

Foreign Trade

October 2010

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2005=100) referring to October 2010. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for October 2010 data will be disseminated on coming November 19th.

- In October 2010, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade raised by 17.6% for exports (21.9% for non EU countries and 14.5% for EU area) and by 22.5% (+32% for non EU and +16 for EU countries) for imports. The trade balance amounts to -2 billion Euro (table 1) compared with the -0.6 billion Euro registered in the same month of 2009.
- October 2010 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to September, presented an increase for exports (+1.2%) with a higher performance for extra EU area (+1.6%) and a lower increase (+0.9%) for EU countries. The rise of imports was more intensive (+2.4%), in particular for extra-EU markets (+3.2%) rather than EU countries (+1.8%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed an increase of 3.1% in outgoing flows and of 3.7% in incoming flows.
- In the period January-October 2010, compared with the same period of the previous year, trade increased by 14.7% for exports (15.9% for non EU countries and 13.8% for EU area) and by 21.1% (27.1 for non EU and 16.5% for EU countries) for imports. The trade balance showed a deficit of 21.2 billion Euro (table 1) which worsened the result of -4.7 billion Euro registered in the same period of the previous year.

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. October 2010

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Oct. 2010	Jan.-Oct. 10	Oct. 10 Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 10 Jan.-Oct. 09	Oct. 10	Oct. 10 Sep. 10	Aug-Oct. 10 May-Jul. 10
TOTAL							
Exports	30,911	277,138	17.6	14.7	29,371	1.2	3.1
Imports	32,919	298,343	22.5	21.1	32,032	2.4	3.7
Trade balance	-2,007	-21,205			-2,661		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	17,551	159,487	14.5	13.8	16,914	0.9	6.1
Imports	18,556	163,737	16.0	16.5	17,619	1.8	4.3
Trade balance	-1,004	-4,250			-705		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	13,360	117,651	21.9	15.9	12,457	1.6	-0.7
Imports	14,363	134,606	32.0	27.1	14,413	3.2	3.0
Trade balance	-1,003	-16,955			-1,956		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. October 2010

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Oct. 10	Jan.-Oct. 10		Oct. 10	Jan.-Oct. 10	Oct. 2010	Jan.-Oct. 10
		Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 09		Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 09		
Consumer goods	30.2	14.5	11.9	27.7	10.2	10.9	1,143	5,617
- consumer durables	6.6	10.6	9.9	3.7	1.5	15.3	921	6,933
- consumer non durables	23.6	15.7	12.4	24.0	11.9	10.2	221	-1,316
Capital goods	33.5	17.5	10.6	24.5	13.2	11.6	2,432	22,425
Intermediate goods	32.8	16.3	17.0	30.4	38.7	34.5	-1,664	-7,718
Energy	3.5	58.1	56.5	17.5	24.2	27.1	-3,918	-41,529
Total (except energy)	96.5	16.2	13.2	82.5	22.1	19.8	1,911	20,324
Total	100.0	17.6	14.7	100.0	22.5	21.1	-2,007	-21,205

(a) Calculated on 2009 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. October 2010

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Oct. 10 Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 10 Jan.-Oct. 09		Oct. 10 Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 10 Jan.-Oct. 09	Oct. 2010	Jan.-Oct. 10
EU countries	57.6	14.5	13.8	57.4	16.0	16.5	-1,004	-4,250
EMU16:	44.1	13.9	13.0	46.3	14.7	16.0	-1,668	-10,373
Austria	2.4	13.4	13.3	2.4	29.3	22.7	-112	-610
Belgium	2.8	9.9	8.0	4.0	11.5	10.5	-509	-3,814
France	11.6	12.0	13.7	8.9	10.6	14.9	673	7,299
Germany	12.7	21.6	17.1	16.7	17.3	16.5	-1,379	-11,205
Netherlands	2.4	14.1	17.1	5.7	2.8	15.2	-978	-9,021
Spain	5.7	12.6	17.5	4.4	18.4	21.9	273	3,027
Poland	2.7	9.1	6.0	2.2	4.8	10.5	155	1,028
United Kingdom	5.1	17.2	20.2	3.3	37.3	19.9	443	5,379
Non-EU countries	42.4	21.9	15.9	42.6	32.0	27.1	-1,003	-16,955
European non-EU countries	11.7	28.1	17.9	11.3	6.3	10.8	826	2,306
Russian Federation	2.2	41.2	19.5	4.1	-0.1	4.4	-122	-3,945
Switzerland	4.6	25.3	16.5	3.5	4.8	11.8	454	3,242
Turkey	1.9	40.6	44.4	1.5	12.3	16.8	258	2,259
North Africa	4.0	43.8	16.0	6.8	20.2	17.6	-546	-8,962
Other African countries	1.6	8.1	-0.9	1.5	38.8	29.3	-84	-910
North America	6.6	20.7	18.6	3.6	11.6	15.7	1,071	8,647
United States	5.9	20.2	19.1	3.2	7.3	14.7	1,003	7,922
Central and South America	3.1	41.8	23.5	2.5	54.0	29.8	208	938
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	6.3	6.1	4.1	43.6	74.8	-447	-3,998
Other Asian countries	8.7	11.5	17.6	12.5	58.5	34.8	-2,396	-17,788
China	2.3	33.8	31.9	6.5	85.2	41.5	-2,298	-16,360
Japan	1.3	9.2	5.5	1.3	2.2	7.6	47	-312
India	0.9	10.1	20.5	1.0	71.8	30.7	-92	-565
Oceania and other territories	1.6	18.4	13.0	0.5	8.6	15.3	365	2,813
OPEC	6.1	20.6	0.7	8.4	22.0	34.0	-960	-13,164
MERCOSUR	1.2	44.9	50.5	1.3	39.0	25.4	82	111
DAE	3.0	-0.7	17.0	1.9	34.6	32.0	180	2,089
ASEAN	1.5	-16.8	6.8	1.5	29.1	25.3	-53	-939
Total	100.0	17.6	14.7	100.0	22.5	21.1	-2,007	-21,205

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – October 2010

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	October	October	Oct. 10	Jan.-Oct. 10	Oct. 10	Jan.-Oct. 10
	2010	2010	Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 09	Oct. 09	Jan.-Oct. 09
TOTAL						
Exports	122.4	101.1	8.5	5.6	8.4	8.6
Imports	123.5	103.4	13.0	9.6	8.4	10.5
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	119.4	96.0	8.8	6.4	5.3	6.9
Imports	114.6	105.7	7.2	4.9	8.2	11.1
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	126.9	108.7	8.1	4.7	12.7	10.7
Imports	134.7	102.0	20.2	14.7	9.8	10.8

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian versionDate of previous release: November 15th 2010Date of next release: January 14th 2011

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