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March 2011's monthly index of economic activity, IMACEC.

According to preliminary information, in March the IMACEC increased 15.2% over the same month a year before. The seasonally-adjusted series rose 0.3% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series recorded an annualized expansion of 5.8%. The month came with the same number of working days as March 2010.

The result of the month reflected the low basis for comparison of March 2010, which showed the worst effects of the earthquake and tsunami of 27 February. By sectors, worth noting was the result of the manufacturing industry and, to a lesser extent, that of retail, agriculture-forestry and transport services.

In accordance with the pre-established calendar of National Accounts dissemination, preliminary GDP figures for the first quarter of the year will be published 18 May 2011.