

Table 1 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT)

Base: Year 1985 as 100

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

Base: Year 1985 as 100

Industrial sector	NACE code ¹	Index	Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
		Aug 2000	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	25-26	100.9	+1.1	+0.1	+0.7	+4.1
Basic industrial chemicals (incl. fertilisers)	251	71.3	-1.1	+0.3	+0.8	+6.9
Pharmaceuticals and other chemical 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	411-423	134.2	+0.9	+0.5	+0.6	+6.0
of which:						
Vegetable/animal oils and fats	411	122.0	-0.5	+0.1	+0.4	+8.2
Slaughtering, preparing 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 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	419	144.6	+1.1	+0.1	+0.2	+2.0
Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and 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		127.7	-0.4	+0.4	+0.7	+6.7
Manufacturing industries excluding food, 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 industries²		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

Industrial sector	NACE code ¹	Contributions to overall % change	
		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. fertilisers)	251	+0.02	+0.14
Pharmaceuticals and other chemical 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:			
Vegetable/animal oils and fats	411	0.00	+0.02
Slaughtering, preparing and preserving of meat	412	+0.06	+1.21
Dairy products	413	+0.14	+0.78
Processing/preserving 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 sugar confectionery	420, 421	+0.01	+0.09
All other food	415, 417 418, 423	+0.02	+0.10
Drink	424-428	+0.02	+0.21
Tobacco	429	0.00	+1.06
Textiles	43	+0.02	+0.05
Hosiery and other knitted goods	436	0.00	-0.01
Leather, leather goods and footwear	44, 451	+0.01	+0.05
Clothing	453, 455, 456	+0.02	+0.11
Timber and wooden furniture	46	+0.02	+0.07
Paper and paper products	471-472	0.00	+0.05
Printing and publishing	473-474	0.00	+0.07
Rubber processing	481-482	0.00	-0.03
Plastics	483	+0.02	+0.12
Other manufactured products	49	0.00	+0.01

¹ General classification of economic activities within the European Communities

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

Base: Year 1985 as 100

Materials	Index	Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
	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 of which:	126.9*	-0.5	+1.3	+0.2*	+19.7*
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

Table 4 Capital Goods Price Indices (excluding VAT)

Base: Year 1985 as 100

Capital goods	Index	Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
	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

¹ Private vehicles are inclusive of VAT which is non-deductible for industry and agriculture.

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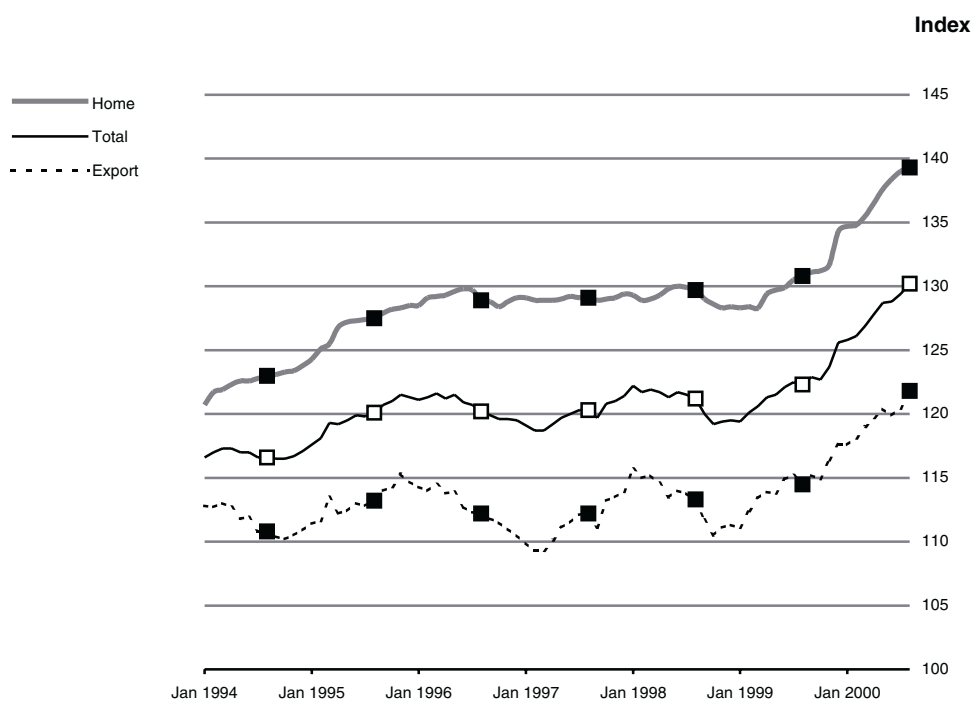
**Table 5 Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Energy Products
(i.e. Fuels purchased by Manufacturing Industry)**

Base: Year 1985 as 100

Energy fuels	Index	Monthly % Change			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 fuels¹	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)



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*).