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Steady growth of retail sales

Retail trade – April 2015

In April 2015, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment increased by 0.8% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 6.0%, year-on-year, the same as non-adjusted.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 0.8% at constant prices, month-on-month. Year-on-year, sales adjusted for calendar effects as well as non-adjusted increased by 6.0% (there was the same number of working days in April 2015 and April 2014). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 7.6%, y-o-y, for non-food goods by 7.4%, and for food by 3.8%.

Over a long period of time, the fastest sales growth has been recorded by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+19.0% in April). A two-digit growth of sales was reported also by retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+14.6%). Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores increased by 9.2%, retail sale of clothing and footwear by 8.4%, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 5.8%, and retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores by 4.9%. Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating increased by 4.1%; however, retail sale of food, beverages, and tobacco in specialised stores remained 0.3% under the level of April 2014.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 98.2%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices in retail sale of automotive fuel and information and communication equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in retail sale of clothing and footwear, cultural and recreation goods, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

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>).

Seasonally adjusted sales for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45) decreased by 1.4% at constant prices, m-o-m. Year-on-year, sales increased by 7.1% (both adjusted for calendar effects and non-adjusted). Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 8.0% and for repairs by 3.4%.

Notes:

*Data for January 2014 to March 2015 have been revised in compliance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for April 2015 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2015 will be available in June 2016 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