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## ***Manufacturing turnover up in first quarter***

The turnover of the Dutch manufacturing industry was 5% higher in the first quarter of this year compared with the same quarter last year. Exports rose by 7%, domestic sales by 3%. Turnover was up in nearly all sectors of the manufacturing industry. According to Statistics Netherlands the increase in selling prices - by over 6% - accounts for a large part of the growth, although this year the first quarter had one working day fewer than last year, which had a negative effect of 2 per cent points.

### ***Turnover slightly up in March 2001***

In March 2001 turnover in the manufacturing industry was 1% higher than in March last year. Exports by the manufacturing industry rose by 2% while sales in the Netherlands remained at the same level. March this year had one working day fewer than the same month last year. Statistics Netherlands calculates the negative effect of this to be just over 3%. However, this is more than compensated for by the positive effect of the increase in selling prices of just over 5%.

### ***Turnover down in oil and slaughtering industries***

In March 2001 turnover in the petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics industry was lower than twelve months previously, mostly because of the lower turnover in the petroleum industry as a result of maintenance work at a number of large refineries. Within the food, drink and tobacco industry, turnover of abattoirs fell substantially. The transport and export ban of cattle and meat imposed because of the foot-and-mouth crisis pushed down exports in particular.

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