

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

December 2014

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in December 2014. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in December 2014 will be disseminated on coming 17 February.

In December 2014, exports to non-EU countries increased by 5.3% and imports decreased by 8.7% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 5,253 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 3,355 million euro surplus in the same month of 2013.

In December 2014, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 3.2% and imports decreased by 3.7% compared with November 2014. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.8% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.9% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In 2014 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 0.1% and imports decreased by 5.4% compared with 2013. The trade balance registered a surplus of 28,060 million euro compared to the surplus of 19,570 million euro in 2013. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 67,237 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 70,160 million euro surplus in 2013.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – December 2014

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Dec. 2014	Jan.-Dec. 14	<u>Dec. 14</u> Dec. 13	<u>Jan.-Dec. 14</u> Jan.-Dec. 13	Dec. 2014	<u>Dec. 14</u> Nov. 14	<u>Oct.-Dec. 14</u> Jul.-Sep. 14
Exports	16,528	180,278	5.3	-0.1	15,563	3.2	1.8
Imports	11,276	152,218	-8.7	-5.4	12,235	-3.7	-0.9
Trade balance	5,253	28,060			3,328		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - December 2014

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Dec. 14 Dec. 13	Jan.-Dec. 14 Jan.-Dec. 13		Dec. 14 Dec. 13	Jan.-Dec. 14 Jan.-Dec. 13	Dec. 2014	Jan.-Dec. 14
European non-EU countries	13.0	1.8	-7.2	12.1	-27.3	-8.3	1,029	6,864
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.8	-10.4	-11.6	5.6	-47.2	-20.0	-347	-6,641
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	7.7	-6.4	2.9	-10.3	-1.0	923	8,540
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	15.8	-3.3	1.5	17.5	3.6	410	4,051
North Africa	3.8	-21.0	-4.7	5.3	-11.4	-28.7	175	359
Other African countries	1.5	37.5	8.9	2.1	-27.1	-1.7	211	-1,382
North America	7.7	13.6	9.4	3.6	16.9	13.9	1,685	17,936
<i>United States</i>	6.9	13.8	10.2	3.2	11.9	8.3	1,648	17,308
Central and South America	3.7	0.0	-4.6	2.5	-3.0	6.0	617	4,405
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	11.6	-0.6	5.6	-5.5	-17.9	871	3,290
Other Asian countries	9.5	9.0	4.7	12.8	7.3	4.2	107	-8,973
<i>China</i>	2.5	14.2	6.6	6.4	16.7	8.6	-1,008	-14,560
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	1.3	-10.9	0.7	-7.0	5.4	243	2,659
<i>India</i>	0.8	17.6	2.3	1.1	-19.6	4.6	99	-1,118
Oceania and other territories	1.9	3.8	-1.7	0.5	-3.2	-1.3	558	5,561
OPEC	6.0	4.6	-2.6	8.1	-15.1	-29.4	814	2,202
MERCOSUR	1.8	-1.8	-7.2	1.3	-0.4	0.8	304	2,044
DAE	3.6	8.4	9.6	1.7	5.6	4.1	898	8,929
ASEAN	1.7	-7.9	5.1	1.8	19.8	5.3	83	204
Total	46.2	5.3	-0.1	44.6	-8.7	-5.4	5,253	28,060

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – December 2014

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Dec. 14 Dec. 13	Jan.-Dec. 14 Jan.-Dec. 13		Dec. 14 Dec. 13	Jan.-Dec. 14 Jan.-Dec. 13	Dec. 2014	Jan.-Dec. 14
Consumer goods	13.6	6.7	1.0	10.2	16.5	6.1	1,512	14,417
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	3.7	0.2	1.2	17.4	6.9	740	7,818
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	7.7	1.3	9.0	16.4	6.0	773	6,599
Capital goods	17.2	8.4	3.4	6.1	9.6	3.0	4,802	46,679
Intermediate goods	12.5	10.4	-2.4	11.0	3.9	4.2	1,433	6,141
Energy	3.0	-33.4	-15.2	17.2	-35.3	-21.2	-2,495	-39,177
Total (except energy)	43.2	8.4	1.0	27.3	10.0	4.6	7,747	67,237
TOTAL	46.2	5.3	-0.1	44.6	-8.7	-5.4	5,253	28,060

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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