

Part One

REDISTRIBUTION THROUGH PRICES

(Summary)

Part One deals with general and more detailed problems of incomes redistribution through prices. The theoretical deliberations presented here concern the place held by price redistribution in the processes of translocation of incomes, difficulties connected with its identification, causes of its existence, principles of its use in the sphere of social services, as well as tendencies and countertendencies in its appearance. There is pointed out a natural character of the price redistribution in a market economy and its regulation by means of indirect taxes, a limited correlation between these taxes and the price redistribution owing to the differentiation of, for instance, VAT rates. The other issues discussed include the redistributive effects of incomes indexation, the impact exerted by its mechanisms, among others, on reducing the negative redistributive effects of inflation. The analysis covered also the role of prices and fees in regulating the consumption of social services and the implementation of the social policy, as well as in the functioning and development of units providing municipal services with the view to liberating the fees for municipal services from the redistributive function to the disadvantage of those providing such services.