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Year-on-year retail sales growth continued

Retail trade – September 2014

In September 2014, sales in retail trade including the automotive segment after seasonal adjustment increased by 0.3% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 4.5%, year-on-year; non-adjusted grew by 6.2%, y-o-y. Sales were growing both in the automotive segment as well as in the retail trade alone.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade including sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ‑NACE 45+47) increased in September by 0.3% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.5%, y-o-y. The 6.2% y-o-y growth of non‑adjusted sales was contributed to at a higher number of working days (+1) more by the automotive segment than the retail trade alone (see Table 2).

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased by 0.6% **at constant prices, m-o-m**. **Year-on-year**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 11.7%. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 15.3%, **y-o-y**; for repairs by 18.3% and

for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 14.6%.

In **retail trade including sale of automotive fuel (CZ-NACE 47) seasonally adjusted** sales decreased **at constant prices** by 0.3%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 1.2%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 2.4%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of non‑food goods increased by 3.7%, for automotive fuel by 2.8%, and for food by 0.5%.

The highest growth was recorded by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+22.6%) and retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+20.8%). Sales grew also for retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+3.3%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+2.5%), and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+2.4%). Sales for sale of food were higher in retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (+0.3%) and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (+3.7%). On the contrary, a decrease was reported by retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (-2.6%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.6%. Prices increased mainly in retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores, and food, while decrease of prices occurred in retail sale of information and communication equipment and other household equipment in specialised stores.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>).

**For the entire Q3 2014**, sales in **retail trade including the automotive segment** increased by 5.1% **at constant prices, y-o-y** (there was 1 working day more in Q3 2014 than in the Q3 2013); in the automotive segment the growth was by 13.2% and in the retail trade alone (including sale of automotive fuel) by 1.8%. Sales for non-food goods increased by 3.8% and for automotive fuel by 0.2%, while for food they dropped by 0.2%.

Notes:

*Data for September 2014 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2014 will be available in June 2015 at the latest.*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade, sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in retail trade, excl. automotive fuel (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Sales in retail trade (CZ-NACE 47) – international comparison