

Foreign Trade

October 2013

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to October 2013. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for October 2013 have been disseminated on November 25th.

- In October 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to September 2013, showed a decrease for outgoing flows (-0.5%) and for incoming flows (-2.6%). The fall in exports is the synthesis of export growth for non EU countries (+0.8%) and a decrease for EU countries (-1.5%). As regards imports decreased for both areas: -3.6% for EU countries and -1.3% for non EU countries. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed an increase for both flows: +0.6% for exports and +1.2% for imports.
- In October 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased by 0.8% for exports (+0.2% for EU area and +1.5% for non EU countries) and fell by 4.3% for imports (-1.2% for EU and -8.0% for non EU countries). The trade balance (January-October 2013) amounted to 23.7 billion Euro (9.5 billion Euro for EU area and 14.2 billion Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. October 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Oct.2013	Jan.-Oct.2013	Oct.13 Oct.12	Jan.-Oct.13 Jan.-Oct.12	Oct.2013	Oct.13 Sep.13	Aug.-Oct.13 May-Jul.13
TOTAL							
Exports	36,323	325,836	0.8	-0.2	32,739	-0.5	0.6
Imports	32,253	302,124	-4.3	-5.9	29,907	-2.6	1.2
Trade balance	4,070	23,712			2,832		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	19,411	175,562	0.2	-2.1	17,514	-1.5	1.6
Imports	18,242	166,055	-1.2	-2.1	16,550	-3.6	1.6
Trade balance	1,169	9,507			964		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	16,912	150,275	1.5	2.0	15,225	0.8	-0.6
Imports	14,011	136,069	-8.0	-10.1	13,357	-1.3	0.7
Trade balance	2,902	14,206			1,868		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. October 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Oct.13 Oct.12	Jan.-Oct.13 Jan.-Oct.12		Oct.13 Oct.12	Jan.-Oct.13 Jan.-Oct.12	Oct.2013	Jan.-Oct.2013
Consumer goods	29.3	8.2	6.1	25.6	0.5	0.6	2,678	18,614
- consumer durables	5.8	7.3	2.3	2.9	-5.5	-9.7	1,302	10,682
- consumer non durables	23.5	8.4	7.0	22.6	1.3	1.9	1,376	7,932
Capital goods	31.6	2.5	1.6	19.8	-2.6	-3.4	4,947	43,678
Intermediate goods	33.6	-3.3	-4.0	32.4	-4.7	-5.4	1,236	7,360
Energy	5.5	-25.1	-21.0	22.2	-11.4	-16.2	-4,791	-45,939
Total (except energy)	94.5	2.2	1.0	77.8	-2.4	-2.9	8,861	69,651
Total	100.0	0.8	-0.2	100.0	-4.3	-5.9	4,070	23,712

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. October 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Oct.13 Oct.12	Jan.-Oct.13 Jan.-Oct.12		Oct.13 Oct.12	Jan.-Oct.13 Jan.-Oct.12	Oct.2013	Jan.-Oct.2013
EU countries	54.3	0.2	-2.1	53.3	-1.2	-2.1	1,169	9,507
EMU17:	40.6	-1.1	-2.9	42.7	-1.0	-2.2	-469	-3,058
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	-1.9	-3.2	2.4	-1.1	0.4	-40	-413
<i>Belgium</i>	2.7	6.9	12.9	3.8	-2.2	6.8	-285	-3,191
<i>France</i>	11.1	-2.4	-2.8	8.3	-0.9	-4.7	961	10,236
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	2.4	-2.1	14.5	0.7	-4.6	-347	-3,447
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	0.4	-4.4	5.4	-2.2	-1.1	-1,080	-9,416
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-3.2	-7.0	4.5	-3.7	-4.3	103	768
Poland	2.4	3.3	0.0	1.9	-7.6	-7.5	254	2,291
United Kingdom	4.9	2.6	2.3	2.6	0.7	-2.1	964	8,382
Czech Republic	1.1	-2.1	-1.5	1.2	4.0	-3.1	3	-165
Romania	1.5	5.6	-1.1	1.3	2.8	0.3	126	742
Non-EU countries	45.7	1.5	2.0	46.7	-8.0	-10.1	2,902	14,206
European non-EU countries	13.4	-5.3	-1.9	10.9	-5.9	3.6	971	6,665
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	4.3	9.8	4.8	-7.4	7.9	-537	-7,385
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-14.4	-8.6	2.9	-3.7	-3.5	869	8,332
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-2.7	-5.5	1.4	-22.3	3.7	419	3,855
North Africa	3.5	6.1	7.9	7.1	-45.7	-26.1	216	-4,818
Other African countries	1.4	4.8	5.6	2.2	58.3	-9.8	-491	-1,740
North America	7.6	12.5	0.6	3.8	-3.9	-12.3	1,814	14,030
<i>United States</i>	6.8	12.2	0.0	3.3	-12.4	-12.4	1,709	12,757
Central and South America	3.9	-0.8	2.3	2.5	-12.9	-9.6	609	4,531
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	0.6	7.0	6.6	-4.0	-18.8	-252	-626
Other Asian countries	9.2	9.4	4.6	13.1	-3.6	-7.8	-509	-8,556
<i>China</i>	2.3	15.8	11.1	6.6	-2.8	-8.6	-1,119	-11,654
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	4.4	9.4	0.8	-2.8	-23.0	352	2,964
<i>India</i>	0.9	-23.9	-12.3	1.0	-4.7	3.3	-148	-922
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-25.3	2.8	0.5	12.8	-6.7	543	4,719
OPEC	5.7	-0.4	7.2	10.8	-24.8	-27.1	-259	-6,161
MERCOSUR	1.6	9.0	15.8	1.2	-15.6	-7.5	281	2,063
DAE	3.4	17.9	5.8	1.8	-1.9	-10.8	826	6,366
ASEAN	1.7	18.5	4.4	1.7	-4.9	2.4	165	-36
Total	100.0	0.8	-0.2	100.0	-4.3	-5.9	4,070	23,712

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – October 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013	<u>Oct.13</u> <u>Oct.12</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct.13</u> <u>Jan.-Oct.12</u>	<u>Oct.13</u> <u>Oct.12</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct.13</u> <u>Jan.-Oct.12</u>
TOTAL						
Exports	112.9	114.4	1.3	1.3	-0.6	-1.4
Imports	112.7	93.5	-2.8	-1.6	-1.6	-4.3
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.3	105.2	1.9	1.4	-1.7	-3.4
Imports	108.6	99.4	0.6	1.0	-1.7	-3.1
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.7	126.9	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.1
Imports	117.2	87.2	-6.2	-4.3	-2.0	-6.1

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian versionDate of previous release: November 15th 2013Date of next release: January 16th 2014

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