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Director's Approval: 

The Consumer Price Index for the Second Quarter of 2015 (April - June) has been revised to reflect increases in the cost of cigarettes due to imposition of higher taxes on Tobacco Products, effective June 15, 2015. The revised All Item Index of 132.5 points replaced the published index of 131.4 points.

Revision (*): The **Other Goods and Services Group** had a 7.1 percent increase after cigarettes price recalculations and adjustment. In addition and due to a technical error in data transformation, the increases which occurred in the quarter were not captured in the calculations, thus the need for the revision.

Groups	2 nd Qtr 2015	1 st Qtr 2015	2 nd Qtr 2014	Quarterly Percent Change from Q1 '15 to Q2 '15	Annual Percent Change from Q2 '14 to Q2 '15
All Items Index	*132.5	132.1	133.8	*0.3	*-1.0
Food	157.5	158.4	156.0	-0.6	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages	128.8	128.8	128.1	0.0	0.5
Housing	125.5	126.9	133.3	-1.1	-5.8
Apparel	119.5	119.5	118.3	0.0	1.0
Transportation	130.5	129.7	131.8	0.6	-1.0
Medical Care	127.0	127.1	146.4	0.0	-13.2
Recreation	112.9	112.9	113.1	0.0	-0.2
Education and Communication	107.5	109.3	107.0	-1.6	0.5
Other Goods and Services	*129.8	121.1	121.2	*7.1	*7.1

** NOTE: The American Samoa Consumer Price Index new base period is the 4th Quarter 2007.

The Statistics Division corrected this index to show the increase in the 2nd quarter 2015.