

Appendix 7 2010-base Midpoint-year (2014) 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 laptop computers and tablet computers should be calculated since January 2014 by incorporating the prices of tablet computers in the existing items, “personal computers (notes)”.