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Monthly survey on retail trade 2023Aug

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Manufactured goods sales declined in August

Total manufactured goods and food sales

Note: the retail trade sales does not reflect that of total household consumption: the latter includes other sectors: on-month change (%). Seasonally and working-day adjusted volumes

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1) Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the products included in the total aggregate of retail trade (weights are given on the right scale).

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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. In August, the volume of manufactured goods sold fell by 2.5% compared with July (after -0.7% in July), with contrasting trends across sectors: sales in the optical (2.6%, after 0.0%) and pharmaceuticals (2.1%, after -0.5%) sectors rose slightly, whereas those in the furniture (-11.3%, after 14.1%), footwear (-8.3%, after -1.0%) and press and stationery (-5.6%, after -3.4%) sectors were down.

Food sales edged up by 0.3% this month, after declining by 1.9% in July.

As regards distribution methods, there was a more marked drop in department store sales (-2.6%) and supermarket sales (-1.7%).

Three-month-on-three-month, overall turnover in retail trade was down very slightly (-0.9%), in both manufactured goods (-1.0%) and food products (-0.9%).