

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

April 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2016 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 3.6% and imports decreased by 13.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,603 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,414 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In April 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 3.9% and imports increased by 4.7% compared with March 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.1% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.3% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 4.8% and imports decreased by 8.4% compared with the same period of 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 9,757 million euro compared to the surplus of 8,279 million euro in the same period of 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 17,273 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 19,213 million euro surplus in January-April 2015.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. April 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED			
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros		Percentage changes	
	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16	<u>Apr.16</u> Apr.15	<u>Jan.-Apr.16</u> Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	<u>Apr.16</u> Mar.16	<u>Feb.-Apr.16</u> Nov.15-Jan.16	
Exports	15,470	57,399	-3.6	-4.8	15,570	3.9	0.1	
Imports	11,867	47,642	-13.0	-8.4	12,008	4.7	-3.3	
Trade balance	3,603	9,757			3,562			

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. April 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16
European non-EU countries	10.8	-1.1	-6.3	10.5	-16.9	-10.8	802	1,881
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	-9.3	-12.7	3.9	-35.0	-25.2	-383	-1,778
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-0.1	-5.0	2.9	-1.4	0.6	694	2,470
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	0.8	-4.0	1.8	-1.9	5.8	275	716
North Africa	3.2	-9.9	-11.0	3.1	-32.2	-17.3	213	452
Other African countries	1.4	-28.6	-24.6	2.1	-20.8	-22.1	-91	-444
North America	9.6	11.7	1.3	4.2	-22.3	-6.2	2,485	8,126
<i>United States</i>	8.7	11.7	1.6	3.8	-23.2	-6.8	2,288	7,481
Central and South America	3.3	-20.4	-13.8	2.6	-10.8	-6.2	162	804
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-14.2	-6.5	4.1	-31.9	-28.8	590	2,688
Other Asian countries	9.8	-3.4	-0.9	14.4	8.1	2.3	-966	-5,407
<i>China</i>	2.5	-6.2	-3.4	7.6	10.2	-1.1	-1,041	-5,970
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	-1.9	3.4	0.8	96.3	46.2	-178	227
<i>India</i>	0.8	-8.5	-5.9	1.1	0.0	0.6	-103	-500
Oceania and other territories	1.8	-3.0	-0.9	0.5	-14.9	-4.2	410	1,656
OPEC	5.4	-16.3	-12.3	4.9	-19.2	-13.8	210	1,252
MERCOSUR	1.4	-31.4	-25.4	1.3	12.3	4.5	-91	-111
ASEAN	1.7	7.0	-0.3	2.1	-6.6	6.7	30	-443
TOTAL	45.1	-3.6	-4.8	41.5	-13.0	-8.4	3,603	9,757

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. April 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16
Consumer goods	13.5	-2.0	0.0	11.6	-3.2	0.7	1,172	3,215
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	0.0	-2.0	1.4	-3.8	3.1	650	2,158
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-2.6	0.5	10.2	-3.1	0.4	523	1,057
Capital goods	17.5	0.9	-4.8	7.1	8.4	7.1	3,654	13,123
Intermediate goods	11.9	-5.2	-4.5	12.0	-8.3	-4.2	773	935
Energy	2.1	-43.0	-37.2	10.7	-39.1	-32.4	-1,996	-7,516
Total (except energy)	42.9	-1.8	-3.2	30.7	-2.3	0.2	5,600	17,273
TOTAL	45.1	-3.6	-4.8	41.5	-13.0	-8.4	3,603	9,757

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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