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April 2010's monthly index of economic activity, IMACEC

According to preliminary information, in April the IMACEC increased 4.6% over the same month a year before. The seasonally-adjusted series increased 8.2% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series posted an annualized expansion of 4.3%.

The result of the month reflected the strong dynamism of Trade —both retail and wholesale—, Electricity, gas & water, and Communications. These increases were partly offset by a drop in manufacturing production, less pronounced than that recorded in March.