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Consumer prices Sint Maarten: August 2007

The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) presents the consumer price indexes for Sint Maarten for the month of August 2007.

The consumer's price index for Sint Maarten has increased with 0.4 percent in August 2007 compared, to the month of June 2007.

The prices, measured over the previous period of twelve months have increased with 1.3 percent compared to the same period a year earlier.

This is shown in the data, which the Central Bureau of Statistics has presented today.

Details

The consumer price index for Sint Maarten has increased with 0.4 percent in August 2007 compared to the month of June 2007.

The main price increase, namely 0.8 percent was measured in the sector 'housing'. Prices have increased mainly for energy expenses (2.8 %) due to price increases for electricity.

A price increase of 0.4 percent occurred in the sector 'food'. Price increases were registered for all groups in this sector except for sugar and chocolate and outdoor-consumption. Primarily the prices of dairy products have increased.

The price index has increased with 0.3 percent in the sector 'household furnishing and appliances'. Mainly material costs for the renovation and maintenance of dwellings such as paint and wood have increased.

The prices in the sectors 'beverages and tobacco', 'health', 'transportation and communication' and 'miscellaneous' have increased with 0.1 percent each.

The prices in the sectors 'clothing and footwear' and 'recreation and education' remained unaltered.

The twelve-month average of the price changes is a good method to show long-term inflation, according to CBS. The average was equal to 1.3 percent in August, 1.4 percent in June and 1.5 percent in April 2007.

**Inflation Sint Maarten
In terms of percentages
12-months average of the CPI**

