

## Foreign Trade and Import prices

September 2016

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to September 2016.

- In September 2016 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to August 2016, decreased for both flows: -1.6% for exports and -4.5% for imports. Exports decreased by 3.3% for EU countries while increased by 0.5% for non EU countries. Imports fell down by 4.6% for EU countries and by 4.3% for non EU countries. During the quarter July-September 2016, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, increased by 0.6% for exports and by 1.7% for imports.
- In September 2016, compared with the same month of the previous year, exports increased by 3.1% and imports decreased by 2.7%. Outgoing flows grew by 3.2% for EU countries and by 3.0% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 1.3 for EU area and decreased by 8.7% for non EU area. The trade balance in August amounted to +3,7 billion Euros (+0,8 billion Euros for EU area and +2,9 billion Euros for non EU countries).

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE. September 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED			
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro		Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2016	Jan.-Sep. 2016	Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15	Sep. 2016	Sep. 16 Aug. 16	Jul.-Sep. 16 Apr.-Jun. 16	
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Exports	35,863	307,762	3.1	0.5	34,900	-1.6	0.6	
Imports	32,193	270,473	-2.7	-2.9	30,215	-4.5	1.7	
Trade balance	3,670	37,290			4,685			
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>								
Exports	20,732	173,514	3.2	2.9	19,467	-3.3	0.8	
Imports	19,954	162,604	1.3	0.8	18,460	-4.6	2.2	
Trade balance	778	10,910			1,007			
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>								
Exports	15,130	134,248	3.0	-2.5	15,433	0.5	0.2	
Imports	12,239	107,869	-8.7	-7.9	11,755	-4.3	0.9	
Trade balance	2,892	26,379			3,678			

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. September 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15		Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15	Sep. 2016	Jan.-Sep. 2016
Consumer goods	31.7	4.2	2.5	29.4	-0.7	0.9	2,052	16,782
- consumer durables	6.2	-0.2	-1.7	3.5	1.6	1.9	903	8,437
- consumer non durables	25.5	5.2	3.5	25.9	-1.1	0.8	1,150	8,345
Capital goods	33.9	3.3	1.8	24.5	6.4	6.7	3,308	33,738
Intermediate goods	31.2	2.2	-0.2	33.4	-5.8	-3.5	369	5,722
Energy	3.2	-2.8	-25.3	12.7	-18.8	-27.3	-2,060	-18,952
Total (except energy)	96.8	3.2	1.4	87.3	-0.7	0.8	5,729	56,242
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>37,290</b>

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY COUNTRIES. September 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15		Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15	Sep. 2016	Jan.-Sep. 2016
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>10,910</b>
EMU19:	40.0	3.3	3.2	46.4	1.0	0.3	-521	-697
<i>Austria</i>	2.1	7.2	2.8	2.3	-2.1	-3.8	55	483
<i>Belgium</i>	3.3	-10.5	0.1	4.6	-15.2	1.8	-292	-3,248
<i>France</i>	10.3	3.8	3.3	8.7	1.8	0.2	967	9,021
<i>Germany</i>	12.3	3.7	3.5	15.5	2.6	2.3	-739	-4,373
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.3	4.3	3.0	5.6	3.1	-2.7	-990	-7,226
<i>Spain</i>	4.8	7.3	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.5	145	1,215
Poland	2.6	-0.2	2.4	2.3	-2.5	1.6	215	1,888
United Kingdom	5.4	2.5	1.1	2.9	-2.2	3.1	1,033	8,567
Czech Republic	1.2	4.5	6.9	1.5	18.3	14.9	-112	-715
Romania	1.6	4.2	-1.0	1.7	2.0	-2.6	14	245
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>26,379</b>
European non-EU countries	10.8	2.2	-2.7	10.5	-5.3	-11.5	663	5,925
<i>Russian Federation</i>	1.7	-1.4	-6.4	3.9	-22.4	-31.0	-254	-2,994
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	5.4	-1.6	2.9	0.9	-0.9	698	6,076
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	-8.4	-4.4	1.8	-1.3	8.7	108	1,840
North Africa	3.2	1.5	-5.8	3.1	-25.5	-17.3	297	1,609
Other African countries	1.4	-14.4	-19.2	2.1	-8.9	-21.0	-136	-1,057
North America	9.6	9.5	0.6	4.2	-14.5	-4.2	2,286	18,385
<i>United States</i>	8.7	11.1	0.7	3.8	-14.7	-4.0	2,076	16,698
Central and South America	3.3	1.3	-10.4	2.6	-4.9	-7.2	300	2,624
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-8.3	-8.1	4.1	-5.0	-16.8	268	4,660
Other Asian countries	9.8	5.9	2.0	14.3	-8.1	-0.2	-1,296	-10,318
<i>China</i>	2.5	23.3	3.5	7.6	-8.5	-2.5	-1,675	-13,117
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	18.2	9.6	0.8	17.2	32.3	195	1,381
<i>India</i>	0.8	3.0	-3.1	1.1	-10.8	2.5	-119	-846
Oceania and other territories	1.8	6.4	8.5	0.5	-3.2	-1.6	509	4,551
OPEC	5.5	-10.9	-10.7	4.9	9.5	-5.6	-31	1,604
MERCOSUR	1.4	4.1	-19.5	1.3	2.6	-0.3	5	-110
ASEAN	1.7	5.2	1.7	2.1	-1.9	2.3	-88	-842
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>37,290</b>

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

TABLE 4 - INDEX UNIT VALUES AND VOLUME. September 2016

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Sep. 2016	Sep. 2016	Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15	Sep. 16 Sep. 15	Jan.-Sep. 16 Jan.-Sep. 15
<b>TOTAL</b>						
Exports	117.1	108.9	1.1	-0.4	1.9	0.9
Imports	102.1	103.0	-2.0	-5.7	-0.8	3.0
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	115.5	110.2	1.5	-0.1	1.7	3.0
Imports	108.1	109.2	0.6	-1.1	0.8	1.9
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	119.1	107.4	0.5	-1.1	2.4	-1.4
Imports	94.2	94.8	-5.7	-11.6	-3.2	4.1

The import price index measures the evolution of prices for industrial products bought by industrial and commercial enterprises in Italy, both in the euro zone and the non-euro zone. Since March 2010 indices are compiled in the reference base 2010.

In September 2016 the total import price index increased by 0.1% with respect to the previous month (the index stayed unchanged for the euro zone and increased by 0.2% for the non-euro zone); the total twelve-month rate of change decreased by 1.7% (respectively decreased by 0.7% for the euro zone and by 2.6% for the non-euro zone).

The quarterly total index increased by 0.5% compared with the previous period, by 0.7% for the euro zone and by 0.4% for the non-euro zone.

TABLE 5. IMPORT PRICE INDEX (BASE 2010). September 2016 (a)

	Index	Percentage changes on the previous period		Percentage changes on the same period of the previous year	
		Sep. 2016	Sep. 16 Aug.16	Jul.-Sep. 16 Apr.-Jun. 16	Sep. 16 Sep. 15
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
Euro zone	99.4	0.0	0.7	-0.7	-1.4
Non-euro zone	95.9	0.2	0.4	-2.6	-7.2

(a) Data are provisional and subject to revisions

## **For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version**

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