

Foreign Trade

November 2012

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2005=100) referring to November 2012. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for November 2012 were disseminated on December 20th.

- Compared to the previous month, the percentage change of export in November is 0,4% reflecting an increase in sales for non-European markets (+0.9%) and a decrease for European markets (-0.1%). The decrease in imports (-2.2%) is due to the reduction in purchases by non-European countries (-3.7%). In the quarter (September-November 2012), exports decline (-0.1%) is due to the decrease in sales to EU countries (-0.7%). The drop in import (-1.9%) is mainly due to the decrease of purchases of goods from EU countries (-2.1%).
- In November 2012, compared with the same month of the previous year, export increased by 3.6% and was due to a rise in purchases for non-EU markets (+10.9%). The fall of imports (-8.2%) is due to both countries: non EU (-9.2%) and EU (-7,4%). In November, trade balance amounted to +2.4 billion euros: +0.5 billion for EU countries and +1.9 billion for non-EU countries. Net of energy products, the balance was 7.0 billion euros (Table 2).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. November 2012

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 2012	Nov. 12 Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov.12 Jan.-Nov. 11	Nov. 2012	Nov. 12 Oct. 12	Sep.-Nov.12 Jun-Ago. 12
TOTAL							
Exports	33,593	359,474	3.6	4.3	32,876	0.4	-0.1
Imports	31,229	350,615	-8.2	-5.6	30,615	-2.2	-1.9
Trade balance	2,363	8,860			2,261		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	17,806	194,539	-2.2	-0.1	17,432	-0.1	-0.7
Imports	17,298	184,429	-7.4	-7.3	16,347	-0.9	-2.1
Trade balance	508	10,111			1,085		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	15,787	164,935	10.9	10.0	15,444	0.9	0.6
Imports	13,932	166,186	-9.2	-3.7	14,268	-3.7	-1.8
Trade balance	1,855	-1,251			1,176		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. November 2012

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Nov. 12 Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov.12 Jan.-Nov. 11		Nov. 12 Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov.12 Jan.-Nov. 11	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 2012
Consumer goods	28.9	6.6	5.4	25.0	-6.2	-3.0	2,105	15,515
- consumer durables	5.9	10.5	3.2	3.0	-13.5	-6.7	1,227	10,598
- consumer non durables	23.0	5.5	6.0	22.0	-5.1	-2.5	877	4,917
Capital goods	32.3	0.3	2.3	21.1	-18.7	-12.9	4,270	44,859
Intermediate goods	34.2	-0.5	2.9	34.3	-4.5	-10.7	652	6,827
Energy	4.7	41.3	21.7	19.6	-5.2	7.9	-4,664	-58,341
Total (except energy)	95.3	1.9	3.5	80.4	-9.0	-8.9	7,027	67,201
Total	100.0	3.6	4.3	100.0	-8.2	-5.6	2,363	8,860

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. November 2012

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Nov. 12 Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov.12 Jan.-Nov. 11		Nov. 12 Nov. 11	Jan.-Nov.12 Jan.-Nov. 11	Nov. 2012	Jan.-Nov. 2012
EU countries	56.0	-2.2	-0.1	53.7	-7.4	-7.3	508	10,111
EMU17:	42.6	-2.1	-1.0	43.4	-7.3	-7.2	-559	-2,194
<i>Austria</i>	2.3	-5.0	-0.6	2.4	-6.6	-6.4	-80	-121
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	10.0	4.4	3.6	21.7	-4.9	-543	-3,685
<i>France</i>	11.6	0.5	0.1	8.4	-11.0	-6.4	1,074	11,262
<i>Germany</i>	13.1	-3.8	-0.3	15.5	-12.6	-11.1	-632	-5,472
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	-10.8	2.7	5.2	-5.9	-3.1	-928	-10,134
<i>Spain</i>	5.3	-7.5	-8.0	4.5	-9.5	-8.0	193	1,514
Poland	2.5	-1.9	-1.5	1.9	-12.6	-5.6	193	2,017
United Kingdom	4.7	3.9	9.6	2.7	-10.0	-13.4	842	8,841
Czech Republic	1.1	-9.8	1.3	1.2	-15.2	-8.3	-28	-222
Romania	1.6	-5.6	-3.9	1.3	-11.3	-9.0	85	960
Non-EU countries	44.0	10.9	10.0	46.3	-9.2	-3.7	1,855	-1,251
European non-EU countries	13.3	8.4	9.6	10.8	-0.5	-1.4	1,320	10,587
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.5	13.1	8.3	4.2	-5.4	6.8	-495	-7,484
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	8.9	12.5	2.8	-2.8	-1.0	1,204	10,794
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	15.2	11.7	1.5	-3.2	-12.7	429	4,940
North Africa	2.9	46.5	26.9	4.5	40.2	51.3	-976	-12,546
Other African countries	1.4	-20.6	6.0	2.4	-30.9	-14.9	-164	-2,851
North America	6.8	14.3	17.3	3.7	-27.8	-0.4	1,424	13,762
<i>United States</i>	6.1	15.8	18.5	3.2	-31.3	-1.2	1,325	12,716
Central and South America	3.8	3.2	6.4	3.0	-26.0	-17.5	556	4,316
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	13.8	3.3	7.2	-14.7	-13.8	-369	-6,066
Other Asian countries	9.2	10.8	4.0	14.1	-16.4	-12.9	-431	-13,441
<i>China</i>	2.7	11.2	-10.0	7.4	-21.1	-16.7	-838	-15,005
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	15.8	20.8	1.1	-39.5	-22.6	281	2,157
<i>India</i>	1.0	-11.1	-9.8	1.2	-24.2	-21.3	-8	-479
Oceania and other territories	1.7	6.0	20.3	0.6	-31.8	-15.7	495	4,989
OPEC	4.7	33.0	25.6	8.5	10.3	21.2	-1,355	-18,209
MERCOSUR	1.6	-3.4	1.8	1.5	-39.9	-21.5	208	1,162
DAE	3.2	8.8	11.2	2.0	-8.3	-18.3	645	5,806
ASEAN	1.5	29.3	18.4	1.7	-11.6	-7.4	120	-19
Total	100.0	3.6	4.3	100.0	-8.2	-5.6	2,363	8,860

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – November 2012

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012	<u>Nov. 12</u> <u>Nov. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov.12</u> <u>Jan.-Nov. 11</u>	<u>Nov. 12</u> <u>Nov. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Nov.12</u> <u>Jan.-Nov. 11</u>
TOTAL						
Exports	136.5	98.5	4.0	4.4	-0.4	-0.1
Imports	139.8	86.7	2.2	4.3	-10.2	-9.5
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	133.2	87.3	3.9	3.0	-5.9	-3.0
Imports	121.6	92.9	2.6	1.4	-9.7	-8.6
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	141.8	114.9	4.3	6.1	6.3	3.7
Imports	163.0	81.8	1.6	7.4	-10.6	-10.3

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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