

**Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for April and May 2006**

| Type of retail outlet   | Value Index of Retail Sales (Points)<br>(Monthly average of Oct. 1999 – Sep. 2000 = 100) |                                   | Value of Retail Sales (HK\$ million) |                                   | Percentage Change (%)  |                        |                                    |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Apr 2006<br>(Revised figures)  | May 2006<br>(Provisional figures) | Apr 2006<br>(Revised figures)        | May 2006<br>(Provisional figures) | Apr 2006 over Apr 2005 | May 2006 over May 2005 | Jan - May 2006 over Jan - May 2005 |
| <b>All retail outlets</b>   | <b>119.8</b>   | <b>119.7</b>                      | <b>18,603</b>                        | <b>18,581</b>                     | <b>+9.5</b>            | <b>+5.3</b>            | <b>+6.6</b>                        |
| <b>By type of retail outlet</b>                                     |  |                                   |                                      |                                   |                        |                        |                                    |
| <b>Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)</b> | <b>109.2</b>   | <b>112.5</b>                      | <b>1,933</b>                         | <b>1,993</b>                      | <b>+6.4</b>            | <b>+9.7</b>            | <b>+6.1</b>                        |
| • Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen                      | 93.2   | 98.9                              | 536                                  | 568                               | +5.9                   | +13.5                  | +3.4                               |
| • Fruits and vegetables, fresh                                      | 79.8   | 85.0                              | 180                                  | 192                               | -0.3                   | -3.6                   | -0.3                               |
| • Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits                         | 110.6  | 124.4                             | 346                                  | 390                               | +6.0                   | +12.2                  | +5.2                               |
| • Other foodstuffs  | 134.2  | 131.4                             | 665                                  | 652                               | +7.0                   | +8.2                   | +8.6                               |
| • Alcoholic drinks and tobacco                                      | 127.6  | 118.5                             | 206                                  | 191                               | +13.5                  | +14.9                  | +13.9                              |
| <b>Supermarkets <math>\Phi</math></b>                               | <b>111.2</b>   | <b>116.3</b>                      | <b>2,296</b>                         | <b>2,403</b>                      | <b>+6.3</b>            | <b>+3.2</b>            | <b>+6.4</b>                        |
| <b>Fuels</b>  | <b>89.8</b>  | <b>95.6</b>                       | <b>584</b>                           | <b>622</b>                        | <b>+8.7</b>            | <b>+8.2</b>            | <b>+12.2</b>                       |
| <b>Clothing, footwear and allied products</b>                       | <b>121.7</b>   | <b>119.9</b>                      | <b>2,449</b>                         | <b>2,413</b>                      | <b>+7.8</b>            | <b>-3.1</b>            | <b>+2.8</b>                        |
| • Wearing apparel   | 126.5  | 123.2                             | 2,177                                | 2,121                             | +7.8                   | -3.6                   | +2.7                               |
| • Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories          | 93.5   | 100.7                             | 272                                  | 293                               | +8.3                   | +0.7                   | +3.2                               |
| <b>Consumer durable goods</b>                                       | <b>120.9</b>   | <b>109.7</b>                      | <b>3,258</b>                         | <b>2,954</b>                      | <b>+6.5</b>            | <b>-1.3</b>            | <b>+2.9</b>                        |
| • Motor vehicles and parts  | 120.2  | 111.9                             | 889                                  | 828                               | +14.9                  | +1.2                   | +10.0                              |
| • Electrical goods and photographic equipment                       | 134.4  | 120.3                             | 1,485                                | 1,329                             | +2.1                   | -2.8                   | -0.1                               |
| • Furniture and fixtures  | 103.6  | 88.7                              | 472                                  | 404                               | +7.9                   | -5.4                   | +0.1                               |
| • Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified            | 104.5  | 99.7                              | 411                                  | 392                               | +4.8                   | +3.0                   | +4.3                               |
| <b>Department stores</b>  | <b>115.6</b>   | <b>130.4</b>                      | <b>1,707</b>                         | <b>1,927</b>                      | <b>+14.3</b>           | <b>+8.0</b>            | <b>+5.6</b>                        |
| <b>Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts</b>            | <b>127.1</b>   | <b>131.9</b>                      | <b>2,463</b>                         | <b>2,555</b>                      | <b>+17.2</b>           | <b>+16.0</b>           | <b>+13.8</b>                       |
| <b>Other consumer goods</b>   | <b>134.2</b>   | <b>127.3</b>                      | <b>3,913</b>                         | <b>3,714</b>                      | <b>+9.9</b>            | <b>+7.4</b>            | <b>+7.6</b>                        |
| • Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts                           | 111.7  | 105.6                             | 540                                  | 510                               | +6.7                   | +1.3                   | +5.7                               |
| • Chinese drugs and herbs   | 103.2  | 98.5                              | 276                                  | 264                               | +4.9                   | +2.5                   | +2.8                               |
| • Optical shops   | 108.8  | 106.6                             | 158                                  | 155                               | -1.2                   | +0.1                   | +1.3                               |
| • Medicines and cosmetics   | 147.2  | 132.7                             | 1,437                                | 1,295                             | +5.6                   | +5.8                   | +3.4                               |
| • Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified                    | 143.8  | 142.6                             | 1,502                                | 1,489                             | +18.3                  | +13.1                  | +14.5                              |

$\Phi$  These figures do not include sales in supermarket sections of department stores. Supplementary statistics that include such sales are shown below :

|   |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Supermarkets and supermarket sections of department stores</i> | <i>114.4</i> | <i>119.9</i> | <i>2,521</i> | <i>2,641</i> | <i>+8.3</i> | <i>+4.3</i> | <i>+7.3</i> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

The sum of individual items and the total shown might not exactly tally because of rounding.

The underlined '5' denotes rounded up figure.

**Table 2: Volume index of retail sales by type of retail outlet for April and May 2006**

| Type of retail outlet   | Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points)<br>(Monthly average of Oct. 1999 - Sep. 2000 = 100 ) |                                      | Percentage Change<br>(%)     |                              |  |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|   | Apr 2006<br>(Revised<br>figures)   | May 2006<br>(Provisional<br>figures) | Apr 2006<br>over<br>Apr 2005 | May 2006<br>over<br>May 2005 | Jan - May 2006<br>over<br>Jan - May 2005 |
| <b>All retail outlets</b>   | <b>123.1</b>   | <b>120.1</b>                         | <b>+7.9</b>                  | <b>+2.0</b>                  | <b>+4.7</b>                              |
| <i>By type of retail outlet</i>                                     |  |                                      |                              |                              |  |
| <b>Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)</b> | <b>112.3</b>   | <b>115.2</b>                         | <b>+6.3</b>                  | <b>+9.6</b>                  | <b>+5.4</b>                              |
| • Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen                      | 96.5   | 102.8                                | +3.0                         | +10.4                        | +0.6                                     |
| • Fruits and vegetables, fresh                                      | 74.0   | 76.2                                 | -6.2                         | -6.6                         | -2.7                                     |
| • Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits                         | 114.4  | 128.4                                | +5.7                         | +11.9                        | +5.0                                     |
| • Other foodstuffs  | 142.0  | 138.1                                | +11.5                        | +11.8                        | +10.6                                    |
| • Alcoholic drinks and tobacco                                      | 127.1  | 117.5                                | +10.9                        | +12.1                        | +12.2                                    |
| <b>Supermarkets <math>\Phi</math></b>                               | <b>110.4</b>   | <b>114.7</b>                         | <b>+7.0</b>                  | <b>+3.0</b>                  | <b>+6.5</b>                              |
| <b>Fuels</b>  | <b>69.2</b>  | <b>72.1</b>                          | <b>+2.8</b>                  | <b>-0.1</b>                  | <b>+4.2</b>                              |
| <b>Clothing, footwear and allied products</b>                       | <b>113.1</b>   | <b>113.6</b>                         | <b>+9.0</b>                  | <b>-3.3</b>                  | <b>+3.8</b>                              |
| • Wearing apparel   | 114.9  | 114.3                                | +8.4                         | -4.4                         | +2.9                                     |
| • Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories          | 102.1  | 109.5                                | +13.2                        | +4.1                         | +8.7                                     |
| <b>Consumer durable goods</b>                                       | <b>182.1</b>   | <b>162.9</b>                         | <b>+9.9</b>                  | <b>+3.0</b>                  | <b>+6.7</b>                              |
| • Motor vehicles and parts  | 151.3  | 138.1                                | +15.0                        | +2.1                         | +13.0                                    |
| • Electrical goods and photographic equipment                       | 228.3  | 199.8                                | +7.0                         | +2.7                         | +4.2                                     |
| • Furniture and fixtures  | 116.2  | 99.0                                 | +12.2                        | -2.7                         | +2.6                                     |
| • Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified            | 187.0  | 179.9                                | +11.4                        | +9.6                         | +10.8                                    |
| <b>Department stores</b>  | <b>117.3</b>   | <b>131.0</b>                         | <b>+14.2</b>                 | <b>+5.9</b>                  | <b>+5.5</b>                              |
| <b>Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts</b>            | <b>80.7</b>  | <b>75.5</b>                          | <b>-3.9</b>                  | <b>-14.5</b>                 | <b>-6.5</b>                              |
| <b>Other consumer goods</b>   | <b>134.2</b>   | <b>126.5</b>                         | <b>+9.4</b>                  | <b>+6.2</b>                  | <b>+6.8</b>                              |
| • Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts                           | 102.4  | 96.6                                 | +9.9                         | +3.9                         | +8.3                                     |
| • Chinese drugs and herbs   | 110.0  | 103.5                                | +9.0                         | +5.0                         | +4.9                                     |
| • Optical shops   | 110.3  | 107.1                                | -2.8                         | -2.8                         | -1.9                                     |
| • Medicines and cosmetics   | 149.5  | 133.3                                | +4.4                         | +3.5                         | +2.0                                     |
| • Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified                    | 144.2  | 142.7                                | +16.2                        | +10.8                        | +12.9                                    |

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|   |       |       |      |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <i>Supermarkets and supermarket sections of department stores</i> | 113.9 | 118.4 | +9.0 | +3.9 | +7.4 |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|

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**Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, March 2005 - May 2006**

| Original Series |                                 | Seasonally Adjusted Series |  |                                  |       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------|
| Year/Month      | Year-on-year rate of change (%) | 3 months ending Month/Year | Compared with the 3 months ending Month/Year | Rate of change (%) <sup>@#</sup> |       |
| 2005            | Mar                             | +5.2                       | Mar 2005                                     | Dec 2004                         | +1.5  |
|                 | Apr                             | +7.8                       | Apr 2005                                     | Jan 2005                         | +1.4  |
|                 | May                             | +6.4                       | May 2005                                     | Feb 2005                         | +0.5  |
|                 | Jun                             | +5.2                       | Jun 2005                                     | Mar 2005                         | +0.8  |
|                 | Jul                             | +5.8                       | Jul 2005                                     | Apr 2005                         | +0.4  |
|                 | Aug                             | +5.3                       | Aug 2005                                     | May 2005                         | +0.5  |
|                 | Sep                             | +4.1                       | Sep 2005                                     | Jun 2005                         | +0.4  |
|                 | Oct                             | +3.7                       | Oct 2005                                     | Jul 2005                         | +0.6  |
|                 | Nov                             | +3.5                       | Nov 2005                                     | Aug 2005                         | +1.0  |
|                 | Dec                             | +5.8                       | Dec 2005                                     | Sep 2005                         | +1.6  |
| 2006            | Jan                             | +10.4                      | Jan 2006                                     | Oct 2005                         | +2.0  |
|                 | Feb                             | -4.9                       | Feb 2006                                     | Nov 2005                         | +1.2  |
|                 | Mar                             | +7.7                       | Mar 2006                                     | Dec 2005                         | +1.2  |
|                 | Apr                             | +7.9                       | Apr 2006                                     | Jan 2006                         | +2.0  |
|                 | May                             | +2.0*                      | May 2006                                     | Feb 2006                         | +3.0* |

\* Provisional figures.

@ The rate is calculated by comparing the monthly average index for the 3-month period ending the month in question with that for the preceding 3-month period, e.g. the rate for the 3 months ending Dec. 2005 is the percentage change of the average monthly index for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2005 over the average monthly index for Jul., Aug. and Sep. 2005.

# Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For retail sales index, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available.