

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

August 2013

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2013. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2013 will be disseminated on coming 16 October¹.

In August 2013, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 5.4% and imports decreased by 15.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 559 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 903 million euro deficit in the same month of 2012.

In August 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.2% and imports decreased by 0.5% compared with July 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.4% decrease in outgoing flows and a 2.2% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.3% and imports decreased by 10.7% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 11,057 million euro compared to the deficit of 4,542 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 45,209 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 38,323 million euro surplus in January-August 2012.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2013	Jan.-Aug. 13	<u>Aug. 13</u> <u>Aug. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 13</u> <u>Jan.-Aug. 12</u>	Aug. 2013	<u>Aug. 13</u> <u>Jul. 13</u>	<u>Jun.-Aug. 13</u> <u>Mar.-May 13</u>
Exports	12,462	119,652	-5.4	2.3	14,931	0.2	-1.4
Imports	11,902	108,595	-15.4	-10.7	13,489	-0.5	2.2
Trade balance	559	11,057			1,442		

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 - August 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 13 Aug. 12	Jan.-Aug. 13 Jan.-Aug. 12		Aug. 13 Aug. 12	Jan.-Aug. 13 Jan.-Aug. 12	Aug. 2013	Jan.-Aug. 13
European non-EU countries	13.5	-13.5	-1.2	11.0	-11.0	5.5	393	5,050
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	1.8	10.2	4.9	-10.9	13.7	-733	-6,265
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-24.3	-6.4	2.9	-7.6	-4.3	489	6,862
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-29.5	-7.5	1.4	-15.4	6.2	332	2,965
North Africa	3.5	-10.2	8.1	7.1	-48.6	-21.8	-192	-4,886
Other African countries	1.4	8.9	5.7	2.2	-25.9	-18.8	-71	-948
North America	7.6	2.0	-0.8	3.8	-16.9	-15.8	1,229	11,158
<i>United States</i>	6.9	1.7	-1.6	3.4	-14.8	-14.6	1,074	10,004
Central and South America	3.9	-6.6	-0.3	2.6	-14.6	-12.1	581	3,701
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	-4.8	8.3	6.6	21.3	-21.1	-1,075	39
Other Asian countries	9.3	-1.8	3.6	13.1	-16.6	-9.2	-784	-6,838
<i>China</i>	2.3	14.4	9.8	6.5	-10.3	-10.0	-1,062	-9,127
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	-2.5	11.9	0.8	-25.4	-27.1	272	2,380
<i>India</i>	0.9	-19.3	-11.7	1.0	8.6	2.7	-94	-631
Oceania and other territories	1.9	4.8	9.8	0.5	-14.4	-8.6	478	3,781
OPEC	5.7	-12.2	8.1	10.9	-16.4	-26.3	-1,108	-5,474
MERCOSUR	1.6	16.4	16.7	1.2	-8.7	-8.4	258	1,680
DAE	3.4	-2.5	4.2	1.8	-20.1	-13.4	688	4,991
ASEAN	1.7	-15.4	3.2	1.7	-23.9	2.3	-25	-165
Total	46.0	-5.4	2.3	46.9	-15.4	-10.7	559	11,057

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 13 Aug. 12	Jan.-Aug. 13 Jan.-Aug. 12		Aug. 13 Aug. 12	Jan.-Aug. 13 Jan.-Aug. 12	Aug. 2013	Jan.-Aug. 13
Consumer goods	12.7	2.5	8.6	10.0	-8.8	-3.8	1,014	9,698
- consumer durables	2.9	10.5	10.5	1.2	-28.1	-14.0	546	5,181
- consumer non durables	9.8	0.6	8.0	8.8	-6.3	-2.4	468	4,517
Capital goods	16.7	0.0	4.5	5.7	33.9	-4.1	2,775	30,098
Intermediate goods	13.2	-12.3	-1.9	11.1	-12.2	-4.4	785	5,412
Energy	3.5	-28.9	-15.1	20.1	-29.4	-19.4	-4,015	-34,152
Total (except energy)	42.6	-2.9	3.7	26.8	-1.7	-4.1	4,575	45,209
TOTAL	46.0	-5.4	2.3	46.9	-15.4	-10.7	559	11,057

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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