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Value indices of industrial new orders in November and during the period 1.I-30.XI.2014

For an accurate interpretation of the results, please see the methodological explanations on page 3 of the press release.

During the period 1.I-30.XI.2014, the industrial new orders rose by 6.1% in nominal terms compared to the period 1.I-30.XI.2013.

In November 2014, the industrial new orders overall (domestic and non-domestic market) decreased by 7.5% in nominal terms compared to the previous month and were up 4.5% from the same month of the previous year.

Value indices of new orders in manufacturing - gross series -

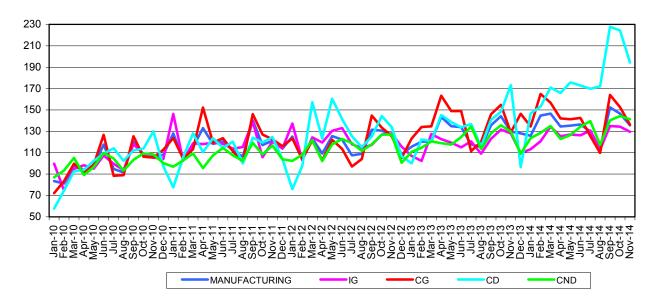
2010=100

| Symbol | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct.r) | Nov. ^{p)} |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| | 20 | 13 | | | | | | 2014 | | | | | _ |
| Manufacturing | 129.7 | 128.1 | 125.8 | 144.8 | 146.6 | 134.5 | 135.3 | 136.4 | 129.8 | 113.1 | 152.4 | 146.6 | 135.6 |
| IG | 128.1 | 109.7 | 113.2 | 120.7 | 134.3 | 125.3 | 127.0 | 126.3 | 130.7 | 112.9 | 134.9 | 134.3 | 129.6 |
| CG | 129.0 | 146.5 | 134.4 | 165.0 | 156.7 | 142.1 | 141.3 | 142.5 | 125.5 | 109.8 | 164.1 | 152.6 | 136.2 |
| CD | 173.2 | 96.5 | 146.8 | 153.1 | 171.0 | 165.8 | 175.7 | 172.9 | 169.8 | 172.2 | 227.8 | 224.3 | 194.4 |
| CND | 129.7 | 109.1 | 123.6 | 128.5 | 134.9 | 122.8 | 126.6 | 134.3 | 139.5 | 117.3 | 140.3 | 144.3 | 141.3 |

^{r)} Rectified data; ^{p)} Provisional data; see the methodological explanations Intermediate goods (IG); Capital goods (CG); Consumer durables (CD); Consumer non-durables (CND)

Monthly evolution of new orders in manufacturing - January 2010 – November 2014 -

2010=100



November 2014 compared to October 2014

In November 2014, the industrial new orders fell by 7.5% compared to the previous month due to the decreases recorded for consumer durables (-13.3%), capital goods (-10.8%), intermediate goods (-3.5%) and consumer non-durables (-2.1%).

November 2014 compared to November 2013

In November 2014, the industrial new orders overall were up 4.5% from the same month of the previous year due to the rises recorded for consumer durables (+12.2%), consumer non-durables (+8.9%), capital goods (+5.6%) and intermediate goods (+1.2%).

The period 1.I-30.XI.2014 compared to the period 1.I-30.XI.2013

During the period 1.I-30.XI.2014, the industrial new orders overall rose by 6.1% compared to the period 1.I-30.XI.2013 due to the increases recorded for all industrial groupings: consumer durables (+32.5%), consumer non-durables (+7.8%), intermediate goods (+7.0%) and capital goods (+4.2%).

Value indices of new orders in manufacturing

gross series

| | NOVEMBER 2014 | 1.I-30.XI.2014/ 1.I-30.XI.2013 | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| | OCTOBER 2014 | NOVEMBER 2013 | -%- | |
| Manufacturing working on orders – total | 92.5 | 104.5 | 106.1 | |
| Manufacture of textiles | 93.7 | 105.3 | 112.9 | |
| Manufacture of wearing apparel | 96.7 | 105.1 | 107.9 | |
| Manufacture of paper and paper products | 99.0 | 99.7 | 103.9 | |
| Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products | 87.2 | 89.3 | 99.3 | |
| Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations | 102.9 | 114.4 | 102.4 | |
| Manufacture of basic metals | 98.2 | 105.9 | 105.7 | |
| Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment | 92.0 | 101.3 | 107.6 | |
| Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products | 100.0 | 98.4 | 114.0 | |
| Manufacture of electrical equipment | 97.4 | 106.2 | 116.4 | |
| Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. | 97.5 | 105.6 | 115.2 | |
| Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers | 84.6 | 103.4 | 104.6 | |
| Manufacture of other transport equipment | 108.7 | 162.0 | 85.7 | |
| by main industrial groupings: | | | | |
| Intermediate goods | 96.5 | 101.2 | 107.0 | |
| Capital goods | 89.2 | 105.6 | 104.2 | |
| Consumer durables | 86.7 | 112.2 | 132.5 | |
| Consumer non-durables | 97.9 | 108.9 | 107.8 | |

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

- 1. The data source is the NO (New Orders) chapter of the Monthly Statistical Survey on Short-Term Indicators in Industry.
- 2. The statistical survey is a sample survey. The stratified sampling with simple random selection without replacement within each stratum, where the stratification variables are the economic activity and the size class of the enterprise according to the number of employees, is used as type of sampling and as procedure for drawing the sample. Due to the need for comparability of results by groups of homogenous activities as well as at enterprise level from one period to another, the category of economic operators with a high economic potential (50 or more employees) is surveyed exhaustively. The sampling frame ensures a degree of representativeness (calculated according to turnover) of 93.44% of the total number of active units. The data are collected from approximately 2800 economic operators whose main activity is covered by one of the following CANE Rev. 2 divisions: 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24÷30. The maximum accepted estimation error is ± 3%.

3. Concepts and definitions

The **aim of the new orders indicator** is to measure the trend in new orders received from domestic and non-domestic customers. While the production indicator shows the trend in the volume of production and gives an indication of the trend in the value added, the data on the new orders allow a short-term forecast of the future production and turnover. The new orders received then become a part of production and subsequently a part of turnover and give a first clue as to what will happen in the short run. Therefore, the new orders index is a forecasting index that provides information on the economic cycle.

The industrial **new orders** represent the value of the contracts concluded between a producer and a customer during the reference month and involve the deliveries of goods and services that have to be made by the producer, regardless of the period in which these goods/services are to be supplied. The following items are not included in the value of orders: VAT, excise duties, price reductions, rebates and discounts given at the moment of placing an order, and the value of the packaging that is returned after delivery.

The **main industrial groupings** (intermediate goods, capital goods, consumer durables, consumer non-durables) represent an aggregate nomenclature of CANE Rev. 2 divisions or groups used in European statistics to characterise industry according to the purpose of the goods produced.

Intermediate goods include the following CANE Rev. 2 divisions and groups, respectively: 131, 132, 133, 17, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 24, 255, 256, 257, 259, 261, 268, 271, 272, 273, 274, 279.

Capital goods include the following CANE Rev. 2 divisions and groups, respectively: 251, 252, 253, 254, 262, 263, 265, 266, 28, 29, 301, 302, 303, 304.

Consumer durables include the following CANE Rev. 2 groups: 264, 267, 275, 309.

Consumer non-durables include the following CANE Rev. 2 divisions and groups, respectively: 139, 14, 204, 21.

4. Calculation algorithm

The (nominal) value indices of new orders are Laspeyres-type indices and measure their evolution (in current prices) overall, by CANE Rev. 2 divisions (13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24÷30), as well as by main industrial groupings.

The (nominal) value indices of new orders overall (domestic and non-domestic market) are calculated as a weighted average of the new orders index for the domestic market and the new orders index for the non-domestic market, by aggregation level (division, main industrial grouping and industry overall). The weights are calculated based on turnover, in accordance with the results of the Structural Business Survey conducted in the base year (2010).

5. The data are provisional and can be revised periodically on the basis of rectifications performed retroactively by the economic operators included in the sample.

For more information, see the Monthly Statistical Bulletin (date of issue January 22, 2015) and the Industry Statistical Bulletin (date of issue January 22, 2015).

The **next press release** will be issued on Friday, February 6, 2015.