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During 2009 and 2010 Eurostat and National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) have been carrying out a second pilot project to investigate the possibilities for the provision of data on price levels for a number of consumer goods and services. This would be an extension to existing work on price statistics that includes the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and Purchasing Power Parities (PPP). Both HICPs and PPPs are compiled as index numbers. Those two statistics show, respectively, aggregate data on the development of price levels over time and comparisons of price levels across countries. This new project aims to present indicative price levels for specific groups of products as an additional set of price data. It is by no means a replacement for the measurement of inflation ([HICP](#)) or international price level comparisons ([PPPs](#)).

This report provides experimental results from the second pilot and explains the strengths and limitations of those results. It must be stressed that the results provided in this report do not necessarily represent national average prices - they are indicative price levels for those product groups that consumers usually or typically buy nationally.

Eurostat and NSIs are currently preparing further research studies for 2011-2013 on the use of HICP, PPP and other alternative data sources to develop multi-purpose consumer price statistics. This shall lead to decisions for the medium-term on how to make available detailed data on price indices and indicative price levels.

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An experimental analysis into the measurement of indicative price levels for consumer products

1. Introduction

Eurostat and the National Statistical Offices (NSIs) are investigating possibilities to extend the system of price statistics. This project of multi-purpose consumer price statistics aims to develop further existing price index statistics by increasing the level of detail of the publications. It also aims to include statistics on detailed price levels, to supplement the existing price index statistics. Furthermore research will be carried out into the modernization of price collection processes with the aim to make best use of collected data for various statistics and into further harmonization of the various price statistics.

More detailed price statistics and detailed price level data are needed for several purposes, including for product market and sector monitoring in order to contribute to the improved monitoring of Single Market policies (e.g. the Lisbon strategy), the understanding of how markets work and their potential value for developing Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) communications. More detailed price statistics are also useful for developments such as the HICP at constant tax rates and HICP administered prices.

A first pilot analysis was published early in 2009 and the results were used in the second '[Consumer Markets Scoreboard](#)'. Eurostat, assisted by a task force of experts from EU national statistical institutes, has continued its research during 2009 and 2010 on how price data already collected may be reused to produce detailed price level data. The results from this second pilot will be used in the fourth edition of the [Consumer Markets Scoreboard](#) published in October 2010.

The development of a new system of price statistics and a coherent set of publications on prices is a complex project. Before reaching a final and stable production process that provides price levels data at the detailed product level, research projects are needed to investigate experimentally the qualities, advantages and disadvantages, of alternative approaches.

This report gives results from one such experiment. It describes the results of work to collect price levels from the existing HICP data set, without making any change to the data collection process. The aim was to test whether and to what extent this is a feasible way to reach comparable and usable results, to find out what are the difficulties in practice and eventually to consider possible adjustments to the process to improve results in the future.

Defining and computing the price level of a product group involves a number of methodological requirements that are different from the methodological requirements of HICP and Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) calculations. Therefore HICP and PPP data collection are not immediately and fully usable for making a publication of average price levels. It was, however, considered appropriate to try to re-use selected existing price data in order to limit costs and response burden and achieve results as soon as possible.

This second pilot contributes to the research into the best strategy for collecting the detailed price data. Comparing the results of pilots from HICP at different points of time and

comparing them with PPP-data will help the further development of price statistics. Any adjustments to the price observation process should however be subject to the condition that the continuing compilation of the HICPs and PPPs are not negatively affected.

This report explains how the pilot results were compiled and can be interpreted and provides the results achieved. It must be stressed that the comparability of these results is limited, for a number of reasons explained below. These intermediate and experimental results will need improvement in future and should be considered as work in progress.

2. Methods

2.1. HICP and PPP data

The present report is based on price data collected for the purpose of the HICP in June 2009, for a set of consumer product groups which were specified using a reduced version of the PPP standard product definitions.

The HICP is a monthly price (inflation) measure covering the whole of each European Union (EU) countries; Iceland and Norway; Switzerland; and Turkey. Using HICP data has the advantage that there already exist a great number of monthly price observations (over 2 million across the EU every month). The HICP need not measure prices for each and every product. It suffices if a sample of product offers is taken in each product class that is representative of the price development in that product class. The product descriptions used for the HICP allow for some flexibility in order that the HICPs can best represent price developments in national markets and to allow price collectors to find in each selected outlet a product that is relevant in that outlet and according to the given product description. Price collectors will, in general, select the same products each month in order to optimize price comparisons over time.

At the very detailed level, HICP data comparability across countries may be rather limited. Firstly, because markets are different, there will be many differences between the products that are selected from within each product group mainly due to differences in the sampling approaches adopted by the NSIs. Secondly, product definitions in the Member States may be a mix of tight and loose descriptions which can mean that the NSIs may collect different mixes of products. On this point however it should be noted that comparability across countries is not only an issue for HICPs – it can also be so for PPPs. Thirdly, the products for which prices are observed, may not necessarily be market leaders or most representative products in the market (the HICP should after all follow prices not only for market leaders). Moreover the comparability over time of price levels will be more limited than that of price indices. Resampling and replacements will result in the observation of differing products over time and there may be differences in actual outlet distribution in the successive samples.

On the other hand, PPPs are based on a selection of products that are rather narrowly defined. Using PPP data would in principle give more comparability of product specifications across countries, and that data is based on some knowledge or judgment concerning the representativeness of the products in each Member State. Products according to the same strict product description are observed and their prices compared across countries. However, in many cases these products are available and observed only in part of the countries and only contribute to the price level comparisons among these countries. The PPP survey is only conducted once per three years. Supplying PPP data more frequently would involve considerable additional costs. Moreover PPP data at present is limited to capital cities. Finally

the number of price quotes collected per product for the PPP exercise is low in practice and this means that, at the most detailed level, the existing PPP data set has not been considered sufficiently reliable for publication.

For this pilot project a list of 91 product groups was selected for which average prices were requested from NSIs in the EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, and also Turkey. No additional prices data were to be collected – so only prices for products that were already present in HICP samples could be provided. The product descriptions were based on recent PPP exercises, and products were selected only if they were thought to be available and relevant in most countries. The choice of products was aimed at providing a wide variety of prices across product groups, including both goods and services, and was not restricted to products for which it was expected to be simple to achieve fully comparable results. One of the aims of the pilot work was to find out where are the boundaries of this approach.

Product definition – the example of TVs

One of the most difficult methodological choices to be made is how a product must be defined. Product descriptions can be very loose or very tight. This can be best illustrated with an example. When defining the product ‘television set’ one can, on the one hand, define the price level of the product as the average price of all devices that can be considered a television set. On the other hand one can define many different ‘television set’ products, where one product is the television set of a particular brand, having a number of characteristics, like screen-type and screen-size. It can be further specified by selecting a particular type and/or serial number, and maybe in a particular colour, having particular guarantee conditions, and being sold in a particular type of outlet. One can not say a priori that one of these choices is right or wrong, but the results are very different.

When comparing prices for television sets across countries using the widest definition one can say that people in different countries spend different amounts of money when they buy television sets. But the differences may be attributable to different characteristics of the devices. People in one country may spend on average small amounts, buying small size televisions and people in other countries may spend on average a large amount on buying large size LCD-flat-screen or plasma HD-television sets.

When comparing prices for television sets across countries using the tightest definition, one may see that, for this same product, consumers pay more in one country than in another. However, the price difference for one brand and type of television set does not imply that this price difference will occur for each type of television. The tighter is the product definition, the smaller is the part of the market that is covered by the price.

To have an overview of the market one will then have to compare the prices of more ‘television sets’ products. Also the television set compared may be much more relevant for the local market in one country than in the other country. This relevance can be dependant on consumer preferences, producers' market shares, and other factors.

In the PPP project, rather tight product descriptions were developed taking into consideration key price-determining characteristics. In HICP, looser product descriptions may be used aiming at comparing the same products within one outlet over time, but allowing differences of products across outlets.

In this pilot project rather pragmatic choices were made, based on product descriptions used in PPP, which aims at comparability of products across countries. In many cases however PPP product descriptions were loosened to some extent to ensure that a wider range of prices could be used from existing HICP samples. Fine-tuning of product descriptions may be continuously needed in the follow-up of this project.

2.2. The definition of price levels

The prices as they were observed follow the definitions and regulations of the HICP.

The indicative price levels are:

- averages of prices measured in the outlets selected for price observations,
- for the product offers as chosen by the price collectors,
- selected following the procedures of the statistical institute in each Member State,
- in many cases, but not always, for the most popular product types,
- often, but not always, prices at which the products are sold in the most popular outlets.

The prices collected may be affected by special offers and seasonal sales, and to a degree that may differ across countries.

Therefore, these prices do not necessarily represent national average prices. They show indicative price levels within the scope of the definitions used, for specific products that consumers usually or typically buy nationally and that are therefore used to calculate the national HICPs.

The prices observed are those of ‘product-offers’. This means that once a product and outlet sample was drawn in line with HICP regulations and sampling rules in the Member State the price observer collects the price at which a product is offered in an outlet. Short term consumer responses to changing market circumstances do not influence the resulting average price. If a special offer in one outlet induces a large number of consumers to buy the product there at a low price this will affect the average price paid by consumers but not the average of the price offers collected.

Detailed price levels were in many countries computed using an unweighted average of the price observations. In some countries regional price observations were weighed using e.g. regional population figures. Most countries computed arithmetic means of the prices. Data for Iceland were compiled using geometric means, giving a slightly lower result.

2.3. Currencies

All prices were provided in national currencies by the NSIs. For comparability they were all converted to euro prices. The exchange rates were average monthly rates as published by Eurostat for June 2009.

In the interpretation of the results one should consider that if consumer prices react to changes in exchange rates, this will not be immediately and fully. The impact of the change in an exchange rate on the prices may depend on whether products were imported or produced locally, on the tradability of products and on many other reasons. The indicative prices in the tables may therefore be influenced by short term fluctuations in exchange rates.

Euro exchange rates, June 2008 and June 2009

Currency		June 2008	June 2009
BGN	New Bulgarian Lev	1.9558	1.9558
CZK	Czech Koruna	24.316	26.545
DKK	Danish Krone	7.4586	7.4457
EEK	Estonian Kroon	15.6466	15.6466
LVL	Latvian Lats	0.7032	0.7015
LTL	Lithuanian Litas	3.4528	3.4528
HUF	Hungarian Forint	242.42	280.46
PLN	New Polish Zloty	3.3736	4.5084
RON	New Romanian Leu	3.6556	4.2131
SKK	Slovak Koruna	30.322	n.a.
SEK	Swedish Krona	9.3739	10.8713
GBP	Pound Sterling	0.79152	0.85670
ISK	Iceland Krona	123.28	177.56
NOK	Norwegian Krone	7.9915	8.9366
CHF	Swiss Franc	1.6139	1.5148
TRY	New Turkish Lira	1.9206	2.1675

Source: Eurostat

2.4. Available data

In the published tables there are a number of prices not available. There are various reasons why NSIs could not provide these data or why available data were not entered in the tables, such as:

- The product may have a low consumption level or be not available in a country, and therefore the product was not entered in the HICP sample.
- The product may be relevant but was not selected into the HICP sample of a country. Other products within the product class were sufficiently available for a representative description of price developments of the product class.
- The product was observed in a country, but the chosen type was not according to the specifications of the requested product descriptions.
- The number of price observations was considered too low for compiling a reliable price level.
- Some national statistical offices were not willing to supply data for publication, for various reasons, including considering the results insufficiently comparable.
- To solve some of these differences two alternative specifications were given for some products, like fruit yoghurts and natural yoghurt, olive oil and vegetable oil.

2.5. Package size

One of the characteristics that is often important in the product descriptions is the size and contents of the package observed. It is clear that larger packages generally cost more than small packages. Therefore prices are often rescaled to represent the price per kilogram or per litre. On the other hand prices for a kilo package are often less than twice the price for a half-kilo package, so that the price per kilogram for a small package may be higher than the price per kilogram for a large package.

In practice there are often differences between the package sizes as observed for the HICP in different Member States. This may be because the markets differ in various countries, having different sizes as the usual package. It may also be that the price collector is left the choice to select a package size that is frequently sold in the outlet, but in the calculations the price is rescaled to a certain quantity. Ideally packages of the same size should be compared. In the future the collection of prices for common package sizes, where possible, would enhance comparability.

In the product descriptions a quantity and a reference quantity are given. The quantity gives the range of packages that were allowed for price comparison. E.g. Prices were requested for mineral water in bottles with a size between 1 and 2 litres, thus excluding package sizes of half a litre and 10 litre containers. The reference quantity gives the quantity to which the price was rescaled, often price per kilogram or litre, in order to make prices better comparable. This means that the reference quantity can be different from the size of the packages observed, and e.g. the price per kilogram may be published where package size smaller than 200 gram are requested, like for chocolate.

2.6. Comparability of results

There are several factors that may influence price differences and limit the comparability of the results. These factors may be differences between the market circumstances in the various countries and they may be differences resulting from the statistical process.

- The aim of the product selection was to find products which are available in possibly all EU Member States, are of a comparable quality, and that may be representative for certain consumption segments. However, one product can not represent the full market in all countries for the consumption segments involved. This means that the average price of e.g. a loaf of white bread may not be indicative of the price level of bread in general in a given country.
- Furthermore, it must be borne in mind that, even if products are identical across countries, they may not have the same relevance for the consumers in the various countries. For example a product may be a market-leader in one country, and its price very representative, while at the same time being a niche product in a second country, where its price could be much less representative.
- The positions of the selected products on national markets may differ across countries even within the limits of the general product description used. For example there may be differences in market situations of ‘table wines’ between wine producing countries and countries that do not produce wine themselves.
- Product descriptions used in national HICPs may vary, representing different parts of the range of products as allowed by the general product description. If the product description in a country is tighter than the general product description the prices collected will be a selective part of all the products, and therefore the average price

may reflect this. Likewise if in a country a very wide product description is used the average price may refer to a larger range of products than in another country.

- For some products the focus in price observations may be on most sold varieties, whereas for other products the focus in price observation may be on the higher end or lower end of the market.
- The outlet structure of the product market in a country may be different. Prices charged in supermarkets may be different from prices in specialist stores or open markets. Price differences between countries for ice-cream may relate to differences in market structure (locally produced or sold in supermarkets).
- The outlet distribution in the samples of the product may be different. If prices for a product were observed mainly in supermarkets average prices may be different from prices observed in specialist stores or open markets. The outlet distribution in the samples at the individual product level need not be representative for the distribution of outlets where the product is actually sold.

Brands

One of the differences that exist between product prices is the often significant difference between branded and unbranded products. For some types of products, HICP samples may cover only price for some types of brands and exclude some other brand levels. If the selection of brand levels for the same products differs across Member States, this will influence comparability.

For a number of products, particularly in clothing and footwear, NSIs were requested to provide prices for well-known brands. The aim was to exclude prices for both unbranded products and for exclusive and top level brands. The market position of products was to be judged by the national situation. This means that one product may be considered an exclusive imported brand in one country, but a well-known brand in the country of origin.

This restriction aims to reach a tighter product description and to enhance comparability. It should be kept in mind that it also influences the resulting average price level.

Quality differences

Even within the boundaries of the product descriptions quality differences may exist to a varying degree. These may reflect differences between the national markets, when consumers in one country may tend to buy higher quality products and in another country they are more interested in lower prices for lower quality products. They may also occur in the price collecting process when product descriptions differ across countries.

An example of a product where these differences seem to be important and further research may be needed is clothing and footwear, for which it is very difficult to ensure that prices for products of comparable quality are measured across countries or even are available on the market. But there are other product groups for which samples would need to be further harmonized to further improve comparability, for example orange juice which may be based on concentrate, sterilized, etc.

2.7. Comparability over time

The indicative price levels for June 2009 can not be compared with the earlier research results for June 2008 to estimate the level of inflation in the various countries. Only the price indices of the HICP are to be considered the measures for European consumer inflation.

When comparing the indicative price levels results across different time periods they should be interpreted with great care. The differences may come from various reasons other than price changes as measured by HICP-inflation.

- Inflation is always measured by comparing prices in national currencies. The indicative price levels in this publication have all been translated into euro price levels to make possible cross-country comparisons. Changes in currency exchange rates will directly affect comparability over time, particularly for the countries that are not members of the European Monetary Union (EMU). In the table above it was shown that the exchange rate between the euro and several other currencies changed significantly between June 2008 and June 2009, which will have a large impact on the 2009 results.
- Products may be different in various periods. HICP samples are regularly updated in order to follow market developments and to keep the samples representative. HICP production processes aim to eliminate any unwanted index changes caused by product replacements from the inflation figures. These differences in products due to replacements will not always be clear from the product descriptions used in this publication on indicative price levels.
- HICP price developments are corrected for quality changes. It is not possible to indicate in successive publications what the impact of quality change may have been on the development of indicative price levels.
- Differences across time in the distribution of outlets where prices have been collected may influence the differences in the indicative price levels. Changes in the outlet sample are in many cases dealt with so as to have no direct effect on HICP inflation results.
- Price indices generally represent the average price developments for several representative products within the same COICOP-group. Therefore even the most detailed price indices are generally based on more price observations per month and may be expected to be more reliable than indicative price levels.

3. Experimental results

This is a report on a second pilot to measure indicative price levels from HICP price collection in June 2009. A first pilot was performed in June 2008 and the results were reported earlier. The second pilot contains to a large extent results for the same products. Some of the products for which no results could be published in the first pilot were replaced by others. For some products the product descriptions or specifications have been adjusted. These changes in the sample explain to a large extent the fact that in this second pilot prices for 79 products are published compared to 66 in the first pilot. The differences between the data sets published in the first and second pilots are summarized in the table.

Differences between products published in 2008 and 2009 pilots

June 2008	June 2009
Changed product descriptions	
Tinned pink tuna chunks in natural juice	Tinned pink tuna chunks in natural juice or oil, Quantity 160-240 g
Men's suit 100% wool	Men's suit at least 50% wool
Men's shirt 100% cotton	Men's shirt at least 50% cotton
Canned pineapple (not published)	Canned fruit
Men's T-shirt long sleeves (not published)	Men's T-shirt short sleeves
DVD-player	DVD-recorder
Products replaced by two types with different product descriptions	
Sausage (pork) replaced by two types	Sausage Frankfurter/Wiener type Sausage Salami type
Natural yoghurt	Natural yoghurt New product: Fruit Yoghurt
Camembert type cheese (not published)	Camembert type cheese Gouda type cheese
Olive oil 1 st cold pressing	Olive oil extra virgin Vegetable oil for cooking
Dog food meat (not published)	Dog food meat Dog food dry
Products new in 2009 publication	
	Cotton
	Lady's T-shirt
	Lady's Bikini
	Children' T-shirt
	MP3 player
	Red house wine

This report gives differences in indicative prices across countries as measured in HICP samples. In general there may be many reasons for price differences. In addition to the methodological reasons explained in Section 2, there may be many other reasons including:

- Differences in taxes and excises,
- Differences in labour costs, particularly for locally produced goods and services, in distribution costs, rents or other retailers' costs,
- Differences in the tradability of products or competition, or in the general price level.

Out of the 91 products for which prices were requested from national statistical institutes, only 79 are entered in this report. For the other 12 products, either very few countries were able to supply price levels data according to the product description or, in many cases, the prices for products with some differences in specification were provided.

If a country uses the product descriptions as specified in the tables, and also if a country uses a tighter description than that, the average price was entered into the table without further comment. If there are differences in description, but these differences were considered not too large the price was used here, with a footnote added to the table. If the differences were very significant, leading to the view that the prices may not be even broadly comparable, the price was not entered in the tables.

Moreover if the number of price observations from which the price level was computed was very low, the result was not entered in the table. This decision was also related to the type of product concerned. The results for products with very small price variations, or for which prices are set at the national level – like cigarette prices in some countries –, may be based on very few price observations, whereas the price for products which are known to have large price ranges, like clothing and footwear should be based on a larger number of price observations.

The tables with observed price levels are in the next pages. The following table gives a summary of the results of the exercise. A large part of the requested prices for food products and for alcohol and tobacco could be provided. In other COICOP groups a larger part of the results was rejected.

Number of products entered in the project, and results, by COICOP division

	Requested	In publication	Rejected
1 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33	32	1
2 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5	5	0
3 Clothing and footwear	22	17	5
4 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1	0	1
5 Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	9	7	2
6 Health	0	0	0
7 Transports	2	2	0
8 Communications	0	0	0
9 Recreation and culture	12	9	3
10 Education	0	0	0
11 Restaurants and hotels	3	3	0
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	4	4	0
Total	91	79	12

4. Conclusions from the research

Some initial conclusions following this research are as follows:

- Given that the regular PPP data set has not been considered sufficiently reliable for publication, this pilot project investigated only one possible way to compile price level data. Further research on the use of HICP, PPP and other alternative data sources is in progress and will be needed to be able to make a well-founded choice for the medium-

term on the most effective way to make available detailed data on price levels. This other research is outside the scope of this publication.

- If it is possible to compile price level data from the HICP price collection this has the advantage of high frequency combined with a large number of prices and national coverage.
- There seem to be large differences between the samples of goods and services for which prices are collected in the HICPs of the Member States. Despite the fact that for this research the product descriptions used were looser than those used in the PPP exercise, many countries could not provide indicative prices for some of the requested goods and services.
- For some products, it should be assessed whether differences in product descriptions between countries could be reduced or removed in the longer term by harmonizing product descriptions without reducing the representativeness of the samples. Further research on this would be needed.
- Differences between national HICP samples can be explained to a large extent by the fact that national sample must be representative of the national market situation. The variety of products available for consumers is so large that there are many alternatives that NSIs could choose from for price collection while still remaining representative.
- The process of price collection as developed by the various NSIs differs substantially across countries. National statistical offices may ask their price collectors to collect prices using rather tight product descriptions, or provide very loose product descriptions and ask the price collector to choose a representative product in the outlet. If more harmonized price collection procedures and product descriptions could be developed for use in HICP price collection, this might enrich the results. Further research should be done on the optimum level of specification in the product descriptions. More detail in the product definition would increase the comparability of the products across countries, but on the other hand would lead to a smaller part of the markets being covered.
- In the follow-up to this research, prices for different products serving comparable purposes could be collected. A first step was made in this second pilot where prices for alternative products serving the same purpose and more representative for national markets were collected, like different kinds of, cheese, yoghurt, olive oil and vegetable oil. This may be considered a step forward in the publication of indicative prices across Europe.
- Furthermore in the period 2011-2013 research will be carried out into the modernization of price collection processes with the aim to make best use of collected data for various statistics and into further harmonization of the various price statistics. As part of this, Eurostat and some NSIs are preparing research studies on the exploitation of point-of-sale or scanner data for use in the HICP and/or PPPs and which can benefit the further development of detailed price level statistics.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

General product description

Long-grain rice

Type:	long-grain, white rice
Quantity:	500 - 1000g
Reference quantity	1000 g

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	3.02	1)
Bulgaria	1.52	2)
Czech Republic	1.36	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	1.55	
Ireland		
Greece	2.72	
Spain	1.42	3)
France		
Italy	2.08	
Cyprus	2.18	
Latvia	1.65	
Lithuania	1.29	4)
Luxembourg	2.62	
Hungary	1.20	
Malta	2.78	
The Netherlands	1.99	
Austria	2.17	
Poland	1.05	
Portugal	1.05	
Romania	1.71	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	1.58	
Finland	2.54	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	3.32	
Iceland	2.10	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	2.33	

- 1) Long grain rice packaged in boiling bags
2) Not long grain rice or not specified
3) Long-grain and round-grain; white and brown rice
4) Package weight may be less than 500 grams

General product description

Wheat flour

Type:	plain, white, all-purpose flour
Quantity:	750 - 1000g
Reference quantity	1000 g

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	0.79	
Bulgaria	0.46	
Czech Republic	0.37	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	0.94	1) 2)
Greece	1.30	
Spain	0.76	
France		
Italy	0.70	
Cyprus	1.30	
Latvia	0.68	
Lithuania	0.69	1)
Luxembourg	0.87	
Hungary	0.44	
Malta	0.92	
The Netherlands	1.13	
Austria	0.97	
Poland	0.44	
Portugal	0.77	
Romania	0.55	
Slovenia	0.96	
Slovakia	0.36	
Finland	0.64	1)
Sweden		
United Kingdom	0.78	1) 2)
Iceland	0.87	1)
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.75	

- 1) Package weight may be larger than 1000 grams
2) Flour self-raising

General product description

Loaf of white bread

Made with:	min. 90 % wheat (white flour)
Quantity:	400 - 800 g
Reference quantity	1000 g

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	2.53	
Bulgaria	0.64	
Czech Republic	0.73	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	1.75	
Greece	2.13	1)
Spain	2.70	
France		
Italy	2.64	
Cyprus	1.84	
Latvia	1.65	
Lithuania	1.47	1)
Luxembourg	3.41	
Hungary	0.88	
Malta	1.10	
The Netherlands	1.41	
Austria	4.76	
Poland	0.83	2)
Portugal	2.01	
Romania	0.89	
Slovenia	1.90	
Slovakia	1.27	
Finland	3.33	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	1.60	
Iceland	2.60	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.97	

- 1) Package weight may be less than 400 grams
2) Wheat-rye bread

General product description

Spaghetti

Made with:	hard wheat (durum), no eggs
Quantity:	400 - 600g
Reference quantity	1000 g

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	1.99	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	1.14	
Denmark		
Germany	2.58	1)
Estonia	2.02	
Ireland	2.41	
Greece	1.77	
Spain		
France		
Italy	1.51	1)
Cyprus	2.11	
Latvia	1.94	2)
Lithuania	2.05	
Luxembourg	2.35	
Hungary	2.08	2)
Malta	1.56	
The Netherlands	1.29	1)
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal	1.33	
Romania	2.51	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	2.06	1) 2)
Finland	2.33	3)
Sweden		
United Kingdom	1.70	
Iceland	2.09	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.97	

- 1) Different kind of pasta
2) With eggs, or both with and without eggs
3) Package weight may be larger than 600 grams

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description	
Minced beef	
Meat content:	100 % beef
Condition:	fresh (not frozen)
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2009	€
Belgium	8.94
Bulgaria	3.15
Czech Republic	3.12
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	9.07
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	3.50
Luxembourg	7.87
Hungary	
Malta	5.59
The Netherlands	5.63
Austria	
Poland	2.56
Portugal	
Romania	3.74
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	9.17
Sweden	
United Kingdom	7.00
Iceland	7.16
Norway	
Switzerland	12.46
Turkey	7.55

1) Mixed, pork and beef

General product description	
Pork, cutlet ("escalope")	
Bones:	without
Condition:	fresh (not frozen)
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2009	€
Belgium	7.47
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	4.13
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	5.52
Spain	
France	
Italy	8.14
Cyprus	
Latvia	5.06
Lithuania	4.13
Luxembourg	9.19
Hungary	4.50
Malta	3.51
The Netherlands	7.73
Austria	9.34
Poland	3.05
Portugal	5.53
Romania	5.43
Slovenia	5.22
Slovakia	4.21
Finland	12.37
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	7.44
Norway	
Switzerland	22.53
Turkey	

1) Cutlet with bone

General product description	
Whole chicken	
Condition:	fresh (not frozen)
Head and feet:	without
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2009	€
Belgium	4.02
Bulgaria	2.28
Czech Republic	2.15
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	2.53
Ireland	4.02
Greece	3.66
Spain	2.76
France	
Italy	4.15
Cyprus	3.50
Latvia	2.79
Lithuania	2.64
Luxembourg	4.08
Hungary	2.62
Malta	2.51
The Netherlands	
Austria	4.16
Poland	1.64
Portugal	2.30
Romania	2.33
Slovenia	3.32
Slovakia	2.26
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3.40
Iceland	3.74
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	2.30

1) Frozen

2) with or without head and feet

General product description	
Sausage, Frankfurter/Wiener	
Type:	Frankfurter/Wiener
Made with:	pork (mainly)
Condition:	fresh and raw
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2009	€
Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	4.47
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	7.15
Spain	
France	
Italy	7.28
Cyprus	
Latvia	4.28
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	9.49
Hungary	3.41
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	
Poland	3.42
Portugal	5.72
Romania	3.62
Slovenia	5.97
Slovakia	3.14
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	11.82
Turkey	5.71

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description	
Sausage, salami type	
Type:	salami type
Made with:	pork (mainly)
Condition:	dried or smoked
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	15.68
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	6.40
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	6.21
Latvia	10.50
Lithuania	11.08
Luxembourg	14.74
Hungary	11.65
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	17.86
Poland	7.34
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	14.61
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Finest quality smoked sausage
2) Salami only

General product description	
Tinned pink tuna	
Type:	chunks in natural juice or in oil
Quantity	160 - 240 g
Reference quantity	1000 g/net
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	9.67
Bulgaria	6.87
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	10.05
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	13.41
Hungary	
Malta	5.62
The Netherlands	7.69
Austria	8.11
Poland	5.51
Portugal	8.67
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	6.30
Finland	8.78
Sweden	
United Kingdom	7.57
Iceland	7.82
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Not pink
2) Package weight 120 grams

General product description	
Fresh milk, unskimmed	
Type:	fresh (pasteurised)
Fat content in g/ml	2.8 - 4.0
per 100 g/ml or %:	
Package type:	non-returnable
Quantity:	0.8 - 1.5 l
Reference quantity	1 l
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	0.82
Czech Republic	0.62
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0.74
Ireland	1.12
Greece	1.12
Spain	0.86
France	
Italy	1.39
Cyprus	1.24
Latvia	0.67
Lithuania	0.71
Luxembourg	1.12
Hungary	0.71
Malta	0.72
The Netherlands	0.96
Austria	0.93
Poland	0.61
Portugal	0.80
Romania	1.18
Slovenia	0.80
Slovakia	0.57
Finland	0.91
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0.89
Iceland	0.56
Norway	
Switzerland	1.12
Turkey	0.79

1) Partially skimmed or unskimmed milk
2) Skimmed milk
3) Fat content not specified
4) Package weight may be larger than 1000 grams

General product description	
Natural yoghurt	
Fat content in g/ml	2-5
per 100 g/ml or %:	
Made with:	unskimmed cow milk
Quantity:	400 - 1000 g/ml
Reference quantity	1000 g/ml
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	2.56
Bulgaria	1.02
Czech Republic	1.54
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3.29
Spain	
France	
Italy	4.48
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	3.11
Hungary	1.76
Malta	1.64
The Netherlands	0.69
Austria	
Poland	1.42
Portugal	2.81
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	2.75
Turkey	1.32

1) Package weight may be less than 400 grams
2) Fat content not specified
3) May be with or without fruit
4) Skimmed milk

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)
General product description
Fruit yoghurt

Fat content in g/ml per 100 g/ml or %:	2-5
Made with:	unskimmed cow milk
Quantity:	100 - 150 g/ml per cup
Reference quantity	1000 g/ml

Indicative price, June 2009 €

Belgium	3.20	1)
Bulgaria	1.85	2)
Czech Republic	2.15	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	2.85	
Luxembourg	3.96	
Hungary	1.90	
Malta	1.64	2)
The Netherlands		
Austria	2.89	
Poland	1.62	2)
Portugal	3.10	3)
Romania		
Slovenia	2.34	
Slovakia	0.37	
Finland	2.39	2)
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	2.61	
Norway		
Switzerland	2.82	2)
Turkey		

1) Based on skimmed cow-milk

2) Package weight may be larger than 150 grams

3) Fat content not specified

General product description
Cheese, Camembert type

Exclude:	original Camembert from Normandy
Fat content (in dry substance):	45 - 55 %
Made with:	pasteurised milk
Quantity:	150 - 330g
Reference quantity	1000 g

Indicative price, June 2009 €

Belgium	7.23	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	7.43	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	12.58	
Hungary	11.08	1)
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria	8.72	
Poland	7.69	2)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	8.46	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	12.76	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	4.88	

1) Package weight may be less than 150 grams

2) Quantity not only 150-330 grams

General product description
Cheese, Gouda type

Note:	sometimes known as Holland cheese
Type	young
Fat content (in dry substance):	30-45%
Made with:	cow milk
Quantity:	250-500 g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2009	€

Belgium	7.86	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	4.15	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	5.72	
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	10.92	
Hungary		
Malta		
The Netherlands	5.99	
Austria	7.77	
Poland	3.55	1)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia	8.02	
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	6.67	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Observed quantity 1000 grams

General product description
Chicken eggs

Class:	A
Quantity:	6 - 12 eggs
Size:	large (L)
Reference quantity	10 eggs

Indicative price, June 2009 €

Belgium	2.03	
Bulgaria	1.13	1)
Czech Republic	0.98	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	3.07	
Greece	2.62	
Spain	1.32	1)
France		
Italy	1.93	2)
Cyprus	2.04	
Latvia	1.35	1)
Lithuania	1.19	1)
Luxembourg	2.43	
Hungary	1.11	1)
Malta	1.12	
The Netherlands	1.77	3)
Austria	3.36	
Poland	0.97	
Portugal	1.25	
Romania	1.05	1)
Slovenia	1.50	1)
Slovakia	1.13	
Finland	1.83	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	2.98	
Iceland	1.76	
Norway		
Switzerland	4.82	4)
Turkey	0.92	

1) Various sizes eggs

2) Medium size

3) Free range only

4) Domestic eggs only

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.
Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description	
Butter	
Quantity:	200 - 250 g
Reference quantity	250 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	1.41
Bulgaria	1.10
Czech Republic	0.86
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	1.28
Greece	2.82
Spain	
France	
Italy	2.01
Cyprus	2.05
Latvia	1.36
Lithuania	1.22
Luxembourg	1.76
Hungary	1.73
Malta	1.48
The Netherlands	1.16
Austria	1.33
Poland	0.95
Portugal	1.63
Romania	1.65
Slovenia	1.95
Slovakia	1.41
Finland	1.21
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1.21
Iceland	0.77
Norway	
Switzerland	2.09
Turkey	1.78

1) Package weight may be less than 200 grams
2) Package weight may be larger than 250 grams

General product description	
Olive oil	
Type:	extra virgin
Package type:	bottle or tin
Quantity:	0.5 - 1 l
Reference quantity	1 l
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	6.73
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	10.05
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	5.54
Spain	2.87
France	
Italy	5.33
Cyprus	5.28
Latvia	
Lithuania	6.74
Luxembourg	8.05
Hungary	9.11
Malta	5.55
The Netherlands	
Austria	7.72
Poland	8.46
Portugal	4.04
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	7.24
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	4.94

1) Specifications may differ
2) Not extra virgin quality

General product description	
Vegetable oil	
Type:	for cooking
Package type:	bottle
Quantity:	0.5 - 1 l
Reference quantity	1 l
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	2.10
Bulgaria	1.20
Czech Republic	1.33
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2.47
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	2.04
Lithuania	1.98
Luxembourg	3.33
Hungary	1.51
Malta	2.28
The Netherlands	
Austria	3.18
Poland	1.37
Portugal	1.46
Romania	
Slovenia	2.24
Slovakia	1.89
Finland	3.17
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	2.69
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	2.20

1) Package size may be larger than 1 litre

General product description	
Apples	
Quality	best
Variety	country typical
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	1.29
Bulgaria	1.02
Czech Republic	1.08
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1.10
Ireland	
Greece	1.86
Spain	1.69
France	
Italy	1.95
Cyprus	
Latvia	0.94
Lithuania	1.46
Luxembourg	2.06
Hungary	0.93
Malta	1.60
The Netherlands	1.35
Austria	1.81
Poland	0.69
Portugal	1.32
Romania	0.82
Slovenia	1.12
Slovakia	0.97
Finland	1.79
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1.87
Iceland	1.20
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	1.20

1) Several varieties considered, not only country typical

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description	
Canned fruit	
Type	in own juice
Quantity	250 - 750 g
Reference quantity	1000 g/net
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	2.14
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	1.62
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2.23
Spain	
France	
Italy	2.89
Cyprus	
Latvia	1.84
Lithuania	1.68
Luxembourg	5.30
Hungary	1.71
Malta	2.10
The Netherlands	
Austria	1.51
Poland	1.48
Portugal	1.63 1)
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	1.82
Finland	2.81
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1.96
Iceland	2.03 2)
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Package weight 820-850 grams
2) Package weight may be larger than 750 grams

General product description	
Carrots	
Quality:	best
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	1.08
Bulgaria	0.79
Czech Republic	0.93
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0.90
Ireland	1.35
Greece	1.10
Spain	1.08 1)
France	
Italy	1.18
Cyprus	1.20
Latvia	1.01
Lithuania	0.82 2)
Luxembourg	1.35
Hungary	0.85
Malta	1.45
The Netherlands	
Austria	1.30
Poland	0.81
Portugal	0.74
Romania	0.73
Slovenia	1.19
Slovakia	1.09
Finland	1.76
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1.08
Iceland	1.37
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	0.56

1) Any quality
2) Second class quality

General product description	
Potatoes	
Variety:	country typical
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	0.97
Bulgaria	0.56 1)
Czech Republic	0.56
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0.39
Ireland	1.40 2)
Greece	0.75
Spain	0.74 3)
France	
Italy	0.94
Cyprus	0.51
Latvia	0.53
Lithuania	0.67
Luxembourg	1.33
Hungary	0.66
Malta	0.58
The Netherlands	0.69
Austria	1.10
Poland	0.47
Portugal	0.61
Romania	0.46
Slovenia	0.54
Slovakia	0.58
Finland	0.79
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0.83
Iceland	0.87
Norway	
Switzerland	1.72
Turkey	0.51

1) new potatoes
2) Package weight may be different
3) any quality

General product description	
White sugar	
Type:	fine, granulated
Quantity:	approx. 1000 g
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, € June 2009	
Belgium	0.95
Bulgaria	0.84
Czech Republic	0.73
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0.92
Ireland	0.99
Greece	0.81
Spain	0.85 1)
France	
Italy	0.96
Cyprus	0.98
Latvia	1.03
Lithuania	0.92
Luxembourg	1.06
Hungary	0.78
Malta	0.95
The Netherlands	0.84
Austria	0.99
Poland	0.75
Portugal	0.94
Romania	0.87
Slovenia	0.82
Slovakia	0.85
Finland	1.05
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1.11
Iceland	1.10
Norway	
Switzerland	1.08
Turkey	1.15

1) granulated and lumps; brown sugar allowed

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description		
Jam		
Type:	strawberry or apricot	
Package type:	glass jar	
Quantity:	300 - 500g	
Reference quantity:	1000 g	
Indicative price, € June 2009		
Belgium	3.42	
Bulgaria	3.01	1)
Czech Republic	3.71	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	3.98	1)
Greece		
Spain	3.01	1)
France		
Italy	4.24	
Cyprus	4.07	
Latvia		
Lithuania	3.32	1)
Luxembourg	4.96	
Hungary	2.66	
Malta	1.19	
The Netherlands	2.33	
Austria	4.59	
Poland	2.70	1) 2)
Portugal	5.79	
Romania	3.14	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	3.99	3)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	3.27	
Iceland	2.84	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	3.50	

1) Type may be other fruit
2) Package weight may be less than 300 grams
3) Package weight may be larger than 500 grams

General product description		
Milk chocolate		
Quantity:	100 - 200g	
Reference quantity:	1000 g	
Indicative price, € June 2009		
Belgium	9.02	1)
Bulgaria	6.85	1)
Czech Republic	8.22	
Denmark		
Germany	8.39	
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	9.75	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	12.23	
Hungary	8.02	
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria	8.52	
Poland	7.21	
Portugal	9.63	
Romania		
Slovenia	8.35	
Slovakia	7.82	
Finland	9.35	
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	9.39	
Norway		
Switzerland	10.69	
Turkey	8.85	

1) Package weight may be less than 100 grams

General product description		
Ice cream		
Package type:	in carton or plastic	
Quantity:	500 - 1000ml	
Reference quantity:	1000 ml	
Indicative price, € June 2009		
Belgium	3.23	1)
Bulgaria	2.13	
Czech Republic	6.42	2)
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	2.45	
Ireland		
Greece	4.91	1)
Spain		
France		
Italy	6.64	
Cyprus	5.40	
Latvia		
Lithuania	2.18	
Luxembourg	4.22	
Hungary	3.73	
Malta	2.09	1)
The Netherlands	3.22	
Austria	3.02	
Poland	2.05	2)
Portugal	3.15	
Romania	4.17	
Slovenia	3.62	
Slovakia	1.41	
Finland	1.57	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	2.32	
Iceland	2.31	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	4.54	

1) Package size may be larger than 1000 ml
2) Package size may be less than 500 ml

General product description		
Tomato ketchup		
Package type:	bottle (glass or plastic)	
Quantity:	500 - 1000 g (500 g = 440 ml)	
Reference quantity:	1000 g	
Indicative price, € June 2009		
Belgium		
Bulgaria	1.49	
Czech Republic	1.60	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	2.10	
Ireland		
Greece	3.81	1)
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	1.38	
Lithuania	1.76	
Luxembourg		
Hungary	3.22	
Malta	3.00	1)
The Netherlands	2.54	
Austria	2.06	
Poland	2.16	1)
Portugal	2.66	
Romania	2.63	1)
Slovenia		
Slovakia	2.83	
Finland	3.06	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	3.34	1)
Iceland	2.30	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	2.00	

1) Package weight may be less than 500 grams

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description	
Coffee	
Type:	roasted, blend
Ground:	yes
Quantity:	200 - 300g
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2009	
Belgium	9.33
Bulgaria	6.08
Czech Republic	8.15
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	6.19
France	
Italy	9.27
Cyprus	8.94
Latvia	9.57
Lithuania	8.04
Luxembourg	10.29
Hungary	7.74
Malta	20.50
The Netherlands	4.03
Austria	
Poland	5.27
Portugal	8.70
Romania	9.85
Slovenia	
Slovakia	8.03
Finland	5.48
Sweden	
United Kingdom	11.35
Iceland	6.68
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	32.15

1) Package weight may be less than 250 grams
2) Type may differ
3) Package weight may be larger than 300 grams

General product description	
Black tea	
Package type:	in bags, 20 - 50 bags
Quantity:	approx. 1.5 g per bag
Reference quantity:	25 bags
Indicative price, €	
June 2009	
Belgium	1.21
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	0.65
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1.31
Ireland	0.86
Greece	2.11
Spain	
France	
Italy	1.43
Cyprus	1.39
Latvia	
Lithuania	1.19
Luxembourg	1.78
Hungary	1.30
Malta	0.71
The Netherlands	
Austria	2.03
Poland	1.24
Portugal	1.53
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	0.71
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	1.68
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	0.20

1) Package size may differ

General product description	
Mineral water	
Type:	carbonated
Package type:	bottle (glass or plastic)
Quantity:	1 - 2 l
Reference quantity:	1 l
Indicative price, €	
June 2009	
Belgium	0.42
Bulgaria	0.23
Czech Republic	0.31
Denmark	
Germany	0.54
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	0.31
Spain	
France	
Italy	0.26
Cyprus	
Latvia	0.49
Lithuania	0.43
Luxembourg	0.66
Hungary	0.27
Malta	0.28
The Netherlands	0.30
Austria	0.32
Poland	0.43
Portugal	1.40
Romania	0.33
Slovenia	0.40
Slovakia	0.34
Finland	1.09
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	0.60
Norway	
Switzerland	0.47
Turkey	0.82

1) Not carbonated or not specified
2) Specifications may differ
3) Mainly bottles of 250ml or pack of 6x250ml

General product description	
Orange juice	
Type:	100 % pure, no sugar added
Package type:	carton
Quantity:	1 l
Reference quantity:	1 l
Indicative price, €	
June 2009	
Belgium	1.33
Bulgaria	1.20
Czech Republic	1.07
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1.06
Ireland	1.57
Greece	1.36
Spain	0.79
France	
Italy	0.70
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	1.21
Luxembourg	1.40
Hungary	1.24
Malta	
The Netherlands	0.63
Austria	1.23
Poland	0.96
Portugal	1.15
Romania	1.41
Slovenia	
Slovakia	1.30
Finland	0.98
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2.19
Iceland	1.44
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	0.72

1) Fruit juice, maybe different from oranges
2) Specifications may differ
3) Percentage pure fruit not specified

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

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General product description

Vodka

From: supermarket or liquor store
Quantity: 0.5 - 1 l
Reference quantity: 1 l

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	9.69
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	11.25
Ireland	30.82
Greece	16.08
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	13.62
Latvia	10.88
Lithuania	10.69
Luxembourg	12.52
Hungary	10.78
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	12.79
Poland	8.71
Portugal	
Romania	9.18
Slovenia	
Slovakia	7.66
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	18.64
Iceland	33.85
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description

Red wine

Quality: table wine
From: supermarket or liquor store
Quantity: 0.75 - 2 l
Reference quantity: 0.75 l

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	1.93
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3.59
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3.25
Latvia	
Lithuania	4.30
Luxembourg	4.41
Hungary	0.64
Malta	1.64
The Netherlands	
Austria	4.20
Poland	3.71
Portugal	1.23
Romania	2.75
Slovenia	1.33
Slovakia	1.92
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	6.02
Iceland	9.17
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	7.01

General product description

White wine

Quality: table wine
From: supermarket or liquor store
Quantity: 0.75 - 2 l
Reference quantity: 0.75 l

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1.78
Czech Republic	1.59
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3.38
Spain	
France	
Italy	3.86
Cyprus	3.16
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	4.59
Hungary	0.61
Malta	1.64
The Netherlands	
Austria	3.83
Poland	4.56
Portugal	1.19
Romania	3.40
Slovenia	1.06
Slovakia	1.67
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	6.13
Iceland	9.23
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Price for red or white wine
2) D.O.C wine

General product description

Beer

Type: lager - standard domestic
From: supermarket or liquor store
Package type: bottle
Quantity: 0.25 - 0.5 l
Reference quantity: 1 l

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	1.51
Bulgaria	0.87
Czech Republic	1.37
Denmark	
Germany	1.40
Estonia	1.48
Ireland	
Greece	1.88
Spain	
France	
Italy	1.82
Cyprus	2.44
Latvia	1.47
Lithuania	1.40
Luxembourg	2.10
Hungary	1.38
Malta	2.45
The Netherlands	
Austria	1.56
Poland	1.13
Portugal	1.52
Romania	0.92
Slovenia	1.70
Slovakia	0.96
Finland	3.35
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	4.47
Norway	
Switzerland	1.87
Turkey	2.00

1) Specifications may differ
2) Package size may be more than 500 ml

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (continued)

General product description

Cigarettes

Type	classic, with filter
Tobacco:	blond
Quantity:	18 - 25 cigarettes
Reference quantity:	20 cigarettes

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	4.66
Bulgaria	1.74
Czech Republic	2.45
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	2.56
Ireland	8.33
Greece	2.64
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3.06
Latvia	2.61
Lithuania	1.66
Luxembourg	3.82
Hungary	2.38
Malta	3.35
The Netherlands	4.97
Austria	3.81
Poland	1.79
Portugal	3.36
Romania	1.71
Slovenia	2.80
Slovakia	2.52
Finland	4.52
Sweden	
United Kingdom	6.78
Iceland	4.72
Norway	
Switzerland	4.23
Turkey	1.71

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

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General product description

Cotton

Type:	e.g. for blouse or shirt
Composition:	100 % cotton poplin
Width:	120 - 150 cm
Reference quantity	1 m ²

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	5.05	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	2.97	1)
Luxembourg	13.93	
Hungary	2.85	
Malta	7.46	
The Netherlands	7.04	
Austria		
Poland	3.74	2)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	7.60	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	1.30	

- 1) Specifications may differ
2) Less than 100% cotton

General product description

Men's suit, wool

Brand:	well known
Type:	classic two-piece
Composition:	at least 50% wool
Pattern:	plain, stripes allowed
Exclude:	waistcoat
Reference quantity:	1 suit

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria	90.07	1)
Czech Republic	183.40	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	148.03	1)
Luxembourg	307.67	
Hungary		
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria	217.19	1)
Poland	145.16	1)
Portugal		
Romania	122.67	1)
Slovenia		
Slovakia	161.61	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	86.88	

- 1) Not only well known brands

General product description

Men's blue jeans

Brand:	well known
Composition:	100 % cotton denim
Style:	straight
Length:	long
Reference quantity:	1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	56.48	
Bulgaria	22.44	1)
Czech Republic	37.84	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	49.33	1)
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	30.60	1)
Luxembourg	58.14	
Hungary	31.22	
Malta	40.22	
The Netherlands		
Austria	64.90	
Poland	26.04	1)
Portugal		
Romania	26.64	1)
Slovenia	63.25	
Slovakia	44.24	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	29.60	

- 1) Not only well known brands

General product description

Men's shirt

Brand:	well known
Type:	classic
Composition:	at least 50% cotton
Sleeves:	long
Reference quantity:	1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	41.21	
Bulgaria	16.56	1)
Czech Republic	18.25	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	40.08	1)
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	38.05	
Latvia		
Lithuania	24.57	1)
Luxembourg	58.74	
Hungary	21.05	
Malta	28.09	
The Netherlands	35.78	
Austria	36.10	1)
Poland	17.17	1)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	20.18	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	24.63	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	17.76	

- 1) Not only well known brands

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (continued)

General product description

Men's T-shirt, short sleeves

Brand: well known
 Composition: 100 % cotton
 Collar-style: round
 Sleeves: short
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	17.95	
Bulgaria	5.53	1)
Czech Republic	21.03	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	11.24	1)
Luxembourg	35.96	
Hungary	13.09	
Malta	20.99	
The Netherlands	11.90	
Austria	24.08	1)
Poland	4.59	1)
Portugal		
Romania	6.70	1)
Slovenia		
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	16.50	

1) Not only well known brands

General product description

Ladies' jeans

Brand: well known
 Composition: 100 % cotton denim, some elastane allowed
 Style: fitted
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	53.11	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	31.38	
Denmark		
Germany	35.86	1)
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	57.24	2)
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	65.62	
Luxembourg	41.48	
Hungary	26.63	
Malta	30.30	
The Netherlands	65.41	
Austria	67.09	2)
Poland	23.94	2)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia	63.25	
Slovakia	32.34	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	52.19	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	28.95	

1) Only low priced brand

2) Not only well known brands

General product description

Ladies' skirt

Brand: well known
 Type: formal
 Composition: approx. 60 % synthetics, 40 % wool; some elastane allowed
 Length: knee
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria	18.93	1)
Czech Republic	31.56	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	31.30	1)
Luxembourg	42.64	
Hungary		
Malta	28.15	
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	18.42	1)
Portugal		
Romania	19.22	1)
Slovenia	76.67	
Slovakia	31.91	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	28.55	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	27.03	

1) Not only well known brands

General product description

Ladies' T-shirt

Composition: 100 % cotton, some elastane allowed
 Style: fitted
 Sleeves: short
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	19.66	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	20.90	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	16.17	
Luxembourg	38.84	
Hungary	11.77	
Malta	18.02	
The Netherlands	18.83	
Austria	25.86	1)
Poland	10.46	
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	9.54	

1) Not only well known brands

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (continued)

General product description

Ladies' bikini

Brand: well known
 Composition: approx. 80 % synthetic,
 20 % elastane; microfibre
 Style: classic bikini style
 Waistband: elastic
 Reference quantity: 1 set

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	30.90	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	24.58	1) 2)
Luxembourg	61.20	
Hungary	29.88	
Malta	32.37	
The Netherlands	31.75	
Austria	38.88	1)
Poland	20.95	1)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia	45.66	
Slovakia	30.10	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Not only well known brands
 2) Specifications may differ

General product description

Brassiere, push-up

Brand: well known
 Composition: approx. 80 % synthetic,
 20 % elastane
 Style: with push-ups, simple lace
 decoration allowed
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	17.05	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	11.91	
Luxembourg	28.32	
Hungary	17.20	
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	9.49	1) 2)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	16.85	2)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	10.57	

1) Not only well known brands
 2) Specifications may differ

General product description

Tights

Brand: well known
 Type: 15 - 20 denier
 Composition: approx. 90 % synthetic,
 10 % elastane
 Style: basic
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	5.92	
Bulgaria	1.85	
Czech Republic	1.25	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	2.65	
Ireland		
Greece	3.91	1)
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	3.93	
Latvia		
Lithuania	2.72	
Luxembourg	5.40	
Hungary	1.64	
Malta	4.42	
The Netherlands	2.48	
Austria	5.48	
Poland	0.74	1)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia	3.37	
Slovakia	1.06	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	3.37	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Not only well known brands

General product description

Children's jeans trousers

Sex: boy or girl
 Composition: 100 % cotton denim
 Style: straight
 Size: 140 - 146 cm / 10 y
 Length: long
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	30.80	1)
Bulgaria	12.68	1)
Czech Republic	17.59	1)
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	30.56	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	18.67	1)
Lithuania	18.97	1)
Luxembourg	32.45	
Hungary	16.19	1)
Malta	18.33	
The Netherlands	21.87	
Austria	26.60	
Poland	13.67	1)
Portugal		
Romania	11.84	1)
Slovenia		
Slovakia	20.40	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	11.21	1)
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	12.55	

1) Size may differ from specification

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

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General product description

Dry cleaning

Garment: men's two-piece suit
 Service: standard dry-cleaning, pressing
 Reference quantity: 1 service

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	14.73
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	5.60
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	8.10
Ireland	
Greece	9.79
Spain	
France	
Italy	8.66
Cyprus	10.06
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	15.71
Hungary	7.89
Malta	6.75
The Netherlands	14.76
Austria	13.39
Poland	6.03
Portugal	7.25
Romania	4.88
Slovenia	12.30
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	11.78
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	3.84

General product description

Men's classic lace-up

Brand: well known
 Type: derby
 Style: casual, laces, decoration allowed
 Upper: leather
 Sole: synthetic rubber, profiled
 Heel material: synthetic rubber
 Reference quantity: 1 pair
 Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	100.80
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	52.32
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	53.61
Luxembourg	110.86
Hungary	45.44
Malta	51.75
The Netherlands	90.56
Austria	76.60
Poland	34.98
Portugal	
Romania	35.79
Slovenia	69.93
Slovakia	58.35
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	53.16
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	51.40

1) Not only well known brands
 2) Specifications may differ

General product description

Ladies' conventional court shoes

Brand: well known
 Type: court shoe
 Style: without decoration
 Upper: leather
 Sole: leather
 Heel material: leather, synthetic tip
 Heel height: approx. 7 cm
 Reference quantity: 1 pair
 Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	83.86
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	47.82
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	48.92
Luxembourg	105.98
Hungary	42.94
Malta	39.33
The Netherlands	66.18
Austria	89.31
Poland	34.69
Portugal	
Romania	38.63
Slovenia	70.72
Slovakia	52.79
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	33.65

1) Not only well known brands
 2) Specifications may differ
 3) sole not leather

General product description

Children's sport shoes

Style: laces / velcro straps
 Size: 36 (3.5)
 Upper: synthetic
 Sole: synthetic
 Reference quantity: 1 pair

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	67.83	1) 2)
Bulgaria	12.68	1)
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	40.98	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	19.44	1)
Lithuania	11.92	1)
Luxembourg	76.14	
Hungary	19.75	1)
Malta		
The Netherlands	41.08	
Austria		
Poland	9.50	
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	27.20	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	31.41	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	21.22	

1) Size may differ from specification
 2) Leather or textile
 3) Velour and textile

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

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General product description

Cobbler

Service: replacement of 2 tips of heels
 Shoe type: ladies' court shoes (high heels)
 Include: price for materials
 Reference quantity: 1 service

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	4.04	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	5.05	
Ireland		
Greece	3.81	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	6.26	
Lithuania	3.86	
Luxembourg	10.81	
Hungary	3.48	
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	2.90	
Portugal	3.72	1)
Romania	4.73	1)
Slovenia	6.68	
Slovakia	3.07	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	1.78	

1) Shoe type differs or is not specified

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

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General product description

Towel	
Brand:	well known
Composition:	100% cotton
Size:	approx. 70 x 150 cm
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, € June 2009	

Belgium	15.25	1)
Bulgaria	2.72	1) 2)
Czech Republic	5.10	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy	9.86	2) 3)
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	3.84	1)
Luxembourg	9.30	
Hungary	3.80	1)
Malta	6.63	
The Netherlands	5.19	
Austria	19.23	
Poland	3.96	1) 2)
Portugal		
Romania	5.48	2)
Slovenia		
Slovakia	4.80	1)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	7.71	

1) Size approximately 50*100cm

2) No brand specification

3) Size not specified

General product description

Fridge-freezer	
Door(s):	2
Energy efficiency class:	A
Freezer capacity (net):	approx. 100 l
Fridge capacity (net):	approx. 200 l
Stars:	4
Reference quantity:	one piece
Indicative price, € June 2009	

Belgium	446.18	1)
Bulgaria	337.17	
Czech Republic	344.64	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	342.57	
Lithuania	359.50	
Luxembourg	510.93	
Hungary	326.14	
Malta	614.53	
The Netherlands	555.68	
Austria	625.17	
Poland	273.64	
Portugal		
Romania	299.02	
Slovenia	511.42	
Slovakia	364.18	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	654.41	

1) Energy efficiency class may differ

General product description

Washing machine	
Dimensions (HxWxD):	85 x 60 x 40-60
Energy efficiency class:	A
Wash capacity:	4.5 - 5 kg
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, € June 2009	

Belgium	613.84	1)
Bulgaria	274.70	
Czech Republic	384.04	
Denmark		
Germany	496.82	2)
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia	368.47	1)
Lithuania	350.73	
Luxembourg	395.50	
Hungary	274.97	
Malta	595.52	
The Netherlands	526.43	
Austria	570.46	
Poland	259.82	
Portugal		
Romania	299.93	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	372.78	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	369.46	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	416.59	

1) Higher capacity possible

2) Only higher priced brands

General product description

Vacuum cleaner	
Dust collection:	paper bag
Power:	1400 - 1600 W
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, € June 2009	

Belgium	156.20	1)
Bulgaria	54.29	
Czech Republic	126.92	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	105.06	1)
Luxembourg	124.54	
Hungary	53.69	
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria	147.70	
Poland	73.33	
Portugal		
Romania	75.80	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	93.81	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	88.89	

1) Higher capacity possible

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE (continued)

General product description

Battery

Type: LR 6 - 1.5 V = AA 1.5, alkaline
 Package type: 2 - 4 pieces
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	1.67	
Bulgaria	0.27	
Czech Republic	0.33	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	0.63	
Ireland		
Greece	1.12	
Spain		
France		
Italy	1.04	
Cyprus	1.02	
Latvia	0.66	
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	1.11	
Hungary	0.95	
Malta	2.45	
The Netherlands	1.16	
Austria	1.33	
Poland	0.54	
Portugal	0.88	1)
Romania	0.45	
Slovenia	1.20	
Slovakia	0.88	
Finland	1.05	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	0.86	
Iceland	0.98	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.76	

1) Package size may differ

General product description

Light bulb

Form: E27 - standard form
 Voltage: 220 - 240 V
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	0.82	
Bulgaria	0.27	
Czech Republic	0.38	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	0.35	
Ireland		
Greece	0.98	
Spain		
France		
Italy	1.03	
Cyprus	0.54	
Latvia	0.36	
Lithuania	0.27	
Luxembourg	1.57	
Hungary	0.30	
Malta	0.62	
The Netherlands	0.90	
Austria		
Poland	0.28	
Portugal	1.17	
Romania	0.27	
Slovenia	0.44	
Slovakia	0.38	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	0.61	
Iceland	0.58	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.26	

General product description

Detergent for washing machine

Concentrated: no
 Quantity: 3 - 5 kg
 Reference quantity: 1 kg

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria	3.37	1) 2)
Czech Republic	3.15	
Denmark		
Germany	1.72	3)
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	3.54	
Spain		
France		
Italy	2.54	
Cyprus	2.69	
Latvia	2.89	2)
Lithuania	2.75	2)
Luxembourg	3.18	
Hungary	2.67	
Malta	2.91	
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	3.02	2)
Portugal	2.61	4)
Romania	2.74	1) 2)
Slovenia	3.51	2)
Slovakia	3.02	2)
Finland	3.72	1) 2)
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	2.59	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	2.66	

1) Compact / concentrated
 2) Package weight may be less than 3 Kg
 3) Specifications may differ
 4) Package weight may differ

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

TRANSPORT

General product description

Urban bus transport, single ticket

Bought: in advance
 Fare for: adult
 Trip distance: 5 km or two zones
 Reference quantity: 1 ticket

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	1.27	
Bulgaria	0.39	
Czech Republic	0.36	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	0.68	
Ireland		
Greece	1.00	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	1.30	
Latvia		
Lithuania	0.49	
Luxembourg	1.50	
Hungary	0.78	
Malta	0.47	
The Netherlands	2.40	
Austria	1.53	
Poland	0.49	
Portugal	1.05	1)
Romania	0.34	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	0.45	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	1.57	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.60	

1) Only on board tickets

General product description

Taxi

Length of the trip: 5 km
 Number of travellers: 2
 Time: day time tariff

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	9.05	1)
Bulgaria	1.45	1)
Czech Republic	5.54	
Denmark		
Germany	6.92	1)
Estonia	5.18	
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	5.61	1)
Latvia	4.50	
Lithuania	3.17	
Luxembourg	16.43	
Hungary	5.10	
Malta		
The Netherlands	4.70	
Austria	9.67	
Poland	3.27	
Portugal	4.32	
Romania	1.98	
Slovenia	6.00	
Slovakia	4.77	
Finland	11.50	
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	6.57	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	1.71	

1) Trip length is 3 kilometers

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

General product description

Television

Type: flat panel LCD
Screen size: 32" (81 cm)
Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	813.21
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	554.74
Denmark	
Germany	648.93
Estonia	497.79
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	592.79
Luxembourg	589.74
Hungary	459.19
Malta	451.67
The Netherlands	630.46
Austria	647.55
Poland	453.50
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	536.59
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	523.02

1) Sold in power stores, department stores or self-service stores

General product description

DVD recorder with hard disk

Brand: well known
Playback compatibility: DVD -R/+R/-RW/+RW, CD-R/-RW, MP3, DivX format
Hard disk size: 160-250 GB
Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	284.45
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	296.28
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	84.56
Luxembourg	201.17
Hungary	203.00
Malta	
The Netherlands	267.81
Austria	329.58
Poland	174.48
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	258.07
Slovakia	253.22
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	198.28
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description

Portable MP3 player

Capacity: 4 GB flash
Photo support: yes
Display: LCD
Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	117.92	1)
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	62.29	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	62.84	
Luxembourg	67.52	
Hungary	52.52	
Malta		
The Netherlands	86.41	
Austria	78.56	
Poland	33.46	2)
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	51.01	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	43.91	

1) MP3 ro MP4 player
2) Capacity may differ

General product description

Music CD - Pop Chart

Type: in Top 5 of most sold pop music CDs
Reference quantity: 1 CD

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	17.51
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	12.16
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	18.82
Cyprus	19.73
Latvia	12.46
Lithuania	6.61
Luxembourg	18.29
Hungary	11.85
Malta	
The Netherlands	15.11
Austria	15.82
Poland	8.71
Portugal	14.21
Romania	
Slovenia	13.95
Slovakia	11.00
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	12.22
Iceland	14.29
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	5.86

1) Slovak popular music

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

RECREATION AND CULTURE (continued)
General product description
Blank compact disc (CD-R)

Capacity:	700 MB
Quantity:	5 -10 pack
Rewritable:	no
Reference quantity:	1 CD-R

 Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria	0.72	1) 2)
Czech Republic	0.37	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	0.75	
Latvia		
Lithuania	0.85	
Luxembourg	0.66	
Hungary	0.53	
Malta		
The Netherlands	0.82	
Austria	1.04	
Poland	0.27	
Portugal	0.57	
Romania	0.66	
Slovenia	0.46	
Slovakia	0.54	2)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	0.64	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	0.22	

 1) CD-RW included or only
2) 1 unit sold separately

General product description
Dog food meat

Made of:	meat
Package type:	tin
Quantity:	750 - 1250 g
Reference quantity:	1000 g

 Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	2.57	1)
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Germany	2.40	2)
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy	2.00	
Cyprus		
Latvia	2.30	1)
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	2.34	
Hungary	2.38	1)
Malta	3.97	
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal	2.15	
Romania		
Slovenia	2.01	
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	3.28	1)
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

 1) Package weight may be less than 750 grams
2) Specifications may differ

General product description
Dog food dry

Made of:	crumbles; dry food
Quantity:	2000 - 4000 g
Reference quantity:	1000 g

 Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	1.77	
Bulgaria	1.50	1)
Czech Republic	2.21	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	2.19	1)
Luxembourg	2.08	
Hungary		
Malta	3.97	
The Netherlands	3.28	
Austria	1.83	
Poland	2.00	1)
Portugal	2.63	
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	2.60	
Finland	2.40	
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Package weight may be less than 1000 grams

General product description
Cinema ticket

Service:	ticket for a town cinema
Time:	Saturday evening
Reference quantity:	1 ticket

 Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	7.30	
Bulgaria	2.42	1)
Czech Republic	3.28	
Denmark		
Germany	7.06	1)
Estonia		
Ireland	8.66	1)
Greece	7.57	
Spain		
France		
Italy	6.28	2)
Cyprus	7.25	
Latvia		
Lithuania	3.87	
Luxembourg	7.33	
Hungary	4.15	
Malta	5.83	
The Netherlands	8.50	
Austria	8.15	
Poland	3.21	
Portugal	4.99	
Romania		
Slovenia	4.74	1)
Slovakia	2.56	1)
Finland	9.15	1)
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland	5.35	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey	4.10	

 1) Any evening of the week or other day than Saturday
2) Weekly average

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

RECREATION AND CULTURE (continued)

General product description

Daily newspaper

Type: national daily newspaper with largest circulation, bought on a working day

Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2009

Belgium	0.96	
Bulgaria	0.47	1)
Czech Republic	0.54	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	1.15	
Ireland		
Greece	1.30	
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	1.00	
Latvia		
Lithuania	0.65	1)
Luxembourg	1.66	
Hungary	0.52	
Malta	0.51	
The Netherlands	1.34	
Austria	1.00	
Poland	0.35	
Portugal	0.86	
Romania	0.28	
Slovenia	1.01	
Slovakia	0.37	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	0.34	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland	1.91	
Turkey	0.22	

1) Includes non-working days

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

General product description

Red house wine - glass

Include: service charge
 Service: at the table (with waiter service)
 Size: approx. 12 cl
 Reference quantity: 1 glass

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	1.09	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia	2.14	
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	1.53	
Luxembourg	3.96	
Hungary	0.57	
Malta		
The Netherlands	3.17	
Austria	1.78	
Poland	1.27	1)
Portugal	0.76	2)
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	0.58	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	2.22	3)
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Glass size smaller than 12 cl

2) Glass size unknown

3) Glass size larger than 12 cl

General product description

Beer (lager), domestic - glas

Include: service charge
 Service: at the counter
 Size: 0.2 - 0.35 l
 Reference quantity: 1 glass

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	1.72	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	1.00	1)
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	2.60	
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy	2.03	2)
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	1.47	1)
Luxembourg	2.09	
Hungary	0.76	1)
Malta	1.24	
The Netherlands	1.92	
Austria		
Poland	0.69	1)
Portugal	0.87	
Romania	0.60	
Slovenia		
Slovakia	1.08	
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	1.57	1)
Iceland	3.67	
Norway		
Switzerland	2.66	
Turkey	1.64	

1) Glass size larger than 35 cl

2) Glass or tin

General product description

Cup of coffee

Include: service charge
 Service: at the table (with waiter service)
 Reference quantity: 1 cup

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	1.82	
Bulgaria	0.43	1)
Czech Republic	0.78	
Denmark		
Germany	1.75	
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece	2.68	
Spain		
France		
Italy	0.82	
Cyprus	0.86	
Latvia	1.14	
Lithuania	0.83	
Luxembourg	2.08	
Hungary	0.71	
Malta	1.22	
The Netherlands	1.90	
Austria	2.27	
Poland	0.96	
Portugal	0.57	
Romania	0.71	
Slovenia	1.17	
Slovakia	0.77	
Finland	1.66	
Sweden		
United Kingdom	1.97	
Iceland	2.06	
Norway		
Switzerland	2.50	
Turkey		

1) Self service is also included

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES

General product description

Ladies - haircut

Type: cutting long hair short
 Type of establishment: common hairdresser
 Washing: yes
 Blow drying: yes
 Reference quantity: 1 service

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	10.59
Denmark	
Germany	29.29
Estonia	14.07
Ireland	38.46
Greece	17.16
Spain	
France	
Italy	16.34
Cyprus	16.86
Latvia	15.81
Lithuania	12.39
Luxembourg	28.30
Hungary	8.66
Malta	26.17
The Netherlands	33.63
Austria	44.66
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	28.21
Slovakia	8.29
Finland	36.34
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	5.18

1) Specifications may differ

General product description

Shampoo

Type: normal hair
 Quantity: 200 - 400 ml
 Reference quantity: 400 ml

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	3.90
Bulgaria	4.49
Czech Republic	2.97
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	4.22
Spain	
France	
Italy	4.54
Cyprus	4.09
Latvia	4.11
Lithuania	4.70
Luxembourg	3.78
Hungary	4.09
Malta	6.27
The Netherlands	4.97
Austria	4.33
Poland	1.78
Portugal	5.20
Romania	5.75
Slovenia	3.97
Slovakia	2.96
Finland	4.79
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2.22
Iceland	5.00
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	2.39

1) Package size may be more than 400 ml

General product description

Tooth paste

Type: adult
 Quantity: 50 - 100 ml
 Reference quantity: 100 ml

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	1.97
Bulgaria	0.94
Czech Republic	1.34
Denmark	
Germany	2.46
Estonia	1.55
Ireland	
Greece	3.16
Spain	
France	
Italy	2.32
Cyprus	3.11
Latvia	1.94
Lithuania	1.86
Luxembourg	2.94
Hungary	1.76
Malta	
The Netherlands	2.39
Austria	2.68
Poland	1.47
Portugal	3.03
Romania	1.41
Slovenia	2.63
Slovakia	1.35
Finland	2.19
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	3.42
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	2.98

1) Specifications may differ

2) Package size may be more than 100 ml

General product description

Shower gel

Quantity: 200 - 300 ml
 Reference quantity: 300 ml

Indicative price, €
 June 2009

Belgium	2.13
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	2.74
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	2.39
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	2.68
Cyprus	
Latvia	2.84
Lithuania	2.85
Luxembourg	2.93
Hungary	2.07
Malta	2.97
The Netherlands	3.57
Austria	2.65
Poland	2.48
Portugal	2.09
Romania	2.82
Slovenia	2.44
Slovakia	2.89
Finland	3.05
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2.35
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Package size may be more than 300 ml

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

Important Note: Please see text of accompanying article for explanations of these data, their uses and limitations.