PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - MANUFACTURING (PPI-M)

Food, Beverages and Tobacco

(July – September 1999)

Introduction

This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents producer price indices for the "Food, beverages and tobacco" sector for the period July to September 1999 as well as revised figures for previous months. It is recalled that the Producer Price Index (PPI-M) measures the average change in the selling prices (including excise duties but excluding the value added tax) received by manufacturers for the part of their output that is sold on the domestic market. The indices are computed using calendar year 1993 as the reference period.

2. PPI-M: Food, Beverages and Tobacco

2.1 Monthly change

The overall index for "Food, beverages and tobacco" which stood at 155.8 in June 1999, fell by 0.8% to 154.5 in July and maintained this level in August and September 1999 (Table 1).

The index for “Food” fell by 1.6% in July and 0.1% in August 1999. The decrease in July was due to changes in the price of the following products: vegetables and animal oils and fats (-9.1%), grain mill products (-0.6%), canned fruits and vegetables (+0.6%) and canned fish and similar products (+0.4%). The 0.1% decrease in August 1999 was mainly the effect of a 1.8% fall in the price of tea. However, the price of tea moved up by 1.7% in September and was offset by the 0.1% decrease in the prices of canned fish and similar products.

The index for “Beverages and tobacco” remained at the level of 178.6 throughout the 3rd quarter of 1999. The slight increases of 0.2% and 0.1% in the prices of soft drinks in July and September 1999 respectively, did not have any significant effect in the “beverage and tobacco” sub-index.

Monthly sub-indices by ISIC group are given in tables 2 and 3.
2.2 Quarterly change

Table 4 gives the evolution of the Producer Price Index on a quarterly basis, the quarterly index being the average of the monthly indices. The average index, which stood at 148.9 for the 2nd quarter 1999, rose to 154.5 in the 3rd quarter 1999. This 3.8% rise was mainly the effect of price increases in the “Manufacture of beverages and tobacco” sub-group (+9.3%), partly offset by price decreases of 1.5% in food products.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 1998, the overall index for the 3rd quarter rose by 6.2% as a result of a price increase of 16.3% in "Manufacture of beverages and tobacco" and a 2.7% decrease in "Food". The increase in “Beverages and tobacco” was mostly the result of higher prices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco. Within the “Food” sector, significant price decreases were noted in “Manufacture of grain mill products” (-17.4%) and in “Manufacture of vegetables and animal oils and fats” (-4.5%). There was, however, an increase of 3.6% in “Manufacture of dairy products”. Other details on changes that have occurred at the group and sub-group level are given in Table 4.

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December 1999
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# PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - Manufacturing (PPI-M), Year 1993 = 100

## Food, Beverages & Tobacco

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