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Sales in retail trade were influenced by a lower number of working days

Retail trade – July 2016

In July 2016, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment decreased at constant prices by 0.2%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 5.1%, year‑on-year (y-o-y). Non-adjusted sales increased by 1.6%, y-o-y. The sales development was influenced also by a lower number of working days compared to the previous year.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.2% in July at constant prices, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 5.1%, year-on-year (y-o-y), for non-food goods it was by 8.0%, for automotive fuel by 6.2%, and for food by 2.1%. Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 1.6%, y-o-y, for non-food goods they were by 3.0% up and for automotive fuel by 2.2% up, while for food sales decreased by 0.2%. The year-on-year development of non-adjusted sales was influenced by a different number of working days; there were 3 working days less in July 2016 than in July 2015.

The highest growth rate was recorded by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+19.8%). Sales were growing also in other household equipment in specialized stores (+6.2%), cultural and recreation goods (+5.7%), and clothing and footwear (+3.1%). On the contrary, sales decreased by 4.5% in dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores; by 3.7% sales decreased in information and communication equipment in specialized stores. Sales in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores decreased by 2.6% and in retail sale in non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating sales stagnated.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 98.1%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel, food, information and communication equipment, and other household equipment in specialized stores. On the contrary, prices increased in retail sale of clothing and footwear, cultural and recreation goods, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 1.7%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 4.7%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 4.8%, **y-o-y**, for repair of motor vehicles they dropped by 7.0% and for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 4.3%.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications/news-releases>).

Notes:

*Data for April to June 2016 have been revised in compliance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for July 2016 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2016 will be available in June 2017 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