	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.6	3.1#	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.6
Feb	1.6	1.5	1.2	2.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.5	1.4
Mar	1.7	1.5	1.0	2.2	0.4	1.1	0.7	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.3	0.1
Apr	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	1.7	1.5	3.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	2.3	0.1
May	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6	1.1	2.1	3.7	3.1	3.4	2.8	2.1	2.3	1.2
Jun	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.7	0.8	2.0	4.4	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4
Jul	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.0	1.1	2.1	4.0	3.1	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.9
Aug	2.3	2.1	2.0	3.1	0.8	2.1	3.9	2.8	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.8
Sep	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.8	0.9	2.0	3.8	2.9#	3.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.8
Oct	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.1	1.5	2.3	4.0	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.0
Nov	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.6	1.0	2.0	4.4	3.2#	3.5	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.6
Dec	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.5	0.9	2.3	4.8	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.9
Annual Rate of Change - 2005													
Jan	1.9$	2.0$	2.0	1.5	0.8	1.6	4.2	4.2	3.1	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.8
Feb	2.1$	2.1$	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.9	4.6	3.2#	3.3	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.4
Mar	2.1$	2.1$	2.8	1.1	1.3	1.6	4.8	2.9	3.4	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.4
Apr	2.1$	2.1$	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.4	4.7	3.3	3.5	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.7
May	2.0$	2.0$	2.3	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.9	3.2#	3.0	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.1
Jun	2.1$	2.0$	2.7	1.3	1.7	1.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.5
Jul	2.2$	2.1$	2.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	3.9	3.9	3.3	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.3
Aug	2.2$	2.2$	2.9	1.4	2.4	1.9	4.2	3.6#	3.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.5
Sep	2.6$	2.5$	3.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	4.9	3.8	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.1
Oct	2.5$	2.4$	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3	4.5	3.7	3.5	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.2
Nov	2.3$	2.3$	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.2	4.0	3.4	3.4	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.0
Dec	2.2$	2.1$	2.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.4
Annual Rate of Change - 2006													
Jan	2.4$	2.2$	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.1	4.7	3.0	4.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.0
Feb	2.3$	2.2$	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.1	4.5	3.1	4.1	2.0	:	2.2	2.3
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LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
Annual Average Rate of Change														
2.9	-1.1	2.5	4.7	1.9	2.2	1.3	0.7	3.3	5.7	8.4	1.3	2.3	1.4	**2003/12**
6.2	1.2	3.2	6.8	2.7	1.4	2.0	3.6	2.5	3.7	7.5	0.1	1.0	1.3	**2004/12**
6.9	2.7	3.8	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.8	0.8$	0.8	2.1	**2005/12**
7.0	2.7	3.9	3.3	2.6	1.5$	2.0$	1.7	2.2	2.4	3.0	1.0$	0.9	:	**2006/2**
Annual Rate of Change - 2004														
4.0	-1.2	2.3	6.7	2.8	1.5	1.2	1.8	2.2	4.0	8.3	0.8	1.3	1.4	**Jan**
4.3	-1.2	2.5	7.0	2.5	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1	3.6	8.4	0.4	0.1	1.3	**Feb**
4.7	-0.9	2.0	6.6	2.1	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.2	3.5	8.0	-0.4	0.4	1.1	**Mar**
5.0	-0.7	2.7	7.0	3.6	1.5	1.5	2.3	2.4	3.6	7.9	-0.4	1.0	1.1	**Apr**
6.1	1.1	3.4	7.8	3.1	1.7	2.1	3.5	2.5	3.9	8.2	-0.1	1.5	1.5	**May**
6.1	1.1	3.8	7.5	3.2	1.5	2.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	8.2	-0.1	1.2	1.6	**Jun**
6.7	1.7	3.8	7.2	3.1	1.2	2.1	4.7	2.9	3.7	8.4	0.2	1.2	1.4	**Jul**
7.8	2.2	3.6	7.2	2.5	1.2	2.2	4.8	2.4	3.7	7.1	0.3	1.1	1.3	**Aug**
7.7	3.1	3.1	6.7	3.2	1.2	1.8	4.6	2.1	3.4	6.6	0.2	1.1	1.1	**Sep**
7.2	3.1	4.1	6.4	2.7	1.5	2.4	4.6	2.4	3.4	6.6	0.6	1.5	1.2	**Oct**
7.2	2.9	4.0	5.8	1.9	1.5	2.3	4.5	2.6	3.8	6.3	0.2	1.1	1.5	**Nov**
7.4	2.8	3.5	5.5	1.9	1.2	2.5	4.4	2.6	3.3	5.8	0.1	0.9	1.7	**Dec**
Annual Rate of Change - 2005														
6.7	2.8	2.9	4.0	1.9	1.2	2.4	3.8	2.0	2.3	3.2	-0.2$	0.5	1.6	**Jan**
7.0	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.5	1.5	2.3	3.6	2.1	2.8	2.7	0.0$	1.2	1.7	**Feb**
6.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	2.6	1.5	2.4	3.4	2.3	3.3	2.4	0.9$	0.5	1.9	**Mar**
7.1	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.0	1.3	2.3	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.7	1.2$	0.4	1.9	**Apr**
6.5	1.9	3.7	3.5	2.4	1.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.4	0.6$	0.2	1.9	**May**
6.6	2.0	3.2	3.7	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.4	0.6	1.7	2.6	1.0$	0.8	2.0	**Jun**
6.3	1.9	4.0	3.6	1.7	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.9$	0.7	2.3	**Jul**
6.3	2.3	4.3	3.5	2.5	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.0$	1.1	2.4	**Aug**
7.4	2.5	4.7	3.6	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.9	2.7	3.2	2.3	1.1$	1.1	2.5	**Sep**
7.7	3.0	5.0	3.1	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.6	3.2	3.5	0.8$	0.9	2.3	**Oct**
7.6	2.9	3.6	3.3	4.3	1.6	1.7	1.1	2.5	2.1	3.6	1.0$	1.2	2.1	**Nov**
7.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.0	1.6	0.8	2.5	2.4	3.9	1.1$	1.3	1.9	**Dec**
Annual Rate of Change - 2006														
7.6	3.5	4.1	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.5	0.9	2.6	2.6	4.1	:	1.1	1.9	**Jan**
7.0	3.4	3.9	2.3	2.3	1.4$	1.5$	0.9	2.9	2.3	4.3	:	1.1	:	**Feb**
														Mar
														Apr
														May
														Jun
														Jul
														Aug
														Sep
														Oct
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														Dec

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TABLE III

HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

INDEX NUMBERS **2005 = 100**

	EEA	IS	NO	CH**
	Annual Average Index			
2003	95.97	96.41	97.9	98.0
2004	97.89	98.64	98.5	98.8
2005	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0
	Monthly Index - 2004			
Jan	96.52	97.17	97.7	97.9
Feb	96.71	96.79	97.9	97.9
Mar	97.29	97.56	98.4	98.1
Apr	97.69	97.94	98.6	99.0
May	98.08	98.63	98.7	99.2
Jun	98.10	99.17	98.7	99.4
Jul	97.92	98.86	98.6	98.3
Aug	98.06	98.79	98.3	98.7
Sep	98.23	99.17	98.7	98.7
Oct	98.57	99.71	99.0	99.6
Nov	98.54	99.79	99.0	99.7
Dec	98.92	100.10	98.8	99.6
	Monthly Index - 2005			
Jan	98.42$	99.71	98.7	99.1
Feb	98.73$	99.56	98.7	99.3
Mar	99.32$	99.94	99.2	99.6
Apr	99.73$	99.48	99.7	100.4
May	100.00$	99.17	100.1	100.3
Jun	100.08$	99.56	100.3	100.0
Jul	100.02$	99.40	99.9	99.5
Aug	100.26$	99.17	100.1	99.6
Sep	100.71$	100.79	100.8	100.1
Oct	100.95$	101.25	100.8	100.9
Nov	100.75$	100.87	100.8	100.7
Dec	101.03$	101.10	100.8	100.6
	Monthly Index - 2006			
Jan	100.63$	101.01	100.5	100.4
Feb	100.93$	100.78	101.4	100.7
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

TABLE IV

HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

RATES OF CHANGE (%)

EEA	IS	NO	CH**	
Annual Average Rate of Change				
2.0	1.4	2.0	0.6	**2003/12**
2.0	2.3	0.6	0.8	**2004/12**
2.2$	1.4	1.5	1.2	**2005/12**
2.2$	1.1	1.7	1.2	**2006/2**
Annual Rate of Change - 2004				
1.7	1.5	-1.5	0.2	**Jan**
1.5	1.4	-1.5	0.1	**Feb**
1.5	1.0	-0.4	-0.1	**Mar**
1.8	1.5	0.5	0.6#	**Apr**
2.3	2.3	1.1	0.9	**May**
2.3	2.8	1.3	1.1	**Jun**
2.2	2.7	1.6	0.8#	**Jul**
2.1	3.1	1.1	1.0	**Aug**
2.0	2.7	1.1	0.8#	**Sep**
2.2	2.9	1.4	1.3	**Oct**
2.1	2.9	1.4	1.5	**Nov**
2.2	2.9	1.2	1.4#	**Dec**
Annual Rate of Change - 2005				
2.0$	2.6	1.0	1.2	**Jan**
2.1$	2.9	0.8	1.4	**Feb**
2.1$	2.4	0.8	1.5	**Mar**
2.1$	1.6	1.1	1.4	**Apr**
2.0$	0.5	1.4	1.1	**May**
2.0$	0.4	1.6	0.6#	**Jun**
2.1$	0.5	1.3	1.2	**Jul**
2.2$	0.4	1.8	0.9#	**Aug**
2.5$	1.6	2.1	1.4	**Sep**
2.4$	1.5	1.8	1.3	**Oct**
2.2$	1.1	1.8	1.0	**Nov**
2.1$	1.0	2.0	1.0	**Dec**
Annual Rate of Change - 2006				
2.2$	1.3	1.8	1.3	**Jan**
2.2$	1.2	2.7	1.4	**Feb**
				Mar
				Apr
				May
				Jun
				Jul
				Aug
				Sep
				Oct
				Nov
				Dec

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TABLE V

MAIN CATEGORIES OF HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

February 2006 / February 2005 ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	00.	01.	02.	03.	04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.	11.	12.
Euro-zone	2.3$	1.6$	2.5$	-0.7$	5.6$	0.8$	1.0$	4.9$	-3.3$	0.1$	2.5$	2.5$	1.9$
EICP	2.2$	1.4$	2.3$	-1.4$	5.6$	0.3$	1.4$	4.8$	-2.6$	-0.3$	3.0$	2.7$	2.3$
BE	2.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	6.1	1.1	3.8	5.7	-1.1	1.0	1.6	2.8	2.4
CZ	2.4	-0.5	1.0	-6.4	9.3	-1.7	4.3	5.5	5.6	1.8	4.1	1.8	1.5
DK	2.1	1.7	0.1	0.1	4.1	1.1	2.8	3.5	-0.8	0.2	1.5	1.9	2.7
DE	2.1	1.0	3.7	-1.5	5.2	-0.3	0.6	4.8	-3.1	0.3	1.9	1.3	0.8
EE	4.5	3.2	2.6	4.3	9.2	1.7	1.7	10.6	-5.9	5.0	2.2	2.4	3.5
EL	3.1	2.6	3.3	0.7	9.6	0.3	3.9	2.9	0.4	1.5	3.7	3.1	3.4
ES	4.1	4.4	-0.5	1.1	7.8	2.4	1.0	7.3	-1.7	0.2	3.9	4.5	3.3
FR	2.0	1.1	0.3	-0.9	5.0	0.8	1.3	4.5	-5.9	-0.8	3.2	2.3	2.6
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	2.2	0.9	4.9	0.1	6.0	1.5	-0.2	4.3	-2.3	1.3	3.0	2.0	2.2
CY	2.3	3.7	0.2	-1.7	12.6	1.7	-2.9	5.5	-0.3	-0.9	4.5	-0.4	2.7
LV	7.0	8.5	9.3	-0.9	12.1	2.8	10.4	9.2	-7.0	3.5	9.1	10.7	5.9
LT	3.4	4.2	-1.4	0.5	5.4	-0.4	6.2	11.0	-4.0	2.5	-1.3	2.8	3.3
LU	3.9	1.8	4.6	0.4	7.3	1.7	5.7	6.2	-2.9	2.8	5.0	3.4	2.7
HU	2.3	4.3	2.2	-1.7	2.3	-2.1	5.2	4.2	-3.4	0.5	7.5	3.9	1.6
MT	2.3	-1.6	0.6	-2.3	10.0	2.4	3.8	5.8	0.0	0.1	2.0	2.9	3.1
NL	1.4$	0.9$	0.5$	-1.8$	4.5$	-0.1$	3.2$	4.1$	-1.9$	-0.2$	-15.7$	1.6$	0.6$
AT	1.5$	0.4$	0.3$	-2.5$	4.6$	0.7$	1.2$	5.2$	-7.3$	-2.6$	6.9$	1.9$	2.3$
PL	0.9	-0.3	2.6	-6.7	3.5	0.1	1.7	1.3	-0.3	-1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8
PT	2.9	1.7	8.8	-7.6	4.4	1.0	0.2	8.5	-1.1	1.5	5.3	2.1	2.5
SI	2.3	0.3	3.8	-2.5	8.8	3.6	-3.1	2.1	-0.3	1.2	4.0	3.6	3.5
SK	4.3	0.3	1.7	-0.4	13.4	-1.4	8.3	2.8	-0.3	1.4	8.5	2.3	3.8
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	1.1	-1.4	1.5	2.3	3.6	-2.6	1.0	3.2	-5.5	-1.7	2.8	2.6	3.0
UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EEA	2.2$	1.4$	2.3$	-1.4$	5.6$	0.3$	1.4$	4.8$	-2.5$	-0.3$	3.0$	2.7$	2.3$
IS	1.2	0.2	0.9	-5.5	2.2	-1.1	2.1	3.4	6.5	0.1	11.6	3.0	1.3
NO	2.7	1.1	1.4	0.0	8.1	-0.8	4.6	4.4	4.9	0.4	2.2	2.4	-2.0

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03. Clothing and footwear
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05. Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house
06. Health
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