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Growth of sales in the automotive segment continued

Retail trade – July 2014

In July 2014, sales in retail trade including the automotive segment after seasonal adjustment decreased by 0.8% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 4.5% and non-adjusted by 6.2%, year-on-year. At the higher number of working days, the sale was increasing both in the automotive segment and in the retail trade alone.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade including sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ‑NACE 45+47) decreased in July by 0.8% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.5%, y-o-y. Development in both the automotive segment and the retail trade alone contributed to the y-o-y increase of non-adjusted sales by 6.2% (see Table 2). The sales increase was influenced also by a higher number of working days (+1) in July 2014 compared to July 2013.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased by 0.7% **at constant prices, m-o-m**. **Year-on-year**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 12.3%; they were increasing already for 16 successive months and in six months in 2014 it was a two-digit growth. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 15.9%, **y-o-y**; for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 17.1% and for repairs by 11.3%.

In **retail trade including sale of automotive fuel (CZ-NACE 47) seasonally adjusted** sales decreased **at constant prices** by 1.5%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 1.0%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 2.2%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of non‑food goods increased by 4.1%, sales for sale of food by 0.6%, and for automotive fuel by 0.1%.

The highest growth was recorded in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+21.0%). Sales were increasing also in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+11.9%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+10.3%), retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+9.0%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+3.1%), and retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (+0.8%). On the contrary, a decrease was reported by retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (-1.7%) and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (-2.2%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.6%. Prices increased mainly in retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores, and food, while decrease of prices occurred in retail sale of information and communication equipment and other household equipment in specialised stores.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>).

Notes:

*Data for April to June 2014 have been revised according to the CZSO revision policy. Data for July 2014 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2014 will be available in June 2015 at the latest.*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade, sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in retail trade, excl. automotive fuel (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Sales in retail trade (CZ-NACE 47) – international comparison