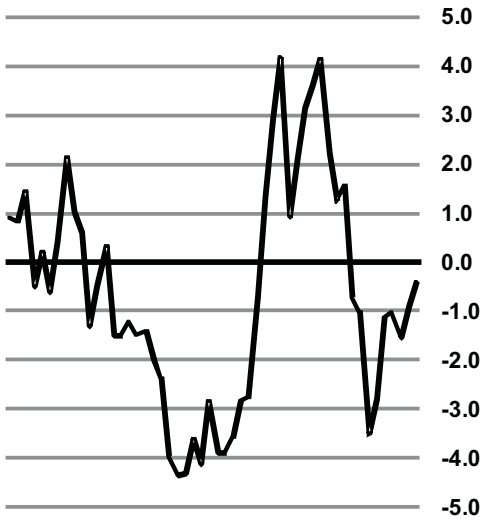




**Manufacturing Industries
Output Price Index**

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Wholesale Price Index
Rebased Series 2005 = 100
April 2010

Manufacturing Output Price Index

	Price Index (Year '05=100)	% monthly change	% annual change
Feb 2010	97.4	+0.5%	-1.5%
Mar 2010	96.9	-0.5%	-0.9%
Apr 2010	97.9	+1.0%	-0.4%

Manufacturing Prices up 1.0% in April

Monthly factory gate prices increased by 1.0% in April 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.5% recorded for April 2009. *See graph across and Table 1.*

In the month, the price index for export sales increased by 0.8% while the index for home sales increased by 1.7%. *See Table and graph on page 7.*

In the month significant changes were increases in Other food products including bread and confectionary (+1.3%) and Computer, electronic and optical products (+1.0%), while there was a decrease in Fish & fish products (-1.4%). *See Table 2 and Table 2A.*

Contributing to the annual change were increases in Electrical equipment (+22.3%) and Computer, electronic and optical products (+2.6%), while there were decreases in Basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (-7.3%) and Fabricated metal products except machinery and equipment (-4.4%). *See Table 2 and Table 2A.*

The yearly price index for Mining and quarrying decreased by 26.9% while there was a monthly increase of 0.3%. *See Table 2.*

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

- ◆ Building and Construction All material prices increased by 1.5% in the year since April 2009. The most notable yearly changes were a decrease in Other timber (other than windows and doors) (-7.8%) and an increase in Copper pipes and fittings (+14.0%). Building and Construction All material prices increased by 0.4% in the month. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ Year on year, the price of Capital Goods increased by 0.3%, while the monthly price index increased by 0.1%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ The price of Energy products decreased by 1.8% in the year since April 2009, while Petroleum fuels increased by 25.2%. In April 2010, the monthly price index for Energy products increased by 0.3%, while Petroleum fuels increased by 0.9%. *See Table 5.*

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This release inaugurates an updated monthly wholesale price index series to base 2005=100. It replaces the former series introduced in January 2003 to base 2000=100.

A detailed description of this updated series has been published in the Wholesale Price Index Introduction of Updated Series to base 2005 as 100.

Table 1 Manufacturing Industries Output Price Indices (excluding VAT) Rebased Series 2005=100

Base: Year 2005 as 100

		Manufacturing Industries Output Price Index			Manufacturing Industries Output Price Index (Home Sales)		Manufacturing Industries Output Price Index (Export Sales)	
Year	Period	Price Index	% Change on preceding period	Annual % change	Price Index	% Change on Preceding Period	Price Index	% Change on Preceding Period
2006	Year	100.4	0.4	0.4	103.5	3.5	99.8	-0.2
2007	Year	98.1	-2.3	-2.3	105.8	2.2	96.6	-3.2
2008	Year	96.8	-1.3	-1.3	112.0	5.9	94.0	-2.7
2009	Year	97.5	0.7	0.7	108.0	-3.6	95.5	1.6
2006	Quarter 1	99.8	-1.2	1.0	102.0	-0.1	99.4	-1.4
	Quarter 2	99.9	0.1	-0.3	104.1	2.1	99.1	-0.3
	Quarter 3	101.1	1.2	1.2	105.0	0.9	100.4	1.3
	Quarter 4	100.6	-0.5	-0.4	102.8	-2.1	100.2	-0.2
2007	Quarter 1	99.0	-1.6	-0.8	103.0	0.2	98.2	-2.0
	Quarter 2	98.6	-0.4	-1.3	105.1	2.0	97.3	-0.9
	Quarter 3	98.3	-0.3	-2.8	106.7	1.5	96.7	-0.6
	Quarter 4	96.5	-1.8	-4.1	108.2	1.4	94.3	-2.5
2008	Quarter 1	95.4	-1.1	-3.6	109.7	1.4	92.7	-1.7
	Quarter 2	95.2	-0.2	-3.4	113.2	3.2	91.8	-1.0
	Quarter 3	97.6	2.5	-0.7	114.6	1.2	94.4	2.8
	Quarter 4	99.1	1.5	2.7	110.6	-3.5	96.9	2.6
2009	Quarter 1	98.2	-0.9	2.9	107.2	-3.1	96.5	-0.4
	Quarter 2	97.6	-0.6	2.5	107.9	0.7	95.6	-0.9
	Quarter 3	97.6	0.0	0.0	108.8	0.8	95.4	-0.2
	Quarter 4	96.6	-1.0	-2.5	107.9	-0.8	94.4	-1.0
2010	Quarter 1	97.1	0.5	-1.1	107.9	0.0	95.0	0.6
2008	January	95.9	-0.5	-4.1	108.7	-0.5	93.5	-0.5
	February	95.9	0.0	-2.8	109.9	1.1	93.3	-0.2
	March	94.4	-1.6	-3.9	110.5	0.5	91.4	-2.0
	April	94.4	0.0	-3.9	112.6	1.9	90.9	-0.5
	May	95.0	0.6	-3.6	113.3	0.6	91.6	0.8
	June	96.2	1.3	-2.8	113.8	0.4	92.9	1.4
	July	95.6	-0.6	-2.7	114.3	0.4	92.0	-1.0
	August	98.4	2.9	-0.7	115.9	1.4	95.1	3.4
	September	98.9	0.5	1.3	113.6	-2.0	96.1	1.1
	October	99.9	1.0	2.9	113.4	-0.2	97.3	1.2
	November	100.0	0.1	4.2	110.9	-2.2	97.9	0.6
	December	97.3	-2.7	0.9	107.5	-3.1	95.4	-2.6
2009	January	97.9	0.6	2.1	106.9	-0.6	96.2	0.8
	February	98.9	1.0	3.1	107.7	0.7	97.3	1.1
	March	97.8	-1.1	3.6	107.1	-0.6	96.1	-1.2
	April	98.3	0.5	4.1	107.5	0.4	96.5	0.4
	May	97.1	-1.2	2.2	107.7	0.2	95.0	-1.6
	June	97.4	0.3	1.2	108.4	0.6	95.4	0.4
	July	97.1	-0.3	1.6	109.6	1.1	94.7	-0.7
	August	97.7	0.6	-0.7	108.1	-1.4	95.7	1.1
	September	97.9	0.2	-1.0	108.7	0.6	95.9	0.2
	October	96.4	-1.5	-3.5	108.0	-0.6	94.2	-1.8
	November	97.2	0.8	-2.8	107.9	-0.1	95.2	1.1
	December	96.2	-1.0	-1.1	107.9	0.0	94.0	-1.3
2010	January	96.9	0.7	-1.0	107.4	-0.5	94.9	1.0
	February	97.4	0.5	-1.5	108.4	0.9	95.4	0.5
	March	96.9	-0.5	-0.9	107.9	-0.5	94.8	-0.6
	April	97.9	1.0	-0.4	109.7	1.7	95.6	0.8

Table 2 Industrial Producer Price Indices (excluding VAT)

Base: Year 2005 as 100

	NACE code ¹	Index		Monthly % Change		Annual % Change	
		Mar	April	Feb	Mar	Apr	Apr
		2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Food Products	10	112.5	114.0	1.3	-0.3	1.3	2.0
Meat and meat products	101	114.0	115.6	2.1	-1.1	1.4	-1.0
Fish and fish products	102	122.5	120.8	-0.2	-1.4	-1.4	2.4
Fruit and vegetables	103	102.7	103.2	0.2	-0.6	0.5	-2.5
Vegetables and animal oils and fats	104	101.1	101.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-10.8
Dairy products	105	110.3	113.0	0.1	2.6	2.4	9.0
Grain milling, starches and animal feeds	106,109	112.7	113.0	0.2	-0.4	0.3	-4.1
Bakery and farinaceous products	107	122.0	122.6	0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.8
Other food products	108	111.6	113.1	1.7	-0.7	1.3	2.2
Beverages	11	103.7	103.8	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-3.8
Textiles	13	108.5	108.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Wearing apparel	14	99.6	100.0	0.2	-0.5	0.4	1.0
Leather and leather products (incl. footwear); dressing and dyeing of fur	15	90.4	91.1	0.3	-1.0	0.8	0.2
Wood and wood products	16	108.8	110.1	0.9	0.1	1.2	0.2
Pulp, paper and paper products	17	96.3	96.6	0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.7
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	18	94.4	96.3	0.3	-2.6	2.0	2.3
Chemicals and chemical products	20	101.4	103.4	0.9	-0.6	2.0	2.0
Basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	21	96.7	96.8	-1.5	-0.4	0.1	-7.3
Rubber and plastic products	22	104.4	104.7	-0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.6
Other non-metallic mineral products	23	112.7	112.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7
Basic metals	24	114.6	116.6	4.3	0.3	1.7	28.4
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	25	100.5	101.1	0.0	-0.6	0.6	-4.4
Computer, electronic and optical products	26	77.7	78.5	1.8	-0.6	1.0	2.6
Electrical equipment	27	125.9	129.9	1.6	-3.5	3.2	22.3
Machinery and Equipment n.e.c.	28	103.2	103.7	1.3	-0.5	0.5	-0.1
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	29	95.2	95.4	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.7
Furniture	31	103.0	103.4	-0.2	-2.2	0.4	-2.4
Other Manufacturing	32	106.7	106.8	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.8
Mining and quarrying	05-09	94.2	94.5	-1.1	-0.4	0.3	-26.9
Total transportable goods industries		96.8	97.8	0.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.9
Food products, Beverages and Tobacco Products	10-13	111.3	112.7	1.3	-0.4	1.3	1.5
Manufacturing industries excluding Food Products		93.7	94.5	0.3	-0.6	0.9	-1.0
Manufacturing Industries excluding Food Products, Beverages and Tobacco Products		93.3	94.2	0.3	-0.6	1.0	-0.9
Intermediate goods industries (except energy)		103.6	104.8	1.1	-0.6	1.2	3.3
Capital goods industries		83.0	83.5	1.2	0.1	0.6	-0.9
Durable consumer goods industries		106.7	107.2	0.9	-3.3	0.5	-3.7
Non-durable consumer goods industries		102.1	102.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.6	-3.4
Manufacturing industries (home sales) ²		107.9	109.7	0.9	-0.5	1.7	2.0
Manufacturing industries (export sales) ²		94.8	95.6	0.5	-0.6	0.8	-0.9
Total manufacturing industries²		96.9	97.9	0.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.4

¹ Nace Rev. 2 Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community.² Excludes Mining and quarrying.

Table 2A 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	10	0.28	0.42
Meat and meat products	101	0.06	-0.04
Fish and fish products	102	-0.01	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	103	0.00	0.00
Vegetables and animal oils and fats	104	0.00	0.00
Dairy products	105	0.07	0.25
Grain milling, starches and animal feeds	106,109	0.00	-0.04
Bakery and farinaceous products	107	0.00	0.01
Other food products	108	0.14	0.23
Beverages	11	0.00	-0.09
Tobacco Products	12	0.00	0.00
Textiles	13	0.00	0.00
Wearing apparel	14	0.00	0.00
Leather and leather products (incl. footwear); dressing and dyeing of fur	15	0.00	0.00
Wood and wood products	16	0.02	0.00
Pulp, paper and paper products	17	0.00	0.00
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	18	0.03	0.00
Coke and refined petroleum products	19	0.33	0.85
Chemicals and chemical products	20	0.05	0.05
Basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	21	0.03	-2.37
Rubber and plastic products	22	0.00	-0.01
Other non-metallic mineral products	23	0.00	-0.04
Basic metals	24	0.01	0.15
Fabricated metal products, except Machinery and equipment	25	0.01	-0.08
Computer, electronic and optical products	26	0.22	0.52
Electrical equipment	27	0.05	0.28
Machinery and Equipment n.e.c.	28	0.02	0.00
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	29	0.00	-0.01
Other transport equipment	30	0.00	-0.01
Furniture	31	0.00	-0.02
Other Manufacturing	32	0.01	0.05
Repair and Installation of machinery and equipment	33	0.00	0.00
Mining and quarrying	05-09	0.01	-0.59

¹ Nace Rev. 2 statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community.

² See Background Notes.

Table 3 Detailed Wholesale Price Indices (excluding VAT) for Building and Construction Materials¹

Base: Year 2005 as 100

Materials	Index		Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
	Mar	Apr	Feb	Mar	Apr	Apr
	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Stone, sand and gravel	130.8	131.7	0.0	-1.2	0.7	0.6
Stone	129.0	129.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2	0.4
Sand and gravel	180.9	186.1	-0.2	-3.7	2.9	1.7
Cement	127.8	127.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ready mixed mortar and concrete	108.7	107.4	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	-3.8
Concrete blocks and bricks	113.9	113.6	2.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Other concrete products	100.1	100.1	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-4.9
Precast concrete	108.5	108.5	-2.3	0.0	0.0	-3.1
Other concrete products (Excluding precast concrete)	96.9	96.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.2
Structural steel and reinforcing metal	100.3	105.0	1.5	0.3	4.7	4.2
Structural steel	104.7	107.5	1.9	0.0	2.7	0.9
Fabricated metal	101.0	103.5	2.1	0.0	2.5	9.8
Other Structural steel	88.8	92.0	1.1	0.0	3.6	1.2
Reinforcing metal	93.7	101.2	0.8	1.0	8.0	9.8
Other steel products	97.3	97.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.2
Rough timber (including plain sawn)	103.1	105.7	0.0	1.1	2.5	5.5
Hardwood	103.6	103.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Other	103.4	106.3	0.0	1.3	2.8	6.2
Other timber	103.1	104.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	-3.3
Windows and doors	110.8	111.9	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9
Other	96.3	97.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-7.8
Bituminous macadam, asphalt and bituminous emulsions	132.5	133.4	0.2	-0.2	0.7	1.2
Bituminous macadam and asphalt	131.8	132.6	0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.2
Bituminous emulsions	149.7	150.7	1.3	1.6	0.7	27.5
Electrical fittings	119.7	120.0	0.3	0.9	0.3	1.5
Lighting equipment	129.1	129.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Protection & communication equipment	121.6	121.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.1
All other materials	121.1	121.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	5.0
Plumbing materials incl. sanitary ware	115.4	115.4	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-1.3
HVAC (heating & ventilation equipment)	114.7	114.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Insulating materials	122.2	122.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Pipes and fittings	151.1	152.2	0.0	1.7	0.7	9.0
PVC	106.6	106.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.8
Copper	265.8	268.6	0.0	2.4	1.1	14.0
Plaster	124.5	124.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Paints, oils and varnishes	94.5	94.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-1.9
Glass	115.3	115.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.8
All other metal fittings	117.3	117.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All other products	115.7	115.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	6.5
All materials	114.8	115.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.5

¹ The former Table 3 series is available on request: see Wholesale Price Index Introduction of Updated Series to Base 2005 as 100

Table 4 Capital Goods Price Indices (excluding VAT)

Capital goods	Base: Year 2005 as 100					
	Index		Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Apr 2010
Transportable capital for use in						
Agriculture	109.3	109.0	0.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.2
Industry	99.0	98.0	-0.3	-0.4	-1.0	-2.4
of which:						
Private vehicles ¹	103.7	103.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Commercial vehicles	103.9	99.6	0.0	0.0	-4.1	-3.6
Agriculture and industry	100.5	99.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	-2.0
Other sectors	101.4	100.0	-0.2	-0.3	-1.4	-2.2
Total transportable capital	101.0	99.8	-0.2	-0.3	-1.2	-2.1
Building and construction (i.e. materials and wages)	113.6	113.9	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7
All capital goods	111.7	111.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3

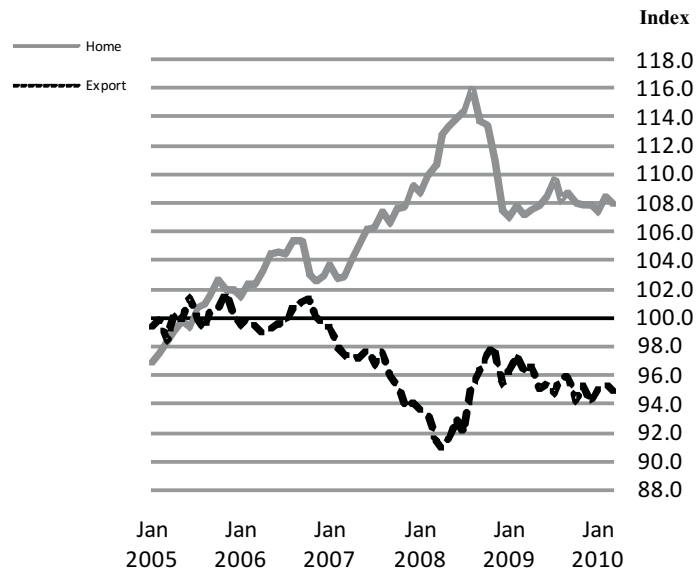
¹ Private vehicles are inclusive of VAT which is non-deductible for industry and agriculture.

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

Energy fuels	Base: Year 2005 as 100					
	Index		Monthly % Change			Annual % Change
	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Apr 2010
Petrol	133.5	133.3	0.2	4.5	-0.1	17.5
Autodiesel	123.2	124.6	-0.3	4.3	1.1	18.8
Gas oil (other than autodiesel)	121.9	122.8	-0.8	6.8	0.7	24.5
Fuel oil	147.5	149.0	0.1	4.2	1.0	28.4
Electricity	115.2	115.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-12.1
Petroleum fuels ¹	137.0	138.2	-0.1	4.7	0.9	25.2
Energy products	122.0	122.4	0.0	1.6	0.3	-1.8

¹ Energy products excluding electricity.

**Manufacturing Industries: Output Price Indices for
Home and Export Sale
(Base: Year 2005 as 100)**



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 and services. The other three 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 2A gives the percentage contribution of each sector (including those not published on Table 2) to the overall percentage change on Table 2. The percentage contributions on Table 2A may not add up to the Total Manufacturing industries percentage change on Table 2 due to rounding and other adjustments for presentational purposes. In comparing these contributions against these percentage changes in indices presented on Table 2 caution should be exercised as the former is calculated on a net sector basis.

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.

Prices All indices in the series are based on prices at the 15th of the month. 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 2005 as 100. A methodological description of this updated series is given in the Wholesale Price Index Introduction of Updated Series base 2005 as 100.

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	0.0343×100
Equals percentage change	3.4