

Foreign Trade

March 2015

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to March 2015. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for March 2015 have been disseminated on April 23rd.

- In March 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to February 2015, increased by 1.8% for outgoing flows and by 4.0% for incoming flows. Exports increased for both areas: +1.5% for EU countries and +2.2% for non EU countries. The increase of imports is due to the increase for EU countries (+3.4%) and non EU countries (+4.9%). During the first quarter 2015, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the last quarter 2014, showed a growth of 1.2% for exports and 1.9% for imports.
- In March 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for both flows: exports (+9.2%) and imports (+9.7%). Outgoing flows increased by 6.1 for EU countries and 13.2 for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 10.1 for EU area and by 9.1 for non EU area. The trade balance in March amounted to +4.0 billion Euros (+487 million Euros for EU area and +3,573 million Euros for non EU countries) (Table 1).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 2015	Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14	Mar. 2015	Mar. 15 Feb.15	Jan.-Mar. 15 Oct.-Dec. 14
TOTAL							
Exports	37,444	99,239	9.2	3.2	34,966	1.8	1.2
Imports	33,384	91,411	9.7	2.2	31,072	4.0	1.9
Trade balance	4,060	7,828			3,894		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	20,277	54,961	6.1	1.0	18,724	1.5	-0.2
Imports	19,790	53,320	10.1	5.0	18,038	3.4	3.1
Trade balance	487	1,642			686		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	17,167	44,278	13.2	6.1	16,242	2.2	2.9
Imports	13,594	38,092	9.1	-1.4	13,034	4.9	0.3
Trade balance	3,573	6,186			3,208		

Table 2 – 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 euro	
		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 2015
Consumer goods	31.6	8.1	3.3	28.6	15.2	7.2	1,867	4,720
- consumer durables	6.0	4.9	3.4	3.2	24.8	16.3	1,096	2,769
- consumer non durables	25.6	8.9	3.3	25.4	14.0	6.1	771	1,950
Capital goods	33.1	13.9	8.2	21.9	16.8	14.1	4,990	11,723
Intermediate goods	31.7	7.2	1.1	33.2	10.4	4.6	260	-72
Energy	3.7	-6.6	-21.9	16.3	-12.2	-25.2	-3,057	-8,543
Total (except energy)	96.3	9.8	4.2	83.7	13.7	7.9	7,118	16,371
Total	100.0	9.2	3.2	100.0	9.7	2.2	4,060	7,828

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14		Mar. 15 Mar. 14	Jan.-Mar. 15 Jan.-Mar. 14	Mar. 2015	Jan.-Mar. 2015
EU countries	54.7	6.1	1.0	57.1	10.1	5.0	487	1,642
EMU19:	40.3	4.6	-0.6	45.3	9.7	3.8	-748	-1,586
<i>Austria</i>	2.1	3.7	-3.2	2.4	8.4	-0.5	-54	-91
<i>Belgium</i>	3.3	3.9	2.0	4.3	7.9	6.2	-388	-810
<i>France</i>	10.6	2.8	-3.4	8.6	10.2	2.6	784	2,406
<i>Germany</i>	12.6	5.9	-0.4	15.4	7.7	2.5	-527	-1,365
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.3	3.2	-2.1	5.5	3.5	1.2	-846	-2,553
<i>Spain</i>	4.5	8.1	4.7	4.8	19.9	9.5	-29	91
Poland	2.6	8.8	8.4	2.0	19.0	13.7	185	645
United Kingdom	5.3	13.6	7.2	2.8	5.2	3.8	1,012	2,702
Czech Republic	1.2	9.9	9.5	1.4	14.6	15.9	-68	-159
Romania	1.6	6.2	5.1	1.6	17.0	12.3	34	43
Non-EU countries	45.3	13.2	6.1	42.9	9.1	-1.4	3,573	6,186
European non-EU countries	11.8	2.3	-3.3	11.3	4.3	-7.3	372	1,284
<i>Russian Federation</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	21.0	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	6.9	-8.7	3.9	-10.2	-21.4	374	291
Other African countries	1.6	2.9	2.7	2.1	12.4	-11.5	-181	-441
North America	8.3	45.4	38.4	4.2	2.8	8.4	2,466	5,895
<i>United States</i>	7.5	44.0	39.4	3.5	11.7	15.8	2,160	5,373
Central and South America	3.5	5.4	-2.8	2.7	5.8	1.5	338	896
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	21.0	11.2	4.7	-0.6	-15.0	786	1,377
Other Asian countries	9.8	5.2	-0.3	13.5	25.2	13.0	-1,031	-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	0.7	-4.1	0.8	21.0	13.0	146	544
<i>India</i>	0.8	20.7	8.8	1.2	18.6	12.6	-84	-352
Oceania and other territories	1.8	7.7	4.0	0.5	-2.5	-5.7	449	1,254
OPEC	5.7	18.2	7.1	5.8	-2.7	-18.2	906	1,260
MERCOSUR	1.7	-3.2	-14.7	1.3	7.0	11.2	149	310
DAE	3.8	8.6	1.7	1.8	9.1	3.2	897	2,074
ASEAN	1.8	-1.9	-5.5	1.9	10.1	2.6	-34	-213
Total	100.0	9.2	3.2	100.0	9.7	2.2	4,060	7,828

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume. March 2015

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2015	<u>Mar. 15</u> Mar. 14	<u>Jan.-Mar. 15</u> Jan.-Mar. 14	<u>Mar. 15</u> Mar. 14	<u>Jan.-Mar. 15</u> Jan.-Mar. 14
TOTAL						
Exports	117.1	113.7	2.8	2.0	6.3	1.2
Imports	108.0	101.0	-3.7	-4.5	13.9	7.0
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	115.4	107.9	1.8	1.1	4.4	-0.1
Imports	107.9	108.5	-0.5	-0.7	10.7	5.8
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	119.5	121.5	4.2	3.3	8.6	2.7
Imports	107.5	92.2	-7.5	-8.9	17.9	8.2

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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