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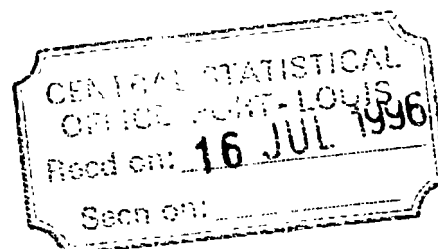
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**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - MANUFACTURING (PPI-M)**  
**Food, Beverages and Tobacco**  
**(January - March 1996)**

**Introduction**

The Producer Price Index (PPI-M) measures the average change in the selling prices received by manufacturers for the part of their output that is sold on the domestic market. This issue of the "Economic Indicators" presents indices for the "Food, beverages and tobacco" sector for the period January to March 1996 as well as revised figures for previous months. It is recalled that the indices are computed using calendar year 1993 as the reference period.

**2. PPI-M: Food, Beverages and Tobacco**

**2.1 Monthly change**

In March 1996, the overall index for "Food, beverages and tobacco" remained at 120.3 as in the previous month after increases of 3.4% and 0.2% in January and February 1996 mainly attributable to upward price movements in the "Food" sector. In fact, the index for the latter rose by 6.0% and 0.3% in January and February respectively. In January, the main increases were 28.7% in "Manufacture of grain mill products", 12.5% in "Manufacture of prepared animal feeds" and 4.4% in "Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat". On the other hand, the index for "Beverages and Tobacco", with nearly 45% of the total weight, has remained stable since August 1995 when it rose by nearly 6% following increases in the price of soft drinks.

**2.2 Quarterly change**

Table 2 gives the evolution of the Producer Price Index on a quarterly basis. The average index for the first quarter of 1996 rose by 3.6% over that of the fourth quarter of 1995 following higher prices in the food sector.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of last year, the index rose by 9.3% as a result of increases of 11.1% in the "Food" sector and 6.8% in "Manufacture of beverages and tobacco". The increase in the "Food" sector was led by a 33.7% rise

in "Manufacture of grain mill products", 20.1% in " Manufacture of prepared animal feeds" , 18.3% in "Sugar and sugar confectionery", 17.0% in " Manufacture of tea" , 14.9% in " Canning & processing of fish & similar products" and 14.3% in " Manufacture of dairy products" . Within the " Beverages and tobacco" sector there were increases of the order of 9.3% and 7.9% in " Manufacture of soft drinks" and " Manufacture of wine" respectively. Other details on changes that have occurred at the group and sub-group level over the one-year period are given in Table 2.

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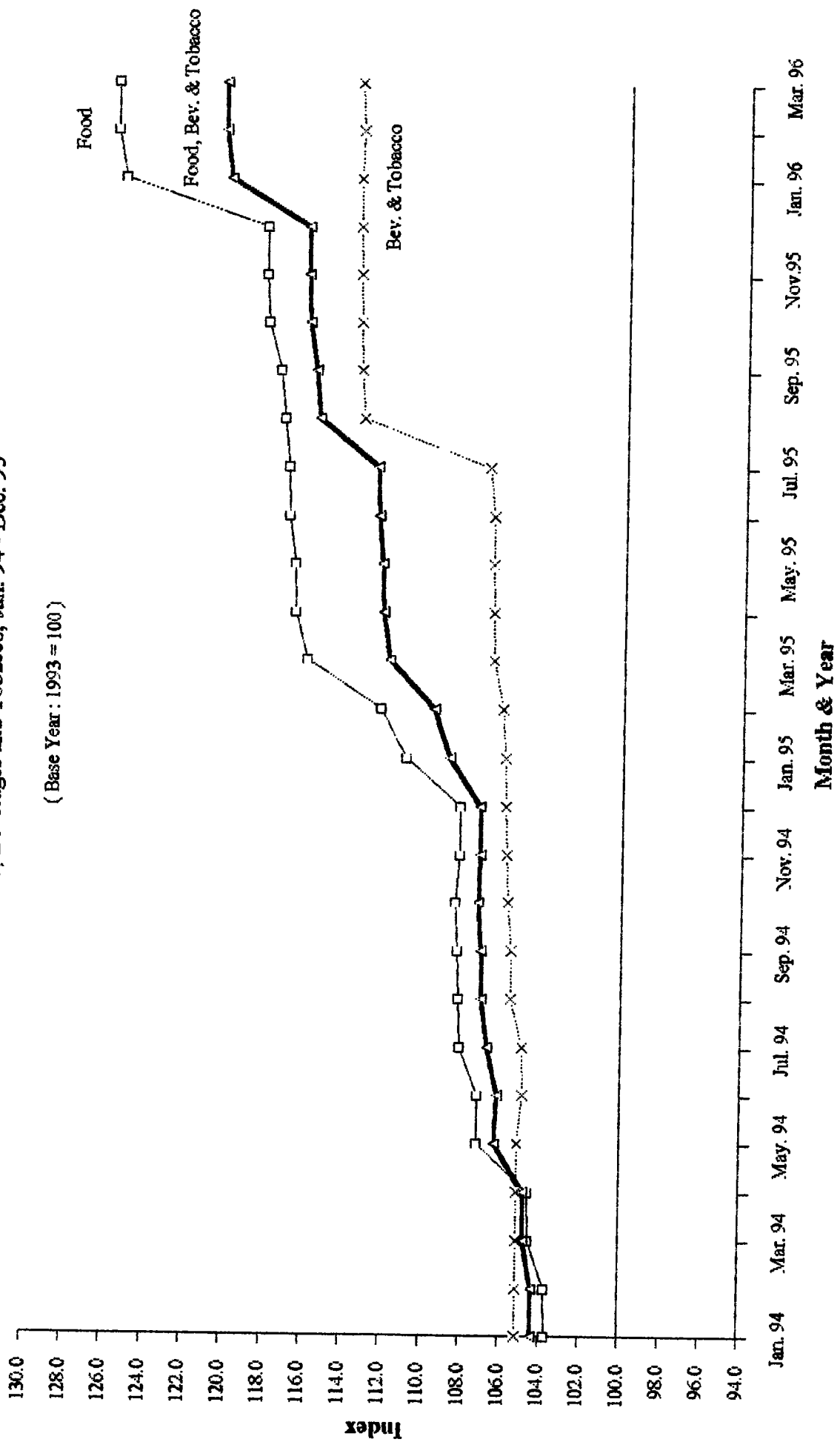
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# PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - MANUFACTURING (PPI - M)

Food, Beverages and Tobacco, Jan. 94 - Dec. 95

(Base Year: 1993 = 100)



PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - Manufacturing (PPI - M), Year 1993 = 100

Food, Beverages & Tobacco

Table 1: Monthly Indices and percent changes by ISIC group\*, July 95 - January 96

ISIC group*	Weight	Percent changes (%) from												
		July 95	Aug. 95	Sep. 95	Oct 95	Nov 95	Dec 95	Jan 96	Feb 96	March 96	Dec 95 to Jan 96	Jan 96 to Feb 96	Feb 96 to Mar 96	
<b>Manufacture of food</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>117.4</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	116.4	116.4	116.4	116.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Manufacture of dairy products	25	121.9	121.9	121.9	130.1	130.1	130.1	133.8	134.5	134.5	134.5	2.8	0.5	0.0
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	109.3	111.6	111.6	113.4	114.9	114.9	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	1.7	0.0	0.0
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	118.9	119.9	120.9	123.0	123.4	122.6	123.9	123.7	123.2	123.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.4
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.1	132.4	132.4	132.4	0.0	1.0	0.0
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	164.1	164.1	164.1	164.1	28.7	0.0	0.0
Manufacture of bakery products	103	110.8	111.3	112.4	112.5	112.5	112.5	113.2	114.3	114.3	114.3	0.7	1.0	0.0
of which:														
Bakery & pastries	81	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	112.5	114.0	114.0	114.0	0.8	1.3	0.0
Biscuits & sweets	13	108.9	112.5	121.4	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
of which:														
Sugar	30	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacture of tea	15	108.5	109.0	108.6	108.7	109.0	108.8	108.8	108.9	108.8	108.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Manufacture of other food products	9	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	12.5	0.0	0.0
<b>Man. of beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
of which:														
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wine	9	109.0	109.9	109.9	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Soft drinks	81	111.4	119.9	120.8	120.8	121.0	121.2	121.2	121.0	121.1	121.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
<b>Man. of Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>

\* according to the national version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of economic activities (ISIC)

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - Manufacturing (PPI - M), Year 1993 = 100

Food, Beverages & Tobacco

Table 2: Quarterly average and percent changes by ISIC group\*, 1st Quarter 95 - 1st Quarter 96

ISIC group*	Weight	1st Quarter 95				1st Quarter 96	Percent Changes (%) from	
		1st Qr 95	2nd Qr 95	3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95		4th Qr 95 to 1st Qr 96	1st Qr 95 to 1st Qr 96
<b>Manufacture of food</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	108.2	115.0	111.6	111.6	116.4	4.4	7.7
Manufacture of dairy products	25	117.4	122.0	121.9	130.1	134.2	3.2	14.3
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	107.7	108.7	110.9	114.4	116.8	2.1	8.5
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	107.6	115.4	119.9	123.0	123.6	0.5	14.9
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	125.9	130.1	131.2	131.2	132.0	0.6	4.8
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	122.7	126.0	127.4	127.5	164.1	28.7	33.7
Manufacture of bakery products of which:	103	113.9	113.9	111.5	112.5	114.0	1.3	0.1
Bakery & pastries	81	115.5	115.5	111.6	111.6	113.5	1.7	-1.7
Biscuits & sweets	13	108.9	108.9	114.3	121.9	121.9	0.0	11.9
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery of which:	32	100.0	100.0	118.3	118.3	118.3	0.0	18.3
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	0.0	17.0
Manufacture of tea	15	103.7	108.5	108.7	108.8	108.8	0.0	4.9
Manufacture of other food products	9	109.0	118.8	118.8	119.5	119.9	0.3	10.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	104.9	104.9	112.0	112.0	125.9	12.5	20.1
<b>Man. of beverages and tobacco</b> of which:	<b>444</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	102.9	104.1	104.5	104.5	104.5	0.0	1.6
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	109.6	111.8	111.8	0.0	7.9
Soft drinks	81	110.8	111.1	117.4	121.0	121.1	0.1	9.3
<b>Man. of Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>120.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>

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Food, Beverages & Tobacco

Table 3: Monthly Indices by ISIC group\*, January 95 - December 95

ISIC group*	Weight	Jan. 95	Feb. 95	Mar. 95	Apr. 95	May 95	June 95	July 95	Aug. 95	Sept. 95	Oct. 95	Nov. 95	Dec. 95
<b>Manufacture of food</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>110.9</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>117.4</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>118.2</b>
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	103.9	103.9	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6
Manufacture of dairy products	25	115.8	115.8	120.7	120.7	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	130.1	130.1	130.1
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	107.2	107.2	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	109.3	111.6	111.6	113.4	114.9	114.9
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	107.4	107.5	107.8	113.6	114.2	118.5	118.9	119.9	120.9	123.0	123.4	122.6
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	119.7	128.4	129.6	129.6	129.6	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	122.7	122.7	122.7	126.0	126.0	126.0	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5
Manufacture of bakery products	103	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	110.8	111.3	112.4	112.5	112.5	112.5
of which:													
Bakery & pastries	81	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6
Biscuits & sweets	13	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	106.9	112.5	121.4	121.9	121.9	121.9
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3
of which:													
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0
Manufacture of tea	15	100.8	102.2	106.1	108.1	108.9	108.5	108.5	109.0	108.6	108.7	109.0	108.8
Manufacture of other food products	9	109.0	109.0	109.0	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	119.9	119.9
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0
<b>Man. of beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>
of which:													
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	102.1	102.4	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	109.0	109.9	108.9	111.8	111.8	111.8
Soft drinks	81	110.6	110.9	110.8	110.9	111.1	111.1	111.4	119.9	120.8	120.8	121.0	121.2
<b>Man. of Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>116.1</b>

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Food, Beverages & Tobacco

Table 4: Monthly Indices by ISIC group\*, January 94 - December 94

ISIC group*	Weight	Jan. 94	Feb. 94	Mar. 94	Apr. 94	May 94	June 94	July 94	Aug. 94	Sept. 94	Oct. 94	Nov. 94	Dec. 94
<b>Manufacture of food</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>108.2</b>
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9
Manufacture of dairy products	25	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	115.8	115.8	115.8
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	102.3	102.8	102.8	102.8	104.2	104.2	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6	106.4	107.2
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	106.4	105.7	105.7	106.4	108.0	107.4	107.4	106.9	108.0	107.5	107.6	107.2
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	119.7	119.7	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.7	119.7	119.7
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0
Manufacture of bakery products of which:	103	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	113.5	113.7	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9
Bakery & pastries	81	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5
Biscuits & sweets	13	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	106.1	106.9	109.0	108.9	108.9	108.9
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery of which:	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of tea	15	100.3	100.5	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.6	100.2	100.7	100.9	99.6
Manufacture of other food products	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	108.6	108.6	108.6	109.0	109.0	109.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	100.0	100.0	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	110.0	110.0	110.0	106.8	106.8
<b>Man. of beverages and tobacco</b> of which:	<b>444</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>105.9</b>
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	99.9	99.9	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
Soft drinks	81	109.0	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	109.4	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.8	110.3
<b>Man. of Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>107.2</b>

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**Food, Beverages & Tobacco**

**Table 5: Monthly Indices by ISIC group\* for the base period (year 1993)**

ISIC group*	Weight	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Year 93=Base
<b>Manufacture of food</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	100.0
Manufacture of dairy products	25	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	111.4	111.4	111.4	100.0
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	96.7	97.2	97.2	100.1	100.1	100.1	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	100.0
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	98.7	98.0	98.1	98.9	99.2	98.7	98.8	99.0	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.8	100.0
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	96.7	96.7	96.7	97.8	98.4	98.4	101.7	101.7	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	100.0
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of bakery products	103	83.3	83.3	83.3	86.1	93.4	109.6	110.1	110.1	110.1	110.2	110.2	110.2	100.0
of which:														
Bakery & pastries	81	80.4	80.4	80.4	84.0	92.2	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	100.0
Biscuits & sweets	13	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.7	102.7	102.7	100.0
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
of which:														
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of tea	15	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.2	99.6	100.0
Manufacture of other food products	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Man. of beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
of which:														
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	100.0
Wine	9	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	101.4	101.4	103.6	103.6	103.6	100.0
Soft drinks	81	95.6	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	109.0	108.9	109.0	109.0	100.0
<b>Man. of Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* according to the national version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of economic activities (ISIC)