

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - MANUFACTURING (PPI-M)

Food, Beverages and Tobacco (January - March 1997)

Introduction

This is the thirteenth issue of the quarterly indicator on the Producer Price Index - Manufacturing (PPI-M), which is published by the Central Statistical Office since 1994. The PPI-M measures the average change in the selling prices received by manufacturers for the part of their output that is sold on the domestic market. This present issue of the indicator shows changes in the indices for the "Food, beverages and tobacco" sector during the first quarter of 1997 and provides revised figures for the previous months and quarters. It is recalled that 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 Producer Price Index for "Food, beverages and tobacco" stood at 126.5 at the end of March 1997 compared to 129.1 at the end of December 1996.

In January 1997, the index fell by 2.6%, the net effect of decreases of 30.1% and 4.9% in "Manufacture of grain mill products" and "Manufacture of other food products", respectively, and an increase of 8.9% in the "Manufacture of dairy products". In February 1997, the index moved up slightly by 0.1% and was followed, in March, by another 0.6% increase due, mainly, to a 7.7% increase in the prices received for bakery products.

The index for "Manufacture of beverages and tobacco" with nearly 45% of the total weight, remained quite stable throughout the first quarter of 1997 except for a 0.6% fall in the prices of soft drinks in March. Table 1 shows the evolution of the monthly indices by industry group since July 1996.

2.2 Quarterly change

Table 2 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 for the first quarter of 1997 fell by 2.2% over the previous quarter following price changes in the industry groups mentioned at paragraph 2.1.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of last year, the index rose by 5.2% as a result of price increases of 3.2% in the "Food" sector and 7.9% in "Manufacture of beverages and tobacco". The increase in the "Food" sector was led by a 19.5% rise in "Manufacture of prepared animal feeds" and another 13.8% in "Manufacture of dairy products". The only industry group that witnessed a fall is "Manufacture of grain mill products" (-20.5%). Within the "Beverages and tobacco" sector prices of wine products moved up by 6.5% and those of spirits by 4.7%. Other details on changes that have occurred at the group and sub-group level are given in Table 2.

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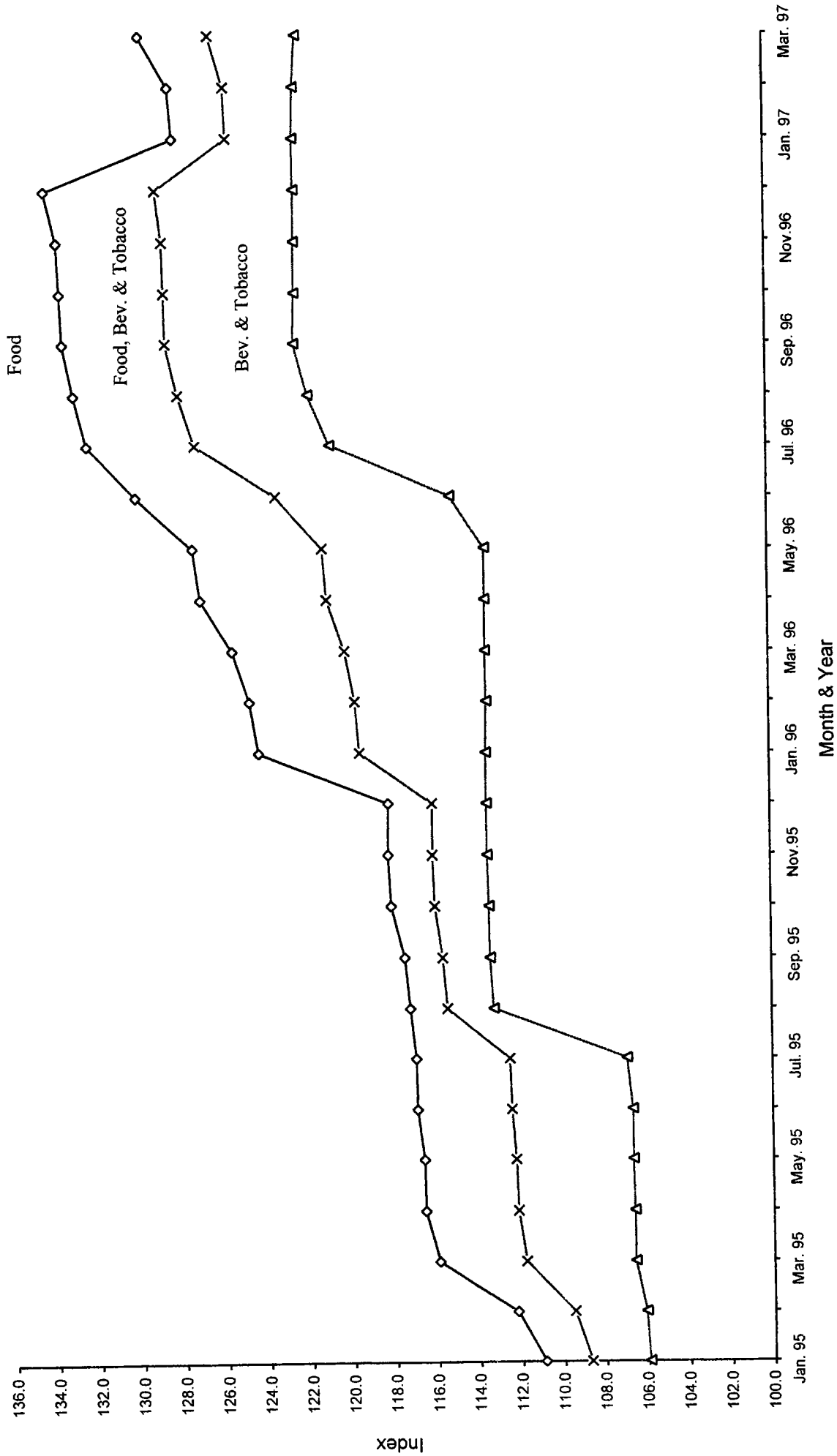
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Table 1: Monthly Indices and percent changes by ISIC group*, July 96 - March 97

ISIC group*	Weight	Index										Percent changes (%) from		
		July 96	Aug. 96	Sept. 96	Oct. 96	Nov. 96	Dec. 96	Jan. 97	Feb. 97	Mar. 97	Dec. 96 to Jan. 97	Jan. 97 to Feb. 97	Feb. 97 to Mar. 97	
Manufacture of food	556	132.4	133.0	133.5	133.6	133.8	134.3	128.2	128.4	129.8	-4.5	0.2	1.1	
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	124.4	124.4	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of dairy products	25	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.3	140.3	140.3	152.7	152.7	152.7	8.9	0.0	0.0	
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	122.7	122.7	122.7	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	126.4	126.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	129.2	130.7	131.2	131.8	132.6	132.6	132.1	132.0	132.6	-0.4	0.0	0.4	
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.4	133.4	133.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	182.8	186.1	186.1	186.1	186.1	186.1	130.1	130.1	130.9	-30.1	0.0	0.6	
Manufacture of bakery products	103	118.0	118.0	118.1	117.9	118.6	118.6	118.6	118.6	125.7	0.0	0.0	6.0	
of which:														
Bakery & pastries	81	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	126.8	0.0	0.0	7.7	
Biscuits & sweets	13	127.3	127.3	128.1	128.1	133.7	133.7	133.3	133.3	133.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
of which:														
Sugar	30	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of tea	15	109.5	116.8	119.2	119.0	118.9	118.4	118.8	120.5	119.0	0.4	1.4	-1.3	
Manufacture of other food products	9	126.1	126.1	126.1	130.4	130.4	130.4	124.0	124.0	124.0	-4.9	0.0	0.0	
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.3	142.9	142.9	142.9	142.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Man. of beverages and tobacco	444	120.8	121.9	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
of which:														
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	107.1	107.3	109.6	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Wine	9	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Soft drinks	81	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.6	121.4	120.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	127.2	128.0	128.6	128.7	128.8	129.1	125.7	125.8	126.5	-2.6	0.1	0.6	

* according to the national version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of economic activities (ISIC)

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Table 2: Quarterly average and percent changes by ISIC group *, 1st Quarter 95 - 1st Quarter 97

ISIC group*	Weight	Index												Percent Changes (%) from	
		1st Qr 95	2nd Qr 95	3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95	1st Qr 96	2nd Qr 96	3rd Qr 96	4th Qr 96	1st Qr 97	4th Qr 96 to 1st Qr 97	1st Qr 96 to 1st Qr 97			
Manufacture of food	556	113.0	116.3	117.2	118.1	124.9	128.2	132.9	133.9	128.8	-3.8	3.2			
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	108.2	115.0	111.6	111.6	116.4	120.2	125.0	126.2	126.2	0.0	8.4			
Manufacture of dairy products	25	117.4	122.0	121.9	130.1	134.2	137.8	140.1	140.3	152.7	8.9	13.8			
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	107.7	108.7	110.9	114.4	116.8	117.4	122.7	124.0	125.6	1.3	7.5			
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	107.6	115.4	119.9	123.0	123.6	124.9	130.4	132.3	132.2	-0.1	7.0			
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	125.9	130.1	131.2	131.2	132.0	132.4	133.5	133.5	133.4	0.0	1.1			
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	122.7	126.0	127.4	127.5	164.1	172.3	185.0	186.1	130.4	-29.9	-20.5			
Manufacture of bakery products	103	113.9	113.9	111.5	112.5	113.2	115.1	118.1	118.4	121.0	2.2	6.8			
of which:															
Bakery & pastries	81	115.5	115.5	111.6	111.6	112.6	114.6	117.7	117.7	120.8	2.6	7.3			
Biscuits & sweets	13	108.9	108.9	114.3	121.9	121.9	123.7	127.5	131.8	133.3	1.1	9.4			
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	100.0	100.0	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	0.0	0.0			
of which:															
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	0.0	0.0			
Manufacture of tea	15	103.7	108.5	108.7	108.8	108.8	109.0	115.2	118.8	119.4	0.5	9.8			
Manufacture of other food products	9	109.0	118.8	118.8	119.5	119.9	121.9	126.1	130.4	124.0	-4.9	3.4			
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	104.9	104.9	112.0	112.0	119.6	128.5	136.3	138.5	142.9	3.2	19.5			
Man. of beverages and tobacco	444	106.2	106.6	111.2	113.4	113.5	114.0	121.7	122.5	122.4	0.0	7.9			
of which:															
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	102.9	104.1	104.5	104.5	104.5	105.4	108.0	109.4	109.4	0.0	4.7			
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	109.6	111.8	111.8	111.8	119.0	119.0	119.0	0.0	6.5			
Soft drinks	81	110.8	111.1	117.4	121.0	121.1	121.0	121.2	121.5	121.2	-0.2	0.1			
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	110.0	112.0	114.5	116.1	119.8	121.9	128.0	128.8	126.0	-2.2	5.2			

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Table 3: Monthly Indices by ISIC group *, January 96 - December 96

ISIC group *	Weight	Jan. 96	Feb. 96	Mar. 96	Apr. 96	May 96	June 96	July 96	Aug. 96	Sept. 96	Oct. 96	Nov. 96	Dec. 96
Manufacture of food	556	124.3	124.7	125.5	127.0	127.4	130.1	132.4	133.0	133.5	133.6	133.8	134.3
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	152	116.4	116.4	116.4	118.1	118.1	124.4	124.4	124.4	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2
Manufacture of dairy products	25	133.8	134.5	134.5	136.6	136.6	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.3	140.3	140.3
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	116.8	116.8	116.8	117.2	116.8	118.2	122.7	122.7	122.7	124.0	124.0	124.0
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	123.9	123.7	123.2	123.9	125.4	125.4	129.2	130.7	131.2	131.8	132.6	132.6
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	131.1	132.4	132.4	132.4	132.4	132.4	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	164.1	164.1	164.1	172.3	172.3	172.3	182.8	186.1	186.1	186.1	186.1	186.1
Manufacture of bakery products of which:	103	112.5	113.6	113.6	113.6	113.6	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.1	117.9	118.6	118.6
Bakery & pastries	81	111.6	113.1	113.1	113.1	113.1	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7
Biscuits & sweets	13	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	127.3	127.3	127.3	128.1	128.1	133.7	133.7
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery of which:	32	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3
Sugar	30	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0
Manufacture of tea	15	108.8	108.9	108.8	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.5	116.8	119.2	119.0	118.9	118.4
Manufacture of other food products	9	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.9	126.1	126.1	126.1	126.1	130.4	130.4	130.4
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	116.5	116.5	125.8	125.8	129.8	129.8	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.3	136.3	142.9
Man. of beverages and tobacco of which:	444	113.5	113.4	113.5	113.5	113.5	115.1	120.8	121.9	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.6	107.1	107.1	107.3	109.6	109.4	109.4	109.4
Wine	9	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
Soft drinks	81	121.2	121.0	121.1	121.1	121.0	120.9	121.0	121.3	121.3	121.5	121.5	121.5
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	119.5	119.7	120.2	121.0	121.2	123.4	127.2	128.0	128.6	128.7	128.8	129.1

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Table 4: Monthly Indices by ISIC group*, January 95 - December 95

ISIC group*	Weight	Jan. 95	Feb. 95	Mar. 95	Apr. 95	May 95	June 95	July 95	Aug. 95	Sept. 95	Oct. 95	Nov. 95	Dec. 95
Manufacture of food	556	110.9	112.2	115.9	116.6	116.6	116.9	116.9	117.2	117.4	118.1	118.2	118.2
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	103.9	103.9	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6
Manufacture of dairy products	25	115.8	115.8	120.7	120.7	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	130.1	130.1	130.1
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	107.2	107.2	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	109.3	111.6	111.6	113.4	114.9	114.9
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	107.4	107.5	107.8	113.6	114.2	118.5	118.9	119.9	120.9	123.0	123.4	122.6
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	119.7	128.4	129.6	129.6	129.6	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2	131.2
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	122.7	122.7	122.7	126.0	126.0	126.0	127.3	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.5	127.5
Manufacture of bakery products of which:	103	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	110.8	111.3	112.4	112.5	112.5	112.5
Bakery & pastries	81	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6
Biscuits & sweets	13	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	112.5	121.4	121.9	121.9	121.9
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery of which:	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3	118.3
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0
Manufacture of tea	15	100.8	102.2	108.1	108.1	108.9	108.5	108.5	109.0	108.6	108.7	109.0	108.8
Manufacture of other food products	9	109.0	109.0	109.0	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	119.9	119.9
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0
Man. of beverages and tobacco	444	105.9	106.1	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.9	113.2	113.4	113.4	113.5	113.5
of which:													
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	102.1	102.4	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	109.0	109.9	109.9	111.8	111.8	111.8
Soft drinks	81	110.6	110.9	110.8	110.9	111.1	111.1	111.4	119.9	120.8	120.8	121.0	121.2
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	108.7	109.5	111.8	112.1	112.2	112.4	112.5	115.4	115.6	116.0	116.1	116.1

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Table 5: Monthly Indices by ISIC group*, January 94 - December 94

ISIC group*	Weight	Jan. 94	Feb. 94	Mar. 94	Apr. 94	May 94	June 94	July 94	Aug. 94	Sept. 94	Oct. 94	Nov. 94	Dec. 94
Manufacture of food	556	103.7	103.7	104.5	104.6	107.2	107.2	108.1	108.2	108.2	108.4	108.2	108.2
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9
Manufacture of dairy products	25	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	115.8	115.8	115.8
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	102.3	102.8	102.8	102.8	104.2	104.2	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.6	106.4	107.2
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	106.4	105.7	105.7	108.4	108.0	107.4	107.4	106.9	108.0	107.5	107.6	107.2
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	119.7	119.7	119.9	119.9	119.9	119.7	119.7	119.7
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0
Manufacture of bakery products	103	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	113.5	113.7	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9
of which:													
Bakery & pastries	81	111.5	114.5	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5
Biscuits & sweets	13	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	106.1	106.9	109.0	108.9	108.9	108.9
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	52	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
of which:													
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of tea	15	100.3	100.5	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.6	100.2	100.7	100.9	99.6
Manufacture of other food products	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	108.6	108.6	108.6	109.0	109.0	109.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	100.0	100.0	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4	110.0	110.0	110.0	106.8	106.8
Man. of beverages and tobacco	444	105.2	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.9	104.9	105.5	105.5	105.8	105.8	105.9
of which:													
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	99.9	99.9	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
Wine	9	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
Soft drinks	81	109.0	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	109.4	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.8	110.3
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	104.3	104.3	104.8	104.8	106.3	106.2	106.7	107.0	107.0	107.2	107.1	107.2

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Table 6: Monthly Indices by ISIC group* for the base period (year 1993)

ISIC group*	Weight	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Base Year 1993
Manufacture of food	556	95.6	95.6	95.6	96.5	98.2	101.2	101.9	101.9	102.1	103.8	103.8	103.8	100.0
Slaughtering, preparation & preserving meat	132	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	103.5	103.5	103.5	100.0
Manufacture of dairy products	25	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2	111.4	111.4	111.4	100.0
Canning & preserving of fruits & vegetables	36	96.7	97.2	97.2	100.1	100.1	100.1	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	100.0
Canning & processing of fish & similar products	9	98.7	98.0	98.1	98.9	99.2	98.7	98.8	99.0	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.8	100.0
Man. of vegetable & animal oils & fats	81	96.7	96.7	96.7	97.8	98.4	98.4	101.7	101.7	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	100.0
Manufacture of grain mill products	65	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of bakery products	103	83.3	83.3	83.3	86.1	93.4	109.6	110.1	110.1	110.1	110.2	110.2	110.2	100.0
of which:														
Bakery & pastries	81	80.4	80.4	80.4	84.0	92.2	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	100.0
Biscuits & sweets	13	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.7	102.7	102.7	100.0
Manufacture of sugar and sugar confectionery	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
of which:														
Sugar	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of tea	15	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.2	99.6	100.0
Manufacture of other food products	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	49	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Man. of beverages and tobacco	444	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	99.2	101.7	101.7	101.7	105.2	100.0
of which:														
Distilling, blending, bottling of spirit	128	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	100.0
Wine	9	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	98.1	101.4	101.4	103.6	103.6	103.6	100.0
Soft drinks	81	95.6	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	109.0	108.9	109.0	109.0	100.0
Man. of Food, Beverages & Tobacco	1,000	96.9	97.0	97.0	97.4	98.4	100.1	100.4	100.7	101.9	102.9	102.9	104.4	100.0

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