

COMMENTARY

Trend in August 2014

Month-on-month comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices rose 0.7% in August (+0.3% in July). The change of the total m-o-m export price index was driven mainly by a 0.5% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. The biggest price growth was recorded in 'chemicals and related products' (+1.5%), 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (+1.3%) 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+1.1%) and 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (+1.1%). Biggest price fall occurred in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-1.2%) and 'food and live animals' (-0.6%).
- **Imports:** import prices increased by 0.7% in August (unchanged in July). The change of the total m-o-m import price index was driven mainly by a 1.3% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Among important section price growth was registered in prices of 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (+1.2%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (+1.0%), and 'chemicals and related products' (+1.0%). The significant price fall was recorded in 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (-2.0%), 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (-1.1%), and 'food and live animals' (-0.4%).
- The **terms of trade** figures decreased to 100.0% (100.3% in July). The highest positive values reached 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (102.2%), 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (100.8%) and 'chemicals and related products' (100.5%). Among important sections, negative values of the terms of trade figures reached prices of 'machinery and transport equipment' (99.2%) and 'food and live animals' (99.8%).

Year-on-year comparison:

- **Exports:** export prices increased by 5.3% (+3.9% in July), especially due to weakening of koruna against Euro. The change of the total y-o-y export price index was driven mainly by a 5.5% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices in 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material', 'chemicals and related products' and 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' grew 7.0%, 6.8% and 5.5%, respectively. Prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' dropped 6.4%.
- **Imports:** import prices increased by 3.3% (+1.8% in July). Change of the total y-o-y import price index came mainly from a 5.4% price growth in 'machinery and transport equipment'. Prices of 'manufactured goods classified chiefly by material', 'food and live animals' and 'chemicals and related products' grew 5.1%, 3.9% and 3.7%, respectively. Prices of 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' decreased by 5.2% and prices of 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' fell 4.6%.
- The **terms of trade** figures decreased to 101.9% (102.1% in July) staying in positive values for twentieth month. Among important sections, highest positive values of the terms of trade figures were registered in 'crude materials, inedible, except fuels' (115.4%), 'chemicals and related products' (103.0%), 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' (102.1%) and 'machinery and transport equipment' (100.1%). Negative values of the terms of trade figures reached 'food and live animals' and 'mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials' (both 98.1%).