

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

April 2011

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2011. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2011 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2011, exports to non-EU countries increased by 17.8% and imports by 30.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 3,072 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,275 million euro deficit in the same month of 2010.

In April 2011, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.8% and imports by 2.4% compared with March 2011. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 3.6% increase in outgoing flows and a 5.8% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2011 exports to non-EU countries increased by 21.6% and imports by 31.0% compared with the same period of 2010. The trade balance registered a deficit of 14,454 million euro compared to the deficit of 7,995 million euro in the same period of 2010. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 6,539 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 8,821 million euro surplus in January- April 2010.

Table 1- Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – April 2011

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED			
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro		Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2011	Jan.-Apr.11	<u>Apr.11</u> <u>Apr.10</u>	<u>Jan.-Apr.11</u> <u>Jan.-Apr.10</u>	Apr. 2011	<u>Apr.11</u> <u>Mar.11</u>	<u>Feb-Apr.11</u> <u>Nov.10-Jan.11</u>	
Exports	13,594	51,252	17.8	21.6	13.807	2,8	3,6	
Imports	16,667	65,706	30.0	31.0	16.995	2,4	5,8	
Trade balance	-3,072	-14,454			-3.188			

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. - April 2011

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		<u>Apr.11</u> Apr.10	<u>Jan.-Apr.11</u> Jan.-Apr.10		<u>Apr.11</u> Apr.10	<u>Jan.-Apr.11</u> Jan.-Apr.10	Apr.2011	Jan.-Apr.11
European non-EU countries	12.1	22.8	28.4	10.3	24.6	23.7	-10	-415
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.3	21.4	28.8	3.6	35.1	22.1	-825	-2,927
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	26.1	30.5	3.2	8.9	21.7	461	1,602
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	26.3	37.5	1.4	38.6	27.2	290	950
North Africa	4.0	-19.4	-10.0	6.7	-11.4	6.9	-878	-5,007
Other African countries	1.3	5.9	11.6	1.6	66.6	75.6	-389	-1,649
North America	6.7	36.9	31.6	3.4	25.2	32.8	1,121	3,374
<i>United States</i>	6.0	39.5	33.0	3.0	33.6	36.4	1,009	3,002
Central and South America	3.3	47.3	34.5	2.7	21.1	41.7	230	68
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	5.2	12.4	5.7	66.2	44.5	-1,020	-2,907
Other Asian countries	9.0	13.9	22.1	14.2	42.0	37.4	-2,426	-9,118
<i>China</i>	2.5	13.7	27.3	7.8	43.6	39.2	-1,709	-7,150
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	0.3	18.7	1.2	8.3	18.9	-125	-275
<i>India</i>	1.0	22.6	22.2	1.0	55.2	36.2	-163	-502
Oceania and other territories	1.6	16.2	21.7	0.5	23.5	27.2	299	1,200
OPEC	5.3	-14.2	-1.5	9.4	3.1	22.6	-1,466	-7,144
MERCOSUR	1.5	40.2	28.7	1.3	31.9	39.9	46	-44
DAE	3.0	19.0	17.1	2.1	52.4	45.8	158	518
ASEAN	1.4	30.5	21.5	1.6	11.4	31.2	3	-438
Total	42.7	17.8	21.6	45.1	30.0	31.0	-3,072	-14,454

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings - April 2011

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		<u>Apr.11</u> Apr.10	<u>Jan.-Apr.11</u> Jan.-Apr.10		<u>Apr.11</u> Apr.10	<u>Jan.-Apr.11</u> Jan.-Apr.10	Apr.2011	Jan.-Apr.11
Consumer goods	11.8	12.7	18.4	10.1	6.3	14.4	396	709
- consumer durables	2.8	4.5	15.5	1.4	-6.4	0.8	379	1,471
- consumer non durables	9.0	15.5	19.3	8.7	8.7	16.7	17	-762
Capital goods	16.0	24.8	22.4	5.9	42.4	25.5	3,051	10,902
Intermediate goods	12.2	12.5	21.0	12.4	42.2	56.8	-948	-5,072
Energy	2.6	22.6	33.8	16.7	31.0	26.0	-5,572	-20,993
Total (except energy)	40.0	17.5	20.8	28.4	29.4	34.1	2,500	6,539
TOTAL	42.7	17.8	21.6	45.1	30.0	31.0	-3,072	-14,454

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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