

### Hints for the user of "COMECON DATA"

The information assembled in this pocket-book is arranged, as a rule, in groups of tables, the first table quoting absolute figures and references to the sources used. The second table shows "average annual growth rates" and "percentages of total"; the first table in the group being used as the source. Deviations from this manner of presentation may be determined by the nature of the original sources.

More than 50 titles – statistical yearbooks and periodicals from CMEA countries and of international organizations – are listed in the register of sources.

Source references do not refer to the particular volume and page of a specific yearbook or to the specific issue of the periodical quoted: a citation reading, e.g., "Source: S6", stands for the source "Ekonomicheskaya gazeta". Sources and the codes designating them are listed in the register of sources.

Noughts before the decimal point were dispensed with. What might customarily be written "0.8" will appear in these tables thus: .8; and accordingly, "minus 0.8" will appear thus: -.8.

Other symbols and their meanings:

.	no information available
0 or .0 or -.0	value (or quantity) rounded off to zero

-.0 is to be interpreted thus: a negative quantity; but so small that it was rounded off to zero (e.g. -0.03).

At the beginning of each chapter definitions are given of the most important concepts and appellations deviating from those used in Western statistics.