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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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on the main short-term indicators in June and during 1.I-30.VI.2004

**Industrial production** achieved during the first semester of 2004 was higher as against the similar period of 2003, the gross index increasing by 4,2%, and the one computed under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number by 3,4%; in June 2004, as against June 2003, the gross index of industrial production registered a growth of 2,2%.

Total turnover<sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having industry as their main activity was 10,3% higher during 1.I-31.V.2004, in real terms, as compared to the same period of the previous year.

During 1.I-30.VI.2004, **the main resources of primary energy** amounted to 20616,3 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup>, of which 12539,7 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup> from domestic production.

The livestock registered on June 30, 2004, as against June 30, 2003, were higher by 5,4% for sheep and goats, by 3,8% for cattle and lower by 22,8% for pigs.

During 1.I-31.V.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having **retail trade** as their main activity (excepting trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), was 14,1% higher than the level registered in the same period of 2003, the big increases being registered for sales of non-food goods (+16,1%).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as their main activity **the wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, the retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles**, was 11,9% higher during this period as against the same period of 2003, this level being supported by the increase of the turnover volume obtained both in the retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles (+13,7%) and in the trade with motor vehicles (+ 9,2%).

During the first five months of 2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 21,2% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, at the end of June 2004, **the number of registered unemployed** was of 590,3 thousand persons. As compared to June 2003, the number of unemployed registered at the Employment Agencies was lower by 73,3 thousand persons. Of the total number of registered unemployed, women represented 41,0%.

**Unemployment rate** registered in June 2004 was 6,5% (calculated in relation to the civil active population), 6,8% in the previous month and 7,3% in June 2003. In the same month, unemployment rate for women was 5,6% (5,8% in May 2004 and 6,5% in June 2003), and for men was 7,3% (7,7% in May 2004 and 8,0% in June 2003).

High unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (11,8%), Vaslui (11,2%), Galați (10,7%), Olt (10,3%). The lowest unemployment rates were noticed in the counties: Bihor (1,7%), Satu Mare (2,3%), Timiș (3,2%) as well as in the Bucharest Municipality (2,8%).

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

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