

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

December 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in December 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in December 2016 will be disseminated on coming 16 February.

In December 2016, exports to non-EU countries increased by 4.1% and imports increased by 8.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 5,678 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 5,887 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In December 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.5% and imports increased by 6.5% compared with November 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.9% increase in outgoing flows and a 5.2% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1.2% and imports decreased by 5.8% compared with 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 39,872 million euro compared to the surplus of 33,222 million euro in 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 65,579 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 64,368 million euro surplus in 2015.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Dec.2016	Jan.-Dec.16	<u>Dec.16</u> Dec.15	<u>Jan.-Dec.16</u> Jan.-Dec.15	Dec.2016	<u>Dec.16</u> Nov.16	<u>Oct.-Dec.16</u> Jul.-Sep.16
Exports	17,837	184,105	4.1	-1.2	16,257	2.5	2.9
Imports	12,159	144,233	8.1	-5.8	13,348	6.5	5.2
Trade balance	5,678	39,872			2,909		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec.16 Dec.15	Jan.-Dec.16 Jan.-Dec.15		Dec.16 Dec.15	Jan.-Dec.16 Jan.-Dec.15	Dec.2016	Jan.-Dec.16
European non-EU countries	10.8	0.5	-2.4	10.5	7.1	-8.9	669	8,093
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	9.2	-5.3	3.9	6.8	-26.3	-346	-3,897
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	-3.5	-1.1	2.9	0.3	-1.5	722	8,415
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	4.8	-3.8	1.8	29.8	12.4	144	2,125
North Africa	3.2	-3.2	-5.0	3.1	60.5	-7.1	-54	1,743
Other African countries	1.4	12.8	-14.1	2.1	-20.5	-20.8	148	-1,161
North America	9.6	12.4	2.5	4.2	11.1	-1.7	2,522	25,240
<i>United States</i>	8.7	12.2	2.6	3.8	11.4	-2.0	2,318	23,015
Central and South America	3.3	7.4	-6.2	2.6	-9.8	-7.3	684	4,129
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-0.3	-6.7	4.1	35.2	-11.6	728	6,578
Other Asian countries	9.8	7.2	2.9	14.3	-1.8	-0.5	399	-11,054
<i>China</i>	2.5	21.0	6.4	7.6	-5.0	-3.4	-893	-16,204
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	7.2	9.6	0.8	28.8	28.7	271	2,017
<i>India</i>	0.8	9.3	-2.1	1.1	8.1	6.0	88	-961
Oceania and other territories	1.8	-16.7	6.3	0.5	-0.6	-2.5	582	6,304
OPEC	5.5	1.3	-7.3	4.9	67.7	1.9	248	2,356
MERCOSUR	1.4	19.9	-13.3	1.3	17.0	1.1	185	63
ASEAN	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	24.4	3.7	172	-659
TOTAL	45.2	4.1	-1.2	41.3	8.1	-5.8	5,678	39,872

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Dec.16 Dec.15	Jan.-Dec.16 Jan.-Dec.15		Dec.16 Dec.15	Jan.-Dec.16 Jan.-Dec.15	Dec.2016	Jan.-Dec.16
Consumer goods	13.6	5.5	2.4	11.6	1.4	-0.4	1,887	14,634
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	2.2	-4.3	1.4	6.9	-0.9	774	7,116
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.5	6.5	4.4	10.1	0.7	-0.3	1,114	7,518
Capital goods	17.6	4.3	-0.5	7.2	10.4	5.4	5,033	44,107
Intermediate goods	11.9	2.2	-1.1	11.8	3.3	-4.7	1,441	6,838
Energy	2.1	4.5	-30.2	10.8	18.9	-20.3	-2,683	-25,706
Total (except energy)	43.1	4.1	0.2	30.6	4.5	-0.7	8,361	65,579
TOTAL	45.2	4.1	-1.2	41.3	8.1	-5.8	5,678	39,872

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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