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

March 2006

The Material Costs Index in March 2006 as compared to March 2005, recorded a rise of 4,2%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 3,9%.

The Material Costs Index in March 2006 as compared to February 2006 increased by 0,6%. A year earlier, the index was increased by 0,4%.

In the twelve-month period April 2005 – March 2006 the annual average rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 3,5%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the index was 4,2%.

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					
		2006		Change %	2005		Change %
		March	February		March	February	
321	Overall Index	119,5	118,7	0,6	114,6	114,2	0,4

II. Annual changes

Code	Description	Material Costs Index					
		March		Change %	March		Change %
		2006	2005		2005	2004	
321	Overall Index	119,5	114,6	4,2	114,6	110,3	3,9

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