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Retail trade – December 2017

In December 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices decreased by 0.8%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 7.1%, year-on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 4.7%, y-o-y.

For the entire year 2017, sales in retail trade increased by 5.6%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.8% in December at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 0.8%, for non-food goods remained unchanged, and sales for sale of food decreased by 1.9%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 7.1%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 10.6%, for automotive fuel by 6.0%, and sales for food by 2.0%. There were two working days less in December 2017 than in December 2016.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 4.7%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.1%, for automotive fuel by 3.3%, and for food by 1.1%.

Sales in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet were growing with the highest growth rate (+15.1%). Sales increased also in specialised stores in the following: retail sale of clothing and footwear (+12.1%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods (+9.2%), retail sale of information and communication equipment (+8.5%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+5.9%). Retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating was 1.1% up and retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores was 0.1% up. On the contrary, lower sales were reported by retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (-1.3%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.9%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of food, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and automotive fuel. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores and retail sale of clothing and footwear.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased **at constant prices** by 1.5%, **m-o-m**. **Sales adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 2.3%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 4.2%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 4.8%, **y‑o‑y**, and sales for repair of motor vehicles by 1.9%.

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 Q4 2017**, sales in **retail trade (CZ-NACE 47)** increased **at constant prices** by 6.2%, **y-o-y** (in the Q4 2017 as well as in the Q4 2016 there was the same number of working days). Sales for non-food goods increased by 8.7%, for automotive fuel by 6.6%, and for food by 2.1%. In the **automotive segment (CZ-NACE 45)**, sales increased by 1.1%; sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 4.5% and sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 0.3%.

**Development in 2017**

**For the entire year 2017**, in **retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47)**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased **at constant prices** by 6.1%, **y‑o-y**; **non-adjusted** sales increased by 5.6% (there were 2 working days less in 2017 compared to 2016). Non-adjusted sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 8.4%, for sale of automotive fuel by 5.0%, and for sale of food by 2.0%. The highest growth was reported as for sales in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+21.4%). In specialized stores with non‑food goods, sales increased for clothing and footwear by 10.0%, for information and communication equipment by 9.6%, for cultural and recreation goods by 8.2%, for other household equipment by 5.7%, for dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles by 3.1%. The average price deflator for 2017 was 102.0%.

In the **automotive segment (CZ-NACE 45)**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased **at constant prices** by 2.6%, **y‑o‑y**; **non-adjusted** sales increased by 2.3%. Non-adjusted sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 6.0%, y-o-y, and for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) sales increased by 1.4%.

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**Starting from the News Release with results for January 2018, there will be a new base period for short-term statistics. Besides the change of the base period at fixed-base indices (that will be newly compared to the average of the year 2015 instead of the average of 2010), also the weighting scheme of the year 2015 will be used.**

Notes:

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.*

*Data for December 2017 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2017 will be published in June 2018.*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, non‑adjusted data)

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

Table 3 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – base indices, constant prices

Chart: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, constant prices