

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

November 2012

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

In November 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 11.1% and imports decreased by 9.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,889 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,113 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In November 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 1.0% and imports decreased by 3.8% compared with October 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.7% increase in outgoing flows and a 1.8% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-November 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 10.1% and imports decreased by 3.7% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 1,216 million euro compared to the deficit of 22,631 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 56,572 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 32,171 million euro surplus in January-November 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 12	<u>Nov. 12</u> Nov. 11	<u>Jan.-Nov. 12</u> Jan.-Nov. 11	Nov. 2012	<u>Nov. 12</u> Oct. 12	<u>Sep.-Nov. 12</u> Jun.-Aug. 12
Exports	15,808	164,956	11.1	10.1	15,460	1.0	0.7
Imports	13,919	166,173	-9.3	-3.7	14,258	-3.8	-1.8
Trade balance	1,889	-1,216			1,202		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Nov. 12	Jan.-Nov. 12		Nov. 12	Jan.-Nov. 12	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 12
		Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov. 11		Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	8.3	9.5	10.8	-0.8	-1.4	1,328	10,595
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	13.1	8.3	4.2	-5.4	6.8	-496	-7,484
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	8.9	12.5	2.8	-2.8	-1.0	1,203	10,793
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	15.2	11.7	1.5	-3.2	-12.7	429	4,940
North Africa	2.9	50.0	27.2	4.5	40.2	51.3	-946	-12,516
Other African countries	1.4	-20.6	6.0	2.4	-30.9	-14.9	-164	-2,851
North America	6.8	14.3	17.3	3.7	-27.8	-0.4	1,424	13,762
<i>United States</i>	6.1	15.8	18.5	3.2	-31.3	-1.2	1,325	12,716
Central and South America	3.8	3.2	6.4	3.0	-26.0	-17.5	557	4,316
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	13.8	3.3	7.2	-14.7	-13.8	-369	-6,066
Other Asian countries	9.2	10.8	4.0	14.1	-16.4	-12.9	-431	-13,440
<i>China</i>	2.7	11.2	-10.0	7.4	-21.1	-16.7	-838	-15,005
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	15.8	20.8	1.1	-39.6	-22.6	281	2,157
<i>India</i>	1.0	-11.1	-9.8	1.2	-24.2	-21.3	-8	-479
Oceania and other territories	1.7	5.3	20.2	0.6	-31.7	-15.7	491	4,985
OPEC	4.7	35.1	25.8	8.5	10.3	21.2	-1,324	-18,178
MERCOSUR	1.6	-3.4	1.8	1.5	-39.9	-21.5	208	1,162
DAE	3.2	8.8	11.2	2.0	-8.3	-18.3	645	5,806
ASEAN	1.5	29.3	18.4	1.7	-11.6	-7.4	120	-19
Total	44.0	11.1	10.1	46.3	-9.3	-3.7	1,889	-1,216

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Nov. 12	Jan.-Nov. 12		Nov. 12	Jan.-Nov. 12	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 12
		Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov. 11		Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov. 11		
Consumer goods	12.1	12.5	10.2	10.1	-11.5	-5.3	1,515	10,025
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	32.2	12.1	1.2	-10.8	-3.4	849	6,064
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	6.7	9.7	8.9	-11.6	-5.5	666	3,961
Capital goods	16.4	8.2	6.0	5.8	-15.9	-7.1	3,918	38,900
Intermediate goods	12.6	6.7	10.6	12.8	-12.0	-17.9	1,203	7,647
Energy	2.8	48.6	30.1	17.5	-4.2	9.1	-4,746	-57,788
Total (except energy)	41.1	9.0	8.7	28.8	-12.7	-11.3	6,636	56,572
TOTAL	44.0	11.1	10.1	46.3	-9.3	-3.7	1,889	-1,216

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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