

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

October 2014

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in October 2014. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in October 2014 will be disseminated on coming 16 December.

In October 2014, exports to non-EU countries increased by 0.8% and imports decreased by 7.8% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 4,038 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,805 million euro surplus in the same month of 2013.

In October 2014, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports and imports decreased by 1.2% compared with September 2014. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.7% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.6% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-October 2014 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 0.9% and imports decreased by 5.5% compared with the same period of 2013. The trade balance registered a surplus of 20,094 million euro compared to the surplus of 13,872 million euro in the same period of 2013. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 53,853 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 56,733 million euro surplus in January-October 2013.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Oct. 2014	Jan.-Oct. 14	Oct. 14 Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 14 Jan.-Oct. 13	Oct. 2014	Oct. 14 Sep. 14	Aug.-Oct. 14 May-Jul. 14
Exports	17,034	148,863	0.8	-0.9	15,310	-1.2	1.7
Imports	12,996	128,768	-7.8	-5.5	12,529	-1.2	-3.6
Trade balance	4,038	20,094			2,781		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 14 Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 14 Jan.-Oct. 13		Oct. 14 Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 14 Jan.-Oct. 13	Oct. 2014	Jan.-Oct. 14
European non-EU countries	13.0	-5.1	-8.1	12.1	-9.3	-6.4	1,048	5,296
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.8	-15.7	-10.5	5.6	-19.6	-16.5	-402	-5,751
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	-5.2	-8.6	2.9	-3.7	-2.3	797	6,941
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	13.1	-5.1	1.5	0.8	1.5	529	3,356
North Africa	3.8	-8.6	-2.6	5.3	-10.8	-32.6	224	359
Other African countries	1.5	39.1	6.4	2.1	-59.4	1.1	319	-1,511
North America	7.7	8.7	8.6	3.6	19.1	13.9	1,868	14,681
<i>United States</i>	6.9	9.8	9.4	3.2	29.3	8.0	1,707	14,120
Central and South America	3.7	3.8	-5.8	2.5	26.3	6.6	471	3,307
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	4.1	-2.8	5.6	-35.5	-18.4	461	1,985
Other Asian countries	9.5	-2.6	4.4	12.8	7.0	3.4	-896	-8,563
<i>China</i>	2.5	4.8	6.3	6.4	13.2	7.0	-1,331	-12,503
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	-21.7	-11.1	0.7	3.0	4.8	215	2,285
<i>India</i>	0.8	8.1	-0.6	1.1	30.0	6.3	-246	-1,150
Oceania and other territories	1.9	0.6	-3.8	0.5	4.6	-3.0	542	4,542
OPEC	6.0	-2.5	-4.0	8.1	-29.9	-32.1	337	1,152
MERCOSUR	1.8	3.3	-7.7	1.3	34.2	0.6	183	1,579
DAE	3.6	2.3	9.8	1.7	5.0	3.4	812	7,273
ASEAN	1.7	-10.6	5.4	1.8	3.9	3.9	69	23
Total	46.2	0.8	-0.9	44.6	-7.8	-5.5	4,038	20,094

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 14 Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 14 Jan.-Oct. 13		Oct. 14 Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 14 Jan.-Oct. 13	Oct. 2014	Jan.-Oct. 14
Consumer goods	13.6	-1.7	0.4	10.2	10.1	4.5	1,810	11,517
<i>- consumer durables</i>	3.1	-3.5	-0.9	1.2	9.6	5.9	798	6,250
<i>- consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-1.2	0.7	9.0	10.1	4.3	1,012	5,267
Capital goods	17.2	3.9	2.6	6.1	8.5	0.9	4,264	38,167
Intermediate goods	12.5	2.5	-4.0	11.0	4.8	3.7	767	4,169
Energy	3.0	-11.0	-13.3	17.2	-31.6	-19.8	-2,802	-33,759
Total (except energy)	43.2	1.6	0.0	27.3	7.5	3.4	6,840	53,853
TOTAL	46.2	0.8	-0.9	44.6	-7.8	-5.5	4,038	20,094

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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