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on the main short term indicators in September and during
1.I-30.IX.2004

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 5.4% as against the same period of last year; per total branch; gross index was 104.4%. in September 2004, as compared to September 2003, industrial production index increased by 5.5%.

During 1.I-31.VIII.2004, total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity was by 10,2% higher, in real terms, in comparison with the same period of previous year.

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, **main resources of primary energy** amounted to 30426.5 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 18562.8 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾ of domestic production.

On September 30, 2004, **livestock** accounted for 3159.1 thousand heads cattle, 6791.6 thousand heads pigs and 9027.9 thousand heads sheep and goats.

During 1.I-31.VIII.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (excepting trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 12.8% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being registered for sales of non-food goods (+14.8%).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motorvehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during January - August 2004 was by 11.4% higher than in the same period of 2003, supported by the growth, both of turnover volume from retail trade of fuel for motorvehicles (+14.9%) and of turnover from trade with motor vehicles (+ 7.6%).

The activity of **market services rendered to the population** during 1.I-31.VIII.2004 pointed out a turnover of 14.5% higher as against the same period of previous year.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Emploument, **the number of unemployed registered** at the end of September 2004 was 547.8 thousand persons. In comparison with September 2003, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 61 thousands lower. Of total unemploye, women represented 42.6 %.

Unemployment rate registered in September 2004 was 6.0% in relation to total active civil population (6.1% in previous month and 6.7% in September 2003). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 5.4% (5.3% in previous month and 6.1% in September 2003) and men unemployment rate was 6.6% (6.8% in August 2004 and 7,2% in September 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (11.7%), Vaslui (11.5%) and Braşov (10.8%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Satu Mare (1.5%), Bihor(1.7%), Timiş (2.4%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.6%).

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

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