

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

*August 2011*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2011. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2011 will be disseminated on coming 14 October.

In August 2011, exports to non-EU countries increased by 15.1% and imports by 10.9% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 2,399 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,546 million euro deficit in the same month of 2010.

In August 2011, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 1.1% and imports increased by 2.3% compared with July 2011. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.2% increase in outgoing flows and a 2.5% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2011 exports to non-EU countries increased by 16.5% and imports by 20.8% compared with the same period of 2010. The trade balance registered a deficit of 20,535 million euro compared to the deficit of 13,708 million euro in the same period of 2010. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 19,840 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 20,275 million euro surplus in January- August 2010.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2011	Jan.-Aug. 11	<u>Aug. 11</u> <u>Aug. 10</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 11</u> <u>Jan.-Aug. 10</u>	Aug. 2011	<u>Aug. 11</u> <u>Jul. 11</u>	<u>Jun.-Aug. 11</u> <u>Mar.-May 11</u>
Exports	11,645	107,658	15.1	16.5	13,783	-1,1	1,2
Imports	14,044	128,193	10.9	20.8	16,084	2,3	-2,5
Trade balance	-2,399	-20,535			-2,301		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 11		Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 11	Aug. 2011	Jan.-Aug. 11
		Aug. 10	Jan.-Aug. 10		Aug. 10	Jan.-Aug. 10		
European non-EU countries	12.1	27.9	25.2	10.3	15.7	22.5	629	1,830
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.3	15.0	23.9	3.6	16.7	32.7	-427	-5,104
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	37.2	28.2	3.2	13.9	12.8	614	4,259
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	9.8	24.2	1.4	28.3	24.2	230	2,158
North Africa	4.0	-27.7	-16.7	6.7	-43.5	-18.2	-410	-5,965
Other African countries	1.3	24.4	11.0	1.6	101.2	76.0	-514	-3,071
North America	6.7	4.9	14.2	3.4	23.5	20.6	733	7,117
<i>United States</i>	6.0	3.1	14.2	3.0	20.2	22.0	664	6,383
Central and South America	3.3	43.4	32.8	2.7	59.4	33.2	110	967
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	19.2	15.5	5.7	28.0	40.7	-1,240	-7,388
Other Asian countries	9.0	13.8	17.3	14.2	5.6	22.1	-2,015	-16,520
<i>China</i>	2.5	6.2	18.8	7.8	-0.4	18.3	-1,844	-13,844
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	24.9	17.0	1.2	-1.9	0.3	89	50
<i>India</i>	1.0	11.3	21.7	1.0	11.8	33.9	-49	-747
Oceania and other territories	1.6	8.8	15.8	0.5	8.7	21.3	308	2,495
OPEC	5.3	8.6	-0.6	9.4	-6.9	5.2	-1,576	-12,066
MERCOSUR	1.5	32.7	23.9	1.3	54.3	31.1	-43	-176
DAE	3.0	28.4	17.5	2.1	-17.9	23.3	368	1,934
ASEAN	1.4	31.7	22.0	1.6	28.8	28.2	-195	-1,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>-2,399</b>	<b>-20,535</b>

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 11		Aug. 11	Jan.-Aug. 11	Aug. 2011	Jan.-Aug. 11
		Aug. 10	Jan.-Aug. 10		Aug. 10	Jan.-Aug. 10		
Consumer goods	11.8	15.9	15.3	10.1	18.6	11.6	-119	1,890
- consumer durables	2.8	4.4	12.1	1.4	6.3	-4.3	278	3,356
- consumer non durables	9.0	18.8	16.2	8.7	20.0	14.2	-397	-1,466
Capital goods	16.0	14.6	17.3	5.9	-3.0	12.1	2,876	25,142
Intermediate goods	12.2	14.3	14.8	12.4	13.5	34.7	-260	-7,193
Energy	2.6	17.2	25.5	16.7	9.2	19.8	-4,897	-40,374
Total (except energy)	40.0	14.9	15.9	28.4	12.1	21.5	2,497	19,840
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>-2,399</b>	<b>-20,535</b>

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