

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
 REF: Consulate's OM dated January 12, 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 January, 1967

Items:	12/31/66	1/31/67	Variation and Percentage
Foundation	169	178	+ 5.33
Masonry	174	182	+ 4.60
Roofing	165	169	+ 2.42
Facing	158	164	+ 3.80
Door & Window frames	172	193	+ 12.21
Electric wiring	170	173	+ 1.76
Water supply installation	191	202	+ 5.76
Transport, management & miscellaneous	168	178	+ 5.95
General Index	168	177	+ 5.36

2. In January the price index was 177, percent, or 5.36 percent over the month of December. All items experienced an increase and the most important was 12.21 percent for door and window frames. In January the cost of the standard house selected by the Development Council amounted to NCrg\$4,877.97 against NCrg\$4,630.46 in December. The cost per square meter constructed rose from NCrg\$85.02 in December to NCrg\$89.57 in January.

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