METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The publication presents results of the food, beverages and cigarettes consumption statistics for 2017. In order to improve user-friendliness it includes, among others, also time series beginning with 2008.

Totals, indices and calculations in the commentary are based on non-rounded figures.

The data for food and beverages consumption were obtained using the balance method applied to the following statistical information:

- Animal production statistics 2017

- Final harvest figures 2017

- Production of selected industrial products 2017

- Initial and final stocks in agricultural enterprises

- Initial and final stocks in food processing enterprises

- Import and export of food products based on external trade statistics of the Czech Statistical Office (as at 6 September 2018)

- Self-supply of food products

Further data used for the calculation were obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information, particular food producers' unions and other organizations.

No obligatory classification standards exist for food consumption statistics either on national or international (Eurostat) level. Starting with the publication "Food consumption in 2001" the Czech Statistical Office has changed the order of published food commodities in order to improve the data use. Particular food consumption items were arranged in line with first two divisions of the CZ-COICOP classification (the Czech version of the international COICOP standard; designed to enable international comparisons and used also in the Household Budget Surveys statistics).

Food consumption items cover two main divisions: 01 – Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 02 – Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes. The divisions break further down into groups and subgroups.

The food, beverages and cigarettes consumption data were calculated as average per capita figures; mid-year population (as at 1 July of the given year) is used. The table shows the mid-year population in 2008–2017:

Year	Mid-year population	Year	Mid-year population
2008	10 429 692	2013	10 510 719
2009	10 491 492	2014	10 524 783
2010	10 517 247	2015	10 542 942
2011	10 496 672	2016	10 565 284
2012	10 509 286	2017	10 589 526

Symbols used in the tables

.   data unavailable
x   not applicable
0   less than half the final digit shown and greater than real zero