

Press Release

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Services Sector Price Index (SSPI). Base 2006 Second quarter of 2010. *Provisional data*

Main results

- **Postal and courier activities** register an **annual variation** of **1.2%**, more than three points above that registered in the first quarter.

- The rate of **Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analyses** stands at **-0.5%**, almost one point below that registered the previous quarter.

- **Security services** experience a decrease of six tenths in the **interannual rate**, standing at **0.0%**.

- The interannual variation rate of the price index of *Advertising and market studies* for the second quarter of 2010 increases more than 30 points, standing at **52.5%.**

Annual evolution of the prices in services

Eleven of the 14 activities in the services sector for which price indices are calculated, experienced an increase in their interannual variation rate in the second quarter of 2010.

Among the services with an increase in annual rate, the most noteworthy were:

• Advertising and market studies, whose interannual rate increased more than 30 points, standing at **52.5%**, due to the fact that *Advertising* prices increased more this quarter than in the same period of 2009.

• **Postal and courier activities**, whose interannual rate stood at **1.2%**, more than three points above the rate recorded the previous quarter. This variation was in response to the increase in prices registered this quarter, as compared with the decrease experienced in the second quarter last year.

• **Scheduled passenger air transport**, which with a rate of **0.5%**, increased more than one point with regard to the rate from the first quarter of 2010. This evolution was due to the rise in prices of this activity in the second quarter of 2010, in contrast with the decrease recorded in the second quarter of 2009.

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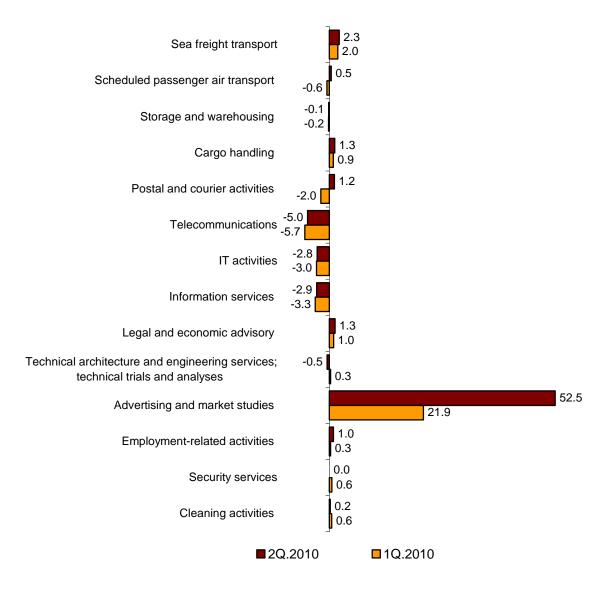
Likewise, the most noteworthy drops in the annual rate corresponded to:

• Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analyses, whose interannual rate decreased almost one point, standing at -0.5%. This was due to the fact that the prices decreased this quarter, as compared with the increase in the second quarter of 2009.

• **Security services**, whose rate stood at **0.0%**, six tenths below the rate recorded the previous quarter. This decrease was due to the drop in prices registered in the second quarter of 2010, as compared with the increase experienced in the same quarter the previous year.

• **Cleaning activities,** whose rate dropped four tenths, standing at **0.2%**, due to the fact that its prices decreased this quarter, as compared with the increase registered in the second quarter of the previous year.

Annual rates of the SSPI Index by sector



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Quarterly evolution of the prices of services

The services with the highest quarterly variation rates in the second quarter of 2010 were:

• Advertising and market studies, whose quarterly variation of **33.9%** was largely due to the rise in the prices of Advertising services.

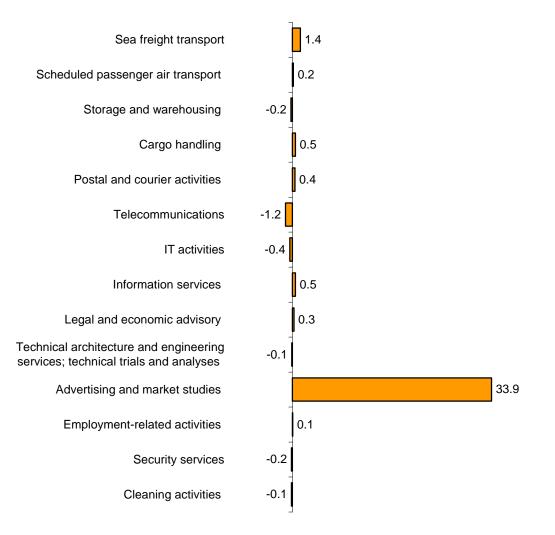
• Sea freight transport, with a rate of 1.4%.

In turn, the lowest quarterly variation rate was registered in:

• Telecommunications, whose prices dropped to -1.2% in the second quarter of 2010.

Quarterly rates of the SSPI Index by sector

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1. National indices by sector

	Index	% Variation		
		Over previous quarter	Year-to- date	Interannual
1. Sea freight transport	101.6	1.4	2.0	2.3
2. Scheduled passenger air transport	116.9	0.2	-0.8	0.5
3. Storage and warehousing	107.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
4. Cargo handling	110.2	0.5	1.6	1.3
5. Postal and courier activities	99.2	0.4	1.5	1.2
6. Telecommunications	83.2	-1.2	-1.0	-5.0
7. IT activities	104.6	-0.4	-2.6	-2.8
8. Information services	106.8	0.5	-2.2	-2.9
9. Legal and economic advisory	108.1	0.3	1.1	1.3
10. Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analyses	112.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.5
11. Advertising and market studies	132.7	33.9	49.8	52.5
12. Employment-related activities	106.4	0.1	0.7	1.0
13. Security services	109.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
14. Cleaning activities	106.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2

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