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# Press Release

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## **Consumer Prices Continue to Remain Stable in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2025**

**PHILIPSBURG, Sint Maarten** — The Department of Statistics (STAT) reports a modest shift in consumer prices between the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2025. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the third quarter (Q3) of 2025 registered at 115.09, reflecting a 0.76% increase compared to Q2 2025 (CPI: 114.23).

When comparing Q3 2025 (115.09) to the same period in 2024 (113.82), an annual increase of 1.12% is observed. In addition, the average CPI across the first three (3) quarters of 2025 shows a moderate increase of 1.09% when compared to the same period in 2024.

These results indicate an overall environment of price stability, despite fluctuations across specific expenditure categories.

### **Quarter 3 Overview (Q3 2025–Q2 2025)**

In Q3 2025, the CPI inflation increased by 0.76% compared to the previous quarter. The CPI shows that movements across the four (4) key expenditure categories were as follows:

- **Housing, Water and Energy** decreased by 0.53%, primarily due to declines in electricity.
- **Transport** rose by 3.97%, driven by increases in fuels and lubricants for personal transport.
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** recorded a modest 2.26% increase, impacted by higher

costs in social protection.

- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased by 0.10%, with contributions from minor increases in vegetables.

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In Q3 2025, the CPI inflation increased by 1.12% compared to the same quarter of 2024. The CPI shows that movements across four (4) key expenditure categories were as follows:

- **Housing, Water and Energy** decreased by 0.29%, primarily due to declines in electricity, gas and other fuels, water tariffs, and maintenance and repair of the dwelling, which collectively contributed to the overall reduction in this category.
- **Transport** rose by 5.43%, driven mainly by increases in transport services, strongly influenced by higher prices in passenger transport by air.
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** recorded a moderate 3.80% increase, reflecting upward movements in life insurance.
- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased by 2.31%, with notable price pressures observed in meat products.

The category increases in Q3 supported a mild rise in the overall CPI for this period.

### Major CPI Categories – Weight, Quarterly, and Year-on-Year Changes

Category	Weight (%)	Q3 2025 vs Q2 2025 (% Change)	Q3 2025 vs Q3 2024 (% Change)
<b>Housing, Water and Energy</b>	36.1%	-0.53%	-0.29%
<b>Transport</b>	14.6%	+3.97%	+5.43%
<b>Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	13.4%	+2.26%	+3.80%
<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	7.2%	+0.10%	+2.31%

\*The above-mentioned categories are the variables that have the largest influence on price

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