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regarding the main short term indicators in August and during  
1.I-31.VIII.2004

During 1.I-31.VIII.2004, **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 5.2% as against the same period of last year; per total branch, gross index was 104.3%. In August 2004, as against August 2003, industrial production index increased by 6.5%.

During 1.I-31.VII.2004, total turnover<sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having industry as their main activity was in real terms, by 9.9% higher than in the same period of the last year.

**Main resources of primary energy**, during 1.I-31.VIII.2004, amounted to 27260.3 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup>, of which 16625.6 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup> from domestic production.

**Livestock**, existent on August 31, 2004, as compared to August 31, 2003, was by 5.8% higher for sheep and goats, by 5.4% higher for cattle and decreased by 20.5% for pigs.

During 1.I-31.VII.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (excepting trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 13.1% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growth being obtained from sales of non-food goods (+15.0%).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles** registered during January - July 2004 was by 11.0% higher than in the same period of 2003, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume from retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles (+14.5%), as well as from trade of motor vehicles (+ 7.2%).

During 1.I-31.VIII.2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 15.4% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of August 2004 was 552.6 thousand persons. In comparison with August 2003, number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 66.6 thousands lower. Of total unemployed registered, women represented 42.0 %.

**Unemployment rate** registered in August 2004 was 6.1% in relation with total civil active population (6.2% in the previous month and 6.8% in August 2003). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 5.3%, being place at the level of July 2004 (6.2% in August 2003) and men unemployment rate was 6.8% (7.0% in July 2004 and 7.4% in August 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (11.9%), Braşov (10.8%) and Vaslui (10.6%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor and Satu Mare (1.7% each), Timiş (2.5%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.8%).

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

<sup>2)</sup> Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.