

Appendix 7 2010-base Midpoint-year (2013) Review

CPI items and their respective weights shall be revised every 5 years (base revision) in order to reflect the changes of consumption structure. However, when there is a rapid influx of new products or a radical change in consumption pattern, the items are reviewed in a midpoint year during the 5-year period before the next revision year (midpoint-year review).

As a result of examination of the need for addition of new items during the 2010-base, it was decided that an index for the combination of conventional-type cellular phones and smartphones should be calculated since January 2013 by incorporating the prices of smartphones in the existing items, “cellular phones” and “mobile telephone charges”.