

**Foreign trade with non-EU countries:
preliminary estimates**

June 2012

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in June 2012. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in June 2012 will be disseminated on coming 9 August.

In June 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 12.4% and imports decreased by 7.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,519 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,389 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In June 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 2.8% and imports decreased by 5.9% compared with May 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.8% increase in outgoing flows and a 1.0% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the first half of 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.9% and imports decreased by 3.8% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 5,216 million euro compared to the deficit of 16,767 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 26,963 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 13,256 million euro surplus in January-June 2011.

Table 1- Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – June 2012

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Jun. 2012	Jan.-Jun. 12	<u>Jun. 12</u> Jun. 11	<u>Jan.-Jun. 12</u> Jan.-Jun. 11	Jun. 2012	<u>Jun. 12</u> May 12	<u>Apr.-Jun. 12</u> Jan.-Mar. 12
Exports	16,178	87,861	12.4	9.9	15,109	-2.8	4.8
Imports	14,659	93,077	-7.1	-3.8	14,527	-5.9	-1.0
Trade balance	1,519	-5,216			582		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. - June 2012

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jun. 12	Jan.-Jun. 12		Jun. 12	Jan.-Jun. 12	Jun. 2012	Jan.- Jun. 12
		Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun. 11		Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	10.0	11.3	11.1	-6.1	-5.6	1,397	4,960
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	11.6	9.1	4.5	0.4	3.1	-326	-4,304
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	8.9	16.9	2.8	-0.1	-4.1	892	5,626
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	17.5	6.7	1.5	-22.2	-20.5	595	2,570
North Africa	2.9	29.2	18.3	4.5	62.6	31.4	-696	-7,278
Other African countries	1.4	17.2	15.8	2.4	-10.6	-2.4	-340	-1,902
North America	6.8	31.5	16.8	3.7	-4.1	4.7	1,440	7,076
<i>United States</i>	6.1	35.4	18.2	3.3	-4.4	3.4	1,337	6,610
Central and South America	3.8	10.3	7.7	3.0	-17.4	-13.2	556	1,773
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	4.1	4.2	7.3	-19.7	-5.6	-363	-3,897
Other Asian countries	9.3	4.0	2.8	14.1	-15.6	-14.2	-850	-8,111
<i>China</i>	2.7	-10.4	-11.6	7.3	-10.1	-17.1	-1,515	-8,304
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	38.0	23.2	1.1	-17.4	-18.2	296	754
<i>India</i>	1.0	-33.8	-10.9	1.2	-44.2	-21.9	34	-257
Oceania and other territories	1.7	6.0	10.6	0.6	-18.7	-6.5	374	2,162
OPEC	4.7	33.0	24.1	8.6	25.3	25.3	-1,301	-11,075
MERCOSUR	1.6	-8.7	1.9	1.5	-33.4	-15.3	106	431
DAE	3.2	13.4	9.9	2.0	-21.6	-22.1	631	2,693
ASEAN	1.5	15.9	9.4	1.7	-14.9	-7.9	82	-135
Total	44.0	12.4	9.9	46.7	-7.1	-3.8	1,519	-5,216

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – June 2012

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jun. 12	Jan.-Jun. 12		Jun. 12	Jan.-Jun. 12	Jun. 2012	Jan.- Jun. 12
		Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun. 11		Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun. 11		
Consumer goods	12.1	17.0	10.0	10.2	-12.1	-4.6	1,179	4,093
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	25.0	8.6	1.2	-4.2	-3.6	673	2,921
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	14.7	10.4	8.9	-13.0	-4.8	507	1,172
Capital goods	16.4	5.4	5.0	5.7	-5.3	-10.0	4,170	20,728
Intermediate goods	12.7	14.8	11.4	13.0	-16.7	-18.3	815	2,142
Energy	2.8	25.9	30.9	17.8	3.3	10.7	-4,645	-32,179
Total (except energy)	41.2	11.5	8.4	28.8	-12.9	-12.1	6,164	26,963
TOTAL	44.0	12.4	9.9	46.7	-7.1	-3.8	1,519	-5,216

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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