

Foreign Trade

February 2013

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to February 2013. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for February 2013 have been disseminated on March 25nd.

- In February 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to January 2013, showed a decrease of 3.0% for exports and 2.6% for imports. The decrease, for exports, was of 0.5% for EU countries and 5.7% for non EU countries. As regards imports the decrease was recorded for EU (-2.0%) and non EU markets (-3.4%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a decrease of 0.3% for outgoing flows and a drop of 0.8% for incoming flows.
- In February 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade fell by 2.8% for exports (-6.6% for EU area and +2.1% for non EU countries) and decreased by 9.6% for imports (-7.2% for EU and -12.4% for non EU countries). The trade balance amounted to 1.1 billion Euro (0.4 billion Euro for EU area and 0.7 billion Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. February 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Feb.2013	Jan.-Feb. 2013	Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.-Feb.13 Jan.-Feb.12	Feb.2013	Feb.13 Jan.13	Dec.12-Feb.13 Sep.-Nov. 12
TOTAL							
Exports	30,891	60,716	-2.8	2.5	32,129	-3.0	-0.3
Imports	29,805	61,243	-9.6	-5.8	30,238	-2.6	-0.8
Trade balance	1,086	-527			1,891		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	16,773	33,368	-6.6	-2.3	17,102	-0.5	-1.5
Imports	16,393	32,320	-7.2	-2.7	16,344	-2.0	1.5
Trade balance	380	1,048			758		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	14,118	27,348	2.1	9.1	15,027	-5.7	0.9
Imports	13,412	28,923	-12.4	-8.9	13,894	-3.4	-3.4
Trade balance	706	-1,575			1,133		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. February 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.-Feb.13 Jan.-Feb.12		Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.-Feb.13 Jan.-Feb.12	Feb.2013	Jan.-Feb.2013
Consumer goods	29.3	1.4	7.7	25.6	-3.7	0.6	1,669	2,665
- consumer durables	5.8	-5.1	3.3	2.9	-14.6	-14.5	991	1,793
- consumer non durables	23.5	2.9	8.8	22.7	-2.4	2.6	678	872
Capital goods	31.6	-2.2	4.2	19.5	-12.1	-8.6	3,637	6,708
Intermediate goods	33.6	-7.2	-0.7	32.6	-7.1	-1.1	343	125
Energy	5.5	-1.5	-13.3	22.3	-17.7	-16.3	-4,562	-10,025
Total (except energy)	94.5	-2.9	3.5	77.7	-7.3	-2.5	5,648	9,498
Total	100.0	-2.8	2.5	100.0	-9.6	-5.8	1,086	-527

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. February 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.-Feb.13 Jan.-Feb.12		Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.-Feb.13 Jan.-Feb.12	Feb.2013	Jan.-Feb.2013
EU countries	53.7	-6.6	-2.3	52.9	-7.2	-2.7	380	1,048
EMU17:	40.5	-7.3	-3.1	42.7	-7.8	-2.6	-395	-692
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	-5.2	-0.3	2.3	-4.7	1.7	-72	-122
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	8.8	17.2	3.8	0.8	15.7	-378	-740
<i>France</i>	11.1	-5.8	-1.2	8.3	-10.1	-5.3	1,034	2,036
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	-9.7	-4.9	14.6	-10.9	-7.8	-411	-657
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	-8.4	0.6	5.4	-8.0	-2.2	-934	-1,850
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-8.2	-8.4	4.4	-6.3	-2.4	94	251
Poland	2.4	-6.9	-2.4	1.9	-17.0	-13.9	200	406
United Kingdom	4.9	-5.7	0.9	2.5	0.9	2.9	561	1,270
Czech Republic	1.1	-3.6	-1.4	1.2	-12.2	-13.5	-33	-47
Romania	1.5	-4.2	-1.7	1.3	2.9	-1.0	16	57
Non-EU countries	46.3	2.1	9.1	47.1	-12.4	-8.9	706	-1,575
European non-EU countries	13.9	0.6	5.2	11.3	4.2	11.9	533	341
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	16.0	15.8	4.8	8.2	15.7	-884	-2,124
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-6.5	5.1	2.9	-7.5	7.2	946	1,859
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	0.4	1.6	1.4	12.8	19.4	310	446
North Africa	3.5	23.5	31.7	7.1	-6.4	-1.5	-836	-2,231
Other African countries	1.4	-4.9	4.5	2.2	-34.2	-33.5	-207	-540
North America	7.6	1.1	9.9	3.8	-23.7	-18.9	1,252	2,090
<i>United States</i>	6.8	2.1	9.7	3.3	-22.1	-19.3	1,128	1,890
Central and South America	3.9	2.2	5.1	2.5	-31.6	-20.4	549	727
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	6.9	11.4	6.6	-22.6	-27.6	-157	-47
Other Asian countries	9.2	-5.5	4.3	13.0	-11.8	-9.5	-915	-2,774
<i>China</i>	2.3	-9.2	4.8	6.5	-11.7	-7.1	-1,226	-2,845
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	7.5	15.7	0.8	-25.3	-29.1	278	501
<i>India</i>	0.9	-7.2	-1.2	1.0	4.6	0.7	-66	-227
Oceania and other territories	1.9	13.6	26.8	0.5	-40.7	-15.3	486	858
OPEC	5.7	14.3	20.0	10.8	-13.8	-16.9	-1,235	-2,670
MERCOSUR	1.6	6.4	14.6	1.2	-35.5	-22.0	256	376
DAE	3.4	-11.0	3.6	1.8	-20.6	-13.9	536	909
ASEAN	1.7	-3.3	11.3	1.7	-4.9	6.0	-16	-176
Total	100.0	-2.8	2.5	100.0	-9.6	-5.8	1,086	-527

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – February 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	February 2013	February 2013	Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.Feb.13 Jan.Feb.12	Feb.13 Feb.12	Jan.Feb.13 Jan.Feb.12
TOTAL						
Exports	113.7	96.6	2.1	1.7	-4.8	0.8
Imports	114.6	85.0	-1.0	-0.4	-8.6	-5.3
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.2	91.9	1.7	1.9	-8.2	-4.1
Imports	108.9	89.7	1.7	2.3	-8.7	-4.9
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	114.6	102.7	2.7	1.4	-0.6	7.5
Imports	121.0	80.1	-3.8	-3.0	-9.0	-6.1

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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