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External trade prices grew after six months, m-o-m

Export and import price indices – September 2017

In September 2017, export prices increased by 0.1%, import prices grew 0.3%, the terms of trade figures reached 99.8%, month-on-month. Export prices dropped 0.9%, import prices declined 0.8%, the terms of trade reached 99.9%, year-on-year.

# Month-on-month comparison:

**Exports:** export prices rose 0.1% in September (-0.1% in August). The change of the total
m-o-m export price index was led mainly by a 0.6% price increase in ‘manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’. Prices increased in ‘crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ (+2.4%), ‘mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials’ (+2.0%) and in ‘chemicals and related products’ (+0.4%). ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ prices did not change. Prices of ‘miscellaneous manufactured articles’ declined 0.5%.

**Imports:** import prices increased by 0.3% in September following a 0.4% decline in August.
The change of the total m-o-m import price index was driven mainly by a 3.1% price growth
in ‘mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials’. Prices in ‘manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’ advanced 0.5%, ‘chemicals and related products’ prices grew 0.4% and those of ‘miscellaneous manufactured articles’ rose 0.2%. ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ prices did not change. Biggest price drop was recorded in ‘crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ (-1.3%) and ‘food and live animals’ (-1.1%).

The **terms of trade** decreased to the value of 99.8% (100.3% in August). Negative values of terms of trade were reached in ‘mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials’ (98.9%) and ‘miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (99.3%). Terms of trade of ‘machinery and transport equipment’ price indices did not change. Significant positive values of terms of trade were reached by prices of ‘crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ (103.7%) and ‘food and live animals’ (100.7%).

# Year-on-year comparison:

**Exports:** mainly due to strengthening of koruna against euro and U.S. dollar export prices fell 0.9% (-1.2% in August). A 2.8% price decline in ‘machinery and transport equipment’ contributed to the decrease in overall y-o-y export price index. ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ prices dropped 2.4% while ‘chemicals and related products’ prices decreased by 0.6%. Prices were rising in ‘crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ (+11.4%) and ‘mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products’ (+10.0%; mainly coal).

**Imports:** import prices decreased by 0.8% after a 1.1% decline in August. The fall of the total annual import price index was primarily driven by a 4.3% drop in ‘machinery and transport equipment’. Prices also fell in ‘miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (-3.6%) and in ‘chemicals and related products’ (-0.3%). Biggest price growth was reported in ‘mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products’ (+6.9%), ‘manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’ (+4.2%),
and ‘crude materials, inedible, except fuels’ (+2.8%).

The **terms of trade** figures stayed at the same value of 99.9% as in August keeping negative values for the twelfth consecutive month. Only ‘manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’ and ‘chemicals and related products’ reached negative values of terms of trade – 97.4% and 99.7%, respectively. Among significant groups, positive values were reached by prices of ‘mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products’ (102.9%), ‘machinery and transport equipment‘ (101.6%), and ‘miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (101.2%).

Revision of external trade price indices

Revision of external trade price indices is now under way by Czech Statistical Office. Upon completion from January 2018, export and import price indices will be calculated using new weighting scheme based upon External trade statistics data from year 2015 and national concept data while implementing new price base - year 2015 average = 100. These new technical indices will replace the old technical indices (hitherto calculated to the base year 2010 = 100). Existent time series (2005 avg. = 100) will be recalculated to the new base (2015 avg. = 100) and subsequently chained by technical indices starting in December 2017. New indices with base year 2015 avg. = 100 will be linked to the new time series thus enabling continuation of current time series. All derived indices will be calculated using time series of base year 2015 avg. = 100. Publishing of price indices with base year 2005 avg. = 100 will be terminated in December 2017. Hitherto published indices will not be revised.

January 2018 data will be released on March 29 2018 within the scope of Cataloge of Products.

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End of data collection: 16th calendar day after the reference month

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Specific methodical notes: The data released are final.

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Annexes:

Table 1 Export and Import Price Indices

Table 2 Export and Import Price Indices

(breakdown of indices – published and exchange rate adjusted – month-on-month, year-on-year)

Chart 1 Export and Import Price Indices (year-on-year changes)