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MATERIAL COSTS INDEX IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS: March 2018, y-o-y increase 0.9%

The Overall Material Costs Index in Construction (CSTM) of New Residential Buildings with base year 2010=100.0 in March 2018 recorded an increase of 0.9% in comparison with March 2017. The corresponding index in March 2017 had recorded an increase of 0.4% compared with March 2016 (Table 1).

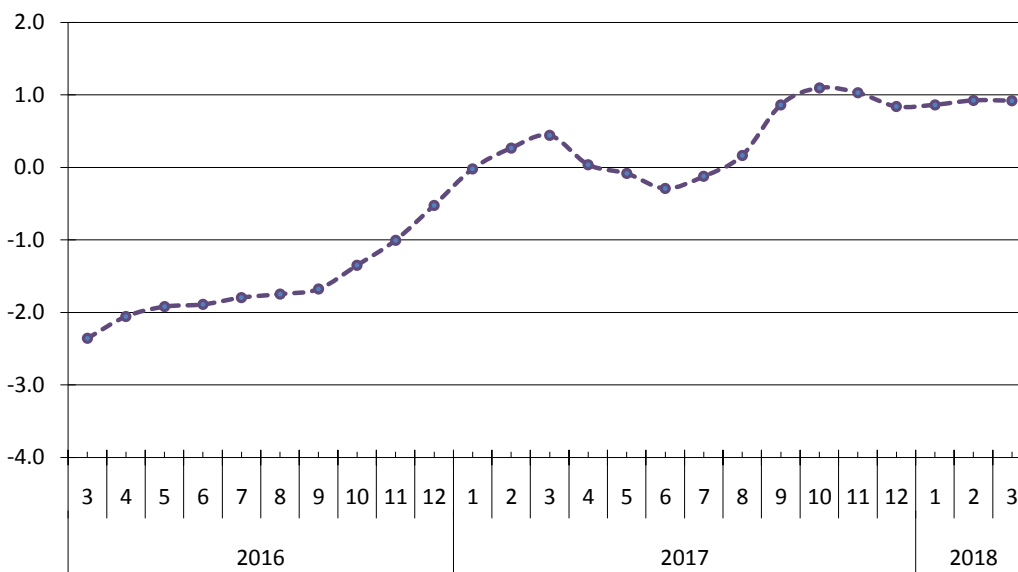
The Overall Index in March 2018, compared with the corresponding index in February 2018, remained unchanged. The index had also remained unchanged between March 2017 and February 2017 (Table 2).

The average Index for the twelve-month period from April 2017 to March 2018, compared with the corresponding index for the twelve-month period from April 2016 to March 2017, increased by 0.5%. The comparison of the twelve-month average Material Costs Index in the corresponding previous twelve-month periods recorded a decrease of 1.1% (Table 3).

The time series of CSTM are available on the website of ELSTAT, at:

<http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT60/>

Evolution of annual rates of change (%) of the Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings (2010=100.0)



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1. Annual rates of change: March 2018 compared with March 2017

The 0.9% increase of the Overall Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings in March 2018, compared with the corresponding index in March 2017 (Table 1), is on account of the changes in the individual cost indices mainly of the following material groups:

Code	Material groups	Rates of change %
146120703	Steel pipes	6.2
146120601	Steel reinforcing rods	5.1
146121501	Diesel fuel	4.5
146120702	Cooper pipes	3.2
146121304	Expanded polystyrene, polyurethane	2.1
146121002	Safety glass	1.8
146121001	Plain glass	1.6
146120708	Central heating radiators	1.3
146120903	Cupreous pipes	1.3
146120502	Parquet flooring	0.9
146121101	Emulsion paints	0.9
146120105	Ready-mixed concrete	0.9
146121005	Energy glass	0.8
146120106	Reinforcements of mortars and ready mixed concrete	0.5
146121502	Electric energy	-2.1
146120303	Ground marble	-1.4
146120606	Aluminum door and window frames	-1.3
146120202	Quarry sand	-1.2
146120902	Plastic tubes	-1.0
146120102	Lime	-0.7
146120101	Cement	-0.5

2. Monthly rates of change: March 2018 compared with February 2018

The Overall Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings in March 2018 recorded no change in comparison with the corresponding index in February 2018 (Table 2). The main changes observed in the individual cost indices of the material groups are as follows:

Code	Material groups	Rates of change %
146120708	Central heating radiators	0.9
146120601	Steel reinforcing rods	0.2
146121201	Floor and wall tiles generally	0.2
146120702	Cooper pipes	-1.5
146120606	Aluminum door and window frames	-0.8

Table 1: Annual rates of change of the Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings

Base year: 2010=100.0

Code	Material groups	Weighting coefficient	March			Rates of change (%)	
			2018	2017	2016	2018/2017	2017/2016
14612	Overall Index	100.00	96.4	95.5	95.1	0.9	0.4
1461201	Cement, mortars and ready mixed concrete	16.81	92.6	92.1	92.5	0.5	-0.4
1461202	Natural stone	1.77	94.9	95.9	95.8	-1.1	0.1
1461203	Marble products, granites	3.96	97.2	97.5	97.7	-0.2	-0.2
1461204	Artificial stone	4.67	106.9	106.7	105.8	0.2	0.9
1461205	Timber and builders' carpentry	15.39	88.3	88.2	89.3	0.1	-1.2
1461206	Basic metals	24.78	97.1	94.9	93.8	2.3	1.3
1461207	Plumbing, heating and drainage equipment and supplies	9.29	104.9	103.6	100.9	1.3	2.6
1461208	Door and window fittings	2.03	95.2	95.4	95.3	-0.1	0.1
1461209	Electrical equipment	4.74	97.6	97.0	96.4	0.5	0.7
1461210	Glass products	3.25	97.8	96.3	96.5	1.5	-0.1
1461211	Paints and varnishes	2.75	101.1	100.3	100.9	0.8	-0.6
1461212	Floor and wall tiles and sanitary ware	4.70	96.6	96.4	97.8	0.3	-1.5
1461213	Insulating materials	1.33	100.4	99.4	99.3	1.0	0.1
1461214	Elevators	2.91	87.5	87.5	87.8	0.0	-0.4
1461215	Fuel for machinery (diesel), electricity, water	1.62	118.6	117.6	109.4	0.8	7.5

Note: The indices and the percentage changes are published rounded up to one decimal figure.

Table 2: Monthly rates of change of the Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings

Base year: 2010=100.0

Code	Material groups	Weighting coefficient	March 2018	February 2018	Rates of change (%)	March 2017	February 2017	Rates of change (%)
14612	Overall Index	100.00	96.4	96.4	0.0	95.5	95.5	0.0
1461201	Cement, mortars and ready mixed concrete	16.81	92.6	92.6	0.0	92.1	92.1	0.0
1461202	Natural stone	1.77	94.9	94.9	0.0	95.9	95.9	0.0
1461203	Marble products, granites	3.96	97.2	97.2	0.0	97.5	97.5	-0.1
1461204	Artificial stone	4.67	106.9	106.9	0.0	106.7	106.8	-0.1
1461205	Timber and builders' carpentry	15.39	88.3	88.3	0.0	88.2	88.4	-0.2
1461206	Basic metals	24.78	97.1	97.3	-0.2	94.9	95.0	-0.1
1461207	Plumbing, heating and drainage equipment and supplies	9.29	104.9	105.2	-0.2	103.6	103.5	0.0
1461208	Door and window fittings	2.03	95.2	95.2	0.0	95.4	95.4	0.0
1461209	Electrical equipment	4.74	97.6	97.5	0.0	97.0	96.6	0.5
1461210	Glass products	3.25	97.8	97.6	0.2	96.3	96.3	0.0
1461211	Paints and varnishes	2.75	101.1	101.1	0.0	100.3	100.3	0.0
1461212	Floor and wall tiles and sanitary ware	4.70	96.6	96.4	0.2	96.4	96.4	0.0
1461213	Insulating materials	1.33	100.4	100.4	0.0	99.4	99.4	0.0
1461214	Elevators	2.91	87.5	87.5	0.0	87.5	87.5	0.0
1461215	Fuel for machinery (diesel), electricity, water	1.62	118.6	118.6	0.0	117.6	118.5	-0.7

Note: The indices and the percentage changes are published rounded up to one decimal figure.

Table 3: Evolution of the Material Cost Price Indices

Base year: 2010=100.0

Year and month	Overall Index	Monthly rates of change (%)	Annual rates of change (%)	12-month average index (moving average)	12-month moving average rates of change (%)
2016:					
1	95.4	-0.3	-2.3	96.6	-2.0
2	95.3	-0.2	-2.3	96.4	-2.0
3	95.1	-0.2	-2.4	96.2	-2.1
4	95.2	0.2	-2.1	96.1	-2.1
5	95.3	0.1	-1.9	95.9	-2.1
6	95.2	-0.1	-1.9	95.8	-2.1
7	95.1	-0.1	-1.8	95.6	-2.1
8	94.9	-0.2	-1.7	95.5	-2.1
9	94.8	-0.1	-1.7	95.3	-2.1
10	94.7	-0.1	-1.3	95.2	-2.0
11	94.9	0.2	-1.0	95.2	-1.9
12	95.2	0.3	-0.5	95.1	-1.7
Annual average	95.1			95.1	-1.7
2017:					
1	95.4	0.2	0.0	95.1	-1.6
2	95.5	0.1	0.3	95.1	-1.3
3	95.5	0.0	0.4	95.2	-1.1
4	95.3	-0.2	0.0	95.2	-0.9
5	95.2	0.0	-0.1	95.2	-0.8
6	94.9	-0.3	-0.3	95.1	-0.7
7	95.0	0.1	-0.1	95.1	-0.5
8	95.1	0.1	0.2	95.1	-0.3
9	95.7	0.6	0.9	95.2	-0.1
10	95.8	0.1	1.1	95.3	0.1
11	95.9	0.1	1.0	95.4	0.2
12	96.0	0.1	0.8	95.4	0.4
Annual average	95.4			95.4	0.4
2018:					
1	96.2	0.3	0.9	95.5	0.4
2	96.4	0.2	0.9	95.6	0.5
3	96.4	0.0	0.9	95.7	0.5
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Note: The indices and the percentage changes are published rounded up to one decimal figure.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Generally	The compilation of the Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings started in 1971. The index is released in its current form since February 2013 with base year 2010=100.0 and the time series were revised accordingly.
Purpose of the index – definitions	<p>The purpose of the index is to measure the monthly rates of change in the prices of building materials paid by the constructors and are consumed in the construction of new residential buildings.</p> <p>The Material Cost Index is a monthly index and is a sub-index of the overall cost index in the construction of new residential buildings.</p> <p>The index is compiled on the basis of the collected prices which are the prices of the materials are those which are actually paid by the construction enterprises for materials supplied at the site and do not include VAT and other taxes.</p>
Legal basis	The compilation of the Material Cost Index is governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics and by Regulation No 1158/05 (amending the above mentioned Regulation) of the European Parliament and of the Council.
Reference period	Month.
Base year	2010=100.0.
Revision	The Material Cost Index is a fixed base index. After the last revision, the index is calculated with base year 2010=100.0. Pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the index in question is revised every five (5) years, in years ending in 0 or 5.
Statistical classification	The national classification is followed, which includes 91 categories of materials, aggregated in 15 groups.
Geographical coverage	The geographical coverage of the index includes the country as a whole, but prices are collected only in the biggest cities of the country (Greater Athens, Thessaloniki, Patra, Herakleion, Larisa and Volos).
Coverage of economic activities	The Material Cost Index in the Construction of New Residential Buildings is an input index that refers to the purchase prices of materials paid by the constructors of new residential buildings.
Statistical survey	A total number of 1515 observations (prices) collected from 280 commercial or industrial enterprises supplying building materials are used for the compilation of the index. For electricity, prices are collected from the Public Power Corporation, while as regards water; data are provided by water supply corporations.
Publication of data	The index with the new base year 2010=100.0 is released since March 2013, with February 2013 as the first reference month. Times series data with base year 2010=100.0 are available from January 2000 onwards.
References	More information on the methodology concerning the compilation and calculation of the index and for the time series is available on the website of ELSTAT: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT60/