

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

*May 2014*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in May 2014. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in May 2014 will be disseminated on coming 16 July.

In May 2014, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1,9% and imports increased by 1.3% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,449 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,934 million euro surplus in the same month of 2013.

In May 2014, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 5.7% and imports increased by 4.8% compared with April 2014. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.4% decrease in outgoing flows and a 2.4% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-May 2014 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1.9% and imports decreased by 5.1% compared with the same period of 2013. The trade balance registered a surplus of 7,275 million euro compared to the surplus of 5,204 million euro in the same period of 2013. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 24,888 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 26,807 million euro surplus in January-May 2013.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – May 2014

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	May 2014	Jan.-May 14	<u>May 14</u> May 13	<u>Jan.-May 14</u> Jan.-May 13	May 2014	<u>May 14</u> Apr. 14	<u>Mar.-May 14</u> Dec. 13-Feb. 14
Exports	16,128	72,294	-1.9	-1.9	15,500	5.7	-1.4
Imports	13,679	65,019	1.3	-5.1	13,231	4.8	-2.4
Trade balance	2,449	7,275			2,269		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - May 2014

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May 14 May 13	Jan.-May 14 Jan.-May 13		May 14 May 13	Jan.-May 14 Jan.-May 13	May 2014	Jan.-May 14
European non-EU countries	13.0	-9.0	-9.6	12.1	3.0	-6.1	149	1,549
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.8	-13.9	-6.7	5.6	-5.6	-17.6	-913	-3,451
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	-2.2	-14.7	2.9	7.9	-1.3	691	3,346
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-14.1	-4.7	1.5	5.8	0.5	336	1,455
North Africa	3.8	-9.0	-1.7	5.3	-25.4	-39.1	-19	-256
Other African countries	1.5	3.4	3.1	2.1	51.3	17.2	-113	-1,085
North America	7.7	6.9	5.6	3.7	16.2	17.0	2,020	6,686
<i>United States</i>	6.9	7.7	6.2	3.2	4.0	10.0	1,993	6,453
Central and South America	3.7	-8.2	-5.4	2.5	-3.4	0.8	400	1,695
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	-0.2	-6.5	5.6	14.3	-0.9	158	511
Other Asian countries	9.6	4.6	6.8	12.8	-2.4	1.1	-560	-3,819
<i>China</i>	2.5	9.0	10.6	6.4	1.6	1.8	-1,065	-5,554
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	-17.2	-9.2	0.7	-1.2	-0.5	202	1,122
<i>India</i>	0.8	-7.0	-8.0	1.1	-4.4	-4.4	-102	-480
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-9.0	-7.5	0.5	13.6	-0.2	414	1,995
OPEC	6.0	-8.6	-7.3	8.1	-13.8	-32.4	69	-87
MERCOSUR	1.8	-10.0	-4.4	1.3	-3.6	-7.4	143	964
DAE	3.6	12.8	14.2	1.7	-12.2	-1.2	809	3,541
ASEAN	1.7	-1.7	6.2	1.8	-6.5	2.9	-10	-58
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>7,275</b>

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – May 2014

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		May 14 May 13	Jan.-May 14 Jan.-May 13		May 14 May 13	Jan.-May 14 Jan.-May 13	May 2014	Jan.-May 14
Consumer goods	13.6	1.8	1.3	10.2	3.0	3.2	1,201	5,259
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	9.8	3.5	1.2	18.1	8.4	682	3,076
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-0.8	0.6	9.1	0.6	2.5	519	2,183
Capital goods	17.2	2.6	3.7	6.1	0.8	2.6	4,628	18,547
Intermediate goods	12.5	-8.4	-9.2	11.2	-0.3	2.9	537	1,083
Energy	3.0	-17.2	-15.6	17.2	1.5	-18.0	-3,917	-17,613
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>24,888</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>7,275</b>

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