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PRESS RELEASE

**Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1,2}
May 2005**

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in May 2005 as compared to May 2004, recorded a rise of 7,6 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in May 2005 as compared to May 2004 increased by 3,8 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector increased by 11,0 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 7,6 % at current prices in May 2005 as compared to May 2004, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 3,0 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 5,0%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover increase of 7,9%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 4,1%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 7,7%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover increase of 18,0%
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover increase of 13,7%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of -10,0%

¹ The turnover index in retail trade is released from January 2005 as first reference month revised and re-based in 2000=100,0. The revision of the index was considered necessary given that during the time period intervening between this and the previous revision new trade centers were created and significant changes in the structure of trade occurred.

The revision of the turnover index in retail trade, with base year 2000=100,0, is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) no 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

² All figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days.

Retail Trade Volume Index

The volume of retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) increased by 5,3 % in May 2005, as compared to May 2004.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in May 2005 as compared to May 2004, increased by 4,5 % while the non-food sector retail trade increased by 5,9%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 5,3 % at constant prices in May 2005 as compared to May 2004, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales increase of 2,8%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 1,6%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales increase of 8,6%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales decrease of -1,2%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales increase of 4,1%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales increase of 12,9%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales increase of 6,5%

TABLE 1

Annual rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade

2000=100,0

Retail Trade Business	Turnover Index			Volume Index		
	Index May 2005*	Index May 2004	Annual rate (%)	Index May 2005*	Index May 2004	Annual rate (%)
Overall Index	140,7	130,8	7,6	118,7	112,7	5,3
I. Main sectors						
Food sector	146,3	141,0	3,8	120,1	115,0	4,5
Non-food sector	133,3	120,1	11,0	115,2	108,8	5,9
II. Specialized store categories						
Supermarkets	150,2	145,8	3,0	125,2	121,8	2,8
Department stores	138,2	131,6	5,0	122,8	120,9	1,6
Food-beverages-tobacco	135,6	125,7	7,9	111,4	102,5	8,6
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	139,1	133,6	4,1	127,4	128,9	-1,2
Clothing and footwear	124,5	115,6	7,7	103,2	99,2	4,1
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	131,8	111,7	18,0	123,7	109,6	12,9
Books, stationery, other goods	157,6	138,6	13,7	135,2	127,0	6,5
Retail sale not in stores	106,6	118,4	-10,0	:	:	:

* *Provisional data*: *Not available data*

TABLE 2
Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade at current prices

2000=100,0

Year-month	Turnover Index					
	Overall Index		Food sector		Non-food sector	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2004II	130,0	9,9	137,0	9,7	122,4	9,9
III	125,7	8,5	139,3	10,2	112,1	6,7
IV	141,8	7,7	153,6	9,8	129,5	5,5
V	130,8	5,4	141,0	6,2	120,1	4,4
VI	130,3	5,8	139,2	7,1	120,7	4,2
VII	128,9	7,6	134,5	11,4	122,3	4,1
VIII	118,7	4,1	129,3	2,8	107,7	5,5
IX	131,0	5,3	136,6	6,0	124,6	4,7
X	138,1	7,5	146,6	9,2	129,0	5,8
XI	138,3	3,8	145,5	5,3	130,3	2,5
XII	174,5	3,7	184,9	5,2	163,3	2,4
2005 I	134,3	2,0	150,1	6,2	119,6	-1,7
II	139,1	7,0	144,5	5,5	131,8	7,7
III	136,0	8,2	151,1	8,5	121,7	8,6
IV	149,9	5,7	157,0	2,2	141,1	9,0
*V	140,7	7,6	146,3	3,8	133,3	11,0

* Provisional data

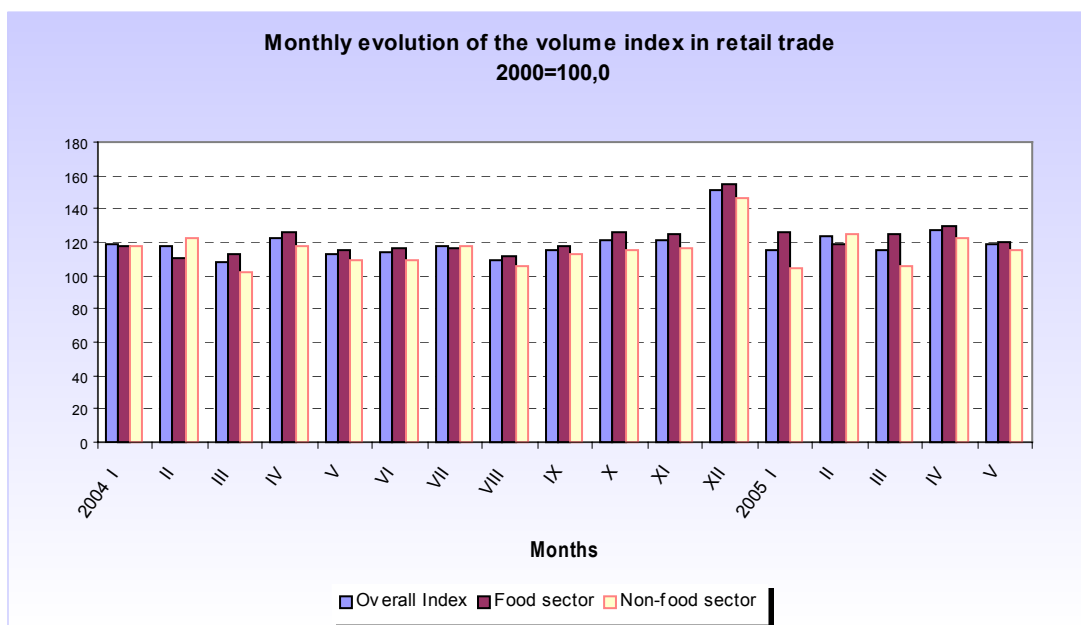
TABLE 3
Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms
2000=100,0

Year-month	Volume Index					
	Overall Index		Food sector		Non-food sector	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2004II	117,7	6,5	111,0	4,8	123,0	8,0
III	108,2	5,5	112,4	6,5	102,4	4,2
IV	122,7	5,8	125,5	8,6	118,1	2,9
V	112,7	4,3	115,0	6,6	108,8	1,8
VI	113,4	5,0	115,9	8,2	109,3	1,7
VII	117,7	6,4	116,6	13,6	117,1	-0,1
VIII	109,4	3,3	111,4	3,4	105,5	3,3
IX	115,8	4,3	117,6	7,6	112,7	1,4
X	121,2	6,2	125,7	9,8	115,5	3,0
XI	121,0	2,7	124,4	6,0	116,4	-0,2
XII	151,0	2,0	154,5	4,1	145,8	0,0
2005 I	115,0	-2,8	125,4	6,7	104,6	-10,8
II	123,2	4,7	119,2	7,4	124,4	1,2
III	115,2	6,7	124,4	10,7	106,2	3,7
IV	127,1	3,6	129,2	3,0	122,9	4,1
*V	118,7	5,3	120,1	4,5	115,2	5,9

* Provisional data

DIAGRAMS

Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between May 2005 and May 2004.



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