

## Services producer price indices

Quarter III 2015

Services Producer Price Indices (SPPIs) or Output Price Indices for Services measure quarterly changes in the prices received for services provided by enterprises to other enterprises and Government. This means the SPPIs cover what are commonly known as business to business transactions, thus leaving out sales to consumers.

The indices are chained based, namely the basket of services and the weighting system are annually updated. Quarterly indices for the current year are calculated with reference to the last quarter of the previous year (base period) and subsequently chained over the period chosen as reference period (2010=100) in order to be able to measure price trends over a period of time of more than a year. The indices are calculated according to Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2).

In quarter III 2015 the producer price indices in the following sectors decreased compared with the previous quarter: *Freight transport by road* (-0,4%); *Sea and coastal water transport* (-8.1%); *Cargo handling* (-2.0%); *Postal and courier activities* (-1.1%); *Security and investigation activities* (-0.2%); *Cleaning activities* (-0.2%). On the contrary, in the same period the producer prices increased for: *Air transport* (+0.5%); *Warehousing and storage* (+1.8%); *Telecommunications* (+1.1%).

In the same quarter the following producer price indices decreased compared with the same quarter of 2014: *Freight transport by road* (-1.0%); *Sea and coastal water transport* (-8.9%); *Air transport* (-5.3%); *Postal and courier activities* (-1.7%); *Telecommunications* (-3.1%); *Security and investigation activities* (-0.3%). On the contrary, the indices that increased were: *Warehousing and storage* (+1.3%); *Cargo handling* (+0.9%). Only the index for *Cleaning activities* did not change.

**TABLE 1. Services producer price indices (2010=100) – Quarter III 2015**

Economic activities (NACE rev. 2)	Index number	Percentage changes		
	III quarter 2015	III 2015 II 2015	III 2015 III 2014	I-IV 2014 I-IV 2013
H49.4 - Freight transport by road	104.1	-0.4	-1.0	1.4
H50.1 + H50.2 - Sea and coastal water transport	80.3	-8.1	-8.9	7.2
H51 - Air transport	101.6	0.5	-5.3	0.8
H51.1 - Passenger air transport	91.4	0.0	-3.1	-2.6
H51.2 - Freight air transport	114.2	1.2	-8.1	4.9
H52.1 - Warehousing and storage	109.0	1.8	1.3	0.1
H52.24 - Cargo handling	99.2	-2.0	0.9	-0.1
H53 - Postal and courier activities	97.6	-1.1	-1.7	-0.2
J61 - Telecommunications	79.3	1.1	-3.1	-4.6
J61.1 - Wired telecommunications activities	87.8	0.6	-0.7	-4.0
J61.2 - Wireless telecommunications activities	62.8	2.3	-8.3	-5.9
N80 - Security and investigation activities	98.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5
N81.2 - Cleaning activities	106.9	-0.2	0.0	1.0

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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