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Sales growth in retail trade supported by lower prices of food and automotive fuel

Retail trade – June 2016

In June 2016, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment increased at constant prices by 1.5%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.2%, year‑on-year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted. Sales grew in all main assortment types of stores.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 1.5% in June at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.2%, year-on-year; the same growth was recorded for non-adjusted sales (in June 2016 and 2015 there was the same number of working days). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel and non-food goods increased the same by 7.2%, y-o-y, and for food by 4.6%.

Sales grew in all main assortment types of stores. For a long time, the highest growth rate was reported by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (this time by 22.3%). Consumers were interested more also in purchases in specialized stores with non-food goods. Sales in stores with other household equipment increased by 8.7%, information and communication equipment by 7.3%, clothing and footwear by 6.9%, cultural and recreation goods by 3.8%, and sales of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores grew by 2.2%. Sales for sale of food increased in non-specialized stores by 4.8% and in specialized stores by 1.8%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 97.5%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel, food, and information and communication equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods, clothing and footwear, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased **at constant prices** by 0.7%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** and **non-adjusted** increased by 6.8%, **y-o-y**. Non-adjusted sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 8.2% and for repair of motor vehicles by 0.9%, y-o-y.

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>).

**For the entire second quarter of 2016,** sales **in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 5.3% **at constant prices, y-o-y,** non-adjusted by 6.2%(there were 3 working days more in the Q2 2016 than in the corresponding period of 2015). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 9.1%, y-o-y, for non-food goods by 7.5%, and for food by 3.4%. **For sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 9.4%, **y-o-y**, non-adjusted by 13.4%. Non-adjusted sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 14.5%, y-o-y, and for repair of motor vehicles by 9.1%.

Notes:

*Data for June 2016 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2016 will be available in June 2017 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