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In 2011, Eurostat and National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) have been carrying out a third 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 Harmonised 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 third 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 2012-2013 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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1. Introduction

Eurostat and the National Statistical Institutes (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 Harmonised 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. The results of the pilot projects are used in the [‘Consumer Markets Scoreboard’](#).

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 third 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 2010, 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 90 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 arithmetic average of the price observations. In some countries regional price observations were weighed using e.g. regional population figures.

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 2010.

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 2010

Currency		June 2010
BGN	New Bulgarian Lev	1.9558
CZK	Czech Koruna	25.78
EEK	Estonian Kroon	15.6466
LVL	Latvian Lats	0.7082
LTL	Lithuanian Litas	3.4528
HUF	Hungarian Forint	281.49
PLN	New Polish Zloty	4.1055
RON	New Romanian Leu	4.2423
GBP	Pound Sterling	0.82771
ISK	Iceland Krona	156.95
CHF	Swiss Franc	1.3767

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 institutes 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.
- 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.

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 harmonised 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 2010 can not be compared with the earlier research results for June 2009 and 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).

- 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 third pilot to measure indicative price levels from HICP price collection in June 2010. The first and second pilots were performed in June 2008 and June 2009, respectively, and the results were reported earlier. The third 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 and second 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 third pilot, prices for 87 products are published compared to 66 in the first pilot and 79 in the second.

New products included, as compared to the second pilot, are:

- Salmon, steak
- Ladies' top coat
- Children' T-shirt, long sleeves
- Cement
- Light bulb energy saving type
- Detergent for washing machine, concentrated
- Dish washer tablets
- Compact digital camera
- Laptop
- Potting soil

Products removed are:

- Ladies' bikini
- Cotton

The following two product changed specification:

- Spaghetti became Pasta
- Tomato ketchup became Tomato ketchup, brandless.

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 90 products for which prices were requested from national statistical institutes, 87 are entered in this report. For the other 3 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	33	
2 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5	5	
3 Clothing and footwear	19	17	2
4 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1	1	
5 Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	11	10	1
6 Health	0	0	
7 Transports	2	2	
8 Communications	0	0	
9 Recreation and culture	12	12	
10 Education	0	0	
11 Restaurants and hotels	3	3	
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	4	4	
Total	90	87	3

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 institutes 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 harmonised 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.
- 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 undertaking 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 2010	€
Belgium	2,89
Bulgaria	1,32
Czech Republic	1,34
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2,75
Spain	1,27
France	
Italy	2,42
Cyprus	2,16
Latvia	1,24
Lithuania	1,07
Luxembourg	3,12
Hungary	1,08
Malta	2,88
The Netherlands	2,30
Austria	2,08
Poland	1,75
Portugal	1,02
Romania	1,49
Slovenia	2,23
Slovakia	1,38
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3,58
Iceland	2,61
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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

General product description	
Wheat flour	
Type:	plain, white, all-purpose flour
Quantity:	750 - 1000g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	0,81
Bulgaria	0,43
Czech Republic	0,32
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	0,99
Greece	1,28
Spain	0,71
France	
Italy	0,72
Cyprus	1,29
Latvia	0,62
Lithuania	0,69
Luxembourg	0,90
Hungary	0,39
Malta	0,92
The Netherlands	1,16
Austria	0,94
Poland	0,46
Portugal	0,76
Romania	0,52
Slovenia	0,85
Slovakia	0,32
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,75
Iceland	0,89
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

- 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 2010	€
Belgium	2,54
Bulgaria	0,60
Czech Republic	0,71
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	1,64
Greece	2,16
Spain	2,68
France	
Italy	2,68
Cyprus	1,84
Latvia	1,50
Lithuania	1,44
Luxembourg	3,49
Hungary	0,83
Malta	1,38
The Netherlands	1,39
Austria	
Poland	0,91
Portugal	1,99
Romania	0,89
Slovenia	1,79
Slovakia	1,26
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,64
Iceland	2,38
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

- 1) Wheat-rye bread
 2) Quantity may differ
 3) 70% white flour

General product description	
Pasta	
Made with:	hard wheat (durum), no eggs
Quantity:	400 - 600g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	1,58
Bulgaria	1,92
Czech Republic	1,07
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	2,41
Greece	1,76
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,55
Cyprus	2,19
Latvia	1,81
Lithuania	1,92
Luxembourg	2,31
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	1,69
Austria	2,89
Poland	1,77
Portugal	1,21
Romania	2,55
Slovenia	2,08
Slovakia	1,42
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,59
Iceland	2,65
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

- 1) With eggs, or both with and without eggs

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 2010	
Belgium	9,07
Bulgaria	3,08
Czech Republic	3,19
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	9,45
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,26
Luxembourg	8,83
Hungary	6,74
Malta	5,72
The Netherlands	3,67
Austria	6,45
Poland	2,84
Portugal	
Romania	3,80
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	7,39
Iceland	7,45
Norway	
Switzerland	12,86
Turkey	

1) Mixed, pork and beef/veal
2) Frozen

General product description	
Pork, cutlet ("escalope")	
Bones:	without
Condition:	fresh (not frozen)
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	4,09
Czech Republic	3,94
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	5,53
Spain	
France	
Italy	8,39
Cyprus	4,20
Latvia	4,55
Lithuania	3,68
Luxembourg	11,36
Hungary	3,82
Malta	4,49
The Netherlands	8,91
Austria	9,49
Poland	3,06
Portugal	4,31
Romania	5,05
Slovenia	5,45
Slovakia	4,11
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	7,90
Norway	
Switzerland	22,05
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 2010	
Belgium	4,06
Bulgaria	2,01
Czech Republic	2,22
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	2,51
Ireland	3,37
Greece	3,68
Spain	2,60
France	
Italy	4,39
Cyprus	3,50
Latvia	2,34
Lithuania	2,53
Luxembourg	5,62
Hungary	2,59
Malta	2,55
The Netherlands	4,08
Austria	4,38
Poland	1,64
Portugal	2,34
Romania	2,23
Slovenia	3,33
Slovakia	2,23
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3,46
Iceland	4,25
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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 2010	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	3,01
Czech Republic	4,58
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	7,52
Cyprus	9,64
Latvia	3,74
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	10,54
Hungary	3,66
Malta	
The Netherlands	5,22
Austria	
Poland	3,74
Portugal	5,59
Romania	3,73
Slovenia	5,84
Slovakia	3,16
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	9,59
Turkey	

1) Cooked or smoked

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 2010	
Belgium	15,90
Bulgaria	10,98
Czech Republic	6,54
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	7,15
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	5,77
Latvia	9,59
Lithuania	10,55
Luxembourg	
Hungary	11,98
Malta	
The Netherlands	11,45
Austria	
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	10,87
Slovakia	7,30
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Smoked sausage

General product description	
Salmon, steak	
Condition:	fresh (not frozen)
Quantity	100-500 g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	17,62
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	15,91
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	12,43
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	12,46
Malta	11,05
The Netherlands	
Austria	
Poland	17,31
Portugal	9,15
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	16,58
Iceland	7,50
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Observed quantity 1000 grams

2) Smoked salmon

General product description	
Tinned pink tuna	
Type:	chunks in tural juice or in oil
Quantity	160 - 240 g
Reference quantity	1000 g/net
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	9,51
Bulgaria	6,95
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	10,98
Cyprus	12,07
Latvia	5,18
Lithuania	4,02
Luxembourg	
Hungary	9,38
Malta	7,08
The Netherlands	5,31
Austria	8,14
Poland	6,39
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	7,71
Iceland	6,35
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

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 2010	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	0,82
Czech Republic	0,65
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	1,11
Greece	1,15
Spain	0,80
France	
Italy	1,39
Cyprus	1,18
Latvia	
Lithuania	0,73
Luxembourg	1,21
Hungary	0,69
Malta	0,72
The Netherlands	0,91
Austria	0,86
Poland	0,66
Portugal	0,79
Romania	1,09
Slovenia	0,74
Slovakia	0,78
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,93
Iceland	0,67
Norway	
Switzerland	1,18
Turkey	

1) Fat content may differ

2) Partially skimmed or unskimmed milk

3) Package weight may be larger than 1000 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	
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 2010	€
Belgium	2,59
Bulgaria	0,98
Czech Republic	1,60
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3,14
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3,04
Latvia	
Lithuania	2,45
Luxembourg	3,17
Hungary	1,65
Malta	
The Netherlands	0,71
Austria	
Poland	1,54
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	2,30
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	2,83
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ
 2) Fat content not specified
 3) May be with or without fruit
 4) Made with sheep milk

General product description	
Fruit yoghurt	
Fat content in g/ml	2-5
per 100 g/ml or %:	
Made with:	unskimmed cow milk
Quantity:	100 - 150 g/ml per cup
Reference quantity	1000 g/ml
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	3,19
Bulgaria	1,85
Czech Republic	2,31
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,01
Luxembourg	3,95
Hungary	1,87
Malta	1,94
The Netherlands	1,38
Austria	
Poland	1,74
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	2,23
Slovakia	2,52
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	3,03
Norway	
Switzerland	2,95
Turkey	

1) Based on skimmed cow-milk
 2) Package weight may be larger than 150 grams
 3) Fat content may differ

General product description	
Cheese, Camembert type	
Exclude:	origil Camembert from Normandy
Fat content (in dry substance):	45 - 55 %
Made with:	pasteurised milk
Quantity:	150 - 330g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	6,63
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	8,25
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	8,00
Hungary	10,63
Malta	
The Netherlands	9,97
Austria	8,53
Poland	8,66
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	12,40
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	15,02
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

General product description	
Cheese, Gouda type	
Note:	sometimes known as Holland cheese young
Type	young
Fat content (in dry substance):	30-45%
Made with:	cow milk
Quantity:	250-500 g
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	7,79
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	4,57
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	8,08
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	6,55
Austria	7,64
Poland	4,22
Portugal	8,37
Romania	
Slovenia	8,46
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	7,74
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Fat content may be more than 45%
 2) Quantity may differ

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	
Chicken eggs	
Class:	A
Quantity:	6 - 12 eggs
Size:	large (L)
Reference quantity	10 eggs
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	2,26
Bulgaria	1,03
Czech Republic	0,98
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	2,95
Greece	2,70
Spain	1,31
France	
Italy	2,12
Cyprus	2,41
Latvia	1,26
Lithuania	1,15
Luxembourg	2,98
Hungary	1,12
Malta	1,22
The Netherlands	1,70
Austria	2,73
Poland	1,12
Portugal	1,20
Romania	0,98
Slovenia	1,52
Slovakia	1,16
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3,21
Iceland	2,15
Norway	
Switzerland	5,16
Turkey	

1) Various sizes eggs
2) Medium size
3) Class may differ
4) Free range only

General product description	
Butter	
Quantity:	200 - 250 g
Reference quantity	250 g
Salted:	no
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	1,59
Bulgaria	1,18
Czech Republic	1,08
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2,82
Spain	
France	
Italy	2,00
Cyprus	1,38
Latvia	1,44
Lithuania	1,45
Luxembourg	1,78
Hungary	1,75
Malta	1,84
The Netherlands	0,93
Austria	1,40
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	1,66
Slovenia	1,83
Slovakia	1,70
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,56
Iceland	0,89
Norway	
Switzerland	2,21
Turkey	

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 2010	
Belgium	6,59
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	10,43
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	5,48
Spain	2,86
France	
Italy	5,12
Cyprus	4,76
Latvia	8,39
Lithuania	7,23
Luxembourg	7,61
Hungary	9,04
Malta	4,97
The Netherlands	5,55
Austria	7,78
Poland	9,18
Portugal	3,99
Romania	
Slovenia	9,48
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	7,27
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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 2010	
Belgium	1,92
Bulgaria	1,19
Czech Republic	1,30
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1,78
Ireland	
Greece	2,39
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	2,13
Latvia	1,74
Lithuania	1,53
Luxembourg	3,06
Hungary	1,36
Malta	1,89
The Netherlands	1,30
Austria	3,31
Poland	1,41
Portugal	1,38
Romania	
Slovenia	2,09
Slovakia	1,72
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	2,95
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) It consists of corn oil
2) For cooking and for salads
3) Package size may be larger than 1 litre

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	
Apples	
Quality	best
Variety	country typical
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	1,20
Bulgaria	0,86
Czech Republic	0,98
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,95
Ireland	
Greece	1,75
Spain	1,63
France	
Italy	1,79
Cyprus	
Latvia	0,73
Lithuania	1,02
Luxembourg	2,68
Hungary	0,78
Malta	1,56
The Netherlands	1,33
Austria	1,75
Poland	0,57
Portugal	1,27
Romania	0,75
Slovenia	1,00
Slovakia	0,93
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,99
Iceland	1,39
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Different types of apples

General product description	
Canned fruit	
Type	in own juice
Quantity	250 - 750 g
Reference quantity	1000 g/net
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	2,16
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	1,65
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2,20
Spain	
France	
Italy	3,92
Cyprus	2,31
Latvia	1,74
Lithuania	1,56
Luxembourg	3,46
Hungary	1,76
Malta	1,98
The Netherlands	3,01
Austria	
Poland	1,61
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	1,80
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,95
Iceland	2,55
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Package weight may be larger than 750 grams

General product description	
Carrots	
Quality	best
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	0,80
Bulgaria	0,66
Czech Republic	0,70
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,65
Ireland	
Greece	1,07
Spain	1,07
France	
Italy	1,24
Cyprus	
Latvia	0,61
Lithuania	0,47
Luxembourg	1,04
Hungary	0,85
Malta	1,02
The Netherlands	1,27
Austria	1,22
Poland	0,59
Portugal	0,70
Romania	0,56
Slovenia	1,07
Slovakia	0,78
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,94
Iceland	1,26
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description	
Potatoes	
Variety	country typical
Package type	sold loose
Reference quantity	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	1,21
Bulgaria	0,51
Czech Republic	0,75
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,32
Ireland	
Greece	0,76
Spain	0,85
France	
Italy	0,95
Cyprus	0,80
Latvia	0,31
Lithuania	0,82
Luxembourg	1,22
Hungary	0,66
Malta	0,55
The Netherlands	1,40
Austria	1,13
Poland	0,72
Portugal	0,68
Romania	0,48
Slovenia	0,65
Slovakia	0,67
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,80
Iceland	1,04
Norway	
Switzerland	2,03
Turkey	

1) new potatoes
2) any quality
3) Different types of potatoes

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	
White sugar	
Type:	fine, granulated
Quantity:	approx. 1000 g
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	0,92
Bulgaria	0,78
Czech Republic	0,71
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,81
Ireland	0,98
Greece	0,80
Spain	0,77
France	
Italy	0,96
Cyprus	0,91
Latvia	0,89
Lithuania	0,86
Luxembourg	1,07
Hungary	0,65
Malta	0,94
The Netherlands	0,85
Austria	0,88
Poland	0,61
Portugal	0,87
Romania	0,80
Slovenia	0,79
Slovakia	0,79
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,17
Iceland	1,42
Norway	
Switzerland	0,96
Turkey	

1) brown sugar allowed

General product description	
Jam	
Type:	strawberry or apricot
Package type:	glass jar
Quantity:	300 - 500g
Fruit content:	45 - 60%
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	3,34
Bulgaria	2,94
Czech Republic	4,03
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	4,11
Greece	
Spain	3,05
France	
Italy	4,64
Cyprus	3,65
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,32
Luxembourg	4,34
Hungary	2,69
Malta	2,69
The Netherlands	2,99
Austria	4,60
Poland	3,10
Portugal	5,83
Romania	2,98
Slovenia	3,18
Slovakia	3,99
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3,55
Iceland	5,84
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

- 1) Type may be other fruit
- 2) Lower fruit content
- 3) Package weight may be larger than 500 grams
- 4) Fruit content not specified

General product description	
Milk chocolate	
Quantity:	100 - 200g
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	10,34
Bulgaria	6,97
Czech Republic	8,31
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	10,25
Spain	
France	
Italy	11,70
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	7,30
Luxembourg	13,77
Hungary	8,35
Malta	7,61
The Netherlands	8,43
Austria	8,59
Poland	
Portugal	9,02
Romania	6,93
Slovenia	8,38
Slovakia	7,99
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	10,26
Norway	
Switzerland	12,35
Turkey	

- 1) Package weight may be less than 100 grams
- 2) Not milk chocolate
- 3) Any type of chocolate

General product description	
Ice cream	
Package type:	in carton or plastic
Quantity:	500 - 1000ml
Reference quantity:	1000 ml
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	3,19
Bulgaria	2,24
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	4,92
Spain	
France	
Italy	3,27
Cyprus	4,90
Latvia	
Lithuania	2,26
Luxembourg	4,52
Hungary	3,79
Malta	2,17
The Netherlands	1,72
Austria	4,20
Poland	2,17
Portugal	2,84
Romania	4,38
Slovenia	3,63
Slovakia	1,38
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2,50
Iceland	3,01
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

- 1) Quantity may differ
- 2) Package size may be less 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.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (continued)

General product description
Tomato ketchup, brandless
 Package type: bottle (glass or plastic)
 Quantity: 500 - 1000 g (500 g = 440 ml)
 Reference quantity: 1000 g

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1,49
Czech Republic	1,70
Denmark	
Germany	1,23
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	1,00
Lithuania	1,96 1)
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	2,59 2)
The Netherlands	2,47
Austria	2,15
Poland	2,39 2)
Portugal	2,14 2)
Romania	2,85
Slovenia	
Slovakia	2,73
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) All brands
 2) Package weight may be less than 500 grams

General product description
Coffee
 Type: roasted, blend
 Ground: yes
 Quantity: 200 - 300g
 Reference quantity: 1000 g

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	9,33
Bulgaria	5,97 1)
Czech Republic	8,29
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	6,10
France	
Italy	9,59
Cyprus	8,38
Latvia	10,08 1)
Lithuania	8,48
Luxembourg	11,84
Hungary	7,92
Malta	
The Netherlands	6,71
Austria	
Poland	
Portugal	8,70
Romania	10,41 1)
Slovenia	7,20 1)
Slovakia	8,12
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	11,86
Iceland	7,63 1)
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

General product description
Black tea
 Type: black tea
 Package type: in bags, 20 - 50 bags
 Quantity: approx. 2 g per bag
 Reference quantity: 25 bags

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	1,56 1)
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	0,73
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	0,87 2)
Greece	2,09
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,34 2)
Cyprus	1,16
Latvia	1,33
Lithuania	1,36
Luxembourg	1,92
Hungary	1,48
Malta	0,71 2)
The Netherlands	1,12
Austria	2,07
Poland	1,38
Portugal	1,27 2)
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	0,71
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	1,82 2)
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Type may differ
 2) Package size may differ

General product description
Mineral water
 Type: carbated
 Package type: bottle (glass or plastic)
 Quantity: 1 - 2 l
 Reference quantity: 1 l

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	0,43
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	0,31
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	0,31 1)
Spain	
France	
Italy	0,26 1)
Cyprus	
Latvia	0,38
Lithuania	0,41 1)
Luxembourg	0,68 2)
Hungary	0,25
Malta	
The Netherlands	0,27
Austria	0,34
Poland	0,47
Portugal	
Romania	0,34
Slovenia	0,35
Slovakia	0,34
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	0,73
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Not carbated or not specified
 2) Quantity may differ

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

Orange juice

Type: 100 % pure, no sugar added
 Package type: carton
 Quantity: 1 l
 Reference quantity: 1 l

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	1,29	
Bulgaria	1,20	1) 2)
Czech Republic	1,06	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland	1,34	2)
Greece	1,31	
Spain	0,76	1)
France		
Italy	0,73	
Cyprus	1,85	
Latvia	1,13	
Lithuania	1,19	
Luxembourg	1,38	
Hungary	1,26	
Malta	1,38	
The Netherlands	0,84	
Austria	1,23	
Poland	1,04	
Portugal		
Romania	1,41	
Slovenia		
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	2,22	
Iceland	1,43	
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Fruit juice, maybe different from oranges

2) Specifications may differ

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	5,79
Czech Republic	10,18
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	26,46
Greece	20,83
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	10,89
Latvia	11,32
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	11,88
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	13,20
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	9,52
Slovenia	
Slovakia	8,44
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	20,02
Iceland	43,46
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Domestic production only

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	2,88
Czech Republic	1,96
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3,60
Spain	
France	
Italy	4,11
Cyprus	2,32
Latvia	3,47
Lithuania	4,11
Luxembourg	4,06
Hungary	0,61
Malta	1,75
The Netherlands	2,37
Austria	4,33
Poland	4,19
Portugal	1,04
Romania	2,81
Slovenia	1,67
Slovakia	1,92
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	6,35
Iceland	9,35
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Regional wine

2) Price for red or white wine

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1,85
Czech Republic	1,67
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3,31
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	2,54
Latvia	4,13
Lithuania	4,00
Luxembourg	4,07
Hungary	0,60
Malta	1,75
The Netherlands	2,24
Austria	3,95
Poland	5,31
Portugal	1,03
Romania	3,35
Slovenia	1,44
Slovakia	1,71
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	6,28
Iceland	9,86
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 2010

Belgium	1,49
Bulgaria	0,92
Czech Republic	1,46
Denmark	
Germany	1,52
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2,12
Spain	
France	
Italy	3,25
Cyprus	2,43
Latvia	1,47
Lithuania	1,36
Luxembourg	2,08
Hungary	1,23
Malta	2,30
The Netherlands	1,74
Austria	1,58
Poland	1,25
Portugal	1,66
Romania	0,99
Slovenia	1,72
Slovakia	0,99
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	5,46
Norway	
Switzerland	2,06
Turkey	

1) Specifications may differ

2) In cans

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
 5 most common brands: International, imported or produced under licence
 Reference quantity: 20 cigarettes

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	5,19
Bulgaria	2,40
Czech Republic	2,66
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	2,06
Ireland	8,39
Greece	3,14
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3,16
Latvia	2,63
Lithuania	2,17
Luxembourg	3,95
Hungary	2,64
Malta	3,52
The Netherlands	4,98
Austria	3,95
Poland	2,55
Portugal	3,60
Romania	2,33
Slovenia	3,00
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	7,58
Iceland	5,70
Norway	
Switzerland	4,71
Turkey	

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

Men's suit, wool

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	86,10
Czech Republic	179,01
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	119,49
Latvia	
Lithuania	196,09
Luxembourg	332,45
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	283,55
Austria	203,97
Poland	114,58
Portugal	
Romania	124,78
Slovenia	235,24
Slovakia	159,67
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) May be composed of less than 50% wool
 2) Description may differ

General product description

Men's blue jeans

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	54,04
Bulgaria	22,08
Czech Republic	38,46
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	38,99
Ireland	
Greece	50,95
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	30,25
Lithuania	29,36
Luxembourg	64,48
Hungary	31,17
Malta	32,22
The Netherlands	71,82
Austria	65,19
Poland	29,75
Portugal	47,58
Romania	25,63
Slovenia	51,48
Slovakia	43,68
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Description may differ
 2) Average price for men's and women's jeans.

General product description

Men's shirt

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	38,68
Bulgaria	16,73
Czech Republic	18,44
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	41,00
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	16,45
Latvia	14,01
Lithuania	26,25
Luxembourg	
Hungary	19,68
Malta	25,63
The Netherlands	36,99
Austria	36,67
Poland	19,90
Portugal	34,20
Romania	
Slovenia	39,47
Slovakia	20,77
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	27,28
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description

Men's T-shirt, short sleeves

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	16,96
Bulgaria	5,67
Czech Republic	21,45
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	4,74
Latvia	9,18
Lithuania	11,17
Luxembourg	
Hungary	12,54
Malta	17,98
The Netherlands	12,51
Austria	
Poland	5,18
Portugal	13,02
Romania	6,86
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) May be composed of less than 100% cotton
 2) Description may differ

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' top coat

Type: City coat
 Material: approx. 70% wool, 30% other fibres
 Length: calf (7/8)
 Sleeves: straight
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price,
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	63,23
Czech Republic	128,85
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	66,80
Latvia	
Lithuania	143,98
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	83,82
Poland	69,56
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	130,74
Slovakia	128,86
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Material, length, type and sleeves may differ

General product description

Ladies' jeans

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	51,34
Bulgaria	19,18
Czech Republic	34,38
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	58,07
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	67,24
Luxembourg	
Hungary	25,83
Malta	29,71
The Netherlands	56,96
Austria	64,85
Poland	27,29
Portugal	46,33
Romania	
Slovenia	51,48
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

2) Average price for men's and women's jeans.

General product description

Ladies' skirt

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	18,21
Czech Republic	32,46
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	31,50
Latvia	
Lithuania	33,38
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	25,94
The Netherlands	
Austria	58,09
Poland	21,76
Portugal	
Romania	19,40
Slovenia	54,97
Slovakia	32,02
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	34,13
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Composition, length and type may differ

General product description

Ladies' T-shirt

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	19,55
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	22,46
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	41,84
Latvia	
Lithuania	15,57
Luxembourg	
Hungary	10,85
Malta	16,64
The Netherlands	19,00
Austria	25,16
Poland	11,79
Portugal	19,41
Romania	
Slovenia	28,70
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Composition may differ

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

Brassiere, push-up

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

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	8,23
Czech Republic	17,37
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	20,22
Latvia	11,58
Lithuania	13,66
Luxembourg	
Hungary	18,13
Malta	
The Netherlands	21,71
Austria	25,93
Poland	14,00
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	25,42
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Composition and style may differ
2) Style may differ

General product description

Tights

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

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	5,14
Bulgaria	1,87
Czech Republic	1,29
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3,94
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3,60
Latvia	2,40
Lithuania	2,78
Luxembourg	
Hungary	1,67
Malta	4,08
The Netherlands	2,55
Austria	
Poland	0,84
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	3,34
Slovakia	1,05
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	3,35
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Type may differ

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 2010

Belgium	30,59
Bulgaria	12,60
Czech Republic	18,27
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	20,24
Ireland	
Greece	31,57
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	17,28
Lithuania	20,40
Luxembourg	30,23
Hungary	16,36
Malta	19,17
The Netherlands	24,37
Austria	26,83
Poland	15,12
Portugal	22,71
Romania	11,58
Slovenia	29,58
Slovakia	19,14
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	13,05
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Size may differ from specification
2) Boy
3) Description may differ

General product description

Children's T-shirt, long sleeves

Sex: boy or girl
Collar-style: round
Sleeves: long
Size: 122 - 128 cm / 7 y
Style: fashion T-shirt
Material: 100 % cotton
Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	3,79
Czech Republic	14,97
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	16,42
Latvia	
Lithuania	7,24
Luxembourg	
Hungary	7,95
Malta	
The Netherlands	13,26
Austria	12,05
Poland	8,37
Portugal	9,49
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	9,54
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (continued)

General product description	
Dry cleaning	
Garment:	men's two-piece suit
Service:	standard dry-cleaning, pressing
Reference quantity:	1 service
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	15,12
Bulgaria	4,55
Czech Republic	5,89
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	7,90
Ireland	
Greece	10,09
Spain	
France	
Italy	9,27
Cyprus	10,54
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	8,54
Malta	10,38
The Netherlands	15,23
Austria	13,66
Poland	6,94
Portugal	7,20
Romania	4,94
Slovenia	12,43
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	12,49
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description	
Men's classic lace-up	
Type:	derby
Style:	casual, laces, decoration allowed
Upper:	leather
Sole:	synthetic rubber, profiled
Heel material:	synthetic rubber
Reference quantity:	1 pair
Indicative price, June 2010	€
Belgium	100,19
Bulgaria	29,81
Czech Republic	52,97
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	55,49
Luxembourg	117,87
Hungary	44,65
Malta	55,13
The Netherlands	101,02
Austria	88,98
Poland	39,10
Portugal	54,14
Romania	36,57
Slovenia	67,81
Slovakia	56,37
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	56,51
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Sole and type may differ
2) Specifications may differ

General product description	
Ladies' conventional court shoes	
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 2010	€
Belgium	83,64
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	49,07
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	28,88
Latvia	
Lithuania	51,85
Luxembourg	
Hungary	41,12
Malta	43,21
The Netherlands	69,26
Austria	76,76
Poland	39,25
Portugal	
Romania	40,72
Slovenia	67,67
Slovakia	52,18
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Sole not leather
2) Specifications may differ

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 2010	€
Belgium	
Bulgaria	12,38
Czech Republic	23,71
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	43,95
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	33,74
Latvia	
Lithuania	12,29
Luxembourg	
Hungary	19,99
Malta	
The Netherlands	48,00
Austria	42,48
Poland	29,70
Portugal	27,38
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	26,91
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	31,75
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Specifications may differ
2) Upper: leather

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1,93
Czech Republic	4,29
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	4,92
Ireland	
Greece	3,86
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,99
Luxembourg	11,06
Hungary	3,77
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	
Poland	3,32
Portugal	4,06
Romania	4,84
Slovenia	7,28
Slovakia	3,15
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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

Cement

Quantity: 25 - 50 kg
Package type: sack
Reference quantity: 25 kg

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	4,41
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	2,77
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	3,08
Latvia	2,60
Lithuania	2,60
Luxembourg	
Hungary	2,85
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	
Poland	2,77
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	2,93
Slovakia	2,91
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

Source: Eurostat consumer prices research.

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General product description	
Towel	
Composition:	100% cotton
Size:	approx. 70 x 150 cm
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	
Bulgaria	2,74 1)
Czech Republic	5,48
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	9,84 2) 3)
Cyprus	4,19
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,58 1)
Luxembourg	
Hungary	3,90 1)
Malta	7,74
The Netherlands	7,50
Austria	
Poland	4,43 1)
Portugal	
Romania	5,70 4)
Slovenia	8,47 1)
Slovakia	4,90 1)
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	
1) Size 50*100cm	
2) No brand specification	
3) Size not specified	
4) Composition may differ	

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 2010	
Belgium	451,07 1)
Bulgaria	335,33 1)
Czech Republic	464,68 2)
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	517,50
Latvia	319,40
Lithuania	339,98
Luxembourg	
Hungary	328,11 1)
Malta	617,71
The Netherlands	526,11
Austria	673,56
Poland	292,90
Portugal	465,50
Romania	302,45
Slovenia	545,89
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	
1) Energy efficiency class may differ	
2) Capacity 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 2010	
Belgium	615,33 1)
Bulgaria	274,47
Czech Republic	395,04 1)
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	375,60
Latvia	341,27 1)
Lithuania	322,34
Luxembourg	694,64 1)
Hungary	285,59 2)
Malta	627,61
The Netherlands	551,18
Austria	662,28
Poland	281,10
Portugal	306,76 1)
Romania	306,77
Slovenia	499,54 1)
Slovakia	354,02 1) 2)
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	390,75
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	
1) Higher capacity possible	
2) Energy efficiency class may differ	

General product description	
Vacuum cleaner	
Dust collection:	paper bag
Power:	1400 - 1600 W
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	156,77 1)
Bulgaria	55,11 1)
Czech Republic	124,95 1)
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	56,33
Latvia	105,25 1)
Lithuania	91,95 1)
Luxembourg	
Hungary	55,61
Malta	
The Netherlands	
Austria	
Poland	85,89
Portugal	86,37 1)
Romania	73,15 2)
Slovenia	149,73 1)
Slovakia	93,36
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	
1) Power may differ	
2) Dust collection: 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
Battery
 Type: LR 6 - 1.5 V = AA 1.5, alkaline
 Package type: 2 - 4 pieces
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	1,64
Bulgaria	0,50
Czech Republic	0,34
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,68
Ireland	
Greece	1,17
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,10
Cyprus	1,13
Latvia	0,65
Lithuania	0,58
Luxembourg	
Hungary	0,96
Malta	1,19
The Netherlands	1,14
Austria	1,25
Poland	0,59
Portugal	0,88
Romania	0,47
Slovenia	1,20
Slovakia	0,89
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,95
Iceland	1,29
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Package size may differ

General product description
Light bulb
 Form: E27 - standard form
 Voltage: 220 - 240 V
 Type: 40 W
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	0,29
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	0,96
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	0,55
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	0,81
The Netherlands	1,00
Austria	
Poland	0,37
Portugal	
Romania	0,31
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,94
Iceland	0,87
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Type may differ

2) Package may contain 2 pieces.

General product description
Light bulb energy saving type
 Form: spiral
 Voltage: 220 - 240 V
 Type: tubular-type fluorescent lamp
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	7,11
Bulgaria	4,15
Czech Republic	6,29
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	7,76
Cyprus	
Latvia	4,84
Lithuania	4,51
Luxembourg	
Hungary	5,45
Malta	7,05
The Netherlands	6,08
Austria	9,74
Poland	5,10
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	5,85
Slovakia	4,85
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Form may differ

General product description
Detergent for washing machine

Concentrated: yes
 Quantity: 1.5 - 3 kg
 Reference quantity: 1 kg

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	2,77
Czech Republic	2,91
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	7,38
Latvia	
Lithuania	2,76
Luxembourg	
Hungary	2,38
Malta	
The Netherlands	5,61
Austria	
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	2,78
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	3,27
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

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

Dish washer tablets

Type: all-in-one
Quantity: 30 - 50 tabs
Reference quantity: 10 tabs

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	1,28
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,49
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	1,57
Austria	
Poland	
Portugal	2,38
Romania	
Slovenia	2,42
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	0,90
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Reference quantity 1kg.

2) Quantity may differ

General product description

Detergent for washing machine

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

Indicative price, €
June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	3,54
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	
The Netherlands	3,62
Austria	
Poland	1,95
Portugal	2,26
Romania	
Slovenia	3,27
Slovakia	2,66
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Package weight may be less than 3 Kg

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 2010

Belgium	1,27
Bulgaria	0,40
Czech Republic	0,39
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	0,67
Ireland	
Greece	1,00
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,00
Cyprus	1,35
Latvia	
Lithuania	0,49
Luxembourg	1,50
Hungary	0,87
Malta	0,47
The Netherlands	2,40
Austria	1,61
Poland	0,54
Portugal	
Romania	0,36
Slovenia	0,89
Slovakia	0,46
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	1,78
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

General product description

Taxi

Length of the trip: 5 km
 Number of travellers: 2
 Time: day time tariff
 Reference quantity: 1 trip

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1,44
Czech Republic	5,75
Denmark	
Germany	10,24
Estonia	4,92
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	5,61
Latvia	3,95
Lithuania	2,87
Luxembourg	
Hungary	5,14
Malta	
The Netherlands	13,80
Austria	10,07
Poland	3,64
Portugal	4,34
Romania	1,96
Slovenia	6,15
Slovakia	4,81
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	8,28
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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)
 HD: Full HD 1080p
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	731,22	1)
Bulgaria	424,59	1)
Czech Republic	500,20	
Denmark		
Germany	706,51	
Estonia	429,46	
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	428,21	
Latvia	483,48	
Lithuania	506,96	
Luxembourg	717,50	
Hungary	430,09	1) 2)
Malta	408,62	
The Netherlands	658,04	
Austria		
Poland	443,70	
Portugal	537,52	1) 2)
Romania		
Slovenia	670,70	2)
Slovakia	470,93	1)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) HD not specified
 2) Size may differ

General product description

DVD recorder with hard disk
 Playback compatability: DVD -R/+R/-RW/+RW,
 CD-R/-RW, MP3,
 DivX format
 Hard disk size: 200-300 GB
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	272,97	
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	298,36	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	164,50	
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Hungary	231,12	1)
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria	327,65	
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	251,43	1)
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom	271,12	
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Hard disk size may differ

General product description

Portable MP3 player
 Capacity: 16 GB
 Photo support: yes
 Display: LCD
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium		
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	69,54	
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	49,77	1)
Luxembourg		
Hungary	52,88	2)
Malta		
The Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	47,07	
Portugal		
Romania		
Slovenia	48,70	1)
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Capacity may differ
 2) Specifications may differ

General product description

Compact digital camera
 Type: entry-level
 Image sensor type: 12 megapixels
 LCD display: 3" TFT
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	198,43	1)
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic	167,73	2)
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Italy		
Cyprus	109,03	
Latvia		
Lithuania	150,19	2)
Luxembourg		
Hungary	102,58	2)
Malta	130,36	
The Netherlands		
Austria	221,60	
Poland	149,69	2)
Portugal	147,19	
Romania		
Slovenia	231,37	
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Iceland		
Norway		
Switzerland		
Turkey		

1) Specifications may differ
 2) Image sensor type may differ

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

Laptop

Display: 15"-16" widescreen TFT
 Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo, 2.00 GHz
 Installed memory: 4 GB
 Hard disc: 320 GB
 CD/DVD type: DVD, dual layer
 Wireless connectivity: Wi-Fi
 Reference quantity: 1 piece

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	694,10
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	615,39
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	629,38
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	538,53
Malta	
The Netherlands	710,18
Austria	726,08
Poland	603,42
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Specifications 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 2010

Belgium	17,28
Bulgaria	6,24
Czech Republic	11,90
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	19,11
Cyprus	18,13
Latvia	9,07
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Hungary	11,47
Malta	17,77
The Netherlands	15,57
Austria	18,06
Poland	9,39
Portugal	12,91
Romania	
Slovenia	14,49
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	12,02
Iceland	19,11
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) in Top 10 of most sold pop

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	0,69
Czech Republic	0,36
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	0,68
Latvia	
Lithuania	0,84
Luxembourg	
Hungary	0,58
Malta	0,31
The Netherlands	0,77
Austria	0,94
Poland	0,30
Portugal	0,54
Romania	0,33
Slovenia	0,38
Slovakia	0,54
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	0,82
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ
 2) CD-RW

General product description

Potting soil

Quantity: 10 - 20 l
 Type: for all plants in the house, balcony and garden
 Reference quantity: 10 l

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	1,66
Czech Republic	1,79
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	1,39
Latvia	
Lithuania	0,90
Luxembourg	
Hungary	2,02
Malta	2,61
The Netherlands	1,01
Austria	1,85
Poland	1,05
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

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	
Dog food meat	
Made of:	meat
Package type:	tin
Quantity:	750 - 1250 g
Reference quantity:	1000 g
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	2,52
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	3,93
Cyprus	2,33
Latvia	1,86
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	1,94
Hungary	2,64
Malta	2,68
The Netherlands	2,15
Austria	
Poland	
Portugal	1,90
Romania	
Slovenia	1,90
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	3,93
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 2010	
Belgium	1,71
Bulgaria	1,51
Czech Republic	2,34
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	1,59
Luxembourg	
Hungary	
Malta	4,06
The Netherlands	1,32
Austria	1,90
Poland	2,24
Portugal	2,59
Romania	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	2,56
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Quantity may differ

General product description	
Cinema ticket	
Service:	ticket for a town cinema
Time:	Saturday evening
Reference quantity:	1 ticket
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	8,04
Bulgaria	3,20
Czech Republic	3,48
Denmark	
Germany	7,46
Estonia	
Ireland	8,95
Greece	7,73
Spain	
France	
Italy	6,73
Cyprus	7,00
Latvia	
Lithuania	3,83
Luxembourg	7,67
Hungary	4,49
Malta	5,38
The Netherlands	8,65
Austria	8,37
Poland	3,67
Portugal	5,21
Romania	
Slovenia	4,78
Slovakia	2,66
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	6,93
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

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

General product description	
Daily newspaper	
Type:	national daily newspaper with largest circulation, bought on a working day
Reference quantity:	1 piece
Indicative price, €	
June 2010	
Belgium	1,00
Bulgaria	0,47
Czech Republic	0,59
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1,15
Ireland	
Greece	1,30
Spain	
France	
Italy	1,16
Cyprus	1,80
Latvia	0,78
Lithuania	0,65
Luxembourg	
Hungary	0,52
Malta	0,67
The Netherlands	1,39
Austria	1,00
Poland	0,40
Portugal	0,96
Romania	0,28
Slovenia	1,10
Slovakia	
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	0,35
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	2,14
Turkey	

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	1,13
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1,96
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	
Cyprus	
Latvia	
Lithuania	1,53
Luxembourg	
Hungary	0,59
Malta	
The Netherlands	3,54
Austria	1,81
Poland	1,51
Portugal	0,89
Romania	0,59
Slovenia	
Slovakia	0,61
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2,34
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Red and white table wine
 2) Quantity may differ

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 2010

Belgium	1,77
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	1,08
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	2,54
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	2,17
Cyprus	3,10
Latvia	
Lithuania	1,46
Luxembourg	2,32
Hungary	0,80
Malta	1,80
The Netherlands	2,29
Austria	
Poland	0,77
Portugal	0,85
Romania	0,62
Slovenia	2,97
Slovakia	1,12
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	1,79
Iceland	4,39
Norway	
Switzerland	3,01
Turkey	

1) Glass or tin
 2) Glass size larger than 35 cl

General product description

Cup of coffee

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	1,86
Bulgaria	0,47
Czech Republic	0,83
Denmark	
Germany	1,81
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	2,71
Spain	
France	
Italy	0,86
Cyprus	0,87
Latvia	0,89
Lithuania	0,83
Luxembourg	2,07
Hungary	0,77
Malta	2,08
The Netherlands	2,00
Austria	2,40
Poland	1,12
Portugal	0,57
Romania	0,78
Slovenia	1,12
Slovakia	0,81
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2,14
Iceland	2,52
Norway	
Switzerland	2,78
Turkey	

1) At the counter and without service charge

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 2010

Belgium	
Bulgaria	8,02
Czech Republic	11,28
Denmark	
Germany	32,31
Estonia	11,68
Ireland	37,07
Greece	17,88
Spain	
France	
Italy	17,29
Cyprus	18,43
Latvia	11,32
Lithuania	12,61
Luxembourg	
Hungary	8,93
Malta	15,36
The Netherlands	36,05
Austria	43,29
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovenia	29,26
Slovakia	15,44
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Specifications may differ

General product description

Shampoo

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	3,81
Bulgaria	4,46
Czech Republic	3,19
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	4,21
Spain	
France	
Italy	4,72
Cyprus	4,97
Latvia	4,13
Lithuania	4,74
Luxembourg	4,35
Hungary	4,45
Malta	5,22
The Netherlands	2,17
Austria	4,19
Poland	2,08
Portugal	5,30
Romania	5,96
Slovenia	3,54
Slovakia	3,68
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2,25
Iceland	5,69
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Type not specified

2) Quantity may differ

General product description

Tooth paste

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

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	2,00
Bulgaria	0,98
Czech Republic	1,39
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	1,65
Ireland	
Greece	3,19
Spain	
France	
Italy	2,39
Cyprus	3,07
Latvia	2,26
Lithuania	2,24
Luxembourg	2,64
Hungary	1,82
Malta	
The Netherlands	3,25
Austria	2,72
Poland	1,61
Portugal	3,08
Romania	1,46
Slovenia	2,60
Slovakia	0,79
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	
Iceland	3,57
Norway	
Switzerland	
Turkey	

1) Specifications may differ

General product description

Shower gel

Quantity: 200 - 300 ml
 Reference quantity: 300 ml

Indicative price, €
 June 2010

Belgium	2,12
Bulgaria	2,70
Czech Republic	2,82
Denmark	
Germany	
Estonia	
Ireland	
Greece	
Spain	
France	
Italy	2,53
Cyprus	
Latvia	2,42
Lithuania	2,77
Luxembourg	
Hungary	2,16
Malta	1,51
The Netherlands	2,60
Austria	2,64
Poland	2,75
Portugal	
Romania	2,99
Slovenia	2,45
Slovakia	2,84
Finland	
Sweden	
United Kingdom	2,57
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.