

Foreign Trade

March 2013

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to March 2013. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for March 2013 have been disseminated on April 24nd.

- In March 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to February 2013, showed an increase of 1.2% for exports and 0.2% for imports. The increase, for exports, was of 0.4% for EU countries and 2.0% for non EU countries. As regards imports the rise was recorded for EU (+2.4%) while non EU markets decrease by -2.4%. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a fall of 0.4% for outgoing flows and a drop of 1.7% for incoming flows.
- In March 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade fell by 6.0% for exports (-9.9% for EU area and -1.3% for non EU countries) and decreased by 10.6% for imports (-6.9% for EU and -15.0% for non EU countries). The trade balance amounted to 3.2 billion Euro (0.6 billion Euro for EU area and 2.6 billion Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Mar.2013	Jan.-Mar. 2013	Mar.13 Mar.12	Jan.-Mar.13 Jan.-Mar.12	Mar.2013	Mar.13 Feb.13	Jan.-Mar.13 Oct.-Dec. 12
TOTAL							
Exports	33,890	94,605	-6.0	-0.7	32,506	1.2	-0.4
Imports	30,653	91,889	-10.6	-7.4	30,122	0.2	-1.7
Trade balance	3,237	2,716			2,384		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	17,997	51,363	-9.9	-5.1	17,182	0.4	-1.2
Imports	17,389	49,702	-6.9	-4.2	16,724	2.4	-0.2
Trade balance	607	1,661			458		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	15,894	43,241	-1.3	5.0	15,324	2.0	0.5
Imports	13,264	42,187	-15.0	-10.9	13,398	-2.4	-3.3
Trade balance	2,630	1,054			1,926		

Table 2 – 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 Mar.12	Jan.-Mar.13 Jan.-Mar.12		Mar.13 Mar.12	Jan.-Mar.13 Jan.-Mar.12	Mar.2013	Jan.-Mar.2013
Consumer goods	29.3	1.3	5.4	25.6	-2.8	-0.5	2,384	5,048
- consumer durables	5.8	-3.3	0.7	2.9	-11.2	-13.4	1,249	3,041
- consumer non durables	23.5	2.5	6.5	22.7	-1.7	1.1	1,135	2,007
Capital goods	31.6	-5.5	0.3	19.5	-8.2	-8.5	4,175	10,887
Intermediate goods	33.6	-9.2	-3.9	32.6	-8.5	-3.7	913	1,041
Energy	5.5	-27.3	-18.4	22.3	-24.6	-19.0	-4,236	-14,261
Total (except energy)	94.5	-4.8	0.4	77.7	-6.7	-3.9	7,473	16,976
Total	100.0	-6.0	-0.7	100.0	-10.6	-7.4	3,237	2,716

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Mar.13 Mar.12	Jan.-Mar.13 Jan.-Mar.12		Mar.13 Mar.12	Jan.-Mar.13 Jan.-Mar.12	Mar.2013	Jan.-Mar.2013
EU countries	53.7	-9.9	-5.1	52.9	-6.9	-4.2	607	1,661
EMU17:	40.5	-10.2	-5.7	42.7	-6.7	-4.1	-473	-1,159
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	-7.8	-3.1	2.3	-1.5	0.6	-27	-149
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	15.2	16.5	3.8	-10.8	5.8	-161	-902
<i>France</i>	11.1	-7.1	-3.3	8.3	-9.6	-6.9	1,085	3,120
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	-10.0	-6.7	14.6	-4.6	-6.7	-771	-1,428
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	-13.9	-4.8	5.4	-7.7	-4.3	-928	-2,771
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-19.6	-12.5	4.4	-8.9	-4.7	57	308
Poland	2.4	-9.3	-5.0	1.9	-16.4	-14.8	229	636
United Kingdom	4.9	-9.7	-3.1	2.5	-12.0	-2.6	762	2,031
Czech Republic	1.1	-7.6	-3.7	1.2	-12.0	-13.0	-42	-89
Romania	1.5	-6.7	-3.6	1.3	-9.4	-4.1	106	163
Non-EU countries	46.3	-1.3	5.0	47.1	-15.0	-10.9	2,630	1,054
European non-EU countries	13.9	-5.3	1.2	11.3	2.7	8.7	828	1,168
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	9.3	13.2	4.8	13.0	14.8	-859	-2,983
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-4.9	1.6	2.9	-4.4	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	-2.6	4.9	3.8	-27.9	-22.0	1,505	3,596
<i>United States</i>	6.8	-2.8	4.7	3.3	-28.6	-22.6	1,340	3,230
Central and South America	3.9	-2.5	3.2	2.5	-7.9	-16.2	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	32.3	21.5	0.8	-32.6	-30.3	363	864
<i>India</i>	0.9	-15.3	-6.8	1.0	-1.7	-0.1	-47	-274
Oceania and other territories	1.9	3.8	17.5	0.5	-4.8	-12.0	482	1,340
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	100.0	-6.0	-0.7	100.0	-10.6	-7.4	3,237	2,716

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – March 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	March 2013	March 2013	<u>Mar.13</u> Mar.12	<u>Jan.-Mar.13</u> Jan.-Mar.12	<u>Mar.13</u> Mar.12	<u>Jan.-Mar.13</u> Jan.-Mar.12
TOTAL						
Exports	113.4	106.3	1.7	1.6	-7.6	-2.3
Imports	114.7	87.3	-1.4	-0.8	-9.3	-6.7
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.8	99.0	1.7	1.8	-11.4	-6.8
Imports	108.9	95.2	1.5	2.0	-8.2	-6.1
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	114.5	115.7	1.7	1.5	-2.9	3.4
Imports	121.0	79.2	-4.5	-3.5	-11.0	-7.7

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian versionDate of previous release: April 16th 2013Date of next release: June 17th 2013

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