



Announcement

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New base year for producers' price index

On Wednesday 2 June 1999 Statistics Netherlands will publish the producers' price indices for the month March 1999. In the publication of these results there will be two changes: the figures will be based on the new base year: 1995=100, and they will conform with the European current international goods nomenclatures (ProdCom/CPA).

The figures published until February 1999 were based on 1990=100 and on a now obsolete goods nomenclature. Therefore the figures to be published this Wednesday are not comparable with the figures published until last month.

Statistics Netherlands has therefore recalculated the index figures for the period January 1995 - February 1999, based on the base year 1995=100. The price index figures for March 1999 to be published this Wednesday have been calculated in the same way.

The figures from 1995 of the various industry groups will be available on request as of 2 June 1999.

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