

HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE
NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE OF GREECE

Piraeus, 28 April 2006



PRESS RELEASE

Producer Price Index in Industry^{1,2}

March 2006

The Producer Price Index (PPI) in March 2006 as compared to March 2005 recorded a rise of 7,8%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the PPI was 4,7%.

The PPI in March 2006 as compared to February 2006 increased by 0,6%. A year earlier, the PPI was increased by 1,6%.

In the twelve-month period April 2005 – March 2006, the annual average rate of change of the PPI was 6,4%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the PPI was 4,5%.

¹The Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry is released from January 2005 as first reference month revised and re-based in 2000=100,0. The PPI replaces the previous compiled till December 2004 Wholesale Price Index, which is therefore removed from compilation. This decision was taken considering consultations with users and also the international practices.

² The revision of the Producer Price Index in Industry with base year 2000=100,0 is based upon the results of the annual PRODCOM survey of the year 2000, the annual Mining-Quarrying survey of the year 2000 and the annual External Trade survey of the year 2000. It has to be underlined that this revision is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) no 1165/98 and in the framework of the amendment Regulation 1158/05. The Regulation 1165/98 requires a breakdown into “domestic” and “non-domestic” for the PPI while the amendment Regulation requires a further distinction of the “non-domestic” index in Eurozone and non-Eurozone. The construction of the non-Domestic Index is done on the basis of collection of prices for products that are traded towards the non-domestic market and are distinguished according to the country of destination towards Eurozone and non-Eurozone markets.

The National Statistical Service of Greece availability of data of PPI with the distinction of non-domestic Index in Eurozone and non-Eurozone starts from January 2004 onwards.

Monthly rates³

Prices in total industry in March 2006, as compared to the previous month February 2006, increased by 0,6% due to the monthly changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices grew by 0,5%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices decreased by 0,1%.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices grew by 0,3%.
- ❑ Non-Durable goods prices grew by 0,1%.
- ❑ Prices in Energy grew by 1,4%.

Annual rates⁴

Prices in total industry in March 2006, as compared to March 2005, rose by 7,8% due to the annual changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices grew by 4,7%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices grew by 1,0%.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices grew by 3,0%.
- ❑ Non-Durable goods prices grew by 6,8%.
- ❑ Prices in Energy grew by 14,2%.

More information on the rates of change of the PPI, as it concerns the distinction in Domestic and Non-Domestic market, are presented in the annexed tables (1,2,3,4,5)

For further information on data:

George Zioupos

Tel: 0030 210 4852126

Fax: 0030 210 4852714

e-mail : evivlahokosta@statistics.gr

³ The monthly rate compares the price levels in industry between the two latest months.

⁴ The annual rate measures the price change in industry between the current month and the same month of the previous year.

TABLE 1

Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry for the Overall Market
I. Monthly changes of the Overall Market(Domestic and Non-Domestic)
and by Main Industrial Groupings (MIGs)
(2000=100,0)

Codes	Overall Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
0020	Overall Market	122,9	122,2	0,6	114,1	112,3	1,6
0040	Intermediate Goods	116,7	116,1	0,5	111,4	110,9	0,5
0050	Capital Goods	109,1	109,2	-0,1	108,0	108,0	0,1
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	112,7	112,3	0,3	109,4	109,2	0,2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	124,0	123,8	0,1	116,1	115,9	0,2
0090	Energy	132,2	130,3	1,4	115,7	109,6	5,6

II. Annual changes of the Overall Market(Domestic and Non-Domestic)
and by Main Industrial Groupings (MIGs)
(2000=100,0)

Codes	Overall Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
0020	Overall Market	122,9	114,1	7,8	114,1	109,0	4,7
0040	Intermediate Goods	116,7	111,4	4,7	111,4	107,5	3,7
0050	Capital Goods	109,1	108,0	1,0	108,0	105,4	2,5
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	112,7	109,4	3,0	109,4	106,2	3,1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	124,0	116,1	6,8	116,1	116,3	-0,2
0090	Energy	132,2	115,7	14,2	115,7	101,0	14,6

Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

TABLE 2

Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry for the Domestic Market

**I. Monthly changes of the Domestic Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)
(2000=100,0)**

Codes	Domestic Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
0020	Domestic Market	126,1	125,4	0,5	116,4	114,5	1,7
0040	Intermediate Goods	122,1	121,5	0,5	116,4	115,7	0,6
0050	Capital Goods	112,4	112,7	-0,3	111,6	111,1	0,4
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	115,7	115,1	0,4	111,1	110,9	0,2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	129,5	129,2	0,2	119,1	118,6	0,4
0090	Energy	128,2	126,8	1,1	114,2	109,1	4,6

**II. Annual changes of the Domestic Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)
(2000=100,0)**

Codes	Domestic Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
0020	Domestic Market	126,1	116,4	8,3	116,4	110,6	5,3
0040	Intermediate Goods	122,1	116,4	4,9	116,4	111,2	4,7
0050	Capital Goods	112,4	111,6	0,8	111,6	107,5	3,8
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	115,7	111,1	4,1	111,1	107,3	3,6
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	129,5	119,1	8,7	119,1	118,3	0,8
0090	Energy	128,2	114,2	12,3	114,2	101,4	12,6

Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

TABLE 3

Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry for the Non-Domestic Market

I. Monthly changes of the Non-Domestic Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	115,4	114,6	0,7	108,5	106,9	1,5
0040	Intermediate Goods	106,8	106,3	0,5	102,3	102,0	0,3
0050	Capital Goods	104,7	104,6	0,1	103,4	103,8	-0,4
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	107,9	107,9	0,0	106,6	106,6	0,0
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,0	112,0	0,0	109,5	110,0	-0,4
0090	Energy	151,0	146,8	2,8	123,0	111,8	10,0

II. Annual changes of the Non-Domestic Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	115,4	108,5	6,4	108,5	105,2	3,1
0040	Intermediate Goods	106,8	102,3	4,4	102,3	100,7	1,6
0050	Capital Goods	104,7	103,4	1,3	103,4	102,5	0,8
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	107,9	106,6	1,2	106,6	104,4	2,1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,0	109,5	2,3	109,5	112,1	-2,3
0090	Energy	151,0	123,0	22,7	123,0	99,2	24,1

Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

TABLE 4

Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry for the Non-Domestic Eurozone Market

I. Monthly changes of the Non-Domestic Eurozone Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Eurozone Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	112,2	111,8	0,3	107,6	107,1	0,4
0040	Intermediate Goods	107,3	106,7	0,6	102,7	102,4	0,3
0050	Capital Goods	98,3	98,3	0,0	99,0	99,0	0,0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	107,2	107,2	0,0	105,5	105,5	0,0
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,3	112,3	0,0	109,3	109,6	-0,3
0090	Energy	162,0	158,4	2,3	133,9	122,6	9,2

II. Annual changes of the Non-Domestic Eurozone Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Eurozone Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	112,2	107,6	4,3	107,6	107,5	0,1
0040	Intermediate Goods	107,3	102,7	4,5	102,7	101,2	1,4
0050	Capital Goods	98,3	99,0	-0,7	99,0	99,7	-0,7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	107,2	105,5	1,6	105,5	104,2	1,3
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,3	109,3	2,7	109,3	112,2	-2,6
0090	Energy	162,0	133,9	21,0	133,9	111,1	20,5

Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

TABLE 5

Producer Price Index (PPI) in Industry for the Non-Domestic Non-Eurozone Market

I. Monthly changes of the Non-Domestic Non-Eurozone Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Non-Eurozone Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	118,4	117,1	1,1	109,3	106,7	2,5
0040	Intermediate Goods	106,3	105,8	0,5	101,9	101,6	0,3
0050	Capital Goods	106,1	106,0	0,1	104,3	104,9	-0,5
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	108,8	108,8	0,0	108,2	108,2	0,1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	111,5	111,4	0,1	109,8	110,5	-0,6
0090	Energy	149,1	144,8	2,9	121,2	110,0	10,1

II. Annual changes of the Non-Domestic Non-Eurozone Market and by Main Industrial Groupings(MIGs)

(2000=100,0)

Codes	Non-Domestic Non-Eurozone Market - MIGs	Producer Price Indices (PPIs)					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
0020	Non-Domestic Market	118,4	109,3	8,3	109,3	103,1	6,0
0040	Intermediate Goods	106,3	101,9	4,3	101,9	100,1	1,9
0050	Capital Goods	106,1	104,3	1,7	104,3	103,1	1,2
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	108,8	108,2	0,5	108,2	104,7	3,4
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	111,5	109,8	1,6	109,8	111,9	-1,8
0090	Energy	149,1	121,2	23,1	121,2	97,1	24,8

Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published