

## Foreign Trade

*September 2011*

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2005=100) referring to September 2011. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for September 2011 has been disseminated on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

- In September 2011 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to August 2011, showed an increase of 2% for export and a decrease of 1.3% for imports. The increase, for exports, was higher for non EU countries (+4.1%) than EU area (+0.3%). As regards imports a decrease was recorded both for non EU countries (-2.6%) and EU markets (-0.1%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed an increase of 1.7% for outgoing flows and a drop for incoming flows (-0.4%).
- In September 2011, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade rose by 10.3% for exports (+5.5% for EU area and +17.7% for non EU countries) and by 3.6% for imports (+3.3% for EU and +3.9% for non EU countries). The trade balance amounted to -1.8 billion Euro (table 1) compared with -3.7 billion Euro registered in the same month of 2010.
- In the first nine months of 2011, compared with the same period of the previous year, trade increased by 13.5% for exports (+11.3% for EU area and +16.6% for non EU countries) and by 13.2% for imports (+9.2% for EU and +18.1% for non EU countries). Trade balance showed a deficit of 23.1 billion Euro (table 1). It was 21.1 in the same period of 2010.

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. September 2011

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2011	Jan.-Sep. 2011	Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10	Sep. 2011	Sep.11 Aug.11	Jul.-Sep.11 Apr.-Jun 11
	<b>TOTAL</b>						
Exports	33,042	279,784	10.3	13.5	32,132	2.0	1.7
Imports	34,882	302,885	3.6	13.2	33,482	-1.3	-0.4
Trade balance	-1,840	-23,101			-1,350		
	<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	19,169	158,443	5.5	11.3	17,749	0.3	1.0
Imports	19,177	159,988	3.3	9.2	18,048	-0.1	0.6
Trade balance	-8	-1,546			-299		
	<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	13,873	121,341	17.7	16.6	14,383	4.1	2.6
Imports	15,705	142,897	3.9	18.1	15,434	-2.6	-1.5
Trade balance	-1,832	-21,555			-1,051		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. September 2011

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10		Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10	Sep.2011	Jan.-Sep.2011
Consumer goods	29.5	9.4	10.0	25.3	5.8	8.8	755	5,289
- consumer durables	6.3	4.1	6.3	3.5	-8.8	-5.3	840	7,432
- consumer non durables	23.2	10.8	11.0	21.8	8.1	11.0	-85	-2,143
Capital goods	32.4	6.9	13.1	22.4	-2.4	3.2	3,124	27,070
Intermediate goods	33.5	12.8	16.2	33.9	-1.5	19.6	-800	-10,295
Energy	4.6	22.9	19.7	18.4	19.8	20.2	-4,920	-45,165
Total (except energy)	95.4	9.8	13.2	81.6	0.5	11.7	3,080	22,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-1,840</b>	<b>-23,101</b>

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. September 2011

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10		Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10	Sep.2011	Jan.-Sep.2011
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-1,546</b>
EMU17:	43.6	8.2	11.6	44.6	2.9	8.8	-981	-8,419
<i>Austria</i>	2.4	4.7	10.9	2.3	-1.9	8.3	18	-92
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	10.1	12.0	3.6	-2.1	13.4	-423	-3,867
<i>France</i>	11.6	18.0	13.6	8.8	5.1	5.2	1,115	7,942
<i>Germany</i>	13.0	8.5	15.8	16.1	1.7	9.8	-1,196	-9,347
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.5	0.1	10.4	5.4	4.4	7.5	-1,094	-8,818
<i>Spain</i>	5.8	-2.3	3.9	4.6	4.6	11.6	117	1,642
Poland	2.5	2.7	13.5	2.0	-1.4	6.0	205	1,424
United Kingdom	5.2	-19.4	-1.3	2.7	8.7	12.5	666	4,849
Czech Republic	1.1	10.5	17.8	1.2	7.3	10.4	-50	-574
Romania	1.5	18.5	20.5	1.3	13.6	16.0	49	604
<b>Non-EU countries</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>-1,832</b>	<b>-21,555</b>
European non-EU countries	12.0	28.7	25.8	10.3	14.8	21.2	863	2,941
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.3	15.5	22.7	4.0	24.0	28.3	-794	-6,401
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	41.0	30.2	2.8	7.4	11.6	1,023	6,271
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	18.1	23.8	1.4	-0.5	21.3	390	2,569
North Africa	4.0	-8.4	-16.2	6.8	-45.2	-24.5	-274	-5,726
Other African countries	1.3	37.5	13.3	1.5	117.4	80.1	-596	-3,640
North America	6.7	4.1	13.0	3.4	20.0	19.7	698	7,890
<i>United States</i>	6.0	1.3	12.6	3.0	18.8	20.6	625	7,085
Central and South America	3.3	25.7	32.0	2.7	2.8	29.4	143	1,099
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	21.8	16.0	5.7	50.2	41.3	-1,004	-8,345
Other Asian countries	9.0	13.6	16.8	14.2	-11.2	17.6	-2,003	-18,574
<i>China</i>	2.6	14.5	18.5	7.8	-18.9	13.1	-1,814	-15,767
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	29.0	19.2	1.2	2.3	-0.2	93	165
<i>India</i>	1.0	3.4	19.4	1.0	14.8	31.1	-158	-903
Oceania and other territories	1.6	25.2	16.7	0.5	13.4	22.6	340	2,800
OPEC	5.3	10.1	0.2	9.5	-13.3	0.4	-1,280	-12,791
MERCOSUR	1.5	24.2	23.9	1.3	7.1	28.4	22	-167
DAE	3.1	26.9	17.8	2.1	-17.5	16.8	356	2,278
ASEAN	1.4	25.4	22.1	1.6	9.5	25.2	-214	-1,232
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-1,840</b>	<b>-23,101</b>

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – September 2011

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	September 2011	September 2011	Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10	Sep.11 Sep.10	Jan.-Sep.11 Jan.-Sep.10
<b>TOTAL</b>						
Exports	131.5	100.5	6.7	7.5	3.4	5.7
Imports	135.9	99.6	9.8	11.3	-5.6	1.7
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	129.4	96.8	6.7	8.3	-1.0	2.8
Imports	119.4	104.8	4.2	6.6	-0.9	2.4
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	135.0	106.1	7.0	6.4	10.1	9.6
Imports	156.7	95.9	15.9	16.6	-10.3	1.4

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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