

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

August 2012

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2012. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2012 will be disseminated on coming 16 October.

In August 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 14.0% and imports increased by 0.7% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 973 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,505 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In August 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.9% and imports increased by 4.9% compared with July 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.3% increase in outgoing flows and a 1.3% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 10.3% and imports decreased by 3.4% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 4,352 million euro compared to the deficit of 19,724 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 38,298 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 20,543 million euro surplus in January-August 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2012	Jan.-Aug. 12	<u>Aug. 12</u> <u>Aug. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 12</u> <u>Jan.-Aug. 11</u>	Aug. 2012	<u>Aug. 12</u> <u>Jul. 12</u>	<u>Jun.-Aug. 12</u> <u>Mar.-May 12</u>
Exports	13,285	118,500	14.0	10.3	15,517	2.9	1.3
Imports	14,258	122,852	0.7	-3.4	15,747	4.9	-1.3
Trade balance	-973	-4,352			-230		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 12 Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 12 Jan.-Aug. 11		Aug. 12 Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 12 Jan.-Aug. 11	Aug. 2012	Jan.-Aug. 12
European non-EU countries	13.3	16.0	11.5	11.1	15.9	-4.6	539	7,133
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	12.0	7.3	4.5	36.8	4.0	-968	-5,638
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	9.6	16.5	2.8	2.7	-2.6	799	7,549
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	51.0	12.2	1.5	-3.2	-17.8	530	3,714
North Africa	2.9	48.3	23.0	4.5	115.8	45.7	-1,146	-9,582
Other African countries	1.4	-3.6	12.9	2.4	-27.0	-5.8	-280	-2,266
North America	6.8	16.9	17.5	3.7	4.4	4.6	1,003	9,712
<i>United States</i>	6.1	18.0	18.7	3.3	6.6	3.7	902	8,973
Central and South America	3.8	14.2	6.3	3.0	-28.6	-16.1	560	2,888
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-1.4	2.5	7.3	-23.0	-12.4	-667	-4,630
Other Asian countries	9.3	9.2	3.6	14.1	-9.1	-12.5	-1,414	-10,820
<i>China</i>	2.7	-2.5	-11.4	7.3	-21.9	-16.2	-1,345	-11,378
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	18.6	22.2	1.1	-29.5	-19.8	234	1,311
<i>India</i>	1.0	-5.0	-10.1	1.2	-12.2	-21.5	-26	-299
Oceania and other territories	1.7	23.2	15.0	0.6	-16.8	-11.3	433	3,213
OPEC	4.7	29.6	24.2	8.6	13.6	23.6	-1,479	-14,151
MERCOSUR	1.6	2.6	3.3	1.5	-33.2	-18.8	145	720
DAE	3.2	25.7	11.4	2.0	-5.7	-20.1	621	4,004
ASEAN	1.5	37.2	15.1	1.7	8.0	-5.9	-93	-193
Total	44.0	14.0	10.3	46.7	0.7	-3.4	-973	-4,352

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 12 Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 12 Jan.-Aug. 11		Aug. 12 Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 12 Jan.-Aug. 11	Aug. 2012	Jan.-Aug. 12
Consumer goods	12.1	15.3	10.4	10.2	-8.9	-4.6	657	6,072
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	22.8	9.4	1.2	12.3	-1.5	374	4,017
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	13.6	10.7	8.9	-11.1	-5.1	283	2,054
Capital goods	16.4	7.8	5.3	5.7	-9.8	-8.7	3,304	28,341
Intermediate goods	12.7	14.8	11.8	13.0	-15.7	-17.2	799	3,885
Energy	2.8	35.5	31.5	17.8	18.1	9.7	-5,732	-42,650
Total (except energy)	41.2	12.1	8.8	28.8	-11.8	-11.2	4,760	38,298
TOTAL	44.0	14.0	10.3	46.7	0.7	-3.4	-973	-4,352

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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