

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

December 2012

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

In December 2012, exports to non-EU countries increased by 1.5% and imports decreased by 7.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,322 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,169 million euro surplus in the same month of 2011.

In December 2012, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.4% and imports decreased by 1.3% compared with November 2012. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.7% increase in outgoing flows and a 4.6% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In 2012 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.2% and imports decreased by 3.9% compared with 2011. The trade balance registered a surplus of 2,071 million euro compared to the deficit of 20,462 million euro in 2011. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 64,251 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 39,145 million euro surplus in 2011.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Dec. 2012	Jan.-Dec. 12	<u>Dec. 12</u> Dec. 11	<u>Jan.-Dec. 12</u> Jan.-Dec. 11	Dec. 2012	<u>Dec. 12</u> Nov. 12	<u>Oct.-Dec. 12</u> Jul.-Sep. 12
Exports	15,579	180,514	1.5	9.2	15,351	-0.4	0.7
Imports	12,257	178,443	-7.0	-3.9	13,955	-1.3	-4.6
Trade balance	3,322	2,071			1,396		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Dec. 12	Jan.-Dec. 12		Dec. 12	Jan.-Dec. 12	Dec. 2012	Jan.-Dec. 12
		Dec. 11	Jan.-Dec. 11		Dec. 11	Jan.-Dec. 11		
European non-EU countries	13.3	-3.4	8.4	10.8	2.9	-1.0	908	11,495
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.5	-2.9	7.4	4.2	28.4	8.4	-854	-8,338
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	-5.8	10.8	2.8	-20.2	-2.4	1,066	11,860
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-5.3	10.2	1.5	-3.0	-12.1	420	5,360
North Africa	2.9	20.4	26.3	4.5	35.4	49.9	-850	-13,397
Other African countries	1.4	-13.4	3.9	2.4	-33.7	-16.1	94	-2,757
North America	6.8	0.0	15.7	3.7	-20.4	-1.9	1,382	15,144
<i>United States</i>	6.1	-1.1	16.8	3.2	-22.7	-2.8	1,274	13,990
Central and South America	3.8	12.9	7.1	3.0	-26.9	-18.1	966	5,282
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	9.0	3.9	7.2	-18.7	-14.1	303	-5,763
Other Asian countries	9.2	-2.5	3.4	14.1	-12.2	-12.8	-56	-13,497
<i>China</i>	2.7	-9.0	-9.9	7.4	-13.0	-16.5	-684	-15,689
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	3.0	19.1	1.1	-45.1	-24.3	289	2,446
<i>India</i>	1.0	-15.9	-10.3	1.2	-25.6	-21.5	77	-402
Oceania and other territories	1.7	-1.2	17.9	0.6	-39.9	-17.6	575	5,564
OPEC	4.7	16.2	24.6	8.5	3.2	19.7	-792	-19,001
MERCOSUR	1.6	10.0	2.5	1.5	-28.3	-21.9	352	1,514
DAE	3.2	2.5	10.3	2.0	-1.2	-17.4	775	6,581
ASEAN	1.5	19.1	18.5	1.7	-3.3	-7.1	227	208
Total	44.0	1.5	9.2	46.3	-7.0	-3.9	3,322	2,071

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Dec. 12	Jan.-Dec. 12		Dec. 12	Jan.-Dec. 12	Dec. 2012	Jan.-Dec. 12
		Dec. 11	Jan.-Dec. 11		Dec. 11	Jan.-Dec. 11		
Consumer goods	12.1	0.2	9.4	10.1	-15.9	-6.0	1,464	11,488
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.7	3.8	11.3	1.2	-17.3	-4.3	719	6,783
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.4	-0.9	8.8	8.9	-15.7	-6.3	745	4,705
Capital goods	16.4	1.3	5.6	5.8	-13.5	-7.5	4,677	43,578
Intermediate goods	12.6	-4.3	9.1	12.8	-4.8	-17.2	1,565	9,185
Energy	2.8	36.5	30.7	17.5	-1.5	8.3	-4,384	-62,180
Total (except energy)	41.1	-0.7	7.8	28.8	-11.2	-11.3	7,706	64,251
TOTAL	44.0	1.5	9.2	46.3	-7.0	-3.9	3,322	2,071

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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