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**In May 2002, industrial production** has been by 2.0% higher than previous month in terms of absolute volume and by 4.5% under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number.

In absolute volume, the production has grown by 3.0% in manufacturing, being registered falls in mining and quarrying (-1.6%) and in electric and thermal energy, gas and water (-6.1%).

Under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number, the production has grown by 6.4% in manufacturing, the falls in mining and quarrying and in electric and thermal energy, gas and water representing 1.4% respectively 9.1%.

During the first five months of 2002, industrial production has increased, as compared to the similar period of 2001, by 3.0% both in absolute volume, and from the viewpoint of the working days number, due to the growth in manufacturing by 4.2%.

By main industrial groups, during this period, the production has grown by 9.3% for current use goods, by 5.6% for durable goods and by 0.2% for capital goods. Falls have been registered in the production of intermediate goods (-0.4%) and of energy goods (-1.7%).

On 31.V.2002, the value of finite products stocks in industry has amounted to ROL 43455 billion current prices, representing 37.6% of May resources.

In April 2002, total turnover volume<sup>1)</sup> of the enterprises having industry as their main activity has been by 1.5% higher than in March 2002, in real terms, being registered growths in manufacturing (+6.2%) and falls in mining and quarrying (-2.6%) and in electric and thermal energy, gas and water (-15.8%), because of reducing the thermal energy supply to the population.

During the first five months of 2002, **the main resources of primary energy** have accounted for 15979.6 thousand tons equivalent petroleum<sup>2)</sup>, of which 10646.5 thousand tons equivalent petroleum<sup>2)</sup> from domestic production. In comparison with the similar period of previous year, the resources of primary energy have fallen by 8.0%, because of important reduction in oil products imports (-20.3%). Domestic production has also registered a fall (-3.5%).

During this period, the production of electric energy has amounted to 23057.7 million kWh, by 0.5% more than during the first five months of 2001. The electric energy obtained in the hydro-power stations has represented 28.4% of total production, by 18.0% more than during the similar period of the last year.

In **agriculture**, according to the current data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests, the livestock existent at the end of May 2002, in comparison with the same date of previous year, was by 6.4,0% higher for pigs and by 1.8% for cattle, but lower for sheep and goats (-2.1%).

In April 2002, the turnover volume of enterprises having retail as their main activity (excepting motor vehicles, motorcycles and fuels for motor vehicles) and repair of personal and household goods has been by 12.4% higher than previous month, this growth being determined by higher turnover obtained from retail sales of food goods (+3.5%), but especially of non-food goods (+20.0%).

<sup>1)</sup> Total turnover comes both from the main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

<sup>2)</sup> Conventional fuel with the calorific power of 10.000 kcal /kg

In April 2002, turnover volume of enterprises having as their main activity **the sale<sup>3)</sup>, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, the retail of fuels for motor vehicles** has been situated over the level of previous month (+16.5%), as well as over the level registered in the similar month of 2001 (+1.6%).

In April 2002, the activity of **market services provided for the population** has registered a turnover by 0.9% lower than previous month, due to the reduction in gambling and other recreative activities (-10.3%).

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of unemployed registered** at the end of May 2002 was 983.3 thousand persons, by 86.4 thousands less than previous month. In comparison with the same month of 2001, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 92.5 thousand persons higher.

The same month, women represented 44.1% of total registered unemployed.

In May 2002, **the registered unemployment rate** was 10.2% in relation with total active civil population (11.1% in April 2002 and 9.2% in May 2001). The same month, the unemployment rate for women was 9.3% (10.3% in April 2002 and 9.0% in May 2001).

Higher unemployment rates have been registered in the following counties: Neamt (17.1%), Vaslui (16.2%), Ialomita (15.3%), Buzau (14.6%), Hunedoara (14.6%) Covasna (14.4%). The lowest unemployment rates have been noticed in the counties Bihor (3.8%), Satu Mare (5.3%) and Bucharest Municipality (4.2%).

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<sup>3)</sup> *Sales of motor vehicles, motorcycles, spare parts and accessories comprise both wholesales (including export and import activity of motor vehicles), as well as retail sales according to the CANE.*