

Industrial Production Prices Index October 2016

Industrial Production Prices Index recorded less negative change rate

The Industrial Production Prices Index (PPI) recorded a year-on-year change rate of -0.9%, up by 1.0 percentage points from the rate observed in the previous month. Excluding the *Energy* grouping, the index decreased by 0.4% (reduction of 0.6% observed in September). The monthly change rate of the total index was 0.5% (-0.5% in October 2015).

The PPI now being published corresponds to a new series which now includes information on the external market and is based on samples of companies and products updated.

Presentation note

With the current Press Release, INE presents a new base year (2015=100) of the Industrial Production Prices Index, with backdata since January of 2010. These base year changes are determined by the European Union regulations on Short-Term Statistics, namely the Council Regulation 1165/98 and its amendment Regulation 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The main change introduced with this new series is the enlargement of coverage of production: Base 2015 includes prices of products for internal and for external markets opposing Base 2010 where only internal market prices were covered. Additionally, the sample of corporations and basket of products was refreshed, seeking to improve the statistical significance of the indices. Finally, there was also an update of the weighting structure of the index. These changes led to revisions in the data previously released.

Further details are available in the Portuguese press release.