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# Developments for output prices during the second quarter of 2003

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After five successive quarters of output prices increasing<sup>1</sup>, the EU and euro-zone indices reported falling prices for industrial goods (excluding construction) in the second quarter of 2003 - on the basis of a comparison with the quarter before. Output prices in the EU fell by 0.6 % (compared to an increase of 1.5 % in the first quarter of 2003), while the corresponding rate for the euro-zone was - 0.5 % (+ 1.4 % in the first quarter).

The evolution of industrial output prices, on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, showed that prices rose by 1.6 % in the EU and by 1.5 % in the euro-zone in the second quarter of 2003. These figures marked a slowdown in the pace at which prices were rising in comparison with the first quarter of 2003, when prices rose by 2.4 % in both the EU and the euro-zone.

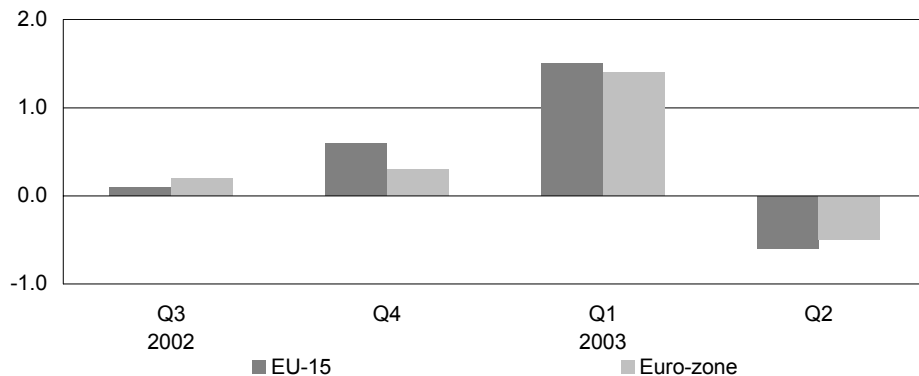


Figure 1: Output prices of the domestic market for total industry (excluding construction), price changes, compared to the previous quarter (%)

Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data				Year on year price changes, gross data			
EU-15		Euro-zone		EU-15		Euro-zone	
Q3-02	0.1	Q3-02	0.2	Q3-02	-0.1	Q3-02	0.0
Q4-02	0.6	Q4-02	0.3	Q4-02	1.2	Q4-02	1.3
Q1-03	1.5	Q1-03	1.4	Q1-03	2.4	Q1-03	2.4
Q2-03	-0.6	Q2-03	-0.5	Q2-03	1.6	Q2-03	1.5

Table 1: Output prices of the domestic market for total industry (excluding construction), price changes (%)



<sup>1</sup> Eurostat has moved short-term indices from base year 1995 to base year 2000. For further details see: [http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-product/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&product=EBT\\_rebasing-EN&mode=download](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-product/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&product=EBT_rebasing-EN&mode=download)

## Output prices of the domestic market

The rapid change in the evolution of output prices in the industrial economy could be largely attributed to the price of energy products. Excluding these, output prices for industrial products rose by 0.2 % in both the EU and the euro-zone between the first and second quarters of 2003 (in keeping with the rates reported throughout 2002). However, there was a more rapid increase in non-energy industrial prices during the first quarter of 2003, when prices rose by 0.5 % for both European aggregates. The fluctuation in the price of energy products clearly reflected market anxieties concerning the war in Iraq. Indeed, the price of energy products rose by 6.0 % in the EU (and 4.8 % in the euro-zone) between the final quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of 2003, while the corresponding growth rate for the second quarter of 2003 was -4.7 % in the EU and -3.4 % in the euro-zone. Price increases for the remaining main industrial groupings (MIGs) varied from 0.1 % to 0.3 % between the first and second quarters of 2003.

		Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
Total industry (excluding construction)	EU-15	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1	1.2	2.4	1.6
	Euro-zone	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	1.3	2.4	1.5
Total industry without energy (excluding construction)	EU-15	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0
	Euro-zone	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0
Energy	EU-15	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	2.7	6.0	-4.7	-4.6	-5.0	-3.2	2.7	9.0	3.7
	Euro-zone	0.4	1.0	0.2	1.2	4.8	-3.4	-3.9	-4.1	-2.1	2.8	7.4	2.7
Intermediate goods	EU-15	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.3	-1.4	-0.6	0.4	1.1	1.7	1.3
	Euro-zone	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	-1.6	-0.8	0.3	1.0	1.6	1.2
Capital goods	EU-15	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2
	Euro-zone	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3
Consumer durables	EU-15	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9
	Euro-zone	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7
Consumer non-durables	EU-15	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
	Euro-zone	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5

Table 2: Output prices of the domestic market for the MIGs, price changes (%)

A fall in industrial output prices was apparent in all but two of the Member States for which data are available for the second quarter of 2003. On the basis of a comparison with the previous quarter, Belgium (+ 0.5 %) and Portugal (+ 0.1 %) were the only countries to report that industrial prices were rising. The largest price reductions were registered in Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the only Member States to report prices falling by more than 1 %.

Compared to the same quarter of a year before, by far the highest price increases for industrial goods in the second quarter of 2003 were recorded in Sweden (+ 8.8 %) and the Netherlands (+ 5.3 %). Data for the second quarter of 2003 was not available for a number of countries, with relatively high price increases in the first quarter of 2003 in Denmark (+ 7.1 %), Luxembourg (+ 4.6 %), Greece (+ 3.6 %) and Ireland (+ 2.6 %).

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1	1.2	2.4	1.6
Euro-zone	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	1.3	2.4	1.5
BE	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.4
DK	0.3	1.8	0.6	0.6	3.8	:	1.5	1.4	1.9	3.4	7.1	:
DE	0.5	0.1	-0.4	0.3	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.5	1.7	1.4
EL	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.2	:	2.0	1.9	2.1	3.2	3.6	:
ES	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.5	-0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.7	1.8	2.8	1.0
FR	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0	0.1	1.0	2.0	0.9
IE	0.8	1.8	-0.4	0.5	0.7	:	2.0	2.3	1.7	2.7	2.6	:
IT	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.1	-0.5	-1.0	-0.6	0.6	1.7	2.7	1.7
LU	-0.1	2.1	1.8	-0.1	0.8	:	-0.9	0.6	3.1	3.7	4.6	:
NL	-0.1	1.1	1.4	1.2	3.6	-0.9	-3.7	-2.2	0.6	3.6	7.4	5.3
AT	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	:	:	-1.6	-1.7	-1.4	-0.4	:	:
PT	0.1	1.4	0.0	-0.2	1.3	0.1	-0.5	0.4	0.3	1.4	2.6	1.3
FI	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	1.0	1.1	-1.6	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3	0.9	1.7	0.4
SE	0.3	0.2	0.6	4.7	5.0	-1.7	2.5	1.2	0.7	5.9	10.9	8.8
UK	0.1	-1.0	-0.4	1.2	1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-1.1	-0.8	-0.2	0.9	0.8

Table 3: Output prices of the domestic market for total industry (excluding construction), price changes (%)

## Output prices of the domestic market for the main industrial groupings (MIGs)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0
Euro-zone	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0
BE	0.0	1.1	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-1.8	-0.4	1.0	2.1	1.9	1.1
DK	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.9	:	2.7	1.7	2.9	3.4	3.6	:
DE	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
EL	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.8	:	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	:
ES	0.9	0.7	0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
FR	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.1
IE	1.4	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.5	:	2.7	2.6	1.7	1.7	0.8	:
IT	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.6
LU	-0.4	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	:	-2.2	-1.4	0.4	1.3	2.5	:
NL	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.6	0.1	-1.0	-0.5	0.5	1.9	3.4	3.0
AT	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	:	:	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	:	:
PT	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.2
FI	-0.8	-1.0	-0.5	-0.9	-0.4	-1.7	-3.7	-3.8	-3.5	-3.2	-2.8	-3.5
SE	1.0	0.5	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	0.7	0.6
UK	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1

Table 4: Output prices of the domestic market for total industry without energy (excluding construction), price changes (%)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	2.7	6.0	-4.7	-4.6	-5.0	-3.2	2.7	9.0	3.7
Euro-zone	0.4	1.0	0.2	1.2	4.8	-3.4	-3.9	-4.1	-2.1	2.8	7.4	2.7
BE	2.6	1.1	-0.1	1.6	-1.8	-1.8	2.8	2.2	2.8	5.3	0.8	-2.1
DK	-0.3	3.0	-0.2	0.7	8.6	:	-0.7	0.4	-0.4	3.2	12.4	:
DE	1.4	-0.6	-1.9	1.0	7.1	-1.2	-2.0	-5.1	-5.6	-0.1	5.5	4.9
EL	1.4	2.1	1.6	0.9	2.6	:	0.3	0.7	1.5	6.2	7.5	:
ES	0.8	2.5	-0.1	1.4	4.6	-6.3	-4.0	-3.3	-2.1	4.7	8.6	-0.6
FR	0.2	1.9	1.4	1.0	4.1	-4.9	-3.7	-3.3	-0.2	4.5	8.6	1.4
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	-1.4	0.6	1.0	1.3	4.0	-4.1	-8.1	-6.7	-2.4	1.5	7.0	2.0
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	1.4	2.9	2.9	2.0	8.1	-4.5	-7.1	-3.3	2.5	9.5	16.7	8.3
AT	-1.6	2.0	-0.2	0.7	:	:	-5.0	-4.8	-3.6	0.8	:	:
PT	-0.8	3.1	-0.2	0.1	3.2	0.2	-1.2	0.8	0.0	2.2	6.4	3.3
FI	1.6	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	5.4	-5.6	7.7	1.8	-0.5	2.9	6.7	0.9
SE	-2.5	-0.6	2.1	25.3	22.0	-9.0	8.9	1.3	-2.4	24.0	55.1	42.0
UK	-1.8	-2.9	-1.4	5.6	7.4	-8.9	-9.0	-9.8	-8.0	-0.7	8.6	1.9

Table 5: Output prices of the domestic market for energy, price changes (%)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.3	-1.4	-0.6	0.4	1.1	1.7	1.3
Euro-zone	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	-1.6	-0.8	0.3	1.0	1.6	1.2
BE	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	-2.5	-0.7	1.4	2.9	3.3	2.2
DK	-0.5	0.2	1.1	0.4	1.0	:	1.7	0.2	0.5	1.1	2.7	:
DE	-0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	-1.6	-1.0	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.8
EL	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	:	0.5	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.7	:
ES	0.9	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.8	0.2	-1.1	-0.2	0.8	1.5	1.4	0.9
FR	-0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.4	0.5	0.3	-1.6	-1.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9
IE	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.5	:	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.6	:
IT	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.2	-1.1	-0.1	0.9	1.7	2.4	1.9
LU	-1.7	0.2	1.5	-0.1	0.5	:	-4.1	-3.2	-1.2	-0.1	2.2	:
NL	2.0	0.5	0.2	1.0	1.3	0.3	-2.4	-1.9	-0.1	3.6	2.9	2.8
AT	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	:	:	-2.2	-1.9	-1.2	-0.7	:	:
PT	-0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-1.7	-0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.8	0.0
FI	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	1.1	-7.9	-6.0	-2.4	-0.3	0.4	1.9
SE	1.0	0.7	0.5	-0.1	0.7	0.8	-0.3	0.5	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.9
UK	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	-0.8	0.4	1.0	1.4	2.0	1.4

Table 6: Output prices of the domestic market for intermediate goods, price changes (%)

## Output prices of the domestic market for the main industrial groupings (MIGs)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2
Euro-zone	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3
BE	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	1.0	2.2
DK	2.6	1.4	0.1	-1.6	1.8	:	3.6	5.0	4.2	2.5	1.6	:
DE	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.3	0.3
EL	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	:	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.9	:
ES	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.1
FR	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
IE	0.4	-0.9	-2.5	-1.5	-2.2	:	1.5	-0.3	-3.1	-4.4	-6.9	:
IT	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6
LU	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	1.0	:	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.7	:
NL	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.9
AT	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	:	:	-0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	:	:
PT	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	1.1	-0.9	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.2
FI	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.2	-4.5	-0.5	-1.4	-2.2	-2.4	-2.2	-6.1
SE	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.9	-0.2	-0.6
UK	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.4

Table 7: Output prices of the domestic market for capital goods, price changes (%)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9
Euro-zone	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7
BE	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.8	-0.3	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.7
DK	0.3	0.9	1.7	-1.2	1.2	:	3.0	3.3	5.2	1.6	2.6	:
DE	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.9
EL	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	:	3.0	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.1	:
ES	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.8
FR	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.3
IE	1.1	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	:	5.2	4.7	4.4	3.8	2.7	:
IT	1.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4	0.9	0.3
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.1	4.3	4.8	4.6	3.2	2.4	1.9
AT	-0.5	0.1	0.3	-0.1	:	:	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	:	:
PT	1.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.4	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.8	0.4	-0.5
FI	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.4	-1.5
SE	0.1	0.9	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0
UK	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	1.5	2.0

Table 8: Output prices of the domestic market for consumer durables, price changes (%)

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Euro-zone	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.6	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5
BE	-0.1	1.3	0.5	-0.1	-1.1	0.6	-2.1	0.1	1.3	1.5	0.6	-0.2
DK	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.2	:	3.5	2.2	5.1	6.0	5.3	:
DE	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
EL	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.1	:	4.0	3.5	3.1	2.4	2.5	:
ES	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.0	1.1	0.4	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.8
FR	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	-0.7	0.2	0.6	1.2	1.3
IE	1.9	1.6	-0.3	0.4	1.6	:	4.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	3.3	:
IT	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.4	2.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	1.9	2.1
LU	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.8	:	1.1	0.7	1.7	2.4	2.9	:
NL	0.9	0.8	1.2	2.1	2.1	1.0	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.1	6.3	6.6
AT	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	:	:	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.3	:	:
PT	1.6	0.8	0.1	-0.7	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.7	0.6
FI	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.3	2.0	1.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1
SE	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	3.8	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.7	0.7
UK	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.2

Table 9: Output prices of the domestic market for consumer non-durables, price changes (%)

## Output prices for the domestic market - NACE Divisions

NACE Rev. 1 heading (code)	Weight in total industry (%)	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
Mining of coal and lignite	10	0.2	-1.8	-4.2	-0.6	1.3	-1.0	4.7	1.0	-5.9	-6.3	-5.2	-4.4
Mining of metal ores	13	0.0	3.0	-0.5	-2.4	0.5	0.4	-2.2	-2.1	-2.5	-1.3	0.5	-2.0
Other non-metallic mining	14	0.7	2.0	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.5	2.7
Food and beverages	15	14.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7
Tobacco	16	1.3	5.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	5.8	0.8	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.2
Textiles	17	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.2
Clothing	18	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.6	0.0	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0
Leather products	19	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.3	3.3	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.0
Wood products	20	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.2	0.5
Pulp & paper	21	2.4	-0.5	0.0	1.7	-0.1	-0.9	0.0	-4.2	-2.8	0.4	1.2	0.7
Publishing & printing	22	5.2	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.8	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6
Refined petroleum prod.	23	7.3	0.9	5.5	0.2	1.4	7.3	-9.5	-7.5	-5.4	-1.6	8.2	15.0
Chemicals	24	7.8	-0.7	1.4	1.1	0.0	1.3	0.6	-3.0	-1.6	0.7	1.9	3.9
Rubber & plastic	25	3.4	-0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.5	1.1
Non-metallic minerals	26	3.6	0.8	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.1
Basic metals	27	3.2	-0.2	1.1	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.0	-5.1	-2.8	-1.3	1.5	3.0
Metal products	28	6.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2
Machinery	29	6.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.9
Office machinery	30	0.8	-1.0	-1.1	-1.4	-1.2	-1.3	-1.2	-4.0	-3.5	-4.6	-4.7	-4.9
Electrical machinery	31	3.4	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
Radio/TV/communication	32	2.8	-1.2	-1.8	-1.1	-0.7	-1.3	-1.5	-3.1	-4.3	-4.8	-4.7	-4.8
Medical and optical	33	1.5	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.7
Motor vehicles	34	7.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.5
Other transport	35	1.7	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.6
Furniture & other manf.	36	2.7	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.3	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6
Elec./gas/hot water	40	8.9	-0.3	-1.4	0.5	3.6	5.5	-0.4	-0.6	-2.1	-2.1	2.3	8.2
Water	41	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.6	1.3	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4

Table 10: Output prices of the domestic market for selected NACE Divisions in the EU, price changes (%)

The reduction in the price of energy prices was apparent in the latest data for the second quarter of 2003 when the price of refined petroleum products fell by 9.5 % compared to the quarter before. There were also price reductions for a number of other sectors, two of which were energy-related: namely, the mining of coal and lignite (- 1.0 %) and the production of electricity, gas and hot water products (- 0.4 %). The remaining three NACE Divisions to report quarter on quarter price reductions during the second quarter of 2003 within the EU were: the mining of metal ores (- 2.2 %); the manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment (- 1.5 %); and the manufacture of office machinery (- 1.2 %).

The latter of these sectors have traditionally displayed a declining trend in prices. Indeed, on the basis of a year on year change, the price of office machinery in the EU fell by 5.0 %, while the price of radio, television and communication equipment declined by 4.5 % in the second quarter of 2003. The mining of coal and lignite (- 4.4 %), the mining of metal ores (- 3.7 %) and the production of refined petroleum products (- 1.3 %) were again the only other sectors in the EU to report falling prices using a year on year growth rate at the NACE Division level.

The highest price increases in the EU's industrial economy - again on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before - were registered by the electricity, gas and hot water supply (+ 9.3 %) and tobacco industries (+ 7.3 %), with the next highest increase in the EU at the NACE Division level being recorded by the chemicals sector (+ 3.1 %).

## Output prices of the non-domestic and total market

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15 (1)	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	1.1	-1.2	-1.3	-1.7	-1.6	-1.4	0.2	-0.9
Euro-zone (1)	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.7	-0.9	-1.6	-1.9	-1.6	-1.3	-0.1	-1.0
BE	-0.4	1.0	0.1	-0.2	-1.4	0.1	-2.0	-0.9	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	-1.4
DK (2)	2.2	-1.1	-1.6	-0.6	18.8	:	5.6	2.5	-0.3	-1.1	15.0	:
DE	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.6	0.0
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IE	0.9	-1.5	-3.8	-1.4	-3.6	:	0.6	-2.1	-4.9	-5.8	-9.9	:
IT (2)	-1.2	-2.4	1.6	-0.8	:	:	0.1	-3.1	-2.4	-2.8	:	:
LU	-1.4	-0.1	1.1	0.0	0.6	:	-3.0	-2.7	-1.3	-0.5	1.6	:
NL	-0.4	1.8	1.5	0.6	2.8	-4.3	-5.6	-5.5	-0.7	3.5	6.9	0.5
AT	-0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.4	:	:	-1.7	-1.2	-0.7	-0.6	:	:
FI	-0.2	0.4	-0.7	-0.3	-0.6	-2.6	-5.2	-4.8	-2.9	-0.8	-1.2	-4.1
SE	-1.0	-0.9	-0.2	-0.9	0.6	-1.3	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-3.0	-1.4	-1.8

Table 11: Output prices of the non-domestic market for total industry (excluding construction), price changes (%)<sup>3</sup>

	Quarter on quarter price changes, gross data						Year on year price changes, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15 (1)	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	:	:	-0.9	-1.2	-0.7	0.4	:	:
Euro-zone (1)	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	-0.7	-1.1	-1.3	-0.8	0.3	1.4	0.4
BE	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	-0.9	0.2	-0.9	0.0	0.7	1.6	0.4	-0.4
DK	1.2	0.5	-0.4	0.1	1.9	:	3.3	1.9	1.0	1.4	2.2	:
DE	0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	0.5	1.4	1.1
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IE	1.1	-0.8	-2.9	-0.9	-2.6	:	1.4	-0.8	-3.0	-3.5	-7.0	:
LU	-1.2	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.6	:	-2.6	-2.1	-0.4	0.4	2.2	:
NL	-0.3	1.5	1.5	0.9	3.1	-2.8	-4.8	-4.1	-0.2	3.6	7.2	2.6
AT	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	:	:	-1.7	-1.5	-1.0	-0.5	:	:
FI	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.3	-2.0	-2.4	-2.9	-2.0	0.2	0.4	-1.7
SE	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	1.7	2.7	-1.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	1.2	4.5	2.9

Table 12: Output prices of the total market for total industry (excluding construction), price changes (%)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> European aggregates are created using confidential data for France that cannot be disclosed separately for that country.

<sup>2</sup> Indices are calculated on the basis of unit values in foreign trade statistics.

<sup>3</sup> No other Member State information available; data for Germany and Sweden excludes Section E (electricity, gas and water supply).

<sup>4</sup> No other Member State information available.

### ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

	Market	Type of derogation	Activities not covered (NACE)	End date for the derogation
DE	Total and non-domestic	Partial	Section E	June 2003
EL	Domestic	Partial	30 and 37	June 2003
ES	Total and non-domestic	Complete		June 2003
	Domestic	Partial	37	June 2003
IT	Total and non-domestic	Complete		June 2003
PT	Total and non-domestic	Partial	19, 22, 28, 30, 32 to 35	June 2002

Derogations granted to Member States for output price indices,  
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## ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

**Growth rates** for the euro-zone are shown with the euro-zone treated as a single entity. As such, growth rates before the first quarter of 2001 compare on the basis of eleven countries, whilst growth rates from the first quarter of 2001 onwards compare on the basis of twelve countries.

The **output price index** (or *producer price index*) shows monthly price changes in the industrial sector, which can be an indicator of inflationary pressure before it reaches the consumer.

Covered are mining & quarrying, manufacturing and electricity & gas & water supply<sup>1</sup>.

The **legal basis** for the index is the **Council Regulation No 1165/98** of 19 May 1998 concerning short-term statistics<sup>2</sup>, which is currently in the process of implementation.

### Definition<sup>3</sup>

All price-determining characteristics of the products should be taken into account, including quantity of units sold, transport provided, rebates, service conditions, guarantee conditions and destination.

<sup>1</sup> *NACE Rev. 1 – Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community, Eurostat, 1996 (ISBN 92-826-8767-8).*

<sup>2</sup> *Official Journal No L 162, of 5 June 1998. Also available via the "Business Methods" Internet site: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/dsis/bmethods/home>. The deadline for the full implementation of the Regulation regarding the indices is mid-2003.*

<sup>3</sup> *This abbreviated version of the definition of the indices is based on the Commission Regulation on the Definition of Variables that is currently in the process of implementation. The Member States have to comply with this definition no later than 2003.*

The specification must be such that in subsequent reference periods, the observation unit is able to identify the product and to provide the appropriate price per unit.

The appropriate price is the **ex-factory price** that includes all duties and taxes on the goods and services invoiced by the unit **but excludes VAT** invoiced by the unit vis-à-vis its customer and similar deductible taxes directly linked to turnover.

The actual transaction price should be measured, and not a list price.

If transport costs are included this should be part of the product specification.

The price of period t should refer to the moment when the order is made, not the moment when the commodities leave the factory gates.

The **measured price** refers preferably to a particular day in the middle of the month. If no price information is available for the day in question, the price may represent an average over the whole period.

The **domestic market** is defined as customers resident in the same national territory as the observation unit.

The **non-domestic market** is defined as customers not resident in the same national territory as the observation unit.

The **total market** is defined as the sum of domestic and non-domestic markets.

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Data should be transmitted to Eurostat for the Main Industrial Groupings and for the 2-digit level of NACE Rev. 1 from all Member States. Data for the domestic output price index are used to produce aggregate indicators for the European Union as a whole, and for the group of Member States participating in the euro-zone.

The frequency for the output price index is monthly. **Data should be transmitted no later than 1 month and 5 days** after the end of the reference period for the domestic price index, as well as the price index for the non-domestic market. **The deadline for the total price index is 1 month and 15 days.** This deadline may, however, be extended by up to 15 days for those Member States whose value added in Sections C, D and E of NACE Rev. 1 for a given base year represents less than 3% of the European Union total.

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