

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

December 2010

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in December 2010. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in December 2010 will be disseminated on coming 15 February.

In December 2010, exports to non-EU countries increased by 19.2% and imports by 48.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 1,330 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,388 million euro surplus in the same month of 2009.

In December 2010, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.8% and imports increased by 3.1% compared with November 2010. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.9% increase in outgoing flows and a 7.0% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In 2010 exports to non-EU countries increased by 16.7% and imports by 29.8% compared with 2009. The trade balance registered a deficit of 20,228 million euro compared to the deficit of 3,072 million euro in 2009. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 30,424 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 38,235 million euro surplus in 2009.

Table 1- **Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries** – December 2010

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	MILLIONS OF EUROS		PERCENTAGE CHANGES		MILLIONS OF EUROS	PERCENTAGE CHANGES	
	Dec. 2010	Jan.-Dec. 10	Dec. 10 Dec. 09	Jan.-Dec. 10 Jan.-Dec. 09	Dec. 2010	Dec.10 Dec.09	Oct.-Dec. 10 Jul.-Sep. 10
Exports	13,826	144,334	19.2	16.7	12,608	0.8	1.9
Imports	15,156	164,562	48.4	29.8	15,436	3.1	7.0
Trade balance	-1,330	-20,228			-2,828		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – December 2010

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	SHARE (a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGES		SHARE (a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGES		MILLIONS OF EUROS	
		Dec. 10	Jan.-Dec. 10		Dec. 10	Jan.-Dec. 10	Dec. 2010	Jan.-Dec. 10
		Dec. 09	Jan.-Dec. 09		Dec. 09	Jan.-Dec. 09		
European non-EU countries	11.7	28.4	19.7	11.3	23.5	11.9	452	3,253
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.2	38.8	23.2	4.1	40.4	7.7	-835	-5,155
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	24.4	18.4	3.5	16.5	13.3	545	4,238
<i>Turkey</i>	1.9	34.3	42.1	1.5	19.8	16.7	414	2,868
North Africa	4.0	15.8	15.9	6.8	33.4	21.3	-1,076	-11,090
Other African countries	1.6	-6.8	-1.2	1.5	52.1	30.8	-43	-1,169
North America	6.6	22.7	18.9	3.6	27.4	18.2	839	10,218
<i>United States</i>	5.9	23.2	19.4	3.2	22.3	17.0	779	9,335
Central and South America	3.1	8.9	23.1	2.5	62.8	35.0	208	1,254
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	15.9	7.0	4.1	72.3	71.8	-268	-4,569
Other Asian countries	8.7	19.9	18.7	12.5	77.9	39.8	-1,775	-21,559
<i>China</i>	2.3	19.6	30.2	6.5	96.2	47.8	-1,843	-19,941
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	23.7	9.0	1.3	16.0	9.8	138	-234
<i>India</i>	0.9	15.1	23.9	1.0	37.5	31.2	50	-422
Oceania and other territories	1.6	11.6	13.5	0.5	44.8	18.4	334	3,436
OPEC	6.1	2.9	0.8	8.4	42.7	36.4	-1,366	-16,064
MERCOSUR	1.2	37.4	47.6	1.3	55.5	30.5	54	158
DAE	3.0	22.1	18.0	1.9	42.9	34.8	366	2,571
ASEAN	1.5	24.4	9.4	1.5	60.6	28.7	-7	-997
Total	42.4	19.2	16.7	42.6	48.4	29.8	-1,330	-20,228

(a) Calculated on revised 2009 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – December 2010

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	SHARE (a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGES		SHARE (a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGES		MILLIONS OF EUROS	
		Dec. 10	Jan.-Dec. 10		Dec. 10	Jan.-Dec. 10	Dec. 2010	Jan.-Dec. 10
		Dec. 09	Jan.-Dec. 09		Dec. 09	Jan.-Dec. 09		
Consumer goods	11.8	19.9	16.3	10.8	21.4	13.4	738	3,334
<i>- consumer durables</i>	2.7	29.6	19.1	1.5	14.2	14.4	581	4,409
<i>- consumer non durables</i>	9.0	17.0	15.5	9.4	22.4	13.3	157	-1,075
Capital goods	16.8	9.3	10.5	6.0	14.5	18.4	3,811	32,936
Intermediate goods	12.0	23.5	18.5	10.0	101.2	58.4	-707	-5,845
Energy	1.9	84.6	63.1	15.7	46.3	27.3	-5,172	-50,653
Total (except energy)	40.5	16.2	14.6	26.9	49.9	31.3	3,842	30,424
TOTAL	42.4	19.2	16.7	42.6	48.4	29.8	-1,330	-20,228

(a) Calculated on revised 2009 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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