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**Services Sector Price Indices (SSPI). Base 2006**  
Fourth quarter of 2012. *Provisional data*

**Passenger scheduled air transport registers a 1.2% annual rate,  
over one point lower than that in the third quarter**

**The rate of the services of *Advertising and market studies* stands at  
7.1%**

#### **Annual performance of prices in services**

Half of the 14 activities in the services sector, for which price indices are calculated, experienced a decrease in their annual variation rate in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Among the services with a decrease in annual rate, the most noteworthy were:

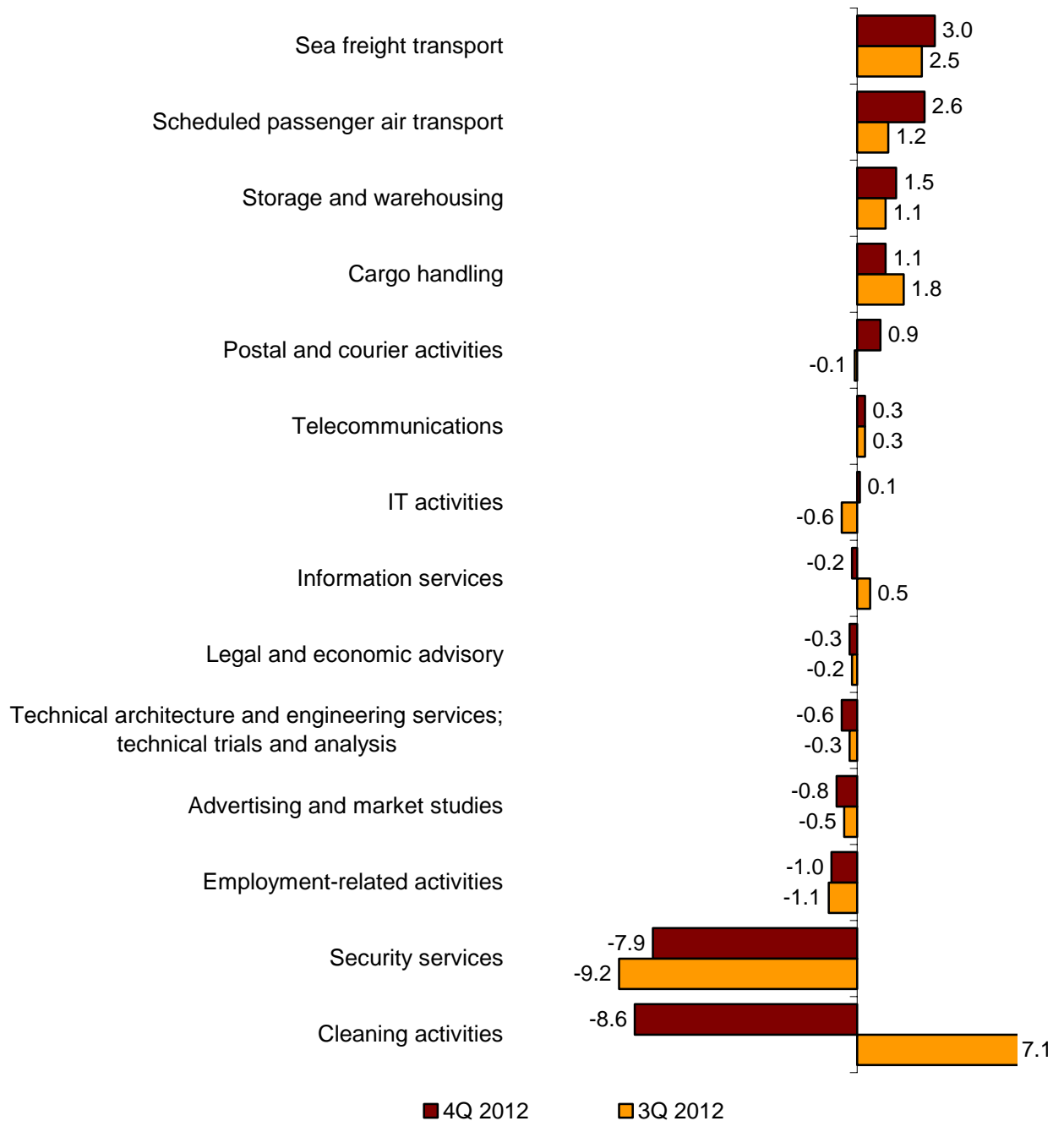
- **Scheduled passenger air transport**, whose annual variation stood at 1.2%, over one and a half points lower than that of the previous quarter. This behaviour was due to the drop in prices in this type of transport in the fourth quarter.
- **Telecommunications**, that decreases its annual variation more than one point, reaching –9.2%. This drop was the lowest registered by this activity since the beginning of the series.
- **Storage and warehousing**, with an annual rate of –0.1%, one point lower than that registered in the third quarter, due to the decrease in prices of these services.

In turn, among the services with an increase in annual rate, worth noting:

- **Advertising and market studies**, with an annual rate of 7.1%, almost 16 points higher than that registered the previous quarter. This rise was due to the increase in prices registered on this activity in the fourth quarter of 2012.
- **Cargo handling**, whose annual variation increased seven tenths, reaching 1.8%, due to the maintenance in prices during this quarter, as compared with the decrease experienced in the same period of the previous year.

• **Information server**, that increased its rate seven tenths, standing at 0.5%, due to the increase in prices.

**Annual rates of the SSPI, base 2006  
Index by sector**



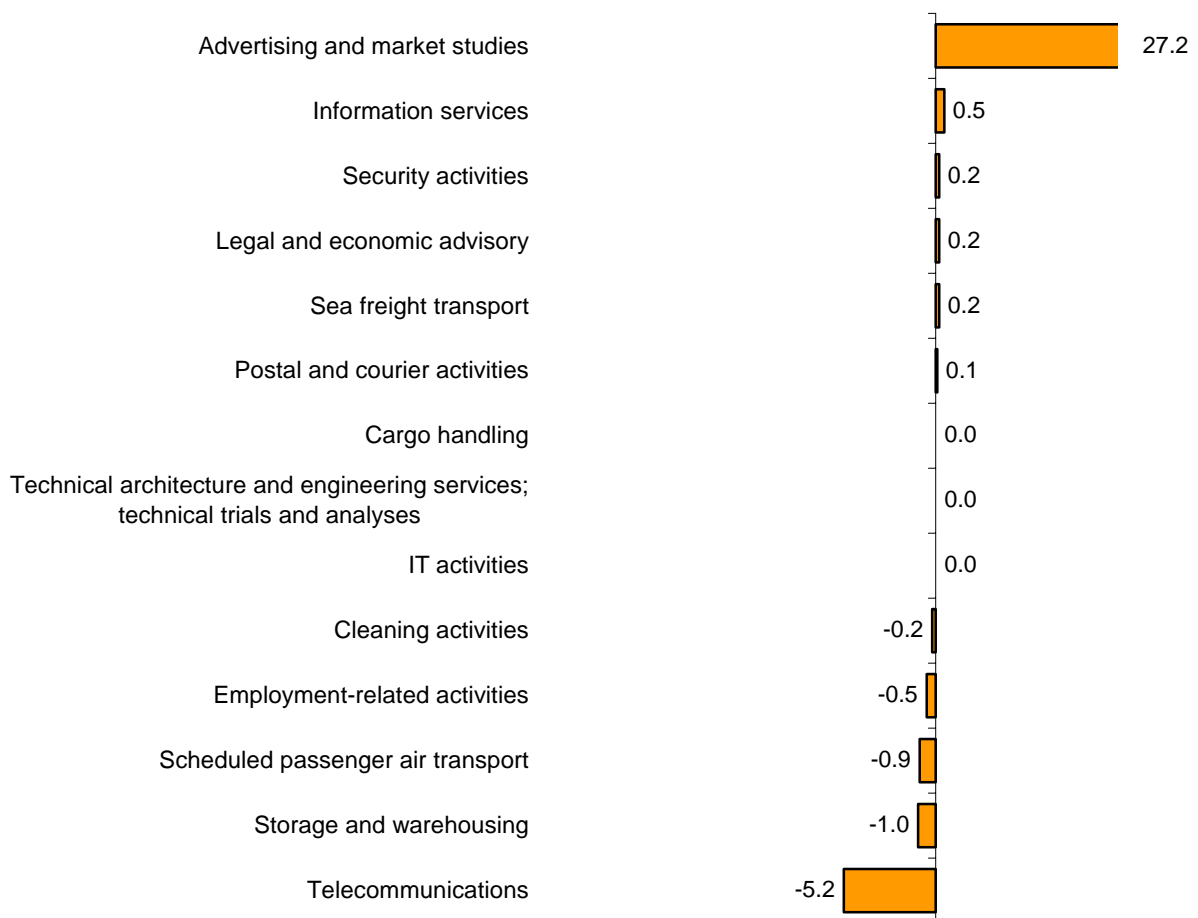
**Quarterly performance of the prices of services**

The greatest price decreases as compared with the third quarter of 2012 were recorded in *Telecommunications* (-5.2%), *Storage and warehousing* (-1.0%) and *Scheduled passenger air transport* (-0.9%).

Conversely, among the activities that increased their prices this quarter, as compared with the previous quarter, worth noting *Advertising and market studies* (27.2%) and *Information services* (0.5%).

**Quarterly rates of the SSPI, base 2006**

Index by sector



## Services Sector Price Indices. Base 2006

### Fourth quarter of 2012

Provisional data

#### 1. National indices by sector

	Index	% Variation		
		On previous quarter	Year-to-date	Yearly
1. Sea freight transport	107.0	0.2	2.5	2.5
2. Scheduled passenger air transport	124.6	-0.9	1.2	1.2
3. Storage and warehousing	108.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1
4. Cargo handling	114.1	0.0	1.8	1.8
5. Postal and courier activities	96.3	0.1	-0.5	-0.5
6. Telecommunications	71.0	-5.2	-9.2	-9.2
7. IT activities	107.6	0.0	1.1	1.1
8. Information services	101.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
9. Legal and economic advisory	109.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2
10. Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analysis	111.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
11. Advertising and market studies	120.2	27.2	7.1	7.1
12. Employment-related activities	108.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
13. Security services	109.8	0.2	0.3	0.3
14. Cleaning activities	106.4	-0.2	-1.1	-1.1