

Foreign Trade

August 2015

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

- In August 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to July 2015, decreased by 3.6% for outgoing flows and by 2.6% for incoming flows. Exports increased for EU countries (+0.2%) while decreased for non EU countries (-8.2%). The fall of imports is due to a decrease for both areas: -2.6% for EU countries and -2.7% for non EU countries. During the last quarter, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, showed a fall of 1.6% for exports and a growth of 0.3% for imports.
- In August 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for exports (+1.0%) and for imports (+2.1%). Outgoing flows increased by 5.6% for EU countries and decreased by 3.6% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 4.7% for EU area while decreased by 0.9% for non EU area. The trade balance in August amounted to +1.9 billion Euros (+0.5 billion Euros for EU area and +1.4 billion Euros for non EU countries).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 2015	Aug. 15 Aug. 14	Jan.-Aug. 15 Jan.-Aug. 14	Aug. 2015	Aug. 15 Jul. 15	Jun.-Aug. 15 Mar.-May 15
TOTAL							
Exports	24,320	272,028	1.0	4.8	33,429	-3.6	-1.6
Imports	22,470	243,656	2.1	4.4	30,174	-2.6	0.3
Trade balance	1,850	28,372			3,255		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	12,793	148,781	5.6	4.2	19,009	0.2	1.0
Imports	12,327	140,684	4.7	7.3	17,788	-2.6	1.4
Trade balance	467	8,097			1,221		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	11,526	123,247	-3.6	5.5	14,420	-8.2	-4.7
Imports	10,143	102,972	-0.9	0.7	12,386	-2.7	-1.3
Trade balance	1,383	20,275			2,034		

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Aug. 15 Aug. 14	Jan.-Aug. 15 Jan.-Aug. 14		Aug. 15 Aug. 14	Jan.-Aug. 15 Jan.-Aug. 14	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 2015
Consumer goods	31.6	5.0	6.1	28.6	4.3	7.4	934	14,955
- consumer durables	6.0	7.6	7.6	3.2	23.8	18.8	616	8,050
- consumer non	25.6	4.5	5.7	25.4	2.5	6.0	319	6,905
Capital goods	33.1	2.8	7.2	21.9	15.0	16.6	3,033	33,414
Intermediate goods	31.7	-0.9	2.6	33.2	3.7	6.3	382	2,925
Energy	3.7	-22.3	-7.7	16.3	-16.3	-19.5	-2,500	-22,922
Total (except energy)	96.3	2.4	5.3	83.7	6.5	9.3	4,350	51,294
Total	100.0	1.0	4.8	100.0	2.1	4.4	1,850	28,372

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Aug. 15 Aug. 14	Jan.-Aug. 15 Jan.-Aug. 14		Aug. 15 Aug. 14	Jan.-Aug. 15 Jan.-Aug. 14	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 2015
EU countries	54.7	5.6	4.2	57.1	4.7	7.3	467	8,097
EMU19:	40.3	5.7	3.1	45.3	3.7	6.6	-284	-1,939
Austria	2.1	7.6	0.4	2.4	3.4	2.0	10	-70
Belgium	3.3	-1.5	12.1	4.3	4.4	16.6	-137	-1,938
France	10.6	9.2	0.7	8.6	6.5	5.0	450	7,035
Germany	12.6	6.1	0.8	15.4	-0.3	4.4	-147	-3,533
Netherlands	2.3	9.0	3.1	5.5	-5.0	1.9	-597	-6,471
Spain	4.5	18.3	10.2	4.8	9.1	9.9	63	876
Poland	2.6	6.9	8.8	2.0	25.6	18.5	91	1,616
United Kingdom	5.3	4.1	9.0	2.8	5.0	5.2	711	7,812
Czech Republic	1.2	9.2	9.3	1.4	3.8	16.4	-29	-363
Romania	1.6	0.7	5.2	1.6	6.3	9.1	-36	314
Non-EU countries	45.3	-3.6	5.5	42.9	-0.9	0.7	1,383	20,275
European non-EU countries	11.8	-12.1	-3.9	11.3	-3.4	-4.6	378	3,591
Russian Federation	2.4	-19.0	-28.9	4.6	-15.9	-16.1	-470	-4,981
Switzerland	4.8	1.9	4.0	3.0	4.8	5.6	566	5,511
Turkey	2.5	-15.2	8.1	1.6	34.4	14.6	218	2,480
North Africa	3.5	3.5	-4.2	3.9	-11.1	-9.2	-84	543
Other African countries	1.6	-15.1	1.4	2.1	-32.1	-5.5	-43	-1,307
North America	8.3	13.2	25.0	4.2	4.7	7.0	1,520	15,973
United States	7.5	13.1	25.3	3.5	12.1	16.5	1,358	14,563
Central and South America	3.5	-1.3	3.0	2.7	-7.2	-2.6	360	2,938
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	-8.2	10.9	4.7	-9.0	-10.3	112	3,864
Other Asian countries	9.8	-4.6	3.0	13.5	12.1	11.8	-1,240	-8,935
China	2.6	-9.2	0.3	7.1	9.4	14.5	-1,399	-11,717
Japan	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.8	18.5	15.2	147	1,586
India	0.8	7.8	12.6	1.2	-4.8	2.7	-13	-520
Oceania and other	1.8	-11.1	5.7	0.5	18.8	3.9	379	3,607
OPEC	5.7	-4.2	4.3	5.8	-17.5	-10.7	-1	2,566
MERCOSUR	1.7	-3.8	-8.5	1.3	10.2	6.8	29	724
DAE	3.8	-7.8	3.0	1.8	15.1	16.9	524	5,467
ASEAN	1.8	-9.2	-2.2	1.9	8.0	12.0	-130	-650
Total	100.0	1.0	4.8	100.0	2.1	4.4	1,850	28,372

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Table 4 - **Index unit values and volume**. August 2015

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015	<u>Aug. 15</u> Aug. 14	<u>Jan.-Aug. 15</u> Jan.-Aug. 14	<u>Aug. 15</u> Aug. 14	<u>Jan.-Aug. 15</u> Jan.-Aug. 14
TOTAL						
Exports	115.4	75.0	-0.1	2.1	1.2	2.6
Imports	105.3	69.7	-4.3	-3.0	6.6	7.6
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.5	69.2	-1.1	0.9	6.8	3.3
Imports	108.5	67.2	0.9	0.4	3.7	6.9
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	117.9	82.7	1.0	3.6	-4.5	1.8
Imports	101.9	72.6	-9.7	-6.9	9.8	8.2

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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