

17 October, 2013

## Industrial Production Prices Index

September 2013

### Industrial Production Prices Index increased negative annual change rate

The year-on-year change rate of the Industrial Production Prices Index stood at -1.6% in September (-0.4% in the previous month). The monthly change rate of the total index was -0.5% (0.7% in September 2012). The index of Manufacturing Industry section registered a year-on-year change rate of -2.6% (-1.2% in August), while the monthly rate of change stood at -0.7% (0.8% in September 2012).

#### Presentation note

With the current Press Release, INE presents a new base year of the Industrial Production Prices Index, with backdata since January of 2010. These base year changes are determined by the European Union regulations on short term statistics, namely Regulation (EC) n°. 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, from 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The main change introduced with this new series is the concept of price, which no longer includes specific taxes on products (VAT was already not considered in the previous base) in line with Regulation (EC) 1503/2006 of the European Commission. Additionally, a new sample of corporations and products is now being used, seeking to improve the statistical significance of the indices, also determining an enlarged coverage in terms of activities and products (13 new NACE groups are now considered, mainly related to investment products). Finally, there was also an update of the weighting structure of the index, where the relative weight of intermediate products increased, while the relative weights of investment and energy products decreased. These changes led to revisions in the data previously released.

Further details are available in the Portuguese press release.