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### Industrial new orders: April 2006

The industrial new orders indicator is compiled with the objective of showing the development of demand for goods and services as an indication of future production. This release provides monthly indices according to the Main Industrial Groupings (MIGS)(Tables 1-3) and selected 2-digit NACES (Table 4). The base year used for these indices is the average for the whole 2000 (2000=100). This series is not seasonally adjusted.

In April 2006, the Capital Goods' Index for the Total Industrial New Orders increased by 38.3 per cent when compared to the same period of the previous year. For the same sector the Domestic New Orders index decreased from 50.29 in April 2005 to 75.39 in April 2006, an increase of 50 per cent. On the other hand, the Capital Goods index in the Export New Orders' table shows an increase of 13.2 per cent from 260.39 in April 2005 to 294.71 in April 2006.

The index for the Consumer Durable Goods in the Total Industrial New Orders registered a decrease of 10.5 per cent from 91.00 in April 2005 to 81.42 in April 2006. For the same sector, the Domestic New Orders Index decreased by 32.1 while the Export New Orders' Index increased by 13.0.

For the Total Industrial New Orders, the Consumer Non-Durable Goods index shows an increase of 25.8 per cent over April 2005. In the same period, the Domestic New Orders Index shows a decrease of 29.5 per cent, while the Export New Orders Index shows an increase of 36.0 per cent.

During April 2006, the Intermediate Goods' sector index the Total Industrial New Orders shows a decrease of 4.7 per cent from 68.07 per cent in April 2005 to 64.85 per cent in April 2006. For the same sector, the Domestic New Orders' index registered an increase of 45.5 per cent from 216.63 in April 2005 to 315.09 in April 2006. In the Export New Orders, there is a decrease of 12.6 per cent from 63.81 to 55.80 in April 2006.

When compared to April 2005, the index for the Total Industry registered an increase of 4.4 per cent in the Total Industrial New Orders and a decrease of 1.7 per cent in the Domestic New Orders' Index. For the same sector the Export New Orders' Index decreased by 13.8 per cent over the same period last year ■

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Table 1. Indices for total industrial new orders: January 2005-March 2006

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
Capital Goods	<b>2005</b>	217.8	218.2	148.7	138.2	203.0	247.5	122.0	143.5	148.9	154.2	136.8	154.5	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	140.5	207.9	174.2	191.1									38.3
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	44.7	87.1	45.4	91.0	86.8	77.2	99.5	74.0	72.3	85.9	105.3	73.8	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	86.0	79.9	83.0	81.4									-10.5
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	122.5	148.6	156.5	145.9	185.1	165.5	221.1	191.7	250.4	190.4	255.8	216.2	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	214.3	173.3	193.8	183.6									25.8
Intermediate Goods	<b>2005</b>	64.5	70.6	77.5	68.1	68.1	83.2	55.0	61.4	84.0	92.3	70.4	83.1	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	79.9	59.8	69.9	64.9									-4.7
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2005</b>	71.3	81.0	82.3	75.1	82.4	100.0	65.7	74.6	76.2	77.9	80.2	92.7	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	89.2	74.8	82.0	78.4									4.4
<b>Domestic new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2005</b>	26.2	94.8	74.8	50.3	72.3	95.0	48.8	27.6	44.9	83.9	89.9	60.1	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	69.4	77.4	73.4	75.4									50.0
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	32.5	45.5	57.8	70.0	55.5	27.3	30.1	31.7	44.1	64.7	52.7	42.8	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	50.3	46.6	48.4	47.5									-32.1
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	291.5	336.9	236.6	323.6	386.8	355.2	247.6	231.9	263.3	272.2	325.9	262.9	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	268.7	214.6	241.6	228.1									-29.5
Intermediate Goods	<b>2005</b>	250.0	235.4	294.8	216.6	296.3	316.8	393.3	275.0	391.4	453.2	337.6	399.4	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	339.7	306.9	323.3	315.1									45.5
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2005</b>	64.0	88.1	93.3	87.0	119.0	104.2	94.5	65.8	99.2	117.7	93.5	91.8	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	79.6	87.4	83.5	85.5									-1.7
<b>Export new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2005</b>	354.7	302.3	219.4	260.4	301.4	339.4	183.5	210.9	218.5	226.1	201.3	232.5	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	209.5	323.1	266.3	294.7									13.2
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	70.9	131.2	127.7	124.1	146.3	166.4	158.2	150.0	136.7	132.1	190.2	123.4	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	150.2	136.8	143.5	140.2									12.9
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2005</b>	69.8	112.1	171.8	112.5	126.4	130.3	125.3	151.5	218.5	148.8	207.9	178.6	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	179.5	144.1	161.8	153.0									36.0
Intermediate Goods	<b>2005</b>	59.9	65.4	71.6	63.8	63.0	74.9	47.9	56.4	76.4	84.0	63.6	76.0	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	73.0	50.1	61.5	55.8									-12.6
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2005</b>	69.4	77.3	79.7	89.6	78.5	93.6	62.4	72.7	73.5	74.4	77.9	90.9	
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	87.6	73.8	80.7	77.2									-13.8

<sup>P</sup> provisional

Table 2. Total industrial new orders: Indices for January 2005- March 2006

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	97.1 33.3	111.5 45.8	94.3 46.4	115.1 46.1	135.9	158.0	100.7	33.7	107.6	90.3	57.9	45.5	<b>-60.0</b>
18	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	83.3 95.7	70.9 83.2	94.0 89.2	80.7 87.6	90.2	82.4	94.0	88.8	77.4	90.2	88.5	88.5	<b>8.5</b>
21	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	66.3 140.4	95.3 123.9	104.2 120.8	109.1 106.4	115.4	112.0	133.5	99.3	105.6	124.1	133.1	119.6	<b>-2.5</b>
24	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	113.7 266.0	136.9 299.5	193.4 282.2	171.1 188.9	172.8	237.8	167.7	256.0	313.6	217.7	256.6	275.4	<b>10.4</b>
28	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	99.1 77.1	113.9 71.2	128.7 135.6	107.5 107.1	149.9	214.0	112.5	68.2	115.8	163.4	80.2	105.0	<b>-0.4</b>
29	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	33.2 42.1	23.9 49.0	63.3 50.0	23.6 32.9	35.2	46.7	40.4	80.8	27.4	19.1	49.7	54.3	<b>39.1</b>
31	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	182.2 84.0	363.4 80.9	145.4 136.2	355.1 108.6	238.9	99.3	88.4	144.2	139.6	156.6	221.9	174.8	<b>-69.4</b>
32	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	47.7 55.9	48.4 64.8	48.5 66.1	48.6 59.1	55.5	74.5	48.7	52.3	53.3	54.4	56.8	70.5	<b>21.5</b>
33	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	79.2 73.7	91.7 81.3	79.3 88.8	106.2 85.0	100.9	97.3	93.2	104.5	93.5	105.0	81.1	70.7	<b>-19.9</b>
34	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	17.8 18.2	22.8 21.0	12.7 35.3	15.7 9.0	9.9	8.2	20.6	17.0	13.4	15.1	38.3	5.2	<b>-42.9</b>
35	<b>2005</b> <b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	707.9 285.1	479.1 313.5	250.4 313.5	255.3 245.1	260.2	251.4	159.3	140.1	176.5	297.6	385.7	419.0	<b>-4.0</b>

<sup>P</sup> provisional

**Table 3. Domestic industrial new orders: Indices for January 2005- March 2006**

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2005</b>	34.8	61.1	47.1	47.4	74.5	73.3	64.9	38.7	45.6	13.2	14.1	14.9	<b>72.6</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	42.5	43.4	48.2	81.9									
18	<b>2005</b>	117.7	94.1	128.7	135.8	145.4	135.5	132.1	131.6	132.8	131.1	130.0	129.1	<b>-5.8</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	140.2	115.2	126.0	127.9									
21	<b>2005</b>	40.8	58.3	63.8	66.8	68.6	68.6	89.5	60.4	64.4	76.0	79.5	73.2	<b>-4.0</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	86.9	76.9	75.0	64.1									
24	<b>2005</b>	110.5	82.5	111.4	103.7	111.5	112.0	109.4	105.8	129.7	106.8	98.1	74.8	<b>-8.2</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	84.0	78.7	96.6	95.1									
28	<b>2005</b>	52.5	118.0	81.0	68.1	124.5	108.7	80.2	74.8	69.3	129.5	69.0	106.1	<b>-30.0</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	68.2	66.6	77.5	47.6									
29	<b>2005</b>	20.8	26.1	20.3	14.6	86.4	40.1	19.3	47.6	59.3	12.4	62.8	63.2	<b>73.6</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	22.9	22.8	23.7	25.3									
31	<b>2005</b>	519.8	516.5	667.4	453.0	646.3	759.4	507.9	337.5	453.3	569.1	240.4	562.7	<b>-13.3</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	157.4	274.2	511.2	392.7									
32	<b>2005</b>	63.5	66.0	68.4	70.8	85.2	87.4	79.4	67.7	83.8	99.8	171.2	137.0	<b>42.0</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	84.1	104.0	89.9	100.5									
33	<b>2005</b>	357.7	349.1	532.7	530.4	488.1	445.9	519.3	449.1	512.1	560.2	527.1	543.6	<b>53.5</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	770.0	799.4	828.7	814.0									
34	<b>2005</b>	28.5	27.7	29.3	32.7	24.6	20.5	26.9	21.1	15.3	15.0	15.1	11.5	<b>-39.3</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	40.3	19.7	33.3	19.9									
35	<b>2005</b>	60.9	108.9	156.9	137.9	153.3	174.1	120.2	77.9	139.8	208.7	215.3	261.6	<b>-15.9</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	113.0	115.5	151.4	116.0									

<sup>P</sup> provisional

Table 4. Export industrial new orders: Indices for January 2005-March 2006

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2005</b>	123.7	131.1	113.0	136.9	160.8	192.9	114.5	121.4	133.0	125.3	80.2	57.9	<b>-62.6</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	35.5	50.9	51.7	51.3									
18	<b>2005</b>	55.8	53.9	64.6	49.6	55.3	50.0	65.3	56.5	69.9	59.1	56.7	56.1	<b>14.2</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	60.7	41.1	60.2	56.6									
21	<b>2005</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.4	0.0	0.0	84.8	44.2	0.0	353.4	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	31.5	24.0	24.0	66.1									
24	<b>2005</b>	111.3	140.5	200.2	184.1	182.7	198.3	169.5	280.0	338.9	226.8	275.1	303.2	<b>7.8</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	289.3	330.8	305.6	198.5									
28	<b>2005</b>	278.7	283.9	289.0	206.8	341.2	271.6	202.0	208.9	321.3	433.6	103.9	135.1	<b>40.4</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	107.5	90.9	291.8	290.3									
29	<b>2005</b>	31.5	16.4	42.9	17.9	29.5	41.0	35.5	77.9	14.7	15.8	36.8	28.5	<b>33.1</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	31.9	39.8	40.1	23.9									
31	<b>2005</b>	183.3	368.6	144.1	359.8	240.3	96.8	81.7	145.4	137.2	156.1	225.4	175.2	<b>-61.9</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	84.8	75.4	136.1	136.9									
32	<b>2005</b>	47.7	48.4	67.9	48.6	55.5	74.4	48.7	52.2	85.1	54.3	56.7	70.6	<b>21.5</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	55.9	64.8	66.1	59.0									
33	<b>2005</b>	78.2	89.1	77.9	104.6	99.5	96.0	91.5	102.8	91.9	103.3	79.3	67.4	<b>-3.5</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	73.1	88.3	87.9	100.9									
34	<b>2005</b>	7.2	44.9	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	0.0	29.2	40.2	40.2	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	0.0	58.4	97.4	0.0									
35	<b>2005</b>	321.4	367.5	275.3	281.6	287.9	273.4	171.3	155.9	188.5	323.0	429.0	460.8	<b>-1.9</b>
	<b>2006<sup>P</sup></b>	325.7	359.7	353.0	276.4									

<sup>P</sup> provisional

## **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.