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PRESS RELEASE

Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1, 2} February 2007

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in February 2007 as compared to February 2006, recorded a rise of 7,7 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in February 2007 as compared to February 2006 increased by 4,1 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector increased by 10,7 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 7,7 % at current prices in February 2007 as compared to February 2006, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 2,9 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 5,7%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover increase of 11,7%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 1,0%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 6,1%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover increase of 20,3 %
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover increase of 17,3%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of 3,7%

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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.

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.

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) increased by 3,9 % in February 2007, as compared to February 2006.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in February 2007 as compared to February 2006, decreased by 0,4 % while the non-food sector retail trade increased by 8,3%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 3,9 % at constant prices in February 2007 as compared to February 2006, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales decrease of 0,8%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 4,9%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales increase of 6,9%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales increase of 2,0%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales increase of 18,7%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales increase of 17,3%

The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales did not record any change.

TABLE 1

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

2000=100,0							
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Retail Trade Business	Index February 2007*	Index February 2006	Annual rate (%)	Index February 2007*	Index February 2006	Annual rate (%)	
Overall Index	160,7	149,3	7,7	135,6	130,5	3,9	
I. Main sectors							
Food sector	174,6	167,7	4,1	135,8	136,2	-0,4	
Non-food sector	147,7	133,4	10,7	135,0	124,7	8,3	
II. Specialized store categories							
Supermarkets	185,7	180,4	2,9	148,3	149,5	-0,8	
Department stores	155,5	147,1	5,7	138,8	132,3	4,9	
Food-beverages-tobacco	134,7	120,6	11,7	104,7	98,0	6,9	
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	162,1	160,5	1,0	146,1	146,2	0,0	
Clothing and footwear	132,3	124,7	6,1	123,2	120,7	2,0	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	154,0	128,0	20,3	145,4	122,5	18,7	
Books, stationery, other goods	155,1	132,2	17,3	130,2	111,0	17,3	
Retail sale not in stores	105,6	109,7	-3,7	:	:	:	

^{*} 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	Overall Index		Foo	d sector	Non-food sector		
	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	
		(%)		(%)		(%)	
2006 I	135,7	1,0	158,0	5,3	117,6	-1,6	
II	149,3	7,3	167,7	16,0	133,4	1,2	
III	146,5	7,7	165,4	9,5	130,2	7,1	
IV	168,6	12,5	183,1	16,6	155,2	10,0	
V	153,0	9,3	166,1	12,8	140,8	7,1	
VI	156,0	12,7	165,6	14,4	146,1	11,9	
VII	159,2	14,4	171,5	16,0	147,4	13,7	
VIII	144,3	13,4	166,9	16,6	125,7	11,4	
IX	159,7	15,6	170,9	18,6	148,7	13,5	
Χ	160,2	9,3	170,8	10,5	149,6	8,7	
ΧI	161,0	10,7	165,4	7,3	154,9	13,8	
XII	208,6	14,7	217,7	13,9	198,1	15,7	
20071	149,7	10.4	167,4	5,9	134,3	14,1	
*	160,7	7,7	174,6	4,1	147,7	10,7	

^{*} Provisional data

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

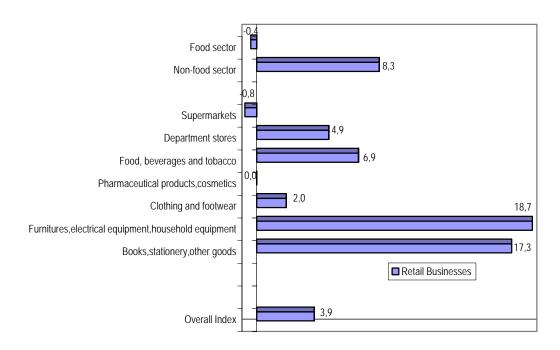
	Volume Index						
Year-month	Overall Index		Foo	d sector	Non-food sector		
	Index A		Index		Index	Annual rate	
		(%)		(%)		(%)	
2006 I	115,3	0,2	130,4	4,0	102,5	-2,0	
II	130,5	5,9	136,2	14,3	124,7	0,2	
III	122,4	5,9	134,4	8,1	111,5	5,0	
IV	139,7	9,9	146,4	13,3	132,9	8,1	
V	126,5	7,1	133,4	10,3	119,7	5,4	
VI	129,8	10,0	134,7	11,0	124,1	10,0	
VII	135,6	10,7	140,5	10,3	130,3	12,1	
VIII	125,5	10,5	136,5	12,1	115,9	10,1	
IX	132,3	11,9	137,7	13,0	126,4	11,7	
Χ	130,5	5,1	134,4	3,9	125,9	6,9	
XI	131,3	6,8	130,4	1,3	130,3	12,1	
*XII	169,5	10,5	170,5	7,3	166,5	14,0	
2007*I	122,2	6,0	129,8	-0,4	115,0	12,3	
*	135,6	3,9	135,8	-0,4	135,0	8,3	

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DIAGRAMS

Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between February 2007 and February 2006.





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