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Domestic trade of the Republic of Serbia

**- 1st quarter 2008 -**

The turnover of retail trade in the first quarter 2008, compared to the same period of the previous year, noted a 27% growth at current prices in the Republic of Serbia, a 30% growth in central Serbia and a 20% growth in Vojvodina. Regarding the same period, the wholesale trade at current prices noted a growth of 25% in the Republic of Serbia, a growth of 19% in central Serbia and a 44% growth in Vojvodina.

The turnover of retail trade in the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter 2008, compared to the fourth quarter of 2007, decreased by 7.6% at current prices, in central Serbia by 6.9% and in Vojvodina by 9.8%. Observing the same period, the wholesale trade turnover at current prices noted a fall of 10.3% in the Republic of Serbia, of 13.8% in central Serbia and an insignificant growth of 0.2% in Vojvodina.

The turnover achieved in the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter 2008, compared to 2007 average, noted a growth of 5.8% at current prices and in the wholesale trade a 4.4% growth. Observing the same period, turnover indices at current prices in central Serbia increased in retail trade by 7.5% and decreased in wholesale trade by 0.6%) and in Vojvodina, retail trade index increased by 0.7%, as well as the wholesale trade index by 19.5%.

**1. Turnover indices, at current prices, by branches of activities**

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|  | I-III 2008 / I-III 2007 | I-III 2008 / X-XII 2007 | Ø I-III 2008 / Ø 2007 |
| Republic of Serbia | Republic of Serbia | Republic of Serbia |
| Total | Central Serbia | Vojvodina | Total | Central Serbia | Vojvodina | Total | Central Serbia | Vojvodina |
| **Retail trade** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **127,3** | **129,9** | **119,7** | **92,4** | **93,1** | **90,2** | **105,8** | **107,5** | **100,7** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail trade in general stores | 116,8 | 102,3 | 155,9 | 84,1 | 72,1 | 119,5 | 96,9 | 83,9 | 133,7 |
| Retail trade: foodstuffs, drinks and tobacco in specialized stores | 118,5 | 131,6 | 86,1 | 89,4 | 100,8 | 62,6 | 100,8 | 113,0 | 71,5 |
| Retail trade: pharmaceutical, medical, cosmetic and toilet items | 128,7 | 138,1 | 96,5 | 106,4 | 114,5 | 79,1 | 119,1 | 127,9 | 89,1 |
| Retail trade: motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts, accessories and motor fuels | 148,2 | 145,2 | 159,3 | 102,8 | 101,9 | 105,9 | 118,0 | 117,0 | 121,3 |
| Other retail trade | 122,3 | 135,8 | 89,1 | 86,3 | 91,9 | 70,4 | 99,6 | 108,6 | 76,1 |
| **Wholesale trade** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **125,2** | **118,9** | **144,5** | **89,7** | **86,2** | **100,2** | **104,4** | **99,4** | **119,5** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale trade of agricultural raw goods and live animals | 107,6 | 65,2 | 160,9 | 89,4 | 82,9 | 93,1 | 110,2 | 82,7 | 132,7 |
| Wholesale trade of foodstuffs, drinks and tobacco | 147,2 | 134,9 | 179,3 | 111,8 | 105,0 | 128,0 | 125,6 | 117,8 | 144,3 |
| Wholesale trade of household items | 111,2 | 115,2 | 97,0 | 88,9 | 91,9 | 77,9 | 101,7 | 105,2 | 89,2 |
| Wholesale trade of reproduction material, waste materials and residues, except agricultural | 130,7 | 126,5 | 143,8 | 86,0 | 81,5 | 101,7 | 99,3 | 95,0 | 113,8 |
| Other wholesale trade | 121,1 | 114,2 | 155,5 | 79,1 | 75,1 | 98,0 | 95,8 | 90,0 | 125,8 |

**2. Turnover indices**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Ø I-III | I | II | III |
| **Retail trade** |  |
| At current prices | 105,8 | 95,7 | 102,1 | 119,6 |
| At constant prices  | 96,6 | 88,3 | 93,4 | 108,0 |
| **Wholesale trade** |  |
| At current prices | 104,4 | 90,8 | 106,5 | 115,8 |
| At constant prices  | 99,2 | 86,5 | 101,3 | 109,6 |

**3. Turnover structure by groups of goods, in %**

**Retail trade**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Total | Foodstuffs and alcoholic drinks | Tobacco  | Clothes and footwear  | Furniture, floor coverings & household appliances  | Pharmaceuticals  | Motor vehicles, motorcycles & parts and accessories  | Fuel (for motor vehicles and motorcycles)  | Other  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I - III | **100** | 24,7 | 2,2 | 6,7 | 4,8 | 11,0 | 8,4 | 17,4 | 24,9 |

**Wholesale trade**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Total  | Agricultural raw goods and live animals  | Foodstuffs and alcoholic drinks  | Tobacco  | Pharmaceuticals  | Hard, fluid and gas fuels  | Construction materials and equipment (wood and metal)  | Chemical products  | Machines, appliances and accessories  | Other  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I - III | **100** | 7,8 | 17,6 | 3,8 | 8,1 | 12,8 | 4,7 | 8,5 | 6,6 | 30,1 |

**Methodological Notes:** The data published in this communication were obtained from the regular Quarterly Survey of Retail Trade, the survey that has been carried out since 2003 and the Quarterly Survey of Wholesale Trade, implemented starting from 2006, which are carried out on the sample of enterprises of all types of ownership. The units observed are trade enterprises, as well as those enterprises not featuring trade as the prevailing activity, however including business units that deal with retail, i.e. wholesale trade. The data are collected according to the Classification of Activities (CA) and therefore all trade sub-groups (and intermediation) are comprised, except services.

Retail trade turnover presents the value of sold goods, sold (delivered) to end-users, in the first place to the population for individual consumption and household usage, as well as to physical persons and legal entities for business purposes.

Wholesale trade turnover is the sale of goods to commercial enterprises and shops that are engaged in retail trade of goods, the sale of goods to other wholesalers, as well as the goods sales to large-size customers for their own needs.

The turnover value of retail trade and wholesale trade includes the Value added tax (VAT).

Turnover indices at constant prices are obtained by deflating the indices at current prices by corresponding indices of retail prices of goods, electricity excluded, i.e. by the price indices of industrial products in wholesale trade.

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