

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

March 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in March 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in March 2016 will be disseminated on coming 17 May.

In March 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 5.2% and imports decreased by 11.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 4,036 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 3,422 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In March 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.3% and imports decreased by 2.0% compared with February 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.9% decrease in outgoing flows and a 6.3% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the first quarter of 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 5.2% and imports decreased by 6.7% compared with the same period of 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 6,156 million euro compared to the surplus of 5,865 million euro in the same period of 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 11,677 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 13,565 million euro surplus in January-March 2015.

Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – March 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Mar.2016	Jan.-Mar.16	<u>Mar.16</u> Mar.15	<u>Jan.-Mar.16</u> Jan.-Mar.15	Mar.2016	<u>Mar.16</u> Feb.16	<u>Jan.-Mar.16</u> Oct.-Dec.15
Exports	16,256	41,934	-5.2	-5.2	14,946	-0.3	-2.9
Imports	12,220	35,778	-11.0	-6.7	11,449	-2.0	-6.3
Trade balance	4,036	6,156			3,497		

Table 2. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - March 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS <sup>(b)</sup>			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar.16 Mar.15	Jan.-Mar.16 Jan.-Mar.15		Mar.16 Mar.15	Jan.-Mar.16 Jan.-Mar.15	Mar.2016	Jan.-Mar.16
European non-EU countries	10.8	-6.6	-8.0	10.5	-12.9	-8.7	507	1,081
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	-0.9	-13.9	3.9	-18.1	-21.4	-528	-1,396
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-4.4	-6.6	2.9	-10.9	1.3	710	1,777
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	-11.0	-5.7	1.8	6.5	8.6	179	443
North Africa	3.2	-21.1	-11.3	3.1	-23.2	-10.7	316	241
Other African countries	1.4	-25.8	-23.1	2.1	-18.7	-22.5	-188	-353
North America	9.6	7.7	-2.2	4.2	5.7	0.4	2,675	5,642
<i>United States</i>	8.7	11.3	-1.8	3.8	2.9	0.0	2,496	5,195
Central and South America	3.3	-12.9	-11.2	2.6	-9.6	-4.3	262	643
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-12.9	-3.6	4.1	-21.7	-27.5	759	2,098
Other Asian countries	9.8	-2.6	0.2	14.4	-7.7	0.6	-777	-4,432
<i>China</i>	2.5	-2.5	-2.2	7.6	-15.1	-3.8	-1,229	-4,929
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	9.5	5.7	0.8	10.1	26.4	158	412
<i>India</i>	0.8	-7.3	-5.0	1.1	-0.7	0.7	-103	-398
Oceania and other territories	1.8	3.7	-0.8	0.5	-6.9	1.2	482	1,236
OPEC	5.4	-21.6	-10.8	4.9	-6.8	-11.6	465	1,042
MERCOSUR	1.4	-28.2	-23.1	1.3	-1.6	1.5	3	-20
ASEAN	1.7	-8.0	-3.1	2.1	3.5	11.6	-109	-473
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>6,156</b>

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – March 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar.16 Mar.15	Jan.-Mar.16 Jan.-Mar.15		Mar.16 Mar.15	Jan.-Mar.16 Jan.-Mar.15	Mar.2016	Jan.-Mar.16
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.5	-2.6	0.7	11.6	-3.7	1.9	1,159	2,049
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	-3.9	-2.7	1.4	-9.0	5.6	676	1,509
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-2.2	1.7	10.2	-3.0	1.5	483	540
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.5	-3.7	-6.8	7.1	2.3	6.6	4,272	9,471
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.9	-4.1	-4.2	12.0	-8.3	-2.8	596	157
<b>Energy</b>	2.1	-42.6	-35.2	10.7	-30.8	-29.7	-1,991	-5,521
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.9	-3.5	-3.7	30.7	-4.2	1.1	6,027	11,677
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>6,156</b>

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