6.1% fewer new passenger car registrations in May 2019

Vienna, 2019-06-12 – In May 2019, the number of new passenger car registrations (30,574) decreased by 6.1% compared to May 2018, as Statistics Austria reports. New registrations of petrol-driven passenger cars declined by 6.6% (share: 54.0%), those of diesel-driven cars by 11.6% (share: 39.0%). Registrations of new electric cars rose significantly by 64.5% (share: 2.3%).

The passenger car makes with the highest registration figures were VW (share: 14.7%), Skoda (share: 9.8%) and Seat (share: 6.9%). Within the Top 10 car makes, increases were reported for Skoda (+28.8%), Seat (+14.9%) and Opel (+3.5%). The strongest decreases, however, were recorded for Hyundai (-24.9%), VW (-24.0%) and Audi (-17.6%).

Number of new motor vehicle registrations decreasing as well

In comparison with last year's May, the total number of new motor vehicle registrations declined by 4.2% to 42,091 in May 2019. Compared to the previous month April 2019, a decrease of 8.4% was recorded. Passenger cars accounted for 72.6% of all new motor vehicle registrations.

The market for new commercial vehicles showed a positive outcome, with increases for lorries categories (cat.) N1 (+2.8%), N2 (+24.0%) and N3 (+32.2%) as well as for articulated lorries (+8.7%) and tractors used for agriculture and forestry (+12.7%).

Among two-wheelers, fewer registrations were recorded for new motorcycles (-8.3%) and scooters (-5.4%).

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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