



Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)-(BASE 2013=100)

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The base year used for compilation of CCPI from June 2011 to December 2016 was the year 2006/07. Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2006/07=100 to 2013=100 in order to accommodate the changing expenditure patterns and in cooperate changes of goods & services available in the market. Accordingly, with respect to the new base, CCPI (Base 2013=100) will be released monthly commencing from January 2017 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Lak Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 392 items, which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2012/13.

- ❏ The CCPI for all items for the month of March 2022 was 164.9 and it records an increase of 4.8 in index points
- ❏ The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y on Y basis is 18.7% in March 2022

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1. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month on month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index is briefly described below.

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

| Major Group* | Index Number | | | Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.) | | | Monthly Changes of the Index (%) | | |
|--|--------------|-------|-------|--|---------|---------|----------------------------------|------|------|
| | Mar | Feb. | Mar. | Mar | Feb. | Mar. | Mar | Feb. | Mar. |
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | 138.9 | 160.1 | 164.9 | -154.18 | 1009.47 | 2899.51 | -0.18 | 1.06 | 3.00 |
| Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages | 155.2 | 198.2 | 202.0 | -414.40 | 441.77 | 648.90 | -0.49 | 0.46 | 0.67 |
| Non Food | 132.5 | 145.1 | 150.3 | 260.22 | 567.70 | 2250.61 | 0.31 | 0.59 | 2.33 |
| Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic | 229.1 | 251.1 | 260.4 | 2.82 | 12.25 | 57.78 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.06 |
| Clothing and Foot Wear | 159.8 | 181.6 | 192.9 | 27.09 | 82.19 | 155.91 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.16 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 118.1 | 124.5 | 124.9 | 11.54 | 57.74 | 88.12 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.09 |
| Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 138.7 | 156.3 | 159.2 | 21.14 | 31.07 | 43.48 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Health | 175.9 | 192.2 | 198.9 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 177.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.18 |
| Transport | 121.9 | 142.7 | 165.2 | 8.97 | 265.47 | 1442.02 | 0.01 | 0.28 | 1.49 |
| Recreation and Culture | 117.5 | 127.8 | 132.8 | 0.00 | 45.25 | 38.95 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| Restaurant and Hotels | 145.4 | 182.0 | 185.3 | 178.55 | 23.05 | 100.27 | 0.21 | 0.02 | 0.10 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 150.7 | 166.6 | 174.0 | 9.97 | 50.68 | 146.55 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.15 |
| Other | 143.0 | 147.3 | 147.3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in March 2022 were noted in ten main groups, details on which are given in Table2. *Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

1.1 Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of March 2022 was 164.9 and it records an increase of 4.8 in index points that is 3.00 percentage compared to the month of February 2022 for which the index was 160.1. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs 2899.51 in the "Market Basket".

1.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from February 2022 to March 2022 were given in Table 2. The month on month change was contributed by increases of Food items by 0.67% and Non Food items by 2.33% respectively.

1.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages items: 0.67%

As shown in Table 02, increases in value change were reported for Sea Fish (0.33%), Fresh Fruits (0.17%), Bread (0.12%), Chilli Powder (0.10%), Eggs (0.09%), Chicken (0.09%), Dried Fish (0.07%), Dhal Mysoor (0.07%), Sugar (0.05%), Coconut Oil(0.04%), Pepper (0.03%), Rice (0.03%), Green Gram (0.02%), Curry Powder (0.02%), Turmeric Powder(0.02%), Rice Flour (0.01%), Wheat Flour (0.01%), Gram (0.01%), Buns/Spunchi (0.01%), Beef (0.01%), Juggery (0.01%), Dried Chillies (0.01%) and Cumin & Fennel Seeds (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for Coconuts (0.01%), Limes (0.01%), Green Chillies (0.03%), Potatoes (0.06%), Red Onions (0.06%), Bombay Onions (0.08%) and Vegetables (0.43%).

1.1.3 Contribution of Non Food items: 2.33%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for the groups of 'Transport' (1.49%), Health (0.18%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.16%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.15%), 'Restaurant and Hotels' (0.10%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.09%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.06%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.04%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (0.04%). However, the groups of 'Communication' and Education' remained unchanged during this period.

Table 2: Contribution to the change in CCPI from February 2022 to March 2022
(Base2013=100)

| Sub Group/Commodity | Rs.Cts. | Value Change | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | % change | | Net effect |
| | | Increase | Decrease | |
| Food | 648.90 | 1.34 | 0.67 | 0.67 |
| 1 RICE | 31.70 | 0.03 | | |
| Rice - (Kekulu white) | 10.50 | 0.01 | | |
| Rice - (Kekulu - red) | 7.52 | 0.01 | | |
| Rice - (Nadu-Red) | 8.43 | 0.01 | | |
| 2 Rice flour | 11.29 | 0.01 | | |
| 3 Wheat flour | 9.37 | 0.01 | | |
| 4 Green gram | 20.06 | 0.02 | | |
| 5 Gram | 7.87 | 0.01 | | |
| 6 Bread (Normal) | 111.53 | 0.12 | | |
| 7 Buns/ Spunchi | 12.47 | 0.01 | | |
| 8 Chicken | 90.51 | 0.09 | | |
| 9 Beef | 10.88 | 0.01 | | |
| 10 Sea Fish | 319.98 | 0.33 | | |
| 11 Dried Fish | 71.94 | 0.07 | | |
| Sprats (dry) | 49.07 | 0.05 | | |
| Katta (dry) | 11.66 | 0.01 | | |
| Keerameen (dry) | 5.82 | 0.01 | | |
| 12 Eggs | 83.15 | 0.09 | | |
| 13 Coconut | -7.90 | | 0.01 | |
| 14 Coconut oil | 39.22 | 0.04 | | |
| 15 Fresh Fruits | 164.05 | 0.17 | | |
| Banana | 5.74 | 0.01 | | |
| Papaw | 93.27 | 0.10 | | |
| Apple | 32.95 | 0.03 | | |
| 16 Vegetables | -415.86 | | 0.43 | |
| 17 Potatoes | -53.81 | | 0.06 | |
| 18 Dhal - Mysoor | 72.21 | 0.07 | | |
| 19 Red onions | -58.70 | | 0.06 | |
| 20 Bombay onions | -73.16 | | 0.08 | |
| 21 Green chilies | -28.14 | | 0.03 | |
| 22 Sugar | 51.51 | 0.05 | | |
| 23 Juggery | 7.35 | 0.01 | | |
| 24 Chili powder | 92.15 | 0.10 | | |
| 25 Pepper | 25.75 | 0.03 | | |
| 26 Dried chilies | 12.45 | 0.01 | | |

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|------------------|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 27 | Curry powder | 21.18 | 0.02 | | |
| 28 | Turmeric powder | 15.92 | 0.02 | | |
| 29 | Limes | -12.81 | | 0.01 | |
| 30 | Cumin & fennel seeds | 7.77 | 0.01 | | |
| 31 | Others | 8.99 | 0.01 | | |
| Non Food | | 2250.61 | 2.33 | 0.00 | 2.33 |
| 32 | Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic | 57.78 | 0.06 | | |
| | <i>Arrack</i> | <i>17.91</i> | <i>0.02</i> | | |
| | <i>Beetle leaves</i> | <i>17.78</i> | <i>0.02</i> | | |
| 33 | Clothing and Foot Wear | 155.91 | 0.16 | | |
| 34 | Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 88.12 | 0.09 | | |
| | <i>Maintenance/ Reconstruction</i> | <i>88.12</i> | <i>0.09</i> | | |
| 35 | Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 43.48 | 0.04 | | |
| 36 | Health | 177.52 | 0.18 | | |
| | <i>Fees to private medical practices</i> | <i>60.66</i> | <i>0.06</i> | | |
| | <i>Consultation fees to specialists</i> | <i>5.49</i> | <i>0.01</i> | | |
| 37 | Transport | 1442.02 | 1.49 | | |
| | <i>Petrol</i> | <i>486.03</i> | <i>0.50</i> | | |
| | <i>Diesel</i> | <i>136.44</i> | <i>0.14</i> | | |
| 38 | Recreation and Culture | 38.95 | 0.04 | | |
| | <i>News papers</i> | <i>23.20</i> | <i>0.02</i> | | |
| 39 | Restaurant and Hotels | 100.27 | 0.10 | | |
| 40 | Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 146.55 | 0.15 | | |
| 41 | Others | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| All Items | | 2899.51 | 3.67 | 0.67 | 3.00 |

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

2. Inflation

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 03: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2013=100)

| Year | Month | All Item | | | | Food | | | | Non Food | | | |
|------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | | Index Number | % Change Month on Month | Inflation % | | Index Number | % Change Month on Month | Inflation % | | Index Number | % Change Month on Month | Inflation % | |
| | | | | Y on Y | 12 Month Moving Avg. | | | Y on Y | 12 Month Moving Avg. | | | Y on Y | 12 Month Moving Avg. |
| 2021 | March | 138.9 | -0.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 155.2 | -1.6 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 132.5 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| | April | 138.8 | -0.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 155.0 | -0.1 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 132.5 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| | May | 140.3 | 1.1 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 158.4 | 2.2 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 133.2 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 1.5 |
| | June | 142.4 | 1.5 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 164.6 | 3.9 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 133.6 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 1.6 |
| | July | 143.1 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 164.3 | -0.2 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 134.7 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 1.7 |
| | August | 143.5 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 165.4 | 0.7 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 134.8 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| | September | 144.1 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 165.9 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 135.6 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 2.2 |
| | October | 146.9 | 1.9 | 7.6 | 4.8 | 170.6 | 2.8 | 12.8 | 10.0 | 137.6 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 2.5 |
| | November | 150.7 | 2.6 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 179.7 | 5.3 | 17.5 | 10.6 | 139.3 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 2.9 |
| | December | 154.7 | 2.7 | 12.1 | 6.0 | 189.4 | 5.4 | 22.1 | 11.7 | 141.1 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 3.4 |
| 2022 | January | 158.4 | 2.4 | 14.2 | 6.9 | 195.7 | 3.3 | 25.0 | 13.3 | 143.8 | 1.9 | 9.2 | 4.0 |
| | February | 160.1 | 1.1 | 15.1 | 7.9 | 198.2 | 1.3 | 25.7 | 14.8 | 145.1 | 0.9 | 10.1 | 4.8 |
| | March | 164.9 | 3.0 | 18.7 | 9.1 | 202.0 | 1.9 | 30.2 | 16.5 | 150.3 | 3.6 | 13.4 | 5.8 |

Note: Year on Year inflation, 12 Month Moving Average inflation and Month on Month change were calculated using the rounding off index numbers

2.1 Year on Year (Year on Year) Inflation

The overall rate of inflation as measured by CCPI on Y on Y basis is 18.7% in March 2022 and Yon Y inflation calculated for the month of February 2022 was 15.1% (Table 3). The Year on Year inflation of Food Group increased to 30.2% in March 2022 from 25.7% in February 2022 and the Year on Year inflation of Non Food Group increased to 13.4% in March 2022 from 10.1% in February 2022.

2.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of March 2022, on Year-on-Year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 9.52%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 9.23%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of 'Transport' (3.31%), 'Restaurants & Hotels' (1.48%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (1.58%), 'Health' (0.73%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.56%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.55%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance' (0.38%), 'Education' (0.28%), 'Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic' (0.23%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.14%) and the group of 'Communication' remained unchanged during the period.

2.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of March 2022 is 9.1%. The corresponding rate for the month of February 2022 was 7.9%.

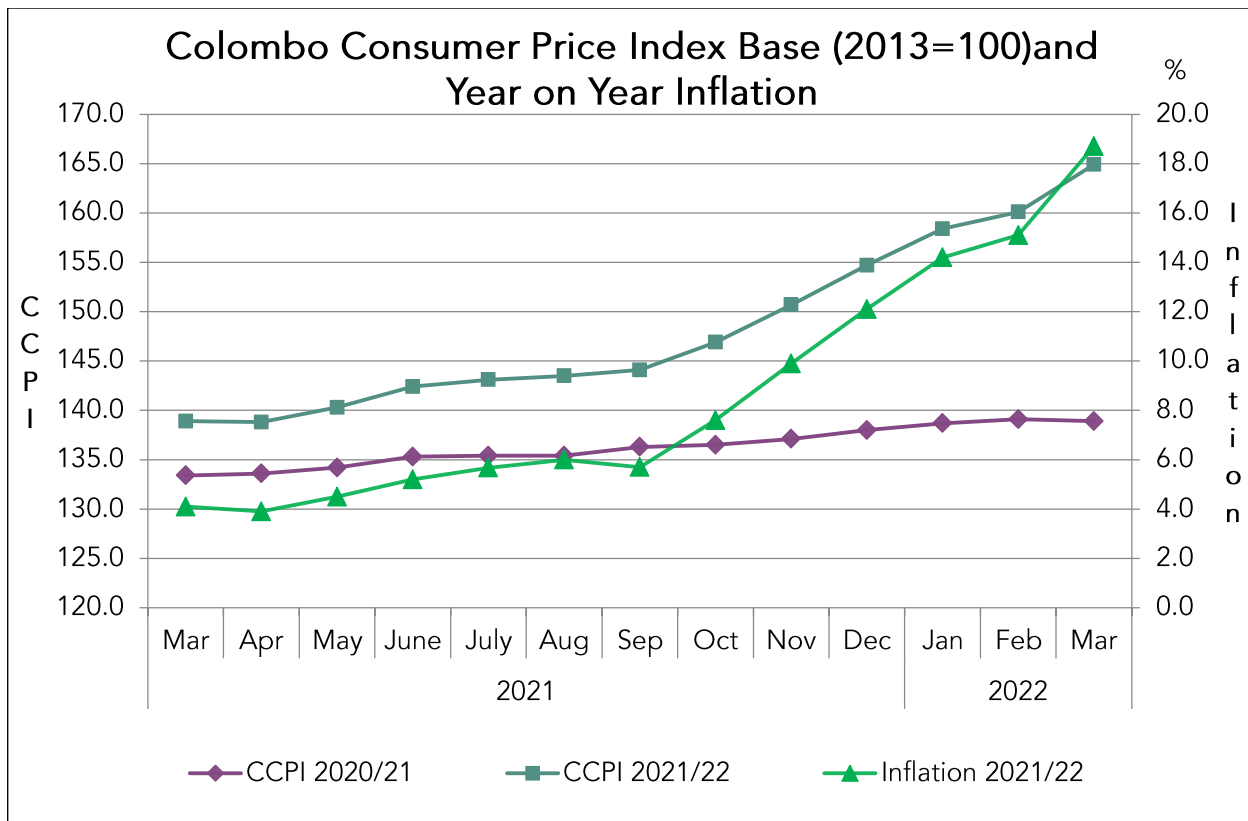



Table 4: Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index March 2021 ,February & March 2022

| Item | Unit | Retail Prices (Rs. Cts) | | | Retail Price Changes (%) | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | | 2021 Mar. | 2022 Feb. | 2022 Mar. | Mar. 22/ Mar. 21 | Mar. 22 / Feb 22 |
| 1. Rice– Kekulu – Red | Kg | 100.00 | 160.45 | 161.59 | 61.59 | 0.71 |
| 2. Rice– Kekulu – White | Kg | 102.72 | 145.45 | 147.70 | 43.79 | 1.55 |
| 3. Rice –Nadu - White | Kg | 105.69 | 148.03 | 148.87 | 40.86 | 0.57 |
| 4. Rice –Nadu - Red | Kg | 112.73 | 160.73 | 169.55 | 50.41 | 5.49 |
| 5. Rice– Samba | Kg | 116.34 | 155.70 | 155.86 | 33.97 | 0.10 |
| 6. Cowpea | Kg | 592.20 | 607.98 | 624.70 | 5.49 | 2.75 |
| 7.Green Grams | Kg | 585.17 | 567.89 | 664.31 | 13.52 | 16.98 |
| 8. Coconut | Each | 89.90 | 84.86 | 84.56 | -5.94 | -0.36 |
| 9. Coconut Oil | 750ml | 354.74 | 492.92 | 523.73 | 47.64 | 6.25 |
| 10.Chicken | Kg | 530.16 | 740.81 | 782.94 | 47.68 | 5.69 |
| 11. Eggs | Each | 17.53 | 20.18 | 26.61 | 51.82 | 31.91 |
| 12. Red Onion | Kg | 553.42 | 504.46 | 406.64 | -26.52 | -19.39 |
| 13. Big Onion | Kg | 135.64 | 201.64 | 173.81 | 28.14 | -13.81 |
| 14. Potatoes | Kg | 163.70 | 236.52 | 214.42 | 30.98 | -9.34 |
| 15. Garlic | Kg | 398.10 | 531.63 | 515.94 | 29.60 | -2.95 |
| 16. Dried Chilies | Kg | 613.53 | 989.94 | 1102.90 | 79.76 | 11.41 |
| 17. Green Chilies | Kg | 476.64 | 710.90 | 605.21 | 26.97 | -14.87 |
| 18. Sugar | Kg | 114.68 | 147.25 | 160.94 | 40.34 | 9.29 |
| 19. Pepper | Kg | 1286.01 | 1555.31 | 1732.17 | 34.69 | 11.37 |
| Vegetables- | | | | | | |
| 20. Ash Plantain | Kg | 141.11 | 160.32 | 154.50 | 9.49 | -3.63 |
| 21. Carrot | Kg | 221.23 | 463.00 | 391.48 | 76.95 | -15.45 |
| 22. Snake Gourd | Kg | 185.20 | 326.63 | 274.45 | 48.19 | -15.97 |
| 23. Tomatoes | Kg | 237.03 | 230.94 | 367.95 | 55.23 | 59.33 |
| 24. Capsicum | Kg | 417.97 | 702.74 | 519.69 | 24.33 | -26.05 |
| 25. Beetroot | Kg | 217.63 | 401.65 | 288.35 | 32.49 | -28.21 |
| 26. Beans | Kg | 271.65 | 373.02 | 340.61 | 25.38 | -8.69 |
| Fruits | | | | | | |
| 27. Banana | Kg | 151.20 | 156.00 | 157.44 | 4.13 | 0.92 |
| 28. Papaw | Kg | 130.87 | 250.48 | 294.54 | 125.07 | 17.59 |
| 29. Mangoes | Each | 105.40 | 93.07 | 140.61 | 33.40 | 51.09 |
| Fresh Fish – | | | | | | |
| 30. Seer | Kg | 1629.11 | 2165.08 | 2397.11 | 47.14 | 10.72 |
| 31.Talapath | Kg | 1251.46 | 1773.79 | 1877.21 | 50.00 | 5.83 |
| 32.Paraw | Kg | 1159.54 | 1533.65 | 1642.70 | 41.67 | 7.11 |
| Dried Fish - | | | | | 125.07 | 17.59 |
| 33.Katta | Kg | 1578.62 | 1663.78 | 1709.02 | 8.26 | 2.72 |
| 34. Sprats | Kg | 703.74 | 885.91 | 983.86 | 39.80 | 11.06 |
| Fuel - | | | | | | |
| 35. Kerosene Oil | Lt | 70.00 | 87.00 | 87.00 | 24.29 | 0.00 |
| 36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC) | Lt | 137.00 | 178.73 | 211.95 | 54.71 | 18.59 |
| 37. Diesel (CPC & IOC) | Lt | 104.00 | 121.75 | 152.51 | 46.65 | 25.27 |
| 38. Gas- Avg. | 12.5kg | 1493.00 | 2716.25 | 2716.25 | 81.93 | 0.00 |
| Litro | 12.5kg | 1493.00 | 2675.00 | 2675.00 | 79.17 | 0.00 |
| Laughs | 12.5kg | 1493.00 | 2840.00 | 2840.00 | 90.22 | 0.00 |

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