Decrease of new motor vehicle and passenger car registrations in February 2019

Vienna, 2019-03-11 – In February 2019, the number of new passenger car registrations (23,640) decreased by 10.8% compared to February 2018, according to Statistics Austria. New registrations of petrol-driven passenger cars declined by 7.4% (share: 54.9%), those of diesel-driven cars dropped by 19.0% (share: 39.0%). Registrations of new electric cars rose by 55.3% (share: 2.9%).

The passenger car makes with the most new registrations were VW (share: 18.8%), Skoda (share: 9.3%) and Seat (share: 6.9%). Within the Top 10 car makes, increases were only reported for BMW (+3.5% compared to February 2018). The highest decreases were recorded for Audi (-42.0%), Opel (-24.8%) and Mercedes (-15.0%).

Registrations of new motor vehicles sunk by 5.7%

New motor vehicle registrations totalled 29,998 in February 2019, 5.7% less than in February 2018 and 1.5% less compared to January 2019. 78.8% of all new motor vehicle registrations related to passenger cars.

The market for new commercial vehicles recorded growth for lorries category (cat.) N1 (+5.2%), lorries cat. N2 (+48.1%), lorries cat. N3 (+15.4%) as well as tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+34.1%). A 3.7% decrease was reported for articulated lorries. Among two-wheelers, more registrations for new motorcycles (+95.5%) and scooters (+84.9%) were recorded.

For more detailed results and further information concerning statistics of motor vehicles please refer to our website.

Information on methods, definitions: Motor vehicle statistics (registrations of new and used vehicles as well as the stock of vehicles) are secondary statistics, compiled on the basis of daily data files sent to Statistics Austria by Austria’s association of insurance companies (VVO). VVO, in turn, receives data by the insurances’ registrations offices, responsible for registrations, de-registrations and rectifications of motor vehicles and trailers.

Within motor vehicle statistics, all motor vehicles, once nationally or internationally registered, are levied, irrespective of the registration’s duration.

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