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PRESS RELEASE

**Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1, 2}
March 2006**

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in March 2006 as compared to March 2005, recorded a rise of 7,7 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in March 2006 as compared to March 2005 increased by 9,5 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector increased by 7,0 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 7,7 % at current prices in March 2006 as compared to March 2005, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 11,7 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 15,2%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover decrease of -1,3%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover decrease of -1,0%
- The clothing and footwear turnover decrease of -3,8%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover increase of 15,2 %
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover increase of 17,1%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of -6,8%

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 5,9 % in March 2006, as compared to March 2005.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in March 2006 as compared to March 2005, increased by 8,1 % while the non-food sector retail trade increased by 5,0%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 5,9 % at constant prices in March 2006 as compared to March 2005, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales increase of 10,1%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 13,4%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales decrease of -2,6%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales decrease of -2,6%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales decrease of -5,8%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales increase of 13,9%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales increase of 13,8%

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 March 2006*	Index March 2005	Annual rate (%)	Index March 2006*	Index March 2005	Annual rate (%)
Overall Index	146,5	136,0	7,7	122,4	115,5	5,9
I. Main sectors						
Food sector	165,4	151,1	9,5	134,4	124,4	8,1
Non-food sector	130,2	121,7	7,0	111,5	106,2	5,0
II. Specialized store categories						
Supermarkets	175,7	157,3	11,7	144,8	131,5	10,1
Department stores	143,3	124,4	15,2	125,9	111,0	13,4
Food-beverages-tobacco	128,7	130,4	-1,3	104,6	107,3	-2,6
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	147,6	149,2	-1,0	134,3	137,9	-2,6
Clothing and footwear	100,2	104,1	-3,8	82,5	87,5	-5,8
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	139,1	120,8	15,2	129,8	113,9	13,9
Books, stationery, other goods	143,4	122,5	17,1	120,1	105,5	13,8
Retail sale not in stores	103,4	111,0	-6,8	:	:	:

* *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 (%)
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	140,0	7,0	147,3	4,5	131,4	9,4
VI	138,4	6,3	144,8	4,0	130,5	8,1
VII	139,2	8,0	147,9	10,0	129,6	6,0
VIII	127,2	7,2	143,2	10,8	112,8	4,8
IX	138,2	5,5	144,1	5,5	130,9	5,0
X	146,6	6,1	154,6	5,5	137,7	6,8
XI	145,4	5,2	154,2	5,9	136,1	4,5
XII	181,8	4,2	191,2	3,4	171,2	4,8
2006 I	135,7	1,0	158,0	5,3	117,6	-1,6
II	149,3	7,3	167,7	16,0	133,4	1,2
*III	146,5	7,7	165,4	9,5	130,2	7,0

* Provisional data

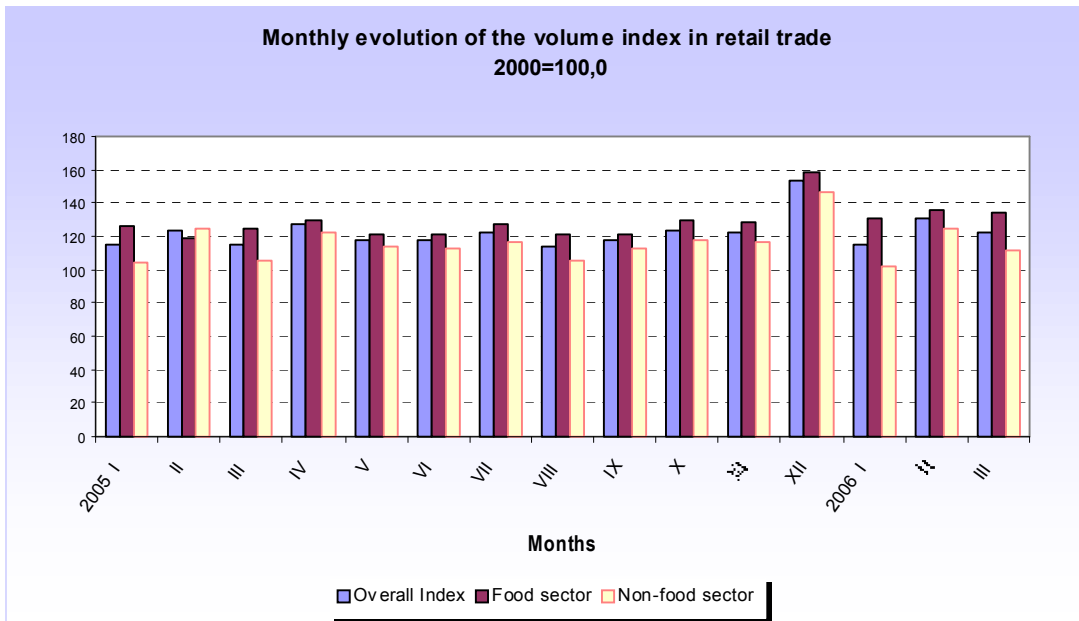
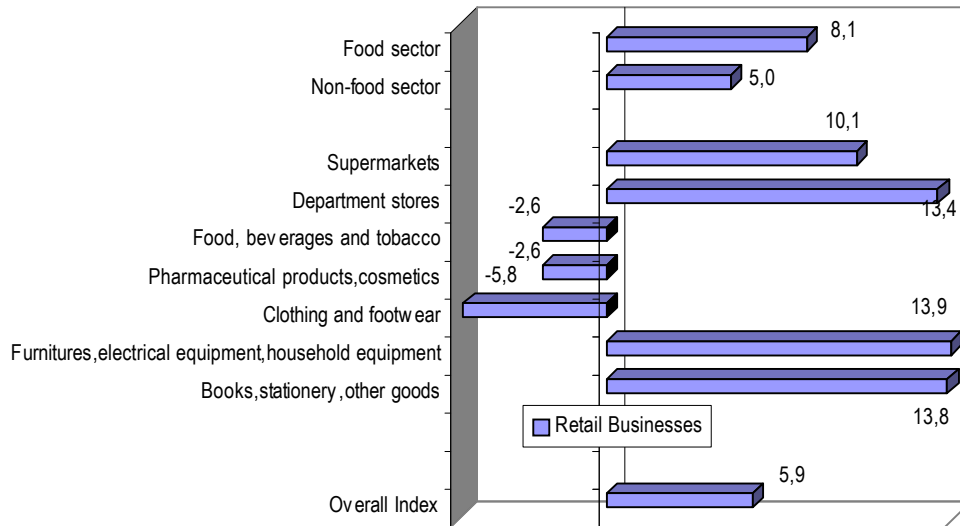
TABLE 3
Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms
2000=100,0

Year-month	Volume Index					
	Overall Index		Food sector		Non-food sector	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
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	118,2	4,8	120,9	5,2	113,6	4,4
VI	117,9	4,0	121,3	4,7	112,8	3,2
VII	122,5	4,1	127,4	9,3	116,2	-0,8
VIII	113,6	3,9	121,8	9,3	105,3	-0,2
IX	118,2	2,1	121,8	3,6	113,2	0,4
X	124,1	2,4	129,4	3,0	117,8	2,0
XI	122,9	1,6	128,8	3,5	116,3	-0,1
XII	153,3	1,5	158,9	2,9	146,1	0,2
2006 I	115,3	0,2	130,4	4,0	102,5	-2,0
II	130,5	5,9	136,2	14,3	124,7	0,2
*III	122,4	5,9	134,4	8,1	111,5	5,0

• Provisional data

DIAGRAMS

Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between March 2006 and March 2005.



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