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on the main short term indicators in November and during 1.I.-30.XI.2003

Industrial production achieved during 1.I.-30.XI.2003 increased by 3.2% in comparison with the same period of 2002 under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number and by 3.0% in absolute volume, being registered a growth of 3.9% (respectively 3.6%) in manufacturing and 1.7% in energy industry (both under comparable conditions and in absolute volume).

In November 2003, as against November 2002, industrial production registered a growth of 3.5% under comparable conditions and in absolute volume it was placed at about the same level (99.9%).

In those ten months of 2003, total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity was by 5.0% higher in real terms, as against the same period of 2002.

On 30.XI.2003, the value of stocks of finished products in industry was ROL 55397 billion current prices, representing 37.3% of November resources.

During 1.I-30.XI.2003, **the main resources of primary energy** amounted to 35153.0 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 22353.2 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾ of domestic production.

In this period, the production of electric energy accounted for 51.3 billion kWh, increasing by 4.0% as against the same period of 2002. Electric energy obtained in classical thermo-power stations represented 66.8% of total production, by 15.2% more than during 1.I-30.XI.2002.

On November 30, 2003, as against the same date of 2002, existent **livestocks** were by 3.8% more for pigs, by 2.1% more for sheep and goats and by 0.6% more for cattle.

During 1.I-31.X.2003, **turnover volume of enterprises having retail trade as their main activity** (excepting trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 4.7% over the level registered in the same period of 2002, a higher growth being obtained by sales of non-food goods (+7.2%).

During 1.I-31.X.2003, **turnover volume of enterprises having wholesale and retail trade as their main activity, maintenance and repair of motorvehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles**, was by 14.3% higher than in the same period of 2002, being supported by the higher turnover volume obtained from trade with motor vehicles, motorcycles, maintenance and repair of motor vehicules (+18.4%) and that obtained from retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles (+11.0%).

In those ten months of 2003, the **activity of market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 5.1% higher than in the same period of 2002.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the **number of registered unemployed** was 655.4 thousands at the end of November 2003. In comparison with November 2002, the number of registered unemployed at the agencies for employment was by 100.6 thousands lower. Of total registered unemployed, women represented 43.8%.

Unemployment rate registered in November 2003 was 7.2% in relation with total active civil population (7.0% in October 2003 and 8.1% in November 2002). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 6.6% (6.4% in October 2003 and 7.5% in November 2002).

Higher unemployment rates wee registered in the following counties: Vaslui (12.6%), Hunedoara (11.5%), Ialomița (10.8%), Galați (10.6%), Olt (10.4%), Brașov (10.2%). The lowest unemployment rates were noticed in the counties Bihor (2.4%), Satu Mare (2.9%), Timiș (3.8%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).

¹⁾ Total turnover comes both from the main activity, and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10.000 kcal/kg.