

Foreign Trade

August 2013

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

- In August 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to July 2013, showed an increase for outgoing flows (+1.7%) and for incoming flows (+1.1%). Exports increased for both areas: +2.9% for EU countries and +0.2% for non EU countries. As regards imports the growth was the synthesis of an increase for EU countries (+2.4%) and a decrease for non EU countries (-0.6%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed an increase of 0.7% for exports and of 1.3% for imports.
- In August 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade decreased by 4.4% for exports (-3.4% for EU area and -5.4% for non EU countries) and fell by 9.8% for imports (-3.3% for EU and -15.5% for non EU countries). The trade balance (January-August 2013) amounted to 19.2 billion Euro (8.2 billion Euro for EU area and 11.0 billion Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug.2013	Jan.-Aug.2013	Aug.13 Aug.12	Jan.-Aug.13 Jan.-Aug.12	Aug.2013	Aug.13 Jul.13	Jun.-Aug.13 Mar.-May 13
TOTAL							
Exports	24,833	257,492	-4.4	-0.3	32,895	1.7	0.7
Imports	23,874	238,265	-9.8	-6.4	30,418	1.1	1.3
Trade balance	958	19,227			2,477		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	12,369	137,838	-3.4	-2.4	17,962	2.9	2.6
Imports	11,977	129,675	-3.3	-2.5	16,933	2.4	0.6
Trade balance	392	8,164			1,029		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	12,464	119,654	-5.4	2.3	14,933	0.2	-1.4
Imports	11,898	108,591	-15.5	-10.7	13,485	-0.6	2.2
Trade balance	566	11,063			1,448		

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Aug.13 Aug.12	Jan.-Aug.13 Jan.-Aug.12		Aug.13 Aug.12	Jan.-Aug.13 Jan.-Aug.12	Aug.2013	Jan.-Aug.2013
Consumer goods	29.3	3.2	6.1	25.6	-5.8	0.4	1,383	14,544
- consumer durables	5.8	5.9	1.8	2.9	-18.3	-10.7	769	8,467
- consumer non durables	23.5	2.7	7.1	22.7	-4.5	1.8	614	6,077
Capital goods	31.6	-0.6	1.1	19.5	14.8	-5.4	3,141	35,569
Intermediate goods	33.6	-8.8	-3.8	32.6	-10.6	-5.2	831	5,860
Energy	5.5	-34.1	-20.2	22.3	-25.8	-16.7	-4,397	-36,746
Total (except energy)	94.5	-2.1	0.8	77.7	-3.3	-3.4	5,355	55,973
Total	100.0	-4.4	-0.3	100.0	-9.8	-6.4	958	19,227

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Aug.13 Aug.12	Jan.-Aug.13 Jan.-Aug.12		Aug.13 Aug.12	Jan.-Aug.13 Jan.-Aug.12	Aug.2013	Jan.-Aug.2013
EU countries	54.2	-3.4	-2.4	53.2	-3.3	-2.5	392	8,164
EMU17:	40.5	-3.4	-3.2	42.7	-3.0	-2.7	-589	-1,609
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	-4.5	-2.9	2.3	-1.3	2.1	-13	-293
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	10.2	15.1	3.8	28.6	9.7	-457	-2,311
<i>France</i>	11.1	-9.2	-2.9	8.3	-4.9	-5.9	493	8,330
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	0.3	-3.2	14.6	-6.8	-6.5	-245	-2,520
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	2.5	-5.0	5.4	-3.4	-1.2	-680	-7,245
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-4.8	-7.5	4.4	-9.2	-3.4	13	594
Poland	2.4	1.1	-1.7	1.9	-2.3	-8.7	159	1,773
United Kingdom	4.9	4.1	1.9	2.5	-7.3	-0.9	773	6,530
Czech Republic	1.1	3.2	-1.7	1.2	2.6	-5.5	14	-104
Romania	1.5	0.2	-0.6	1.3	6.8	0.5	5	663
Non-EU countries	45.8	-5.4	2.3	46.8	-15.5	-10.7	566	11,063
European non-EU countries	13.4	-13.5	-1.2	11.0	-11.3	5.5	399	5,057
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	1.8	10.2	4.8	-10.9	13.7	-733	-6,265
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-24.3	-6.4	2.9	-7.9	-4.4	491	6,864
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-29.5	-7.5	1.4	-15.4	6.2	332	2,965
North Africa	3.5	-10.2	8.1	7.1	-48.6	-21.8	-192	-4,886
Other African countries	1.4	8.9	5.7	2.2	-25.8	-18.8	-71	-948
North America	7.6	2.0	-0.8	3.8	-16.9	-15.8	1,228	11,157
<i>United States</i>	6.8	1.7	-1.6	3.3	-14.8	-14.6	1,074	10,003
Central and South America	3.9	-6.6	3.0	2.5	-11.3	-10.8	581	3,701
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-4.8	8.3	6.6	21.3	-21.1	-1,075	39
Other Asian countries	9.2	-1.8	3.6	13.0	-16.6	-9.2	-785	-6,839
<i>China</i>	2.3	14.4	9.8	6.5	-10.3	-10.0	-1,062	-9,127
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	-2.6	11.9	0.8	-25.4	-27.1	272	2,379
<i>India</i>	0.9	-19.3	-11.7	1.0	8.6	2.7	-94	-631
Oceania and other territories	1.9	5.5	9.9	0.5	-12.5	-8.4	480	3,783
OPEC	5.7	-12.2	8.1	10.8	-16.4	-26.3	-1,109	-5,475
MERCOSUR	1.6	16.4	16.7	1.2	-8.7	-8.4	258	1,680
DAE	3.4	-2.5	4.2	1.8	-20.1	-13.4	687	4,991
ASEAN	1.7	-15.4	3.2	1.7	-23.9	2.3	-25	-165
Total	100.0	-4.4	-0.3	100.0	-9.8	-6.4	958	19,227

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – August 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013	<u>Aug.13</u> <u>Aug.12</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug.13</u> <u>Jan.-Aug.12</u>	<u>Aug.13</u> <u>Aug.12</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug.13</u> <u>Jan.-Aug.12</u>
TOTAL						
Exports	112.5	78.5	-0.4	1.3	-4.2	-1.6
Imports	113.4	68.8	-3.7	-1.3	-6.3	-5.2
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.0	67.8	0.4	1.4	-3.8	-3.8
Imports	108.3	65.4	-0.3	1.0	-3.1	-3.5
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.4	93.0	-1.0	1.2	-4.3	1.1
Imports	119.6	72.6	-6.3	-3.5	-9.8	-7.4

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