

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

April 2012

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2012. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2012 will be disseminated on coming 15 June.

In April 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.3% and imports decreased by 8.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 904 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,516 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In April 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.8% and imports increased by 2.6% compared with March 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 2.6% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.5% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.0% and imports decreased by 3.7% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 7,052 million euro compared to the deficit of 13,501 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 15,499 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 7,033 million euro surplus in January-April 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2012	Jan.-Apr. 12	<u>Apr. 12</u> <u>Apr. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Apr. 12</u> <u>Jan.-Apr. 11</u>	Apr. 2012	<u>Apr. 12</u> <u>Mar. 12</u>	<u>Feb.-Apr. 12</u> <u>Nov.11-Jan.12</u>
Exports	13,900	55,156	2.3	8.0	14,709	-0.8	2.6
Imports	14,805	62,208	-8.1	-3.7	15,486	2.6	0.5
Trade balance	-904	-7,052			-777		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 12 Apr. 11	Jan.-Apr. 12 Jan.-Apr. 11		Apr. 12 Apr. 11	Jan.-Apr. 12 Jan.-Apr. 11	Apr. 2012	Jan.-Apr. 12
European non-EU countries	13.3	2.4	12.5	11.1	-15.0	-4.7	606	2,469
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	6.3	7.3	4.5	-18.1	5.7	-666	-3,329
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	12.4	22.3	2.8	-7.9	-4.2	853	3,739
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-2.4	0.8	1.5	-17.9	-19.4	366	1,403
North Africa	2.9	12.6	11.9	4.5	92.8	14.6	-1,259	-5,261
Other African countries	1.4	10.1	14.5	2.4	-37.3	2.7	-70	-1,497
North America	6.8	7.8	7.6	3.7	-1.6	6.7	1,349	3,734
<i>United States</i>	6.1	8.3	8.2	3.3	-6.7	5.4	1,301	3,436
Central and South America	3.8	-4.7	9.4	3.0	-1.0	-12.0	188	896
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-2.7	2.9	7.3	-5.3	3.5	-960	-2,977
Other Asian countries	9.3	-1.8	1.9	14.1	-26.2	-15.4	-1,100	-5,765
<i>China</i>	2.7	-13.8	-10.7	7.3	-28.9	-22.3	-1,076	-5,187
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	34.2	19.5	1.1	-29.3	-22.5	96	387
<i>India</i>	1.0	-9.5	-7.4	1.2	-22.7	-16.8	-87	-305
Oceania and other territories	1.7	3.0	8.2	0.6	2.1	-3.9	343	1,349
OPEC	4.7	22.1	18.2	8.6	58.5	20.1	-1,877	-8,039
MERCOSUR	1.6	-12.4	5.7	1.5	-16.4	-13.0	66	285
DAE	3.2	-4.0	7.4	2.0	-37.6	-25.7	437	1,636
ASEAN	1.5	-3.2	5.7	1.7	-6.8	-6.0	23	-196
Total	44.0	2.3	8.0	46.7	-8.1	-3.7	-904	-7,052

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Apr. 12 Apr. 11	Jan.-Apr. 12 Jan.-Apr. 11		Apr. 12 Apr. 11	Jan.-Apr. 12 Jan.-Apr. 11	Apr. 2012	Jan.-Apr. 12
Consumer goods	12.1	4.7	8.1	10.2	-2.5	-2.8	617	2,152
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	8.1	5.1	1.2	-3.8	-4.8	459	1,704
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	3.6	9.0	8.9	-2.3	-2.5	158	448
Capital goods	16.4	0.1	2.4	5.7	-29.6	-14.9	3,724	12,390
Intermediate goods	12.7	3.4	9.7	13.0	-19.0	-20.1	226	957
Energy	2.8	1.6	31.5	17.8	6.3	12.8	-5,471	-22,551
Total (except energy)	41.2	2.3	6.3	28.8	-16.6	-13.4	4,567	15,499
TOTAL	44.0	2.3	8.0	46.7	-8.1	-3.7	-904	-7,052

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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