

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

September 2017

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

In September 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.1% and imports increased by 4.7% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,540 million euro compared with a 2,892 million euro surplus in the same month of 2016.

In September 2017, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.0% and imports decreased by 3.4% compared with August 2017. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.2% increase in outgoing flows and a 3.4% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-September 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.2% and imports increased by 12.4% compared with the same period of 2016. The trade balance registered a surplus of 24,080 million euro compared to the surplus of 26,379 million euro in the same period of 2016. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 48,196 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 44,859 million euro surplus in January-September 2016.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Sep. 2017	Jan.-Sep.17	<u>Sep.17</u> Sep.16	<u>Jan.-Sep.17</u> Jan.-Sep.16	Sep.2017	<u>Sep.17</u> Aug.17	<u>Jul.-Sep.17</u> Apr.-Jun. 17
Exports	16,358	145,299	8.1	8.2	16,968	2.0	1.2
Imports	12,818	121,220	4.7	12.4	12,854	-3.4	-3.4
Trade balance	3,540	24,080			4,114		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Sep.17 Sep.16	Jan.-Sep.17 Jan.-Sep.16		Sep.17 Sep.16	Jan.-Sep.17 Jan.-Sep.16	Sep. 2017	Jan.-Sep.17
European non-EU countries	10.4	12.3	7.9	9.7	-1.8	13.4	1,170	4,973
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.6	21.8	22.6	2.9	7.4	19.6	-182	-3,433
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	5.0	3.6	2.9	-9.7	6.3	870	6,079
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	21.3	3.4	2.0	-1.2	17.0	264	1,183
North Africa	3.0	-3.0	-0.2	2.9	50.8	24.1	-72	-221
Other African countries	1.2	4.2	10.6	1.7	-14.6	-3.1	-44	-551
North America	9.7	8.2	8.5	4.2	4.9	9.5	2,513	19,839
<i>United States</i>	8.9	8.3	8.7	3.8	4.0	9.5	2,295	18,051
Central and South America	3.1	11.5	13.0	2.4	-5.4	5.4	464	3,471
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	1.1	2.1	3.7	15.3	38.9	96	1,140
Other Asian countries	10.0	9.3	13.0	14.4	3.1	6.8	-1,122	-9,186
<i>China</i>	2.7	18.7	25.2	7.5	3.0	5.5	-1,585	-12,282
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	7.3	8.2	1.1	-8.1	6.4	259	1,548
<i>India</i>	0.8	20.8	8.8	1.2	16.2	25.8	-127	-1,464
Oceania and other territories	1.9	7.3	3.6	0.5	14.3	11.1	536	4,615
OPEC	5.0	-5.4	-5.9	5.1	13.3	23.9	-317	-2,444
MERCOSUR	1.2	15.1	16.1	1.3	0.7	5.3	68	260
ASEAN	1.7	5.9	13.7	2.2	-8.7	6.8	4	-542
TOTAL	44.1	8.1	8.2	39.5	4.7	12.4	3,540	24,080

(a) Calculated on 2016 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Sep.17 Sep.16	Jan.-Sep.17 Jan.-Sep.16		Sep.17 Sep.16	Jan.-Sep.17 Jan.-Sep.16	Sep. 2017	Jan.-Sep.17
Consumer goods	13.7	7.4	8.6	11.7	0.0	4.1	1,699	11,703
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	5.3	6.1	1.4	1.4	15.0	618	4,926
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.8	8.0	9.3	10.2	-0.2	2.6	1,081	6,778
Capital goods	17.3	10.1	7.8	7.6	-9.0	6.3	4,120	34,209
Intermediate goods	11.7	0.7	4.4	11.4	8.0	10.2	-66	2,283
Energy	1.5	46.4	42.6	8.7	19.8	32.8	-2,212	-24,116
Total (except energy)	42.7	6.7	7.1	30.7	0.8	6.9	5,753	48,196
TOTAL	44.1	8.1	8.2	39.5	4.7	12.4	3,540	24,080

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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