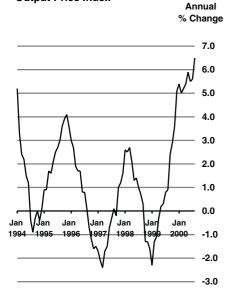


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Erratum

We wish to draw attention to revisions made to the indices in Table 3 and Table 4 of the Wholesale Price Index Release for August 2000. An incorrect value weight was inserted for a company in the Bituminous macadam and asphalt sector in August causing an error in this index and related indices. Some prices, which were received late, were also included in the recalculation resulting in a change to the index for Other concrete products. The revisions are indicated by an asterisk. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

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Wholesale Price Index August 2000

Manufacturing Output Price Index

	Price Index	% monthly change	% annual change
May 2000	128.7	+0.7%	+5.9%
Jun 2000	128.8	+0.1%	+5.5%
Jul 2000	129.4	+0.5%	+5.6%
Aug 2000	130.2	+0.6%	+6.5%

Manufacturing Output Price Index up 6.5% in year

Factory gate prices increased by 0.6% in August 2000 to bring the overall Manufacturing Output Price Index to 130.2. Year on year the index rose by 6.5% compared with an annual increase of 5.6% in July 2000. *See graph across and Table 1*.

The index for export sales increased by 1.2% and the index for home sales rose by 0.2% in the month. *See Table 2 and Graph on page 6*.

Contributing to the monthly change were increases in Dairy products (+0.9%) and Electrical engineering (+1.7%). *See Table 2a*.

Contributing to the annual change were increases in Slaughtering, preparing and preserving of meat (+10.8%), Tobacco (+19.5%) and Dairy products (+5.2%). See Table 2a.

The monthly price index for Mining, quarrying and turf increased by 3.4%. *See Table 2*.

Breaking down Wholesale price changes by sector of use shows that:

- ◆ Building and construction material prices increased by 0.5% in August 2000 and increased by 5.8% in the year since August 1999. The most notable monthly change was in Reinforcing metal (+6.3%). *See Table 3*.
- ◆ Prices of capital goods increased by 0.2% in August 2000 and increased by 3.5% in the year since August 1999. *See Table 4*.
- ◆ The price of energy products increased by 0.3% in August 2000 and increased by 16.3% in the year since August 1999. Petroleum fuels rose by 0.5% in August 2000 and year on year this index rose by 27.7%. See Table 5.

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Table 1 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT)

_			out price index for facturing industries	8		wholesale price inc See note below)	lex ¹
	Period	Price Index	% Change on preceding period	Annual % change	Price Index	% Change on preceding period	Annual % change
1995 1996 1997 1998 1999	Year Year Year	119.8 120.6 119.9 120.9 122.1	+ 2.5 + 0.7 - 0.6 + 0.8 + 1.0	+ 2.5 + 0.7 - 0.6 + 0.8 + 1.0	115.9 116.4 115.9 117.7 118.2	+ 2.1 + 0.5 - 0.4 + 1.6 + 0.4	+ 2.1 + 0.5 - 0.4 + 1.6 + 0.4
1998	Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4	121.9 121.6 120.9 119.4	+ 0.7 - 0.2 - 0.6 - 1.2	+ 2.6 + 1.7 + 0.7 - 1.4	118.5 118.3 117.9 115.9	+ 1.4 - 0.2 - 0.3 - 1.7	+ 3.1 + 2.2 + 1.5 - 0.9
1999	Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4	120.0 121.6 122.6 124.0	+ 0.5 + 1.3 + 0.8 + 1.1	- 1.6 - + 1.4 + 3.9	116.6 117.9 118.4 120.0	+ 0.6 + 1.1 + 0.4 + 1.4	- 1.6 - 0.3 + 0.4 + 3.5
2000	Quarter 1 Quarter 2	126.3 128.4	+ 1.9 + 1.7	+ 5.3 + 5.6			
1998	January February March April May June July August September October November December	122.2 121.7 121.9 121.7 121.3 121.7 121.5 121.2 120.0 119.2 119.4 119.5	+ 0.7 - 0.4 + 0.2 - 0.2 - 0.3 + 0.3 - 0.2 - 0.2 - 1.0 - 0.7 + 0.2 + 0.1	+ 2.6 + 2.5 + 2.7 + 2.1 + 1.3 + 1.4 + 1.0 + 0.7 + 0.3 - 1.3 - 1.6	119.0 118.1 118.5 118.6 117.9 118.5 118.5 117.9 117.2 115.5 115.8 116.3	+ 1.6 - 0.8 + 0.3 + 0.1 - 0.6 + 0.5 - 0.5 - 0.6 - 1.5 + 0.3 + 0.4	+ 3.7 + 3.0 + 2.9 + 3.2 + 1.6 + 2.1 + 1.8 + 1.1 - 1.2 - 0.9 - 0.7
1999	January February March April May June July August September October November December	119.4 120.1 120.6 121.3 121.5 122.1 122.5 122.3 122.9 122.7 123.7 125.6	- 0.1 + 0.6 + 0.4 + 0.6 + 0.2 + 0.5 + 0.3 - 0.2 + 0.5 - 0.2 + 0.5 - 1.5	- 2.3 - 1.3 - 1.1 - 0.3 + 0.2 + 0.3 + 0.8 + 0.9 + 2.4 + 2.9 + 3.6 + 5.1	116.1 116.4 117.4 117.7 117.5 118.4 118.4 118.5 118.5 119.7 121.8	- 0.2 + 0.3 + 0.9 + 0.3 - 0.2 + 0.8 + 0.1 - + 1.0 + 1.8	- 2.4 - 1.4 - 0.9 - 0.8 - 0.3 - 0.1 - 0.1 + 0.4 + 1.1 + 2.6 + 3.4 + 4.7
2000	January February March April May June July August	125.8 126.1 126.9 127.8 128.7 128.8 129.4 130.2	+ 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.6 + 0.7 + 0.7 + 0.1 + 0.5 + 0.6	+ 5.4 + 5.0 + 5.2 + 5.4 + 5.9 + 5.5 + 5.6 + 6.5			

¹ Derived from the price indices for output of manufacturing industry, output of agriculture and the import price (unit value) index. The 1998 GWPI figures were revised in September 1999. The 1999 GWPI figures are provisional due to the provisional nature of the import (unit value) Price Indices. Final 1999 GWPI Indices should be available by mid 2000.

Table 2 **Industrial Producer Price Indices (excluding VAT)**

hadaabid aadaa	NACE code ¹ Aug 2000	Index	Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
Industrial sector		•	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000	Aug 2000
Production and preliminary						
processing of metals	22	132.1	-2.1	+0.5	+2.1	+11.4
Non metallic mineral products	24	117.9	-0.3	+0.1	+0.4	+3.4
Chemicals Basic industrial chemicals (incl.	25-26	100.9	+1.1	+0.1	+0.7	+4.1
fertilisers) Pharmaceuticals and other chemical	251	71.3	-1.1	+0.3	+0.8	+6.9
products (incl. man-made fibres)	255-260	112.1	+1.6	+0.2	+0.5	+3.4
Metal articles	31	137.8	-0.9	+0.4	+1.5	+5.7
Mechanical engineering	32	132.5	-1.1	+0.2	+1.6	+5.1
Electrical engineering	34	120.3	-2.2	+0.1	+1.7	+6.3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	35	156.5	+1.3	+0.1	+0.1	+8.2
Instrument engineering	37	100.5	-1.1	-	+0.8	+4.3
Food of which:	411-423	134.2	+0.9	+0.5	+0.6	+6.0
Vegetable/animal oils and fats Slaughtering, preparing	411	122.0	-0.5	+0.1	+0.4	+8.2
and preserving of meat	412	125.3	+1.5	+0.4	+0.5	+10.8
Dairy products	413	145.4	+1.3	+0.6	+0.9	+5.2
Processing/preserving				. 0.0	. 0.0	
fruit and vegetables	414	140.4	-1.1	+0.1	+0.9	+4.7
Grain milling, animal and poultry foods	416, 422	106.4	+1.0	+0.4	-	+3.5
Bread and flour confectionery Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and	419	144.6	+1.1	+0.1	+0.2	+2.0
sugar confectionery	420, 421	145.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.4	+3.1
All other food	415, 417					
	418, 423	140.5	-0.4	+0.6	+0.5	+2.4
Drink	424-428	136.6	-0.2	-0.1	+0.3	+2.6
Tobacco	429	238.3	_	-	+0.1	+19.5
Textiles	43	119.8	-0.7	+0.3	+0.6	+1.6
Hosiery and other knitted goods	436	116.6	-0.6	-	-	-1.7
Leather, leather goods and footwear	44, 451	98.0	-0.5	+1.8	+1.0	+8.9
Clothing	453, 455, 456	150.3	-	+1.8	+0.9	+4.3
Timber and wooden furniture	46	154.1	-0.4	+0.1	+0.6	+3.3
Paper and paper products	471-472	130.9	+1.0	-	-	+5.6
Printing and publishing	473-474	168.3	+0.3	-	-	+3.4
Rubber processing	481-482	132.5	-0.2	-	-0.4	-3.4
Plastics	483	149.9	+0.1	+0.8	+0.8	+6.8
Other manufactured products	49	105.7	-0.1	-	+0.3	+2.6
Mining, quarrying and turf	111, 21, 23	135.7	-1.8	+0.8	+3.4	+11.7
Total transportable goods industries		130.3	+0.1	+0.4	+0.8	+6.5
Food, drink and tobacco		142.2	+0.6	+0.3	+0.6	+7.1
Manufacturing industries excluding food Manufacturing industries excluding food,		127.7	-0.4	+0.4	+0.7	+6.7
drink and tobacco		119.5	-0.5	+0.5	+0.9	+5.9
Manufacturing industries (home sales) ²		139.3	+0.6	+0.4	+0.2	+6.5
Manufacturing industries (export sales) ²		121.8	-0.4	+0.4	+1.2	+6.4
Total manufacturing industries ²		130.2	+0.1	+0.5	+0.6	+6.5

 $^{^{1}\,}$ General classification of economic activities within the European Communities $^{2}\,$ Excludes mining, quarrying and turf

Table 2A Contributions to changes in the Manufacturing Output Price Index (Table 2), August 2000

la destá la cata	NACE	Contributions to overall % change			
Industrial sector	code ¹	One month	12 months		
Production and preliminary					
processing of metals	22	+0.02	+0.10		
Non metallic mineral products	24	+0.06	+0.20		
Chemicals	25-26	+0.08	+0.46		
Basic industrial chemicals (incl.	20 20				
fertilisers)	251	+0.02	+0.14		
Pharmaceuticals and other chemical	201				
products (incl. man-made fibres)	255-260	+0.06	+0.32		
Metal articles	31	+0.05	+0.20		
Mechanical engineering	32	+0.04	+0.14		
Electrical engineering	34	+0.13	+0.46		
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	35	0.00	+0.09		
Instrument engineering	37	+0.02	+0.11		
Food	411-423	+0.24	+2.36		
of which:	411-420				
Vegetable/animal oils and fats	411	0.00	+0.02		
Slaughtering, preparing	711				
and preserving of meat	412	+0.06	+1.21		
Dairy products	413	+0.14	+0.78		
Processing/preserving	410				
fruit and vegetables	414	+0.01	+0.03		
Grain milling, animal and poultry foods	416, 422	0.00	+0.10		
Bread and flour confectionery	419	0.00	+0.04		
Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and	410				
sugar confectionery	420, 421	+0.01	+0.09		
All other food	415, 417	+0.02	+0.10		
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Drink	424-428	. 0. 00	. 0. 01		
Tobacco	429	+0.02	+0.21		
	43	0.00	+1.06		
Textiles	436	+0.02	+0.05		
Hosiery and other knitted goods	44, 451	0.00	-0.01		
Leather, leather goods and footwear	453, 455, 456	+0.01	+0.05		
Clothing	46	+0.02	+0.11		
Timber and wooden furniture	471-472	+0.02	+0.07		
Paper and paper products	473-474	0.00	+0.05		
Printing and publishing	481-482	0.00	+0.07		
Rubber processing	483	0.00	-0.03		
Plastics	463 49	+0.02	+0.12		
Other manufactured products	43 	0.00	+0.01		

¹ General classification of economic activities within the European Communities

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

Makada	Index	Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
Materials	Aug 2000	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000	Aug 2000
Sand and gravel	180.9	-	-	+0.8	+7.7
Cement	113.9	-	-	-	-
Ready mixed mortar and concrete	128.7	+0.5	-0.5	-0.2	+1.5
Concrete blocks and bricks	138.6	+0.1	-0.2	-0.1	+2.3
Other concrete products	163.8 *	+0.4	-	+0.7*	+3.9 *
Structural steel and reinforcing metal of which	107.9	+0.1	-	+3.2	+11.1
Structural steel	107.6	+0.1	-	-	+4.7
Reinforcing metal	108.1	+0.1	_	+6.3	+17.6
Rough timber (including plain sawn)	177.6	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+8.2
Other timber (including joinery)	162.3	-	-	-	+3.0
Bituminous macadam, asphalt and bituminous emulsions	126.9 *	-0.5	+1.3	+0.2*	+19.7*
of which: Bituminous macadam and asphalt	171.8 *	-0.9	+0.5	+0.6 *	+21.8*
Bituminous emulsions	73.7	+0.6	+3.3	-0.8	+14.4
Electrical fittings	130.4	-0.6	+0.2	-0.5	+7.0
All other materials	152.7	+0.9	+0.5	+0.9	+7.2
All materials	145.1*	+0.3	+0.1	+0.5 *	+5.8 *

^{*} Revised

Capital Goods Price Indices (excluding VAT) Table 4

Base: Year 1985 as 100

	Index	Index Monthly % Change			Annual % Change	
Capital goods	Aug 2000	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000	Aug 2000	
Transportable capital for use in						
Agriculture	148.6	-0.1	+0.6	+0.2	+1.2	
Industry	145.9	-0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+2.3	
of which:						
Private vehicles ¹	146.4	-	+0.4	-	+1.2	
Commercial vehicles	148.6	-	+0.3	-	+1.6	
Agriculture and industry	146.6	-0.2	+0.5	+0.1	+1.9	
Other sectors	141.9	-0.1	+0.4	+0.1	+2.1	
Total transportable capital	144.1	-0.2	+0.4	+0.2	+2.1	
Building and construction (i.e. materials and wages)	164.5 [*]	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+4.9 '	
All capital goods	153.9	-	+0.3	+0.2	+3.5	

Private vehicles are inclusive of VAT which is non-deductible for industry and agriculture.
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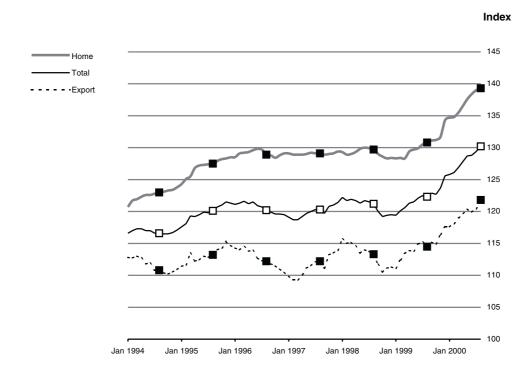
Table 5 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Energy Products (i.e. Fuels purchased by Manufacturing Industry)

Energy fuels	Index Monthly % Change			nge	Annual % Change
	Aug 2000	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000	Aug 2000
Petrol	131.3	+6.0	+4.0	-3.9	+17.7
Autodiesel	121.5	+1.9	+2.0	+0.4	+19.9
Gas oil (other than autodiesel)	122.1	+5.7	+1.1	+3.2	+36.4
Fuel oil	117.2	+3.0	+5.9	+0.2	+27.9
Electricity	84.2	-	-	-	-
Petroleum fuels ¹	119.4	+3.5	+4.5	+0.5	+27.7
Energy products	104.1	+2.2	+2.9	+0.3	+16.3

¹ Energy products excluding electricity.

Manufacturing Industries: Output Price Indices for Home and Export Sales

(Base: Year 1985 as 100)



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Background Notes

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; 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.

A new table -2A, Contributions to changes in the Manufacturing Output Price Index (Table 2), was introduced in November 1998. This table gives the percentage contribution of each published sector to the overall Monthly and Annual percentage change on Table 2. Neither the monthly or annual percentage contributions on this table 2A will add up to the Total Manufacturing industries monthly or annual 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 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.

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.

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:

Inclusive of excise duties after deduction of direct subsidies exclusive of VAT (except for Private Vehicles in Table 4).

Every effort is made by the Wholesales 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

The present Wholesale Price Index series compiled to base 1985 as 100 was introduced for May 1989. A methodological description of this updated series was given in the September 1989 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. In 1992 weights were updated and since then the 3-digit NACE weights relate to the 1985 Census of Industrial Production (CIP) while the commodity group weights are derived from the 1986 CIP. *(See December 1992 Release)*.