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On the main short term indicators in December and in 2002

Industrial production achieved in 2002, increased as compared to the same period of 2001, by 6.0% both in absolute volume, and under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number, exclusively due to the manufacturing, where the growth was 7.9%.

By main industrial groups, in 2002, the production increased by 14.5% for durable goods, by 9.3% for current use goods, by 7.1% for intermediate goods, by 2.0% for capital goods and decreased by 1.2% for energy production.

In comparison with the same month of 2001, industrial production achieved in December 2002 increased by 8.6% in absolute volume and by 4.9% under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number.

On 30.XII.2002, the value of stocks of finished products in industry amounted to ROL 43532 billion current prices, representing 35.2% of December resources (41.3% at the end of 2001).

In 2002, the main resources of primary energy accounted for 37857.2 thousand tonnes equivalent oil¹⁾, of which 24745.8 thousand tonnes equivalent oil¹⁾ of domestic production. In comparison with 2001, the resources of primary energy registered a fall of 3.3%.

The production of electric energy, achieved in 2002, amounted to 54734.9 million kWh, increasing by 2.0% as against the previous year. Electric energy obtained in hydro-power stations represented 29.4% of total production, increasing by 7.8% as against 2001.

The livestock, existent at the end of 2002, increased by 15.8% for pigs, by 5.4% for cattle and by 2.0% for sheep and goats, in comparison with the end of the previous year.

During 1.I-30.XI.2002, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity the retail (excepting motor vehicles, motorcycles and fuels for motor vehicles) and repair of personal and household goods, was by 0.5% over the level registered in the same period of 2001, a significant growth being obtained for sales of non-food goods (+7.4%). For sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco, turnover volume decreased by 8.0%.

During 1.I-30.XI.2002, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity the sale²⁾, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail and of fuels for motor vehicles, was under the level of the same period of 2001 by 8.0%, owing to the fall of turnover volume obtained from the sale of fuels for motor vehicles by 17.6%. Turnover for the sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles registered a growth of 3.5% during 1.I-30.XI.2002 as against the same period of the previous year.

During 1.I-30.XI.2002, the activity of market services rendered to the population registered a turnover by 10.6% lower than in the same period of 2001, the only growth being noticed in the activity of travel agencies and tourism assistance (+13.0%).

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the number of unemployed registered at the end of December 2002 was 760.6 thousands, increasing by 4.7 thousands as against the previous month, but decreasing as compared to December 2001 (-66.3 thousand persons).

Of total number of unemployed, women represented 44.6%.

Registered unemployment rate, calculated in relation with total active civil population was kept in December, both per total, and for women at level of November 2002 (8.1%, respectively 7.5%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Vaslui (14.7%), Galați (14.2%), Brașov (12.3%), Ialomița (11.5%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties Bihor (3.1%), Satu Mare (3.7%), Timiș (4.0%) and Bucharest Municipality (3.2%).

¹⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10.000 kcal/kg.

²⁾ Sales of motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts and accessories comprise both wholesales (including export and import activity for motor vehicles), and retail according to the CANE.