

Foreign Trade

April 2015

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

In April 2015 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to March 2015, decreased by 0.8% for outgoing flows and are stationary (+0.0%) for incoming flows. Exports increased by 0.2% for EU countries and decreased by 1.9% for non EU countries. The stationary trend of imports is the result of an increase for non EU countries (+1.5%) and a decrease for EU countries (-1.1%). In the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, showed a growth of 2.7% for exports and 3.8% for imports.

In April 2015, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased for both flows: exports (+9.0%) and imports (+9.3%). Outgoing flows increased by 6.4% for EU countries and 12.3% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 11.6% for EU area and by 6.3% for non EU area. The trade balance in March amounted to +3.7 billion euros (+1.1 billion euros for EU area and +2.6 billion euros for non EU countries).

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 2015	<u>Apr. 15</u> Apr. 14	<u>Jan.-Apr. 15</u> Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	<u>Apr. 15</u> Mar. 15	<u>Feb.-Apr. 15</u> Nov. 14-Jan. 15
TOTAL							
Exports	35,417	134,607	9.0	4.6	34,643	-0.8	2.7
Imports	31,681	123,093	9.3	4.0	31,120	0.0	3.8
Trade balance	3,736	11,514			3,523		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	19,346	74,258	6.4	2.3	18,698	0.2	0.9
Imports	18,213	71,533	11.6	6.6	17,840	-1.1	3.6
Trade balance	1,133	2,725			858		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	16,071	60,349	12.3	7.7	15,945	-1.9	4.8
Imports	13,468	51,560	6.3	0.5	13,280	1.5	4.1
Trade balance	2,603	8,789			2,665		

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 2015
Consumer goods	31.6	9.9	4.9	28.6	7.3	7.2	1,990	6,709
- consumer durables	6.0	14.5	6.3	3.2	18.1	16.7	1,159	3,929
- consumer non durables	25.6	8.7	4.6	25.4	6.0	6.1	830	2,780
Capital goods	33.1	12.5	9.3	21.9	21.2	15.9	4,429	16,116
Intermediate goods	31.7	6.5	2.5	33.2	11.9	6.4	569	488
Energy	3.7	-7.1	-18.3	16.3	-8.6	-21.2	-3,253	-11,799
Total (except energy)	96.3	9.6	5.5	83.7	12.8	9.1	6,988	23,313
Total	100.0	9.0	4.6	100.0	9.3	4.0	3,736	11,514

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14		Apr. 15 Apr. 14	Jan.-Apr. 15 Jan.-Apr. 14	Apr. 2015	Jan.-Apr. 2015
EU countries	54.7	6.4	2.3	57.1	11.6	6.6	1,133	2,725
EMU19:	40.3	5.1	0.7	45.3	11.1	5.6	-130	-1,758
Austria	2.1	0.6	-2.2	2.4	5.3	1.0	-23	-114
Belgium	3.3	-1.0	1.2	4.3	39.6	13.5	-474	-1,282
France	10.6	5.3	-1.3	8.6	10.0	4.4	1,100	3,503
Germany	12.6	1.2	-0.1	15.4	8.1	3.9	-512	-1,897
Netherlands	2.3	13.4	1.5	5.5	2.9	1.6	-785	-3,337
Spain	4.5	11.9	6.2	4.8	12.0	10.1	172	244
Poland	2.6	6.9	8.0	2.0	22.8	16.1	167	811
United Kingdom	5.3	14.8	9.0	2.8	21.2	7.9	906	3,606
Czech Republic	1.2	10.4	9.7	1.4	22.9	17.6	-40	-199
Romania	1.6	5.2	5.0	1.6	8.1	11.2	87	129
Non-EU countries	45.3	12.3	7.7	42.9	6.3	0.5	2,603	8,789
European non-EU countries	11.8	-2.2	-3.0	11.3	-2.2	-6.0	343	1,627
Russian Federation	2.4	-29.5	-29.4	4.6	-10.0	-20.6	-711	-2,378
Switzerland	4.8	9.1	5.1	3.0	0.1	4.2	677	2,778
Turkey	2.5	4.0	5.9	1.6	22.6	16.6	258	977
North Africa	3.5	2.1	-6.0	3.9	6.8	-14.4	-81	210
Other African countries	1.6	24.0	7.7	2.1	-12.9	-11.9	-63	-504
North America	8.3	34.0	37.2	4.2	21.4	11.9	1,738	7,633
United States	7.5	36.3	38.6	3.5	29.6	19.6	1,587	6,961
Central and South America	3.5	10.7	0.7	2.7	10.0	3.9	315	1,211
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	18.3	13.1	4.7	1.9	-10.8	438	1,815
Other Asian countries	9.8	13.4	3.1	13.5	12.4	12.8	-485	-4,854
China	2.6	17.9	1.1	7.1	4.6	19.7	-762	-5,935
Japan	1.3	-6.6	-4.8	0.8	28.8	17.0	128	672
India	0.8	24.9	12.7	1.2	13.9	13.0	-79	-431
Oceania and other territories	1.8	8.2	5.1	0.5	24.7	2.7	398	1,652
OPEC	5.7	6.7	7.0	5.8	-7.2	-15.2	245	1,505
MERCOSUR	1.7	-0.1	-11.0	1.3	9.6	10.8	129	439
DAE	3.8	12.4	4.4	1.8	50.8	14.9	546	2,620
ASEAN	1.8	1.3	-3.7	1.9	15.0	5.7	-55	-268

Total	100.0	9.0	4.6	100.0	9.3	4.0	3,736	11,514
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Table 4 - **Index unit values and volume.** April 2015

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2015	<u>Apr. 15</u> Apr. 14	<u>Jan.-Apr. 15</u> Jan.-Apr. 14	<u>Apr. 15</u> Apr. 14	<u>Jan.-Apr. 15</u> Jan.-Apr. 14
TOTAL						
Exports	117.0	107.7	3.7	2.6	5.1	2.0
Imports	108.8	95.1	-1.2	-3.6	10.6	7.8
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	114.1	104.1	1.5	1.1	4.7	1.1
Imports	108.8	99.0	0.7	-0.3	10.7	6.9
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	120.7	112.6	6.3	4.0	5.7	3.5
Imports	108.4	90.6	-3.5	-7.6	10.1	8.7

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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