

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

May 2013

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

In May 2013, exports to non-EU countries increased by 0.7% and imports decreased by 15.5% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,968 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 341 million euro surplus in the same month of 2012.

In May 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 3.2% and imports decreased by 1.3% compared with April 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.2% decrease in outgoing flows and a 5.4% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-May 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 4.2% and imports decreased by 11.8% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 5,489 million euro compared to the deficit of 6,749 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 26,822 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 20,969 million euro surplus in January-May 2012.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	May. 2013	Jan.-May. 13	<u>May. 13</u> <u>May. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-May. 13</u> <u>Jan.-May. 12</u>	May. 2013	<u>May. 13</u> <u>Apr. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 13.-May. 13</u> <u>Dec. 12-Feb. 13</u>
Exports	16,638	74,608	0.7	4.2	15,672	3.2	-0.2
Imports	13,670	69,119	-15.5	-11.8	13,091	-1.3	-5.4
Trade balance	2,968	5,489			2,581		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May. 13	Jan.-May. 13		May. 13	Jan.-May. 13	May. 2013	Jan.-May. 13
		May. 12	Jan.-May. 12		May. 12	Jan.-May. 12		
European non-EU countries	13.9	-4.0	1.4	11.3	5.2	7.4	741	2,689
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	14.2	12.1	4.8	26.7	17.7	-893	-4,741
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-15.7	-1.8	2.9	-13.1	-2.5	805	4,644
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-2.5	-2.1	1.4	8.8	9.2	505	1,679
North Africa	3.5	15.8	13.9	7.1	-31.5	-15.2	-331	-4,082
Other African countries	1.4	-8.0	0.8	2.2	-31.9	-23.5	90	-650
North America	7.6	-4.4	-0.3	3.8	-15.8	-19.8	1,992	6,921
<i>United States</i>	6.8	-5.6	-1.3	3.3	-11.0	-19.1	1,818	6,261
Central and South America	3.9	-2.7	1.6	2.6	-19.0	-16.5	478	2,046
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	8.2	12.0	6.6	-35.5	-33.2	354	1,004
Other Asian countries	9.2	5.8	4.9	13.0	-10.5	-9.3	-842	-4,671
<i>China</i>	2.3	10.9	5.0	6.5	-15.5	-7.9	-1,150	-5,855
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	19.9	19.6	0.8	-36.2	-29.0	290	1,346
<i>India</i>	0.9	-19.4	-10.5	1.0	14.8	0.8	-98	-454
Oceania and other territories	1.9	4.6	12.0	0.5	-23.1	-13.3	487	2,231
OPEC	5.7	7.6	13.0	10.8	-40.5	-27.2	-64	-3,683
MERCOSUR	1.6	11.9	14.1	1.2	-16.2	-12.9	191	955
DAE	3.4	5.7	5.8	1.8	-13.2	-12.6	583	2,746
ASEAN	1.7	11.5	11.0	1.7	14.5	7.2	-41	-143
Total	46.3	0.7	4.2	47.1	-15.5	-11.8	2,968	5,489

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May. 13	Jan.-May. 13		May. 13	Jan.-May. 13	May. 2013	Jan.-May. 13
		May. 12	Jan.-May. 12		May. 12	Jan.-May. 12		
Consumer goods	12.8	8.2	10.6	10.1	-4.2	-3.9	1,241	5,567
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	5.2	12.0	1.2	-12.6	-15.3	663	3,081
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.8	9.2	10.2	8.9	-2.7	-2.2	578	2,486
Capital goods	16.7	3.1	4.9	5.7	-10.4	-8.9	4,522	18,241
Intermediate goods	13.3	-2.9	2.1	11.3	-11.3	-3.1	845	3,014
Energy	3.6	-21.3	-12.9	20.1	-26.2	-21.3	-3,640	-21,333
Total (except energy)	42.8	2.6	5.7	27.0	-8.6	-4.7	6,608	26,822
TOTAL	46.3	0.7	4.2	47.1	-15.5	-11.8	2,968	5,489

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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