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Sales in retail trade have been increasing since December 2014, y-o-y

Retail trade – August 2015

In August 2015, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment decreased by 0.9% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 3.3%, year-on-year, the same as non-adjusted.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.9% at constant prices, month-on-month. Both sales adjusted and non-adjusted for calendar effects increased by 3.3%, year-on-year (there was the same number of working days in August 2015 and August 2014). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 5.5%, for food by 4.3%, and for non-food goods by 1.8%, y-o-y.

The highest y-o-y sales growth was recorded as usually by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+10.2%). Sales increased also for sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+5.1%), information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+5.0%), cultural and recreation goods (+4.8%), and food in non-specialised stores (+4.7%). Decrease of sales in retail sale of clothing and footwear (-10.1%) was influenced by a high comparison base of the previous year. Lower sales were reported by retail sale of food, beverages, and tobacco in specialised stores (-1.1%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores stagnated, y-o-y (drop by 0.1%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 97.6%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel, information and communication equipment, and food. On the contrary, prices increased in stores with cultural and recreation goods, clothing and footwear, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications/news-releases>).

Seasonally adjusted sales for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45) decreased by 0.3% at constant prices, m-o-m. Compared to August 2014, sales increased by 7.3% (both adjusted and non-adjusted for calendar days); sales for repairs increased by 7.9% and for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 7.2%.

Notes:

*Data for August 2015 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2015 will be available in June 2016 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