

## Foreign Trade

February 2015

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to February 2015. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for February 2015 have been disseminated on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- In February 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to January 2015, increased by 2.5% for outgoing flows and by 0.6% for incoming flows. Exports increased for both areas: +0.8% for EU countries and +4.5% for non EU countries. The increase of imports is due to the increase for EU countries (+0.2%) and non EU countries (+1.1%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a growth of 1.1% for exports and a fall of 1.3% for imports.
- In February 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for both flows: exports (+3,7%) and imports (+1,0%). Outgoing flows increased by 1.1 for EU countries and 7.1 for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 4.9 for EU area and decreased by 4.1 for non EU area. The trade balance in February amounted to +3.5 billion Euros (+0.7 billion Euros for EU area and 2.8 billion Euros for non EU countries) (Table 1).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. February 2015

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 2015	Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Feb. 15 Jan.15	Dec. 14-Feb. 15 Sep.-Nov. 14
<b>TOTAL</b>							
Exports	32,983	61,796	3.7	-0.1	34,227	2.5	1.1
Imports	29,445	58,027	1.0	-1.6	29,651	0.6	-1.3
Trade balance	3,538	3,770			4,576		
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>							
Exports	18,101	34,685	1.1	-1.8	18,371	0.8	0.8
Imports	17,410	33,529	4.9	2.2	17,363	0.2	0.3
Trade balance	691	1,156			1,008		
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>							
Exports	14,882	27,111	7.1	2.0	15,856	4.5	1.5
Imports	12,035	24,498	-4.1	-6.4	12,288	1.1	-3.5
Trade balance	2,847	2,613			3,568		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. February 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 2015
Consumer goods	31.6	3.0	0.8	28.6	7.0	3.2	1,878	2,855
- consumer durables	6.0	6.2	2.6	3.2	11.5	11.8	1,065	1,674
- consumer non durables	25.6	2.2	0.4	25.4	6.4	2.2	813	1,180
Capital goods	33.1	11.9	4.9	21.9	14.8	12.5	4,097	6,732
Intermediate goods	31.7	0.1	-2.2	33.2	1.7	1.5	172	-332
Energy	3.7	-26.0	-28.6	16.3	-27.8	-30.9	-2,609	-5,486
Total (except energy)	96.3	4.9	1.1	83.7	6.8	4.8	6,147	9,255
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>3,770</b>

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. February 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>1,156</b>
EMU19:	40.3	-0.4	-3.5	45.3	3.0	0.7	-356	-834
<i>Austria</i>	2.1	-4.6	-6.9	2.4	-2.8	-5.3	-26	-37
<i>Belgium</i>	3.3	4.5	1.0	4.3	-3.8	5.4	-37	-423
<i>France</i>	10.6	-4.8	-6.7	8.6	1.3	-1.5	826	1,624
<i>Germany</i>	12.6	-0.9	-3.7	15.4	2.7	-0.3	-567	-837
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.3	-1.9	-4.9	5.5	12.7	-0.1	-911	-1,706
<i>Spain</i>	4.5	9.6	2.7	4.8	5.6	3.9	48	119
Poland	2.6	10.8	8.1	2.0	13.3	10.7	233	460
United Kingdom	5.3	6.5	3.7	2.8	9.1	3.0	901	1,689
Czech Republic	1.2	14.3	9.2	1.4	16.5	16.8	-40	-92
Romania	1.6	2.1	4.3	1.6	6.6	9.8	4	8
<b>Non-EU countries</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>2,613</b>
European non-EU countries	11.8	-4.9	-6.3	11.3	-7.1	-13.5	579	912
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.4	-28.5	-32.2	4.6	-23.3	-32.2	-497	-994
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	3.7	1.1	3.0	-5.3	-2.5	756	1,438
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	10.6	6.2	1.6	17.1	11.8	306	399
North Africa	3.5	-6.6	-17.8	3.9	-25.5	-26.2	95	-83
Other African countries	1.6	7.1	2.5	2.1	-39.8	-22.0	77	-259
North America	8.3	45.7	34.4	4.2	8.6	11.4	2,189	3,429
<i>United States</i>	7.5	48.5	36.8	3.5	20.5	18.0	2,039	3,213
Central and South America	3.5	-2.5	-7.3	2.7	-7.6	-1.1	432	558
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	6.3	5.4	4.7	-12.5	-21.0	403	591
Other Asian countries	9.8	-0.6	-3.6	13.5	11.7	7.5	-1,370	-3,339
<i>China</i>	2.6	-7.7	-7.8	7.1	18.1	13.3	-1,757	-3,593
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	0.2	-6.5	0.8	2.6	8.4	239	398
<i>India</i>	0.8	6.3	2.0	1.2	13.8	9.7	-86	-268
Oceania and other territories	1.8	14.1	2.0	0.5	0.8	-7.4	443	805
OPEC	5.7	6.6	0.4	5.8	-24.7	-24.0	375	354
MERCOSUR	1.7	-17.6	-20.7	1.3	13.7	13.8	113	161
DAE	3.8	-1.4	-2.2	1.8	12.0	0.3	622	1,177
ASEAN	1.8	-3.0	-7.7	1.9	-0.3	-1.3	3	-179
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>3,770</b>

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume. February 2015

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2015	<u>Feb. 15</u> Feb. 14	<u>Jan.-Feb. 15</u> Jan.-Feb. 14	<u>Feb. 15</u> Feb. 14	<u>Jan.-Feb. 15</u> Jan.-Feb. 14
<b>TOTAL</b>						
Exports	116.1	101.1	2.4	1.7	1.3	-1.8
Imports	106.1	90.6	-5.6	-4.9	7.0	3.5
<b>EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	114.6	97.0	1.1	0.6	0.0	-2.4
Imports	107.3	96.0	-0.7	-0.9	5.7	3.1
<b>NON-EU COUNTRIES</b>						
Exports	118.2	106.5	4.0	2.9	3.1	-0.8
Imports	104.2	84.2	-11.0	-9.6	7.7	3.5

### For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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