

Cambodia

A: Identification

Title of the CPI: Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index

Organisation responsible: National Institute of Statistics

Periodicity: Monthly

Index reference period: October – December 2006

Weights reference period: 2004 CSES Household Expenditure Data.

Main uses of CPI: Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments, main inflation indicator used for monetary policy and computation of purchasing power of households.

B: CPI Coverage

Geographical Coverage

Weights: Main city (can include surrounding areas)

Price collection: Main city (can include surrounding areas)

Population coverage: Resident households of nationals.

C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

Classification: COICOP (Classification of individual consumption by purpose) with 10 major groups and 36 sub-groups.

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

Price updating of weight reference period to the index reference period: The weights are price adjusted.

D: Sample design

Criteria used for selecting an item variety in the outlet in case of loose specifications provided by the central office: Strict specifications of the varieties are used in the collection of prices.

E: Data Collection

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection

Treatment of:

Missing or faulty prices: A missing item is carried with its last price quotation until that item reappears on the market, but no longer than three months after its disappearance.

Disappearance of a given type or quality from the market: If a certain item disappears from the market (for more than 3 months), it is replaced by an alternative commodity of the same usage, based on the four main criteria-namely, representativeness, significance, consistency and availability.

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Items that have a seasonal character and their treatment: Seasonal prices are carried without adjustments until the product appears again on the market.

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data: The Phnom Penh CPI is compiled on a timely and regular basis, within 10 working days after the reference month.

Level of detailed CPI published

Paper publication: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Online: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: Monthly; "Consumer Price Index, Phnom Penh", in Khmer and English; Quarterly: "Consumer Price Index, Cambodia", in Khmer and English, Other: "Cambodia Statistical Yearbook" in English, "Report on the Expanded Consumer Price Index, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville", First Series, April 2002, in English, "Report on the Expanded Consumer Price Index, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville", Second Series, July 2002, in English; Internet website: www.nis.gov.kh

I: Other Information

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