

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

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TO: Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO
 FROM: Amconsul, PORTO ALEGRE
 SUBJECT: Statistics on the Cost of Civil Construction in Porto Alegre during the month of April 1967
 REF:

DATE: August 11, 1967

1. The Development Council of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Conselho de Desenvolvimento do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul) has prepared the following statistics utilizing the base year of 1964 = 100.

Comparative Price Index and Variation during the Month of April, 1967

Items	1/31/67	4/30/67	Variation and Percentage
Foundation	209	217	+ 3.83
Masonry	206	211	+ 2.43
Roofing	192	192	-
Facing	197	197	-
Door & window frames	197	197	-
Electric wiring	199	199	-
Water supply installation	227	227	-
Transport, management and miscellaneous	201	204	+ 1.49
General Index	202	204	+ 0.99

2. In April the price index rose by 0.99 percent, compared with the month of March. Five items showed no increase, while three items, e.g. foundation; masonry, transport, management and miscellaneous experienced an increase. In April the cost of the standard house selected by the Development Council amounted to NCr\$5,644.99, or NCr\$103.64 per square meter constructed, against NCr\$5,585.81 and NCr\$102.56 respectively in March.

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