

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

March 2018

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in March 2018. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in March 2018 will be disseminated on coming 17 May.

In March 2018 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 2.2% and imports decreased by 0.5% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 3,832 million euro compared with a 4,168 million euro surplus in the same month of 2017.

In March 2018, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 4.5% and imports increased by 2.1% compared with February 2018. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 3.4% decreased in outgoing flows and a 0.7% decreased in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-March 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 0.5% and imports decreased by 0.1% compared with the same period of 2017. The trade balance registered a surplus of 5,281 million euro compared to the surplus of 4,994 million euro in the same period of 2017. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 14,606 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 13,848 million euro surplus in January-March 2017.

TABLE 1. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. March 2018

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Mar. 2018	Jan.-Mar.18	<u>Mar.18</u> Mar.17	<u>Jan.-Mar.18</u> Jan.-Mar.17	Mar.2018	<u>Mar.18</u> Feb.18	<u>Jan.-Mar.18</u> Oct.-Dec.17
Exports	18,287	47,344	-2.2	0.5	16,915	4.5	-3.4
Imports	14,455	42,063	-0.5	-0.1	13,681	2.1	-0.7
Trade balance	3,832	5,281			3,234		

TABLE 2. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE WITH NON-EU COUNTRIES. March 2018

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar.18 Mar.17	Jan.-Mar.18 Jan.-Mar.17		Mar.18 Mar.17	Jan.-Mar.18 Jan.-Mar.17	Mar. 2018	Jan.-Mar.18
European non-EU countries	10.7	-3.8	4.6	9.8	0.9	-1.9	472	1,225
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.8	-11.1	-1.1	3.1	24.9	3.7	-611	-1,677
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	-4.2	8.5	2.8	-24.4	-16.6	925	2,660
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	0.3	3.6	2.1	9.6	4.4	32	52
North Africa	2.7	-14.8	-7.5	3.2	19.9	13.7	-378	-1,226
Other African countries	1.2	0.1	3.3	1.4	-1.1	-1.0	-105	-333
North America	9.9	0.9	0.5	4.1	-13.0	-9.3	2,959	6,870
<i>United States</i>	9.0	1.6	0.3	3.7	-21.3	-10.0	2,819	6,345
Central and South America	3.2	6.1	5.1	2.3	-8.4	-2.5	611	1,138
Middle Eastern countries	4.5	-9.6	-8.4	4.7	-8.5	3.8	211	-470
Other Asian countries	10.4	-0.7	-1.1	13.8	2.1	0.0	-553	-3,607
<i>China</i>	3.0	-3.1	-1.6	7.1	7.1	4.4	-1,195	-4,598
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	-2.9	-5.6	1.0	-15.6	-7.8	234	576
<i>India</i>	0.8	16.5	19.5	1.3	3.6	6.8	-162	-551
Oceania and other territories	1.9	3.6	12.1	0.5	-0.6	-7.3	617	1,684
OPEC	4.3	-11.5	-11.4	5.7	1.9	10.9	-657	-2,695
MERCOSUR	1.3	12.9	8.2	1.3	-13.2	-4.0	156	218
ASEAN	1.8	-3.9	-4.1	2.0	-20.9	-18.0	137	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>5,281</b>

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE BY MAIN INDUSTRIAL GROUPINGS. March 2018

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Mar.18 Mar.17	Jan.-Mar.18 Jan.-Mar.17		Mar.18 Mar.17	Jan.-Mar.18 Jan.-Mar.17	Mar. 2018	Jan.-Mar.18
<b>Consumer goods</b>	14.1	2.2	4.8	10.9	-12.4	-7.7	2,269	4,696
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	-3.3	1.0	1.5	3.4	5.8	732	1,542
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	11.2	3.8	5.7	9.4	-14.5	-9.6	1,537	3,155
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.2	-5.4	-4.7	7.2	-6.5	-4.8	4,596	10,073
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.3	-3.7	3.5	11.5	1.7	6.8	330	-164
<b>Energy</b>	1.8	7.0	-2.8	10.2	15.0	3.7	-3,363	-9,325
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.6	-2.5	0.6	29.7	-5.5	-1.5	7,195	14,606
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>5,281</b>

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

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