

Foreign Trade

September 2015

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to September 2015. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for September 2015 have been disseminated on October 22nd.

- In September 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to August 2015, increased by 1.6% for outgoing flows and by 1.1% for incoming flows. Exports increased for non EU countries (+5.2%) while decreased for EU countries (-1.1%). The growth of imports is due to an increase for both areas: +0.9% for EU countries and +1.3% for non EU countries. During the third quarter, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, showed a fall of 2.3% for exports and of 2.9% for imports.
- In September 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for exports (+1.4%) and for imports (+0.7%). Outgoing flows increased by 4.1% for EU countries and decreased by 2.0% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 2.4% for EU area while decreased by 1.8% for non EU area. The trade balance in September amounted to +2.2 billion Euros (+0.8 billion Euros for EU area and +1.4 billion Euros for non EU countries).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2015	Jan.-Sep. 2015	Sep. 15 Sep. 14	Jan.-Sep. 15 Jan.-Sep. 14	Sep. 2015	Sep. 15 Aug. 15	Jul.-Sep. 15 Apr.-Jun. 15
TOTAL							
Exports	35,068	307,278	1.4	4.2	34,044	1.6	-2.3
Imports	32,882	277,335	0.7	3.7	30,492	1.1	-2.9
Trade balance	2,186	29,943			3,552		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	20,339	169,424	4.1	3.7	18,866	-1.1	-0.7
Imports	19,579	160,394	2.4	6.2	17,962	0.9	-0.3
Trade balance	760	9,030			904		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	14,729	137,854	-2.0	4.7	15,178	5.2	-4.2
Imports	13,303	116,941	-1.8	0.3	12,530	1.3	-6.4
Trade balance	1,426	20,913			2,648		

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep. 15 Sep. 14	Jan.-Sep. 15 Jan.-Sep. 14		Sep. 15 Sep. 14	Jan.-Sep. 15 Jan.-Sep. 14	Sep. 2015	Jan.-Sep. 2015
Consumer goods	31.7	4.0	5.2	28.5	4.0	6.7	1,834	16,747
- consumer durables	6.0	9.2	7.3	3.2	11.4	17.9	931	8,936
- consumer non durables	25.7	2.9	4.7	25.4	3.0	5.4	903	7,810
Capital goods	33.0	3.4	6.7	22.0	9.3	15.4	3,647	36,635
Intermediate goods	31.7	-0.5	2.1	33.1	3.4	5.1	-610	2,671
Energy	3.7	-21.4	-9.4	16.3	-25.0	-19.3	-2,685	-26,110
Total (except energy)	96.3	2.3	4.7	83.7	5.1	8.3	4,871	56,053
Total	100.0	1.4	4.2	100.0	0.7	3.7	2,186	29,943

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep. 15 Sep. 14	Jan.-Sep. 15 Jan.-Sep. 14		Sep. 15 Sep. 14	Jan.-Sep. 15 Jan.-Sep. 14	Sep. 2015	Jan.-Sep. 2015
EU countries	54.9	4.1	3.7	57.1	2.4	6.2	760	9,030
EMU19:	40.4	3.4	2.8	45.4	1.1	5.4	-540	-2,572
Austria	2.1	1.5	-0.1	2.3	-0.8	1.5	-8	118
Belgium	3.3	16.1	11.4	4.2	6.3	14.8	-267	-2,215
France	10.5	-0.4	0.8	8.6	4.6	4.1	888	7,928
Germany	12.6	1.8	0.8	15.2	3.4	4.2	-712	-4,059
Netherlands	2.4	2.4	2.8	5.8	-11.6	-0.6	-927	-7,851
Spain	4.5	12.2	10.0	4.8	-3.4	6.8	174	1,032
Poland	2.6	11.6	8.8	2.0	22.2	19.0	195	1,796
United Kingdom	5.2	7.7	8.9	2.9	12.2	3.7	984	8,834
Czech Republic	1.2	8.0	8.5	1.4	7.5	15.6	-44	-408
Romania	1.6	2.0	3.8	1.7	-6.8	6.0	19	214
Non-EU countries	45.1	-2.0	4.7	42.9	-1.8	0.3	1,426	20,913
European non-EU countries	11.8	-10.7	-4.6	11.5	-4.8	-5.6	434	3,602
Russian Federation	2.4	-24.2	-28.3	4.8	-12.5	-17.1	-491	-6,041
Switzerland	4.8	-7.4	2.6	2.9	0.8	5.0	621	6,180
Turkey	2.4	-4.9	6.9	1.6	21.7	15.0	164	2,640
North Africa	3.5	-24.4	-6.2	3.8	-27.4	-11.4	54	596
Other African countries	1.6	-15.2	-0.7	2.1	-19.0	-7.0	-122	-1,432
North America	8.2	17.1	24.1	4.2	9.8	7.3	1,789	17,735
United States	7.5	18.4	24.6	3.5	22.0	17.3	1,575	16,111
Central and South America	3.5	-4.1	2.3	2.7	6.1	-1.6	245	3,180
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	6.2	10.2	4.7	-0.7	-7.9	322	3,984
Other Asian countries	9.8	4.7	3.2	13.5	4.7	11.1	-1,760	-10,811
China	2.6	-9.1	-0.8	7.0	3.3	13.5	-1,953	-13,769
Japan	1.3	0.4	-0.4	0.8	13.1	14.9	163	1,747
India	0.8	19.3	13.3	1.2	0.2	1.9	-172	-692
Oceania and other	1.8	-18.6	2.0	0.5	-0.5	3.4	464	4,059
OPEC	5.7	-17.4	1.4	5.8	-17.1	-10.2	268	2,631
MERCOSUR	1.7	-16.4	-9.2	1.3	5.3	6.6	0	729
DAE	3.8	8.4	3.7	1.8	19.1	17.2	577	6,034
ASEAN	1.8	-0.2	-2.0	1.9	11.4	12.0	-126	-780
Total	100.0	1.4	4.2	100.0	0.7	3.7	2,186	29,943

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

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Sep. 2015	Sep. 2015	<u>Sep. 15</u> Sep. 14	<u>Jan.-Sep. 15</u> Jan.-Sep. 14	<u>Sep. 15</u> Sep. 14	<u>Jan.-Sep. 15</u> Jan.-Sep. 14
TOTAL						
Exports	116.0	107.5	0.9	2.1	0.6	2.0
Imports	104.1	103.2	-5.3	-3.3	6.3	7.2
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.8	109.7	0.5	1.0	3.6	2.7
Imports	107.7	107.5	-0.4	0.5	2.8	5.7
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	118.8	104.9	1.3	3.4	-3.2	1.3
Imports	99.2	97.8	-11.2	-7.5	10.5	8.4

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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