Industrial new orders

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2 Metadata update	
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3 Statistical presentation

3.1 Data description

The variables collected in monthly survey are:
- New Orders;
- Domestic Orders;
- Non-domestic Orders;
- Non-domestic Orders – Eurozone;
- Non-domestic Orders – non-Eurozone.

3.2 Classification system

Štatistická klasifikácia ekonomických cinností (SK NACE Rev. 2) - Branch classification of economic activities – NACE rev.2.
Klasifikácia štatistických územných jednotiek- Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics– NUTS 2010.

3.3 Sector coverage

Industry includes activities related to mining and quarrying, industrial production, supply electricity, gas, steam and cold air and water supply; cleaning and waste disposal water, waste and disposal services.

3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Orders reflects the demand side of production. It is used for analysis of market of goods and services.
New orders consist from new confirmed orders and additional growth due to increase order amount products or work or by influece of increasing prices

New price deflator is constructed on the basis of price development of products manufactured in SR
for domestic and foreign markets.

3.5 Statistical unit

Enterprise is the reporting as well as observation unit.

3.6 Statistical population

Statistical survey PRIEM 1-12 addresses reporting units (enterprises) registered in the Commercial Register and kept in the register of organizations of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic with 20 or more employees, whose main activity is classified in divisions 05-39 of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev.2 and selected significant reporting units whose main activity is other than industrial activity (approx. 14 reporting units) or those whose revenues exceeded EUR 5 million.
For the population of reporting units with the number of employees up to 19 persons (inclusive), registered in the Commercial Register and kept in the register of organizations of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic and for natural persons doing business on the basis of a trade license
according to Act no. 455/1991 Coll. on Trade Licensing, as amended, the number of which is determined on the basis of the number of issued trade licenses, an estimate is made by a combination
of data from the quarterly statistical survey.
Register of organizations kept by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic according to the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic no. 540/2001 Coll. on state statistics, as amended, is
a source of information on the subjects of the population addressed by the statistical survey. Legal entities and natural persons - entrepreneurs are entered in the register of organizations on the basis
of data obtained by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic pursuant to the Act on State Statistics
and other special acts. The register is used for statistical purposes and the data registered in it are updated daily from various sources, e.g. with information from statistical surveys, data from the Commercial Register, social insurance, etc.

3.7 Reference area

All regions of the Slovak Republic are covered by the survey. The reporting units are residents at the territory of the Slovak Republic and provide data on their domestic activities and activities outside, if the activities carried out are of a subject of the tax and other duties in relation to Slovak legislation.

3.8 Time coverage

Data are available from 2000 year for all type of data presented (seasonally adjusted data) sending to Eurostat.
Data presented in Datacube are gross data, time series are available from 2008 .

3.9 Base period

The base year 2015=100 is implemented since January 2018 data from the beginning of the year 2018.
Indices are calculated on the basis of data reported in current year prices after conversion by price deflators to constant prices (December 2015 = 100).

4 Unit of measure

Indices, absolute values

5 Reference period

The reference period is a month.

6 Institutional mandate

6.1 Legal acts and other agreements

Right to collect data in general is governed by the Slovak National Council law No 540/2001(Digest) on the state statistics as amended and supplemented by further regulations.
The obligation to provide data is stated in the Statistical Law and its provisions (Programme of State Statistical Surveys), which is fixed for a 3-year period.
Survey Priem 1-12 is part of this Programme of State Statistical Surveys.

6.2 Data sharing

Statistical information from the survey is a source to ensure the needs of the information system of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.
Statistical outputs are provided to the National Bank of Slovakia on a regular basis.
The data are also used by national accounts experts to make quick estimates of GDP.

7 Confidentiality

7.1 Confidentiality - policy

Confidentiality of statistical data is laid down in act No. 540/2001 Coll. On state Statistics, as amended, § 30.
Instructions and guidelines are provided in internal directive SME – 1/2015 - Directive on confidentiality data protection complemented by Methodological guideline MET-4/2019. Directive contains general issues related to the confidentiality, while the methodological guideline is focused on concrete methods and parameter values used in the phase of confidentiality treatment of particular statistical surveys results and data files.

7.2 Confidentiality - data treatment

We apply the primary and secondary confidentiality data treatment - data cell for less than 3 enterprises is protected.

8 Release policy

8.1 Release calendar

First Release Calendar provides the precise release dates for the coming four months in advance. The calendar is updated monthly. It covers main economic and social indicators established currently within the EU regulations and IMF special standard, which define timeliness standards as well.
In the First Release Calendar compilation release dates defined by Eurostat are taken into consideration.
The Catalogue of Publications is released every year. It contains information on particular publications, periodicity and dates of release.
All publications are available on the Internet portal of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.
The publishing program is available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic here: https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/products/publikacie/catalogue/

8.2 Release calendar access

First Release Calendar is publicly accessible. It is disseminated on the office's website.
Users are also informed about the availability of the release calendar in a notice published in the relevant activity's publication.
The data are released simultaneously to all interested parties by issuing Information Reports which are posted on the website of the Statistical office of the Slovak Republic.

8.3 User access

The policy of dissemination of statistical information is formulated in accordance with the Act on State Statistics, the development strategy of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, the strategy of dissemination of information to Eurostat and the Code of Practice for European Statistics. The principles of publishing and providing statistical information are available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic at: https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/services/infoservis/principles

9 Frequency of dissemination

Month.

10 Accessibility and clarity

10.1 News release

Released monthly in electronic publications:
Information reports according to the release calendar.

10.2 Publications

Data in electronic version send to the National Bank of Slovakia.

10.3 On-line database

Public databases:
DATACUBE
STATdat

10.4 Micro-data access

Users are provided with aggregated data, microdata are not published.

10.5 Other

National administration, National Bank of Slovakia and other significant users define their on specific requests.

10.6 Documentation on methodology

Metadata for selected indicators are disseminated in ESMS structure. Dissemination of metadata for other indicators will be solved by implementation of Methodical directive for production of harmonised metadata being in preparation.
Metadata of statistical outputs are available independent from publication form in electronic format Metadata update is performed by persons responsible for the relevant topic following the methodology change.
The update of metadata disseminated in databases as well as of metadata on portal is conducted according to the annual time tables of updating; they are submitted to top management meeting for approval.
Each publication contains an introduction concerning methodological notes and contact for the information service. On the website of the SO SR there is available:
— Information on methodology is presented in SO SR portal in the section Metadata and publication Industry - Selected indicators and Industrial production index;
— Statistical questionnaires forms in national version including methodological notes;
— Methodological sheets (descriptions of statistical indicators in detail) in national version.
Methodology of industrial indicators

10.7 Quality documentation

Technical projects of statistical surveys and methodological directives Quality indicators of statistical outputs and processes (MET-2/2012) and Application of mathematical-statistical methods for statistical surveys (MET-3/2012) are available for statistical data production. At present quality reports are elaborated if required by the European regulations in compliance with ESS Handbook fo Quality Reports (EQHQR). The quality reports will be integrated into the new integrated stat. information system - ISIS (which is being implemented at present) and into the updated internal directives on value-adding processes. selfassessments of stat. surveys and methodological audits (in preparation), incl. analysis and reporting of the results are being integrated into the existing QMS system.

11 Quality management

11.1 Quality assurance

The Quality Declaration expresses basic visions and commitments of the President and Top-Management of the SOSR for the quality policy statistics, as well as an increase of efficiency of the Integrated Quality Management System of the SO SR.
Quality Declaration of SO SR
Quality policy is based on the mission of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic: to provide high
quality and objective statistical products and services by keeping confidentiality of statistical data and by minimising burden on interested parties using effectively existing resources with the aim to support improvement of the information and intellectual capital of our customers.
In this way we want to contribute to reduce risks and improve effectiveness in their decision making
processes and so to support the sustainable development of the Slovak Republic as the part of EU.
Quality policy of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic

11.2 Quality assessment

At present the technical projects are elaborated for each statistical survey including all necessary issues related to data entry, data completeness and statistical controls. This process is organised by specialised regional offices of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The cross-checking is done in the context of the statistical control process. A comparison with the development in previous periods is done.
The quality reports are integrated into the new integrated stat. information system - ISIS and into the updated internal directives on value-adding processes. selfassessments of stat. surveys and methodological audits (in preparation), incl. analysis and reporting of the results are being integrated into the existing QMS system.
Regarding the results of particular data production processes the overall quality of the indicator industrial turnover is considered to be as good.

12 Relevance

12.1 User needs

The information service of the SO SR also provides users with this information on request, free of charge.
Users are consulted:
- In accordance with internal directives on Value adding processes, part Communication with users;
- Via Survey on satisfaction of users with products and services of the SO SR, in two-year periodicity;
- Via conduct of activities focussing on learning about expectations of key users and on supporting better interpretation and better use of statistical products (action programe defined by the development strategy of the SO SR and reflected in Marketing plan for respective year)); the activities are evaluated in annual Evaluation of Marketing plan; document Overview of activities focussing on learning about expectation of key users and on supporting better interpretation and better use of statistical products.

- Via meetings with users conducted in accordance with the action programme defined by the development strategy of the SO SR and reflected in the Marketing plan for the respective year: to carry out activities focussing on learning about expectations of key users and on supporting better interpretation and better use of statistical data.
Description of users and their respective needs with respect to the statistical data.
Consultations with users are required by statistical act stressing the cooperation with other organisations (ministries and other state organisations) during preparation of the Programme of State Statistical Surveys.
An advisory body the Statistical Council consists of members representing main users (representatives of ministries, state organisation and public institutions).
The Council is the permanent expert advisory body for the President of the SO SR in the field of state statistics. The task of the Council is to draft /submit proposals and recommendations regarding state statistics concepts, to discuss the Programme of the state statistical surveys and other tasks according to the Status on the Statistical Council.
In practice the consultations with users run on bilateral bases as well as within activities covered by the action programme Activities focussing on learning about expectation of key users and on supporting better interpretation and better use of statistical products.
Key users of particular statistics products are listed in Marketing plan:
National Bank of Slovakia etc.

12.2 User satisfaction

User satisfaction is monitored via “Survey on satisfaction of users with products and services of the
SO SR” conducted regularly with two-year periodicity.
The aim of the survey is to determine customer satisfaction with the products and services of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, to obtain information about medicines, their interests and names for the provision and quality of statistical products and services.
Evaluation of the user satisfaction survey also includes satisfactions rate (overall and for specified areas as well as for groups of products) and it is submitted together with conclusions and suggestions
for improvements to top management meeting for approval.
The obtained facts are a valuable source for directing other activities of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The results of the satisfaction surveys are available on the website of the Statistical
Office of the Slovak Republic at: Satisfaction survey
One of the main goals set out in the Development Strategy of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic until 2022 is to systematically increase the value of the institution and its recognition at the
national and international level. The fulfillment of the stated goal is also monitored by the Office using
indicators of the credibility of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic and the degree of use of the
information provided by the public. The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic conducts credibility surveys through an external independent organization once every 2 years, with the intention of ensuring objectivity and unquestionable results from the public's point of view. The survey was conducted in 2019 in accordance with the Public Procurement Act by the independent agency FOCUS, Center for Social and Marketing Analysis, s.r.o. The aim of the survey was to find out to what
extent the public comes into contact with statistical information and whether it trusts the Statistical

Office of the Slovak Republic as an institution.
Credibility survey

12.3 Completeness

100%
Monthly time series are available from January 2008.

13 Accuracy and reliability

13.1 Overall accuracy

Since the overall return on the exhaustive survey for enterprises over 20 employees, which have a very significant share in the industry with more than 96,4%, the overall accuracy of industry statistics is also very good. The SO SR makes a great effort to prevent the occurrence of errors in the data eg. in the form of controls and performs rigorous data verification to detect such errors.

13.2 Sampling error

Sampling errors are negligible. The deviation is not measured.

13.3 Non-sampling error

For each survey the Technical project (TP) of data processing is elaborated. One part of TP is dedicated to the description/definitions of checks.
Response rate is the same at the time data are provided to Eurostat and also at the time data are first published nationally**.** According to the Specific STS guidelines there was reported response rate (October 2020):

1. At the time data are provided to Eurostat: 96,41 %
2. At the time data are first published nationally: 96,41 %

Response rate is followed-up by regional statistical Office each day. SO SR doesnt inform users about response rate for this indicator.

14 Timeliness and punctuality

14.1 Timeliness

For the indicator Turnover are no differencies in timeliness between the different aggregation levels (Total, MIGs, special aggregates, NACE Sections, Divisions, Groups or Classes, if relevant).
Data are released approximately T+43 days after reference month.

14.2 Punctuality

All deadlines have been respected.

15 Coherence and comparability

15.1 Comparability - geographical

New Orders data are calculated for all territory of Slovak Republic. The same statistical concepts are applied for the entire area of the Slovak Republic.

15.2 Comparability - over time

Industrial orders data is comparable over time.

15.3 Coherence - cross domain

The analysis shows very good compliance level in case of parts of population surveyed exhaustively. A regular analysis and consultation of the STS experts with the national accounts experts is organised.

15.4 Coherence - internal

There are no problems with internal consistency in case of Orders.

16 Cost and burden

The cost and burden measurement at the level of European Statistical Products is in competence of the Resources Directors Group within Eurostat.

17 Data revision

17.1 Data revision - policy

Revisions are in conformity with standards, time-tested and transparent.
The same revision policy is applied to STS data released nationally and transmitted to Eurostat.
According to Revision Policy of the SO SR the revised data are accompanied by all necessary explanations (reasons, character, etc.), they are accessible via the SO SR Portal.
The Revision Policy and Calendar of Revisions of the SO SR as well as all necessary explanations are accessible via the SO SR Portal.

17.2 Data revision - practice

The primary source of routine revisions is the need of data revisions due to data available from quarterly enterprise surveys, new data received from reporting units or corrected data from reporting units. The revised data for the last 3 months of the quarter are published together with the
preliminary results of the following month. The publication of the revised data is done periodically in line with Calendar of revisions.

18 Statistical processing

18.1 Source data

The statistical survey PRIEM 1-12 covers the responded reporting units (enterprises) registered in the Commercial Register and kept in the Register of Organizations of the SO SR with the number of employees 20 or more persons whose main activity is classified in Divisions 05-39 of

the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev.2 and selected significant reporting agents whose main activity is other than industrial activity or those whose sales exceeded EUR 5 million (about 14 reporting units).
Number of reporting agents addressed (October 2020): 2 871

18.2 Frequency of data collection

Monthly.

18.3 Data collection

Data collection is organized by specialised regional office of the SO SR in Banska Bystrica.

The electronic data collection of monthly/quarterly data is compulsory since the 1st January 2016 in line with the obligation laid down in the Slovak National Council law No 326/2014 (Digest) amending the Slovak National Council law No 540/2001 on the state statistics.
Formal and logical checks are realised in the process of data entry automatically; (compatible with Validation level 0 and 1), informal checks aim of which is to control the complexity and relations among the variables ((compatible with Validation level from 2 to 5). Most of the errors are directly consulted with the reporting units by our regional offices.
Data should be submitted on the 17th calendar day following the end of the reference month. The non-responding units are informed about their reporting duty and contacted by regional offices again. There are no problems with reporting discipline in the case of big enterprises, nevertheless the situation in this area shows the decreased tendency in the last years.
In the case of large reporting agents, the rate of return is very high at around 96%.
The basic step in the process of unit non-response calculation is the analysis of population with regard to the status of activity of reporting units. For this purpose we use the classification of special response and non-response cases. The particular codes describing active and non-active units are allocated to every reporting unit. Afterwards we define eligible units: they are all active responding and non-responding units. In some cases it is not possible to obtain any information about the unit. In this case we suppose there is the same share of active and non-active units as in the known population. The part corresponding to active units we consider to be non-responding units.

18.4 Data validation

The data entry, data completeness and statistical control are organised by specialised regional offices of the SO SR.
It has been distinguished between two levels of checking:

- **Formal checks**, which are realised in the process of data entry automatically; (compatible with Validation level 0 and 1)
- **Informal checks** aim of which is to control the complexity and relations among the variables ((compatible with Validation level from 2 to 5)

According to the importance there are classified 2 basic types of informal checks:

- **I – Informative check** - this check gives the additional information, which is important for the following process of corrections. It informs also about some inconsistencies in the state of fulfilment of the questionnaire, about item non-response, exceeding stated limits etc.
- **Z – Check of great importance** - it is mostly check indicating the exact error and it must be always corrected or explained.

Most of the errors are directly consulted with the reporting units by our regional offices.

18.5 Data compilation

Imputation is made from data of the previous months - max. 3 months after surveyed period or by finding of donor.

18.6 Adjustment

Working day adjustment and seasonal adjustment procedures are carried out using JDEMETRA + and TRAMO-SEATS, which takes into account the number of working days, public holidays and fractions of working days in the month.

19 Comment