

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

August 2018

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2018. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2018 will be disseminated on coming 16 October.

In August 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 4.5% and imports increased by 12.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,749 million euro compared with a 2,527 million euro surplus in the same month of 2017.

In August 2018, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 3.6% and imports decreased by 0.7% compared with July 2018. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.8% increased in outgoing flows and a 4.7% increased in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.6% and imports increased by 5.6% compared with the same period of 2017. The trade balance registered a surplus of 17,804 million euro compared to the surplus of 20,539 million euro in the same period of 2017. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 44,267 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 42,443 million euro surplus in January-August 2017.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. August 2018

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2018	Jan.-Aug. 18	<u>Aug. 18</u> Aug. 17	<u>Jan.-Aug. 18</u> Jan.-Aug. 17	Aug. 2018	<u>Aug. 18</u> Jul. 18	<u>Jun.-Aug. 18</u> Mar.-May 18
Exports	14,460	132,237	4.5	2.6	17,188	3.6	2.8
Imports	12,711	114,433	12.4	5.6	14,774	-0.7	4.7
Trade balance	1,749	17,804			2,414		

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. August 2018

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug. 18 Aug. 17	Jan.-Aug. 18 Jan.-Aug. 17		Aug. 18 Aug. 17	Jan.-Aug. 18 Jan.-Aug. 17	Aug. 2018	Jan.-Aug. 18
European non-EU countries	10.7	2.1	6.5	9.8	7.4	4.8	561	4,491
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.8	2.3	-3.2	3.1	7.0	10.4	-463	-4,286
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-2.0	14.3	2.8	3.3	-5.9	706	7,518
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	-13.1	-5.0	2.1	14.7	6.8	40	210
North Africa	2.7	5.9	-3.8	3.2	30.0	19.4	-58	-2,086
Other African countries	1.2	2.4	3.7	1.4	79.7	9.8	-316	-762
North America	9.9	11.4	4.5	4.1	5.0	2.0	2,042	18,388
<i>United States</i>	9.0	13.0	4.5	3.7	3.6	2.6	1,848	16,666
Central and South America	3.2	-2.2	3.2	2.3	-7.6	-3.0	455	3,493
Middle Eastern countries	4.5	-14.6	-11.1	4.7	24.7	15.9	-807	-2,369
Other Asian countries	10.4	10.3	2.7	13.8	6.4	1.8	-669	-7,939
<i>China</i>	3.0	-1.3	-0.3	7.1	3.0	2.4	-1,307	-11,184
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	8.6	-0.7	1.0	-11.2	-12.9	245	1,642
<i>India</i>	0.8	11.1	15.3	1.3	25.3	6.8	-80	-1,235
Oceania and other territories	1.9	8.6	10.4	0.5	7.9	3.8	541	4,590
OPEC	4.3	0.2	-10.3	5.7	34.9	22.4	-1,102	-6,714
MERCOSUR	1.3	-6.4	2.9	1.3	0.2	-5.5	55	481
ASEAN	1.8	7.9	-0.2	2.0	19.2	-5.9	-122	-210
TOTAL	44.4	4.5	2.6	39.9	12.4	5.6	1,749	17,804

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. August 2018

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug. 18 Aug. 17	Jan.-Aug. 18 Jan.-Aug. 17		Aug. 18 Aug. 17	Jan.-Aug. 18 Jan.-Aug. 17	Aug. 2018	Jan.-Aug. 18
Consumer goods	14.1	3.6	5.1	10.9	-1.4	-4.2	1,346	13,308
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	-1.9	-0.0	1.5	-1.7	2.5	489	4,204
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	11.2	5.0	6.4	9.4	-1.4	-5.2	857	9,104
Capital goods	17.2	1.3	-0.9	7.2	10.2	-0.8	3,347	29,821
Intermediate goods	11.3	5.9	4.1	11.5	7.4	8.3	535	1,138
Energy	1.8	25.6	6.0	10.2	31.7	17.9	-3,479	-26,463
Total (except energy)	42.6	3.3	2.4	29.7	4.3	1.4	5,228	44,267
TOTAL	44.4	4.5	2.6	39.9	12.4	5.6	1,749	17,804

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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