



Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey PMI® Manufacturing Index July PMI reading of 46.7

July 2019 Key findings:

- · Weakest moderation of output in four months
- · Stable new export order inflows
- · Waning inflationary pressures signalled

Summary

Turkish manufacturing sector business conditions remained challenging in July, according to the latest PMI® survey data from Istanbul Chamber of Industry and IHS Markit. That said, the rate of moderation in output softened to the weakest in four months amid steady export order flows. Firms were also helped by weaker inflationary pressures, with both input costs and output prices rising at reduced rates.

The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey Manufacturing PMI is a composite single-figure indicator of manufacturing performance. It is derived from indicators for new orders, output, employment, suppliers' delivery times and stocks of purchases. Any figure greater than 50.0 indicates overall improvement of the sector.

The headline PMI posted 46.7 in July, down slightly from 47.9 in June and signalling a modest slowdown

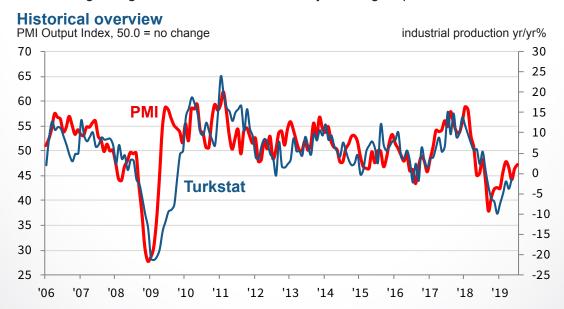
in business conditions.

Total new orders continued to soften amid challenging market conditions, particularly domestically. This was despite stability of new export orders, which followed an expansion in the previous month.

The relatively positive picture around exports encouraged some manufacturers to raise their output during July. As a result, the pace of moderation in production softened to the weakest since March.

Production requirements continued to be reduced, however, leading both employment and purchasing activity to be scaled back. Slower input buying and sufficient stock holdings at suppliers contributed to the first improvement in delivery times for 27 months.

Inflationary pressures showed signs of waning in July. Although input costs continued to rise, the rate



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of inflation eased for the second month running and was below the series average. Similarly, the pace at which output prices increased softened to a five-month low and was much weaker than that seen this time last year.

Comment

Commenting on the Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey Manufacturing PMI survey data, Andrew Harker, Associate Director, IHS Markit, said:

"There were mixed signals for Turkish manufacturers from the latest PMI survey. On the one hand, demand conditions remained challenging in July, with total new orders moderating. On the other, stable exports to back up the rise in June helped lead to a softer scaling back of production. Waning inflationary pressures signalled by the PMI in recent months provided scope for the Central Bank of Turkey's July interest rate cut."





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Output Index

Q. Please compare your production/output this month with the situation one month ago.

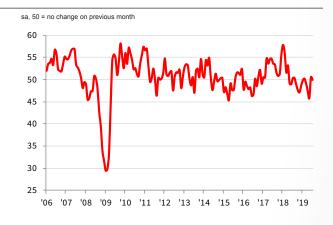
Although challenging economic conditions in Turkey led to another slowdown in manufacturing production during July, the pace of moderation eased for the second month running and was the softest since March. There were some reports of manufacturers raising output in line with an improved picture around exports.



New Export Orders Index

Q. Please compare your new export orders received (in units) this month with the situation one month ago.

After having risen in the previous month, new export orders were stable in July. Greater activity in foreign markets and improving demand led to higher new business from abroad at some panellists, but others pointed to challenging demand conditions.



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