

## Commentary

### Trend in February 2019

#### Month-on-month comparison

- **Exports:** export prices increased by 0.3%, month-on-month (m-o-m) in February 2019. The trend in the monthly export price index was essentially affected by an increase in prices of 'machinery and transport equipment' by 0.6%. Prices also grew in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' by 1.0% and 0.3%, respectively. Prices in 'mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products' decreased mostly by 2.0%.
- **Imports:** import prices grew by 0.5%, m-o-m, in February 2019. The greatest effect on an overall decline in the monthly import price index was brought mainly by an increase in 'machinery and transport equipment' by 0.9%. Prices grew mostly in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' and 'food and live animals' by 2.4% and 1.6%, respectively. Prices in 'chemicals and related products' decreased by 0.3%.
- The **terms of trade** reached the value of 99.8%. Significant negative values of the terms of trade were reached in 'mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products' (97.9%), 'food and live animals' (98.0%), and in 'machinery and transport equipment' (99.7%). The highest positive values of the terms of trade were reached in 'beverages and tobacco' (102.8%), and 'chemicals and related products' (100.4%).

#### Year-on-year comparison

- **Exports:** export prices grew by 3.4%, year-on-year (y-o-y) (in January 2019 they increased by 2.8%). An increase in the prices of 'machinery and transport equipment' by 2.7% exerted a significant effect on the development in the annual export price index. Highest price increases were recorded in the group of 'mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products' by 9.4%, especially in electricity prices, in 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' by 4.8%, and in 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' by 4.5%. No price drop was recorded in any of the monitored groups.
- **Imports:** import prices increased by 3.3%, y-o-y (they rose by 2.4% in January 2019). A growth in prices for 'machinery and transport equipment' by 4.0% had the strongest effect on the growth of the annual import price index. The biggest price growth was recorded in 'mineral fuels, lubricants, and related products' by 8.6%, especially in electricity prices. Prices in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' and in 'chemicals and related products' grew by 7.5% and 4.0%, respectively. Prices fell only in 'beverages and tobacco' by 3.8%.
- The **terms of trade** decreased to the value of 100.1% (they decreased at 100.4% in January 2019) but they stayed in positive values for the third month. Out of the important groups of goods positive values of the terms of trade were recorded for 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (103.3%), and 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (102.9%). Negative values of the terms of trade were reached especially for 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (94.5%), 'chemicals and related products' (97.7%), and for 'machinery and transport equipment' (98.8%).