

Foreign Trade

May 2015

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to May 2015. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for May 2015 have been disseminated on June 24th.

- In May 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to April 2015, increased by 1.5% for outgoing flows and decreased by 0.3% for incoming flows. Exports increased for both areas: +2.5% for EU countries and +0.4% for non EU countries. The decrease of imports is the result of an increase for EU countries (+0.8%) and a decrease for non EU countries (-1.9%). During last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, showed a growth of 2.7% for exports and 5.1% for imports.
- In May 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for exports (+2.0%) and imports (+0.5%). Outgoing flows increased by 3.5% for EU countries and 0.3% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 3.3% for EU area while decreased by 3.1% for non EU area. The trade balance in May amounted to +4.2 billion Euros (+1.3 billion Euros for EU area and +2.9 billion Euros for non EU countries).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. May 2015

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED			
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro		Percentage changes	
	May 2015	Jan.-May 2015	May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	May 15 Apr. 15	Mar.-May 15 Dec. 14-Feb. 15	
TOTAL								
Exports	35,393	169,977	2.0	4.1	35,265	1.5	2.7	
Imports	31,209	154,287	0.5	3.2	30,996	-0.3	5.1	
Trade balance	4,184	15,691			4,269			
EU COUNTRIES								
Exports	19,313	93,549	3.5	2.5	19,259	2.5	2.3	
Imports	18,004	89,521	3.3	5.9	17,972	0.8	3.6	
Trade balance	1,310	4,028			1,287			
NON-EU COUNTRIES								
Exports	16,080	76,429	0.3	6.0	16,006	0.4	3.2	
Imports	13,206	64,766	-3.1	-0.3	13,024	-1.9	7.1	
Trade balance	2,874	11,663			2,982			

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. May 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	Jan.-May 2015
Consumer goods	31.6	5.1	4.9	28.6	5.1	6.8	1,914	8,599
- consumer durables	6.0	7.3	6.4	3.2	14.9	16.3	1,139	5,057
- consumer non durables	25.6	4.5	4.5	25.4	3.7	5.6	776	3,543
Capital goods	33.1	-1.3	6.9	21.9	9.5	14.5	4,488	20,616
Intermediate goods	31.7	1.2	2.2	33.2	4.9	6.0	430	923
Energy	3.7	16.9	-11.2	16.3	-26.0	-22.3	-2,649	-14,448
Total (except energy)	96.3	1.5	4.7	83.7	6.2	8.5	6,833	30,139
Total	100.0	2.0	4.1	100.0	0.5	3.2	4,184	15,691

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. May 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	Jan.-May 2015
EU countries	54.7	3.5	2.5	57.1	3.3	5.9	1,310	4,028
EMU19:	40.3	2.3	1.0	45.3	2.8	5.0	-114	-1,880
<i>Austria</i>	2.1	-5.2	-2.8	2.4	-0.8	0.6	-20	-134
<i>Belgium</i>	3.3	14.8	3.9	4.3	16.0	14.0	-242	-1,526
<i>France</i>	10.6	-0.5	-1.1	8.6	2.8	4.0	965	4,468
<i>Germany</i>	12.6	-4.2	-1.0	15.4	-1.1	2.9	-473	-2,372
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.3	1.4	1.5	5.5	-4.7	0.3	-781	-4,118
<i>Spain</i>	4.5	13.4	7.6	4.8	5.2	9.1	104	345
Poland	2.6	9.0	8.2	2.0	10.5	14.9	201	1,013
United Kingdom	5.3	10.8	9.4	2.8	1.8	6.3	1,042	4,663
Czech Republic	1.2	10.0	9.7	1.4	11.3	16.3	-41	-241
Romania	1.6	3.6	4.7	1.6	4.8	9.9	86	214
Non-EU countries	45.3	0.3	6.0	42.9	-3.1	-0.3	2,874	11,663
European non-EU countries	11.8	-2.6	-2.9	11.3	-9.6	-6.8	382	2,009
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.4	-30.6	-29.6	4.6	-20.8	-20.6	-815	-3,193
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	2.7	4.6	3.0	7.3	4.9	653	3,431
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	9.4	6.7	1.6	3.8	13.9	396	1,373
North Africa	3.5	-1.0	-4.9	3.9	-23.2	-16.3	270	480
Other African countries	1.6	-13.0	3.0	2.1	8.5	-8.0	-237	-742
North America	8.3	1.8	28.1	4.2	9.4	11.4	1,950	9,583
<i>United States</i>	7.5	1.1	28.8	3.5	19.2	19.5	1,815	8,775
Central and South America	3.5	-4.6	-0.4	2.7	9.0	4.9	274	1,485
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	6.8	11.6	4.7	-14.4	-11.6	506	2,321
Other Asian countries	9.8	0.3	2.5	13.5	6.4	11.5	-806	-5,660
<i>China</i>	2.6	-1.1	0.6	7.1	9.3	17.5	-1,261	-7,196
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	9.3	-2.1	0.8	4.6	14.6	230	902
<i>India</i>	0.8	19.7	14.2	1.2	-14.0	7.2	-5	-436
Oceania and other territories	1.8	16.5	7.5	0.5	-12.9	-0.4	534	2,186
OPEC	5.7	3.1	6.1	5.8	-12.1	-14.6	360	1,865
MERCOSUR	1.7	-12.3	-11.3	1.3	-0.7	8.0	75	514
DAE	3.8	-5.5	2.2	1.8	7.9	13.5	688	3,308
ASEAN	1.8	0.8	-2.8	1.9	14.7	7.5	-95	-363
Total	100.0	2.0	4.1	100.0	0.5	3.2	4,184	15,691

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume. May 2015

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	May 2015	May 2015	May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14
TOTAL						
Exports	117.7	107.0	3.4	2.7	-1.3	1.3
Imports	109.5	93.1	-1.1	-3.1	1.5	6.5
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	114.5	103.6	0.6	1.1	3.0	1.4
Imports	108.6	98.1	0.5	-0.2	2.8	6.1
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	121.8	111.7	6.7	4.5	-6.0	1.4
Imports	110.2	87.4	-2.9	-6.6	-0.2	6.8

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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