

# **Introductory remark**

*Since DECEMBER 1995 the Czech Republic became a full member of the OECD with duty to process monthly questionnaire on crude oil and petroleum products (joint for OECD/IEA, EU/EUROSTAT, UN/UNECE). This questionnaire was, for use in the CR, transformed into two reports with aim to reduce respondents' burden.*

*The first is the EPR 1-12 "Monthly report on crude oil, petroleum products and biofuels for refineries and petroleum products producers" with full number of surveyed items.*

*The second is the EPS 1-12 "Monthly report on crude oil, petroleum products and biofuels for trading, store and consumer subjects", containing only sections concerning imports and exports, stock level, purchase/sale and petroleum products consumption.*

*Survey results gained from these reports are used directly for processing the OECD/IEA, EU/EUROSTAT, OSN/EHK monthly questionnaires "CRUDE OIL" and "NATURAL GAS" that is the CR obliged to process from JANUARY 1997. Hence contents of individual items are conceived according to requirements and methodology of above mentioned organizations.*

*In the period 5/2015 there occurred some shareholders changes in the company Česká rafinérská, a.s. when a sole shareholder became 100% owner of the company.*

*Due to the fact that the Czech Statistical Office did not obtain approval to publish statistical data of this company, there was (since the publication for 5/2015) carried out change in published data extent range, namely because of statutory obligation not to publish confidential data which are surveyed pursuant to the Act No. 89/1995 Sb. on the State Statistical Service, as amended.*

*Data layout, mentioned in the publication, is not therefore based on the balance principle. In Table 1 there is presented consumption of individual selected petroleum products, cumulated consumption of other petroleum products is stated in the last but one column (it includes Refinery Gas, Naphtha, Aviation Gasoline, Other Kerosene, White Spirit and SBP, Paraffin and Waxes, Petroleum Coke and Other Products). In Tables 2 and 3 there is presented more detailed structure of important balance items – imports and exports. Table 4 balances the source part of natural gas delivery on the CR market.*

*The main purpose of this publication is to enable interested users to have a quick monthly orientation on the crude oil products and natural gas market in the CR. The publication is intended not only for close group of professionally specialized users, but also for the broader skilled public from area of production and trade with crude oil, crude oil products and with natural gas in the Czech Republic as well as for expert analytical workplaces of various organizations.*

*It follows from the text of above-mentioned articles that presented **statistical data are fully harmonized with international standards in the area of liquid (crude oil) fuels and natural gas energy statistics.***

*The publication in the former extent is available on the Czech Statistical Office web and the last published month is 4/2015.*