

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

May 2015

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

In May 2015, exports to non-EU countries increased by 0.2% and imports decreased by 3.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,857 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,404 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In May 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.4% and imports decreased by 1.9% compared with April 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 3.1% increase in outgoing flows and a 7.1% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-May 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 6.0% and imports decreased by 0.3% compared with the same period of 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 11,646 million euro compared to the surplus of 7,145 million euro in the same period of 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 24,520 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 25,166 million euro surplus in January-May 2014.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	May 2015	Jan.-May 15	May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	May 15 Apr. 15	Mar-May 15 Dec.14-Feb. 15
Exports	16,063	76,412	0.2	6.0	15,994	0.4	3.1
Imports	13,206	64,766	-3.1	-0.3	13,024	-1.9	7.1
Trade balance	2,857	11,646			2,970		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	Jan.-May 15
European non-EU countries	11.8	-2.5	-2.9	11.3	-9.6	-6.8	383	2,010
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-30.6	-29.6	4.6	-20.8	-20.6	-815	-3,192
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	2.7	4.6	3.0	7.3	4.9	653	3,431
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	9.4	6.7	1.6	3.8	13.9	396	1,373
North Africa	3.5	-0.9	-4.9	3.9	-23.2	-16.3	271	480
Other African countries	1.6	-13.0	3.0	2.1	8.5	-8.0	-237	-741
North America	8.3	1.7	28.1	4.2	9.4	11.4	1,948	9,582
<i>United States</i>	7.5	1.0	28.8	3.5	19.2	19.5	1,813	8,774
Central and South America	3.5	-5.6	-0.6	2.7	9.0	4.9	262	1,473
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	6.8	11.6	4.7	-14.4	-11.6	506	2,321
Other Asian countries	9.8	0.4	2.5	13.5	6.4	11.5	-805	-5,659
<i>China</i>	2.6	-1.1	0.6	7.1	9.3	17.5	-1,261	-7,196
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	9.4	-2.1	0.8	4.7	14.6	230	902
<i>India</i>	0.8	19.7	14.2	1.2	-14.0	7.2	-5	-436
Oceania and other territories	1.8	15.6	7.3	0.5	-12.9	-0.4	529	2,181
OPEC	5.7	3.1	6.1	5.8	-12.1	-14.6	359	1,865
MERCOSUR	1.7	-12.2	-11.3	1.3	-0.7	8.0	76	514
DAE	3.8	-5.5	2.2	1.8	7.9	13.5	688	3,309
ASEAN	1.8	0.8	-2.8	1.9	14.7	7.5	-95	-363
TOTAL	45.3	0.2	6.0	42.9	-3.1	-0.3	2,857	11,646

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14		May 15 May 14	Jan.-May 15 Jan.-May 14	May 2015	Jan.-May 15
Consumer goods	13.4	4.3	5.6	11.0	9.2	12.4	1,087	4,430
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	2.2	4.6	1.3	16.7	19.7	628	2,927
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	5.0	5.9	9.7	7.9	11.4	459	1,503
Capital goods	17.4	-6.1	7.2	6.4	8.8	15.7	4,031	18,991
Intermediate goods	11.9	3.6	7.9	11.7	12.8	10.7	277	1,100
Energy	2.5	10.3	-8.6	13.8	-28.1	-24.9	-2,538	-12,874
Total (except energy)	42.8	-0.4	6.9	29.0	10.6	12.4	5,396	24,520
TOTAL	45.3	0.2	6.0	42.9	-3.1	-0.3	2,857	11,646

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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