

Table 1: OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF INFLATION TARGETS

Country	Date of Adoption	Target Series Definition	Target Level ^a	Time Horizon
Australia	1993	Underlying CPI (excluding fruit and vegetables, petrol, interest costs, public sector prices and other volatile prices)	2% - 3%	Ongoing
Canada	February 1991	Core CPI (excluding food, energy, and first round effects of indirect taxes)	1% - 3%	18 months
Finland	February 1993	Underlying CPI (excluding govt. subsidies, indirect taxes, housing prices, mortgage interest payments)	About 2%	Ongoing
Israel	December 1991	CPI	8% - 11%	1 year
New Zealand	March 1990	Underlying CPI (excluding changes in indirect taxes or govt. changes, significant changes in import or export prices, interest costs, natural disasters)	0% - 2%	1 year
Spain	January 1995	CPI (excluding first round effects of indirect tax changes)	Below 3%	Through 1997
Sweden	January 1993	CPI	2% +/- 1%	Ongoing
United Kingdom	October 1992	RPIX (RPI excluding mortgage interest payments)	Lower half of 1% - 4% until spring 1997; 2.5% or less thereafter	Until end of this Parliament

a. For annual inflation