

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

April 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2016 will be disseminated on coming 17 June.

In April 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 3.6% and imports decreased by 13.0% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,603 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,414 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In April 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 3.9% and imports increased by 4.7% compared with March 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.1% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.3% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 4.8% and imports decreased by 8.4% compared with the same period of 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 9,757 million euro compared to the surplus of 8,279 million euro in the same period of 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 17,273 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 19,213 million euro surplus in January-April 2015.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. April 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16	<u>Apr.16</u> Apr.15	<u>Jan.-Apr.16</u> Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	<u>Apr.16</u> Mar.16	<u>Feb.-Apr.16</u> Nov.15-Jan.16
Exports	15,470	57,399	-3.6	-4.8	15,570	3.9	0.1
Imports	11,867	47,642	-13.0	-8.4	12,008	4.7	-3.3
Trade balance	3,603	9,757			3,562		

**TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES.** April 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16
European non-EU countries	10.8	-1.1	-6.3	10.5	-16.9	-10.8	802	1,881
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	-9.3	-12.7	3.9	-35.0	-25.2	-383	-1,778
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-0.1	-5.0	2.9	-1.4	0.6	694	2,470
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	0.8	-4.0	1.8	-1.9	5.8	275	716
North Africa	3.2	-9.9	-11.0	3.1	-32.2	-17.3	213	452
Other African countries	1.4	-28.6	-24.6	2.1	-20.8	-22.1	-91	-444
North America	9.6	11.7	1.3	4.2	-22.3	-6.2	2,485	8,126
<i>United States</i>	8.7	11.7	1.6	3.8	-23.2	-6.8	2,288	7,481
Central and South America	3.3	-20.4	-13.8	2.6	-10.8	-6.2	162	804
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-14.2	-6.5	4.1	-31.9	-28.8	590	2,688
Other Asian countries	9.8	-3.4	-0.9	14.4	8.1	2.3	-966	-5,407
<i>China</i>	2.5	-6.2	-3.4	7.6	10.2	-1.1	-1,041	-5,970
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	-1.9	3.4	0.8	96.3	46.2	-178	227
<i>India</i>	0.8	-8.5	-5.9	1.1	0.0	0.6	-103	-500
Oceania and other territories	1.8	-3.0	-0.9	0.5	-14.9	-4.2	410	1,656
OPEC	5.4	-16.3	-12.3	4.9	-19.2	-13.8	210	1,252
MERCOSUR	1.4	-31.4	-25.4	1.3	12.3	4.5	-91	-111
ASEAN	1.7	7.0	-0.3	2.1	-6.6	6.7	30	-443
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>3,603</b>	<b>9,757</b>

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

**TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS.** April 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.16
<b>Consumer goods</b>	13.5	-2.0	0.0	11.6	-3.2	0.7	1,172	3,215
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	0.0	-2.0	1.4	-3.8	3.1	650	2,158
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-2.6	0.5	10.2	-3.1	0.4	523	1,057
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.5	0.9	-4.8	7.1	8.4	7.1	3,654	13,123
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.9	-5.2	-4.5	12.0	-8.3	-4.2	773	935
<b>Energy</b>	2.1	-43.0	-37.2	10.7	-39.1	-32.4	-1,996	-7,516
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.9	-1.8	-3.2	30.7	-2.3	0.2	5,600	17,273
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>3,603</b>	<b>9,757</b>

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

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

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