

Table 7. Month-on-Month Regional Inflation Rates by Commodity Group, January 2003 and December 2002  
(1994 = 100)

| A R E A / R E G I O N                       | ALL ITEMS |          | FOOD, BEVERAGES<br>AND TOBACCO |          | CLOTHING |          | HOUSING AND<br>REPAIRS |          | FUEL, LIGHT<br>AND WATER |          | SERVICES |          | MISCELLANEOUS |          |
|---|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
|   | Current   | Previous | Current                        | Previous | Current  | Previous | Current                | Previous | Current                  | Previous | Current  | Previous | Current       | Previous |
| Philippines                                 | 0.5       | 0.4      | 0.4                            | 0.5      | 0.1      | 0.3      | 0.4                    | 0.2      | 2.3                      | 1.6      | 0.7      | 0.3      | 0.1           | 0.2      |
| National Capital Region (NCR)               | 1.1       | 1.3      | 0.8                            | 2.5      | 0.2      | 0.3      | 0.1                    | 0.0      | 5.3                      | 3.7      | 1.5      | 0.2      | 0.0           | 0.1      |
| Areas Outside NCR                           | 0.3       | 0.1      | 0.3                            | -0.1     | 0.1      | 0.3      | 0.6                    | 0.2      | 0.7                      | 0.4      | 0.3      | 0.4 r    | 0.2           | 0.1      |
| Regions:                                    |           |          |                                |          |          |          |                        |          |                          |          |          |          |               |          |
| CAR - Cordillera Administrative Region      | 0.1       | -0.4     | -0.3                           | -0.8     | 0.2      | -0.1     | 0.0                    | 0.1      | 2.8                      | -0.5     | 0.2      | 0.0      | 0.2           | 0.1      |
| I - I l o c o s                             | 0.1       | -0.3     | -0.1                           | -0.6     | 0.1      | 0.0      | 1.4                    | 0.2      | -1.4                     | -0.5     | 0.2      | 0.1 r    | -0.4          | 0.3      |
| II - Cagayan Valley                         | -0.1      | 0.1      | -0.2                           | 0.1      | 0.0      | 0.3      | 0.0                    | 0.0      | 0.3                      | 1.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0      |
| III - Central Luzon                         | 1.0       | 0.1      | 0.8                            | -0.3     | 0.1      | 0.6      | 2.8                    | 0.1      | 1.5                      | 0.7      | 0.4      | 1.6      | 0.5           | 0.1      |
| IV - Southern Tagalog                       | 0.5       | 0.1      | 0.5                            | -0.1     | 0.0      | 0.1      | 0.3                    | 0.4      | 1.7                      | 1.1      | 0.9      | 0.0      | 0.2           | 0.1      |
| V - B i c o l                               | -0.1      | 0.2      | -0.2                           | 0.2      | 0.2      | 0.2      | 0.3                    | 0.2      | -0.2                     | -0.1     | 0.1      | 0.3 r    | 0.0           | 0.2      |
| VI - Western Visayas                        | 0.2       | 0.2 r    | 0.2                            | 0.3      | 0.1      | -0.1     | 0.3                    | 0.1      | 0.2                      | -0.5     | 0.1      | 0.2 r    | 0.0           | 0.0      |
| VII - Central Visayas                       | 0.3       | 0.0      | 0.4                            | -0.1     | 0.1      | 0.1      | 0.0                    | 0.0      | 0.1                      | 0.1      | 0.3      | 0.0      | 0.1           | 0.1      |
| VIII - Eastern Visayas                      | 0.1       | 0.1      | 0.0                            | -0.1     | 0.0      | 0.1      | 0.0                    | 0.5      | 0.4                      | 1.3      | 0.2      | 0.2 r    | 0.4           | 0.0      |
| IX - Western Mindanao                       | 0.1       | 0.2      | 0.2                            | 0.4      | 0.1      | 0.1      | 0.1                    | 0.2      | 0.1                      | -0.9     | 0.0      | 0.3 r    | 0.0           | 0.1      |
| X - Northern Mindanao                       | 0.1       | 0.0      | 0.1                            | -0.4     | 0.7      | 1.7      | 0.0                    | 0.6      | -0.2                     | -0.8     | 0.2      | 0.4 r    | 0.5           | 0.8      |
| XI - Southern Mindanao                      | 0.4       | 0.2      | 0.5                            | 0.3      | 0.1      | 0.7      | 0.3                    | 0.3      | 0.6                      | 0.1      | 0.0      | 0.2 r    | 0.3           | 0.1      |
| XII - Central Mindanao                      | -0.1      | -0.1     | -0.4                           | -0.2     | 0.1      | 0.0      | 0.6                    | 0.0      | 0.1                      | 0.4      | 0.2      | 0.1 r    | 0.0           | 0.0      |
| Caraga                                      | 0.2       | 0.3      | 0.3                            | 0.4      | 0.2      | 0.1      | 0.0                    | 0.1      | -0.1                     | 0.9      | 0.3      | 0.2 r    | 0.1           | 0.0      |
| ARMM - Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao | 0.0       | 0.4 r    | 0.0                            | 0.5      | 0.3      | 0.2      | 0.0                    | 0.0      | 0.0                      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.8 r    | 0.0           | 0.0      |

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