

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

*April 2013*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2013. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2013 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2013, exports to non-EU countries increased by 6.0% and imports decreased by 10.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,464 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 901 million euro deficit in the same month of 2012.

In April 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.7% and imports decreased by 0.3% compared with March 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.4% decrease in outgoing flows and a 4.7% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 5.3% and imports decreased by 10.8% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 2,518 million euro compared to the deficit of 7,090 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 20,214 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 15,607 million euro surplus in January-April 2012.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – April 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2013	Jan.-Apr. 13	<u>Apr. 13</u> <u>Apr. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-Apr. 13</u> <u>Jan.-Apr. 12</u>	Apr. 2013	<u>Apr. 13</u> <u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Feb. 13.-Apr. 13</u> <u>Nov. 12-Jan. 13</u>
Exports	14,726	57,967	6.0	5.3	15,212	-0.7	-2.4
Imports	13,262	55,449	-10.3	-10.8	13,329	-0.3	-4.7
Trade balance	1,464	2,518			1,883		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - April 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 13 Apr. 12	Jan.-Apr. 13 Jan.-Apr. 12		Apr. 13 Apr. 12	Jan.-Apr. 13 Jan.-Apr. 12	Apr. 2013	Jan.-Apr. 13
European non-EU countries	13.9	8.6	3.0	11.3	5.8	8.0	778	1,947
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	6.7	11.6	4.8	18.7	15.7	-864	-3,848
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	3.9	2.1	2.9	-7.9	0.7	981	3,840
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	3.0	-2.0	1.4	5.0	9.3	369	1,174
North Africa	3.5	4.3	13.3	7.1	-25.2	-10.8	-625	-3,750
Other African countries	1.4	12.3	3.7	2.2	17.6	-21.8	-105	-739
North America	7.6	-8.2	1.2	3.8	-17.2	-20.8	1,334	4,930
<i>United States</i>	6.8	-10.3	0.3	3.3	-16.0	-21.0	1,214	4,444
Central and South America	3.9	4.2	3.0	2.6	-13.6	-15.8	361	1,569
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	20.7	13.1	6.6	-33.6	-32.6	97	650
Other Asian countries	9.2	9.1	4.6	13.0	-1.4	-8.9	-779	-3,829
<i>China</i>	2.3	6.5	3.4	6.5	-5.2	-5.7	-912	-4,704
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	13.1	19.5	0.8	-15.7	-27.0	193	1,056
<i>India</i>	0.9	-10.8	-7.8	1.0	-9.6	-2.5	-82	-356
Oceania and other territories	1.9	3.9	13.9	0.5	-7.1	-10.7	402	1,741
OPEC	5.7	11.6	14.7	10.8	-34.0	-23.8	-520	-3,619
MERCOSUR	1.6	21.9	14.8	1.2	7.1	-11.8	141	764
DAE	3.4	18.1	5.9	1.8	11.0	-12.4	553	2,163
ASEAN	1.7	19.2	10.8	1.7	16.9	5.2	39	-102
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>2,518</b>

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – April 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 13 Apr. 12	Jan.-Apr. 13 Jan.-Apr. 12		Apr. 13 Apr. 12	Jan.-Apr. 13 Jan.-Apr. 12	Apr. 2013	Jan.-Apr. 13
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>4,327</b>
- consumer durables	2.9	14.2	14.2	1.2	-14.4	-16.1	636	2,418
- consumer non durables	9.8	14.3	10.5	8.9	0.0	-2.1	537	1,909
<b>Capital goods</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>13,721</b>
Intermediate goods	13.3	6.9	3.6	11.3	-1.4	-0.8	722	2,166
Energy	3.6	-1.2	-10.4	20.1	-21.6	-20.2	-4,182	-17,696
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>20,214</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>2,518</b>

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