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## Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices May 2006

**Euro area**<sup>1</sup> annual inflation, as measured by the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP), was 2.5% in May 2006, up from 2.4% in April 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.0%.

**EU** annual inflation, as measured by the European Index of Consumer Prices (EICP)<sup>2</sup>, was 2.4% in May 2006, up from 2.3% in April 2006. A year earlier the rate was 2.0%.

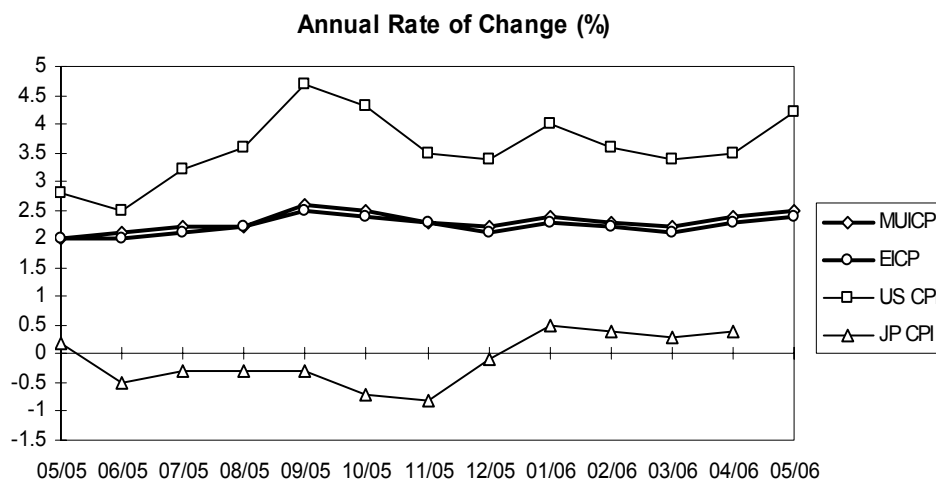
**EEA** annual inflation, as measured by the European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices (EEAICP), was 2.4% in May 2006.

In May 2006, the highest annual inflation rates in EU Member States were recorded in **Latvia** (7.1%), **Slovakia** (4.8%), **Estonia** (4.6%) and **Spain** (4.1%), and the lowest rates were observed in **Poland** (1.5%), **Finland** (1.7%), the **Netherlands** (1.8%) and **Sweden** (1.9%).

For the **USA**<sup>3</sup> the annual inflation rate was 4.2% in May 2006, up from 3.5% in April. For **Japan**<sup>3</sup> no May data was available in time for publication.

The annual inflation rates for the **euro area**<sup>1</sup>, the **EU** and the latest available rates for the **USA**<sup>3</sup> and **Japan**<sup>3</sup> 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 area 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 For the USA and Japan the national CPIs are given, which are not strictly comparable with the HICPs.



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INDEX NUMBERS  
2005 = 100

	Euro area	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>	100.66	100.64	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	100.93	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>	101.51	101.40	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>	102.19r	102.06	102.38	101.7	101.9	101.6	103.44	103.84	103.80	101.89	102.3	102.3	102.34
<b>May</b>	102.47p	102.41p	102.74	102.3	102.1	101.8	104.00	103.96	104.17	102.32	102.8	102.6	102.54
<b>Jun</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	100.99	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	101.58	101.26	100.4	101.65	101.43	103.57	101.04	101.03	101.1	<b>Mar</b>
104.96	102.94	102.81	102.27	104.16	102.06	101.84r	101.1	102.23	102.34	103.90	101.61	101.58	101.7	<b>Apr</b>
106.69	103.39	103.43	103.37	104.83	102.06p	101.89p	101.6	102.79	103.27	104.41	101.52	101.78	102.2	<b>May</b>
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 RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	Euro area	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
2006/5	2.3p	2.3p	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.1	4.2	3.4	3.7	2.0	2.5	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	2.3	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	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.9	4.0	3.3	3.9	1.7	2.8	2.2	2.6
Apr	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.3	4.3	3.5	3.9	2.0	2.7	2.3	2.5
May	2.5p	2.4p	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.1	4.6	3.3	4.1	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.5
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<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
6.9	2.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	1.6p	1.9p	1.3	2.5	2.4	3.5	1.1	1.2	2.1	2006/5
<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	1.4	1.3	0.9	3.0	2.0	4.3	1.2	1.5	1.8	Mar
6.1	3.4	3.5	2.4	3.5	1.8	2.1r	1.2	2.9	2.8	4.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	Apr
7.1	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.5	1.8p	2.1p	1.5	2.9	3.4	4.8	1.7	1.9	2.2	May
														Jun
														Jul
														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	101.40	101.93	101.6	100.6
Apr	102.06	102.72	102.5	101.4
May	102.42p	103.92	102.6	101.6
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>					
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	
2.3p	1.6	2.1	1.1	2006/5	
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2004</b>					
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	
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2005</b>					
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	
<b>Annual Rate of Change - 2006</b>					
2.2	1.3	1.8	1.3	Jan	
2.2	1.2	2.7	1.4	Feb	
2.1	2.0	2.4	1.0	Mar	
2.3	3.3	2.8	1.1	Apr	
2.4p	4.8	2.5	1.4	May	
				Jun	
				Jul	
				Aug	
				Sep	
				Oct	
				Nov	
				Dec	

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TABLE V

## MAIN CATEGORIES OF HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES

May 2006 / May 2005

ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE (%)

	00.	01.	02.	03.	04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.	11.	12.
<b>Euro area</b>	2.5p	1.8p	2.8p	0.4p	5.7p	0.9p	1.3p	5.2p	-3.4p	-0.4p	2.7p	2.5p	2.3p
<b>EICP</b>	2.4p	1.7p	2.5p	-0.6p	6.1p	0.4p	1.6p	4.9p	-2.7p	-0.6p	3.2p	2.7p	2.8p
<b>BE</b>	2.8	1.6	1.1	0.0	6.6	1.2	3.4	4.7	-1.8	1.3	1.6	2.3	2.4
<b>CZ</b>	2.8	0.1	1.6	-6.8	10.1	-1.6	3.7	4.5	7.4	2.0	3.9	3.2	1.9
<b>DK</b>	2.1	2.2	1.4	-2.8	4.1	0.7	1.4	4.1	-3.1	1.7	1.5	2.3	1.0
<b>DE</b>	2.1	1.5	4.0	-0.9	4.9	0.0	0.7	4.8	-3.4	-1.3	2.1	0.8	0.9
<b>EE</b>	4.6	3.8	3.5	4.4	8.1	2.5	1.9	10.2	-6.6	4.6	3.6	2.3	4.3
<b>EL</b>	3.3	2.4	3.7	3.3	8.2	1.9	2.5	4.4	1.3	1.2	3.8	2.0	2.8
<b>ES</b>	4.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	7.5	2.6	1.2	8.0	-1.2	0.7	3.9	4.6	3.7
<b>FR</b>	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.1	6.0	1.3	2.7	5.0	-6.9	-1.0	3.5	2.2	3.2
<b>IE</b>	3.0	2.6	1.3	-2.1	7.8	-0.9	4.5	5.1	-0.5	0.3	4.6	3.9	2.5
<b>IT</b>	2.3	1.1	5.1	1.4	6.3	1.3	-0.6	3.8	-2.8	0.9	3.1	2.3	2.8
<b>CY</b>	2.5	6.1	-1.5	-9.6	11.3	-0.2	1.7	6.6	0.7	-0.3	5.3	0.5	3.1
<b>LV</b>	7.1	6.9	7.6	0.5	13.9	3.1	4.7	9.4	-8.3	3.1	8.8	18.3	6.1
<b>LT</b>	3.6	4.8	-1.4	-1.9	5.2	0.2	7.1	11.3	-2.1	2.0	-1.2	3.1	4.8
<b>LU</b>	3.6	2.0	1.2	0.4	7.7	1.6	5.3	7.4	-1.7	1.0	5.0	3.5	3.2
<b>HU</b>	2.9	6.2	3.6	-1.5	2.2	-2.3	4.5	5.2	-3.2	0.6	7.6	3.8	2.2
<b>MT</b>	3.5	2.1	0.9	0.8	12.5	2.6	4.3	7.6	0.1	0.9	2.7	2.0	3.6
<b>NL</b>	1.8p	0.8p	0.2p	-0.1p	4.7p	0.0p	3.3p	4.8p	0.4p	0.4p	-15.8p	1.8p	0.5p
<b>AT</b>	2.1p	1.5p	0.6p	2.9p	6.3p	0.3p	1.5p	4.8p	-6.2p	-2.5p	7.3p	1.8p	2.1p
<b>PL</b>	1.5	-0.1	1.3	-6.9	4.8	-0.1	1.5	3.7	-0.4	-2.3	1.6	1.6	3.9
<b>PT</b>	2.9	2.6	8.6	-11.2	4.2	1.0	0.6	8.6	-0.6	1.5	5.7	2.0	3.7
<b>SI</b>	3.4	1.8	3.9	2.4	8.4	2.1	-2.4	4.1	0.6	1.8	2.8	4.7	4.3
<b>SK</b>	4.8	2.8	2.0	-0.1	13.4	-0.8	8.7	2.6	0.0	1.7	7.2	2.6	3.7
<b>FI</b>	1.7	1.1	2.3	-1.7	4.0	0.8	1.2	4.3	-7.5	0.4	2.5	2.2	2.1
<b>SE</b>	1.9	0.9	1.6	2.6	4.2	-2.4	1.0	4.6	-7.1	-0.6	2.9	2.1	4.0
<b>UK</b>	2.2	1.1	2.2	-3.7	9.0	-0.8	2.9	4.0	-0.4	-1.6	4.7	3.2	4.1
<b>EEA</b>	2.4p	1.7p	2.5p	-0.6p	6.1p	0.4p	1.6p	4.9p	-2.6p	-0.6p	3.2p	2.7p	2.7p
<b>IS</b>	4.8	10.3	2.5	-2.7	4.0	0.4	3.1	10.7	4.5	2.0	11.6	3.4	1.8
<b>NO</b>	2.5	1.3	1.9	-1.2	8.4	-1.8	3.8	4.0	2.9	0.5	2.2	2.2	-1.6

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