

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

March 2015

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in March 2015. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in March 2015 will be disseminated on coming 18 May.

In March 2015, exports to non-EU countries increased by 13.2% and imports increased by 9.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,581 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,704 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In March 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.2% and imports increased by 4.8% compared with February 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.9% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.3% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the first quarter of 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 6.1% and imports decreased by 1.4% compared with the same period of 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 6,194 million euro compared to the surplus of 3,104 million euro in the same period of 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 13,475 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 13,700 million euro surplus in January-March 2014.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – March 2015

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 15	$\frac{\text{Mar. 15}}{\text{Mar. 14}}$	$\frac{\text{Jan.-Mar. 15}}{\text{Jan.-Mar. 14}}$	Mar. 2015	$\frac{\text{Mar. 15}}{\text{Feb. 15}}$	$\frac{\text{Jan.-Mar. 15}}{\text{Oct.-Dec. 14}}$
Exports	17,168	44,279	13.2	6.1	16,243	2.2	2.9
Imports	13,587	38,085	9.0	-1.4	13,028	4.8	0.3
Trade balance	3,581	6,194			3,215		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - March 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS <sup>(b)</sup>			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 15
European non-EU countries	11.8	2.3	-3.3	11.3	4.2	-7.4	379	1,291
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-24.0	-29.3	4.6	-6.9	-24.1	-673	-1,667
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	9.1	3.9	3.0	20.9	5.6	663	2,101
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	7.3	6.6	1.6	19.5	14.5	320	719
North Africa	3.5	7.0	-8.7	3.9	-10.2	-21.4	376	292
Other African countries	1.6	2.9	2.7	2.1	12.4	-11.5	-181	-441
North America settentrionale	8.3	45.4	38.4	4.2	2.7	8.4	2,467	5,896
<i>United States</i>	7.5	44.1	39.5	3.5	11.7	15.8	2,162	5,375
Central and South America	3.5	5.4	-2.8	2.7	5.7	1.5	339	897
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	21.0	11.2	4.7	-0.6	-15.0	786	1,377
Other Asian countries	9.8	5.3	-0.3	13.5	25.2	13.0	-1,030	-4,369
<i>China</i>	2.6	0.8	-4.6	7.1	51.9	23.8	-1,580	-5,173
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	0.8	-4.1	0.8	21.0	13.0	147	545
<i>India</i>	0.8	20.7	8.8	1.2	18.6	12.6	-84	-352
Oceania and other territories	1.8	6.9	3.7	0.5	-3.4	-6.0	445	1,250
OPEC	5.7	18.3	7.1	5.8	-2.7	-18.2	908	1,262
MERCOSUR	1.7	-3.2	-14.7	1.3	7.0	11.2	149	310
DAE	3.8	8.6	1.7	1.8	9.2	3.2	896	2,074
ASEAN	1.8	-1.9	-5.5	1.9	10.1	2.6	-34	-213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>6,194</b>

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – March 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 15
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.4	9.2	3.6	11.0	24.9	13.3	1,151	2,181
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	3.5	3.1	1.3	38.2	18.2	681	1,663
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	11.0	3.7	9.7	23.3	12.7	470	518
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.4	17.5	11.4	6.4	19.0	15.0	4,603	11,111
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.9	13.1	6.7	11.7	17.4	10.4	396	183
<b>Energy</b>	2.5	3.7	-17.3	13.8	-15.7	-28.7	-2,569	-7,281
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.8	13.7	7.5	29.0	20.5	12.5	6,150	13,475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>6,194</b>

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

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