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## Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices March 2006

**Euro-zone**<sup>1</sup> annual inflation, as measured by the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP), was 2.2% in March 2006, down from 2.3% in February 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.1%.

**EU** annual inflation, as measured by the European Index of Consumer Prices (EICP)<sup>2</sup>, was 2.1% in March 2006<sup>3</sup>, down from 2.2% in February 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.1%.

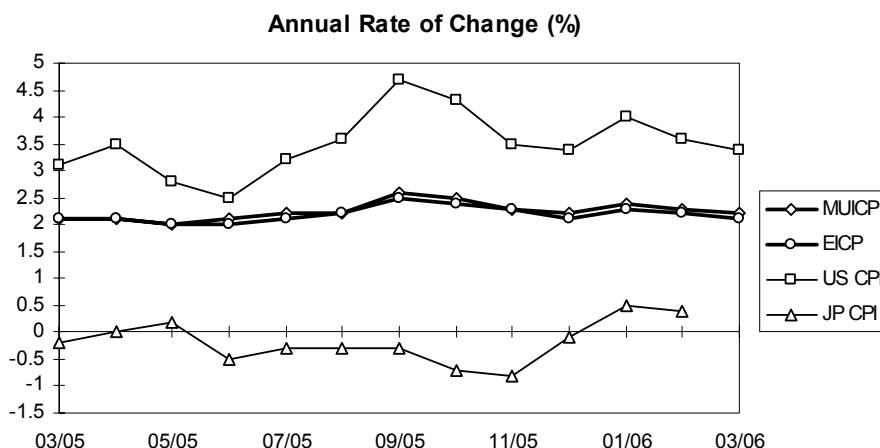
**EEA** annual inflation, as measured by the European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices (EEAICP), was 2.1% in March 2006.

In March 2006, the highest annual inflation rates in EU Member States were recorded in **Latvia** (6.6%), **Slovakia** (4.3%), **Estonia** (4.0%) and **Spain** (3.9%), and the lowest rates were observed in **Poland** (0.9%), **Finland** (1.2%), **Austria** (1.3%) and the **Netherlands** (1.4%).

For the **USA**<sup>4</sup> the annual inflation rate was 3.4% in March 2006, down from 3.6% in February 2006. For **Japan**<sup>4</sup> no March data was available in time for publication.

The annual inflation rates for the **euro-zone**, the **EU** and the latest available rates for the **USA** and **Japan** 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).



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

2 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.

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

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



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	Euro-zone	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
<b>Annual Average Index</b>													
<b>2003</b>	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
<b>2004</b>	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
<b>2005</b>	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
<b>Monthly Index - 2004</b>													
<b>Jan</b>	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
<b>Feb</b>	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
<b>Mar</b>	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
<b>Apr</b>	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
<b>May</b>	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
<b>Jun</b>	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
<b>Jul</b>	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
<b>Aug</b>	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
<b>Sep</b>	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
<b>Oct</b>	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
<b>Nov</b>	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
<b>Dec</b>	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
<b>Monthly Index - 2005</b>													
<b>Jan</b>	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
<b>Feb</b>	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
<b>Mar</b>	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
<b>Apr</b>	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
<b>May</b>	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
<b>Jun</b>	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
<b>Jul</b>	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
<b>Aug</b>	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
<b>Sep</b>	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
<b>Oct</b>	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
<b>Nov</b>	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
<b>Dec</b>	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
<b>Monthly Index - 2006</b>													
<b>Jan</b>	100.66r	100.64r	99.60	101.6	100.2	100.7	102.08	101.67	101.53	100.60	100.3	100.3	100.22
<b>Feb</b>	100.94	100.93r	101.88	101.6	100.9	101.1	102.60	100.07	101.60	100.99	101.5	100.2	100.13
<b>Mar</b>	101.51p	101.41p	101.81	101.5	101.4	101.2	102.71	102.82	102.32	101.44	101.8	101.4	101.31
<b>Apr</b>													
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LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
<b>Annual Average Index</b>														
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	<b>2003</b>
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	<b>2004</b>
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	<b>2005</b>
<b>Monthly Index - 2004</b>														
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	<b>Jan</b>
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	<b>Feb</b>
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	<b>Mar</b>
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	<b>Apr</b>
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	<b>May</b>
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	<b>Jun</b>
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	<b>Jul</b>
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	<b>Aug</b>
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	<b>Sep</b>
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	<b>Oct</b>
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	<b>Nov</b>
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	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Monthly Index - 2005</b>														
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	<b>Jan</b>
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	<b>Feb</b>
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	<b>Mar</b>
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	<b>Apr</b>
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	<b>May</b>
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	<b>Jun</b>
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	<b>Jul</b>
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	<b>Aug</b>
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	<b>Sep</b>
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	<b>Oct</b>
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	<b>Nov</b>
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	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Monthly Index - 2006</b>														
103.67	101.98	100.63	100.55	98.31	100.28	100.66	100.3	100.95	100.32	103.23	100.00	100.01	100.5	<b>Jan</b>
104.09	102.03	102.13	100.92	98.93	100.78	100.99r	100.3	101.15	100.70	103.56	100.77	100.37	100.9	<b>Feb</b>
104.29	102.24	102.31	101.51	100.00	101.58p	101.26p	100.4	101.65	101.43	103.57	101.04	101.03	:	<b>Mar</b>
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 RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	Euro-zone	EICP	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY
<b>Annual Average Rate of Change</b>													
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
2006/3	2.3p	2.2p	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	4.1	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.0
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2004</b>													
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
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2005</b>													
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
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2006</b>													
Jan	2.4	2.3r	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	2.7	2.2	2.3
Mar	2.2p	2.1p	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.9	4.0	3.3	3.9	1.7	2.8	2.2	2.6
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LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	
<b>Annual Average Rate of Change</b>														
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	3.2	2.6	1.5p	1.9p	1.5	2.3	2.3	3.2	1.0	0.9	:	2006/3
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2004</b>														
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
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2005</b>														
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
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2006</b>														
7.6	3.5	4.1	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.5	0.9	2.6	2.6	4.1	1.2	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	1.3	1.1	2.0	Feb
6.6	3.1	3.7	2.4	2.9	1.4p	1.3p	0.9	3.0	2.0	4.3	1.2	1.5	:	Mar
														Apr
														May
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														Aug
														Sep
														Oct
														Nov
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TABLE III  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER  
PRICES  
INDEX NUMBERS 2005 = 100

	EEA	IS	NO	CH**
<b>Annual Average Index</b>				
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
<b>Monthly Index - 2004</b>				
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
<b>Monthly Index - 2005</b>				
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
<b>Monthly Index - 2006</b>				
Jan	100.63	101.01	100.5	100.4
Feb	100.93	100.78	101.4	100.7
Mar	101.41p	101.93	101.6	100.6
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

TABLE IV  
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER  
PRICES  
RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	EEA	IS	NO	CH**	
<b>Annual Average Rate of Change</b>					
2003/12	2.0	1.4	2.0	0.6	
2004/12	2.0	2.3	0.6	0.8	
2005/12	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.2	
2006/3	2.2p	1.1	1.8	1.1	
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2004</b>					
Jan	1.7	1.5	-1.5	0.2	Jan
Feb	1.5	1.4	-1.5	0.1	Feb
Mar	1.5	1.0	-0.4	-0.1	Mar
Apr	1.8	1.5	0.5	0.5	Apr
May	2.3	2.3	1.1	0.9	May
Jun	2.3	2.8	1.3	1.1	Jun
Jul	2.2	2.7	1.6	0.9	Jul
Aug	2.1	3.1	1.1	1.0	Aug
Sep	2.0	2.7	1.1	0.9	Sep
Oct	2.2	2.9	1.4	1.3	Oct
Nov	2.1	2.9	1.4	1.5	Nov
Dec	2.2	2.9	1.2	1.3	Dec
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2005</b>					
Jan	2.0	2.6	1.0	1.2	Jan
Feb	2.1	2.9	0.8	1.4	Feb
Mar	2.1	2.4	0.8	1.4	Mar
Apr	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.4	Apr
May	2.0	0.5	1.4	1.1	May
Jun	2.0	0.4	1.6	0.7	Jun
Jul	2.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	Jul
Aug	2.2	0.4	1.8	1.0	Aug
Sep	2.5	1.6	2.1	1.4	Sep
Oct	2.4	1.5	1.8	1.3	Oct
Nov	2.2	1.1	1.8	1.0	Nov
Dec	2.1	1.0	2.0	1.0	Dec
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2006</b>					
Jan	2.2	1.3	1.8	1.3	Jan
Feb	2.2	1.2	2.7	1.4	Feb
Mar	2.1p	2.0	2.4	1.0	Mar
Apr					Apr
May					May
Jun					Jun
Jul					Jul
Aug					Aug
Sep					Sep
Oct					Oct
Nov					Nov
Dec					Dec

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TABLE V

## MAIN CATEGORIES OF HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

March 2006 / March 2005

ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	00.	01.	02.	03.	04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.	11.	12.
<b>Euro-zone</b>	2.2p	1.3p	3.0p	0.2p	5.1p	1.0p	1.1p	4.1p	-3.5p	-0.1p	2.6p	2.4p	2.1p
<b>EICP</b>	2.1p	1.0p	2.7p	-0.6p	5.3p	0.5p	1.4p	3.9p	-2.6p	-0.3p	3.1p	2.7p	2.5p
<b>BE</b>	2.2	0.1	1.4	0.1	5.5	1.0	3.7	4.6	-1.8	0.3	1.6	2.2	2.3
<b>CZ</b>	2.4	-0.6	1.0	-6.2	9.4	-1.8	4.5	4.6	5.8	2.0	3.8	2.0	1.7
<b>DK</b>	1.8	0.6	1.4	-1.7	3.8	0.6	2.6	3.2	-2.8	0.5	1.5	2.2	3.0
<b>DE</b>	1.9	0.7	4.1	-1.3	4.7	-0.1	0.6	3.8	-3.2	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.9
<b>EE</b>	4.0	3.3	3.0	4.1	7.2	1.8	1.7	8.2	-5.9	4.9	2.2	2.4	4.2
<b>EL</b>	3.3	2.8	3.3	2.1	7.8	2.1	3.5	4.2	0.4	1.5	3.7	2.6	3.4
<b>ES</b>	3.9	4.0	5.1	1.2	7.5	2.6	1.3	6.5	-1.2	-0.8	3.9	4.3	3.6
<b>FR</b>	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	4.6	1.1	1.9	3.7	-6.0	-0.9	3.2	2.2	2.7
<b>IE</b>	2.8	1.1	1.1	-1.9	9.1	-1.1	4.6	5.9	-1.1	0.0	4.7	3.6	2.8
<b>IT</b>	2.2	1.0	5.1	1.3	5.9	1.5	-0.7	3.3	-2.7	1.4	2.9	2.3	2.4
<b>CY</b>	2.6	5.4	0.7	-2.3	11.5	0.3	0.9	5.0	-0.1	-0.7	4.5	-0.4	2.7
<b>LV</b>	6.6	7.1	8.6	0.2	13.9	3.6	10.1	6.8	-7.4	3.3	9.1	10.9	5.7
<b>LT</b>	3.1	3.6	-1.3	-2.0	5.0	-0.1	6.6	10.3	-2.7	2.0	-0.9	2.5	4.0
<b>LU</b>	3.7	2.1	4.0	0.2	6.5	1.9	5.1	6.5	-2.9	2.3	5.0	3.7	2.8
<b>HU</b>	2.4	5.2	2.8	-1.3	2.4	-2.3	5.2	3.3	-3.4	0.3	7.7	3.9	2.1
<b>MT</b>	2.9	1.6	0.8	0.8	11.9	2.4	3.4	4.4	0.0	-0.2	2.0	2.7	2.7
<b>NL</b>	1.4p	0.5p	0.2p	-0.8p	4.6p	-0.4p	3.2p	3.7p	-1.8p	-0.5p	-15.9p	1.5p	0.9p
<b>AT</b>	1.3p	-0.7p	-0.2p	-0.2p	5.0p	0.7p	1.6p	3.5p	-6.9p	-2.8p	6.9p	1.9p	2.4p
<b>PL</b>	0.9	-0.6	2.1	-6.8	3.5	0.0	1.6	1.0	-0.4	-1.4	1.6	1.6	3.7
<b>PT</b>	3.0	1.3	9.1	-1.3	4.4	0.7	0.1	7.9	-0.5	0.8	5.7	2.1	2.6
<b>SI</b>	2.0	-1.3	3.7	0.0	7.6	4.3	-2.9	0.6	-0.1	1.5	3.5	4.0	4.6
<b>SK</b>	4.3	1.0	2.1	-0.5	13.4	-1.2	7.7	2.4	-0.4	1.4	7.3	2.3	3.4
<b>FI</b>	1.2	0.1	1.3	-2.4	3.0	0.7	1.7	3.6	-10.0	0.4	2.8	2.2	1.9
<b>SE</b>	1.5	-0.3	1.4	4.4	4.1	-2.2	0.9	3.2	-4.9	-2.4	3.2	3.0	3.2
<b>UK</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>EEA</b>	2.1p	1.1p	2.7p	-0.6p	5.3p	0.5p	1.5p	3.9p	-2.6p	-0.3p	3.1p	2.7p	2.5p
<b>IS</b>	2.0	2.9	1.7	-1.5	2.9	-0.6	2.3	3.0	4.3	0.9	11.6	2.0	2.8
<b>NO</b>	2.4	1.0	1.6	-1.8	8.3	-1.4	4.3	3.9	4.2	0.6	2.2	2.2	-1.9

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