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**MONTHLY INDEX OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, IMACEC  
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According to preliminary information, April 2006's Imacec increased by 2.8% over the same month a year before. The seasonally-adjusted series rose by 1.3% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series showed an annualized expansion of 4.9%.

This result responded mainly to the performance of the Manufacturing industry and the Trade sector (particularly wholesale), and the fact that April this year came with two working days less than April 2005.