

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

February 2015

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in February 2015. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in February 2015 will be disseminated on coming 16 April.

In February 2015, exports to non-EU countries increased by 7.1% and imports decreased by 4.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,840 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,338 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In February 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 4.5% and imports increased by 1.1% compared with January 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.5% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.5% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-February 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.0% and imports decreased by 6.4% compared with the same period of 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 2,606 million euro compared to the surplus of 400 million euro in the same period of 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 7,307 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 7,779 million euro surplus in January-February 2014.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – February 2015

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 15	Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Feb. 15 Gen. 15	Dec. 14-Feb. 15 Sep.-Nov. 14
Exports	14,876	27,105	7.1	2.0	15,852	4.5	1.5
Imports	12,036	24,499	-4.1	-6.4	12,289	1.1	-3.5
Trade balance	2,840	2,606			3,563		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - February 2015

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS <sup>(b)</sup>			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 15
European non-EU countries	11.8	-4.9	-6.3	11.3	-7.1	-13.5	579	913
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-28.5	-32.2	4.6	-23.3	-32.2	-497	-994
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	3.7	1.1	3.0	-5.3	-2.5	757	1,438
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	10.7	6.2	1.6	17.1	11.8	307	400
North Africa	3.5	-7.0	-18.0	3.9	-25.5	-26.2	90	-88
Other African countries	1.6	7.1	2.5	2.1	-39.8	-22.0	77	-259
North America	8.3	46.3	34.7	4.2	8.7	11.4	2,204	3,444
<i>United States</i>	7.5	49.3	37.2	3.5	20.6	18.0	2,055	3,229
Central and South America	3.5	-2.5	-7.3	2.7	-7.6	-1.1	432	558
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	6.3	5.4	4.7	-12.5	-21.0	403	591
Other Asian countries	9.8	-0.6	-3.6	13.5	11.7	7.5	-1,370	-3,338
<i>China</i>	2.6	-7.7	-7.7	7.1	18.1	13.3	-1,757	-3,593
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	0.2	-6.5	0.8	2.6	8.4	239	398
<i>India</i>	0.8	6.4	2.1	1.2	13.8	9.7	-86	-268
Oceania and other territories	1.8	10.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	-7.4	424	785
OPEC	5.7	6.6	0.4	5.8	-24.7	-24.0	376	355
MERCOSUR	1.7	-17.6	-20.7	1.3	13.8	13.8	113	161
DAE	3.8	-1.4	-2.2	1.8	12.0	0.3	622	1,177
ASEAN	1.8	-3.0	-7.7	1.9	-0.3	-1.3	3	-179
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,606</b>

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – February 2015

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14		Feb. 15 Feb. 14	Jan.-Feb. 15 Jan.-Feb. 14	Feb. 2015	Jan.-Feb. 15
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.4	0.7	0.5	11.0	10.4	7.9	873	1,030
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	6.1	2.9	1.3	10.4	8.9	649	982
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	-0.9	-0.2	9.7	10.4	7.8	223	48
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.4	19.9	7.7	6.4	18.5	12.8	3,944	6,508
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.9	4.6	2.8	11.7	6.3	6.8	223	-231
<b>Energy</b>	2.5	-23.9	-25.6	13.8	-32.7	-34.3	-2,199	-4,701
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.8	9.1	3.9	29.0	10.4	8.5	5,039	7,307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,606</b>

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## **For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version**

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