Quarter-on-quarter, retail trade volumes contracted by 1.7% (adjusted for seasonal and working day variations) and declined month-on-month in May

Quarter-on-quarter, food sales were down 2.8%, and those of industrial goods lost 1.8%. The consumer electronics, optical, press and stationery, cycle and book sectors fell by over 2%, whereas the automobile, footwear and sports equipment sectors grew.

Turnover in small retail stores contracted by 2.5%. Large general retailers posted almost flat turnover (down by 0.1%), while that of department stores rose by 2.2% and distance selling put on 3.0%, almost offsetting the 1.5% decline in supermarket sales and the 0.7% fall in hypermarket sales.

In May, retail trade volumes were down 0.6%. Food sales fell by 1.6%. Industrial goods sales declined by 1.6%, notably in the automobile, press and stationery and furniture sectors. Turnover in small retail stores inched down by 0.7% while those of large general retailers rose by 0.7%.

**Total industrial goods and food sales: Q/Q-1 change**

The past three months compared with the previous three; seasonally and working-day adjusted volume terms

**Notes:**

- Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the products included in the total aggregate of retail trade (see methodology)
- The aggregated and by sub-sector series are seasonally adjusted on an individual basis; the seasonally adjusted series do not represent the sum of the seasonally adjusted components.
Retail trade by certain outlet category: Q/Q-1 change
The past three months compared with the previous three; seasonally and working-day adjusted volume terms

-5%  -4%   -3%  -2%  -1%   0%   1%   2%   3%   4%   5%   6%

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Total industrial goods and food
Index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)

Distance sales
Index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)

Provisional data as of the 7th working day following the month under review.

Notes:
- The FEVAD and the Banque de France work together to publish data on product distance selling, including online sales, in France (excluding food sales). Since 2011 these data have been taken into account and are being published for the first time in April 2014.
- The aggregated and by sub-sector series are seasonally adjusted on an individual basis: the seasonally adjusted series do not represent the sum of the seasonally adjusted components.
- Following a change in the base year, the series are now on base 2010 = 100.
- Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the distribution methods included in the aggregates for small retail stores and large general retailers (see methodology)
- However, the "large general retailer" aggregate is not a sub-aggregate of the "total industrial and food product" index. Rather, it is an independent index that covers the overall turnover of hypermarkets, supermarkets, department stores and distance selling. It does not cover national chains.

For further details, see sectoral level information, methodology, publications calendar and contacts

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