

Summary of Industrial Production in July 2017

The Manufacturing Production Index (MPI) in July 2017 increased by 3.7 percent from the same period last year. This was a result of growth in of key industries such as production of automobile equipment and components, rubber products, and processed food (aquaculture). Capacity utilization rate in July 2017 was 60.2 percent.

The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

The MPI in July 2017 grew by 3.7 percent compared to the same month last year. Major manufacturing industries which grew are as follows: automobile equipment and components, rubber products, and processed food (aquaculture).



The MPI of the automobile equipment and components production industry grew by 26.7 percent compared to the same month last year from the popularity of new generation diesel engines in both domestic and international markets, especially within the CLMV group of countries.



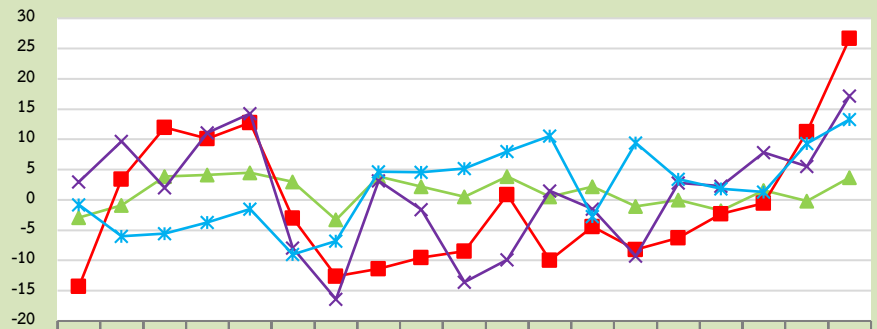
The MPI of the rubber products production industry grew by 17.2 percent compared to the same month last year, mainly from increased production of rubber sheets as a result of higher supply of raw materials (latex) to the market, in line with consistent growth in new markets.



The MPI of the processed food (aquaculture) industry grew by 13.3 percent compared to the same month last year; a result from increased demand for frozen fish, squid and shrimp, together with the ability of farmers dealing with the Early Mortality Syndrome in shrimp, leading to increased raw material for production.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in July 2017

Change rate compared to the same month in the previous year (%)



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.
	2016												2017						
MPI	-2.9	-0.9	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.0	-3.3	3.9	2.2	0.5	3.9	0.5	2.2	-1.1	0.0	-1.8	1.6	-0.2	3.7
Automobile equipment and components	-14.3	3.4	12.0	10.1	12.8	-3.0	-12.6	-11.4	-9.5	-8.5	0.9	-10.0	-4.4	-8.2	-6.3	-2.3	-0.5	11.3	26.7
Rubber products	3.0	9.7	2.0	11.1	14.3	-7.9	-16.4	3.2	-1.6	-13.6	-9.9	1.5	-1.5	-9.3	2.8	2.3	7.8	5.5	17.2
processed food (aquaculture)	-0.8	-6.0	-5.6	-3.7	-1.5	-9.0	-6.8	4.7	4.6	5.2	8.0	10.6	-2.7	9.4	3.4	1.8	1.3	9.3	13.3

Key manufacturing industries which shrank were air-conditioners and textiles.

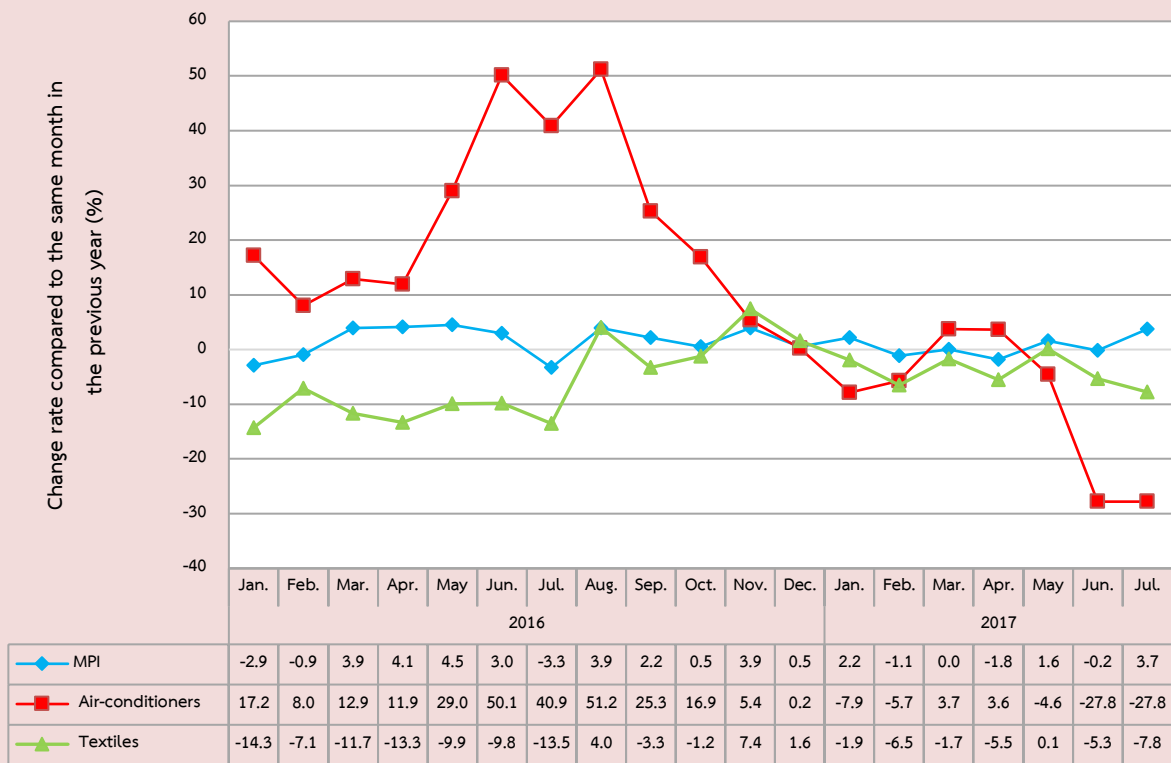


The MPI of the air-conditioner production industry shrank 28.8 percent compared to the same month last year, resulting from constant rainy conditions leading to lower demand of air-conditioners.



The MPI of the textile production industry shrank 14.4 percent compared to the same month last year resulting from more imports of textiles, coupled with ASEAN competitors benefiting from the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) in exports to Europe and USA. Thus, this resulted in lower textile exports from Thailand.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Contraction in July 2017



Capacity Utilization rate in July 2017

was at 60.2 percent.

60.2