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

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The Material Costs Index in November 2007 as compared to November 2006, recorded a rise of 5,0%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 6,8%.

The Material Costs Index in November 2007 as compared to October 2007 recorded a rise of 0,1% A year earlier, the index was increased by 0,5%.

In the twelve-month period December 2006 – November 2007 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 5,2%.

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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".

SUMMARY TABLE

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(2000=100,0)

I. Monthly changes

Code	Description	Material Costs Index						
		2007		Change	2006		Change	
		November	October	%	November	October	%	
321	Overall Index	131,7	131,5	0,1	125,4	124,7	0,5	

II. Annual changes

Code	Description	Material Costs Index						
		November		Change	November		Change	
		2007	2006	%	2006	2005	%	
321	Overall Index	131,7	125,4	5,0	125,4	117,4	6,8	

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