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Retail trade turnover growth in March 2015

Real turnover decline of 2.8%

Neuchâtel, 18.05.2015 (FSO) – According to provisional results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), real turnover in the retail sector adjusted for sales days and holidays fell by 2.8% in March 2015 compared with March 2014 (in nominal terms -4.6%). Real, seasonally adjusted turnover in the retail sector rose by 0.7% in March 2015 compared with February 2015 (in nominal terms +0.7%).

Year-on-year change (excluding fuel)
In March 2015, the retail sector adjusted for sales days and holidays showed a decline in real turnover of 2.3% compared with March 2014 (in nominal terms -4.0%). Retail sales of food, drinks and tobacco registered a decline in real turnover of 2.6% (in nominal terms -3.2%). The non-food sector registered negative growth of 2.3% (in nominal terms -4.8%).

Month-on-month change (excluding fuel)
Excluding fuel, the retail sector showed a seasonally adjusted increase in real turnover of 0.7% (in nominal terms +0.4%) compared with February 2015. Retail sales of food, drinks and tobacco registered a decline of 0.8% (in nominal terms -1.4%). The non-food sector showed positive growth of 1.3% (in nominal terms +1.0%).

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Detailed results of the retail trade turnover statistics

The detailed results for the current month will be published in the next press release in one month's time, together with first estimates for the following month, and will also be available online on the Statistics Portal: [www.dhu.bfs.admin.ch](http://www.dhu.bfs.admin.ch)

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