

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries

April 2018

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in April 2018. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in April 2018 will be disseminated on coming 18 June.

In April 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 4.8% and imports increased by 11.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,859 million euro compared with a 2,553 million euro surplus in the same month of 2017.

In April 2018, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports decreased by 0.9% and imports increased by 2.4% compared with March 2018. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 3.1% decreased in outgoing flows and a 1.2% increased in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-April 2018 exports to non-EU countries increased by 1.5% and imports increased by 2.5% compared with the same period of 2017. The trade balance registered a surplus of 7,141 million euro compared to the surplus of 7,547 million euro in the same period of 2017. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 19,573 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 18,942 million euro surplus in January-April 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	
	Apr. 2018	Jan.-Apr.18	<u>Apr.18</u> Apr.17	<u>Jan.-Apr.18</u> Jan.-Apr.17	Apr.2018	<u>Apr.18</u> Mar.18	<u>Feb.-Apr.18</u> Nov.17-Jan.18
Exports	15,612	62,959	4.8	1.5	16,771	-0.9	-3.1
Imports	13,753	55,818	11.4	2.5	14,131	2.4	1.2
Trade balance	1,859	7,141			2,640		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.18 Apr.17	Jan.-Apr.18 Jan.-Apr.17		Apr.18 Apr.17	Jan.-Apr.18 Jan.-Apr.17	Apr. 2018	Jan.-Apr.18
European non-EU countries	10.7	7.7	5.4	9.8	10.3	1.0	416	1,642
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.8	-1.3	-1.2	3.1	10.4	5.3	-551	-2,228
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	11.3	9.2	2.8	9.5	-11.0	743	3,403
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	-0.7	2.5	2.1	10.9	5.9	25	77
North Africa	2.7	-5.0	-6.9	3.2	6.5	12.1	-189	-1,416
Other African countries	1.2	-3.1	1.7	1.4	33.9	5.8	-119	-452
North America	9.9	5.6	1.7	4.1	20.6	-2.9	2,088	8,957
<i>United States</i>	9.0	6.0	1.6	3.7	21.0	-3.3	1,913	8,258
Central and South America	3.2	8.4	5.9	2.3	0.3	-1.8	306	1,444
Middle Eastern countries	4.5	-5.0	-7.6	4.7	22.4	8.1	-323	-794
Other Asian countries	10.4	6.2	0.6	13.8	6.0	1.4	-788	-4,398
<i>China</i>	3.0	9.5	1.1	7.1	0.6	3.6	-956	-5,554
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	6.9	-2.8	1.0	15.1	-2.4	127	703
<i>India</i>	0.8	11.5	17.5	1.3	22.3	10.5	-244	-795
Oceania and other territories	1.9	14.0	12.8	0.5	43.7	4.3	468	2,157
OPEC	4.3	-6.1	-10.1	5.7	29.1	14.7	-777	-3,473
MERCOSUR	1.3	15.2	9.8	1.3	-5.2	-4.3	11	228
ASEAN	1.8	-5.9	-4.7	2.0	-2.9	-14.7	22	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>7,141</b>

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Apr.18 Apr.17	Jan.-Apr.18 Jan.-Apr.17		Apr.18 Apr.17	Jan.-Apr.18 Jan.-Apr.17	Apr. 2018	Jan.-Apr.18
<b>Consumer goods</b>	14.1	7.1	5.3	10.9	1.5	-5.8	1,495	+6,190
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	1.7	1.2	1.5	-2.5	3.7	552	2,093
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	11.2	8.7	6.4	9.4	2.2	-7.1	943	4,098
<b>Capital goods</b>	17.2	1.6	-3.1	7.2	4.4	-2.6	3,507	13,579
<b>Intermediate goods</b>	11.3	5.3	4.0	11.5	16.5	9.0	-36	-196
<b>Energy</b>	1.8	15.0	1.3	10.2	20.8	7.6	-3,106	-12,432
<b>Total (except energy)</b>	42.6	4.4	1.5	29.7	8.2	0.7	4,965	19,573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>7,141</b>

(a) Calculated on 2017 total foreign trade.

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

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