

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

April 2015

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2015. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2015 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2015, exports to non-EU countries increased by 12.2% and imports increased by 6.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,586 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,637 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In April 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 2.0% and imports increased by 1.5% compared with March 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.8% increase in outgoing flows and a 4.1% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 7.7% and imports increased by 0.5% compared with the same period of 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 8,773 million euro compared to the surplus of 4,741 million euro in the same period of 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 19,108 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 18,781 million euro surplus in January-April 2014.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – April 2015

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 15	<u>Apr. 15</u> Apr. 14	<u>Jan.-Apr. 15</u> Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	<u>Apr. 15</u> Mar. 15	<u>Feb-Apr. 15</u> Nov.14-Jan. 15
Exports	16,055	60,333	12.2	7.7	15,932	-2.0	4.8
Imports	13,468	51,560	6.3	0.5	13,280	1.5	4.1
Trade balance	2,586	8,773			2,652		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - April 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 15
European non-EU countries	11.8	-2.2	-3.0	11.3	-2.2	-6.0	344	1,628
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-29.5	-29.4	4.6	-10.0	-20.6	-711	-2,378
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	9.1	5.1	3.0	0.1	4.2	678	2,779
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	4.0	5.9	1.6	22.6	16.6	258	977
North Africa	3.5	2.1	-6.0	3.9	6.8	-14.4	-81	210
Other African countries	1.6	24.0	7.7	2.1	-12.9	-11.9	-63	-504
North America	8.3	34.0	37.2	4.2	21.5	11.9	1,739	7,634
<i>United States</i>	7.5	36.4	38.6	3.5	29.6	19.6	1,588	6,961
Central and South America	3.5	9.4	0.4	2.7	9.9	3.9	300	1,196
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	18.4	13.1	4.7	1.9	-10.8	439	1,816
Other Asian countries	9.8	13.4	3.1	13.5	12.4	12.8	-485	-4,854
<i>China</i>	2.6	17.9	1.1	7.1	4.6	19.7	-762	-5,935
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	-6.6	-4.8	0.8	28.8	17.0	128	672
<i>India</i>	0.8	24.9	12.7	1.2	13.9	13.0	-79	-431
Oceania and other territories	1.8	7.3	4.9	0.5	24.6	2.7	393	1,647
OPEC	5.7	6.8	7.0	5.8	-7.2	-15.2	246	1,506
MERCOSUR	1.7	0.0	-11.0	1.3	9.6	10.8	129	439
DAE	3.8	12.5	4.4	1.8	50.8	14.9	547	2,621
ASEAN	1.8	1.3	-3.7	1.9	15.0	5.6	-55	-268
TOTAL	45.3	12.2	7.7	42.9	6.3	0.5	2,586	8,773

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – April 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 15
Consumer goods	13.4	13.1	5.9	11.0	12.9	13.2	1,161	3,343
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	11.8	5.4	1.3	28.1	20.7	636	2,299
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	13.5	6.1	9.7	10.9	12.3	526	1,044
Capital goods	17.4	10.9	11.3	6.4	24.7	17.5	3,835	14,945
Intermediate goods	11.9	15.7	9.0	11.7	9.6	10.2	639	820
Energy	2.5	-1.7	-13.7	13.8	-9.8	-24.0	-3,049	-10,336
Total (except energy)	42.8	13.0	8.9	29.0	14.2	12.9	5,635	19,108
TOTAL	45.3	12.2	7.7	42.9	6.3	0.5	2,586	8,773

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