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Business

Manufacturing Survey: April-June 2008

A sample survey among manufacturing enterprises showed a decrease in sales, investment and employment during the second quarter of 2008 when compared to the same quarter last year.

Sales

During the second quarter of 2008, sales by the sampled manufacturing enterprises stood at €560.9 million, a decrease of €52.8 million or 8.6 per cent, when compared to the same period in 2007. The decrease was mainly due to the Radio, TV and Communication equipment sector and the Wearing apparel and clothes sector. Lower sales were also registered by the Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c. (not elsewhere classified) and the Other transport equipment sectors.

Higher sales during the second quarter this year were registered by the Chemicals and chemical products, Fabricated metal products, Publishing and printing, and Food and Beverages sectors.

Export orientated enterprises generated €436.4 million or 77.8 per cent of the total sales.

Employment, Wages and Salaries

In the second quarter this year, employment in the sampled enterprises declined by 881 employees to 17,549 from 18,430 in the same period last year.

Lower employment levels were mainly recorded in the Wearing apparel and Clothes sector followed by the Radio, TV and Communication equipment sector, with a decrease of 699 and 311 employees respectively.

Increases in employment were mainly recorded in the Chemicals and chemical products sector and the Food and Beverages sector, with 184 and 115 employees respectively.

In the period under review an amount of €71.2 million was paid out in gross wages and salaries by the sampled enterprises.

Investment

During the April-June quarter overall investment in the manufacturing industry amounted to €29.0 million, a decrease of €2.0 million when compared to €31.0 million for the second quarter of 2007.

Investment during the first six months totalled €70.7 million, a decrease of €15.2 million when compared to the first six months of 2007■

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Table 1. Total Sales

		€'000					
NACE and sector		April-June			January-June		
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
15/16	Food and Beverages; Tobacco	90,288	72,543	75,231	155,104	126,446	134,731
17	Textiles and textile products	12,340	10,878	10,606	22,764	20,877	21,067
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	13,061	12,524	5,475	28,078	26,569	15,177
19	Leather and leather products	2,024	1,217	614	4,355	2,484	1,211
20	Wood and wood products	366	336	625	774	803	1,192
21	Paper and paper products	4,636	3,926	3,775	8,730	7,779	7,602
22	Publishing and printing	30,234	35,568	39,196	53,039	71,656	80,537
24	Chemicals and chemical products	39,009	45,657	53,574	70,756	87,390	111,582
25	Rubber and plastic products	23,809	26,862	25,822	46,932	51,711	51,437
26	Other nonmetallic mineral products	12,610	11,805	13,667	23,853	23,625	27,574
28	Fabricated metal products	9,760	11,773	17,748	20,414	21,839	31,328
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	8,866	10,524	11,281	15,549	17,916	20,119
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	32,810	35,173	34,444	61,291	76,618	64,682
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	279,975	284,736	225,190	558,984	557,951	455,296
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	12,591	11,352	12,384	24,589	23,425	24,913
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	365	256	130	851	548	285
35	Other transport equipment	7,196	5,941	3,833	14,254	13,248	9,114
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	30,155	32,604	27,286	56,713	63,587	50,852
Total for sampled enterprises		610,096	613,674	560,881	1,167,031	1,194,471	1,108,699

Table 2. Investment

		€'000					
NACE and sector		April-June			January-June		
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
15/16	Food and Beverages; Tobacco	2,908	8,710	4,946	5,490	19,897	13,977
17	Textiles and textile products	1,108	2,378	324	5,202	3,190	324
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	67	95	0	96	114	9
19	Leather and leather products	0	0	0	0	112	0
20	Wood and wood products	41	1	4	42	2	5
21	Paper and paper products	160	27	0	201	187	0
22	Publishing and printing	372	582	1,500	2,403	17,323	8,135
24	Chemicals and chemical products	4,643	4,194	2,664	9,188	11,760	8,798
25	Rubber and plastic products	709	1,518	1,836	1,299	2,514	2,683
26	Other nonmetallic mineral products	161	761	571	623	2,333	2,852
28	Fabricated metal products	203	79	379	235	668	574
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	49	150	269	70	235	309
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	447	2,069	1,091	1,010	3,187	1,487
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	24,970	8,504	12,153	48,233	20,375	22,288
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	465	712	775	954	967	1,015
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	0	2	0	1	2	60
35	Other transport equipment	10	49	0	33	64	1,759
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,361	1,174	2,531	3,671	2,947	6,443
Total for sampled enterprises		37,674	31,005	29,044	78,753	85,876	70,718

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Employment

NACE and sector	End of June		
	2006	2007	2008
15/16 Food and Beverages; Tobacco	3,123	2,919	3,034
17 Textiles and textile products	432	431	375
18 Wearing apparel and clothes	1,131	1,038	339
19 Leather and leather products	168	194	108
20 Wood and wood products	77	78	109
21 Paper and paper products	268	266	256
22 Publishing and printing	1,627	1,666	1,710
24 Chemicals and chemical products	906	1,004	1,188
25 Rubber and plastic products	1,585	1,581	1,549
26 Other nonmetallic mineral products	732	755	772
28 Fabricated metal products	638	590	598
29 Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	364	463	431
30/31 Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,295	1,420	1,390
32 Radio, TV and Communication equipment	3,198	3,250	2,939
33 Medical, precision and optical instruments	985	869	927
34 Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	53	52	23
35 Other transport equipment	204	256	264
36 Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,668	1,598	1,537
Total for sampled enterprises	18,454	18,430	17,549

Table 4. Wages and Salaries

NACE and sector	€'000					
	April-June			January-June		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
15/16 Food and Beverages; Tobacco	10,311	9,839	10,397	20,067	18,868	19,943
17 Textiles and textile products	1,754	1,575	1,331	3,459	3,186	2,492
18 Wearing apparel and clothes	2,965	2,887	1,040	6,442	6,204	2,088
19 Leather and leather products	572	455	251	1,267	850	497
20 Wood and wood products	217	239	297	437	470	611
21 Paper and paper products	1,017	1,031	996	2,058	2,124	1,996
22 Publishing and printing	7,097	7,562	7,548	14,153	14,849	15,282
24 Chemicals and chemical products	3,676	4,589	5,570	7,489	9,046	11,051
25 Rubber and plastic products	5,784	6,296	6,492	11,808	12,289	13,037
26 Other nonmetallic mineral products	2,164	2,289	2,278	4,287	4,599	4,700
28 Fabricated metal products	2,127	2,259	2,112	4,340	4,288	4,255
29 Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	1,336	1,529	1,557	2,559	3,040	3,053
30/31 Electrical machinery and apparatus	4,884	5,885	5,500	10,028	11,570	11,358
32 Radio, TV and Communication equipment	14,112	15,263	14,448	27,977	29,995	29,222
33 Medical, precision and optical instruments	3,689	3,485	3,685	7,263	6,912	7,340
34 Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	130	131	58	261	256	118
35 Other transport equipment	1,222	1,325	1,508	2,404	2,620	2,973
36 Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	6,320	6,293	6,085	12,556	12,716	12,216
Total for sampled enterprises	69,379	72,931	71,154	138,856	143,881	142,231

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

This release is compiled by means of a sample survey, covering an average of 390 manufacturing enterprises, requesting employment, wages and salaries, turnover and investment data. The results are compiled in quarterly reports and published in accordance with NACE Rev 1.1 (the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community).

It is important to note that some enterprises have changed their main production activities and a re-classification of these enterprises according to their new activity was carried out. This resulted in a shift of enterprises to and from different manufacturing sectors, the exclusion of some enterprises from manufacturing activities and even in the amalgamation of sectors.

For reasons stated above, an enterprise which was in sector 33 - Medical and precision Equipment was re-classified to sector 30 - Office Machinery. Subsequently this was amalgamated with sector 31 to respect confidentiality of the enterprise, thus this sector will be reported as sector 30/31 - Electrical machinery and apparatus. Sector 16 - Tobacco products, was amalgamated with sector 15 - Food and Beverages, to respect the confidentiality of the remaining enterprises in this sector and is reported as sector 15/16 - Food and Beverages/Tobacco.

Throughout the whole time series of this sample survey, the Malta Shipyards is excluded from sector 35 - Other Transport Equipment.

SUMMARY DEFINITIONS OF KEY VARIABLES

Employment: this covers all persons employed, regardless of whether they are full-time or part-time, and includes paid employees as well as working proprietors and unpaid family workers. The total employment for each quarter in the manufacturing sectors refers to the end-of-month figures at the end of every calendar quarter, i.e. March, June, September and December.

Gross Wages and Salaries: are inclusive of all basic wages and salaries payable at regular intervals, overtime, night shift and other allowances, bonuses and commissions. Employers' social security contributions are excluded.

Total Sales: is made up of all local sales, which are exclusive of VAT and exports on a FOB basis. The export sales are based on: (a) the customs declarations to countries that are not European Union (EU) Member States and on (b) the Supplementary Declaration that traders in merchandise goods must submit in respect of dispatches (exports) of good to the member states of the EU.

Investment: refers to new investment during the reference period. These are tangible capital goods for own company use but not for speculative use. They have a useful life of more than one year. Any additions, alterations, improvements or renovations prolonging the service life or to increase the productive capacity of capital goods are not taken into account. Excluded from the definition are current maintenance costs as well as investment in capital goods used under rental and lease contracts, intangible goods (patents, trade marks), financial assets and goods acquired through mergers. Computer software is regarded as investment if its life is over one year and if its amount is of a relatively considerable amount.

STATUS OF THE DATA

The survey data are not grossed up to the total population, and may therefore differ from National Accounts data. In the case of non-respondents, imputations were carried out. The data in this release should be considered as provisional and therefore subject to revision.