

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

December 2015

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in December 2015. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in December 2015 will be disseminated on coming 16 February.

In December 2015, exports to non-EU countries increased by 4.1% and imports increased by 0.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 5,912 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 5,263 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In December 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.9% and imports decreased by 2.9% compared with November 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.6% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.6% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 3.6% and imports decreased by 0.1% compared with 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 33,658 million euro compared to the surplus of 26,998 million euro in 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 64,379 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 67,246 million euro surplus in 2014.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Dec. 2015	Jan.-Dec. 15	<u>Dec. 15</u> <u>Dec. 14</u>	<u>Jan.-Dec. 15</u> <u>Jan.-Dec. 14</u>	Dec. 2015	<u>Dec. 15</u> <u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Oct.-Dec. 15</u> <u>Jul.-Sep. 15</u>
Exports	17,194	186,605	4.1	3.6	15,630	0.9	1.6
Imports	11,282	152,946	0.3	-0.1	12,226	-2.9	-0.6
Trade balance	5,912	33,658			3,404		

Table 2. **Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries** - December 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec. 15	Jan.-Dec. 15		Dec. 15	Jan.-Dec. 15	Dec. 2015	Jan.-Dec. 15
		Dec. 14	Jan.-Dec. 14		Dec. 14	Jan.-Dec. 14		
European non-EU countries	11.8	-6.6	-4.8	11.5	-4.5	-5.4	868	5,968
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-16.6	-25.2	4.8	-19.3	-17.5	-330	-7,150
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	-5.4	1.0	2.9	12.8	4.3	769	8,394
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	-9.3	2.8	1.6	7.4	15.8	282	3,385
North Africa	3.5	1.8	-6.4	3.8	-24.6	-15.8	465	1,567
Other African countries	1.6	-19.2	-7.9	2.1	26.2	0.4	-39	-1,907
North America	8.2	18.7	20.8	4.2	-1.2	4.6	2,238	24,020
<i>United States</i>	7.5	18.4	20.9	3.5	6.4	13.8	2,067	21,795
Central and South America	3.5	-1.2	-1.0	2.7	12.2	-0.3	513	4,289
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	4.7	8.4	4.7	-10.1	-8.3	1,128	6,314
Other Asian countries	9.8	6.8	4.1	13.5	9.4	10.2	17	-12,359
<i>China</i>	2.6	-8.1	-0.7	7.0	6.4	12.3	-1,211	-17,736
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	19.9	3.0	0.8	20.6	15.9	289	2,384
<i>India</i>	0.8	-3.0	10.3	1.2	3.7	-4.1	78	-651
Oceania and other territories	1.8	24.8	3.5	0.5	7.6	2.9	722	5,766
OPEC	5.7	-3.4	-1.3	5.8	-19.8	-12.3	1,076	4,410
MERCOSUR	1.7	-25.6	-14.7	1.3	-4.3	4.3	147	866
DAE	3.8	9.4	3.6	1.8	7.4	17.7	988	8,324
ASEAN	1.8	17.0	-0.1	1.9	-14.2	10.3	279	-523
TOTAL	45.1	4.1	3.6	42.9	0.3	-0.1	5,912	33,658

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3. **Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings** – December 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec. 15	Jan.-Dec. 15		Dec. 15	Jan.-Dec. 15	Dec. 2015	Jan.-Dec. 15
		Dec. 14	Jan.-Dec. 14		Dec. 14	Jan.-Dec. 14		
Consumer goods	13.4	7.4	4.9	10.9	5.9	9.6	1,664	13,204
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	3.2	4.6	1.3	0.1	16.4	773	7,644
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	8.7	5.0	9.7	6.6	8.7	891	5,560
Capital goods	17.4	6.7	4.6	6.4	12.7	15.3	4,982	46,219
Intermediate goods	11.9	-0.3	3.7	11.5	2.8	7.9	1,390	4,955
Energy	2.5	-12.7	-10.5	14.0	-14.6	-21.1	-2,124	-30,721
Total (except energy)	42.7	5.0	4.5	28.8	6.5	10.2	8,036	64,379
TOTAL	45.1	4.1	3.6	42.9	0.3	-0.1	5,912	33,658

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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