

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

July 2013

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in July 2013. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in July 2013 will be disseminated on coming 16 September¹.

In July 2013, exports to non-EU countries increased by 3.5% and imports decreased by 1.9% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,797 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,898 million euro surplus in the same month of 2012.

In July 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 2.0% and imports increased by 1.6% compared with June 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.3% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.2% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-July 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 3.2% and imports decreased by 10.0% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 10,499 million euro compared to the deficit of 3,639 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 40,635 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 33,524 million euro surplus in January-July 2012.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Jul. 2013	Jan.-Jul. 13	<u>Jul. 13</u> <u>Jul. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-Jul. 13</u> <u>Jan.-Jul. 12</u>	Jul. 2013	<u>Jul. 13</u> <u>Jun. 13</u>	<u>May-Jul. 13</u> <u>Feb.-Apr. 13</u>
Exports	17,769	107,192	3.5	3.2	14,907	-2.0	1.3
Imports	14,972	96,693	-1.9	-10.0	13,647	1.6	0.2
Trade balance	2,797	10,499			1,260		

¹ Please note that starting July 1st 2013 Croatia belongs to the European Union. The time series have been modified according to non-EU 28 in order to obtain coherent comparison.

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jul. 13 Jul. 12	Jan.-Jul. 13 Jan.-Jul. 12		Jul. 13 Jul. 12	Jan.-Jul. 13 Jan.-Jul. 12	Jul. 2013	Jan.-Jul. 13
European non-EU countries	13.5	-1.2	0.3	11.0	10.9	7.7	1,224	4,657
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	17.2	11.4	4.9	23.4	18.0	-405	-5,531
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-9.5	-4.4	2.9	-6.5	-4.0	980	6,373
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-7.8	-4.5	1.4	10.5	8.4	480	2,632
North Africa	3.5	5.1	10.5	7.1	-37.3	-18.2	-182	-4,694
Other African countries	1.4	14.5	5.3	2.2	16.7	-17.9	-101	-877
North America	7.6	-0.1	-1.2	3.8	9.5	-15.7	1,520	9,929
<i>United States</i>	6.9	-0.3	-2.0	3.4	11.2	-14.6	1,336	8,930
Central and South America	3.9	-1.7	0.7	2.6	-5.2	-11.8	579	3,120
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	9.1	9.9	6.6	11.9	-26.6	-118	1,113
Other Asian countries	9.3	11.9	4.3	13.1	-3.1	-8.2	-728	-6,053
<i>China</i>	2.3	23.4	9.3	6.5	-7.3	-9.9	-1,339	-8,066
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	16.4	13.8	0.8	-17.8	-27.2	462	2,108
<i>India</i>	0.9	-3.3	-10.8	1.0	-1.7	2.0	-20	-537
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-1.4	10.5	0.5	-0.6	-8.0	604	3,303
OPEC	5.7	12.3	10.7	10.9	-27.9	-27.5	-368	-4,366
MERCOSUR	1.6	11.5	16.8	1.2	-1.2	-8.3	219	1,422
DAE	3.4	10.7	5.1	1.8	-10.0	-12.7	886	4,304
ASEAN	1.7	5.7	6.0	1.7	10.7	6.8	6	-140
Total	46.0	3.5	3.2	46.9	-1.9	-10.0	2,797	10,499

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Jul. 13 Jul. 12	Jan.-Jul. 13 Jan.-Jul. 12		Jul. 13 Jul. 12	Jan.-Jul. 13 Jan.-Jul. 12	Jul. 2013	Jan.-Jul. 13
Consumer goods	12.7	9.9	9.3	10.0	4.1	-3.2	1,641	8,684
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	12.1	10.5	1.2	8.0	-12.3	817	4,635
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.8	9.2	9.0	8.8	3.6	-1.9	824	4,049
Capital goods	16.7	7.8	5.0	5.7	-3.2	-8.0	4,806	27,324
Intermediate goods	13.2	-5.4	-0.7	11.1	-2.4	-3.6	895	4,627
Energy	3.5	-9.3	-12.9	20.1	-4.9	-17.9	-4,545	-30,137
Total (except energy)	42.6	4.4	4.5	26.8	-0.1	-4.4	7,342	40,635
TOTAL	46.0	3.5	3.2	46.9	-1.9	-10.0	2,797	10,499

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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