Light industry January-March 2021

The volume of production of light industry products in January-March 2021 amounted to KZT 33.8 billion, which in nominal terms is 14% higher than in January-March 2020. Growth is observed in all subsectors of the industry. In the production of textiles (+7%), in the production of clothing (+26%), in the production of leather and related products (+10%). In the production of light industry products, the main share is accounted for by textile production – KZT18.9 billion, followed by clothing production - KZT12 billion and the production of leather and related products – KZT 2.9 billion.

The physical volume index of light industry products in January-March 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 was 103.1%. The growth is observed in the sub-sectors of clothing production (+25.8%) and the production of leather and related products (+32.7%). In the sub-sector of textile production, there is a decrease (-13.4%).

The growth of the clothing production PVI – 125.8% mainly due to an increase in the production of men's work clothing by 35% and other work clothing by 18%; upper knitted clothing by 23%; knitted underwear by 48%; T-shirts, undershirt with shorts, wadded coats and similar products by 49%; women's knitted socks and stockings by 77.5%. The growth of the PVI in the production of leather and related products – 132.7% is due to the growth of the production of waterproof footwear products with soles and uppers made of rubber or polymer materials by 53%; street and home shoes (except sandals) with rubber uppers and polymer materials by 70%; indoor shoes and other home shoes with uppers made of polymer materials by 99%; men's street shoes (boots, shoes, shoes) with artificial leather uppers by 56%; women's street shoes (boots, shoes, shoes) with leather uppers by 94%. The decrease in textile production by -13.4% (PVI 86.6%) is mainly due to a decrease in the production of cotton fiber by -38%; cotton yarn by -20%; quilts, down blankets, sofa pillows, poufs, pillows, sleeping bags by -70%; table linen by -11% and toilet and kitchen linen by -11%.

The export volume of light industry products in January-February 2021 amounted to US$ 34.1 million, which is 22% lower than the same period. The decrease in export supplies is observed in textile products by 31%. The reduction in supplies is due to the introduction of quarantine measures in all countries due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Main export countries: Turkey, Latvia, Russia.

The volume of imports of light industry products in January-February 2021 amounted to US$ 329.6 million, which is 31% higher compared to the same period. The main importing countries are China, Russia and Turkey.

In January-February 2021, the **volume of the light industry market** in the Republic of Kazakhstan amounted to US$ 346.7 million, where the **share of DP accounts for 5%,** and the share of imported products – 95%.

The industry is characterized by a high territorial concentration in four regions: Shymkent, Turkestan and Almaty oblasts, and Almaty. The share of light industry in Shymkent is about 20% of the total production of the Republic. In Turkestan oblast about 18%, Almaty oblast - 12%, Almaty - 9.5%.