

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

April 2017

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2017. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2017 will be disseminated on coming 16 June.

In April 2017 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 3.7% and imports increased by 4.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,556 million euro compared with a 3,602 million euro surplus in the same month of 2016.

In April 2017, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 4.9% and imports decreased by 0.8% compared with March 2017. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 0.4% increase in outgoing flows and a 2.8% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.0% and imports increased by 14.3% compared with the same period of 2016. The trade balance registered a surplus of 7,549 million euro compared to the surplus of 9,756 million euro in the same period of 2016. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 18,945 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 17,272 million euro surplus in January-April 2016.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. April 2017

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Apr.2017	Jan.-Apr.17	<u>Apr.17</u> Apr.16	<u>Jan.-Apr.17</u> Jan.-Apr.17	Apr.2017	<u>Apr.17</u> Mar.17	<u>Feb.-Apr.17</u> Nov.16-Jan.17
Exports	14,903	62,015	-3.7	8.0	16,154	-4.9	0.4
Imports	12,347	54,466	4.1	14.3	13,480	-0.8	2.8
Trade balance	2,556	7,549			2,674		

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. April 2017

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.17 Apr.16	Jan.-Apr.17 Jan.-Apr.17		Apr.17 Apr.16	Jan.-Apr.17 Jan.-Apr.17	Apr.2017	Jan.-Apr.17
European non-EU countries	10.4	-2.3	6.8	9.7	8.6	15.4	466	988
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.6	13.6	23.2	2.9	13.8	17.3	-437	-1,972
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-6.7	3.1	2.9	-7.7	7.2	655	2,394
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	-7.8	0.0	2.0	16.9	22.8	107	174
North Africa	3.0	-11.7	3.3	2.9	18.4	34.0	-73	-585
Other African countries	1.2	7.0	9.4	1.7	-18.8	3.1	23	-365
North America	9.7	-9.6	7.5	4.2	-2.0	11.1	2,151	8,546
<i>United States</i>	8.9	-9.6	7.8	3.8	-0.6	11.9	1,964	7,874
Central and South America	3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	-4.3	3.7	224	1,145
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	-7.7	-1.5	3.7	38.6	64.7	70	187
Other Asian countries	10.0	2.4	14.5	14.4	-3.1	3.6	-749	-4,228
<i>China</i>	2.7	5.6	25.2	7.5	2.4	1.2	-1,037	-5,267
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	7.1	13.2	1.1	-48.2	-16.4	144	730
<i>India</i>	0.8	0.9	7.7	1.2	21.1	24.6	-176	-786
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-1.2	10.6	0.5	-20.7	6.6	444	1,860
OPEC	5.0	-17.6	-10.0	5.1	9.6	43.9	-225	-1,744
MERCOSUR	1.2	1.3	14.0	1.3	-3.7	6.0	-69	-2
ASEAN	1.7	5.3	21.1	2.2	3.3	10.5	44	-256
TOTAL	44.1	-3.7	8.0	39.5	4.1	14.3	2,556	7,549

(a) Calculated on 2016 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. April 2017

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.17 Apr.16	Jan.-Apr.17 Jan.-Apr.17		Apr.17 Apr.16	Jan.-Apr.17 Jan.-Apr.17	Apr.2017	Jan.-Apr.17
Consumer goods	13.7	-2.1	8.5	11.7	-4.5	2.9	1,227	4,305
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	-8.3	1.8	1.4	8.3	6.4	522	2,114
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.8	-0.1	10.4	10.2	-6.4	2.4	705	2,191
Capital goods	17.3	-6.3	6.8	7.6	-9.9	6.3	3,516	14,071
Intermediate goods	11.7	-6.6	3.7	11.4	3.9	6.5	354	569
Energy	1.5	50.4	57.8	8.7	31.2	52.8	-2,541	-11,396
Total (except energy)	42.7	-5.1	6.5	30.7	-2.8	5.1	5,097	18,945
TOTAL	44.1	-3.7	8.0	39.5	4.1	14.3	2,556	7,549

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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