

**Foreign trade with non-EU countries:
preliminary estimates**

March 2013

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in March 2013. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in March 2013 will be disseminated on coming 16 May.

In March 2013, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1.3% and imports decreased by 15.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,627 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 491 million euro surplus in the same month of 2012.

In March 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.0% and imports decreased by 2.4% compared with February 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.5% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.3% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the first quarter of 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 5.0% and imports decreased by 10.9% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 1,052 million euro compared to the deficit of 6,190 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 14,566 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 10,949 million euro surplus in January-March 2012.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – March 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Mar. 2013	Jan.-Mar. 13	<u>Mar. 13</u> Mar. 12	<u>Jan.-Mar. 13</u> Jan.-Mar. 12	Mar. 2013	<u>Mar. 13</u> Feb. 13	<u>Jan. 13.-Mar. 13</u> Oct.-Dec. 12
Exports	15,891	43,238	-1.3	5.0	15,321	2.0	0.5
Imports	13,263	42,186	-15.0	-10.9	13,397	-2.4	-3.3
Trade balance	2,627	1,052			1,924		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - March 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Mar. 13	Jan.-Mar. 13		Mar. 13	Jan.-Mar. 13	Mar. 2013	Jan.-Mar. 13
		Mar. 12	Jan.-Mar. 12		Mar. 12	Jan.-Mar. 12		
European non-EU countries	13.9	-5.3	1.2	11.3	2.7	8.8	828	1,168
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	9.3	13.2	4.8	13.0	14.8	-859	-2,983
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-4.8	1.6	2.9	-4.3	3.3	999	2,859
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-11.9	-3.8	1.4	-4.0	10.8	358	805
North Africa	3.5	-4.1	16.4	7.1	-14.7	-6.2	-894	-3,125
Other African countries	1.4	-4.0	1.1	2.2	-14.6	-28.6	-95	-635
North America	7.6	-2.5	4.9	3.8	-28.0	-22.0	1,507	3,597
<i>United States</i>	6.8	-2.8	4.7	3.3	-28.6	-22.6	1,342	3,232
Central and South America	3.9	-2.5	2.5	2.6	-9.3	-16.6	481	1,208
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	9.4	10.6	6.6	-41.4	-32.2	599	553
Other Asian countries	9.2	1.4	3.2	13.0	-14.6	-11.1	-276	-3,050
<i>China</i>	2.3	-1.8	2.3	6.5	-2.6	-5.8	-946	-3,792
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	32.4	21.5	0.8	-32.6	-30.3	364	864
<i>India</i>	0.9	-15.3	-6.8	1.0	-1.7	-0.1	-47	-274
Oceania and other territories	1.9	3.0	17.2	0.5	-4.7	-12.0	477	1,335
OPEC	5.7	9.1	15.7	10.8	-28.1	-20.5	-429	-3,099
MERCOSUR	1.6	9.5	12.5	1.2	-9.8	-17.9	272	624
DAE	3.4	-0.4	2.0	1.8	-27.8	-19.0	700	1,609
ASEAN	1.7	2.5	7.9	1.7	-6.0	1.9	35	-140
Total	46.3	-1.3	5.0	47.1	-15.0	-10.9	2,627	1,052

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – March 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Mar. 13	Jan.-Mar. 13		Mar. 13	Jan.-Mar. 13	Mar. 2013	Jan.-Mar. 13
		Mar. 12	Jan.-Mar. 12		Mar. 12	Jan.-Mar. 12		
Consumer goods	12.8	7.4	10.4	10.1	-0.4	-4.4	1,688	3,156
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	12.0	14.2	1.2	-12.9	-16.7	812	1,783
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.8	6.0	9.4	8.9	1.3	-2.7	876	1,373
Capital goods	16.7	-0.8	7.2	5.7	-18.3	-10.7	3,994	9,970
Intermediate goods	13.3	-3.5	2.4	11.3	-4.4	-0.5	987	1,440
Energy	3.6	-25.4	-12.7	20.1	-26.4	-19.7	-4,042	-13,514
Total (except energy)	42.8	0.8	6.6	27.0	-6.2	-4.1	6,669	14,566
TOTAL	46.3	-1.3	5.0	47.1	-15.0	-10.9	2,627	1,052

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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