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### International trade price indices development in the Q4 2019 and in the year 2019

In the Q4 2019, compared to the Q3 2019, export prices decreased by 0.7% and import prices by 0.2%. The terms of trade reached the value of 99.5%. In the year-on-year (y-o-y) comparison, export prices dropped by 1.4%, import prices decreased by 1.8%, and the terms of trade reached the value of 100.4% in the Q4 2019.

In the average for the whole year 2019, compared to the year 2018, export prices increased by 0.9%, import prices by 0.3%, and the terms of trade reached the value of 100.6%.

#### Quarter-on-quarter comparison

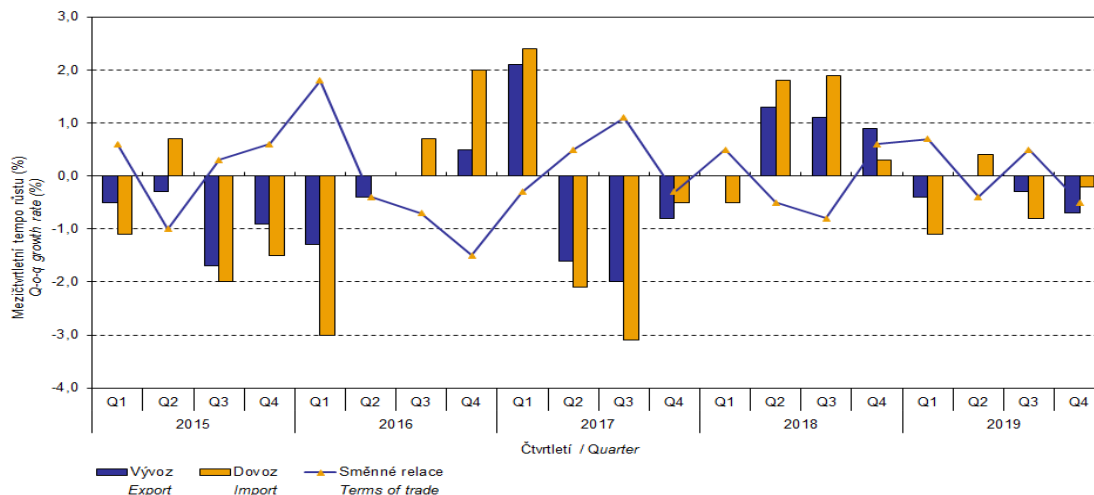
Export prices in the Q4 2019, compared to the Q3 2019, declined by 0.7%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). The deepest decline was recorded for prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-4.6%), followed by 'chemicals and related products' (-1.8%), and prices of 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (-1.7%). Only prices of 'food and live animals' increased (+0.7%).

Import prices in the Q4 2019, compared to the Q3 2019, decreased by 0.2%, q-o-q. Prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' decreased by 5.9%, 'chemicals and related products' by 1.7%, and prices of 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' by 1.3%. Prices of 'food and live animals' (+2.2%), prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (+0.9%), and prices of 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+0.4%) increased the most.

The terms of trade in the Q4 2019, compared to the Q3 2019, reached the value of 99.5%. Negative values of the terms of trade were recorded mainly for 'food and live animals' (98.5%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (98.7%), and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (99.6%). Positive values of the terms of trade were recorded for 'beverages and tobacco' (101.9%) and 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (101.4%).

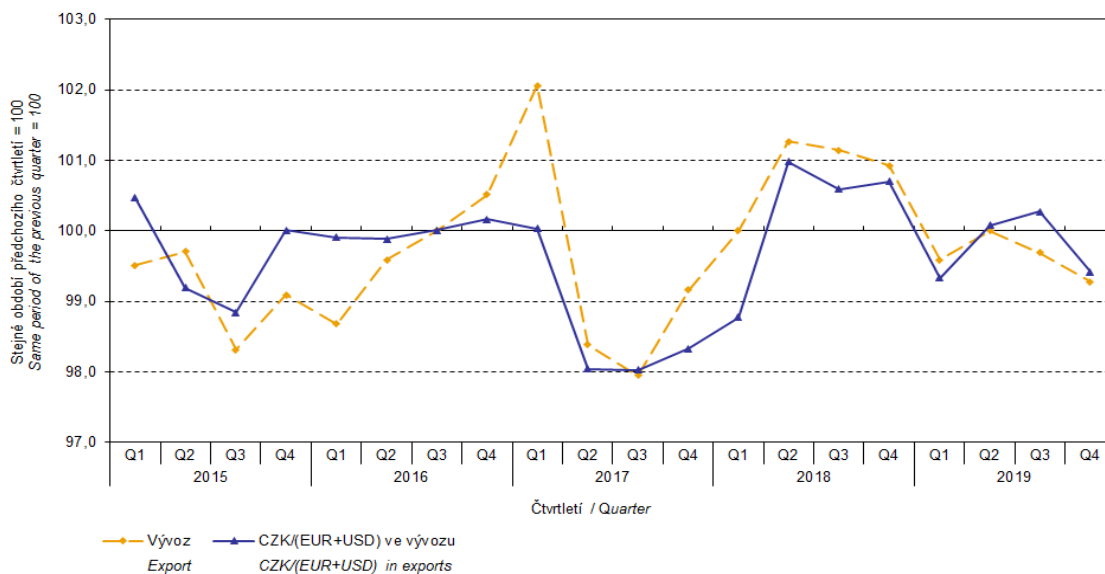
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Graph No 1 Trend of price indices in external trade q-o-q



The international trade price development was also significantly affected by the CZK exchange rate to the major foreign currencies. The q-o-q exchange rate index includes two most important currencies from the Czech Republic's international trade point of view, i.e. EUR and USD. Q-o-q indices of the CZK exchange rate to these currencies were weighted by the weight, which pertains to those foreign currencies in the export price index and import price index, respectively.

Graf č. 2 Indexy cen vývozu a vývoj kurzu mezičtvrtletně  
Graph No 2 Export price indices and exchange rate development q-o-q



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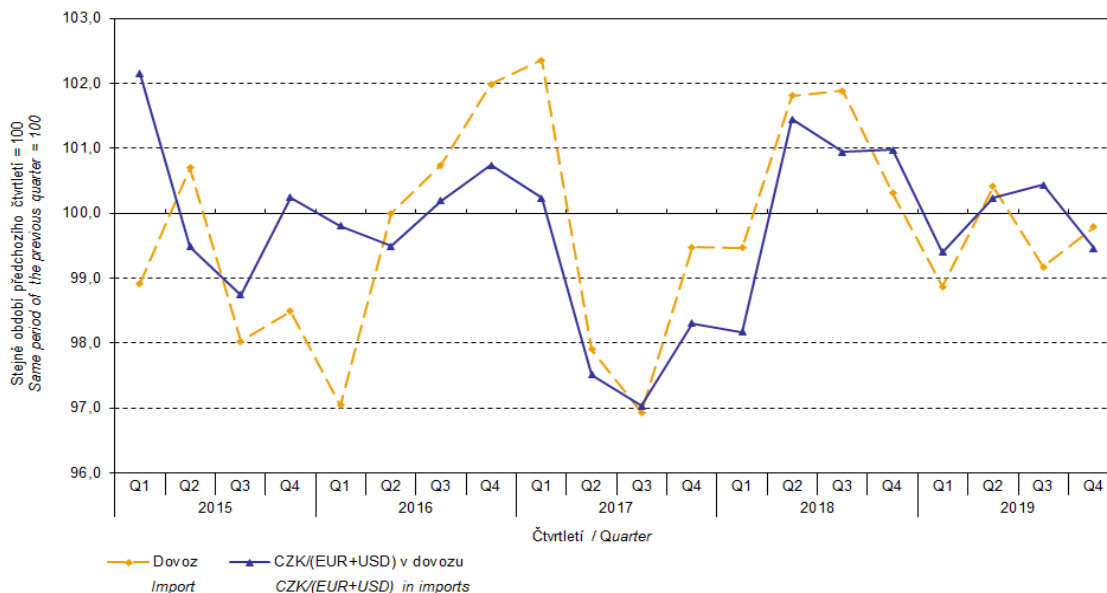
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Graf č. 3 Indexy cen dovozu a vývoj kurzu mezičtvrtletně  
Graph No 3 Import price indices and exchange rate development q-o-q



It is apparent from the Graph No 2 and Graph No 3 above that in both imports and exports, international trade prices have a strong relation to exchange rate impacts. Contracts with foreign entities are usually concluded for a longer period and the longer the contract period is, the stronger the relation to exchange rates is.

### Year-on-year comparison

In the Q4 2019, export prices decreased by 1.4%, y-o-y (in the Q3 2019 they grew by 0.3%, y-o-y). Prices of the following decreased the most: 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-13.4%), 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-8.5%), and 'chemicals and related products' (-3.5%). Prices of 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'machinery and transport equipment' increased by 1.1% and 0.1%, respectively.

Import prices in the Q4 2019 decreased by 1.8%, y-o-y (in the Q3 2019 they dropped by 1.2%, y-o-y). Prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' decreased by 11.8% followed by prices of 'chemicals and related products' (-5.8%) and prices of 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (-2.7%). Prices of the following were increasing: 'food and live animals' (by 5.4%), 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (by 1.3%), and 'machinery and transport equipment' (by 0.4%).

In the Q4 2019, the terms of trade reached the value of 100.4%, year-on-year (in the Q3 2019 they were at the value of 101.5%, y-o-y) and remained in positive values, see Graph No 4 below. Positive values of the terms of trade were recorded mainly for 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (103.7%), 'chemicals and related products' (102.4%), and 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (101.6%). The lowest negative values of the terms of trade were

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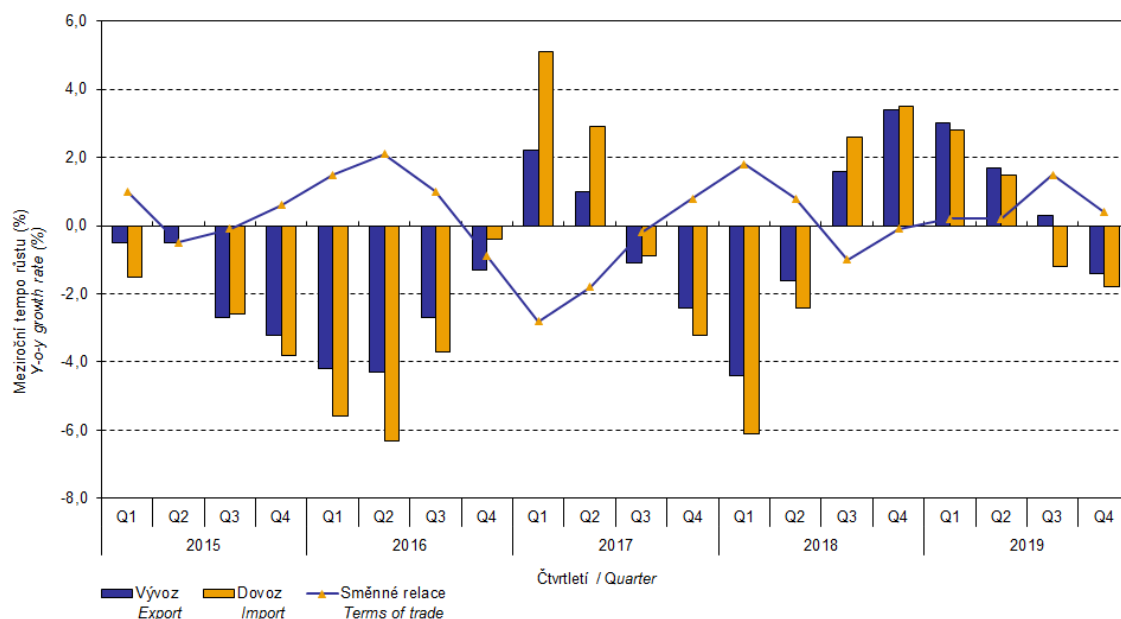
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recorded for 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (85.5%), 'food and live animals' (94.3%), and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (99.5%).

Graf č. 4 Vývoj indexů cen v zahraničním obchodě meziročně  
Graph No 4 Trend of price indices in external trade y-o-y



### Development in 2019

In the average for the whole year 2019, compared to the year 2018, export prices increased by 0.9%, y-o-y (in 2018 they decreased by 0.3%, y-o-y). Import prices increased by 0.3%, y-o-y (in 2018 they dropped by 0.7%, y-o-y).

In export prices, as for more important groups, prices increased for 'food and live animals' (by 1.7%), 'machinery and transport equipment' (by 1.2%), and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (by 0.4%). Decreasing prices were namely those of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-5.6%) and 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-2.0%).

In import prices a price increase was recorded mainly in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' by 6.9%, 'food and live animals' by 2.7%, and 'machinery and transport equipment' by 1.6%. As for more important groups, prices dropped for 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' by 4.7% and 'chemicals and related products' by 0.9%.

The terms of trade reached in total in 2019 the value of 100.6% (in 2018 they were 100.4%).

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### International trade price indices, year-on-year, adjusted for exchange rate influence

The Czech Statistical Office also carries out calculations of year-on-year international trade price indices adjusted for effects of exchange rate. Prices in foreign currencies reported in the current month are **converted** to Czech crowns by the **exchange rate** of the same month **of the previous year**. Then they are used for the weighted mean calculation along with prices reported in CZK. The year-on-year adjusted price index for a month is then calculated the way that this exchange rate adjusted base price index of a month is related to the non-adjusted base price index of the corresponding month of the previous year. Similarly, adjusted quarter-on-quarter price indices are calculated since 2017. **Differences among adjusted and non-adjusted price indices may be considerable**; they are obvious in Graph No 6 and Graph No 7 in the Q1 2018, for instance.

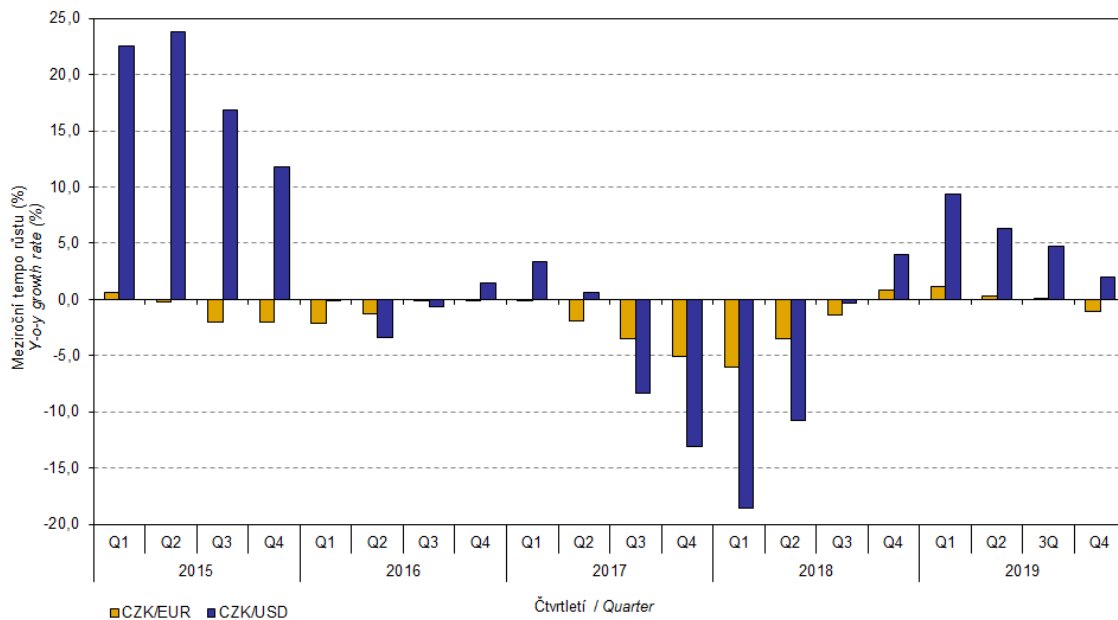
The method employed does not enable to carry out 100% exchange rate adjustment because not all trade transactions made in foreign currencies are reported in foreign currencies; the share does not exceed 30%. From the aforementioned it follows that, **at the full exchange rate adjustment, differences** between the price indices published and the exchange rate adjusted price indices **would** probably further **increase**.

The aforementioned exchange rate adjusted indices can be used to form the exchange rate adjusted breakdown of price indices increments. Table 1 gives the **published and exchange rate adjusted breakdowns of increments** of export and import price indices, expanded by the most important two-digit code groups of the SITC 7. The breakdown clearly illustrates how many percentage points each of the groups “exchange rate contributed” to the index.

In general, it is true that the effects of exchange rate decrease the value of price indices in international trade if CZK is strengthening to foreign currencies in total. Conversely, the effects of exchange rate push the price indices up if CZK is weakening to foreign currencies in total.

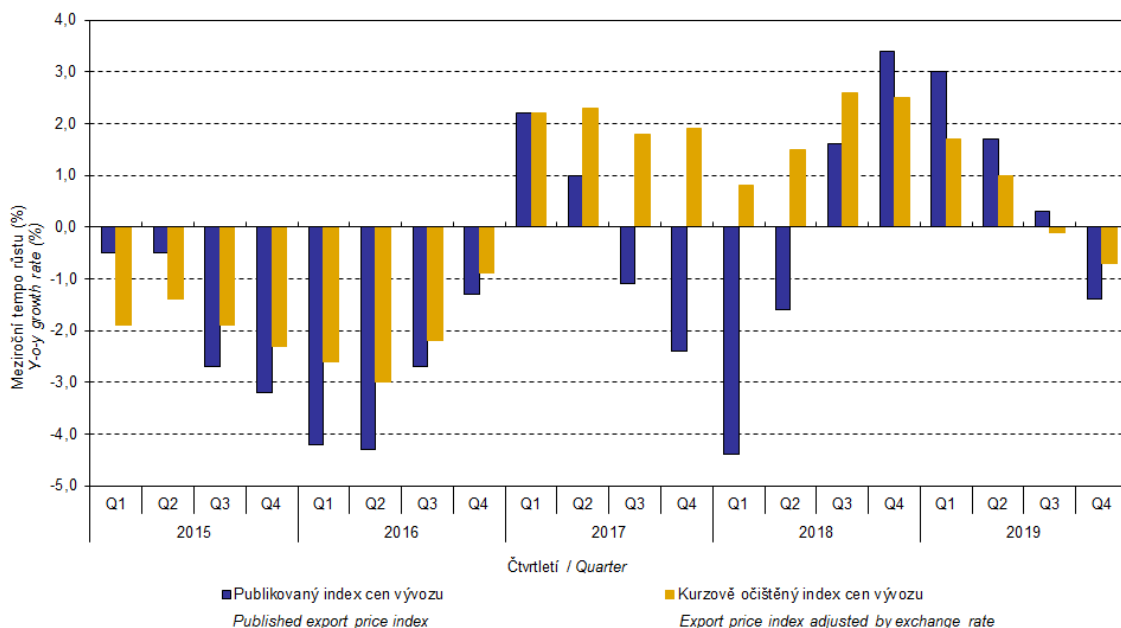
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Graph No 5 Quarterly exchange rates development y-o-y



From the Graph No 6 and Graph No 7 below, it is clear how significant the exchange rate influence on the value of the export and import price indices was.

Graf č. 6 Vývoj indexů vývozních cen meziročně  
Graph No 6 Trend in export price indices y-o-y



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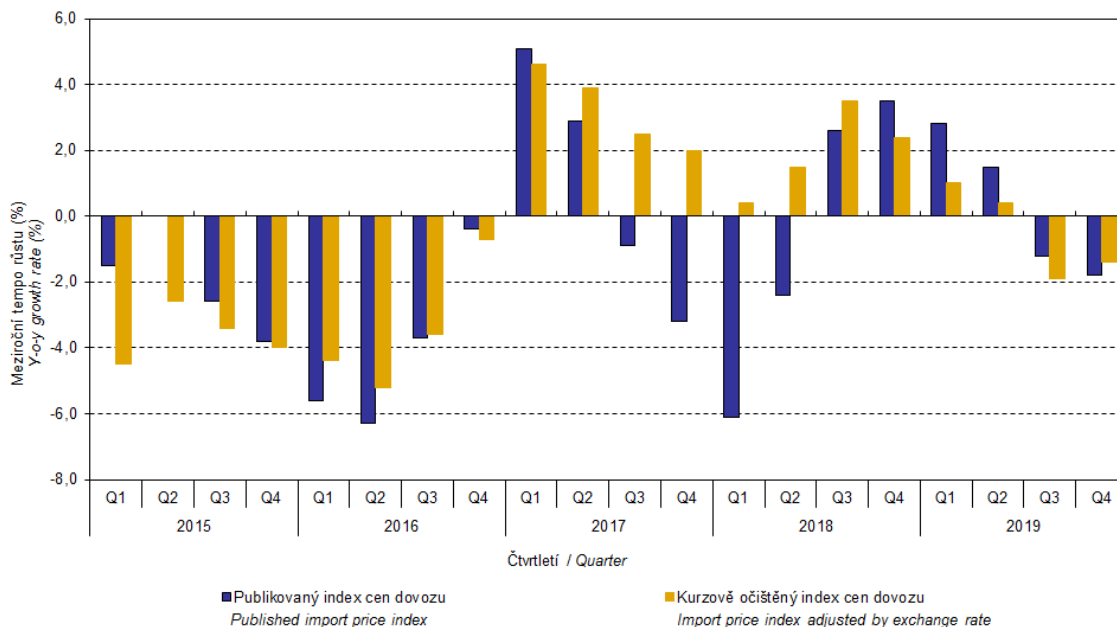
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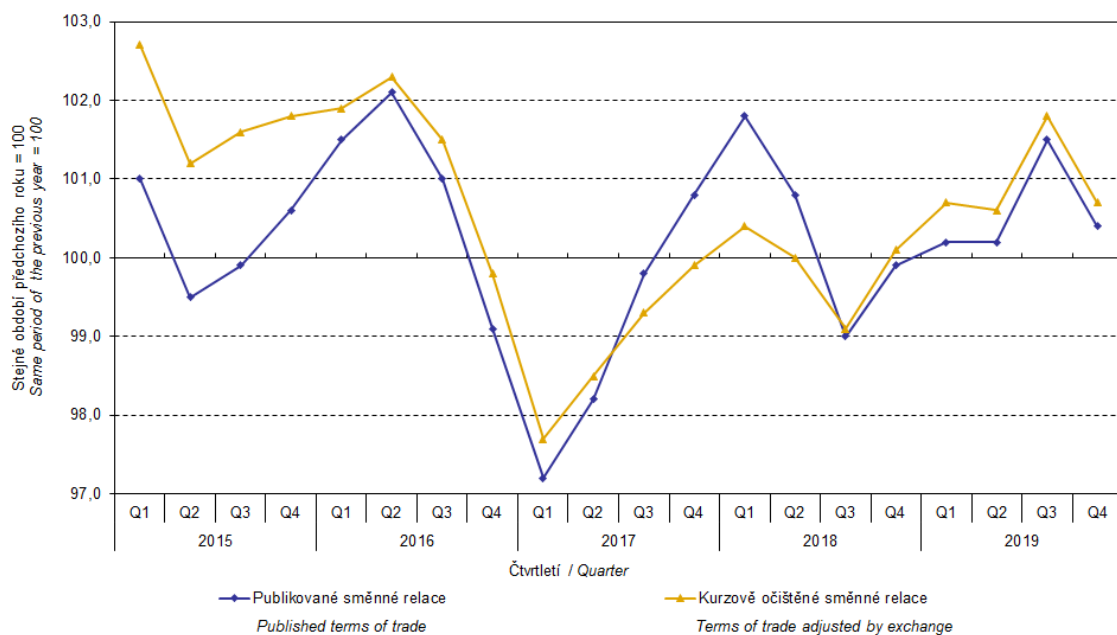
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Graf č. 7 Vývoj indexů dovozních cen meziročně  
Graph No 7 Trend in import price indices y-o-y



Graph No 8 shows the exchange rate influence on the value of the year-on-year terms of trade.

Graf č. 8 Směnné relace meziročně  
Graph No 8 Terms of trade y-o-y



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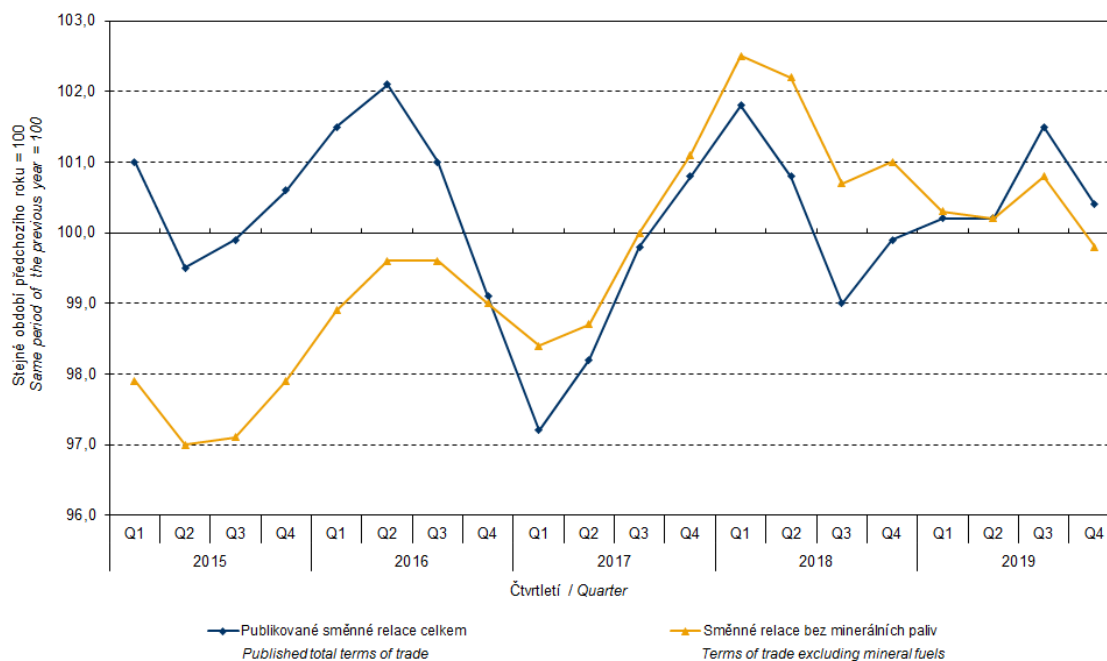
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Graf č.9 Publikované směnné relace a směnné relace s vyloučením minerálních paliv meziročně  
Graph No 9 Published terms of trade and terms of trade excluding mineral fuels y-o-y



Graph No 9 shows the development of the value of the terms of trade when the group of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' is excluded. It can be observed in the graph that the effects of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' were increasing the overall value of the y-o-y terms of trade until the Q4 2016. In the Q1 2017, the situation changed and 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' started to have a downward effect on the value of the terms of trade, which continued until the Q1 2019. In the Q2 2019, as an exception, 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' had no effect on the terms of trade value. Since the Q3 2019, 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' started to raise the terms of trade value again. Naturally, it is related to the world market price development, especially in crude oil. Import prices, which, compared to export prices, include a higher proportion of crude materials, respond in a more sensitive way to price turbulences. Therefore, when prices of crude materials go up, the terms of trade, as a rule, go down, and, conversely, when prices of crude materials fall, the terms of trade grow.

### Closing summary

In the Q4 2019, the exchange rate effects made the export price index and the import price index decrease, year-on-year. Export prices were decreasing less than import prices, y-o-y, and therefore the terms of trade reached positive values. After elimination of the exchange rate influence, the terms of trade were also positive. Values free of the exchange rate effects correspond to the exchange rate adjusted indices, see Graphs No 6, 7, and 8.

In the average for the whole year 2019, both the export prices and import prices were growing, year-on-year, and the terms of trade reached positive values.

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Tabulka 1 Rozklad přírůstků publikovaných a kurzově očištěných indexů cen vývozu a dovozu za 4. čtvrtletí 2019

Table 1 Breakdown of export and import price indices - published and exchange rate adjusted for Q4 2019

SITC	Název Name	Publikované Published					Očištěné o kurzové vlivy Exchange rate adjusted				
		Meziroční Year-on-year					Meziroční Year-on-year				
		Q3/2019	10/2019	11/2019	12/2019	Q4/2019	Q3/2019	10/2019	11/2019	12/2019	Q4/2019
<b>Rozklad přírůstků indexů vývozních cen</b> <i>Breakdown of export price indices</i>											
	<b>Celkem</b> <i>Total</i>	0,3	-0,8	-1,8	-1,5	-1,4	-0,1	-0,6	-0,8	-0,8	-0,7
0	<b>Potraviny a živá zvířata</b> <i>Food and live animals</i>	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
1	<b>Nápoje a tabák</b> <i>Beverages and tobacco</i>	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
2	<b>Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv</b> <i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	-0,2	-0,3	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,2	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3
3	<b>Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály</b> <i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	-0,3	-0,5	-0,3	-0,1	-0,3	-0,3	-0,5	-0,3	-0,1	-0,3
5	<b>Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky</b> <i>Chemicals and related products</i>	-0,1	-0,2	-0,3	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
6	<b>Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu</b> <i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</i>	-0,1	-0,4	-0,7	-0,8	-0,7	-0,1	-0,3	-0,6	-0,7	-0,5
7	<b>Stroje a dopravní prostředky - z toho:</b> <i>Machinery and transport equipment - thereof:</i>	0,6	0,4	-0,2	-0,1	0,1	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,4
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. <i>General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.</i>	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. <i>Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.</i>	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,1
78	Silniční vozidla <i>Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)</i>	0,4	0,3	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
8	<b>Průmyslové spotřební zboží</b> <i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>	0,4	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2
<b>Rozklad přírůstků indexů dovozních cen</b> <i>Breakdown of import price indices</i>											
	<b>Celkem</b> <i>Total</i>	-1,2	-1,9	-2,2	-1,2	-1,8	-1,9	-2,2	-1,6	-0,6	-1,4
0	<b>Potraviny a živá zvířata</b> <i>Food and live animals</i>	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,5	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,5	0,4
1	<b>Nápoje a tabák</b> <i>Beverages and tobacco</i>	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
2	<b>Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv</b> <i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
3	<b>Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály</b> <i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	-1,1	-1,6	-1,0	-0,2	-0,9	-1,2	-1,7	-1,0	-0,2	-1,0
5	<b>Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky</b> <i>Chemicals and related products</i>	-0,3	-0,6	-0,8	-0,8	-0,7	-0,4	-0,5	-0,7	-0,7	-0,6
6	<b>Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu</b> <i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</i>	-0,2	-0,4	-0,6	-0,6	-0,5	-0,3	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4
7	<b>Stroje a dopravní prostředky - z toho:</b> <i>Machinery and transport equipment - thereof:</i>	0,2	0,4	0,1	0,1	0,2	-0,2	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,3
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. <i>General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.</i>	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
75	Kancelářské stroje a zař. k automat. zpracování dat <i>Office machines and automatic data-processing machines</i>	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. <i>Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.</i>	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3
78	Silniční vozidla <i>Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)</i>	-0,2	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,0
8	<b>Průmyslové spotřební zboží</b> <i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

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The closing table gives published **non-adjusted** international trade price indices.

Tabulka 2 Indexy cen vývozu a dovozu ve 4. čtvrtletí 2019

Table 2 Export and import price indices in Q4 2019

SITC	Název Name	Stejně období předchozího roku = 100 Corresponding period of previous year = 100				
		Q3/2019	10/2019	11/2019	12/2019	Q4/2019
<b>Indexy vývozních cen</b> Export price indices						
	<b>Celkem</b> Total	100,3	99,2	98,2	98,5	98,6
0	<b>Potraviny a živá zvířata</b> Food and live animals	99,8	99,7	99,0	99,6	99,4
1	<b>Nápoje a tabák</b> Beverages and tobacco	101,9	102,2	101,0	101,4	101,5
2	<b>Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv</b> Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	92,0	87,9	86,5	85,5	86,6
3	<b>Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály</b> Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	91,0	86,6	91,2	97,5	91,5
5	<b>Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky</b> Chemicals and related products	98,1	97,3	95,7	96,6	96,5
6	<b>Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu</b> Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	99,8	98,2	96,4	95,8	96,8
7	<b>Stroje a dopravní prostředky</b> Machinery and transport equipment	101,2	100,7	99,7	99,9	100,1
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.	102,5	103,1	101,9	102,1	102,4
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances,	99,3	100,3	100,1	100,2	100,2
78	Silniční vozidla Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	101,8	101,3	100,1	100,5	100,6
8	<b>Průmyslové spotřební zboží</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	103,8	101,7	100,8	100,7	101,1
<b>Indexy dovozních cen</b> Import price indices						
	<b>Celkem</b> Total	98,8	98,1	97,8	98,8	98,2
0	<b>Potraviny a živá zvířata</b> Food and live animals	102,3	103,0	105,0	108,2	105,4
1	<b>Nápoje a tabák</b> Beverages and tobacco	94,8	93,5	90,9	92,6	92,3
2	<b>Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv</b> Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	110,7	104,5	101,3	98,3	101,3
3	<b>Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály</b> Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	86,6	80,8	87,5	97,9	88,2
5	<b>Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky</b> Chemicals and related products	97,5	95,4	93,4	93,7	94,2
6	<b>Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu</b> Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	98,8	98,0	96,9	97,0	97,3
7	<b>Stroje a dopravní prostředky</b> Machinery and transport equipment	100,4	101,0	100,2	100,1	100,4
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.	101,3	100,7	99,6	100,4	100,2
75	Kancelářské stroje a zař. k automat. zpracování dat Office machines and automatic data-processing	101,0	100,7	99,5	99,7	99,9
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78	Silniční vozidla Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	98,5	99,4	99,9	99,8	99,7
8	<b>Průmyslové spotřební zboží</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99,8	100,1	99,2	99,1	99,5

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