

Foreign trade and import prices

April 2016

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to April 2016. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for April 2016 were disseminated on May 25.

- In April 2016 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to March 2016, increased by 2.7% for outgoing flows and by 3.9% for incoming flows. Exports grew by 1.8% for EU countries and by 3.9% for non EU countries. Imports increased for both: +3.4% for European countries and +4.7% for non EU countries. During the quarter February-April 2016, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous quarter, exports are stationary and imports decreased by 1.1%.
- In April 2016, compared with the same month of the previous year, exports and imports decreased respectively by 1.0% and by 4.3%. Outgoing flows increased by 1.2% for EU countries while decreased by 3.6% for non EU countries. Incoming flows increased by 2.2 for EU area and fell by 13.0% for non EU area. The trade balance in September amounted to +4,5 billion Euros (+918 million Euros for EU area and +3,602 million Euros for non EU countries).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. April 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.2016	Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Apr.16 Mar.16	Feb.-Apr.16 Nov.15.-Jan.16
TOTAL							
Exports	34,980	134,055	-1.0	-0.5	34,747	2.7	0.0
Imports	30,460	120,408	-4.3	-2.8	30,344	3.9	-1.1
Trade balance	4,520	13,647			4,403		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	19,512	76,658	1.2	2.9	19,179	1.8	-0.1
Imports	18,594	72,767	2.2	1.3	18,337	3.4	0.5
Trade balance	918	3,892			842		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	15,468	57,397	-3.6	-4.8	15,568	3.9	0.1
Imports	11,866	47,641	-13.0	-8.4	12,007	4.7	-3.3
Trade balance	3,602	9,756			3,561		

Table 2 – 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 euro	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.2016
Consumer goods	32.0	-1.7	0.9	29.5	2.4	2.2	1,559	6,320
- consumer durables	6.1	-1.4	0.5	3.5	6.9	4.5	1,026	3,769
- consumer non durables	25.9	-1.8	1.1	25.9	1.8	1.9	533	2,551
Capital goods	33.7	1.7	0.8	24.3	11.0	8.2	3,736	13,714
Intermediate goods	31.1	-0.3	-1.2	33.5	-5.9	-3.1	1,167	1,467
Energy	3.2	-31.5	-24.9	12.7	-39.7	-32.8	-1,942	-7,854
Total (except energy)	96.8	0.0	0.2	87.3	1.5	1.7	6,462	21,501
Total	100.0	-1.0	-0.5	100.0	-4.3	-2.8	4,520	13,647

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. April 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15		Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.2016	Jan.-Apr.2016
EU countries	54.9	1.2	2.9	58.5	2.2	1.3	918	3,892
EMU19:	40.2	0.9	2.9	46.3	1.9	0.7	-345	-822
Austria	2.1	5.6	3.1	2.3	-4.4	-2.9	78	186
Belgium	3.5	-8.1	2.1	4.7	-5.1	6.4	-475	-1,562
France	10.3	0.4	4.0	8.7	5.8	0.8	928	3,971
Germany	12.3	3.4	1.7	15.4	5.5	2.6	-635	-2,036
Netherlands	2.3	1.7	5.4	5.6	-7.8	-6.5	-677	-3,057
Spain	4.8	5.2	6.2	5.0	11.8	4.3	72	378
Poland	2.6	3.8	1.4	2.3	-2.4	7.0	214	659
United Kingdom	5.4	-1.1	1.1	2.9	2.0	3.7	898	3,584
Czech Republic	1.2	7.9	6.5	1.5	17.2	15.1	-98	-379
Romania	1.6	1.4	-1.3	1.7	1.4	-0.9	67	38
Non-EU countries	45.1	-3.6	-4.8	41.5	-13.0	-8.4	3,602	9,756
European non-EU countries	10.8	-1.2	-6.3	10.5	-16.9	-10.8	800	1,880
Russian Federation	1.7	-9.4	-12.7	3.9	-35.0	-25.2	-383	-1,779
Switzerland	4.6	-0.1	-5.0	2.9	-1.4	0.6	693	2,469
Turkey	2.4	0.8	-4.0	1.8	-1.9	5.8	274	716
North Africa	3.2	-10.0	-11.0	3.1	-32.2	-17.3	212	452
Other African countries	1.4	-28.6	-24.6	2.1	-20.8	-22.1	-92	-445
North America	9.6	11.6	1.3	4.2	-22.3	-6.2	2,485	8,125
United States	8.7	11.7	1.6	3.8	-23.2	-6.8	2,287	7,481
Central and South America	3.3	-20.4	-13.8	2.6	-10.8	-6.2	161	804
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-14.3	-6.5	4.1	-31.9	-28.8	589	2,687
Other Asian countries	9.8	-3.4	-0.9	14.4	8.1	2.3	-968	-5,408
China	2.5	-6.3	-3.4	7.6	10.2	-1.1	-1,041	-5,971
Japan	1.3	-2.0	3.4	0.8	96.3	46.2	-178	227
India	0.8	-8.6	-5.9	1.1	0.0	0.6	-103	-500
Oceania and other territories	1.8	-2.4	-0.8	0.5	-14.9	-4.2	414	1,660
OPEC	5.4	-16.3	-12.3	4.9	-19.2	-13.8	209	1,250
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
Total	100.0	-1.0	-0.5	100.0	-4.3	-2.8	4,520	13,647

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume. April 2016

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Apr.2016	Apr.2016	Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15	Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15
TOTAL						
Exports	114.8	108.4	-1.5	-0.8	0.6	0.2
Imports	99.7	99.8	-8.3	-6.3	4.4	3.8
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.7	106.3	-0.9	-0.7	2.1	3.6
Imports	106.5	103.3	-2.3	-1.0	4.7	2.3
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	117.5	111.3	-2.5	-1.1	-1.2	-3.7
Imports	91.0	95.1	-15.8	-13.1	3.4	5.4

The import price index measures the evolution of prices for industrial products bought by industrial and commercial enterprises in Italy, both in the euro zone and the non-euro zone. Since March 2010 indices are compiled in the reference base 2010.

In Apr 2016 the total import price index increased by 0.2% with respect to the previous month (the index decreased by 0.2% in the euro zone and increased by 0.4% for the non-euro zone); the total twelve-month rate of change decreased by 6.5% (respectively decreased by 2.0% for the euro zone and by 10.0% for the non-euro zone).

The quarterly total index decreased by 1.5% compared with the previous period, by 1.0% for the euro zone and by 2.1% for the non-euro zone.

Table 5 - Import price index (Base 2010). April 2016 (a)

	Index	Percentage changes on the previous period		Percentage changes on the same period of the previous year	
		Apr.16 Mar.16	Feb.-Apr.16 Nov.15.-Jan.16	Apr.16 Apr.15	Jan.-Apr.16 Jan.-Apr.15
	Total index	95.9	0.2	-1.5	-6.5
Euro zone	98.2	-0.2	-1.0	-2.0	-1.4
Non-euro zone	94.0	0.4	-2.1	-10.0	-9.4

(a) Data are provisional and subject to revisions

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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