

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

September 2018

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

In September 2018 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 7.3% and imports increased by 17.5% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 79 million euro compared with a 3,521 million euro surplus in the same month of 2017.

In September 2018, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 3.7% and imports increased by 4.1% compared with August 2018. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.6% decrease in outgoing flows and a 6.0% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-September 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 1.4% and imports increased by 6.8% compared with the same period of 2017. The trade balance registered a surplus of 17,881 million euro compared to the surplus of 24,061 million euro in the same period of 2017. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 47,776 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 48,176 million euro surplus in January-September 2017.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2018	Jan.-Sep. 18	Sep. 18 Sep. 17	Jan.-Sep. 18 Jan.-Sep. 17	Sep. 2018	Sep. 18 Aug. 18	Jul.-Sep. 18 Apr.-Jun. 18
Exports	15.146	147.379	-7,3	1,4	16.519	-3,7	-0,6
Imports	15.067	129.498	17,5	6,8	15.456	4,1	6,0
Trade balance	79	17.881			1.063		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Sep. 18 Sep. 17	Jan.-Sep. 18 Jan.-Sep. 17		Sep. 18 Sep. 17	Jan.-Sep. 18 Jan.-Sep. 17	Sep. 2018	Jan.-Sep. 18
European non-EU countries	10,7	-9,0	4,6	9,8	16,5	6,0	306	4.796
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1,8	-24,9	-6,0	3,1	19,7	11,3	-558	-4.845
<i>Switzerland</i>	4,6	0,7	12,7	2,8	8,3	-4,5	811	8.329
<i>Turkey</i>	2,3	-31,1	-8,0	2,1	19,6	8,0	-115	95
North Africa	2,7	11,5	-2,3	3,2	26,8	20,2	-246	-2.334
Other African countries	1,2	-3,0	3,0	1,4	24,7	11,3	-166	-929
North America	9,9	-8,1	3,0	4,1	27,9	4,5	1.862	20.248
<i>United States</i>	9,0	-8,7	3,0	3,7	26,3	5,0	1.697	18.362
Central and South America	3,2	-6,8	2,1	2,3	6,3	-2,0	336	3.828
Middle Eastern countries	4,5	-18,6	-11,9	4,7	21,8	16,5	-498	-2.869
Other Asian countries	10,4	-6,5	1,7	13,8	13,8	3,2	-2.033	-9.973
<i>China</i>	3,0	-17,3	-2,2	7,1	14,1	3,8	-2.145	-13.329
<i>Japan</i>	1,5	-17,5	-2,6	1,0	-3,9	-12,1	173	1.815
<i>India</i>	0,8	-11,7	12,0	1,3	9,4	7,1	-205	-1.441
Oceania and other territories	1,9	-0,9	9,2	0,5	6,4	4,1	519	5.113
OPEC	4,3	-11,8	-10,5	5,7	35,5	23,7	-1.104	-7.819
MERCOSUR	1,3	-18,3	0,3	1,3	-5,6	-5,5	0	481
ASEAN	1,8	4,5	0,3	2,0	34,1	-2,1	-177	-388
TOTAL	44,4	-7,3	1,4	39,9	17,5	6,8	79	17.881

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Sep. 18 Sep. 17	Jan.-Sep. 18 Jan.-Sep. 17		Sep. 18 Sep. 17	Jan.-Sep. 18 Jan.-Sep. 17	Sep. 2018	Jan.-Sep. 18
Consumer goods	14,1	-5,4	3,8	10,9	5,6	-3,1	1.206	14.513
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2,9	-7,1	-0,8	1,5	33,6	5,5	394	4.598
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	11,2	-5,0	5,1	9,4	1,7	-4,5	812	9.915
Capital goods	17,2	-13,2	-2,3	7,2	21,6	1,4	2.803	32.624
Intermediate goods	11,3	-0,7	3,6	11,5	10,0	8,5	-498	640
Energy	1,8	-5,6	4,5	10,2	39,0	20,0	-3.432	-29.895
Total (except energy)	42,6	-7,4	1,3	29,7	11,0	2,4	3.511	47.776
TOTAL	44,4	-7,3	1,4	39,9	17,5	6,8	79	17.881

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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