

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

February 2013

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in February 2013. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in February 2013 will be disseminated on coming 16 April.

In February 2013, exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.1% and imports decreased by 12.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 704 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,490 million euro deficit in the same month of 2012.

In February 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 5.7% and imports decreased by 3.4% compared with January 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.9% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.4% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-February 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 9.1% and imports decreased by 8.9% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a deficit of 1,578 million euro compared to the deficit of 6,681 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 7,895 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 4,947 million euro surplus in January-February 2012.

Table 1- Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – February 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Feb. 2013	Jan.-Feb. 13	<u>Feb. 13</u> <u>Feb. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-Feb. 13</u> <u>Jan.-Feb. 12</u>	Feb. 2013	<u>Feb. 13</u> <u>Jan. 13</u>	<u>Dec. 12.-Feb. 13</u> <u>Sep.-Nov. 12</u>
Exports	14,115	27,345	2.1	9.1	15,025	-5.7	0.9
Imports	13,411	28,922	-12.4	-8.9	13,894	-3.4	-3.4
Trade balance	704	-1,578			1,131		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - February 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Feb. 13 Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 13 Jan.-Feb. 12		Feb. 13 Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 13 Jan.-Feb. 12	Feb. 2013	Jan.-Feb. 13
European non-EU countries	13.9	0.6	5.2	11.3	4.2	11.9	534	341
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.6	16.0	15.8	4.8	8.2	15.7	-883	-2,124
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-6.5	5.1	2.9	-7.5	7.2	946	1,860
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	0.4	1.6	1.4	12.8	19.4	310	446
North Africa	3.5	23.5	31.7	7.1	-6.4	-1.5	-835	-2,230
Other African countries	1.4	-4.9	4.5	2.2	-34.2	-33.5	-207	-540
North America	7.6	1.1	9.9	3.8	-23.7	-18.9	1,252	2,090
<i>United States</i>	6.8	2.1	9.7	3.3	-22.1	-19.4	1,128	1,890
Central and South America	3.9	2.2	5.8	2.6	-31.0	-20.2	549	727
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	6.9	11.4	6.6	-22.6	-27.6	-157	-47
Other Asian countries	9.2	-5.5	4.3	13.0	-11.8	-9.5	-915	-2,774
<i>China</i>	2.3	-9.2	4.8	6.5	-11.7	-7.1	-1,226	-2,845
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	7.5	15.7	0.8	-25.3	-29.1	278	501
<i>India</i>	0.9	-7.2	-1.2	1.0	4.5	0.7	-66	-227
Oceania and other territories	1.9	12.9	26.4	0.5	-40.7	-15.3	483	854
OPEC	5.7	14.3	20.0	10.8	-13.8	-16.9	-1,235	-2,670
MERCOSUR	1.6	6.4	14.6	1.2	-35.5	-22.0	247	352
DAE	3.4	-11.0	3.6	1.8	-20.6	-13.9	536	909
ASEAN	1.7	-3.3	11.3	1.7	-4.9	6.0	-16	-176
Total	46.3	2.1	9.1	47.1	-12.4	-8.9	704	-1,578

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – February 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Feb. 13 Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 13 Jan.-Feb. 12		Feb. 13 Feb. 12	Jan.-Feb. 13 Jan.-Feb. 12	Feb. 2013	Jan.-Feb. 13
Consumer goods	12.8	2.6	12.2	10.1	-11.6	-6.1	1,082	1,470
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	3.1	15.8	1.2	-18.1	-18.3	567	971
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.8	2.5	11.3	8.9	-10.8	-4.5	516	498
Capital goods	16.7	2.7	12.6	5.7	-10.0	-6.5	3,272	5,976
Intermediate goods	13.3	-3.8	6.2	11.3	-6.9	1.5	623	449
Energy	3.6	23.6	-5.3	20.1	-16.6	-16.5	-4,273	-9,473
Total (except energy)	42.8	0.6	10.4	27.0	-9.4	-3.1	4,977	7,895
TOTAL	46.3	2.1	9.1	47.1	-12.4	-8.9	704	-1,578

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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