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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Revised Import Price Index in Industry<sup>1,2</sup> April 2009**

The National Statistical Service of Greece announces the revision of the Import Price Index (MPI) with base year 2005=100.0. The MPI in April 2009 as compared to April 2008 recorded a fall of 3.7%. A year earlier the MPI increased by 8.0%.

The MPI in April 2009 as compared to March 2009 recorded a rise of 1.0%. A year earlier, the MPI increased by 1.6%.

In the twelve-month period May 2008 – April 2009 the annual average rate of change of the MPI was 3.4%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the MPI was 5.5%.

<sup>1</sup> The Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry is released from March 2009 revised and re-based in 2005=100.0 with January 2009 as first reference month. The purpose of the MPI is to measure the monthly rates of change in the prices of goods that are imported in the economic territory from the euro-zone countries and the non-euro-zone countries. 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.

<sup>2</sup> The revision with base year 2005=100.0, is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics. According to this Regulation the index in question is updated every five years, in years ending in 0 or 5. At this revision has been applied (Council Regulation 1893/2006) the new Eurostat classification NACE Rev. 2 (at the level of categories of economic activity). In addition, at product level has been applied the new Eurostat classification CPA 2008 (Council Regulation 451/2008).

The National Statistical Service of Greece availability of data of MPI with base year 2005=100.0 starts from January 2000, whiles the distinguished series of Eurozone and non-Eurozone, complying with the above Regulation, starts from January 2004 onwards.

## Monthly rates<sup>1</sup>

Import Prices in total industry in April 2009, as compared to the previous month March 2009, increased by 1.0% due to the monthly changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices fell by 0.3%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices fell by 0.1%.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices grew by 0.2%.
- ❑ Non-Durable consumer goods prices fell by 0.1%.
- ❑ Prices in Energy grew by 5.9%.

## Annual rates<sup>2</sup>

Import Prices in total industry in April 2009, as compared to April 2008, decreased by 3.7% due to the annual changes of the Main Industrial Groupings prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate goods prices fell by 0.5%.
- ❑ Capital goods prices grew by 0.6%.
- ❑ Durable consumer goods prices grew by 0.8%.
- ❑ Non-Durable consumer goods prices grew by 2.0%.
- ❑ Prices in Energy fell by 16.0%.

*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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<sup>1</sup> The monthly rate compares the price levels in industry between the two latest months.

<sup>2</sup> 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***Base year 2005=100.0***I) Monthly changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April 2009	March 2009	Change (%)	April 2008	March 2008	Change (%)	April 2007	March 2007	Change (%)
0020	Overall Market	100000	109.7	108.7	1.0	114.0	112.2	1.6	105.5	104.3	1.2
0040	Intermediate Goods	27814	113.2	113.5	-0.3	113.7	113.1	0.5	111.2	110.5	0.6
0050	Capital Goods	22901	103.3	103.3	-0.1	102.6	102.7	0.0	101.6	101.4	0.1
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	5398	102.5	102.3	0.2	101.7	101.2	0.5	100.1	100.0	0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	25215	109.6	109.6	-0.1	107.4	107.3	0.1	103.6	103.5	0.1
0090	Energy	18672	115.0	108.6	5.9	136.8	129.2	5.9	106.2	101.7	4.5

**II) Annual changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April				Change (%)		
			2009	2008	2007	2006	2009/2008	2008/2007	2007/2006
0020	Overall Market	100000	109.7	114.0	105.5	105.0	-3.7	8.0	0.5
0040	Intermediate Goods	27814	113.2	113.7	111.2	103.4	-0.5	2.3	7.6
0050	Capital Goods	22901	103.3	102.6	101.6	100.8	0.6	1.1	0.7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	5398	102.5	101.7	100.1	100.3	0.8	1.6	-0.2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	25215	109.6	107.4	103.6	102.2	2.0	3.7	1.4
0090	Energy	18672	115.0	136.8	106.2	116.3	-16.0	28.8	-8.6

**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***Base year 2005=100.0***I) Monthly changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April 2009	March 2009	Change (%)	April 2008	March 2008	Change (%)	April 2007	March 2007	Change (%)
0020	Eurozone Market	53089	108.1	108.3	-0.1	108.3	108.0	0.3	105.9	105.6	0.3
0040	Intermediate Goods	16651	111.5	112.0	-0.5	113.3	112.9	0.4	112.3	111.8	0.5
0050	Capital Goods	15115	103.3	103.3	0.0	102.7	102.8	0.0	101.7	101.7	0.0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	3113	102.7	102.4	0.3	102.1	101.4	0.7	100.2	100.1	0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	17446	110.1	110.3	-0.2	108.2	108.1	0.1	104.1	103.8	0.2
0090	Energy	764	108.5	102.7	5.7	142.3	136.5	4.3	120.9	114.1	5.9

**II) Annual changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April				Change (%)		
			2009	2008	2007	2006	2009/2008	2008/2007	2007/2006
0020	Eurozone Market	53089	108.1	108.3	105.9	102.1	-0.2	2.2	3.8
0040	Intermediate Goods	16651	111.5	113.3	112.3	102.8	-1.6	0.9	9.3
0050	Capital Goods	15115	103.3	102.7	101.7	100.7	0.5	1.1	0.9
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	3113	102.7	102.1	100.2	100.2	0.6	1.9	-0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	17446	110.1	108.2	104.1	102.3	1.7	4.0	1.7
0090	Energy	764	108.5	142.3	120.9	120.3	-23.7	17.7	0.5

*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 3: Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry from the Non-Eurozone Market***Base year 2005=100.0***I) Monthly changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April 2009	March 2009	Change (%)	April 2008	March 2008	Change (%)	April 2007	March 2007	Change (%)
0020	Non Eurozone Market	46911	111.6	109.2	2.2	121.9	117.9	3.4	104.9	102.4	2.4
0040	Intermediate Goods	11163	115.7	115.8	-0.1	113.8	113.0	0.7	108.3	107.1	1.0
0050	Capital Goods	7786	103.3	103.4	-0.2	102.2	102.3	-0.1	101.2	100.6	0.5
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	2285	102.3	102.3	0.0	101.0	101.0	-0.1	100.0	99.9	0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	7769	108.4	108.1	0.2	105.6	105.5	0.1	102.5	102.6	-0.2
0090	Energy	17908	115.2	108.8	5.9	136.7	129.0	5.9	105.7	101.2	4.4

**II) Annual changes**

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weights	April				Change (%)		
			2009	2008	2007	2006	2009/2008	2008/2007	2007/2006
0020	Non-Eurozone Market	46911	111.6	121.9	104.9	109.2	-8.5	16.2	-4.0
0040	Intermediate Goods	11163	115.7	113.8	108.3	104.6	1.7	5.1	3.5
0050	Capital Goods	7786	103.3	102.2	101.2	101.1	1.1	1.0	0.1
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	2285	102.3	101.0	100.0	100.4	1.3	1.0	-0.4
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	7769	108.4	105.6	102.5	101.7	2.7	3.0	0.8
0090	Energy	17908	115.2	136.7	105.7	116.1	-15.7	29.3	-9.0

*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*