

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

*September 2012*

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

In September 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 0.3% and imports decreased by 7.6% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 596 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,832 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In September 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 2.0% and imports decreased by 4.3% compared with August 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.8% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.1% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-September 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.1% and imports decreased by 3.9% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 4,947 million euro compared to the deficit of 21,555 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 42,821 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 23,581 million euro surplus in January-September 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2012	Jan.-Sep. 12	<u>Sep. 12</u> <u>Sep. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Sep. 12</u> <u>Jan.-Sep. 11</u>	Sep. 2012	<u>Sep. 12</u> <u>Aug. 12</u>	<u>Jul.-Sep. 12</u> <u>Apr.-Jun. 12</u>
Exports	13,920	132,423	0.3	9.1	15,206	-2.0	0.8
Imports	14,517	137,370	-7.6	-3.9	14,920	-4.3	0.1
Trade balance	-596	-4,947			286		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Sep. 12	Jan.-Sep. 12		Sep. 12	Jan.-Sep. 12	Sep. 2012	Jan.-Sep. 12
		Sep. 11	Jan.-Sep. 11		Sep. 11	Jan.-Sep. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	-5.1	9.4	11.1	-1.7	-4.3	688	7,817
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	-1.3	6.2	4.5	10.3	4.8	-974	-6,612
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	-7.8	13.1	2.8	-9.3	-3.4	958	8,508
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	7.2	11.7	1.5	-7.5	-16.9	480	4,194
North Africa	2.9	18.5	22.5	4.5	85.6	48.9	-1,068	-10,649
Other African countries	1.4	-8.0	10.6	2.4	-34.3	-9.7	-286	-2,552
North America	6.8	15.4	17.3	3.7	-14.4	2.3	1,206	10,918
<i>United States</i>	6.1	18.5	18.6	3.3	-16.5	1.3	1,149	10,122
Central and South America	3.8	2.7	6.0	3.0	-19.8	-16.5	360	3,248
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-6.0	1.6	7.3	-16.2	-12.8	-691	-5,321
Other Asian countries	9.3	-6.9	2.5	14.1	-19.2	-13.2	-1,267	-12,087
<i>China</i>	2.7	-18.9	-12.2	7.3	-18.5	-16.4	-1,483	-12,860
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	6.2	20.1	1.1	-34.9	-21.4	244	1,555
<i>India</i>	1.0	-19.8	-11.0	1.2	-30.9	-22.6	-79	-379
Oceania and other territories	1.7	20.0	15.7	0.6	-9.3	-11.1	462	3,679
OPEC	4.7	13.1	23.1	8.6	19.1	23.1	-1,607	-15,756
MERCOSUR	1.6	-13.9	1.3	1.5	-24.8	-19.4	72	792
DAE	3.2	0.6	10.2	2.0	-26.2	-20.7	535	4,539
ASEAN	1.5	22.9	15.9	1.7	-22.9	-8.0	32	-161
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-596</b>	<b>-4,947</b>

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Sep. 12	Jan.-Sep. 12		Sep. 12	Jan.-Sep. 12	Sep. 2012	Jan.-Sep. 12
		Sep. 11	Jan.-Sep. 11		Sep. 11	Jan.-Sep. 11		
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>7,028</b>
- consumer durables	2.7	7.4	9.2	1.2	-11.1	-2.6	512	4,530
- consumer non durables	9.4	1.5	9.6	8.9	-11.0	-5.8	444	2,498
<b>Capital goods</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>31,428</b>
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>4,365</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-5,115</b>	<b>-47,768</b>
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>42,821</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-596</b>	<b>-4,947</b>

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