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Growth of sale of communication and information equipment; drop of sales for dispensing chemist and medical and orthopaedic goods

Retail trade – May 2014

In May 2014, sales in retail trade including the automotive segment after seasonal adjustment decreased by 1.5% at constant prices, month-on-month; y-o-y, after adjustment for calendar effects they increased by 1.1%. Y-o-y drop of non-adjusted sales by 0.6% was influenced mainly by a lower number of working days.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade including sale and repair of motor vehicles decreased in May by 1.5% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted by calendar effects increased by 1.1%, y-o-y. Non-adjusted sales decreased by 0.6%, y-o-y; it was partially due to a lower number of working days in May 2014 (-1). The biggest influence on the y-o-y drop of sales came from the automotive segment and lower sale of food, see Table 2.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased by 3.5% **at constant prices, m-o-m**. **Year-on-year**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 1.3%. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 1.9%, **y-o-y**; for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) they dropped by 2.8%, while for repairs they increased by 1.3%.

In **retail trade including sale of automotive fuel (CZ-NACE 47) seasonally adjusted** sales decreased **at constant prices** by 0.2%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 1.1%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 0.1%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of food decreased by 0.7%, while sales for sale of automotive fuel and non-food goods increased (+0.4% and 0.3%, respectively).

Drop of sales was recorded mainly by retail sale of dispensing chemist and medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (-5.6%), further by retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (-1.8%), and retail sale of food both in specialised and non‑specialised stores (-5.8% and -0.3%, respectively). Sales increased for retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+14.4%), retail sale of information and communication equipment (+13.9%), and retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+2.8%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.1%. Prices increased mainly in retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores, retail sale of food both in specialised and non-specialised stores, automotive fuel, and dispensing chemist and medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment and other household equipment in specialised stores.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>).

Notes:

*Data for May 2014 are preliminary; final data for all months of 2014 will be available in June 2015 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