

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

August 2015

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

In August 2015, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 3.4% and imports decreased by 1.6% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,472 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,717 million euro surplus in the same month of 2014.

In August 2015, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 8.1% and imports decreased by 3.2% compared with July 2015. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.6% decrease in outgoing flows and a 1.5% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2015 exports to non-EU countries increased by 5.6% and imports increased by 0.6% compared with the same period of 2014. The trade balance registered a surplus of 20,364 million euro compared to the surplus of 14,523 million euro in the same period of 2014. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 41,114 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 42,306 million euro surplus in January-August 2015.

**Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – August 2015**

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 15	<u>Aug. 15</u> Aug. 14	<u>Jan.-Aug. 15</u> Jan.-Aug. 14	Aug. 2015	<u>Aug. 15</u> Jul. 15	<u>Jun.-Aug. 15</u> Mar.-May 15
Exports	11,543	123,264	-3.4	5.6	14,438	-8.1	-4.6
Imports	10,072	102,900	-1.6	0.6	12,322	-3.2	-1.5
Trade balance	1,472	20,364			2,116		

**Table 2. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - August 2015**

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS <sup>(b)</sup>			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug. 15	Jan.-Aug. 15		Aug. 15	Jan.-Aug. 15	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 15
European non-EU countries	11.8	-11.4	-3.8	11.3	-6.8	-4.9	479	3,691
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	2.4	-16.1	-28.6	4.6	-23.9	-16.9	-354	-4,864
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.8	1.9	4.0	3.0	6.1	5.7	560	5,504
<i>Turkey</i>	2.5	-15.2	8.1	1.6	34.4	14.6	218	2,480
North Africa	3.5	3.6	-4.2	3.9	-10.3	-9.1	-91	536
Other African countries	1.6	-14.9	1.4	2.1	-32.1	-5.5	-42	-1,306
North America	8.3	13.2	25.0	4.2	4.7	7.0	1,519	15,973
<i>United States</i>	7.5	13.1	25.3	3.5	12.1	16.5	1,357	14,562
Central and South America	3.5	-1.4	3.0	2.7	-7.2	-2.6	360	2,938
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	-8.2	10.9	4.7	-9.0	-10.3	113	3,865
Other Asian countries	9.8	-4.5	3.0	13.5	12.2	11.8	-1,240	-8,935
<i>China</i>	2.6	-9.2	0.3	7.1	9.4	14.5	-1,399	-11,717
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.8	18.6	15.2	147	1,586
<i>India</i>	0.8	7.8	12.6	1.2	-4.7	2.7	-13	-520
Oceania and other territories	1.8	-11.9	5.6	0.5	18.8	3.9	375	3,603
OPEC	5.7	-4.1	4.3	5.8	-17.5	-10.7	-0	2,567
MERCOSUR	1.7	-3.8	-8.5	1.3	10.2	6.8	29	724
DAE	3.8	-7.8	3.0	1.8	15.2	16.9	524	5,467
ASEAN	1.8	-9.2	-2.2	1.9	8.0	12.0	-130	-650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>20,364</b>

(a) Calculated on 2014 total foreign trade.

**Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – August 2015**

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share	Percentage Changes		Share	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug. 15	Jan.-Aug. 15		Aug. 15	Jan.-Aug. 15	Aug. 2015	Jan.-Aug. 15
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.4	4.7	6.1	11.0	6.8	11.7	704	7,780
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	2.6	6.2	1.3	25.6	21.6	466	4,786
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.3	5.3	6.0	9.7	5.0	10.5	238	2,994
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.4	-4.7	6.6	6.4	28.4	17.7	2,724	30,521
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.9	-2.8	6.2	11.7	5.8	9.3	425	2,813
<b>Energy</b>	2.5	-30.1	-7.3	13.8	-21.5	-21.9	-2,381	-20,750
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.8	-1.2	6.3	29.0	10.5	12.0	3,853	41,114
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>20,364</b>

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