

## COMMENTARY

### Trend in May 2014

#### Month-on-month comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices fell 0.1% in May (growth +0.2% in April). The change of the total m-o-m export price index was driven mainly by a 2.4% price drop in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials'. Among important sections biggest price fall occurred in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-0.3%), 'machinery and transport equipment' (-0.2%) and 'food and live animals' (-0.1%). The biggest price growth was registered in 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+0.8%) and 'chemicals and related products' (+0.5%).
- **Imports:** import prices did not change (drop -0.4% in April). Biggest price drop was registered in prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-2.1%), 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-1.6%) and 'food and live animals' (-1.4%). On the contrary, significant price growth was reported in 'machinery and transport equipment' (+0.6%), 'chemicals and related products' (+0.4%) and 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+0.2%).
- The **terms of trade** figures decreased to 99.9% (100.6% in April) and aimed to negative values after two months. Lowest negative values reached 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' and 'machinery and transport equipment' (both 99.2%). Among important sections highest positive values of the terms of trade figures reached prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (101.8%), 'food and live animals' (101.3%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (100.6%).

#### Year-on-year comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices increased by 3.0% (+3.1% in April) due to weakening of koruna against Euro. The change of the total y-o-y export price index was driven mainly by a 2.8% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices in 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material', 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' and 'chemicals and related products' grew 5.0%, 4.5% and 2.9%, respectively. Prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' decreased by 5.3% and 'animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' dropped 3.7%.
- **Imports:** import prices rose 1.0% (+0.8% in April). Change of the total y-o-y import price index came mainly from a 2.0% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices of 'food and live animals', 'chemicals and related products' and 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' rose 4.8%, 1.2% and 0.3%, respectively. Prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' decreased by 5.3% and prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' fell 4.5%.
- The **terms of trade** figures decreased to 102.0% (102.3% in April) staying in positive values for seventeenth month. Among important sections, highest positive values of the terms of trade figures were registered in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (108.3%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (104.2%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (102.9%) and 'machinery and transport equipment' (100.8%). Negative values of the terms of trade figures reached 'food and live animals' (96.2%) and 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (99.2%).