

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM E 8

TO: Amembassy Rio de Janeiro

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SUBJECT: Statistics on the Cost of Industrial Products in Porto Alegre during the month of December, 1966

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1. The Development Council of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (CDE) - Conselho de Desenvolvimento do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul - has prepared the following statistics utilizing the base year of 1965 = 100. A net increase of 0.72 percent during the month of December is indicated.

Comparative Price Index and Variation
during the month of December 1966

Items	11/30/66	12/31/66	Variation and Percentage
Foodstuffs and spices	152	154	+ 1.32
Household goods	143	143	-
Beverages and tobacco	170	169	- 0.59
Power sources	129	129	-
Electric Materials	127	132	+ 3.94
Paper	143	143	-
Finished leather goods	128	128	-
Agricultural products	120	132	+ 11.00
Wooden goods	139	131	- 5.76
Pharmaceuticals of current use	122	122	-
Industrial products for use in civil construction	146	146	-
Industrial products for use in transports	132	132	-
Metallurgical and mechanical products	131	133	+ 1.53
Textile products	152	153	+ 0.66
General Index	138	139	+ 0.72

2. In December the general index of industrial products of current use in Porto Alegre rose by 0.72 percent, compared with a decrease of 0.73 percent in November. Agricultural products was the item which showed the highest increase, and wood products showed the highest decrease. Seven items remained unchanged.

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