

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

May 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in May 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in May 2016 will be disseminated on coming 15 July.

In May 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 1.7% and imports decreased by 5.8% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,257 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 2,756 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In May 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 3.0% and imports decreased by 1.1% compared with April 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.3% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.5% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-May 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 4.1% and imports decreased by 7.9% compared with the same period of 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 13,013 million euro compared to the surplus of 11,035 million euro in the same period of 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 22,765 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 24,693 million euro surplus in January-May 2015.

Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – May 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED			
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros		Percentage changes	
	May 2016	Jan.-May 16	<u>May 16</u> May 15	<u>Jan.-May 16</u> Jan.-May 15	May 2016	<u>May 16</u> Apr. 16	<u>Mar.-May 16</u> Dec.15-Feb.16	
Exports	15,775	73,172	-1.7	-4.1	15,131	-3.0	1.3	
Imports	12,518	60,159	-5.8	-7.9	11,892	-1.1	-0.5	
Trade balance	3,257	13,013			3,239			

Table 2. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - May 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		May 16	Jan.-May 16		May 16	Jan.-May 16	May 2016	Jan.-May 16
		May 15	Jan.-May 15		May 15	Jan.-May 15		
European non-EU countries	10.8	0.2	-4.9	10.5	-10.0	-10.7	671	2,551
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	3.7	-9.6	3.9	-32.2	-26.8	-438	-2,217
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	2.1	-3.5	2.9	2.2	1.0	672	3,141
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	1.4	-2.8	1.8	14.1	7.4	333	1,049
North Africa	3.2	-2.2	-9.0	3.1	-13.0	-16.5	370	822
Other African countries	1.4	-3.6	-20.6	2.1	-25.6	-22.9	-75	-519
North America	9.6	-1.0	0.8	4.2	-8.5	-6.7	2,034	10,159
<i>United States</i>	8.7	-2.1	0.9	3.8	-4.5	-6.4	1,804	9,285
Central and South America	3.3	-4.3	-11.9	2.6	-18.6	-8.9	385	1,189
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	-11.1	-7.5	4.1	-24.1	-27.8	606	3,293
Other Asian countries	9.8	0.8	-0.5	14.4	11.8	4.1	-1,268	-6,676
<i>China</i>	2.5	-1.2	-2.9	7.6	5.7	0.2	-1,392	-7,362
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	12.4	5.3	0.8	33.7	43.9	207	433
<i>India</i>	0.8	-10.0	-6.9	1.1	29.8	5.6	-125	-626
Oceania and other territories	1.8	4.3	0.4	0.5	12.3	-1.3	534	2,194
OPEC	5.4	-10.9	-12.0	4.9	-15.4	-14.2	370	1,621
MERCOSUR	1.4	-24.8	-25.3	1.3	-5.2	2.3	-25	-136
ASEAN	1.7	2.9	0.4	2.1	6.7	6.7	-125	-568
TOTAL	45.1	-1.7	-4.1	41.5	-5.8	-7.9	3,257	13,013

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – May 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		May 16	Jan.-May 16		May 16	Jan.-May 16	May 2016	Jan.-May 16
		May 15	Jan.-May 15		May 15	Jan.-May 15		
Consumer goods	13.5	4.0	0.8	11.6	0.9	0.8	1,237	4,453
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	-7.5	-3.2	1.4	-5.8	0.9	571	2,729
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	8.0	2.0	10.2	2.1	0.7	667	1,723
Capital goods	17.5	-1.2	-4.1	7.1	15.9	8.8	3,617	16,739
Intermediate goods	11.9	2.1	-3.1	12.0	-4.5	-4.2	638	1,573
Energy	2.1	-51.4	-40.8	10.7	-26.5	-31.2	-2,235	-9,752
Total (except energy)	42.9	1.4	-2.3	30.7	2.0	0.6	5,493	22,765
TOTAL	45.1	-1.7	-4.1	41.5	-5.8	-7.9	3,257	13,013

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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