

**Table 5. Month-on-Month Changes of the CPI, in Percent, by Area, by Commodity Group,
March 2002 - March 2003
(1994 = 100)**

Area Commodity Group	2 0 0 3					2 0 0 2							
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec		Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	July	June	May	Apr
Philippines													
All Items	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	-0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Clothing	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Housing and Repairs	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Fuel, Light and Water	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.3	-0.1	0.7	-1.8	-4.3	0.3	0.6	0.5
Services	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	2.6	0.4	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
National Capital Region (NCR)													
All Items	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	2.5	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.6	-0.5	0.9	0.0	1.2
Clothing	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Housing and Repairs	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Fuel, Light and Water	2.1	2.1	5.3	3.7	3.4	2.3	0.3	2.7	-3.6	-12.3	0.3	1.0	0.6
Services	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	3.3	0.2	0.4	0.1
Miscellaneous	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Areas Outside NCR													
All Items	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.6r	0.1	0.2	0.1
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.3	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Clothing	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Housing and Repairs	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Fuel, Light and Water	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4
Services	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	2.2r	0.5	0.3	0.2
Miscellaneous	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

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