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Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings^{1,2}

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The Material Costs Index in August 2008 as compared to August 2007, recorded a rise of 9,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 5,9%.

The Material Costs Index in August 2008 as compared to July 2008, recorded a fall of 0,5%. A year earlier, the index remained unchanged.

In the twelve-month period September 2007 – August 2008 the annual average rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 6,4%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the index was 6,7%.

¹ The Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings is a monthly index and constitutes a component index of the Overall Construction Cost Index of New Residential Buildings. The Material Costs Index expresses the price change of building materials used in the construction industry of new residential buildings. It was compiled and released for the first time, in 1975 based in 1971. Afterwards, that index was revised based in 1980, 1990 and lately in 2000.

² The Material Costs Index with the latest revision, complies to the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) 1165/98 “on short term statistics”, and of the Commission Regulation (EC) 588/2001 as regards “the definition of variables”.

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SUMMARY TABLE

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(2000=100,0)

I. Monthly changes

Code	Description	Material Costs Index					
		2008		Change %	2007		Change %
		August	July		August	July	
321	Overall Index	142,5	143,1	- 0,5	130,3	130,3	0,0

II. Annual changes

Code	Description	Material Costs Index					
		August		Change %	August		Change %
		2008	2007		2007	2006	
321	Overall Index	142,5	130,3	9,3	130,3	123,0	5,9

- 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