

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

December 2017

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in December 2017. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in December 2017 will be disseminated on coming 15 February.

In December 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 1.9% and imports decreased by 1.7% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 6,243 million euro compared with a 5,689 million euro surplus in the same month of 2016.

In December 2017, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 1.8% and imports increased by 1.6% compared with November 2017. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.1% increase in outgoing flows and a 4.1% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-December 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.2% and imports increased by 10.8% compared with the same period of 2016. The trade balance registered a surplus of 39,185 million euro compared to the surplus of 39,567 million euro in the same period of 2016. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 71,925 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 65,625 million euro surplus in January-December 2016.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. December 2017

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Dec. 2017	Jan.-Dec.17	<u>Dec.17</u> Dec.16	<u>Jan.-Dec.17</u> Jan.-Dec.16	Dec.2017	<u>Dec.17</u> Nov.17	<u>Oct.-Dec.17</u> Jul.-Sep. 17
Exports	18,168	198,996	1.9	8.2	17,432	-1.8	4.1
Imports	11,925	159,811	-1.7	10.8	13,977	1.6	4.1
Trade balance	6,243	39,185			3,455		

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. December 2017

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec.17 Dec.16	Jan.-Dec.17 Jan.-Dec.16		Dec.17 Dec.16	Jan.-Dec.17 Jan.-Dec.16	Dec. 2017	Jan.-Dec.17
European non-EU countries	10.4	7.1	10.4	9.6	0.9	11.3	888	8,564
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.6	-1.9	19.3	2.9	10.7	15.7	-471	-4,324
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.5	6.8	8.7	2.9	-8.0	5.3	869	9,433
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	1.0	5.2	2.0	-9.4	11.1	220	1,793
North Africa	3.0	-13.1	-1.1	2.9	1.6	19.5	-235	-478
Other African countries	1.2	-27.0	5.5	1.6	-5.1	-5.0	6	-603
North America	9.7	15.1	9.5	4.2	-14.0	7.6	3,286	27,891
<i>United States</i>	8.8	17.2	9.8	3.8	-14.7	7.9	3,090	25,493
Central and South America	3.1	-5.0	10.4	2.4	-2.9	5.3	634	5,010
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	-7.5	0.6	3.7	18.6	39.1	347	1,339
Other Asian countries	10.0	0.6	11.6	14.4	-7.8	5.0	711	-9,001
<i>China</i>	2.6	8.4	22.2	7.4	-10.8	4.0	-587	-14,916
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	8.3	9.0	1.1	-4.1	4.1	327	2,381
<i>India</i>	0.8	8.1	9.3	1.2	5.9	21.4	101	-1,570
Oceania and other territories	1.9	4.6	4.1	0.5	12.5	11.2	605	6,464
OPEC	5.0	-17.8	-8.1	5.0	10.1	22.6	-333	-3,574
MERCOSUR	1.2	-8.2	15.4	1.3	-7.2	4.8	165	575
ASEAN	1.7	-13.1	10.2	2.2	-19.6	1.8	189	-81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>6,243</b>	<b>39,185</b>

(a) Calculated on 2016 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. December 2017

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec.17 Dec.16	Jan.-Dec.17 Jan.-Dec.16		Dec.17 Dec.16	Jan.-Dec.17 Jan.-Dec.16	Dec. 2017	Jan.-Dec.17
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.7	20.8	10.6	11.6	-14.8	2.3	3,454	19,616
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	3.4	6.2	1.4	-1.4	12.6	816	7,213
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.8	25.6	11.8	10.2	-16.4	0.9	2,639	12,403
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.2	-7.8	6.8	7.6	-13.8	3.0	4,762	47,896
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.6	-1.9	4.3	11.2	6.2	11.9	1,200	4,413
<b>Energy</b>	1.5	-8.6	34.4	8.8	13.1	27.3	-3,174	-32,740
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.6	2.4	7.3	30.5	-7.5	6.0	9,417	71,925
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>6,243</b>	<b>39,185</b>

(a) Calculated on 2016 total foreign trade.

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

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