



PRODUCER PRICE INDICES IN INDUSTRY¹, MARCH 2015

1. Producer Price Indices on Domestic Market²

Producer Price Index on Domestic Market in March 2015 increased by 0.6% compared to the previous month. The domestic prices rose in the mining and quarrying industry by 2.3%, and in the manufacturing by 0.9%, while in the electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply the prices remained at the level of the previous month.

In the manufacturing³, compared to the previous month the prices went up in the manufacture of basic metals by 4.2% and in the printing and reproduction of recorded media by 0.6%, while a price decrease was reported in the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products by 0.5% and in the manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment by 0.4%.

Producer Price Index on Domestic Market in March 2015 decreased by 0.4% compared to the same month of 2014. The domestic prices fell in the manufacturing by 3.1%, while prices increases were registered in the electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply by 4.0% and in the mining and quarrying industry by 1.4%.

In the manufacturing compared to March 2014, a price decrease was reported in the manufacture of rubber and plastic products by 1.1%, in the manufacture of food products by 1.0%, in the manufacture of textiles by 0.8%. The prices increases were seen in the manufacture of basic metals by 7.1%, in the manufacturing of computer, electronic and optical products by 2.0% and in the repair and installation of machinery and equipment by 1.8%.

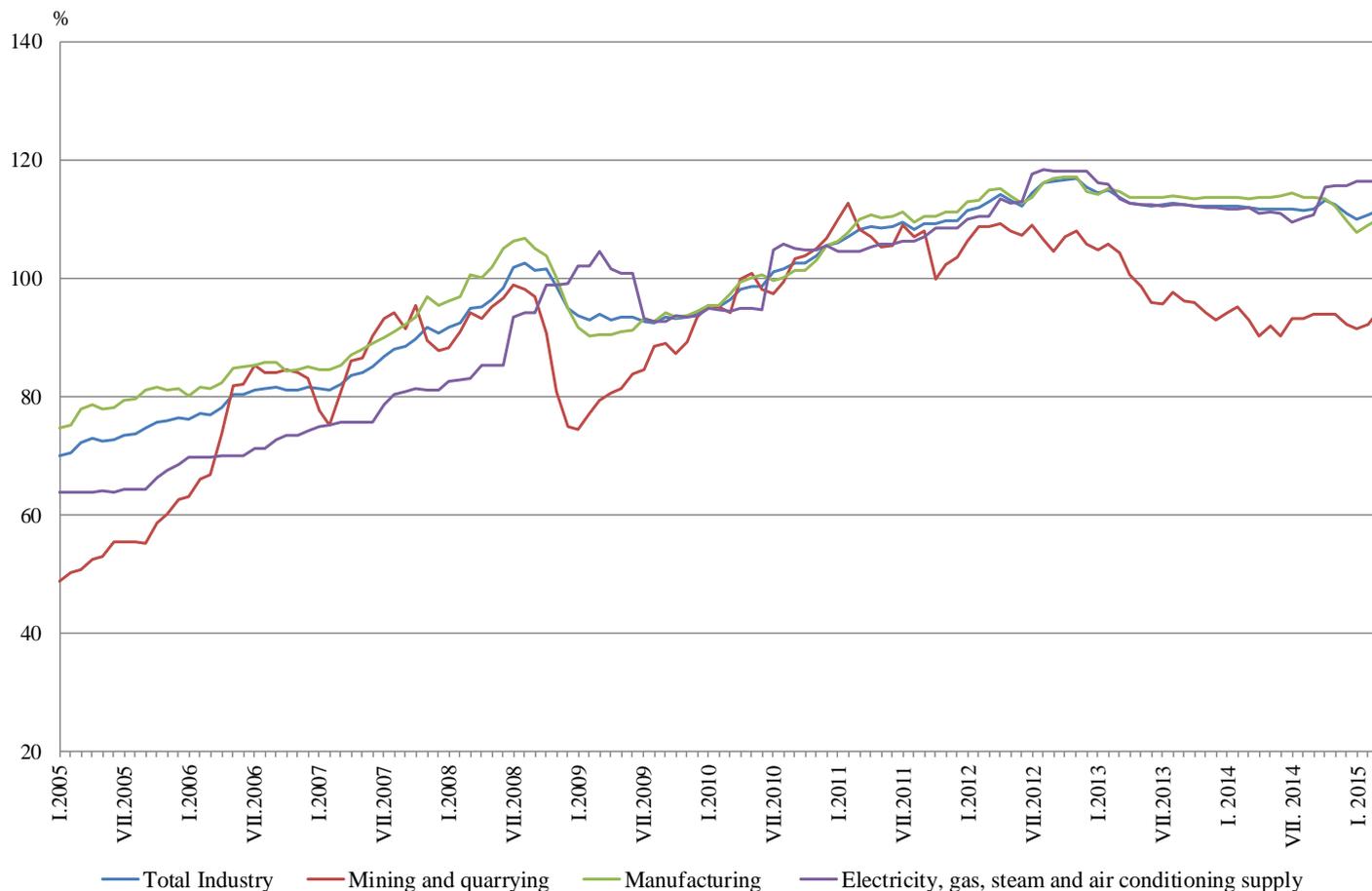
¹Producer Price Indices measure the average change in the prices of industrial products, which are produced and sold by Bulgarian enterprises. They can be considered as an early measure of the current inflation process in the economy and also they can be used for international comparisons. Information for calculation of Producer Price Indices is received on the bases of monthly surveys on producer prices of industrial products, sold on domestic market and on industrial products sold on non-domestic market. Producer price surveys are based on constant sample of groups of products, and that sample is representative for total industrial production.

² Producer Price Indices on domestic market are calculated at constant base (2010) weighed with turnover structure on domestic market.

³ In the text are not quoted the activities that according to the Law on Statistics are confidential and in this way they are statistical secrecy.



**Figure 1. Producer Price Indices on Domestic Market in Industry
(2010 = 100)**



2. Total Producer Price Indices in Industry¹

Total Producer Price Index in Industry in March 2015 increased by 1.6% compared to the previous month. Higher prices were registered in the mining and quarrying industry by 6.9% and in the manufacturing by 2.0%, while in the electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply by the prices fell by 0.3%.

In the manufacturing², more significant prices increases were seen in the manufacture of basic metals by 5.4%, in the manufacture of leather and related products and in the manufacture of other transport equipment by 1.7%, while prices decreases were reported in the manufacture of wearing apparel by 1.1%.

¹ Total Producer Price Index is calculated from Producer Price Index on Domestic Market and Producer Price Index on Non-domestic Market weighted with the turnover structure on domestic and on non-domestic market to the total value of turnover in the base year.

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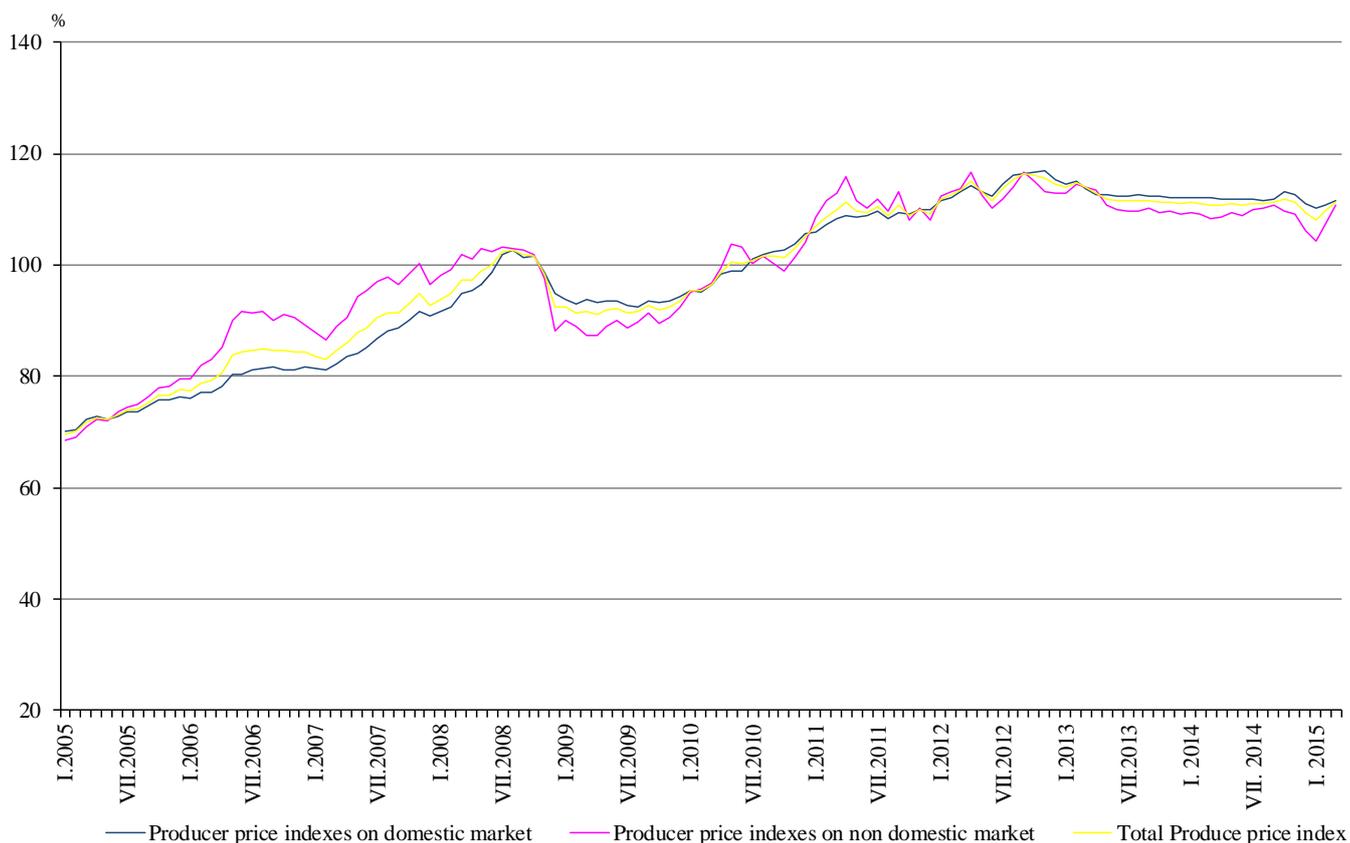


in the manufacture of beverages, in the manufacture of rubber and plastic products and in the manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products by 0.2%.

Total Producer Price Index in March 2015 increased by 0.5% compared to the same month of 2014.

In the manufacturing, the prices fell by 1.0% compared to March 2014. More significant prices decreases were seen in the manufacture of food products by 1.0%, in the manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products by 0.5%, while the producer prices went up in the manufacture of basic metals by 11.7%, in the manufacture of other transport equipment by 9.5% and in the manufacture of textiles by 5.8%.

**Figure 2. Total Producer Price Indices in Industry
(2010 = 100)**



Annex

Table 1

Producer Price Indices on Domestic Market in March 2015¹

Economic activities	2010 = 100	The previous month = 100	The same month of the previous year = 100
Industry	111.5	100.6	99.6
Mining and quarrying	94.3	102.3	101.4
of which:			
Mining of coal and lignite	95.3	99.3	98.6
Mining of metal ores	89.8	105.5	105.5
Other mining and quarrying	105.7	99.7	100.8
Manufacturing	110.0	100.9	96.9
of which:			
Manufacture of food products	116.8	100.0	99.0
Manufacture of beverages	112.5	99.7	101.6
Manufacture of tobacco products	112.2	100.0	99.9
Manufacture of textiles	115.6	99.9	99.2
Manufacture of wearing apparel	111.4	100.3	100.0
Manufacture of leather and related products	119.8	100.0	100.1
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	108.5	100.1	100.4
Manufacture of paper and paper products	111.2	99.8	101.1
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	105.7	100.6	99.4
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	115.7	99.5	99.6
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	104.2	100.0	101.1
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	107.6	99.7	98.9
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	97.1	100.1	99.4
Manufacture of basic metals	102.1	104.2	107.1
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	109.4	99.6	99.8
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	108.9	100.0	102.0
Manufacture of electrical equipment	103.0	100.5	101.1
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	109.9	100.0	100.9
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	106.1	99.9	100.3
Manufacture of other transport equipment	102.4	99.9	100.3
Manufacture of furniture	102.2	100.2	100.7
Other manufacturing	103.1	100.0	101.5
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	116.7	99.9	101.8
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	116.5	100.0	104.0
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Table 2

Total Producer Price Indices in March 2015¹

Economic activities	2010 = 100	The previous month = 100	The same month of the previous year = 100
Industry	111.2	101.6	100.5
Mining and quarrying	108.1	106.9	110.4
of which:			
Mining of coal and lignite	95.3	99.4	98.7
Mining of metal ores	114.8	112.1	120.1
Other mining and quarrying	106.0	99.7	100.1
Manufacturing	110.1	102.0	99.0
of which:			
Manufacture of food products	113.9	100.0	99.0
Manufacture of beverages	112.8	99.8	101.4
Manufacture of tobacco products	108.8	100.4	101.4
Manufacture of textiles	129.5	100.4	105.8
Manufacture of wearing apparel	117.0	98.9	103.1
Manufacture of leather and related products	118.1	101.7	101.9
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	110.8	100.0	102.2
Manufacture of paper and paper products	108.0	100.2	101.6
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	106.9	100.7	100.0
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	115.7	100.9	104.7
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	103.1	99.9	101.9
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	113.1	99.8	99.6
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	99.4	99.8	99.5
Manufacture of basic metals	110.2	105.4	111.7
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	114.3	100.3	102.7
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	110.7	100.7	104.6
Manufacture of electrical equipment	104.9	100.5	100.9
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	109.0	100.0	100.0
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	110.1	101.1	103.5
Manufacture of other transport equipment	120.9	101.7	109.5
Manufacture of furniture	103.0	100.1	100.9
Other manufacturing	108.3	101.0	101.4
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	115.2	100.0	101.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	115.3	99.7	103.8
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