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Monthly survey on retail trade 2023Sep

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Retail sales picked up in September

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

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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 In September, the volume of manufactured goods sales increased by 1.3% compared with August, following a 7.5% decline the previous month. The upturn was driven notably by press and stationary (+10.8% after -8.6%), footwear (+8.2% after -7.9%), bicycles and motorcycles (+5.8% after +0.3%) and new cars (+4.7% after +0.5%). In contrast, sales fell slightly month-on-month in pharmaceuticals (-2.2% after +2.2%), DIY (-2.1% after -0.5%) and furniture (-1.5% after -10.9%).

The volume of food sales rose by 1.9% in September, after falling by 2.2% in August.

With the exception of small retailers, where sales inched down by 0.1%, all distribution channels reported a rise in turnover, especially supermarkets which saw 3.2% growth month-on-month.

Over the past three months, both manufactured goods and food sales have fallen in volume terms compared with the previous three months(-1.2% and -0.5% respectively).