Declines in new motor vehicle and passenger car registrations in the first quarter of 2019

Vienna, 2019-04-09 – In the first quarter of 2019, the number of new passenger car registrations (80,855) decreased by 10.6% compared to the same period in 2018, as Statistics Austria reports. New registrations of petrol-driven passenger cars (share: 54.4%) declined by 9.1%, those of diesel-driven cars (share: 38.9%) by 16.9%. More registrations were documented for new electric cars (+59.0%; share: 3.1%).

The passenger car makes with the most new registrations were VW (share: 17.4%), Skoda (share: 8.7%) and Seat (share: 7.2%). Within the Top 10 car makes, increases were only reported for BMW (+4.9%) and Hyundai (+1.4%). Two-digit decreases were recorded for Fiat (-20.0%), Opel (-16.3%), Mercedes (-14.1%), Renault (-13.6%) and VW (-11.4%).

New motor vehicle registrations decreased by 6.3%

The number of newly registered motor vehicles amounted to 104,836 from January to March 2019, this is 6.3% less than in the same period 2018. 77.1% of all new motor vehicle registrations were related to passenger cars.

The market for new commercial vehicles recorded increases for lorries category (cat.) N3 (+11.5%), tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+33.2%) and articulated lorries (+10.5%). Fewer registrations were reported for lorries cat. N1 (-1.2%) and lorries cat. N2 (-3.8%). Among two-wheelers, more registrations for new motorcycles (+42.2%) and scooters (+20.6%) were registered.

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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