

**Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, November 2005 - January 2007**

Original Series		Seasonally Adjusted Series			
Year/Month	Year-on-year rate of change (%)	3 months ending Month/Year	Compared with the 3 months ending Month/Year	Rate of change (%) <sup>@#</sup>	
2005	Nov	+4.0	Nov 2005	Aug 2005	+1.0
	Dec	+7.0	Dec 2005	Sep 2005	+1.9
2006	Jan	+11.7	Jan 2006	Oct 2005	+2.6
	Feb	-3.9	Feb 2006	Nov 2005	+2.2
	Mar	+8.9	Mar 2006	Dec 2005	+0.8
	Apr	+9.1	Apr 2006	Jan 2006	+1.0
	May	+3.5	May 2006	Feb 2006	+1.1
	Jun	+3.4	Jun 2006	Mar 2006	+1.9
	Jul	+5.2	Jul 2006	Apr 2006	+0.3
	Aug	+6.4	Aug 2006	May 2006	+0.8
	Sep	+5.9	Sep 2006	Jun 2006	+1.2
	Oct	+5.2	Oct 2006	Jul 2006	+2.2
	Nov	+5.0	Nov 2006	Aug 2006	+1.5
	Dec	+8.2	Dec 2006	Sep 2006	+2.2
2007	Jan	-4.8*	Jan 2007	Oct 2006	+2.9*

\* Provisional figures.

@ The rate is calculated by comparing the monthly average index for the 3-month period ending the month in question with that for the preceding 3-month period, e.g. the rate for the 3 months ending Dec. 2006 is the percentage change of the average monthly index for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2006 over the average monthly index for Jul., Aug. and Sep. 2006.

# Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For retail sales index, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available.