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## Business

### Industrial new orders - August 2005

The industrial new orders indicator is compiled with the objective of showing the development of demand for goods and services (which are directly linked to these products) as an indication of future production.

#### Annual Changes

In August 2005, as compared to August 2004, an overall drop of 52.3 per cent was registered in the total industrial new orders index. The domestic new orders index registered an increase of 48.2 per cent. On the hand a drop of 57.3 per cent was recorded in the export new orders index.

Increases were registered in, amongst others, in the manufacture of wearing apparel and electrical machinery and apparatus. Drops of 66.4 per cent and 10.0 per cent respectively were recorded in the manufacture of textiles and textile products and the manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products.

Increases in new orders for domestic market were recorded, among others, in the manufacture of textiles and textile products and of chemicals and chemical products. On the other hand, decreases were registered among others in the machinery and equipment and manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment 41.2 and 41.4 per cent respectively. With regard to export new orders, an increase in most NACE divisions was registered in the same period. This took place in the manufacture of wearing apparel and in the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products among others. The most pronounced drop occurred in the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

#### Monthly Changes

In August 2005, as compared to the previous month, total new orders registered a drop across most NACE divisions.

With regard to indices for domestic new orders, month/month percentage decreases were recorded in most NACE divisions with the exception of the manufacture of wearing apparel and manufacture of chemicals and chemical products. This was equivalent to 4.1 and 8.3 per cent respectively. The manufacture of textiles and textile products increased together with other NACE divisions. Month/month new orders for export decreased, principally with regard to the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers ■

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**Table 1. Indices for total industrial new orders: January 2004- August 2005**  
2000=100

	Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual % change
<b>Total new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	93.5	105.6	169.3	105.5	143.5	103.5	102.9	108.7	118.8	463.4	250.6	136.1	36.5
	<b>2005</b>	214.6	221.9	160.2	154.8	197.6	255.9	273.0	148.4					
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	70.7	52.4	73.7	74.8	84.5	78.6	75.9	55.2	81.3	51.6	26.8	31.3	-22.5
	<b>2005</b>	35.7	69.4	63.9	51.6	57.7	65.2	84.7	42.8					
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	202.5	218.3	174.5	173.1	153.4	129.0	110.2	82.2	82.0	198.7	110.1	131.5	56.4
	<b>2005</b>	130.3	136.6	131.4	144.7	152.5	151.3	134.9	128.6					
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	76.0	92.5	74.4	81.8	94.0	69.8	83.2	73.0	86.7	79.7	88.8	95.3	-70.5
	<b>2005</b>	63.5	69.5	78.1	67.6	66.6	72.8	53.2	21.5					
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	82.2	99.8	81.6	86.3	100.0	76.8	87.8	77.1	91.5	118.8	97.4	97.7	-52.3
	<b>2005</b>	71.1	81.2	86.9	77.4	83.2	96.9	80.4	36.8					
<b>Domestic new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	34.5	33.2	63.2	49.6	39.7	46.4	83.0	49.8	38.0	48.3	52.7	34.5	93.2
	<b>2005</b>	27.3	84.1	110.2	128.4	118.2	111.8	96.0	96.2					
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	34.0	37.6	43.6	34.2	33.9	32.1	24.7	10.4	15.8	4.6	8.0	8.2	-55.8
	<b>2005</b>	13.0	11.7	8.4	7.1	5.1	5.6	5.4	4.6					
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	313.2	524.1	318.5	404.7	387.4	231.5	236.4	148.3	170.3	293.8	207.5	203.5	66.8
	<b>2005</b>	316.5	315.0	243.9	272.7	264.6	253.7	260.6	247.3					
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	189.0	236.8	173.9	247.9	183.8	175.1	205.2	144.9	229.1	152.0	189.0	124.4	30.3
	<b>2005</b>	252.8	218.5	274.7	195.1	240.9	176.8	220.8	188.8					
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	64.6	99.1	93.7	88.8	90.8	85.6	102.3	65.4	64.4	61.4	66.6	57.9	48.2
	<b>2005</b>	68.4	86.4	109.7	114.0	135.9	107.7	108.8	96.9					
<b>Export new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	139.8	175.8	320.6	155.8	205.9	152.8	180.0	155.0	176.6	597.0	353.6	181.6	26.3
	<b>2005</b>	344.0	304.3	215.9	270.4	262.5	332.9	352.7	195.7					
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	140.9	88.8	144.4	133.2	184.7	170.8	168.0	140.2	195.3	133.2	59.3	71.0	-20.8
	<b>2005</b>	73.4	135.9	160.3	127.9	151.5	171.6	225.1	111.0					
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	146.1	136.5	124.7	131.0	105.6	101.9	91.9	72.2	68.2	153.1	89.6	106.2	47.1
	<b>2005</b>	70.0	101.9	134.6	120.9	142.3	135.1	111.2	106.2					
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	71.0	87.8	72.4	75.5	89.1	65.3	78.9	70.3	82.0	76.2	86.3	91.2	-74.7
	<b>2005</b>	58.9	64.7	73.3	63.9	63.0	68.4	48.7	17.8					
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	80.9	98.0	81.2	83.3	97.5	72.9	86.6	75.7	90.2	109.3	93.3	95.7	-57.3
	<b>2005</b>	68.8	77.3	83.5	90.4	78.3	90.0	73.3	32.3					

**Table 2. Total industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- August 2005  
2000=100**

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	144.6 95.0	155.5 104.9	265.6 89.3	191.4 123.2	87.1 139.4	78.2 162.9	103.4 106.0	102.1 34.3	107.1	229.2	89.8	99.2	<b>-66.4</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	84.2 83.3	169.8 70.9	139.6 88.8	148.1 74.1	208.8 74.7	167.2 75.2	112.3 84.0	41.3 81.0	52.6	72.6	73.4	83.4	<b>96.1</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	79.7 55.4	96.6 102.9	57.2 112.4	50.3 114.4	56.8 116.1	68.1 112.5	142.1 103.8	107.7 96.9	104.4	103.0	107.7	103.0	<b>-10.0</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	209.2 113.7	198.5 136.9	93.0 201.1	117.7 193.4	121.3 206.5	112.2 284.5	88.0 184.5	111.1 186.2	115.8	126.7	125.4	93.5	<b>67.6</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	94.0 124.6	59.4 153.8	107.3 169.4	151.4 167.3	39.9 192.1	41.0 238.4	90.3 150.7	40.4 129.2	54.1	39.4	57.2	136.2	<b>219.8</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	24.5 33.2	39.7 23.9	186.3 57.0	37.1 25.2	112.8 117.3	46.1 51.4	24.3 40.9	32.5 83.2	29.2	41.9	138.4	99.5	<b>156.0</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	159.8 182.2	94.6 363.4	160.3 143.1	253.2 362.4	259.0 238.9	232.8 94.1	160.1 101.4	122.6 149.2	243.4	81.4	158.7	474.9	<b>21.7</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	66.0 47.2	86.8 48.4	62.3 67.0	65.7 48.4	82.3 55.3	60.5 67.7	77.5 51.8	67.1 11.5	76.7	81.9	74.7	73.8	<b>-82.9</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	80.6 79.3	96.5 92.9	94.9 81.6	95.3 108.5	97.3 101.9	57.9 98.8	73.3 92.2	71.2 85.5	86.1	74.2	69.0	50.6	<b>20.1</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	18.1 6.8	19.4 28.4	8.5 20.8	12.5 25.1	15.8 9.2	5.2 12.1	11.5 23.5	6.9 12.0	11.3	5.3	20.3	13.7	<b>73.9</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	111.3 143.3	131.8 319.6	141.3 253.2	181.5 231.5	109.9 268.3	178.2 252.1	67.6 162.8	139.1 136.9	185.5	101.9	409.9	49.4	<b>-1.6</b>

**Table 3. Domestic industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- August 2005**  
2000 =100

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	29.4 25.0	36.1 41.9	53.3 31.4	45.8 19.3	37.8 80.6	36.1 79.5	29.2 77.9	19.4 40.4	22.1	37.1	40.0	35.2	<b>108.2</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	89.9 117.7	368.4 94.1	277.5 113.2	313.8 117.1	516.4 116.2	368.2 115.8	221.5 119.2	64.5 124.1	69.8	78.1	95.5	134.6	<b>92.4</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	48.8 34.1	59.1 63.0	34.2 68.8	30.9 70.0	34.8 71.0	41.8 68.8	83.9 74.2	65.1 59.2	62.7	63.1	65.8	62.2	<b>-9.1</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	113.1 110.5	148.4 82.5	111.9 111.4	118.8 102.6	108.4 106.3	102.2 110.9	140.3 103.4	89.3 112.0	113.8	90.1	79.9	64.1	<b>25.4</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	34.3 71.6	57.8 117.2	72.7 104.0	38.8 141.6	57.8 149.7	58.6 98.0	130.9 112.6	58.9 85.1	49.6	54.5	60.0	52.4	<b>44.5</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	32.3 20.8	60.1 26.1	61.0 66.6	37.6 46.4	36.2 61.0	69.5 58.6	43.9 49.6	49.5 29.1	26.6	32.4	25.0	17.1	<b>-41.2</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	343.0 519.8	201.8 516.5	420.8 670.0	737.7 564.7	610.8 646.3	551.4 758.1	660.4 689.4	434.3 739.3	464.8	178.9	272.8	631.6	<b>70.2</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	54.5 63.6	49.1 65.1	20.1 212.5	50.3 70.9	40.8 85.4	106.5 86.3	75.9 80.9	94.5 55.4	63.7	81.6	93.6	92.7	<b>-41.4</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	80.1 181.0	99.8 183.4	95.4 335.6	97.6 318.3	76.8 279.0	122.1 245.5	97.6 307.0	155.6 216.7	223.3	109.7	201.6	175.0	<b>39.3</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	36.1 13.4	14.9 29.8	18.3 26.5	23.0 21.3	17.2 17.7	11.9 23.3	19.7 21.9	20.5 23.0	11.9	13.4	22.7	25.1	<b>12.2</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	46.1 44.2	10.1 3.1	54.0 195.2	115.6 176.8	45.4 205.7	117.9 190.8	136.5 116.9	84.7 95.4	97.1	119.4	126.3	128.0	<b>12.6</b>

**Table 4. Export industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- August 2005**  
2000=100

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	247.5 125.6	260.2 132.9	440.2 114.8	317.8 168.2	117.1 162.7	97.3 196.0	138.4 115.4	139.6 123.4	145.7	392.5	112.4	128.3	<b>-11.6</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	79.5 55.8	131.1 53.9	95.0 64.6	90.0 49.2	117.4 48.8	147.3 49.5	138.1 59.2	26.3 51.1	39.5	56.4	55.7	48.7	<b>94.3</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	156.2 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	530.0 0.0	173.4 25.3	205.5	0.0	0.0	205.5	<b>-85.4</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	220.5 111.1	197.6 140.5	137.3 209.4	105.9 206.4	114.4 218.3	52.8 264.4	64.0 191.6	106.4 191.9	106.4	126.3	129.4	96.6	<b>80.4</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	355.9 278.7	150.1 263.6	222.9 305.4	207.3 206.8	26.7 341.2	30.6 613.9	26.7 201.1	14.2 208.2	94.5	17.9	80.1	8.6	<b>1366.2</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	13.5 31.5	21.0 16.4	203.5 49.6	20.7 18.2	121.2 131.8	20.2 48.5	12.9 41.1	20.5 91.8	24.4	30.5	164.9	115.2	<b>347.8</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	158.5 183.3	95.5 368.1	162.0 141.6	254.0 367.3	261.2 240.3	234.7 91.5	159.8 94.8	125.0 148.0	246.1	82.1	160.3	481.0	<b>18.4</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	66.2 47.1	87.0 48.4	62.6 67.0	65.7 48.4	82.3 55.3	60.5 67.7	77.5 51.7	67.0 11.5	76.6	81.9	74.6	73.7	<b>-82.8</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	75.3 79.1	89.0 91.0	85.7 81.4	71.0 106.9	90.0 101.5	48.7 98.5	73.5 91.6	71.1 85.2	87.3	74.5	68.6	50.2	<b>19.8</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	12.4 7.2	47.6 63.7	7.4 39.9	11.6 95.2	33.4 0.0	3.0 0.0	16.3 82.5	1.2 0.0	23.2	0.0	42.6	16.3	<b>-100.0</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	126.9 314.5	158.6 380.4	161.9 273.3	198.9 290.5	125.2 289.8	194.7 272.6	227.1 176.9	153.2 149.0	207.3	101.9	474.4	36.6	<b>-2.7</b>

**Table 5. Total industrial new orders**

% change compared with previous month

NACE	2005						
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
17	10.4	-14.9	38.0	13.1	16.9	-34.9	-67.6
18	-14.9	25.2	-16.6	0.8	0.7	11.7	-3.6
21	85.7	9.2	1.8	1.5	-3.1	-7.7	-6.6
24	20.4	46.9	-3.8	6.8	37.8	-35.1	0.9
28	23.4	10.1	-1.2	14.8	24.1	-36.8	-14.3
29	-28.0	138.5	-55.8	365.5	-56.2	-20.4	103.4
31	99.5	-60.6	153.2	-34.1	-60.6	7.8	47.1
32	2.5	38.4	-27.8	14.3	22.4	-23.5	-77.8
33	17.2	-12.2	33.0	-6.1	-3.0	-6.7	-7.3
34	317.6	-26.8	20.7	-63.3	31.5	94.2	-48.9
35	123.0	-20.8	-8.6	15.9	-6.0	-35.4	-15.9

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 6. Domestic industrial new orders**

% change compared with previous month

NACE	2005						
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
17	67.6	-25.1	-38.5	317.6	-1.4	-2.0	-48.1
18	-20.1	20.3	3.4	-0.8	-0.3	2.9	4.1
21	84.8	9.2	1.7	1.4	-3.1	7.8	-20.2
24	-25.3	35.0	-7.9	3.6	4.3	-6.8	8.3
28	63.7	-11.3	36.2	5.7	-34.5	14.9	-24.4
29	25.5	155.2	-30.3	31.5	-3.9	-15.4	-41.3
31	-0.6	29.7	-15.7	14.5	17.3	-9.1	7.2
32	2.4	226.4	-66.6	20.5	1.1	-6.3	-31.5
33	1.3	83.0	-5.2	-12.3	-12.0	25.1	-29.4
34	122.4	-11.1	-19.6	-16.9	31.6	-6.0	5.0
35	-93.0	6196.8	-9.4	16.3	-7.2	-38.7	-18.4

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 7. Export industrial new orders**

% change compared with previous month

NACE	2005						
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
17	5.8	-13.6	46.5	-3.3	20.5	-41.1	6.9
18	-3.4	19.9	-23.8	-0.8	1.4	19.6	-13.7
21	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
24	26.5	49.0	-1.4	5.8	21.1	-27.5	0.2
28	-5.4	15.9	-32.3	65.0	79.9	-67.2	3.5
29	-47.9	202.4	-63.3	624.2	-63.2	-15.3	123.4
31	100.8	-61.5	159.4	-34.6	-61.9	3.6	56.1
32	2.8	38.4	-27.8	14.3	22.4	-23.6	-77.8
33	15.0	-10.5	31.3	-5.1	-3.0	-7.0	-7.0
34	56.5	-23.8	55.3	-95.2	0.0	82.5	-82.5
35	21.0	-28.2	6.3	-0.2	-5.9	-35.1	-15.8

Not seasonally adjusted

## **Methodological Notes**

The new orders index shall cover the NACE divisions:

- 17 Manufacture of textiles and textile products
- 18 Manufacture of wearing apparel
- 21 Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products
- 24 Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
- 28 Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery
- 29 Manufacture of machinery and equipment
- 31 Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus
- 32 Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment
- 33 Manufacture of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks
- 34 Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- 35 Manufacture of other transport equipment

## **Main Industrial Groupings**

The Objective of MIGS (Main Industrial Groupings) is to provide an activity breakdown of industry which is an intermediate level between the sections and sub-sections.

There are 5 MIGS. These regroup all of the activities between Section C and E and cover economic activities from quarrying, all manufacturing sectors and the water & energy sectors. These are:

- Intermediate goods;
- capital goods;
- consumer durables;
- non-durable consumer goods;
- energy.

This data set is considered provisional as the methodology of the data collection and the index calculation is still being developed. Furthermore, efforts to increase the response rate are likely to lead to revisions of the index.