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Main indicateurs

Household consumption expenditure on goods – September 2016

Household consumption expenditure on goods faltered slightly in September (–0.2%) and decreased by 0.5% over the third quarter

In September 2016, household consumption expenditure on goods declined slightly anew: –0.2% in volume* after +0.8% in August. In particular, consumption of energy fell back and purchases of engineered goods slowed down markedly. Over the third quarter, household consumption expenditure on goods decreased by 0.5% (after +0.1%), with a sharp downturn in household durables and gas-electricity expenses.

• Energy: renewed decline

In September, consumption of energy declined anew (–1.7%), after two months of growth. The downturn in consumption of refined products contributed the most to this fall (–3.0%), but expenses on gas-electricity also stepped back (–0.7%). Over the whole quarter, consumption of energy retreated clearly (–1.9% after +1.4%), particularly in gas-electricity, as temperatures returned to the norm after a relatively cool spring.

• Engineered goods: stability in September, decline over the quarter

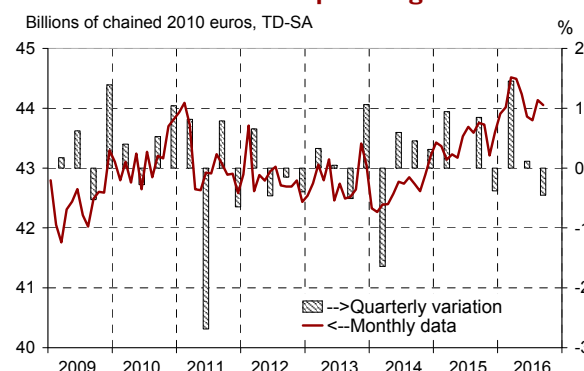
In September, purchases of engineered goods were stable after a rebound in August. Over the third quarter, they decreased (–1.1% after +0.2%).

Durables: slowdown in September and sharp decline over the quarter

In September, expenditure on durables slowed down (+0.5% after +1.5% in August); in particular, car purchases came to a standstill (–0.1% after +3.0%). However, expenses on watch-jewellery bounced back strongly. Over the third quarter, purchases of durables decreased clearly (–2.4% after +0.7%). In particular, purchases of household durables fell after two very dynamic quarters.

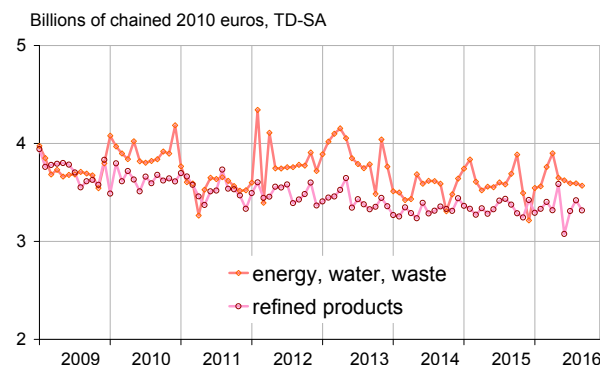
* Volumes are measured at chain-link previous year prices (2010 euro billions) and all figures are trading days and seasonally adjusted.

Total consumption of goods



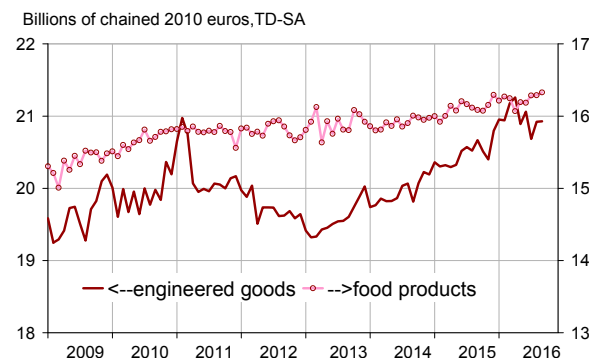
Source: INSEE

Energy



Source: INSEE

Food and engineered goods



Source: INSEE

Textile-clothing: small decline

In September, expenses on textile-clothing fell back (−0.5%), notably the purchases of shoes which dropped strongly. Over the whole quarter, these expenses decreased moderately again (−0.3% after −0.6%).

Other engineered goods: decrease in September, rebound over the quarter

In September, household expenditure on other engineered goods decreased (−0.4%) after two months of [rise]. Over the third quarter, they grew by 0.6% (after 0.0%).

- **Food products: slight improvement in September, rebound over the quarter**

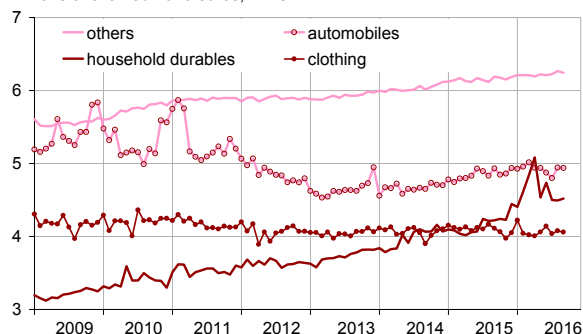
In September, consumption of food products increased modestly (+0.2% after 0.0%). Purchases of agricultural products increased while those of processed agrifood decreased slightly. Over the whole quarter, consumption of food products picked up: +0.9% after −0.6%.

- **The variation in August 2016 is slightly revised upwards**

The variation in household expenditure on goods in August 2016 has been revised upwards by 0.1 points: it now stands at +0.8% instead of +0.7%. Since the previous publication, new information has been integrated, particularly concerning household durables, energy and textile-clothing, moreover, the seasonal adjustment coefficients have been updated.

Breakdown of engineered goods

Billions of chained 2010 euros, TD-SA



Source: INSEE

Household consumption expenditure on goods

Variation in percentage

	Weight (1)	July 2016	Aug. 2016	Sept. 2016	Sept. 16 / Sept. 15	Q3 2016/Q2 2016
Food products	38	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.5	0.9
Engineered goods	45	−1.8	1.1	0.0	1.3	−1.1
- Inc. Durables	22	−2.7	1.5	0.5	2.6	−2.4
- Automobiles	12	−1.5	3.0	−0.1	0.1	−0.5
- Household durables	7	−5.0	−0.2	0.6	7.1	−5.9
- Inc. Textile-clothing	9	−2.4	1.0	−0.5	−1.3	−0.3
- Inc. Other engineered goods	13	0.2	0.7	−0.4	0.8	0.6
Energy	17	2.7	1.4	−1.7	−2.6	−1.9
- Inc. Energy, water, waste	10	−0.8	0.0	−0.7	−3.3	−3.7
- Inc. Refined Products	8	7.6	3.3	−3.0	−1.7	0.7
Total	100	−0.1	0.8	−0.2	0.7	−0.5
- Inc. Manufactured goods	84	0.0	1.0	−0.3	1.2	0.0

(1) Weighting in the consumption expenditure on goods in value in 2015

For more information:

Scope and definition - Consumption expenditure on goods is compliant with the national-accounts definition (NAF Rev. 2). In 2010, they accounted for half of total households' consumption expenditure. They are divided into three main items:

- Food: products of agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ), food, drinks and tobacco (C1)
- Energy: mining products, as well as water, gas, electricity and air conditioning, sanitation and waste management (DE), and refined and coked products (C2).
- Engineered goods: computers, electronic, electrical and optical goods (C3), transport equipment (C4), textiles and clothing, products made of leather, wood, paper, metals, plastic, rubber, chemicals, minerals, furniture, hardware, drugs (C5). Within this heading are distinguished "durable" goods which include transport equipment, household durables (furniture, household appliances, etc.) and other durable goods (jewelry, watches, GPS, glasses, medical devices, etc.).
- The manufactured goods correspond with all the products C1, C2, C3, C4, C5.

Sources: This indicator is the compilation of a variety of statistical sources issued by the Bank of France, the French Federation of Automobile Manufacturers (CCFA), the Department of Observation and Statistics (SOEs) of the Ministry of Equipment, the French Institute of Fashion (IFM), the National Health-Insurance Administration (CNAM), the National Federation of Rubber and Plastics Industries (SNCP), the Board of Oil (CPDP), GFK, Logista, the International Union Committee of Automobile and Motorcycle (CSIAM), etc. Figures are seasonally and trading-days adjusted (TD-SA).

- Additional data (historical data, methodology, associated web pages, etc.) are available on the HTML page of this indicator: <http://www.insee.fr/en/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=19>

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