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on the main short term indicators
during 1.I. –28.II. 2005 and in February 2005

During 1.I-28.II.2005, gross index of **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 7.6 %, in comparison with the same period of 2004; per total branch, gross index was 105.8%. In February 2005, as against the same month of 2004, gross index of industrial production increased by 3.2%.

During 1.I-28.II.2005, total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity registered, in real terms, a slight growth (+0.1%) in comparison with the same period of 2004; in February 2005, it decreased by 3.7% as against February 2004.

During 1.I-28.II.2005, **main resources of primary energy** accounted for 6980.6 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 4137.4 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

In February 2005, the value of **construction works** decreased by 10.3%, as compared to the same month of 2004.

In February 2005, 1667 licences for residential buildings were released (+9.9 % as against February 2004).

During 1.I-28.II.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (excepting trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 18.3% over the level registered during 1.I-29.II.2004, higher growths being registered for sales of both food goods (+22.3%) and non-food goods (+15.8%).

In February 2005, in comparison with the same month of 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was 23.5% higher (+24.9% for non-food goods and +21.6% for food goods).

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.

During 1.I-28.II.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** was by 26.0% higher than in the same period of 2004, being supported both by the growth of turnover from motor vehicles trade and maintenance (+36.4%) and by that obtained from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+16.4%).

In comparison with February 2004, turnover obtained from this activity in February 2005 was by 20.2% higher due to the growth of turnover obtained both from motor vehicles trade and maintenance and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+30.1%, respectively +10.9%).

During 1.I-28.II.2005, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 9.5% lower than during 1.I-29.II.2004. In comparison with the same month of 2004, in February 2005, a decrease of 21.3% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the **number of unemployed registered** at the end of February 2005 was 558.5 thousand persons. In comparison with February 2004, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 143.9 thousand persons lower. Of total registered unemployed, women represented 40.1 %.

Unemployment rate registered in February 2005 was 6.2% in relation to total civil active population (7.8% in February 2004). Female unemployment rate was 5.3% (6.9% in February 2004) and male unemployment rate was 7.0% (8.7% in February 2004).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Mehedinți (10.8%), Hunedoara (10.5%), Brașov (10.1%), Ialomița (9.8%), Galați (9.7%), Vaslui (9.4%) Alba (9.3%) and Călărași (9.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor (2.3%), Timiș (2.6%), Satu Mare (3.0%), Arad (3.5%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.6%).