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Slight price rises in industry

The price level of Dutch industrial products in May of 1999 was up 0.2% on April. The preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands show that domestic selling prices in May went up 0.3% on April, while export prices increased by 0.1%. Compared to May 1998, the price level of industrial products is down 2.2%.

Small price changes in industry

According to Statistics Netherlands price increases, compared to April this year, occurred in the oil industry (+1.6%), in the chemical industry (+0.6%) and in the basic metal industry (+0.3%). Slight price drops occurred in the food and beverages industry (-0.1%).

The Economic Indicators published earlier by Statistics Netherlands show furthermore that the entrepreneurs in the basic chemical and the basic metal industries expect their selling prices to rise over the next three months.

Consumption prices up

The price level of raw materials and semi-manufactured goods used in industry in May had increased by 0.6% on April. Imported raw materials and semi-manufactured goods saw a 0.4% price increase. Statistics Netherlands observed a 0.8% price increase in domestic consumption prices.

Compared to May last year the price level in industrial consumption was down 3.1% lower. Domestic consumption prices dropped by 3.7% in this period. The price level of exported goods fell by 2.8%.

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