

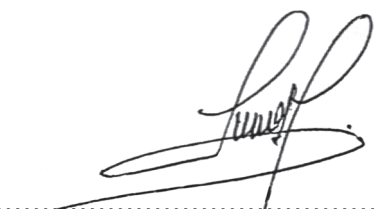
ARTICLE 3

The Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the UEMOA Commission, shall ensure continuous evaluation of the implementation of this Decision, particularly through regular meetings of national experts involved in the preparation of external trade statistics of Member States.

ARTICLE 4

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time limit.

**DONE AT NIAMEY,
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006**



**H.E. MAMADOU TANDJA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC.13/01/06 RELATING ECOWAS
IMPROVED FRAMEWORK OF CONSUMER PRICE
INDICES (CPI) IN MEMBER STATES**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 51 on Money, Finance and Payments of the said Treaty aimed at promoting intra-community trade on goods and services relating to the establishment of the Community Economic and Monetary Union;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.7/12/99 relating to the adoption of macroeconomic convergence criteria within the framework of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/12/01 relating to the establishment of a Multilateral Surveillance Mechanism of ECOWAS Member States' economic and financial policies;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.11/7/96 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Statistics Policy;

CONSCIOUS of the need for comparable economic data to guarantee the credibility of the ECOWAS Multilateral Surveillance Mechanism;

CONSIDERING paragraph 130 of the report of the 49th Session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar from 26 to 28 January 2003 relating to the adoption of a plan of action for the harmonisation of consumer price indices in ECOWAS Member States and the conclusions of the meeting of the ECOWAS Directors of Statistics held in Freetown from 22 to 24 June 2005;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Fifth-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey on 7 to 8, and 11 January 2006:

DECIDES:**Article 1: Adoption of the improved framework of CPI**

The ECOWAS improved framework of Consumer Price Indices (CPI) is hereby adopted and attached as an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2: Objective

The objective of the framework is mainly to improve the comparability of consumer price index data of Member States as needed for the implementation of the multilateral surveillance mechanism of national economic policies.

Article 3: Content of the Framework

The Framework has two components: common presentation of CPI and improvement of methods used for the calculation of the index. These components are referred to as the ECOWAS Common Platform of CPIs, attached to this Decision.

The nomenclature used for the presentation of CPI is the Classification of Individual Consumption and Purpose (COICOP) comprising 12 functions of household final consumption and compatible with the SNA93, as indicated in the framework attached.

Guidelines on methods to be used are also set out in the framework.

Article 4: Data transmission to the ECOWAS Secretariat

The Executive Secretariat shall publish CPI data of Member States twice a year, for the functioning of the surveillance mechanism.

Member States shall send to the Executive Secretariat, by 15 of each month, their CPI data of the preceding month.

The data to be sent shall include country CPI data and data according to the ECOWAS Common Platform, as well as the bridge tables used to transcribe the country data into the common platform.

The above requirement for data transmission shall enter into force as from 1 January 2006.

Article 5: Implementation and Monitoring

The Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the other sub-regional organisations, shall take necessary measures for the implementation of the improved framework of the ICP in all the Member States.

The Executive Secretariat shall ensure effective implementation of the improved CPI framework by Member States, particularly through meetings of national officials in charge of CPI compilation, and technical assistance to Member States.

Article 6: Entry into Force

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