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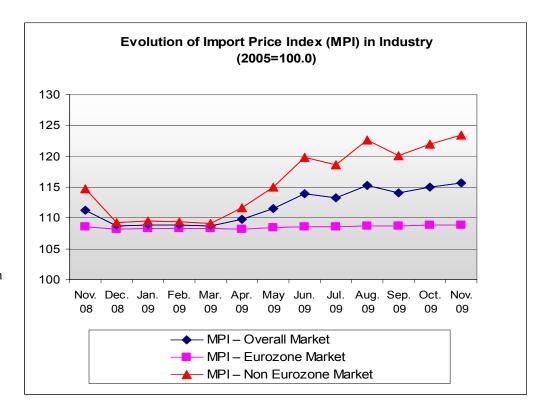
The Import Price Index in Industry recorded a rise of 4.0% in November 2009 as compared to November 2008.

IMPORT PRICE INDEX IN INDUSTRY: November 2009

The Import Price Index in Industry (MPI) in November 2009 as compared to November 2008 recorded a rise of 4.0%. A year earlier, the MPI decreased by 0.5% (Table 1.II).

The MPI in November 2009 as compared to October 2009 recorded a rise of 0.6%. A year earlier the MPI decreased by 2.4% (Table 1.I).

In the twelve-month period December 2008 – November 2009, the annual average rate of change of the MPI decreased by 2.4%. A year earlier the annual average rate of change of the MPI increased by 8.0% (Table 4).



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1. Monthly rates of change of November 2009 compared to October 2009.

Import prices in November 2009, as compared to the previous month October 2009, increased by 0.6% due to the monthly changes of the sub-indices of the market zones:

- a. The MPI of the Eurozone Market remained unchanged (Table 2.I).
- b. The MPI of the Non-Eurozone Market grew by 1.2% (Table 3.I).

2. Annual rates of change of November 2009 compared to November 2008.

Import prices in November 2009, as compared to the same month of the previous year, November 2008, increased by 4.0% due to the annual changes of the sub-indices of the market zones:

- a. The MPI of the Eurozone Market grew by 0.2% (Table 2.II).
- b. The MPI of the Non-Eurozone Market grew by 7.6% (Table 3.II).

Table 1: Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry - Overall Market

I) Monthly changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting Coefficients	November 2009	October 2009	Change (%)	November 2008	October 2008	Change (%)
0020	Overall Market	100000	115.7	115.0	0.6	111.2	114.0	-2.4
0040	Intermediate Goods	27814	114.3	114.2	0.1	114.9	117.1	-1.9
0050	Capital Goods	22901	103.4	103.4	0.0	103.2	103.1	0.1
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	5398	102.3	102.2	0.0	102.1	102.2	-0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	25215	109.9	110.1	-0.1	108.7	108.5	0.2
0090	Energy	18672	144.4	140.8	2.6	119.9	130.4	-8.0

II) Annual changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting	November			Chang	ge (%)
Codes	Main industrial Groups - Mios	Coefficients	2009	2008	2007	2009/2008	2008/2007
0020	Overall Market	100000	115.7	111.2	111.7	4.0	-0.5
0040	Intermediate Goods	27814	114.3	114.9	111.8	-0.5	2.8
0050	Capital Goods	22901	103.4	103.2	102.1	0.3	1.0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	5398	102.3	102.1	100.7	0.1	1.4
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	25215	109.9	108.7	106.0	1.1	2.5
0090	Energy	18672	144.4	119.9	130.8	20.4	-8.3

Note:

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Table 2: Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry - Eurozone Market

I) Monthly changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting Coefficients	November 2009	October 2009	Change (%)	November 2008	October 2008	Change (%)
0020	Overall Market	53089	108.8	108.8	0.0	108.6	109.1	-0.5
0040	Intermediate Goods	16651	112.4	112.4	0.1	113.7	115.0	-1.2
0050	Capital Goods	15115	103.2	103.2	0.0	103.0	102.9	0.0
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	3113	102.3	102.3	0.0	102.3	102.5	-0.2
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	17446	110.8	110.9	-0.1	109.8	109.6	0.2
0090	Energy	764	122.8	120.4	2.0	106.0	122.5	-13.4

II) Annual changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting		November		Chang	ge (%)
Codes	Maiii ilidustilai Gloups - MiGs	Coefficients	2009	2008	2007	2009/2008	2008/2007
0020	Overall Market	53089	108.8	108.6	107.1	0.2	1.4
0040	Intermediate Goods	16651	112.4	113.7	112.1	-1.1	1.4
0050	Capital Goods	15115	103.2	103.0	102.2	0.2	0.7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	3113	102.3	102.3	100.9	0.0	1.4
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	17446	110.8	109.8	106.8	0.9	2.8
0090	Energy	764	122.8	106.0	132.1	15.8	-19.7

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Table 3: Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry - Non Eurozone Market

I) Monthly changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting Coefficients	November 2009	October 2009	Change (%)	November 2008	October 2008	Change (%)
0020	Overall Market	46911	123.4	122.0	1.2	114.7	120.6	-4.9
0040	Intermediate Goods	11163	117.1	116.9	0.1	116.6	120.8	-3.5
0050	Capital Goods	7786	103.8	103.8	0.0	103.5	103.2	0.2
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	2285	102.2	102.1	0.1	101.9	101.9	0.1
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	7769	107.9	108.2	-0.2	106.4	105.9	0.4
0090	Energy	17908	145.4	141.7	2.6	120.6	130.8	-7.9

II) Annual changes

Codes	Main Industrial Groups - MIGs	Weighting		November		Chang	ge (%)
Codes	main industrial Groups - migs	Coefficients	2009	2008	2007	2009/2008	2008/2007
0020	Overall Market	46911	123.4	114.7	118.1	7.6	-2.8
0040	Intermediate Goods	11163	117.1	116.6	110.4	0.5	5.6
0050	Capital Goods	7786	103.8	103.5	101.8	0.3	1.7
0060	Durable Consumer Goods	2285	102.2	101.9	100.2	0.3	1.7
0070	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	7769	107.9	106.4	104.3	1.5	1.9
0090	Energy	17908	145.4	120.6	130.9	20.6	-7.9

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Table 4: Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry Changes

Year and	d Month	Overall Index	Monthly Changes (%)	Annual Changes (%)	12-month moving average	12- month moving average changes
2007:	1	101.9	-0.7	-1.3	104.1	3.4
	II	103.1	1.1	-0.8	104.0	2.7
	III	104.3	1.2	-0.1	104.0	2.1
	IV	105.5	1.2	0.5	104.1	1.6
	V	106.1	0.6	0.9	104.1	1.0
	VI	106.6	0.4	1.2	104.2	0.7
	VII	107.7	1.1	2.3	104.4	0.6
	VIII	107.2	-0.4	2.3	104.6	0.7
	IX	108.2	0.9	4.3	105.0	0.9
	Χ	109.8	1.5	6.1	105.5	1.3
	XI	111.7	1.8	8.2	106.2	1.9
	XII	110.9	-0.7	8.0	106.9	2.6
Annual	Average	106.9			106.9	2.6
2008:	I	110.6	-0.2	8.6	107.6	3.4
	II	111.6	0.9	8.3	108.4	4.2
	III	112.2	0.5	7.6	109.0	4.8
	IV	114.0	1.6	8.0	109.7	5.5
	V	116.9	2.5	10.1	110.6	6.2
	VI	119.6	2.3	12.2	111.7	7.2
	VII	121.0	1.2	12.4	112.8	8.0
	VIII	118.6	-2.0	10.6	113.8	8.7
	IX	116.0	-2.2	7.2	114.4	9.0
	Χ	114.0	-1.7	3.8	114.8	8.7
	XI	111.2	-2.4	-0.5	114.7	8.0
	XII	108.7	-2.3	-2.0	114.5	7.1
Annual A	Average	114.5			114.5	7.1
2009:	I	108.8	0.1	-1.7	114.4	6.3
	II	108.8	0.0	-2.5	114.1	5.3
	III	108.7	-0.1	-3.1	113.9	4.4
	IV	109.7	1.0	-3.7	113.5	3.4
	V	111.6	1.6	-4.5	113.1	2.2
	VI	113.9	2.1	-4.8	112.6	0.8
	VII	113.3	-0.5	-6.4	111.9	-0.8
	VIII	115.2	1.7	-2.9	111.7	-1.9
	IX	114.0	-1.0	-1.7	111.5	-2.6
	Х	115.0	0.9	0.9	111.6	-2.8
	XI	115.7	0.6	4.0	112.0	-2.4
	XII					
Annual .	Average					

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Generally

The Import Price Index (MPI) in Industry with the current form is released from January 2005. The MPI replaced the previous compiled (since 1963) Wholesale Price Index of Finished Products of foreign origin.

Purpose of the index – definitions

The purpose of the Import Price Index in Industry (MPI) is to measure the monthly rates of change in the prices of goods that are imported in the economic territory

The Import Price Index is a monthly index and is composed by the sub-indices of the imports prices of the two market zones – the euro-zone and the non-euro-zone countries.

The collected prices for the imported goods are CIF prices (i.e. cost, insurance, freight), excluding duties and taxes.

The selected price data for the MPI compilation are collected from units-enterprises that import the goods. The prices refer mainly to the transactions between the resident enterprises that import products and the enterprises in the rest of the world that export products to Greece.

Legal basis

The compilation of MPI is governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No.1165/98 "concerning short-term statistics" and by the Regulation No.1158/05 (that amends the above Regulation) of the European Parliament and of the Council. Furthermore, the MPI is governed by the Regulation (EEC) No.1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, by the Commission Regulation (EEC) No.656/2007 and by the Regulation (EEC) No.451/2008 of the Council.

Reference period

Month

Base year

2005=100.0.

Revision

The MPI is a fixed base index. Pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the index in question is updated every five (5) years in years ending in 0 or 5.

Statistical classifications

At the level of categories of economic activities the new Eurostat classification NACE Rev. 2 is used (Regulation 1893/2006), while at the level of main industrial groups, the allocation of two-digit and three-digit NACE Rev. 2 headings to categories of aggregate classification is used, in accordance with the Commission Regulation 656/2007. At product level, the new Eurostat classification CPA 2008 is used, according to the Council Regulation 451/2008.

Geographical coverage

The Index covers the whole country, with data from Attica and other 25 prefectures of the country.

Coverage of economic activities

The index covers the sections of mining-querying manufacturing, energy and natural gas, the main industrial groups, and all the levels of economic activities (divisions, groups, classes) and the level of products.

Statistical survey

The data are collected from approximately 1,050 enterprises and the total number of observations (prices) is approximately 2,513. To be more specific, 457 imported products are selected (390 from euro zone countries and 285 from non euro zone countries).

Publication of data

The MPI with the new base year (2005) is released from March 2009 with January 2009 as first reference month. The availability of data with base year 2005=100.0 starts from January 2000.

References

More information about the methodology for the compilation and calculation of the index and for the time series is available in the NSSG website (www.statistics.gr).