

Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

October 2013

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

In October 2013, exports to non-EU countries increased by 1.5% and imports decreased by 8.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,899 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,430 million euro surplus in the same month of 2012.

In October 2013, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.8% and imports decreased by 1.3% compared with September 2013. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.6% decrease in outgoing flows and a 0.7% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-October 2013 exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.0% and imports decreased by 10.1% compared with the same period of 2012. The trade balance registered a surplus of 14,204 million euro compared to the deficit of 4,065 million euro in the same period of 2012. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 56,725 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 49,273 million euro surplus in January-October 2012.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Oct. 2013	Jan.-Oct. 13	<u>Oct. 13</u> <u>Oct. 12</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct. 13</u> <u>Jan.-Oct. 12</u>	Oct. 2013	<u>Oct. 13</u> <u>Sep. 13</u>	<u>Aug.-Oct. 13</u> <u>May-Jul. 13</u>
Exports	16,909	150,272	1.5	2.0	15,224	0.8	-0.6
Imports	14,010	136,068	-8.0	-10.1	13,356	-1.3	0.7
Trade balance	2,899	14,204			1,868		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 13		Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 13	Oct. 2013	Jan.-Oct. 13
		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		
European non-EU countries	13.5	-5.3	-1.9	10.9	-5.9	3.6	971	6,665
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.6	4.3	9.8	4.8	-7.4	7.9	-537	-7,385
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-14.4	-8.6	2.9	-3.7	-3.5	869	8,332
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-2.7	-5.5	1.4	-22.3	3.7	419	3,855
North Africa	3.5	6.0	7.9	7.1	-45.8	-26.1	215	-4,819
Other African countries	1.4	4.6	5.5	2.2	58.3	-9.8	-492	-1,741
North America	7.6	12.8	0.6	3.8	-3.9	-12.3	1,824	14,040
<i>United States</i>	6.9	12.6	0.0	3.3	-12.4	-12.4	1,718	12,767
Central and South America	3.9	-0.8	-0.7	2.6	-12.9	-10.9	609	4,532
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	0.6	7.0	6.6	-4.0	-18.8	-252	-626
Other Asian countries	9.2	9.6	4.6	13.1	-3.6	-7.8	-504	-8,552
<i>China</i>	2.3	15.8	11.1	6.6	-2.8	-8.6	-1,118	-11,654
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	4.4	9.4	0.8	-2.8	-23.0	352	2,965
<i>India</i>	0.9	-23.9	-12.3	1.0	-4.7	3.3	-148	-922
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-26.9	2.5	0.5	12.9	-6.7	528	4,704
OPEC	5.7	-0.4	7.2	10.9	-24.8	-27.1	-259	-6,160
MERCOSUR	1.6	9.0	15.8	1.2	-15.6	-7.5	281	2,063
DAE	3.4	18.2	5.8	1.8	-1.9	-10.8	831	6,370
ASEAN	1.7	18.5	4.5	1.7	-4.9	2.4	165	-36
Total	45.9	1.5	2.0	46.8	-8.0	-10.1	2,899	14,204

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 13		Oct. 13	Jan.-Oct. 13	Oct. 2013	Jan.-Oct. 13
		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		Oct. 12	Jan.-Oct. 12		
Consumer goods	12.7	11.1	8.3	10.0	-5.2	-3.0	2,210	12,784
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	14.2	10.2	1.2	-4.9	-11.2	876	6,560
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	9.7	10.2	7.7	8.8	-5.2	-1.9	1,335	6,224
Capital goods	16.7	2.8	4.7	5.8	-3.5	-1.2	4,227	37,121
Intermediate goods	13.2	-8.2	-3.3	11.0	-0.1	-4.9	761	6,819
Energy	3.5	-4.8	-13.5	20.0	-15.5	-19.1	-4,300	-42,521
Total (except energy)	42.5	1.9	3.3	26.8	-2.7	-3.4	7,199	56,725
TOTAL	45.9	1.5	2.0	46.8	-8.0	-10.1	2,899	14,204

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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