1. Introduction

The Producer Price Index (PPI-M) measures changes in the effective selling prices received by producers for that part of their output, which is sold on the domestic market. It reflects the price trends of a constant basket of goods, which represents the output of the selected industries.

The Central Statistics Office first published a Producer Price Index for the Manufacturing sector in March 1994, with 1993 as reference period, but the coverage was then limited to the manufacture of “Food, beverages and tobacco”. The scope of the index has now been extended to cover all relevant industry groups of the Non-EPZ manufacturing sector.

This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents the Producer Price Indices for the whole manufacturing sector from 1998 up to the second quarter of 2002, broken down by 14 divisions (2-digits level of the NSIC). Producer Price Indices for the Divisions 15 and 16, “Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco”, have been further subdivided by product group level and are given separately in Tables 5 to 8. The methodology used for the calculation of the index is given in annex.

2. Producer Price Index: 2nd Quarter 2002 (1998=100)

2.1 Monthly index

The overall Producer Price Index for Manufacturing increased by 0.1% from March to April 2002 to reach 114.4 and then maintained this level in both May and June 2002. The rise in April was due to price increases of 0.2% and 1.4% in “Food products, beverages and tobacco” and "Fabricated metal products" respectively (Table 1). In June, the former group rose by less than 0.1% but this had no significant effect on the overall index.

In April 2002, within the “Food products, beverages and tobacco” sector, the "Food" sub-group witnessed a 0.5% rise explained by the effect of a 3.3% increase in the prices of animal feeds slightly offset by the 0.8% decrease in "Other food products". In "Beverages and tobacco" the price of wine decreased by 4% but then increased by 2.2% in the following
In June, price changes were noted in "Meat and meat products" (+1.7%) and "Grain mill products" (-0.7%).

The evolution of the monthly index by NSIC group for the period 1998 to 2001 is shown in Tables 2 and 3.

### 2.2 Quarterly Index

Table 4 gives the evolution of the Producer Price Index for Manufacturing on a quarterly basis, the quarterly index being computed as the arithmetic mean of the monthly indices. The index, which stood at 114.1 in the first quarter of 2002, rose to 114.4 during the second quarter of 2002. This 0.3% growth was mostly the overall effect of price increases of 1.4% in “ Manufacture of basic metals”, another 1.4% in “Manufacture of fabricated metal products” and 0.3% in each of the following sub-groups: "Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco", “Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products" and "Manufacture of furniture, and manufacturing n.e.c”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2001, the overall index for the second quarter of 2002 went up by 4.5%, with increases in almost all the sectors with the exception of “Manufacture of wood, wood products and cork except furniture”, "Manufacture of rubber and plastic products" and “Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus”, where no change was registered. Producer prices for the “Manufacture of textiles” went up by 16.5% but it is to be noted that this division represents only 1.3% of the total weight. Those Divisions with significant weights and which witnessed high price increases are "Food, beverages and tobacco" (+4.3%) and "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products" (+4.2%). Within the former group, there were increases of 4.1% and 4.5% in "Manufacture of food products" and "Manufacture of beverages and tobacco" respectively. Other details on changes that have occurred during that period are given in Tables 4 and 8.

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Percent changes (%) from 2001 to 2002:

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- Manufacture of wearing apparel: 4.3%
- Tanning, dressing of leather, man. of luggage, handbags etc.: 1.0%
- Man. of wood, wood products and cork except furniture: 0.0%
- Manufacture of paper and paper products: 1.7%
- Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media: 6.1%
- Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products: 4.2%
- Manufacture of rubber and plastic products: 0.0%
- Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products: 7.0%
- Manufacture of basic metals: 4.2%
- Manufacture of fabricated metal products: 1.4%
- Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus: 0.0%
- Manufacture of furniture, and manufacturing n.e.c.: 7.2%
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