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Producer confidence sliding

Producer confidence, the mood indicator of Dutch industrial entrepreneurs, was down in February. According to the survey by Statistics Netherlands the order portfolio in Dutch manufacturing is not as well-filled as before. Dutch producers are not as happy about new orders and orders in store this February.

Fifth month in a row

In February 2001 the mood indicator among Dutch producers reached the lowest point since the summer of 1999, standing at 2.0. The January producer confidence figure was still 3.5. It was the fifth consecutive drop since September 2000, when producer confidence reached a record high of 8.4.

Smaller order portfolio

The order portfolio was also smaller in February. The order position index, showing the work in store, stood at 99.4 in February (June 2000=100) down 1.4 points on January. The work in store has reached the lowest level since May 2000.

The new orders received did not increase on balance in February, nor did they increase in the previous three months. Because, although there was a slight increase in new domestic orders, the effects of this were cancelled out by the drop in foreign demand. Dutch entrepreneurs are not positive in their opinion about the orders received and their order position.

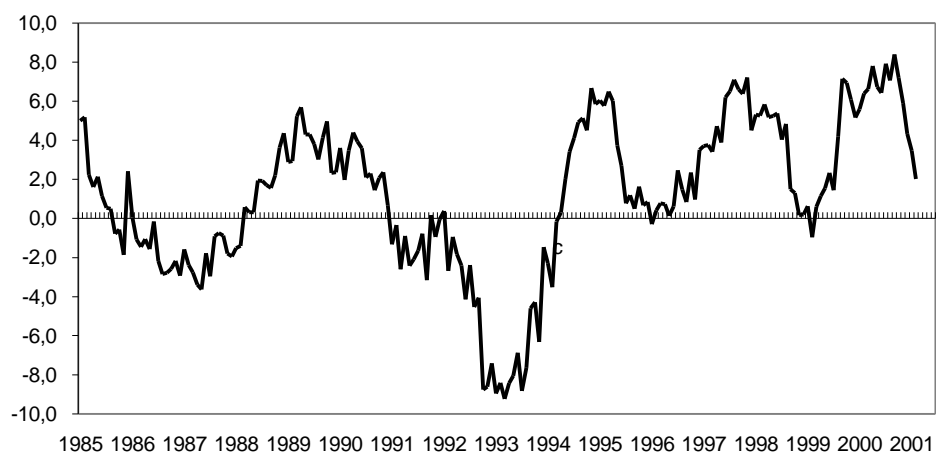
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	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Ma	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	year
1999	0.6	-1.0	0.6	1.2	1.5	2.3	1.4	4.2	7.1	6.9	6.1	5.2	3.0
2000	5.6	6.4	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.4	7.9	7.1	8.4	7.2	5.9	4.3	6.7
2001	3.5	2.0											

Source: Statistics Netherlands