

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

*July 2012*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in July 2012. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in July 2012 will be disseminated on coming 17 September.

In July 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.5% and imports decreased by 4.8% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,837 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 452 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In July 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.3% and imports increased by 2.1% compared with June 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.3% increase in outgoing flows and a 2.1% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-July 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.8% and imports decreased by 3.9% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 3,379 million euro compared to the deficit of 17,219 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 33,539 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 18,054 million euro surplus in January-July 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Jul. 2012	Jan.-Jul. 12	<u>Jul. 12</u> Jul. 11	<u>Jan.-Jul. 12</u> Jan.-Jul. 11	Jul. 2012	<u>Jul. 12</u> Jun. 12	<u>May.-Jul. 12</u> Feb.-Apr. 12
Exports	17,358	105,215	9.5	9.8	15,056	-0.3	4.3
Imports	15,521	108,594	-4.8	-3.9	14,800	2.1	-2.1
Trade balance	1,837	-3,379			256		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS <sup>(b)</sup>			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jul. 12 Jul. 11	Jan.-Jul. 12 Jan.-Jul. 11		Jul. 12 Jul. 11	Jan.-Jul. 12 Jan.-Jul. 11	Jul. 2012	Jan.-Jul. 12
European non-EU countries	13.3	9.4	11.0	11.1	-13.0	-6.8	1,630	6,594
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	-3.0	6.6	4.5	-16.5	-0.1	-362	-4,669
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	19.2	17.3	2.8	2.9	-3.1	1,124	6,751
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	17.7	8.4	1.5	-10.6	-19.1	614	3,184
North Africa	2.9	31.4	20.2	4.5	116.8	39.6	-1,158	-8,436
Other African countries	1.4	14.2	15.3	2.4	0.1	-2.1	-77	-1,986
North America	6.8	21.8	17.6	3.7	3.9	4.6	1,634	8,710
<i>United States</i>	6.1	21.8	18.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	1,462	8,072
Central and South America	3.8	-5.1	5.3	3.0	-20.4	-14.4	555	2,328
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-2.9	3.0	7.3	-36.1	-10.7	-67	-3,963
Other Asian countries	9.3	4.0	3.0	14.1	-5.1	-12.9	-1,296	-9,406
<i>China</i>	2.7	-16.6	-12.4	7.3	-5.4	-15.4	-1,728	-10,032
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	20.3	22.7	1.1	-22.8	-18.8	323	1,076
<i>India</i>	1.0	-8.9	-10.6	1.2	-25.7	-22.5	-16	-273
Oceania and other territories	1.7	29.4	13.9	0.6	-31.6	-10.8	614	2,780
OPEC	4.7	20.6	23.5	8.6	23.0	24.9	-1,596	-12,672
MERCOSUR	1.6	11.7	3.4	1.5	-23.6	-16.7	144	575
DAE	3.2	8.6	9.7	2.0	-17.1	-21.4	690	3,383
ASEAN	1.5	29.6	12.4	1.7	-8.3	-7.9	34	-100
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>-3,379</b>

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jul. 12 Jul. 11	Jan.-Jul. 12 Jan.-Jul. 11		Jul. 12 Jul. 11	Jan.-Jul. 12 Jan.-Jul. 11	Jul. 2012	Jan.-Jul. 12
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>5,415</b>
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	5.7	8.1	1.2	1.2	-3.0	722	3,643
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	9.9	10.3	8.9	-0.9	-4.2	601	1,772
<b>Capital goods</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>4,308</b>	<b>25,037</b>
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>3,087</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-4,747</b>	<b>-36,918</b>
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>6,584</b>	<b>33,539</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>-3,379</b>

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