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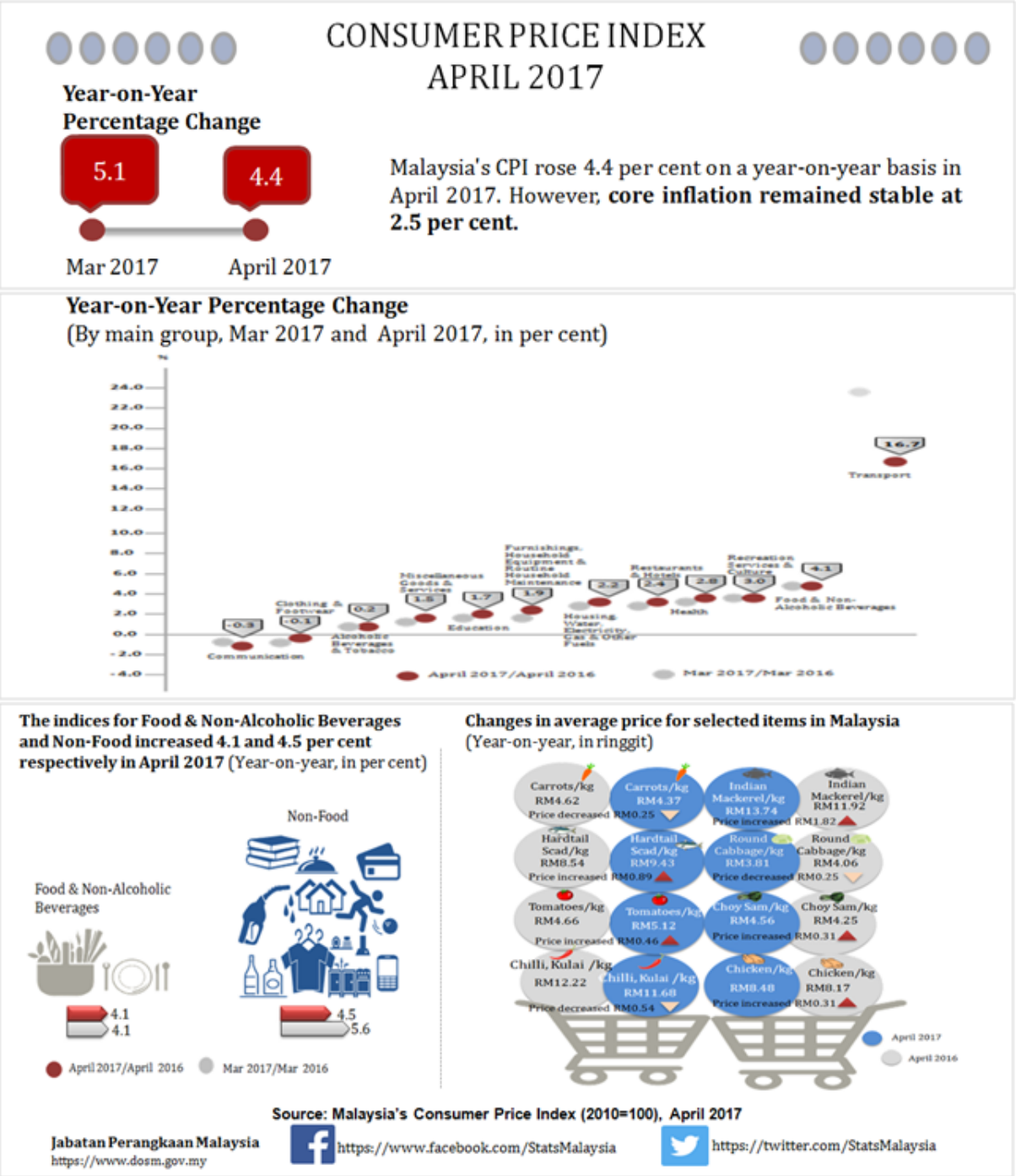
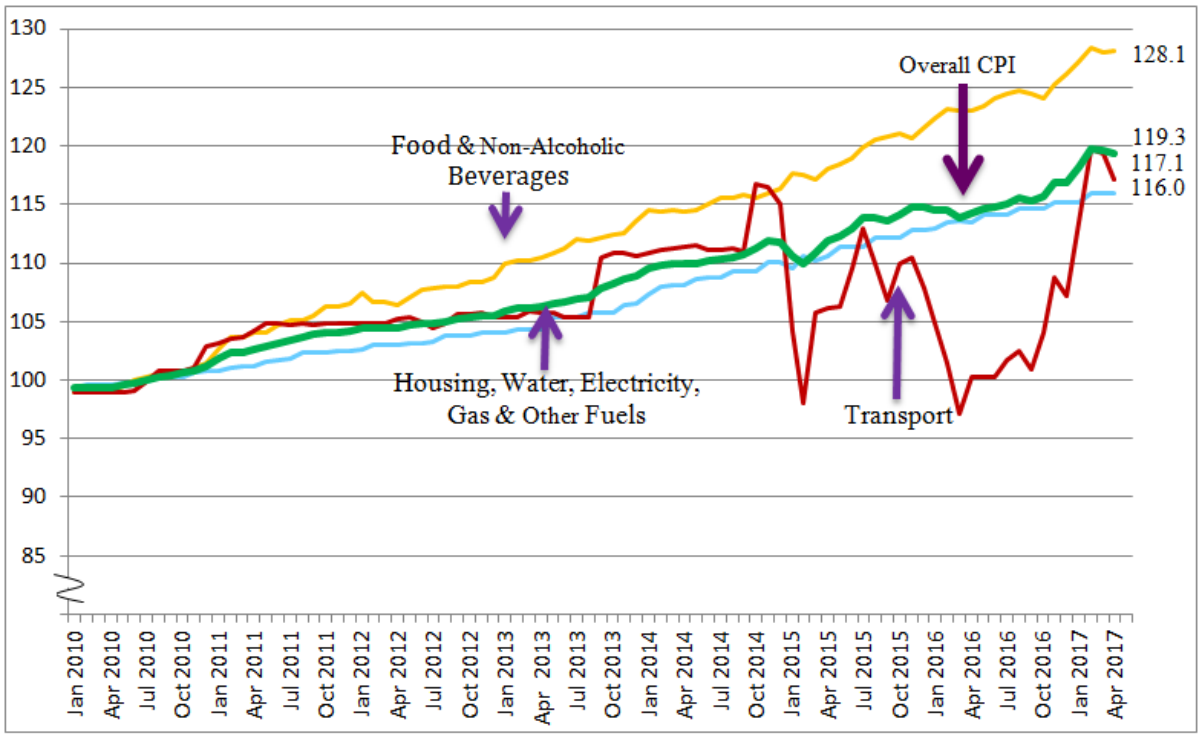
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA APRIL 2017



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The overall index for CPI rose at 4.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in April 2017 compared with 5.1 per cent increase in March 2017. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the indices for Transport (+16.7 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.1 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+3.0 per cent), Health (+2.8 per cent), Restaurants and Hotels (+2.4 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.2 per cent). (Table 1)

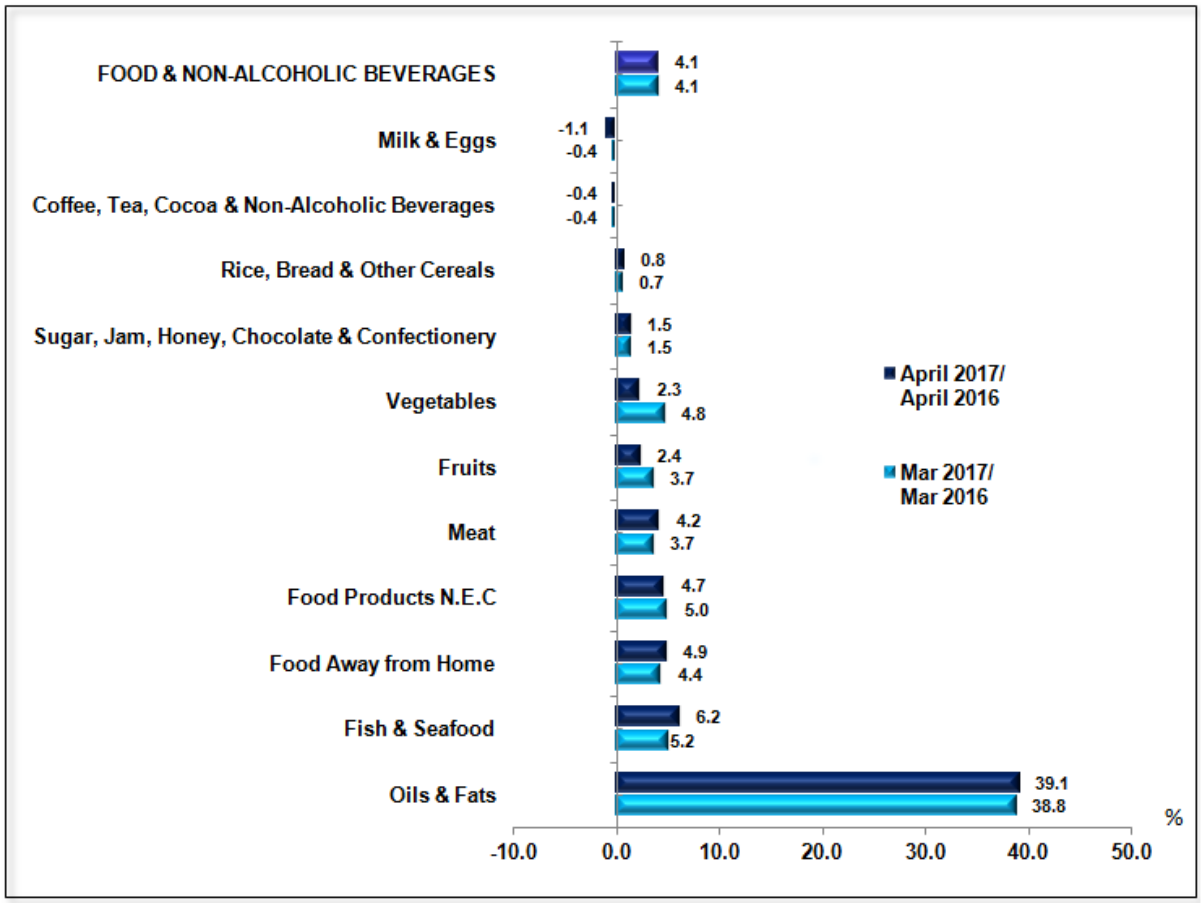
Chart 1: Consumer Price Index: Index Number for Overall and Selected Main Groups



The index of transport group showed a significant increase of 16.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis in April 2017, after rising 23.0 per cent in March 2017. The average price of 1 litre of RON95 petrol was RM2.21 in April 2017 compared to RM1.70 in April 2016. As for RON97, the average price increased to RM2.48 in April 2017 compared to RM2.05 in April 2016. Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment accounted for 7.8 per cent of the CPI weights.

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages which accounted 30.2 per cent in the CPI weights, increased 4.1 per cent in April 2017. The increase was fuelled by food sub-group which comprised of **Oils and Fats (+39.1 per cent), Fish & Seafood (+6.2 per cent), Meat (+4.2 per cent), Fruits (+2.4 per cent)** and **Vegetables (+2.3 per cent)**. As for Food Away From Home index, it continued to rise in April 2017 and showed an increase of 4.9 per cent.

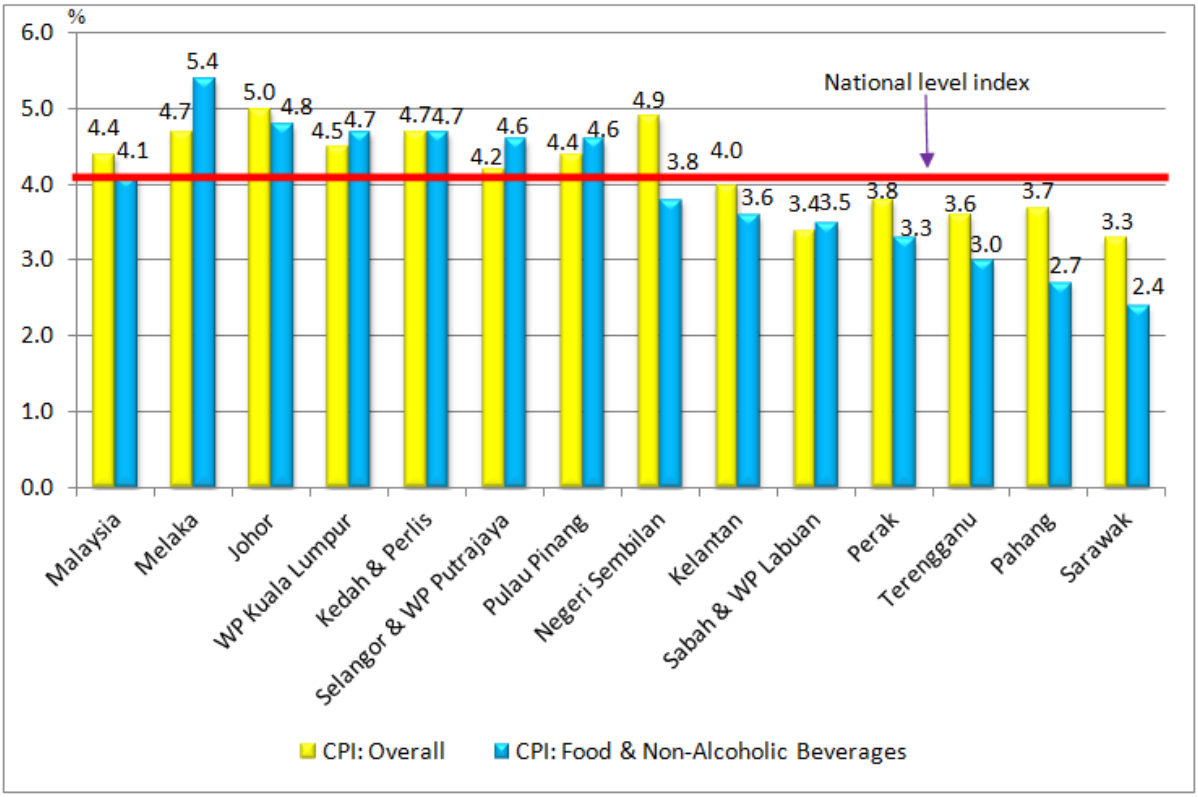
Chart 2: Consumer Price Index: Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages



Among the index of food items which recorded notable increases in April 2017 compared to the same period last year were **Cooking Oil (+49.0 per cent), Spinach (+15.9 per cent), Tomatoes (+13.8 per cent), Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+9.2 per cent), Prawn (+9.1 per cent), Hardtail Scad (Fish) (+7.4 per cent), Choy Sam (+6.8 per cent), Spanish Mackerel (Fish) (+5.8 per cent), Cuttlefish (+4.8 per cent)** and **Chicken (+3.9 per cent)**. Meanwhile, decreases were registered in the index of some food items such as **Shallots (-10.3 per cent), Round Cabbage (-7.0 per cent), Carrots (-4.3 per cent)** and **Onions, Big (-3.4 per cent)**.

The increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia especially those in highly urbanised states such as Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya, Pulau Pinang, Johor and Melaka.

Chart 3: Consumer Price Index: Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State



Six states recorded higher increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index above the national level index for April 2017 compared to the corresponding month in 2016. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose 5.4 per cent in Melaka, 4.8 per cent in Johor, 4.7 per cent in Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, 4.7 per cent in Kedah & Perlis, 4.6 per cent in Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya and 4.6 per cent in Pulau Pinang.

On a monthly basis, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased 0.1 per cent in April 2017, after declining 0.3 per cent in March 2017. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food decreased 0.4 per cent in April 2017 compared with the preceding month.

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the overall CPI for April 2017 decreased 0.3 per cent as compared to March 2017. (Table 1)

Core inflation has remained stable at 2.5 per cent in April 2017 compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.1 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+3.0 per cent), Transport (+3.0 per cent), Health (+2.8 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.7 per cent). (Table 3)

CPI changes for the period January – April 2017/2016

CPI for the period January to April 2017 registered an increase of 4.3 per cent as compared to the same period last year. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages were the main contributor to the CPI rise in the period January to April 2017, registered an increase of 4.1 per cent. The increase was the result of increases in the index for Food At Home (+4.4 per cent) and Food Away From Home (+4.3 per cent). While, the index for Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased 0.3 per cent. Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Oils & Fats (+38.6 per cent), Vegetables (+6.1 per cent), Fish & Seafood (+5.5 per cent), Meat (+3.6 per cent)** and **Fruits (+2.9 per cent)**.

Other major groups which contributed to the CPI rise during this period were Transport (+16.4 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+3.1 per cent), Health (+2.6 per cent), Restaurants & Hotels (+2.3 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.2 per cent).

Core inflation, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food, as well as administered prices of goods and services recorded changes ranging from 2.3 per cent to 2.5 per cent in the period January to April 2017 compared to the same period of the previous year.

Table 1: Consumer Price Index for Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Main Group	Wt	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change			Month-on-Month Percentage Change		Seasonally Adjusted Index	
		April 2017	Mar 2017/ Mar 2016	April 2017/ April 2016	Jan-April 2017/ 2016	Mar 2017/ Feb 2017	April 2017/ Mar 2017	April 2017	% Change April 2017/ Mar 2017
TOTAL	**100.0**	**119.3**	**5.1**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**-0.1**	**-0.3**	**119.3**	**-0.3**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	**128.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**-0.3**	**0.1**	**128.3**	**0.2**
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	165.4	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	3.3	98.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	98.6	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	116.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	116.3	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	113.9	1.5	1.9	1.6	0.1	0.4	113.9	0.4
Health	1.7	120.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	120.4	0.2
Transport	13.7	117.1	23.0	16.7	16.4	-0.3	-1.9	117.1	-1.9
Communication	5.2	97.8	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	97.8	-0.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	111.4	3.0	3.0	3.1	-0.2	0.0	111.4	0.0
Education	1.1	116.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	116.3	0.2
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	127.7	2.3	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	127.7	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	114.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.1	0.2	114.2	0.2
Non-Food	**69.8**	**115.5**	**5.6**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**0.0**	**-0.4**	**115.5**	**-0.4**

Table 2: Consumer Price Index for Sub-Groups of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia (2010=100)

Sub-groups	Wt	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change			Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
		April 2017	Mar 2017/ Mar 2016	April 2017/ April 2016	Jan-April 2017/2016	Mar 2017/ Feb 2017	April 2017/ Mar 2017
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	**128.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**-0.3**	**0.1**
Food	**29.0**	**128.9**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**-0.4**	**0.1**
Food At Home	17.9	127.7	4.1	4.0	4.4	-0.9	-0.2
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.7	109.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1
Meat	2.8	124.4	3.7	4.2	3.6	-1.8	-0.2
Fish & Seafood	4.3	144.7	5.2	6.2	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Milk & Eggs	1.6	121.9	-0.4	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1
Oils & Fats	0.5	142.2	38.8	39.1	38.6	0.6	0.1
Fruits	1.1	130.3	3.7	2.4	2.9	0.1	-0.1
Vegetables	2.4	130.4	4.8	2.3	6.1	-4.6	-0.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	136.4	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.0
Food Products n.e.c.	0.9	130.6	5.0	4.7	5.1	0.2	0.2
Food Away From Home	11.1	130.8	4.4	4.9	4.3	0.5	0.6
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.2**	**111.4**	**-0.4**	**-0.4**	**-0.3**	**0.1**	**-0.1**

Table 3: Headline CPI and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Main Group	Wt	HEADLINE CPI			CORE INDEX	
		Index April 2017	Percentage Change		Core Index[1] Wt.	Percentage Change
			April 2017/ Mar 2017	April 2017/ April 2016		April 2017/ April 2016
TOTAL	**100.0**	**119.3**	**-0.3**	**4.4**	**100.0**	**2.5**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	128.1	0.1	4.1	26.7	4.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.4	0.0	0.2	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.3	98.6	0.2	-0.1	4.5	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	116.0	0.0	2.2	26.6	2.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	113.9	0.4	1.9	5.2	1.9
Health	1.7	120.4	0.2	2.8	2.3	2.8
Transport	13.7	117.1	-1.9	16.7	6.7	3.0
Communication	5.2	97.8	-0.1	-0.3	7.1	-0.3
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	111.4	0.0	3.0	6.6	3.0
Education	1.1	116.7	0.1	1.7	1.5	1.7
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	127.7	0.2	2.4	3.9	2.4
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	114.2	0.2	1.5	8.9	1.5

Note: [1] Including cooking oil following the restructuring of Cooking Oil Price Stabilisation Scheme starting from 1 November 2016

Consumer Price Index
April 2017

Month-on-month decreased 0.3 per cent

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) increased 0.1 per cent. While, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) rerecorded a decrease of 0.4 per cent.

Higher prices this month

Food away from home *prices rose 0.6 per cent*

Oil & fats *prices rose 0.1 per cent*

Clothing *prices rose 0.2 per cent*

Medical products, appliances & equipment *prices rose 0.2 per cent*

Expenditure in restaurants & café *rose 0.2 per cent*

Personal care goods & services *prices rose 0.2 per cent*

Weights	
Food away from home	11.1
Oil & fats	0.5
Clothing	2.7
Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.1
Expenditure in restaurants & café	2.5
Personal care goods & services	3.2

Lower prices this month

Meat *prices fell 0.2 per cent*

Fish & seafood *prices fell 0.1 per cent*

Milk, cheese & eggs *prices fell 1.1 per cent*

Fruits *prices fell 0.1 per cent*

Vegetables *prices fell 0.9 per cent*

Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages *fell 0.1 per cent*

Operation of personal transport equipment *prices fell 2.4 per cent influenced by lower prices of fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment*

Weights	
Meat	2.8
Fish & seafood	4.3
Milk, cheese & eggs	1.6
Fruits	1.1
Vegetables	2.4
Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages	1.2
Operation of personal transport equipment	11.3

Year-on year rose 4.4 per cent

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) rose 4.1 per cent. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded an increase of 4.5 per cent.

Higher prices this year

Food away from home *prices rose 4.9 per cent*

Meat *prices rose 4.2 per cent*

Fish & seafood *prices rose 6.2 per cent*

Oil & fats *prices rose 39.1 per cent*

Fruits *prices rose 2.4 per cent*

Vegetables *prices rose 2.3 per cent*

Actual rental for housing *rose 2.9 per cent*

Medical products, appliances & equipment *prices rose 2.6 per cent*

Operation of personal transport equipment *prices rose 20.7 per cent influenced by higher prices of fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment*

Entertainment, recreational & cultural services *prices rose 4.4 per cent*

Expenditure in restaurants & café *rose 2.7 per cent*

Personal care goods & services *prices rose 1.0 per cent*

Weights	
Food away from home	11.1
Meat	2.8
Fish & seafood	4.3
Oil & fats	0.5
Fruits	1.1
Vegetables	2.4
Actual rental for housing	16.1
Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	11.3
Entertainment, recreational & cultural services	2.8
Expenditure in restaurants & café	2.5
Personal care goods & services	3.2

Lower prices this year

Clothing *prices fell 0.1 per cent*

Telephone & telefax equipment *prices fell 2.3 per cent*

Weights	
Clothing	2.7
Telephone & telefax equipment	0.5

Annex *2*

Average prices for selected items in Malaysia, April 2017 (RM)

No.	Selected Items	April 2016	Mar 2017	April 2017	April 2017/ Mar 2017	April 2017/ April 2016
1	Spinach	4.05	4.25	4.35	2.4	7.4
2	Chilli (Burung/padi) Import	2.19	2.31	2.31	0.0	5.5
3	Green Chilli	10.68	11.19	10.91	-2.5	2.2
4	Chilli (Kulai)	12.22	12.72	11.68	-8.2	-4.4
5	Red Chilli (Tempatan/minyak)	11.06	11.84	11.34	-4.2	2.5
6	Long Beans	6.14	6.37	6.11	-4.1	-0.5
7	Fresh Beans	7.62	8.67	8.08	-6.8	6.0
8	Round Cabbage	4.06	4.07	3.81	-6.4	-6.2
9	Carrot	4.62	4.50	4.37	-2.9	-5.4
10	Choy Sam	4.25	4.10	4.56	11.2	7.3
11	Tomatoes	4.66	5.38	5.12	-4.8	9.9
12	Cucumber	3.05	3.01	2.81	-6.6	-7.9
13	Apple Fuji	1.69	1.68	1.70	1.2	0.6
14	Apple (Green Skin)	1.13	1.13	1.17	3.5	3.5
15	Apple (Red Skin, Gala)	1.18	1.21	1.21	0.0	2.5
16	Papaya	3.00	3.08	2.98	-3.2	-0.7
17	Pisang Emas (Banana)	3.64	3.79	3.79	0.0	4.1
18	Pisang Rastali (Banana)	3.58	3.73	3.74	0.3	4.5
19	Pisang Berangan (Banana)	3.91	4.10	4.11	0.2	5.1
20	Coconut Grated	6.10	6.86	6.96	1.5	14.1
21	Fresh Coconut Milk	8.61	9.75	9.84	0.9	14.3
22	Hen's Egg Gred A	3.67	3.69	3.52	-4.6	-4.1
23	Hen's Egg Gred B	3.55	3.57	3.37	-5.6	-5.1
24	Hen's Egg Gred C	3.37	3.41	3.20	-6.2	-5.0
25	Hardtail Scad (Fish)	8.54	9.44	9.43	-0.1	10.4
26	Indian Mackerel (Fish)	11.92	13.95	13.74	-1.5	15.3
27	Chicken	8.17	8.52	8.48	-0.5	3.8
28	Beef	27.47	28.73	28.38	-1.2	3.3

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