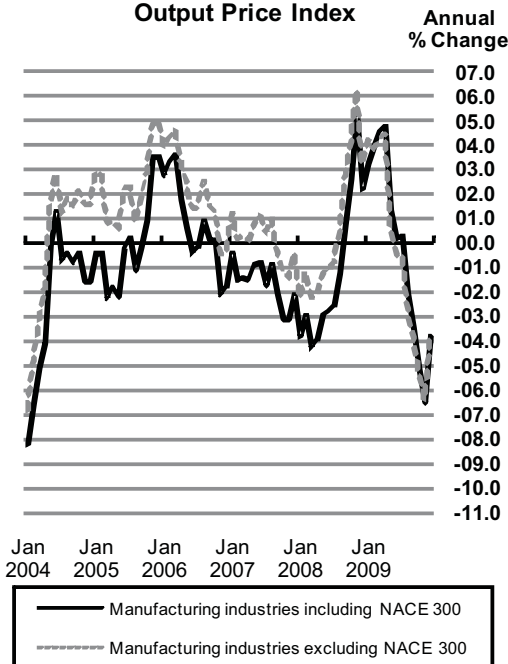




Wholesale Price Index December 2009

Manufacturing Industries Output Price Index



Manufacturing Output Price Index

	Price Index (Year '00=100)	% monthly change	% annual change
Oct 2009	85.9	-0.6%	-5.2%
Nov 2009	85.8	-0.1%	-6.5%
Dec 2009	86.2	+0.5%	-3.8%

Annual Manufacturing Prices down 3.8% in December

Monthly factory gate prices increased by 0.5% in December 2009. This compares to a decrease of 2.4% recorded for December 2008. As a result, the annual percentage change showed a decrease of 3.8% in December 2009, compared with an annual decrease of 6.5% in November 2009.

See graph across and Table 1.

In the month, the price index for export sales increased by 0.6% while the index for home sales decreased by 0.2%. In the year there was a decrease in the price index for export sales of 4.6% (this can be influenced by currency fluctuations) and a decrease of 0.9% in respect of the price index for home sales.

See Table 2 and graph on page 6.

In the month the most significant changes were increases in Office machinery and computers (+1.0%), and Basic chemicals (+0.8%), while there was a decrease in Beverages (-3.8%). See Table 2 and Table 2B.

Contributing to the annual change were decreases in Basic chemicals (-12.5%), Office machinery and computers (-3.6%), and Pharmaceuticals and other chemical products (incl. man-made fibres) (-2.4%), while there was an increase in Tobacco products (+7.8%). See Table 2 and Table 2B.

The yearly price index for Mining and quarrying increased by 10.0% while there was a monthly increase of 2.1%. See Table 2.

A further analysis of Wholesale price changes by sector of use shows that:

- Building and Construction All material prices decreased by 3.8% in the year since December 2008. The most notable yearly changes were an increase in Bituminous emulsions (+29.1%) and decreases in Reinforcing metal (-22.3%), and Structural steel (-16.1%). Building and Construction All material prices remained unchanged in the month. See Table 3.
- Year on year, the price of Capital Goods decreased by 1.7%, while there was a monthly price decrease of 0.1%. See Table 4.
- The price of Energy products decreased by 6.3% in the year since December 2008, while Petroleum fuels increased by 21.0%. In December 2009, there was a monthly decrease in Energy products of 0.1%, while Petroleum fuels decreased by 0.2%. See Table 5.

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Table 1 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) Rebased Series 2000=100

Base: Year 2000 as 100

Period		Manufacturing industries			General wholesale price index ¹		
		Output price index			(See note below)		
		Price Index	% Change on preceding period	Annual % change	Price Index	% Change on preceding period	Annual% Change
2001	Year	101.7	+1.7	+1.7	102.9	+2.9	+2.9
2002	Year	100.5	-1.2	-1.2	103.1	+0.2	+0.2
2003	Year	92.4	-8.1	-8.1	97.4	-5.5	-5.5
2004	Year	90.2	-2.4	-2.4	99.0	+1.6	+1.6
2005	Year	90.1	-0.1	-0.1	101.2	+2.2	+2.2
2006	Year	90.7	+0.7	+0.7	103.5	+2.3	+2.3
2007	Year	89.2	-1.7	-1.7	104.3	+0.8	+0.8
2008	Year	88.2	-1.1	-1.1			
2009	Year	87.9	-0.3	-0.3			
2007	Quarter 1	90.2	-0.1	-1.2	104.7	+1.2	+1.2
	Quarter 2	89.7	-0.6	-1.0	104.6	-0.1	+1.1
	Quarter 3	89.3	-0.4	-1.5	104.6	-	+1.2
	Quarter 4	87.8	-1.7	-2.8	103.5	-1.1	-
2008	Quarter 1	86.9	-1.0	-3.7	103.8	+0.3	-0.9
	Quarter 2	86.7	-0.2	-3.3			
	Quarter 3	88.3	+1.8	-1.1			
	Quarter 4	90.7	+2.7	+3.3			
2009	Quarter 1	90.2	-0.6	+3.8			
	Quarter 2	88.5	-1.9	+2.1			
	Quarter 3	86.8	-1.9	-1.7			
	Quarter 4	86.0	-0.9	-5.2			
2007	January	90.6	+1.1	-0.4	104.7	+1.4	+1.5
	February	90.1	-0.6	-1.6	104.6	-0.1	+0.7
	March	89.9	-0.2	-1.4	104.7	+0.1	+1.2
	April	89.6	-0.3	-1.5	104.3	-0.4	+0.5
	May	89.4	-0.2	-0.9	104.4	+0.1	+1.2
	June	90.0	+0.7	-0.8	105.2	+0.8	+1.6
	July	89.1	-1.0	-1.7	104.3	-0.9	+0.9
	August	89.9	+0.9	-0.9	105.3	+1.0	+1.6
	September	88.9	-1.1	-2.1	104.2	-1.0	+0.9
	October	88.3	-0.7	-3.1	103.7	-0.5	-0.1
	November	87.3	-1.1	-3.1	103.0	-0.7	-0.5
	December	87.7	+0.5	-2.1	103.7	+0.7	+0.4
2008	January	87.2	-0.6	-3.8	103.3	-0.4	-1.3
	February	87.4	+0.2	-3.0	104.1	+0.8	-0.5
	March	86.0	-1.6	-4.3	104.1	-	-0.6
	April	86.0	-	-4.0			
	May	86.7	+0.8	-3.0			
	June	87.5	+0.9	-2.8			
	July	86.8	-0.8	-2.6			
	August	88.7	+2.2	-1.3			
	September	89.5	+0.9	+0.7			
	October	90.6	+1.2	+2.6			
	November	91.8	+1.3	+5.2			
	December	89.6	-2.4	+2.2			
2009	January	90.0	+0.4	+3.2			
	February	90.8	+0.9	+3.9			
	March	89.9	-1.0	+4.5			
	April	90.0	+0.1	+4.7			
	May	87.8	-2.4	+1.3			
	June	87.6	-0.2	+0.1			
	July	87.1	-0.6	+0.3			
	August	86.8	-0.3	-2.1			
	September	86.4	-0.5	-3.5			
	October	85.9	-0.6	-5.2			
	November	85.8	-0.1	-6.5			
	December	86.2	+0.5	-3.8			

¹ Derived from the price indices for output of manufacturing industry, output of agriculture and the import price (unit value) index.

The 2008 figures are provisional due to the provisional nature of the import price (unit value) indices.

Table 2 Industrial Producer Price Indices (excluding VAT)

Base: Year 2000 as 100

	NACE code ¹	Index			Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
		Nov	Dec	Year	Nov	Dec	Dec	Year ³
		2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Food Products	151-158	117.5	118.3	118.4	-0.1	+0.7	-0.5	-0.3
Meat and meat products	151	124.5	125.7	128.6	-0.6	+1.0	-4.0	-4.7
Fish and fish products	152	133.9	134.9	134.7	+2.8	+0.7	-4.8	-2.2
Fruit and vegetables	153	141.2	138.6	140.8	+0.1	-1.8	+0.4	+3.8
Dairy products	155	101.3	103.1	99.5	+1.1	+1.8	+3.4	-7.0
Grain milling, starches and animal feeds	156,157	126.4	125.7	128.4	+0.1	-0.6	-4.1	-2.4
Other food products	158	119.6	120.0	120.0	-0.4	+0.3	+0.8	+6.4
Bread and flour confectionery	1581-1582	135.2	135.4	135.6	-0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+3.3
Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery	1583-1584	110.9	110.9	111.3	+0.1	-	-0.7	+0.8
Beverages	159	119.8	115.3	119.2	-	-3.8	-3.1	+1.4
Tobacco products	16	167.0	167.0	163.5	+0.5	-	+7.8	+10.5
Textiles	17	109.5	109.5	109.4	+0.3	-	+0.6	+0.1
Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	18	81.2	81.2	81.7	+1.1	-	+0.9	-5.5
Leather and leather products (incl. footwear)	19	96.9	96.9	97.0	+0.1	-	-	-0.9
Wood and wood products	20	110.0	110.0	112.3	-0.3	-	+0.3	-0.5
Pulp, paper and paper products	21	100.5	100.6	101.3	+0.2	+0.1	-2.7	-3.6
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	21,22	109.8	109.8	110.2	+0.1	-	-1.9	-1.9
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	88.6	89.2	93.5	-0.3	+0.7	-9.4	-1.3
Basic chemicals	241	86.9	87.6	92.9	-0.3	+0.8	-12.5	-3.6
Pharmaceuticals and other chemical products (incl. man-made fibres)	243-247	105.7	106.0	108.4	-0.2	+0.3	-2.4	+4.1
Rubber and plastic products	25	110.0	110.1	110.6	+0.1	+0.1	-1.0	-
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	121.3	121.7	123.0	-0.2	+0.3	-0.4	+0.7
Basic metals	27	103.5	105.1	98.5	+0.6	+1.5	-18.7	-26.9
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	28	113.9	113.5	116.7	+0.3	-0.4	-6.0	-3.3
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	105.0	105.0	105.7	+0.4	-	-0.6	-
Office machinery and computers	300	39.2	39.6	40.9	-	+1.0	-3.6	+2.0
Electrical machinery and communication equipment	31,32	79.8	80.4	81.0	-0.2	+0.8	-0.9	+2.8
Electrical machinery and apparatus, not elsewhere classified	31	91.3	91.1	89.5	-	-0.2	+3.9	+3.3
Radio, television and communication equipment	32	72.2	72.9	74.1	-0.1	+1.0	-2.7	+2.3
Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	97.6	98.2	99.2	-0.1	+0.6	+2.7	+9.0
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	109.5	109.5	109.9	-0.1	-	-0.3	+0.3
Furniture and manufacturing, not elsewhere classified	36	112.6	113.1	113.3	+0.3	+0.4	+1.1	+0.7
Mining and quarrying	10-14	142.8	145.8	135.7	+2.1	+2.1	+10.0	-5.9
Total transportable goods industries		86.3	86.7	88.3	-	+0.5	-3.6	-0.3
Food, drink and tobacco		121.4	121.5	121.8	-	+0.1	-0.1	+0.9
Manufacturing industries excl. food		80.2	80.5	82.4	-	+0.4	-4.6	-0.4
Manufacturing industries excl. food, drink and tobacco		76.9	77.3	79.3	-	+0.5	-5.0	-0.6
Intermediate goods industries (except energy)		86.5	87.0	89.4	-0.1	+0.6	-7.1	-2.8
Capital goods industries		56.2	56.6	57.7	-	+0.7	-1.7	+2.5
Durable consumer goods industries		119.7	120.4	120.0	+0.3	+0.6	+5.6	+4.5
Non-durable consumer goods industries		120.0	120.1	121.1	-	+0.1	-0.7	+2.1
Manufacturing industries (home sales) ²		115.8	115.6	116.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.5
Manufacturing industries (export sales) ²		79.2	79.7	81.5	-	+0.6	-4.6	-0.2
Total manufacturing industries²		85.8	86.2	87.9	-0.1	+0.5	-3.8	-0.3

¹ Nace Rev1.1 Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community.² Excludes Mining and quarrying.³ Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008.

Table 2A Industrial Producer Price Indices (excluding VAT) (excluding Nace 300)

Base: Year 2000 as 100

Industrial Sector (Excluding Nace 300 i.e. Office machinery & computers)	Index			Monthly% Change		Annual % Change	
	Nov	Dec	Year	Nov	Dec	Dec	Year ²
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Total transportable goods industries	98.3	98.7	100.3	-	+0.4	-3.6	-0.6
Manufacturing industries excl. food	93.4	93.6	95.8	-0.1	+0.2	-4.9	-0.7
Manufacturing industries excl. food, drink and tobacco	90.1	90.5	92.7	-	+0.4	-5.3	-1.1
Capital goods industries	98.5	98.4	99.0	+0.1	-0.1	+0.5	+3.6
Manufacturing industries (home sales) ¹	126.5	126.2	126.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.9
Manufacturing industries (export sales) ¹	90.8	91.3	93.2	-	+0.6	-4.8	-0.5
Total manufacturing industries¹	97.8	98.2	99.9	-0.1	+0.4	-3.8	-0.6

¹ Excludes Mining and quarrying² Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008**Table 2B Contribution to changes in the Manufacturing Output Price Index (Table 2)**

Industrial sector	NACE code ¹	Contribution to overall % change ²	
		One month	Twelve months
Food Products	151-158	+0.15	-0.07
Meat and meat products	151	+0.05	-0.20
Fish and fish products	152	0.00	-0.03
Fruit and vegetables	153	0.00	0.00
Dairy products	155	+0.07	+0.12
Grain milling, starches and animal feeds	156,157	-0.01	-0.04
Other food products	158	+0.03	+0.08
Bread and flour confectionery	1581-1582	0.00	0.00
Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery	1583-1584	0.00	-0.01
Beverages	159	-0.13	-0.11
Tobacco products	16	0.00	+0.15
Textiles	17	0.00	0.00
Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	18	0.00	0.00
Leather and leather products (incl. footwear)	19	0.00	0.00
Wood and wood products	20	0.00	-0.01
Pulp, paper and paper products	21	0.00	-0.01
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	21,22	0.00	-0.02
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	+0.18	-2.80
Basic chemicals	241	+0.15	-2.58
Pharmaceuticals and other chemical products (incl. man-made fibres)	243-247	+0.02	-0.22
Rubber and plastic products	25	0.00	-0.01
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	+0.01	-0.01
Basic metals	27	+0.01	-0.15
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	28	-0.01	-0.09
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	0.00	+0.01
Office machinery and computers	300	+0.14	-0.44
Electrical machinery and communication equipment	31,32	+0.07	-0.09
Electrical machinery and apparatus, not elsewhere classified	31	-0.01	+0.09
Radio, television and communication equipment	32	+0.07	-0.18
Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	+0.03	+0.11
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	0.00	0.00
Furniture and manufacturing, not elsewhere classified	36	0.00	+0.01
Mining and quarrying	10-14	+0.03	+0.18

¹ Nace Rev1.1 statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community.² See Background Notes.

Table 3 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Building and Construction Materials

Base: Year 2000 as 100

Materials	Index			Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Year 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2009	Year ¹ 2009
Stone, sand and gravel	186.9	185.7	184.4	+1.3	-0.6	+0.4	+3.5
Cement	145.0	145.0	145.0	-	-	+8.0	+8.0
Ready mixed mortar and concrete	122.6	122.3	124.5	+0.2	-0.2	-4.2	-1.5
Concrete blocks and bricks	129.9	129.8	130.4	-	-0.1	-0.6	-
Other concrete products	120.7	120.7	122.5	-	-	-4.2	-1.7
Structural steel and reinforcing metal	154.4	153.8	157.1	-0.1	-0.4	-18.4	-16.3
Structural steel	164.9	164.7	167.7	-0.5	-0.1	-16.1	-12.9
Reinforcing metal	137.2	136.2	140.0	+0.4	-0.7	-22.3	-21.9
Rough timber (including plain sawn)	102.6	102.6	102.2	-	-	-2.7	-6.3
Other timber (including joinery)	114.6	114.6	116.9	-	-	-5.4	-3.3
Bituminous macadam, asphalt and bituminous emulsions	173.1	173.0	171.3	+0.8	-0.1	+0.7	-1.9
Bituminous macadam and asphalt	177.2	176.9	176.0	+0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6
Bituminous emulsions	186.3	191.2	170.5	+1.1	+2.6	+29.1	-9.7
Electrical fittings	127.7	127.7	128.7	-0.4	-	-2.5	-3.7
All other materials	153.5	153.9	152.3	-	+0.3	+0.8	-1.2
All materials	141.1	141.1	141.6	-	-	-3.8	-3.7

¹ Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008**Table 3A Detailed Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Building and Construction Materials¹**

Base: Year 2000 as 100

Materials	Index			Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Year 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2009	Year ³ 2009
Stone, sand and gravel	186.9	185.7	184.4	+1.3	-0.6	+0.4	+3.5
Stone	144.7	143.6	142.8	+1.0	-0.8	-0.6	+2.5
Sand and gravel	214.4	214.1	211.2	+3.2	-0.1	+5.7	+9.2
Cement	145.0	145.0	145.0	-	-	+8.0	+8.0
Ready mixed mortar and concrete	122.6	122.3	124.5	+0.2	-0.2	-4.2	-1.5
Concrete blocks and bricks	129.9	129.8	130.4	-	-0.1	-0.6	-
Other concrete products ²	117.7	117.7	120.0	-	-	-6.4	-2.4
Precast concrete	115.6	115.6	116.8	-	-	-2.0	-1.0
Other	102.4	102.4	105.5	-	-	-10.3	-3.9
Structural steel and reinforcing metal	155.4	154.8	158.0	-0.1	-0.4	-18.5	-16.4
Structural steel	165.4	165.2	167.8	-0.4	-0.1	-16.1	-13.0
Fabricated metal	162.2	162.2	163.1	-	-	-14.9	-12.0
Other	142.7	141.2	154.2	-2.7	-1.1	-24.1	-19.6
Reinforcing metal	138.9	137.9	141.8	+0.4	-0.7	-22.5	-22.0
Other steel products	144.2	144.2	145.2	-	-	-3.8	-4.8
Rough timber (including plain sawn) ²	102.8	102.8	102.4	-	-	-2.7	-6.5
Hardwood	104.8	104.8	105.2	-	-	-3.1	+2.3
Other	102.2	102.2	101.7	-	-	-2.7	-7.3
Other timber ²	113.5	113.5	115.8	-	-	-5.4	-3.3
Windows and doors	113.8	113.8	113.9	-	-	-0.2	+0.9
Other	98.9	98.9	103.3	-	-	-11.0	-7.8
Bituminous macadam, asphalt and bituminous emulsions	173.1	173.0	171.3	+0.8	-0.1	+0.7	-1.9
Bituminous macadam and asphalt	177.2	176.9	176.0	+0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6
Bituminous emulsions	186.3	191.2	170.5	+1.1	+2.6	+29.2	-9.7
Electrical fittings ²	128.8	128.8	129.1	-0.3	-	-1.8	-3.3
Lighting equipment	145.8	145.8	144.4	-	-	+0.7	+5.2
Protection & communication equipment	137.4	137.4	141.5	-0.6	-	-5.1	-2.3
All other materials	153.5	153.9	152.2	-	+0.3	+0.9	-1.3
Plumbing materials incl. sanitary ware	128.3	128.3	128.8	-	-	+0.4	+1.3
HVAC (heating & ventilation equipment)	126.9	126.9	125.0	-	-	+2.0	+4.1
Insulating materials	139.1	139.1	138.0	-	-	+1.3	+4.0
Pipes and fittings	246.9	249.3	241.2	-	+1.0	+2.7	-4.4
PVC	131.6	131.6	133.4	-	-	-5.0	-3.7
Copper	414.4	419.8	400.0	-	+1.3	+5.3	-4.8
Plaster	167.3	167.3	166.9	-	-	+2.1	+3.0
Paints, oils and varnishes	104.9	104.9	107.2	-	-	-16.8	-14.2
Glass	227.3	227.3	227.3	-	-	-	-2.7
All other metal fittings	144.8	144.8	144.4	-	-	+2.2	+3.4
All other products	135.7	135.7	135.3	-	-	+0.7	-1.5
All materials²	141.3	141.2	141.6	+0.1	-0.1	-3.8	-3.7

¹ Table 3A is under development. Differences between Table 3 and Table 3A are primarily due to sample sizes and weights.² The index in respect of Other concrete products, Rough timber, Other timber, and Electrical fittings, and their corresponding sub-indices have been revised and as a consequence the All materials index has been revised accordingly. Revised indices are available on request if required.³ Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008.

Table 4 Capital Goods Price Indices (excluding VAT)

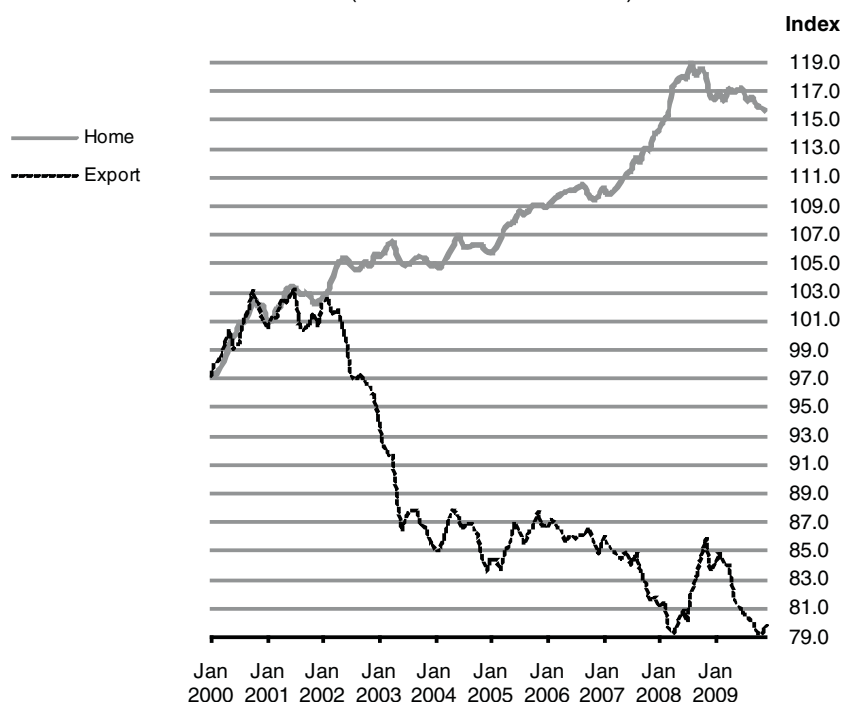
Base: Year 2000 as 100

Capital goods	Index			Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Year 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2009	Year ² 2009
Transportable capital for use in							
Agriculture	113.1	113.1	113.1	-	-	+0.2	+1.3
Industry	107.4	107.4	107.4	-	-	-0.4	+0.5
of which:							
Private vehicles ¹	110.8	110.8	110.3	-	-	+0.5	+1.6
Commercial vehicles	108.3	108.3	107.9	-	-	+0.7	+2.8
Agriculture and industry	108.2	108.2	108.2	-	-	-0.3	+0.7
Other sectors	109.8	109.9	109.7	-	+0.1	+0.1	+1.2
Total transportable capital	109.1	109.1	109.0	-	-	-0.1	+0.9
Building and construction (i.e. materials and wages)	156.1	156.1	156.4	-	-	-2.2	-2.2
All capital goods	139.3	139.2	139.4	+0.1	-0.1	-1.7	-1.3

¹ Private vehicles are inclusive of VAT which is non-deductible for industry and agriculture.² Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008.**Table 5 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Energy Products
(i.e. Fuels purchased by Manufacturing Industry)**

Base: Year 2000 as 100

Energy fuels	Index			Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Year 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2009	Year ² 2009
Petrol	153.5	154.1	146.5	+2.7	+0.4	+18.8	-4.3
Autodiesel	144.7	145.9	137.1	+1.2	+0.8	+13.1	-15.7
Gas oil (other than autodiesel)	154.1	153.3	142.2	+2.8	-0.5	+12.7	-25.9
Fuel oil	181.6	180.0	162.4	+4.4	-0.9	+27.4	-15.7
Electricity	166.7	166.7	174.7	-	-	-14.1	-1.4
Petroleum fuels¹	162.2	161.8	148.8	+3.2	-0.2	+21.0	-15.7
Energy products	162.9	162.8	164.6	+0.9	-0.1	-6.3	-5.6

¹ Energy products excluding electricity.² Annual average for 2009 relative to the annual average for 2008.**Manufacturing Industries: Output Price Indices
for Home and Export Sales
(Base: Year 2000 as 100)**

Annual Average Price Changes in Wholesale Prices for 2009

Overall prices received by Irish producers decreased by 0.3% in 2009 following on from a decrease of 1.1% in 2008. The price index for goods sold on the home market fell by 0.5% in 2009, having increased by 5.0% in 2008. The price index for exported goods fell by 0.2% in 2009 following a decrease of 2.7% in the previous year (see Table 6).

Producer prices were affected by a number of factors during 2009 including fluctuations in the Euro exchange rate and market demand. Exchange rates made a significant contribution to price changes during 2009. The average exchange rate for the US dollar and Sterling are shown in Table 7 below. Other global factors also had a major effect on market demand during the year.

Table 6 Annual average % change in Producer Price Indices for home, export and total sales, 2005-2009

Index	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Manufacturing Industries (home sales)	1.8	1.9	1.5	5.0	-0.5
Manufacturing Industries (export sales)	-0.5	0.4	-2.3	-2.7	-0.2
Total Manufacturing Industries	-0.1	0.7	-1.7	-1.1	-0.3

Table 7 Annual average exchange rates 2005-2009

Exchange rate	€ 2005	€ 2006	€ 2007	€ 2008	€ 2009
Pound Sterling	0.6835	0.6808	0.6854	0.7981	0.8869
US Dollar	1.2450	1.2517	1.3683	1.4713	1.3900

Source: Central Bank

Food, Drink and Tobacco

The overall index for the Food, Drink and Tobacco Sector increased by 0.9% in 2009 compared with an increase of 4.7% in 2008. This increase was due mainly to increased prices for tobacco products. The index for Food fell by 0.3% in 2009 while Tobacco increased by 10.5% and Beverages by 1.4%. The increase in Tobacco was mainly due to an increase in excise duty announced in the Budget in April 2009.

Within the Food sector prices fell for Dairy products (-7.0%), Meat and meat products (-4.7%), Grain milling, starches and animal feeds (-2.4%), and Fish and fish products (-2.2%). The decrease in prices was mainly due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, a deterioration in market conditions and a reduction in the cost of some raw materials.

Table 8 Annual average % change in Producer Price Indices for Food, Drink and Tobacco, 2009

Index	2009
Food, Drink and Tobacco	0.9
Food products	-0.3
Meat and meat products	-4.7
Fish and fish products	-2.2
Fruit and vegetables	3.8
Dairy products	-7.0
Grain milling, starches and animal feeds	-2.4
Other food products	6.4
Bread and flour confectionery	3.3
Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery	0.8
Beverages	1.4
Tobacco products	10.5

Background Notes

Wholesale Price Index The term Industrial Producer Price Index refers to a family of indices that measure the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers of goods. The other four wholesale price index series incorporate imported and home produced goods sold by manufacturers and wholesale outlets.

Coverage The output price indices for sectors of Manufacturing Industries cover both home sales and export sales. The Indices for Total transportable goods industries; Food, drink and tobacco; Manufacturing industries excluding food; Manufacturing industries excluding food, drink and tobacco; Intermediate goods industries (except energy); Capital goods industries; Durable consumer goods industries; Non-durable consumer goods industries; Manufacturing industries (home sales); Manufacturing industries (export sales) and Total manufacturing industries are all calculated on a net sector basis i.e. the weights used to combine the sectoral indices (including those for sectors not distinguished in Table 2) exclude sales to other sectors of Manufacturing Industry.

Table 2B gives the percentage contribution of each published sector to the overall percentage change on Table 2. The percentage contributions on Table 2B will not add up to the Total Manufacturing industries percentage change on Table 2, as not all sectors which are added into the Total Manufacturing industries figure can be published separately, due to issues of confidentiality.

The Building Materials, Capital Goods and Energy Products indices (Tables 3, 4 and 5) cover home production and imports of these commodities. Table 3, the Wholesale Price Index for Building and Construction Materials, provides only a general indication of price trends in that sector. Actual transaction prices are collected for materials purchased by construction and civil engineering firms. The price indices reflect an 'average' over a mixture of products from many companies throughout the country. They also reflect prices for both long-term and short-term contracts and for high and low volume civil engineering works. It should be noted that long-term, high volume fixed contracts for major works might dilute in the short-term the impact of emerging price changes on the index. Furthermore, industry sources have confirmed that price increases notified by companies may not always be achieved in practice following negotiations. Much depends on the prevailing market conditions. Therefore changes over the short-term in the indices derived from these transaction prices will not always coincide with price changes notified by companies.

The General Wholesale Price Index (Table 1) is calculated by combining special price indices for:

Output of Manufacturing Industry - excluding sales to Agriculture Sector
Output of Agriculture - excluding sales to Manufacturing Industry
Imports plus duty (Unit Value) Index - excluding imports by Agriculture Sector and
Manufacturing Industry

which eliminates duplication as far as possible. The usefulness of this general index is limited; the sectoral indices are more relevant and meaningful. As the index is dependent on the Import Price (Unit Value) Index, it normally becomes available in final form a few months or so later than the other series.

Prices All indices in the series are based on prices at the 15th of the month (except for the Import Price (Unit Value) Index and the Agricultural Output Price Index). Quarterly and annual indices are simple averages of the corresponding monthly indices.

Prices used in the compilation of the indices are:

excluding delivery charges itemised on the invoice separately
after discounts or surcharges are applied
before addition of direct subsidies
exclusive of VAT (except for private vehicles used in Table 4)
inclusive of excise duty

Every effort is made by the Wholesale Prices Section to collect all prices for the relevant month. Where this is not possible late prices are included in the following month's calculations.

Methodology This Wholesale Price Index series is compiled to base 2000 as 100. A methodological description of this updated series is given in the April 2003 Wholesale Price Index Introduction of Updated Series.

Calculating percentage changes in the index The movement of the output price indices is expressed as percentage change, rather than a change in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period, whereas percentage changes are not.

The example below illustrates the computation of a percentage change:

Percentage change calculation	
Current index	105.6
Less previous index	102.1
Equals in index points	3.5
Divided by the previous index	102.1
Equals	0.0343
Results multiplied by 100	0.0343 x 100
Equals percentage change	3.4