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Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1, 2} January 2005

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in January 2005 as compared to January 2004, recorded a rise of 1,9 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in January 2005 as compared to January 2004 increased by 5,7 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector decreased by 1,4 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 1,9 % at current prices in January 2005 as compared to January 2004, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 5,7 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 13,1%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover increase of 4,6%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 7,6%
- The clothing and footwear turnover decrease of 5,8%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover decrease of 9,1%
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover decrease of 1,6%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of 5.6%

The revision of the turnover index in retail trade, with base year 2000=100,0, is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) no 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

¹ The turnover index in retail trade is released from January 2005 as first reference month revised and re-based in 2000=100,0. The revision of the index was considered necessary given that during the time period intervening between this and the previous revision new trade centers were created and significant changes in the structure of trade occurred.

² All figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days.

Retail Trade Volume Index

The volume of retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) decreased by 2,9 % in January 2005, as compared to January 2004.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in January 2005 as compared to January 2004, increased by 6,2 % while the non-food sector retail trade decreased by 10,6%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade decrease by 2,9 % at constant prices in January 2005 as compared to January 2004, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales increase of 5,1%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 7,4%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales increase of 5,1%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales increase of 2,9%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales decrease of 16,5%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales of 14,8%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales decrease of 8,3%

TABLE 1

Annual rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade

	2000=1	0,00					
B	Turnover Index				Volume Index		
Retail Trade Business	Index Jan 2005*	Index Jan 2004	Annual rate (%)	Index Jan 2005*	Index Jan 2004	Annual rate (%)	
Overall Index	134,2	131,7	1,9	114,9	118,3	-2,9	
I. Main sectors							
Food sector	149,4	141,3	5,7	124,8	117,5	6,2	
Non-food sector	120,0	121,6	-1,4	104,9	117,3	-10,6	
II. Specialized store categories							
Supermarkets	155,6	147,2	5,7	131,8	125,4	5,1	
Department stores	136,2	120,4	13,1	122,0	113,6	7,4	
Food-beverages-tobacco	128,2	122,6	4,6	107,1	101,9	5,1	
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	147,0	136,6	7,6	136,6	132,8	2,9	
Clothing and footwear	110,0	116,7	-5,8	92,4	110,7	-16,5	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	108,9	119,8	-9,1	102,8	120,6	-14,8	
Books, stationery, other goods	122,4	124,4	-1,6	105,6	115,2	-8,3	
Retail sale not in stores	110,9	105,0	5,6	:	:	:	

^{*} Provisional data

[:] Not available data

TABLE 2 Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade at current prices

2000=100,0

	Turnover Index							
Year-month	Ove	rall Index	Foo	d sector	Non-f	ood sector		
	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate		
		(%)		(%)		(%)		
2004 I	131,7	6,5	141,3	12,0	121,6	0,8		
II	130,0	9,9	137,0	9,7	122,4	9,9		
III	125,7	8,5	139,3	10,2	112,1	6,7		
IV	141,8	7,7	153,6	9,8	129,5	5,5		
V	130,8	5,4	141,0	6,2	120,1	4,4		
VI	130,3	5,8	139,2	7,1	120,7	4,2		
VII	128,9	7,6	134,5	11,4	122,3	4,1		
VIII	118,7	4,1	129,3	2,8	107,7	5,5		
IX	131,0	5,3	136,6	6,0	124,6	4,7		
Χ	138,1	7,5	146,6	9,2	129,0	5,8		
XI	138,3	3,8	145,5	5,3	130,3	2,5		
XII	174,5	3,7	184,9	5,2	163,3	2,4		
2005* I	134,2	1,9	149,4	5,7	120,0	-1,4		

^{*} Provisional data

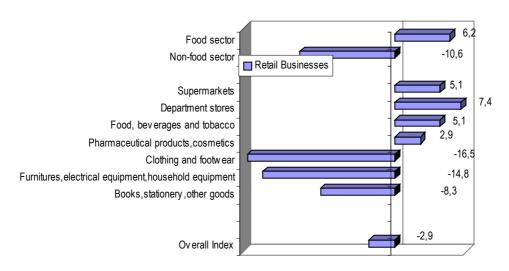
TABLE 3 Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms $2000 {=} 100,\!0$

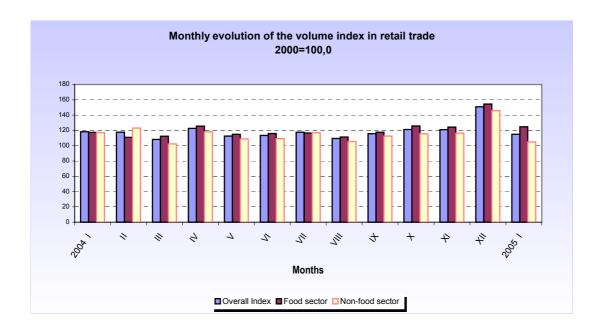
	Volume Index						
Year-month	Overall Index		Foo	d sector	Non-food sector		
	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	
		(%)		(%)		(%)	
2004 I	118,3	2,9	117,5	7,2	117,3	-1,7	
[]	117,7	6,5	111,0	4,8	123,0	8,0	
Ш	108,2	5,5	112,4	6,5	102,4	4,2	
IV	122,7	5,8	125,5	8,6	118,1	2,9	
V	112,7	4,3	115,0	6,6	108,8	1,8	
VI	113,4	5,0	115,9	8,2	109,3	1,7	
VII	117,7	6,4	116,6	13,6	117,1	-0,1	
VIII	109,4	3,3	111,4	3,4	105,5	3,3	
IX	115,8	4,3	117,6	7,6	112,7	1,4	
Χ	121,2	6,2	125,7	9,8	115,5	3,0	
XI	121,0	2,7	124,4	6,0	116,4	-0,2	
XII	151,0	2,0	154,5	4,1	145,8	0,0	
2005* I	114,9	-2,9	124,8	6,2	104,9	-10,6	

^{*} Provisional data

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Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between January 2005 and January 2004.





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