

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

October 2012

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

In October 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 17.2% and imports increased by 2.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,470 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 657 million euro deficit in the same month of 2011.

In October 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.7% and imports increased by 1.1% compared with September 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.7% increase in outgoing flows and a 1.5% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-October 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.9% and imports decreased by 3.1% compared with the same period of 2011. The trade balance registered a deficit of 3,107 million euro compared to the deficit of 21,518 million euro in the same period of 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 49,935 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 27,913 million euro surplus in January-October 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Oct. 2012	Jan.-Oct. 12	<u>Oct. 12</u> <u>Oct. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct. 12</u> <u>Jan.-Oct. 11</u>	Oct. 2012	<u>Oct. 12</u> <u>Sep. 12</u>	<u>Aug.-Oct. 12</u> <u>May-Jul. 12</u>
Exports	16,845	149,147	17.2	9.9	15,308	0.7	0.7
Imports	15,376	152,255	2.3	-3.1	15,011	1.1	1.5
Trade balance	1,470	-3,107			297		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12	Oct. 2012	Jan.-Oct. 12
		Oct. 11	Jan.-Oct. 11		Oct. 11	Jan.-Oct. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	13.1	9.7	10.8	12.5	-1.4	1,051	9,268
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.5	22.0	7.8	4.2	4.8	8.1	-708	-6,989
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	11.9	12.9	2.8	15.2	-0.8	1,143	9,590
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	9.3	11.4	1.5	19.0	-13.6	313	4,511
North Africa	2.9	47.6	25.0	4.5	99.2	52.4	-884	-11,570
Other African countries	1.4	2.4	9.6	2.4	-37.5	-13.3	-140	-2,687
North America	6.8	19.4	17.5	3.7	7.6	2.6	1,419	12,338
<i>United States</i>	6.1	19.4	18.8	3.2	13.3	2.2	1,267	11,391
Central and South America	3.8	15.2	6.8	3.0	-18.9	-16.7	518	3,759
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	7.2	2.3	7.2	-18.2	-13.7	-426	-5,696
Other Asian countries	9.2	11.2	3.3	14.1	-3.7	-12.6	-868	-13,009
<i>China</i>	2.7	-10.1	-12.0	7.4	-14.3	-16.3	-1,245	-14,168
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	31.6	21.4	1.1	-17.0	-21.1	321	1,876
<i>India</i>	1.0	2.5	-9.6	1.2	-7.2	-21.0	-91	-471
Oceania and other territories	1.7	72.8	21.9	0.6	-34.3	-13.7	799	4,490
OPEC	4.7	39.3	24.9	8.5	19.4	22.4	-1,128	-16,853
MERCOSUR	1.6	11.9	2.3	1.5	-21.5	-19.6	167	955
DAE	3.2	23.1	11.4	2.0	0.0	-19.1	632	5,161
ASEAN	1.5	30.3	17.3	1.7	2.1	-7.0	28	-138
Total	44.0	17.2	9.9	46.3	2.3	-3.1	1,470	-3,107

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12	Oct. 2012	Jan.-Oct. 12
		Oct. 11	Jan.-Oct. 11		Oct. 11	Jan.-Oct. 11		
Consumer goods	12,1	14,7	10,0	10,1	2,7	-4,6	1.534	8.513
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2,7	16,4	9,9	1,2	-6,4	-2,7	709	5.215
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9,4	14,2	10,0	8,9	4,0	-4,9	825	3.297
Capital goods	16,4	17,7	5,8	5,8	-1,3	-6,2	4.141	34.982
Intermediate goods	12,6	15,2	11,0	12,8	-4,5	-18,4	1.043	6.440
Energy	2,8	36,1	28,5	17,5	7,8	10,5	-5.248	-53.042
Total (except energy)	41,1	16,0	8,6	28,8	-1,3	-11,2	6.718	49.935
TOTAL	44,0	17,2	9,9	46,3	2,3	-3,1	1.470	-3.107

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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