

Table 3: Items removed from the baskets in 2024

(1. “low weighted” denotes an item with a CPIH weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2023.)

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and cereals	2102 Cereals	Popcorn	This item has been dropped due to poor coverage in terms of the relatively low numbers of quotes collected.
1.1.2 Meat	2107 Pork	Home killed pork chop with bone	This has been replaced by a new broader item which allows a chop or steak to be priced. The aim is to ease collection difficulties, giving collectors more choice when pricing the item, and thus improving the number of quotes collected.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other meat	Loose cooked ham	Item dropped due to poor coverage in an area of the baskets which is over-represented in terms of the number of items included. Anecdotal evidence has shown a fall in the number of butchers selling this item.
1.1.2 Meat	2109 Poultry	Hot rotisserie cooked whole chicken	Some supermarkets have moved away from hot whole chickens, instead sometimes selling smaller portions such as thighs or legs to satisfy the lunchtime food market. This has led to relatively low numbers of quotes collected.
1.1.7 Vegetables including potatoes and tubers	2125 Fresh vegetables	Pre-packed salad	This low weighted item has previously been priced in only larger supermarkets but it is now more widely available and will in future be priced in other outlets where vegetables are sold. For technical processing reasons, this change requires a new item to be assigned.
5.1.1 Furniture and furnishings	4301 Furniture	Sofa bed	Coverage is poor possibly reflecting a drop in popularity with pull-out beds possibly becoming more widespread.
5.4 Glassware, tableware, and household utensils	4304 Other household equipment	Bakeware, for example, baking tray or roasting tin	This item has been removed from an over-represented area of the baskets, where we can afford to remove items without any significant loss of precision. Bakeware has been chosen because analysis has shown that its price movements follow a similar pattern to the frying pan.

7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Three-years-old second-hand petrol/diesel cars	The two existing second-hand cars items have been directly replaced by two petrol and diesel second-hand car items as part of our transformation of consumer price statistics. The new series will enable more detailed analysis based on the improved coverage of the market.
7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Two-years-old second-hand petrol/diesel cars	The two existing second-hand cars items have been directly replaced by two petrol and diesel second-hand car items as part of our transformation of consumer price statistics.
9.1.4 Recording media	6303 Toys, photographic and sports goods	Portable digital storage device, for example, a memory stick	This item has been replaced by two separate items - an SD card and a USB Stick - which will increase the number of quotes collected in one of the most under-represented areas of the baskets.
9.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services	4306 Pet care	Wild bird seed	Similar to the pre-packed salad, the collection of prices for wild bird seed has been widened with the aim of improving our representation of the market. This has necessitated a new item for technical processing reasons.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	3101 Beer "on sales"	Draught stout	Restaurants and hotels is one of the most over-represented areas of the baskets so items can be removed without significantly affecting overall precision. Draught stout has been chosen because price movements are very similar to draught bitter.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	2203 Take-aways and snacks	Take-away tea	Take-away tea and take-away coffee have been combined into one take-away hot drink item, again reducing the number of quotes collected in an over-represented part of the baskets and freeing up resource to collect additional items elsewhere.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	2203 Take-aways and snacks	Take-away coffee (latte)	Take-away tea and take-away coffee have been combined into one take-away hot drink item.
12.1.2/3 Appliances and products for personal care	5202 Chemists' goods	Hand hygiene gel	Demand for hand hygiene gel has fallen since the height of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic resulting in a reduction in the shelf space devoted to the product and its removal from the baskets.