

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

April 2014

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2014. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2014 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2014, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1,7% and imports decreased by 3,4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,649 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,455 million euro surplus in the same month of 2013.

In April 2014, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0,2% and imports increased by 0,4% compared with March 2014. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1,9% decrease in outgoing flows and a 2,5% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2014 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 2,0% and imports decreased by 6,7% compared with the same period of 2013. The trade balance registered a surplus of 4,821 million euro compared to the surplus of 2,269 million euro in the same period of 2013. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 18,519 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 20,201 million euro surplus in January-April 2013.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – April 2014

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2014	Jan.-Apr. 14	<u>Apr. 14</u> Apr. 13	<u>Jan.-Apr. 14</u> Jan.-Apr. 13	Apr. 2014	<u>Apr. 14</u> Mar. 14	<u>Feb.-Apr. 14</u> Nov. 13-Jan. 14
Exports	14,318	56,161	-1.7	-2.0	14,649	-0.2	-1.9
Imports	12,669	51,340	-3.4	-6.7	12,550	0.4	-2.5
Trade balance	1,649	4,821			2,099		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - April 2014

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 14 Apr. 13	Jan.-Apr. 14 Jan.-Apr. 13		Apr. 14 Apr. 13	Jan.-Apr. 14 Jan.-Apr. 13	Apr. 2014	Jan.-Apr. 14
European non-EU countries	13.0	-9.7	-9.7	12.1	-1.5	-8.4	377	1,399
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.8	0.7	-4.8	5.6	-15.7	-20.6	-599	-2,538
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	-16.4	-17.6	2.9	16.4	-3.6	555	2,655
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-1.9	-1.7	1.5	3.8	-0.8	334	1,118
North Africa	3.8	8.8	0.5	5.3	-29.6	-41.9	-25	-237
Other African countries	1.5	-4.8	3.0	2.1	22.8	11.3	-253	-972
North America	7.7	5.3	5.2	3.7	27.1	17.3	1,175	4,666
<i>United States</i>	6.9	5.1	5.7	3.2	22.8	11.7	1,109	4,460
Central and South America	3.7	-3.8	-4.6	2.5	4.2	1.9	279	1,295
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	-7.2	-8.1	5.6	-10.8	-4.5	163	355
Other Asian countries	9.6	4.9	7.4	12.8	-4.2	2.1	-456	-3,259
<i>China</i>	2.5	5.2	11.1	6.4	-0.6	1.9	-836	-4,489
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	7.1	-7.0	0.7	-1.5	-0.3	227	921
<i>India</i>	0.8	-4.8	-8.2	1.1	-1.0	-4.4	-91	-378
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-2.6	-7.3	0.5	-1.6	-3.3	389	1,576
OPEC	6.0	1.3	-6.9	8.1	-19.1	-36.1	-29	-155
MERCOSUR	1.8	-5.1	-2.8	1.3	-12.8	-8.6	166	822
DAE	3.6	5.4	14.6	1.7	-9.3	2.1	666	2,732
ASEAN	1.7	2.3	8.5	1.8	4.9	5.6	25	-48
Total	46.3	-1.7	-2.0	44.7	-3.4	-6.7	1,649	4,821

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – April 2014

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 14 Apr. 13	Jan.-Apr. 14 Jan.-Apr. 13		Apr. 14 Apr. 13	Jan.-Apr. 14 Jan.-Apr. 13	Apr. 2014	Jan.-Apr. 14
Consumer goods	13.6	2.1	1.1	10.2	7.5	3.2	1,028	4,059
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	0.5	1.7	1.2	3.0	5.1	625	2,396
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	2.7	1.0	9.1	8.1	3.0	403	1,663
Capital goods	17.2	3.4	4.0	6.1	8.6	3.1	3,705	13,917
Intermediate goods	12.5	-8.9	-9.4	11.2	4.2	3.7	297	544
Energy	3.0	-15.8	-15.3	17.2	-18.9	-22.2	-3,380	-13,698
Total (except energy)	43.3	-0.8	-1.0	27.5	6.3	3.4	5,029	18,519
TOTAL	46.3	-1.7	-2.0	44.7	-3.4	-6.7	1,649	4,821

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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