

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

*May 2011*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in May 2011. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in May 2011 will be disseminated on coming 15 July.

In May 2011, exports to non-EU countries increased by 20.9% and imports by 20.6% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 1,819 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,546 million euro deficit in the same month of 2010.

In May 2011, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.9% and imports by 2.2% compared with April 2011. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 3.0% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.6% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-May 2011 exports to non-EU countries increased by 21.4% and imports by 28.8% compared with the same period of 2010. The trade balance registered a deficit of 16,276 million euro compared to the deficit of 9,541 million euro in the same period of 2010. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 9,339 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 11,534 million euro surplus in January- May 2010.

Table 1- Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – May 2011

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	May 2011	Jan.-May 11	<u>May 11</u> May 10	<u>Jan.-May 11</u> Jan.-May 10	May 2011	<u>May 11</u> Apr.11	<u>Mar.-May 11</u> Dec.10-Feb.11
Exports	14,516	65,764	20.9	21.4	13,665	-0.9	3.0
Imports	16,335	82,041	20.6	28.8	16,216	-2.2	3.6
Trade balance	-1,819	-16,276			-2,551		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. - May 2011

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May 11	Jan.-May 11		May 11	Jan.-May 11	May 2011	Jan.-May 11
		May 10	Jan.-May 10		May 10	Jan.-May 10		
European non-EU countries	12.1	34.3	29.4	10.3	25.0	24.0	256	-194
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.3	27.3	28.5	3.6	36.9	24.9	-796	-3,723
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	43.4	33.4	3.2	24.0	22.2	654	2,256
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	22.5	33.9	1.4	26.0	27.0	291	1,238
North Africa	4.0	-15.1	-11.1	6.7	-49.1	-4.3	-113	-5,120
Other African countries	1.3	23.7	14.3	1.6	60.4	72.5	-260	-1,910
North America	6.7	16.1	28.1	3.4	19.5	29.8	1,072	4,460
<i>United States</i>	6.0	16.9	29.2	3.0	17.9	32.3	1,012	4,028
Central and South America	3.3	36.7	35.0	2.7	40.3	41.3	154	221
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	22.6	14.4	5.7	49.1	45.6	-1,234	-4,141
Other Asian countries	9.0	18.2	21.4	14.2	30.4	35.9	-2,002	-11,103
<i>China</i>	2.5	21.4	25.9	7.8	20.2	35.1	-1,484	-8,634
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	8.8	16.5	1.2	-11.4	12.0	-5	-280
<i>India</i>	1.0	16.5	21.0	1.0	35.5	36.1	-80	-582
Oceania and other territories	1.6	5.8	18.1	0.5	43.5	30.4	308	1,510
OPEC	5.3	6.2	0.0	9.4	-19.1	13.5	-873	-8,018
MERCOSUR	1.5	39.6	31.1	1.3	26.0	36.5	14	-31
DAE	3.0	20.7	18.3	2.1	18.4	39.6	230	765
ASEAN	1.4	21.1	21.5	1.6	42.9	33.5	-147	-584
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>-1,819</b>	<b>-16,276</b>

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – May 2011

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May 11	Jan.-May 11		May 11	Jan.-May 11	May 2011	Jan.-May 11
		May 10	Jan.-May 10		May 10	Jan.-May 10		
Consumer goods	11.8	19.8	18.7	10.1	19.2	15.4	247	955
- consumer durables	2.8	24.8	17.6	1.4	-3.6	-0.3	496	1,967
- consumer non durables	9.0	18.1	19.1	8.7	24.3	18.2	-249	-1,012
Capital goods	16.0	21.8	22.1	5.9	9.7	22.1	3,562	14,430
Intermediate goods	12.2	17.9	20.3	12.4	36.4	52.1	-973	-6,045
Energy	2.6	35.3	35.1	16.7	13.2	23.4	-4,655	-25,616
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>9,339</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>-1,819</b>	<b>-16,276</b>

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