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**regarding short term indicators during 1.I-31.VIII.2005  
and in August 2005**

Gross index of **industrial production** registered a growth of 1.4 % during 1.I.-31.VIII.2005 as against the same period of the previous year; in manufacturing, gross index was 102.4%. In August 2005, in comparison with August 2004, gross index of industrial production increased by 1.5%.

**Labour productivity** in industry was by 3.7% higher during 1.I.-31.VIII.2005 as compared to 1.I.-31.VIII.2004 period.

Total turnover <sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having industry as main activity registered during 1.I.-31.VIII.2005, in real terms, a growth of 3.1% as against the same period of 2004; in August 2005, as against August 2004, total turnover increased by 4.7%.

**Main resources of primary energy**, during 1.I.-31.VIII.2005, amounted to 27591.6 thousand tons equivalent oil <sup>2)</sup>, of which 16323,8 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

In August 2005, the value of **construction works** increased by 8.7% as against the same month of 2004.

In August 2005 4944 permits for residential buildings were released.

During 1.I.-31.VIII.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 18.3% over the level registered during 1.I.-31.VIII.2004, higher growths being obtained both for sales of food goods (+19.2%), and for sales of non-food goods (+17,6%).

In August 2005, in comparison with August 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was higher by 22.2% (+19.8% for food goods and +23.9% for non-food goods).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during 1.I.-31.VIII.2005 was higher by 29.1% as compared to the same period of 2004, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume

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<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.

from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+41.0%), and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+18.1%).

In comparison with August 2004, turnover obtained from this activity in August 2005 was by 34.0% higher because of higher turnover obtained both from retail and maintenance of motor vehicles, and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+51.8%, respectively (+19.9%).

During 1.I-31.VIII.2005 **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 16.8% higher than the same period of 2004. As against August 1994,, in August 2005 a growth of 28.5% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the **number of unemployed registered** at the end of August 2005 was 499 thousands. In comparison with August 2004, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 53.6 thousands lower. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 42.5 %.

**Unemployment rate** registered in August 2005 was 5.6% as against total active civil population (6.2% in August 2004). Female unemployment rate was 5.0% (5.5% in August 2004), and male unemployment rate was 6.0% (6.8% in August 2004).

Higher unemployment rates are registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (10.5%), Mehedinți (10.2%), Ialomița (9.7%), Galați and Vaslui (8.5% each), Brașov and Călărași (8.3% each). The lowest unemployment rates are registered in the counties: Bihor (2.1%), Timiș (2.3%), Ilfov and Satu Mare (2.8% each), Arad (3.1%) as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).