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Import Price Index in Industry¹

August 2007

The Import Price Index (MPI) in August 2007 as compared to August 2006 recorded a rise of 2,6%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the MPI was 2,3%.

The MPI in August 2007 as compared to July 2007 recorded a fall of 0,4%. A year earlier, the MPI decreased by 0,4%.

In the twelve-month period September 2006 – August 2007 the annual average rate of change of the MPI was 1,0%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the MPI was 7,0%.

¹The Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry is a new price index released from October 2005, as first reference month, based in 2000=100,0. The MPI index is split up to partial indices of Eurozone and non-Eurozone, according to the country of consignment of the imported goods, forming two groups of Eurozone and non-Eurozone markets. The compilation and publication of the new index is based on the framework of requirements of the amendment Regulation (EC) No 1158/05 of the European Parliament and Council, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

The data series of the MPI starts from 1995, while the distinguished series of Eurozone and non-Eurozone, complying to the above Regulation, starts from January 2004 onwards.

Monthly rates²

Import Prices in total industry in August 2007, as compared to the previous month July 2007, decreased by 0,4% due to the monthly changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices fell by 0,1%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices remained unchanged.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices fell by 0,1%.
- ❑ Non-Durable consumer goods prices remained unchanged.
- ❑ Prices in Energy fell by 1,7%.

Annual rates³

Import Prices in total industry in August 2007, as compared to August 2006, increased by 2,6% due to the annual changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices grew by 5,8%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices grew by 1,4%.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices grew by 0,1%.
- ❑ Non-Durable consumer goods prices grew by 1,9%.
- ❑ Prices in Energy grew by 1,4%.

More information on the rates of change of the MPI, as it concerns the distinction coming from Eurozone and non Eurozone market, are presented in the annexed tables (1,2,3)

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² The monthly rate compares the price levels in industry between the two latest months.

³ The annual rate measures the price change in industry between the current month and the same month of the previous year.

TABLE 1

**Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry of the Overall Market
I. Monthly changes of the Overall Market (Eurozone and Non-Eurozone)
and by Main Industrial Groupings (MIGs)
(2000=100,0)**

Codes	Overall Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		2007		Change %	2006		Change %
		August	July		August	July	
0020	Overall Market	126,0	126,6	-0,4	122,8	123,3	-0,4
0040	Intermediate Goods	123,3	123,4	-0,1	116,5	115,5	0,8
0050	Capital Goods	106,2	106,2	0,0	104,7	104,7	0,0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	99,8	99,9	-0,1	99,7	99,9	-0,2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	113,7	113,7	0,0	111,6	111,7	-0,1
0090	Energy	207,5	211,2	-1,7	204,6	210,0	-2,6

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

Codes	Overall Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		August		Change %	August		Change %
		2007	2006		2006	2005	
0020	Overall Market	126,0	122,8	2,6	122,8	120,1	2,3
0040	Intermediate Goods	123,3	116,5	5,8	116,5	108,5	7,3
0050	Capital Goods	106,2	104,7	1,4	104,7	103,9	0,7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	99,8	99,7	0,1	99,7	99,2	0,5
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	113,7	111,6	1,9	111,6	109,4	2,1
0090	Energy	207,5	204,6	1,4	204,6	206,9	-1,1

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 2

Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry from the Eurozone Market

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

Codes	Eurozone Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		2007		Change %	2006		Change %
		August	July		August	July	
0020	Eurozone Market	113,6	113,6	0,0	110,3	109,9	0,3
0040	Intermediate Goods	123,9	124,0	-0,1	116,8	115,3	1,2
0050	Capital Goods	105,5	105,5	0,0	104,0	104,0	0,0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	100,6	100,7	-0,2	100,4	100,6	-0,2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	114,2	114,1	0,1	112,0	112,0	0,0
0090	Energy	136,8	141,2	-3,1	139,2	145,2	-4,1

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

Codes	Eurozone Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		August		Change %	August		Change %
		2007	2006		2006	2005	
0020	Eurozone Market	113,6	110,3	3,0	110,3	106,7	3,4
0040	Intermediate Goods	123,9	116,8	6,1	116,8	108,6	7,5
0050	Capital Goods	105,5	104,0	1,5	104,0	103,3	0,7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	100,6	100,4	0,2	100,4	99,8	0,5
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	114,2	112,0	2,0	112,0	109,4	2,4
0090	Energy	136,8	139,2	-1,7	139,2	128,8	8,1

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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

Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry from the Non-Eurozone Market

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

Codes	Non-Eurozone Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		2007		Change %	2006		Change %
		August	July		August	July	
0020	Non-Eurozone Market	148,8	150,1	-0,9	145,6	147,6	-1,4
0040	Intermediate Goods	121,7	121,9	-0,1	115,8	115,8	-0,1
0050	Capital Goods	108,1	108,1	0,0	106,8	106,8	0,0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	97,7	97,7	0,0	97,9	98,0	-0,1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,1	112,3	-0,2	110,4	110,9	-0,4
0090	Energy	211,9	215,6	-1,7	208,7	214,1	-2,5

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

Codes	Non-Eurozone Market - MIGs	Import Price Indices (MPIs)					
		August		Change %	August		Change %
		2007	2006		2006	2005	
0020	Non-Eurozone Market	148,8	145,6	2,2	145,6	144,5	0,8
0040	Intermediate Goods	121,7	115,8	5,2	115,8	108,4	6,8
0050	Capital Goods	108,1	106,8	1,2	106,8	105,8	1,0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	97,7	97,9	-0,2	97,9	97,4	0,5
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	112,1	110,4	1,6	110,4	109,2	1,1
0090	Energy	211,9	208,7	1,5	208,7	211,8	-1,5

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