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**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CPI METHODOLOGIES**

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Listed below are countries that have made changes to their CPI since the publication of ILO: **Sources and Methods: Labour Statistics** Vol. 1 - Consumer price indices, third edition (ILO, Geneva, 1992). Also included is information about countries for which series have been introduced in the **Yearbook of Labour Statistics** since 1992.

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<b>Country</b>	<b>Type of change</b>
Albania	New base: December 1990=100
Algeria ( Alger)	New base: 1989=100
American Samoa	New base: October-December 1982=100
Angola	New bases: 1991=100 and 1994=100
Aruba	New base: August 1994=100
Australia	New base: year ending June 1990=100
Bahamas (New Providence)	New base: October-November 1995=100
Bahrain	New base: March 1983-February 1984=100
Barbados	New base: May 1994=100
Belarus	New bases: April 1991=100 and 1992=100
Belize	New base: November 1990=100
Bermuda	New base: January 1995=100

Bhutan	New country, first appearing in 1997 Yearbook of Labour Statistics, base: 1979=100
Bolivia (urban areas)	New base: 1991=100
Botswana	New bases: November 1991=100 and November 1996=100
Brazil	New base: December 1993=100
Brunei Darussalam	New base: 1990=100
Bulgaria	New base: 1990=100
Burundi	New base: 1991=100
Cambodia	New country, first appearing in 1997 Yearbook of Labour Statistics, base: July-September 1994=100
Canada	New base: 1986=100; new household income and expenditure survey 1992
Cape Verde	New base: 1989=100
Chad	New base: February 1988=100
China	New base: 1980=100
Cook Islands	New base: April-June 1989=100
Costa Rica (Central Area)	New base: January 1995=100
Côte d'Ivoire	New base: November 1992-October 1993=100
Croatia	New base: 1993=100
Cyprus	New base: 1992=100
Czech Republic	New bases: 1989=100 and December 1994=100
Dominica	New bases: July 1984=100 and February 1994=100
Ecuador	New base: September 1994-August 1995=100
Egypt	New base: July 1986-June 1987=100; new household income and expenditure survey 1990-1991

El Salvador	New base: December 1992=100
Estonia	New base: 1993=100
Falkland Islands	New bases: 1 July 1989=100 and 1990=100
Fiji	New base: 1993=100
Finland	New base: 1990=100
France	New base: 1990=100
French Guiana	New base: 1990=100
French Polynesia	New base: December 1988=100
Germany (whole country)	New base: 1991=100
Greece	New bases: 1988=100 and, from January 1997, 1994=100
Guadeloupe	New base: 1990=100
Guatemala (Guatemala City)	New base: March-April 1983=100
Guinea (Conakry)	New bases: December 1986=100 and 1987=100
Guyana	New base: June 1990=100
Haiti	New base: November 1996=100
Hong Kong	New base: October 1994-September 1995=100
Hungary	New base: 1991=100, rebased to 1990=100
Iceland	New base: May 1988=100, revised series of 1 November 1992
India (agricultural labourers)	New base: 1986-1987=100
Iran	New base: April 1990-March 1991=100
Iraq	New bases: 1979=100 and 1988=100
Ireland	New base: November 1996=100
Isle of Man	New base: March 1976=100, revised methodology
Israel	New base: 1993=100

Japan	New base: 1995=100
Jordan	New base: 1992=100
Kazakhstan	New base: 1992=100
Korea, Republic of	New bases: 1990=100 and, beginning 1997, 1995=100
Kyrgyzstan	New base: 1992=100
Latvia	New base: Dec. 1990=100
Lithuania	New base: May 1992=100
Macao	New bases: 1984=100 and, from January 1994, October 1988-September 1989=100
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	New base: 1993=100
Malawi	New base: 1990=100
Malaysia	New bases: 1990=100 and, from January 1994, 1994=100
Mali	New base: July 1986-June 1987=100
Malta	New base: 1991=100 and, from beginning March 1997, 1995=100
Martinique	New base: 1990=100
Mauritius	New bases: 1988=100 and July 1991-June 1992=100
Mexico	New base: 1994=100
Moldova	New base: 1991=100
Morocco	New base: 1989=100
Myanmar	New base: 1986=100
Namibia (Windhoek)	New base: December 1992=100
Netherlands (all households)	New base: 1990=100
Netherlands Antilles	New base: October 1990=100
New Zealand	New base: December quarter 1993=100
New Caledonia	New base: December 1992=100
Nicaragua	New bases: October-December 1987=100

	and, from August 1997, 1994=100
Niger (Niamey, Africans)	New base 1989=100
Nigeria (combined, all urban and all rural)	New base: September 1985=100
Niue Island	New base: First quarter 1990=100
Oman	New base: 1990=100
Pakistan	New base: July 1990-June 1991=100
Paraguay ( Asunción)	New base: 1992=100
Peru	New bases: 1990=100 and 1994=100
Poland	New bases: 1990=100 and 1991=100
Portugal (continent)	New base: 1991=100
Puerto Rico	New base: 1984=100
Reunion	New base: 1990=100
Romania	New base: 1990=100
Russian Federation	New base: 1991=100
Rwanda (Kigali)	New bases: 1985=100 and 1989=100
Saint Kitts and Nevis	New base: January 1978=100
San Marino	New bases: 1992=100 and, from beginning March 1997, 1997=100
Seychelles	New base: January 1993=100
Sierra Leone	New base: 1992=100
Singapore	New base: October 1992-September 1993=100
Slovakia	New base: January 1989=100
Slovenia	Transmitted on base 1991=100 for publication by the ILO
Solomon Islands (Honiara)	New base: fourth quarter 1984=100
South Africa	New base: 1990=100
Spain	New base: 1992=100
St. Helena	New base: Fourth quarter 1994=100

St. Vincent and the Grenadines	New base: 1986=100
Sudan	New bases: 1988=100 and January 1990=100
Swaziland (low income group)	New bases: September 1988=100 and 1990=100
Switzerland	New base: May 1993=100
Syrian Arab Republic	New base: 1990=100
Tanzania, United Republic of	New base: December 1994=100
Tonga	New base: November 1995=100
Trinidad and Tobago	New base: September 1993=100
Tunisia	New base: 1990=100
Turkey	New base: 1994=100
Uganda (composite CPI)	Revised series, base September 1989=100; before 1994, Kampala, base 1989=100
Uruguay	New base: March 1997=100
Vanuatu	New base: First quarter 1990=100
Venezuela	New base: 1990=100
Virgin Islands (British)	New base: 1985=100
Zambia (low income group)	New base: 1994=100
Zimbabwe	New base: 1990=100