

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

*February 2012*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in February 2012. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in February 2012 will be disseminated on coming 16 April.

In February 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 11.8% and imports by 4.6% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 1,552 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,338 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In February 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.5% and imports decreased by 0.4% compared with January 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.2% increase in outgoing flows and a 1.1% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-February 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.5% and imports by 2.3% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 6,658 million euro compared to the deficit of 7,921 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 4,916 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 2,111 million euro surplus in January-February 2011.

Table 1- Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – February 2012

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Feb. 2012	Jan.-Feb. 12	<u>Feb. 12</u> <u>Feb. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Feb. 12</u> <u>Jan.-Feb. 11</u>	Feb. 2012	<u>Feb. 12</u> <u>Jan. 12</u>	<u>Dec.11-Feb. 12</u> <u>Oct-Nov. 11</u>
Exports	13,849	25,114	11.8	8.5	14,244	0.5	2.2
Imports	15,401	31,772	4.6	2.3	15,477	-0.4	-1.1
Trade balance	-1,552	-6,658			-1,233		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. - February 2012

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 12		Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 12	Feb. 2012	Jan.-Feb. 12
		Feb. 11	Jan.-Feb. 11		Feb. 11	Jan.-Feb. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	16.8	19.1	11.1	8.5	2.7	603	701
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	0.8	9.0	4.5	31.8	16.5	-908	-1,893
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	35.7	34.6	2.8	3.3	1.7	1,015	1,826
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-0.9	-0.7	1.5	-22.3	-21.9	361	587
North Africa	2.9	9.1	-1.5	4.5	-4.6	-8.7	-1,193	-2,805
Other African countries	1.4	9.4	8.8	2.4	40.6	48.2	-503	-1,251
North America	6.8	21.7	0.5	3.7	10.7	11.6	922	1,204
<i>United States</i>	6.1	21.5	-0.2	3.3	7.2	11.2	838	1,093
Central and South America	3.8	14.6	10.5	3.0	-8.7	-9.8	272	272
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-5.7	5.3	7.3	36.3	20.8	-677	-1,492
Other Asian countries	9.3	8.1	5.2	14.1	-8.1	-5.0	-1,311	-3,841
<i>China</i>	2.7	-4.8	-7.8	7.3	-11.4	-13.7	-1,478	-3,210
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	22.1	17.5	1.1	-20.4	-13.0	171	179
<i>India</i>	1.0	-4.5	-9.1	1.2	-3.0	-4.5	-29	-216
Oceania and other territories	1.7	9.9	8.2	0.6	-1.7	-12.1	336	554
OPEC	4.7	2.9	8.7	8.6	15.9	14.6	-1,891	-4,472
MERCOSUR	1.6	10.9	4.2	1.5	-7.2	-9.3	74	43
DAE	3.2	17.6	9.8	2.0	-26.7	-16.4	549	681
ASEAN	1.5	16.5	7.8	1.7	-9.9	-5.5	-24	-208
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-1,552</b>	<b>-6,658</b>

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – February 2012

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 12		Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 12	Feb. 2012	Jan.-Feb. 12
		Feb. 11	Jan.-Feb. 11		Feb. 11	Jan.-Feb. 11		
<b>Consumer goods</b>	12.1	13.0	9.8	10.2	4.2	4.0	575	181
- consumer durables	2.7	7.9	3.5	1.2	0.7	2.3	470	600
- consumer non durables	9.4	14.5	11.5	8.9	4.7	4.3	105	-419
<b>Capital goods</b>	16.4	5.7	-0.9	5.7	-7.5	-5.0	3,035	4,870
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	12.7	15.7	12.0	13.0	-15.4	-17.0	390	-136
<b>Energy</b>	2.8	22.8	39.5	17.8	26.5	18.6	-5,552	-11,574
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	41.2	11.1	6.3	28.8	-7.1	-7.4	4,000	4,916
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-1,552</b>	<b>-6,658</b>

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