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Evolution of main short term economic indicators in October 2007 and during 1.I - 31.X. 2007

I. Synthesis of evolution of main economic indicators in October 2007 and during 1.I - 31.X. 2007

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	October 2007 as against:		1.I-31.X.2007 as against 1.I-31.X.2006
	September 2007	October 2006	
Industrial production – total (unadjusted series)	106,3	105,9	105,8
- of which:			
Mining and quarrying	102,0	96,5	100,2
Manufacturing	106,3	107,4	106,8
Electric and thermal energy, gas and water	113,3	96,1	98,7
Labour productivity in industry	106,9	110,5	110,3
Turnover - industry – total	110,0	112,6	112,3
Construction works (unadjusted series)	114,1	135,5	134,5
Turnover – retail ¹⁾ (unadjusted series)	86,3	115,9	117,1
Turnover – trade with motor vehicles ²⁾ (unadjusted series)	103,9	104,7	125,3
Turnover – market services rendered to the population (unadjusted series)	91,8	100,2	102,2

In October 2007, as against the previous month, main short term economic indicators registered growths, except those from retail¹⁾ and market services rendered to the population which decreased. In comparison with the same month of the previous year, main short term economic indicators registered significant growths; as a result of this evolution, during 1.I.-31.X.2007, all indicators registered important growths as compared to the same period of 2006.

II. Sectorial evolutions

Industrial production, in October 2007 as compared to the previous month, increased per total by 6.3%, due to the growths registered in all three industrial sectors: +2.0% in mining and quarrying, +6.3% in manufacturing and +13.3% in electric and thermal energy, gas and water. Manufacturing registered growths in most of the branches, the highest ones being for: radio, TV and communication equipment (+61.3%), medical, precision, optical apparatus

¹⁾ Except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles.

²⁾ Comprise: wholesale and retail, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail of fuel for motor vehicles.

and instruments, watches and clocks (+24.2%), road transport means (+24.2%), textiles (+22.6%), transport means not included in road ones (+17.1%), publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media (+16.6%), chemical substances and products (+15.7%), metallic construction and metal products (+14.6%), wood and wood products processing (+13.7%), tobacco products (+11.8%).

As regards the evolution by wide industrial groups, production growth per total was mostly determined by the increase in production by 18.1% in durable goods industry, by 15.2% in capital goods industry and by 9.0% in intermediate goods industry.

Industrial production in October 2007 was higher than in October 2006 by 5.9%, leading to a growth rate of industrial production by 5.8% during 1.I-31.X.2007 as against the same period of 2006. Higher growths were registered as against 1.I-31.X.2006 period in the branches: tobacco products (+27.2%), wood and wood products processing (+20.2%), transport means not includes in road ones (+18.6%), construction materials and other products of non-metallic minerals (+16.4%), road transport means (+15.7%), rubber and plastic products (+14.8%), pulp, paper and paper products (+11.2%), food and beverages (+10.6%), radio, TV and communication equipment (+9.1%), chemical substances and products (+8.0%) and medical, precision, optical apparatus and instruments, watches and clocks (+7.8%).

Main resources of primary energy, during 1.I-31.X.2007, amounted to 33.7 million tons equivalent oil, decreasing by 2.0% as against 1.I-31.X.2006 period, as a result of diminishing the production by 2.0% and of import by 1.9%. **Production of electric energy** amounted to 48861.3 million kWh, decreasing by 3.7% as against the same period in 2006. **Final consumption of electric energy** was by 0.9% more than in the same period of 2006 and public lighting increased by 5.2%; population consumption increased by 6.6%.

In October 2007, **construction works** registered a growth as against October 2006 by 35,5%. During 1.I-31.X.2007, value of construction works increased by 34.5% as against the same period of 2006, a production rate higher than general average being registered by construction type, for non-residential buildings (136.5%) and for engineering construction (134.8%) and by structure elements, for capital repair works (134.6%).

In October 2007, as compared to October 2006, **turnover obtained by enterprises having retail as main activity** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 15.9% more due to higher sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco by 37.8%.

During 1.I-31.X.2007, turnover volume was by 17.1% over the level registered in the same period of 2006, (+27.3% for non-food goods, beverages and tobacco and +7.6% for non-food goods).

As compared to October 2006, turnover obtained in October 2007 by enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail, of motor vehicles and motor cycles, including their maintenance and repair, as well as retail of fuel for motor vehicles** increased by 4.7% due to the growth registered for retail of fuel for motor vehicles (+41.4%).

During 1.I-31.X.2007 as against the same period of 2006, turnover volume in this activity increased by 25.3% (+13.0% for trade with motor vehicles and +54.1% for retail of fuel).

In October 2007, activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 0.2% more than in October 2006. In comparison with the same period of 2006, during 1.I-31.X.2007 turnover volume in this activity increased by 2.2%. Higher growths were registered in the activities: hotels and restaurants (+31.6%) and laundry, cleaning and dyeing textiles and fur (+10.6 %).

III. Evolution of some social indicators in October 2007

	M.U.	Achieved	October 2007 in % as against:	
			September 2007	October 2006
Number of employees in economy *) (at end of month)	thou persons	4741,3	99,9	103,0
Number of unemployed registered (at end of month)	thou persons	367,4	106,5	81,0
Gross nominal average earning	lei	1471	104,3	127,4
Net nominal average earning	lei	1084	104,2	125,2
Consumer price index	%		100,97	106,84

*)In enterprises with 4 employees and over.

Number of employees in October 2007 was by 2.4 thou persons lower than in September 2007 and **gross nominal average earning** was 1471 lei, increasing by 4.3% as against the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of October 2007 was 367.4 thou persons. In comparison with 2006, number of registered unemployed was by 86.1 thou persons lower. Women represented 45.8% of total registered unemployed.

In October 2007, **registered unemployed rate** was 4.1% in relation with total civil active population, decreasing as against October 2006 (5.1%). Female unemployment rate was by 0.2 percentage points lower than male unemployment rate (4.0% as against 4.2%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Vaslui (9.7%), Mehedinți (8.6%), Caraș - Severin (7.2%), Teleorman (7.0%), Covasna (6.1%) and Gorj (6.0%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Ilfov (1.6 %), Timiș (1.7%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.0 %).

Real earning index for October 2007, calculated as ratio between net nominal earning index and consumer price index, was 103.2% as against the previous month, 117.2% as compared to the same month of 2006 and 109.6% as against October 1990.