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PRESS RELEASE Revised Turnover Indices for Motor Trades 1,2,3,4,5 (2005=100,0)

Third quarter 2009

The National Statistical Service of Greece publishes the revised Turnover Indices for Motor Trades for the 3rd guarter 2009,according to provisional results, as follows:

Year on year growth rates

- The Turnover Index for Motor Trades in the 3rd quarter 2009 as compared to the 3rd quarter 2008 decreased by 9,9%. A year earlier the annual rate of change was -2,8%.
- The Turnover Index for Sale of Motor Vehicles in the 3rd quarter 2009 as compared to the 3rd quarter 2008 decreased by 13,4%. A year earlier the annual rate of change was -4,2%.

Quarter on quarter growth rates

- The Turnover Index for Motor Trades in the 3rd quarter 2009 as compared to the 2nd quarter 2009 decreased by 5,1%. A year earlier the quarterly rate of change was -7,4%.
- The Turnover Index for Sale of Motor Vehicles in the 3rd quarter 2009 as compared to the 2nd quarter 2009 decreased by 8,0%. A year earlier the quarterly rate of change was -9,1%.

The compilation and publication of these indices is based upon the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics as amended by the Regulation 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and Council. The turnover index is an important business indicator. The objective of this index is to show the evolution of the market for goods and services. Turnover comprises the totals invoiced (without VAT) by the observation units during the reference period (quarter). This corresponds to the market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties.

- 4 The survey for the compilation of the above indices includes 319 sampled enterprises which were selected from a total population of 3650 enterprises with over or equal of 300.000 euros annual turnover.
- 5 All figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days. The data are provisional when first released. The data become final as soon as all gathered data become definite. More specifically the data released for the most recent quarter are provisional and are published together with revised data of the previous quarter.

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¹ The Turnover Indices for Motor Trades are compiled in a quarterly basis with base year 2005=100,0 covering the period from 2005 onwards.

² The revised Turnover Indices for Motor Trades were adjusted to the new statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev.2 (Regulation 1893/2006). According to the new classification the automotive fuel included to the retail trade branch instead the special branch of "Motor trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles " of the previous classification NACE Rev.1..

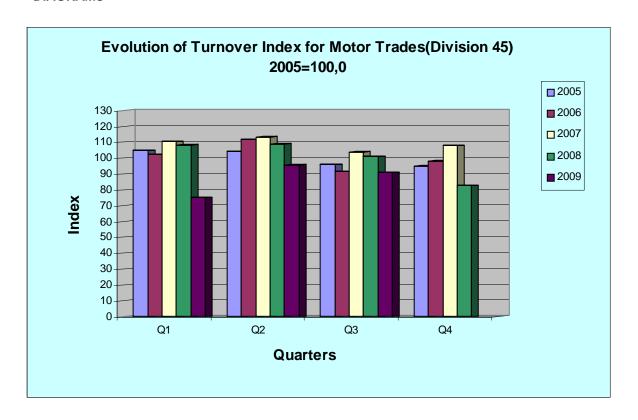
³ The Turnover Indices for Motor Trades are compiled for the **NACE-Rev.2 division 45** "sale maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles". This division includes all activities related to motor vehicles and motorcycles, including lorries and trucks, such as wholesale and retail sale, the repair and maintenance of vehicles as well as the wholesale and retail sale of relevant parts and accessories. They are also compiled for the group **451**(sale of motor vehicles).

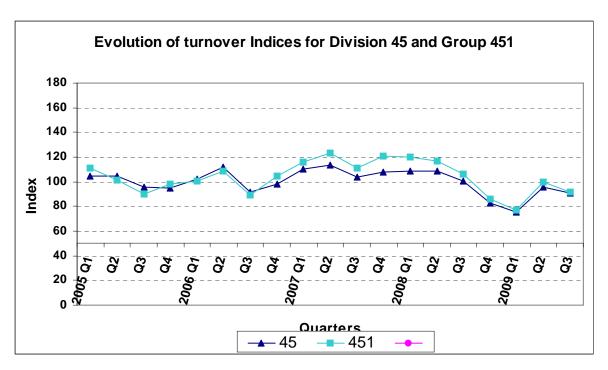
Table 1
Evolution of Turnover Indices for Motor Trades
(NACE-Rev.2 Division 45,Group 451)
(2005=100,0)

Year- Quarter	Motor Trades (Division 45)			Sale of Motor Vehicles (Group 451)		
	Index	Year on year growth rates (%)	Quarter on quarter growth rates (%)	Index	Year on year growth rates (%)	Quarter on quarter growth rates (%)
2005 Q ₁	104.8			110.8		
Q_2	104.3		-0.5	101.2		-8.7
Q_3	95.9		-8.1	90.1		-10.9
Q_4	95.0	: : :	-0.9	97.9	: : :	8.7
Average	100.0	: : : :	<u> </u>	100.0		
2006 Q₁	102.3	-2.3	7.7	100.5	-9.3	2.6
Q_2	111.8	7.2	9.2	108.9	7.7	8.4
Q_3	91.6	-4.4	-18.0	88.8	-1.4	-18.4
Q_4	98.3	3.4	7.2	104.3	6.5	17.4
Average	101.0	1.0	<u> </u>	100.7	0.7	
2007 Q ₁	110.5	7.9	12.4	115.7	15.1	10.9
Q_2	113.2	1.3	2.5	122.9	12.8	6.3
Q_3	103.8	13.3	-8.3	110.8	24.7	-9.8
Q_4	108.0	10.0	4.1	121.2	16.1	9.4
Average	108.9	7.8	: :	117.6	16.9	
2008 Q₁	108.4	-1.9	0.3	120.0	3.8	-0.9
Q_2	108.9	-3.7	0.5	116.8	-4.9	-2.7
Q_3	100.9	-2.8	-7.4	106.2	-4.2	-9.1
Q_4	82.6	-23.5	-18.1	85.6	-29.4	-19.4
Average	100.2	-7.9		107.2	-8.9	
2009 Q₁	75.2	-30.7	-9.1	77.4	-35.5	-9.5
Q_2	95.8	-12.1	27.4	99.9	-14.5	29.1
*Q ₃	90.9	-9.9	-5.1	92.0	-13.4	-8.0

^{*}Provisional data

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