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External Trade Price Indices Development in Q3 2019

In Q3 2019, compared to Q2 2019, export prices and import prices declined by 0.3% and 0.8%, respectively. The terms of trade reached the value of 100.5%. Compared year-on-year, in Q3 2019 export prices grew by 0.3%, import prices decreased by 1.2%, and the terms of trade reached the value of 101.5%.

Quarter-on-Quarter Comparison

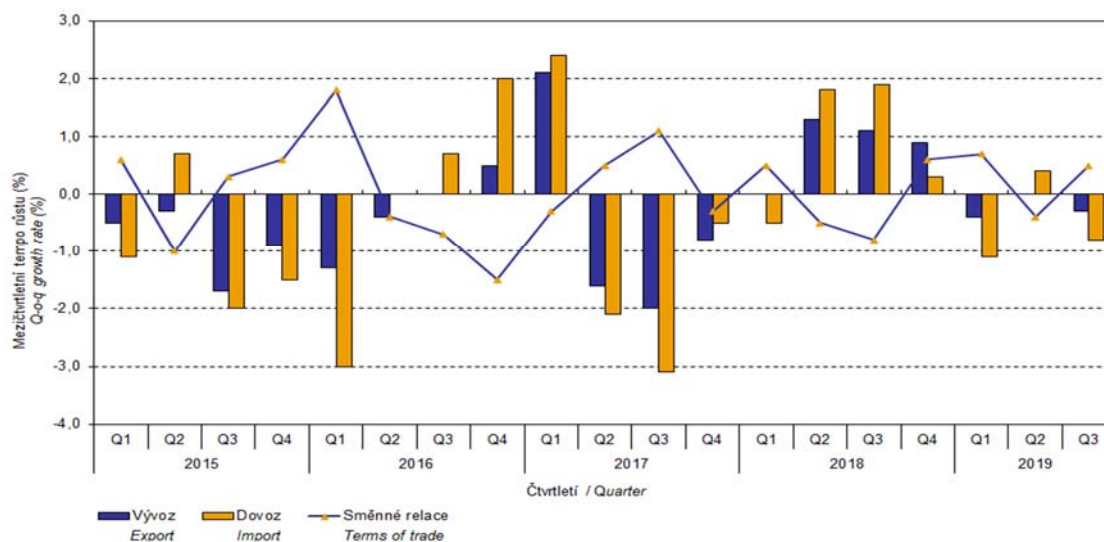
Export prices in Q3 2019, compared to Q2 2019, declined by 0.3%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). The deepest decline was recorded for prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels', followed by 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials', and 'food and live animals' by 6.0%, 2.6%, and 1.0%, respectively. Prices of 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'machinery and transport equipment' increased by 1.3% and 0.1%, respectively.

Import prices in Q3 2019, compared to Q3 2019, decreased by 0.8%, q-o-q. Prices for 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials', 'chemicals and related products', 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' and 'machinery and transport equipment' declined by 6.3%, 1.7%, 0.6%, and 0.2%, respectively. Prices for 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' and 'food and live animals' grew by 2.0% and 0.2%, respectively.

The terms of trade in Q3 2019, compared to Q2 2019, reached the value of 100.5%. Positive values of the terms of trade were recorded especially for 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (103.9%), 'chemicals and related products' (101.5%), and for 'machinery and transport equipment' (100.3%). Negative values of the terms of trade were recorded for 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (92.2%) and 'food and live animals' (98.8%).

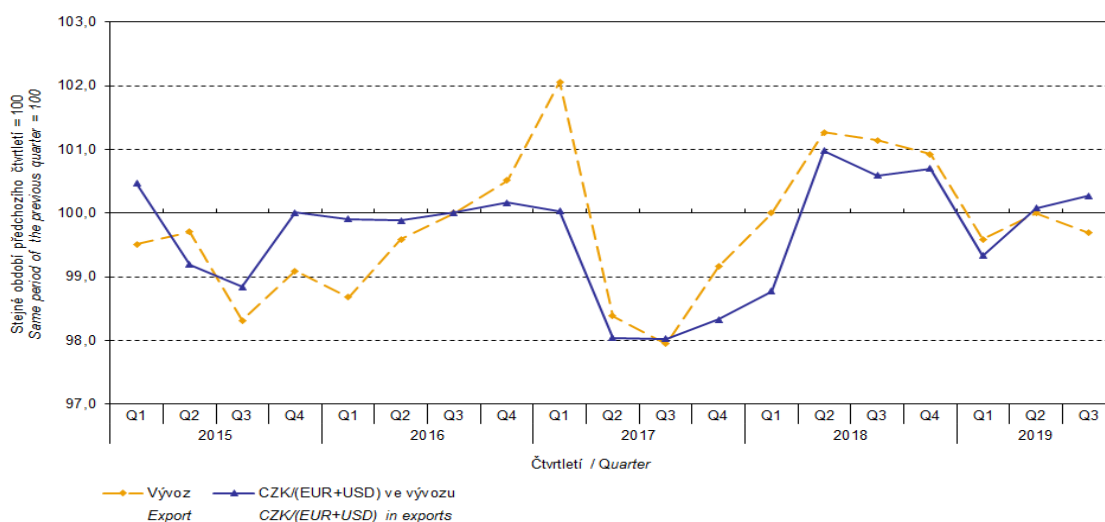
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Graf č. 1 Vývoj indexů cen v zahraničním obchodě mezičtvrtletně
Graph No 1 Trend of price indices in external trade q-o-q



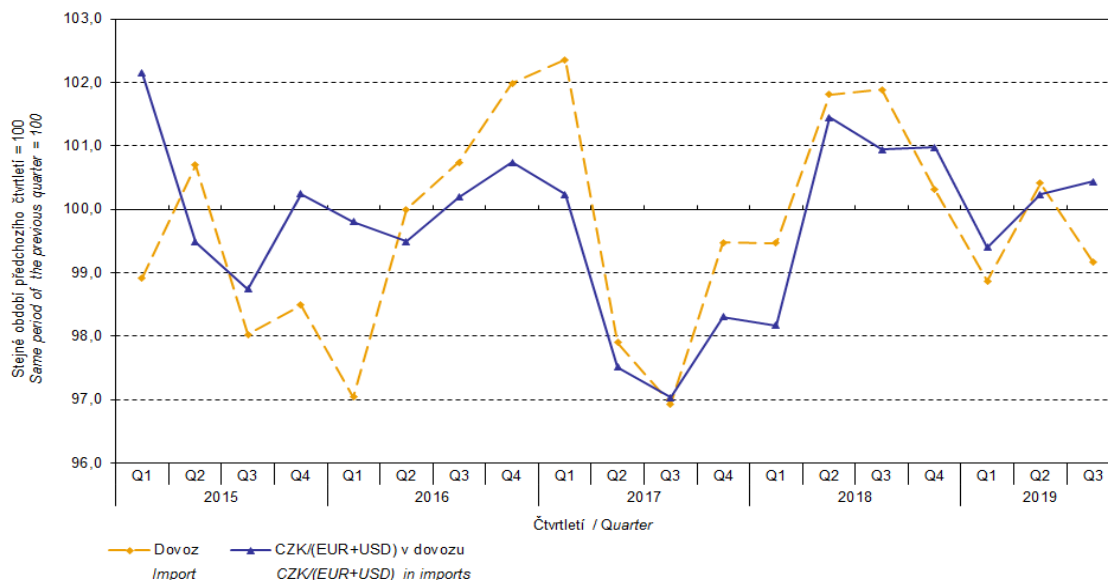
The external trade price development was also significantly affected by the CZK exchange rate to the major foreign currencies. The q-o-q exchange rate index includes two most important currencies from the Czech Republic's external trade point of view, i.e. EUR and USD. Q-o-q indices of the CZK exchange 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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Graf č. 3 Indexy cen dovozu a vývoj kurzu mezičtvrtletně
Graph No 3 Import price indices and exchange rate development q-o-q



It can be seen from the aforementioned Graphs No 2 and 3 that in both cases of imports and exports, external trade prices have a strong relation to exchange rate impacts. Contracts with foreign entities are, as a rule, signed for a longer period of time and the longer the contract period is, the stronger the relation to exchange rates is.

Year-on-Year Comparison

Export prices in Q3 2019 increased by 0.3%, year-on-year (y-o-y) (in Q2 2019 they grew by 1.7%, y-o-y). Prices of 'miscellaneous manufactured articles', 'beverages and tobacco', and 'machinery and transport equipment' increased by 3.8%, 1.9%, and 1.2%, respectively. The deepest decline was recorded for prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' by 9.0%, followed by prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels', which decreased by 8.0%.

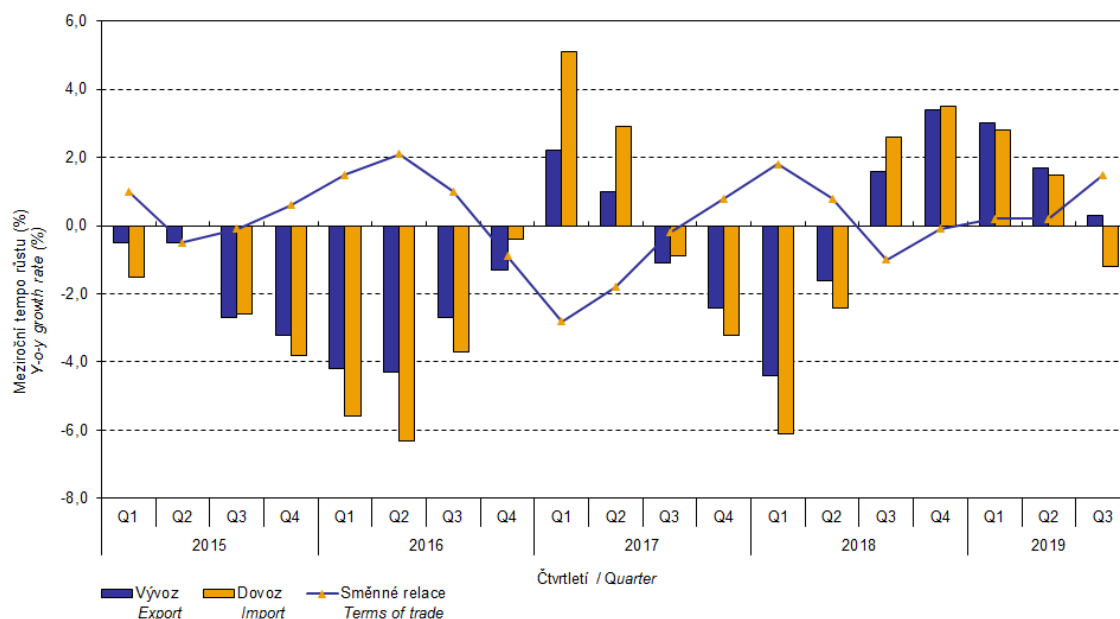
Import prices in Q3 2019 decreased by 1.2%, y-o-y (in Q2 2019 they grew by 1.5%, y-o-y). The deepest decline was recorded for prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials', followed by those of 'chemicals and related products', and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' by 13.4%, 2.5%, and 1.2%, respectively. The highest growth was recorded for prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels', 'food and live animals', and 'machinery and transport equipment' by 10.7%, 2.3%, and 0.4%, respectively.

The terms of trade in Q3 2019 reached the value of 101.5%, year-on-year (in Q2 2019 they were at the value of 100.2%, y-o-y) and remained in positive values, see Graph No 4 below. Positive values of the terms of trade were recorded namely for 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (105.1%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (104.0%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (101.0%), and 'machinery and transport equipment' (100.8%).

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Negative values of the terms of trade were recorded for 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (83.1%) and 'food and live animals' (97.6%).

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



External Trade Price Indices, Year-on-Year, Adjusted for Exchange Rate Influence

The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) also carries out calculations of year-on-year external trade price indices adjusted for effects of exchange rate. The method is prices in foreign currencies reported in the current month are **converted** into Czech crowns by the **exchange rate** of the same month **of the last 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 same month of the last year. Adjusted quarter-on-quarter price indices are calculated in an analogous way since 2017. **Differences among adjusted and non-adjusted price indices may be substantial**. They can be clearly seen in Graphs No 6 and 7 for Q1 2018, for instance.

The method employed does not enable, for many practical reasons, to carry out 100% exchange rate adjustment because all trade transactions concluded in foreign currencies are not reported in foreign currencies. This share is up to 30%. It follows from the aforementioned, that **at the full exchange rate adjustment differences** in between the price indices published and the exchange rate adjusted price indices **would be probably even larger**.

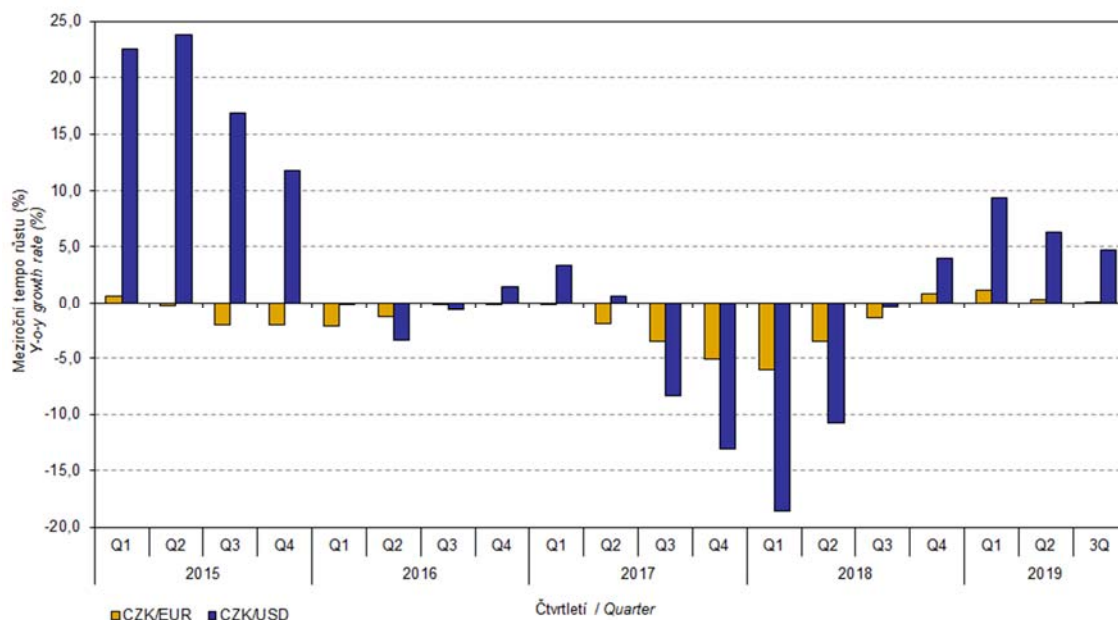
The aforementioned exchange rate adjusted indices can be used to form the exchange rate adjusted breakdown of price indices increments. Table 1 gives the **published and exchange**

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rate adjusted breakdowns of increments of export and import price indices, expanded to the most important two-digit code groups of the SITC 7. These breakdowns illustrate, in a good manner, how many percentage points each of the groups “exchange rate contributed” to the index.

It holds in general, that the effects of exchange rate decrease the value of price indices in external 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.

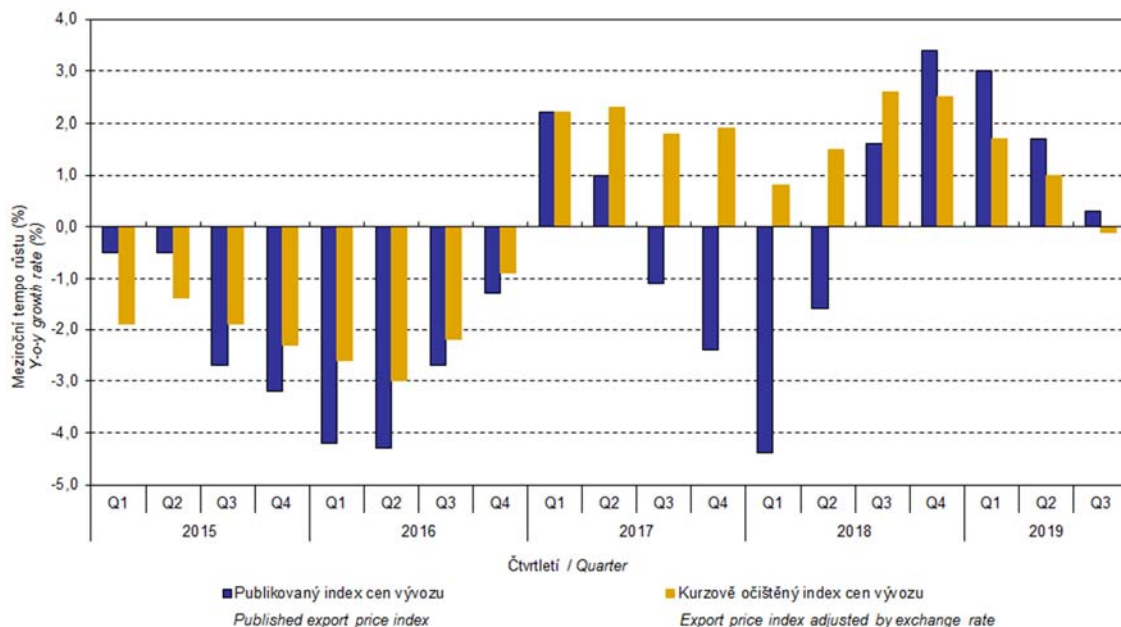
Graf č. 5 Vývoj čtvrtletních kurzů meziročně
Graph No 5 Quarterly exchange rates development y-o-y



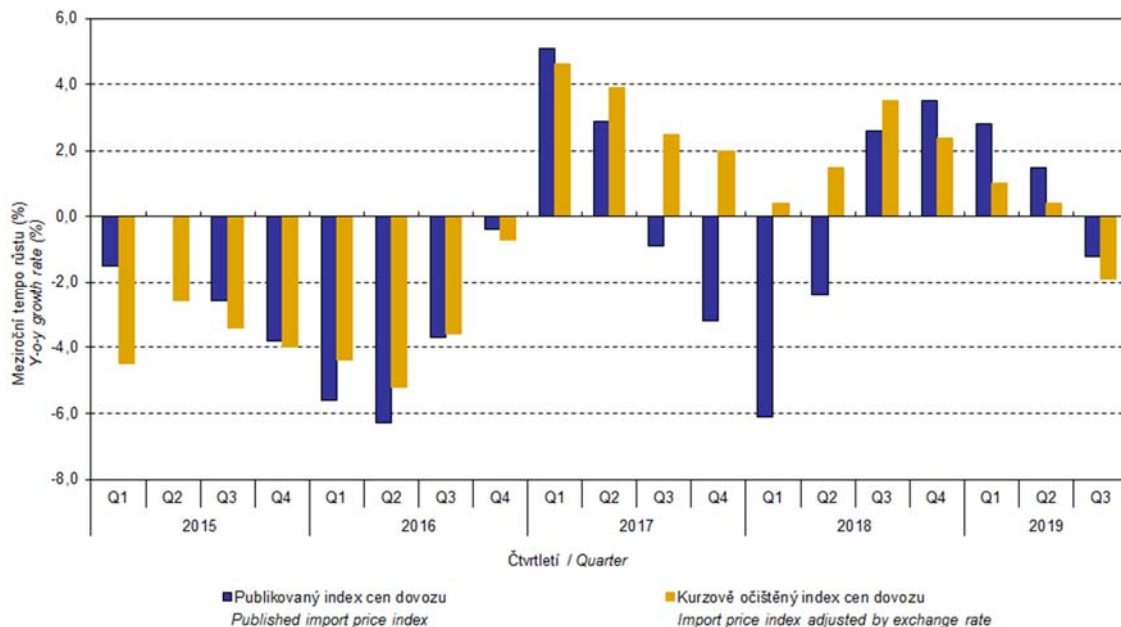
It is obvious from the following Graphs No 6 and 7, how significant was the exchange rate impact on the value of export and import price indices.

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



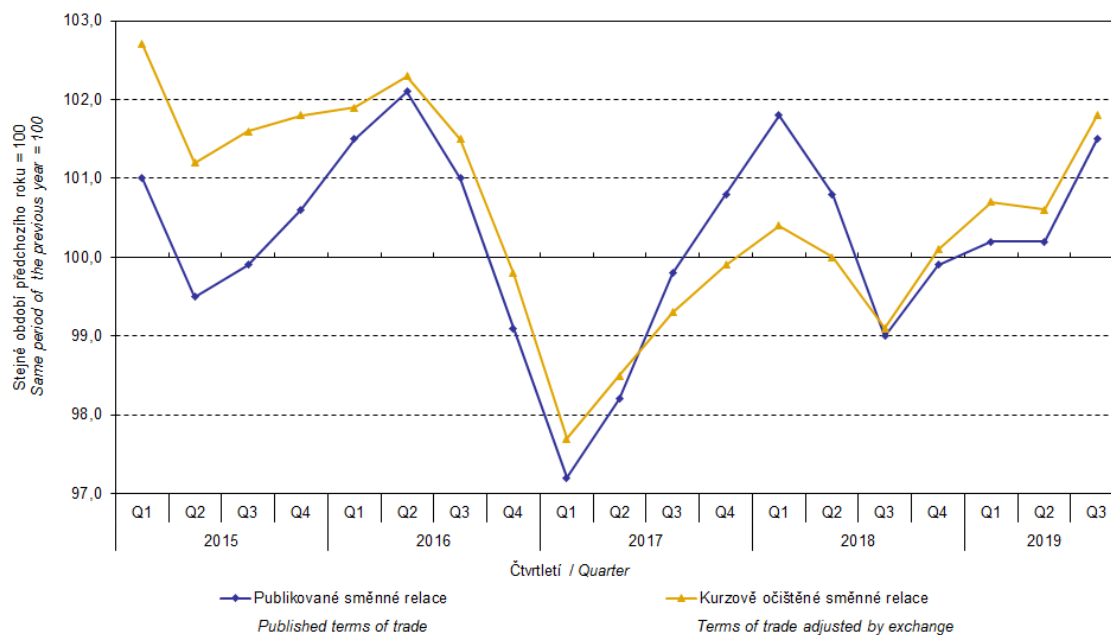
Graf č. 7 Vývoj indexů dovozních cen meziročně
Graph No 7 Trend in import price indices y-o-y



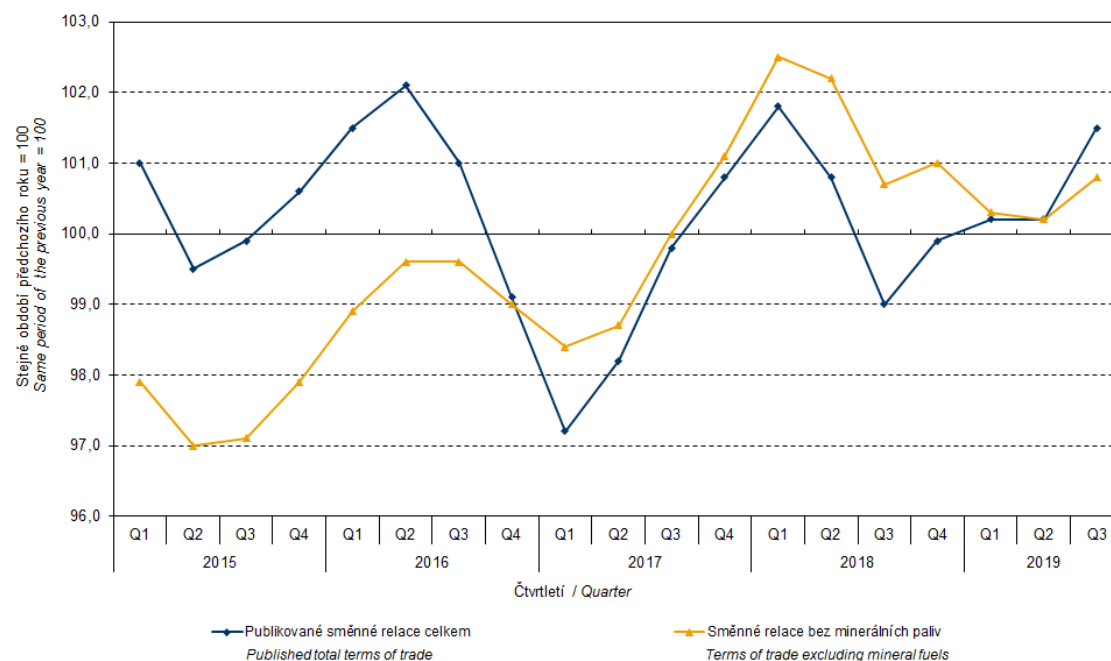
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Graph No 8 shows exchange rate influence on the value of the year-on-year terms of trade.

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



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



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Graph No 9 demonstrates how the value of the terms of trade would develop if the observed groups of goods would not include that of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials'. 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 till Q4 2016. In Q1 2017 the situation began to reverse and 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' have had a downward effect on the value of the terms of trade, which continued till Q1 2019. In Q2 2019, exceptionally, 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' had no effect on the terms of trade value. In Q3 2019 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' started to raise the terms of trade value. It is, of course, 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 and 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

The exchange rate effects in Q3 2019 made the export price index growing and mitigated the decline in import prices, year-on-year. Export prices were growing while import prices decreased, and therefore the terms of trade attained positive values, all year-on-year. If exchange rate unadjusted, the terms of trade would reach a positive value anyway. Values free of the exchange rate effects correspond to exchange rate adjusted indices, see Graphs No 6, 7, and 8.

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Tabulka 1 Rozklad přírůstků publikovaných a kurzově očištěných indexů cen vývozu a dovozu za 3. čtvrtletí 2019

Table 1 Breakdown of export and import price indices - published and exchange rate adjusted for Q3 2019

SITC	Název Name	Publikované Published				Očištěné o kurzové vlivy Exchange rate adjusted					
		Meziroční Year-on-year				Meziroční Year-on-year					
		Q2/2019	07/2019	08/2019	09/2019	Q3/2019	Q2/2019	07/2019	08/2019	09/2019	Q3/2019
Rozklad přírůstků indexů vývozních cen <i>Breakdown of export price indices</i>											
	Celkem <i>Total</i>	1,7	-0,5	0,4	0,9	0,3	1,0	0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
0	Potraviny a živá zvířata <i>Food and live animals</i>	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
1	Nápoje a tabák <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	Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv <i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	0,0	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
3	Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály <i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	0,1	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,3	0,1	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,3
5	Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky <i>Chemicals and related products</i>	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
6	Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu <i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</i>	0,3	-0,2	0,0	0,1	-0,1	0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
7	Stroje a dopravní prostředky - z toho: <i>Machinery and transport equipment - thereof:</i>	0,7	0,0	0,7	1,1	0,6	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,4
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. <i>General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.</i>	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,1	0,1	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	-0,2	-0,1	0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1
78	Silniční vozidla <i>Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)</i>	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,6	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4
8	Průmyslové spotřební zboží <i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>	0,5	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Rozklad přírůstků indexů dovozních cen <i>Breakdown of import price indices</i>											
	Celkem <i>Total</i>	1,5	-1,7	-1,1	-0,7	-1,2	0,4	-1,5	-2,0	-2,3	-1,9
0	Potraviny a živá zvířata <i>Food and live animals</i>	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1
1	Nápoje a tabák <i>Beverages and tobacco</i>	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,0
2	Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv <i>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
3	Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály <i>Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	0,1	-0,8	-1,1	-1,3	-1,1	-0,2	-0,9	-1,3	-1,5	-1,2
5	Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky <i>Chemicals and related products</i>	0,1	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3	0,1	-0,2	-0,4	-0,5	-0,4
6	Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu <i>Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</i>	0,0	-0,4	-0,2	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	-0,3	-0,3	-0,2	-0,3
7	Stroje a dopravní prostředky - z toho: <i>Machinery and transport equipment - thereof:</i>	1,0	-0,3	0,2	0,5	0,2	0,4	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. <i>General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.</i>	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
75	Kancelářské stroje a zař. k automat. zpracování dat <i>Office machines and automatic data-processing machines</i>	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. <i>Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.</i>	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
78	Silniční vozidla <i>Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)</i>	0,2	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2	0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
8	Průmyslové spotřební zboží <i>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1

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Closing table gives published external trade price indices **without adjustment**.

Tabulka 2 Indexy cen vývozu a dovozu ve 3. čtvrtletí 2019
Table 2 Export and import price indices in Q3 2019

SITC	Název Name	Stejně období předchozího roku = 100 Corresponding period of previous year = 100				
		Q2/2019	7/2019	8/2019	9/2019	Q3/2019
Indexy vývozních cen Export price indices						
	Celkem Total	101,7	99,5	100,4	100,9	100,3
0	Potraviny a živá zvířata Food and live animals	103,5	99,5	100,1	99,9	99,8
1	Nápoje a tabák Beverages and tobacco	102,7	100,8	102,2	102,8	101,9
2	Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	98,5	92,1	92,6	91,5	92,0
3	Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	102,4	93,8	89,7	89,7	91,0
5	Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky Chemicals and related products	100,4	97,2	97,8	99,3	98,1
6	Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	101,4	99,0	99,9	100,4	99,8
7	Stroje a dopravní prostředky Machinery and transport equipment	101,4	99,9	101,5	102,1	101,2
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.	102,2	101,0	103,0	103,6	102,5
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances,	99,1	97,8	99,2	101,1	99,3
78	Silniční vozidla Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	102,3	100,7	102,0	102,6	101,8
8	Průmyslové spotřební zboží Miscellaneous manufactured articles	104,3	103,2	104,0	104,3	103,8
Indexy dovozních cen Import price indices						
	Celkem Total	101,5	98,3	98,9	99,3	98,8
0	Potraviny a živá zvířata Food and live animals	103,1	101,2	102,3	103,4	102,3
1	Nápoje a tabák Beverages and tobacco	95,0	94,0	95,2	95,2	94,8
2	Suroviny nepoživatelné, s výjimkou paliv Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	108,7	109,6	113,1	109,4	110,7
3	Minerální paliva, maziva a příbuzné materiály Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	101,0	89,4	85,7	84,8	86,6
5	Chemikálie a příbuzné výrobky Chemicals and related products	101,3	97,6	97,6	97,4	97,5
6	Tržní výrobky tříděné hlavně podle materiálu Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	99,9	97,8	98,7	99,8	98,8
7	Stroje a dopravní prostředky Machinery and transport equipment	102,4	99,4	100,5	101,4	100,4
74	Stroje a zařízení všeobecně užívané v průmyslu, j.n. General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s.	101,6	100,3	101,5	102,2	101,3
75	Kancelářské stroje a zař. k automat. zpracování dat Office machines and automatic data-processing	102,8	99,8	101,0	102,2	101,0
77	Elektrická zařízení, přístroje a spotřebiče, j.n. Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances,	103,4	101,4	102,2	103,4	102,3
78	Silniční vozidla Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	101,8	97,8	98,9	98,7	98,5
8	Průmyslové spotřební zboží Miscellaneous manufactured articles	100,3	99,0	99,8	100,6	99,8

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