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## Turnover Index in Retail Trade<sup>1, 2</sup> September 2007

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in September 2007 as compared to September 2006, recorded a rise of 4,1 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in September 2007 as compared to September 2006 increased by 6,7 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector increased by 1,9 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 4,1 % at current prices in September 2007 as compared to September 2006, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 7,8 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 5,2 %
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover increase of 0,4%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 6,8%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 2,0%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover decrease of 2,4 %
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover increase of 2,7%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover increase of 8,2%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 0,5 % in September 2007, as compared to September 2006.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in September 2007 as compared to September 2006, increased by 1,7 % while the non-food sector retail trade decreased by 0,5%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 0,5 % at constant prices in September 2007 as compared to September 2006, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales increase of 3,4%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 2,9%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales decrease of 4,3%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales increase of 5,6%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales decrease of 1,3%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales decrease of 3,5%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales increase of 0,9%

TABLE 1

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

2000=100,0

|  | Tui                         | rnover Index               | (               |                             | Volume Index               | K               |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Retail Trade Business                                | Index<br>September<br>2007* | Index<br>September<br>2006 | Annual rate (%) | Index<br>September<br>2007* | Index<br>September<br>2006 | Annual rate (%) |
| Overall Index  | 166,2                       | 159,7                      | 4,1             | 133,0                       | 132,3                      | 0,5             |
| I. Main sectors                                      |                             |                            |                 |                             |                            |                 |
| Food sector  | 182,3                       | 170,9                      | 6,7             | 140,1                       | 137,7                      | 1,7             |
| Non-food sector                                      | 151,5                       | 148,7                      | 1,9             | 125,8                       | 126,4                      | -0,5            |
| II. Specialized store categories                     |                             |                            |                 |                             |                            |                 |
| Supermarkets   | 195,2                       | 181,0                      | 7,8             | 153,4                       | 148,4                      | 3,4             |
| Department stores                                    | 201,3                       | 191,4                      | 5,2             | 173,9                       | 168,9                      | 2,9             |
| Food-beverages-tobacco                               | 135,5                       | 135,0                      | 0,4             | 104,2                       | 108,8                      | -4,3            |
| Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics                   | 142,8                       | 133,7                      | 6,8             | 128,1                       | 121,3                      | 5,6             |
| Clothing and footwear                                | 127,3                       | 124,8                      | 2,0             | 99,3                        | 100,6                      | -1,3            |
| Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment | 158,3                       | 162,3                      | -2,4            | 147,8                       | 153,2                      | -3,5            |
| Books, stationery, other goods                       | 182,0                       | 177,2                      | 2,7             | 151,5                       | 150,1                      | 0,9             |
| Retail sale not in stores                            | 115,5                       | 106,7                      | 8,2             | :                           | :                          | :               |

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional data

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<sup>:</sup> 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<br>(%) | Index | Annual rate<br>(%) | Index           | Annual rate<br>(%) |  |
| 2006VIII   | 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                |  |
| XI         | 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               |  |
| II         | 160,7          | 7,7                | 174,5 | 4,1                | 147,8           | 10,8               |  |
| III        | 156,7          | 7,0                | 171,2 | 3,5                | 143,3           | 10,0               |  |
| IV         | 171,0          | 1,4                | 188,0 | 2,7                | 155,6           | 0,3                |  |
| V          | 162.6          | 6,3                | 176,8 | 6,5                | 149,2           | 6,0                |  |
| VI         | 167,8          | 7,6                | 180,7 | 9,2                | 155,4           | 6,4                |  |
| VII        | 168,1          | 5,6                | 177,8 | 3,6                | 157,9           | 7,1                |  |
| VIII       | 155,5          | 7,8                | 178,3 | 6,8                | 136,4           | 8,5                |  |
| *IX        | 166,2          | 4,1                | 182,3 | 6,7                | 151,5           | 1,9                |  |

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

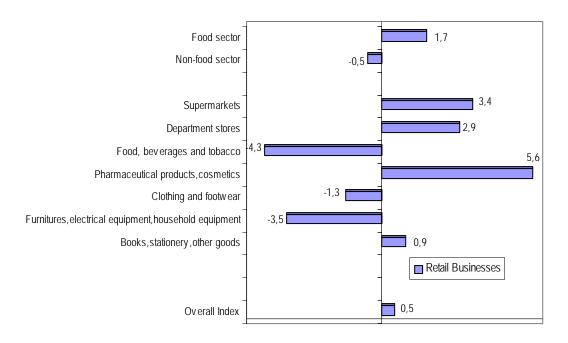
|            | Volume Index |            |       |          |       |             |  |
|------------|--------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------|--|
| Year-month | Ove          | rall Index | Foo   | d sector | Non-f | ood sector  |  |
|            | Index        |            | Index |          | Index | Annual rate |  |
|            |              | (%)        |       | (%)      |       | (%)         |  |
| 2006VIII   | 125,5        | 10,5       | 136,5 | 12,1     | 115,9 | 10,1        |  |
| IX         | 132,3        | 11,9       | 137,7 |          | 126,4 | 11,7        |  |
| Χ          | 130,5        | 5,1        | 134,4 | 3,9      | 125,9 | 6,9         |  |
| ΧI         | 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        |  |
| II         | 135,6        | 4,0        | 135,7 | -0,4     | 135,1 | 8,4         |  |
| III        | 126,4        | 3,2        | 132,4 | -1,5     | 120,3 | 7,8         |  |
| IV         | 137,5        | -1,6       | 144,5 | -1,3     | 130,5 | -1,8        |  |
| V          | 130,6        | 3,2        | 136,4 | 2,3      | 124,4 | 3,9         |  |
| VI         | 135,6        | 4,5        | 141,4 | 5,0      | 129,4 | 4,2         |  |
| VII        | 138,6        | 2,2        | 139,5 | -0,8     | 136,6 | 4,8         |  |
| VIII       | 130,3        | 3,8        | 138,5 | 1,5      | 122,9 | 6,0         |  |
| *IX        | 133,0        | 0,5        | 140,1 | 1,7      | 125,8 | -0,5        |  |

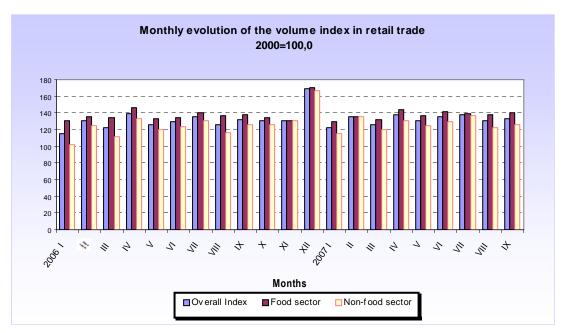
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### **DIAGRAMS**

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





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