

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

November 2017

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

In November 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 12.9% and imports increased by 11.6% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 4,602 million euro compared with a 3,937 million euro surplus in the same month of 2016.

In November 2017, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 6.7% and imports increased by 4.5% compared with October 2017. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 4.6% increase in outgoing flows and a 0.3% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-November 2017 exports to non-EU countries increased by 8.9% and imports increased by 11.9% compared with the same period of 2016. The trade balance registered a surplus of 32,950 million euro compared to the surplus of 33,878 million euro in the same period of 2016. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 62,516 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 57,273 million euro surplus in January-November 2016.

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

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros	Percentage changes	
	Nov. 2017	Jan.-Nov.17	<u>Nov.17</u> Nov.16	<u>Jan.-Nov.17</u> Jan.-Nov.16	Nov.2017	<u>Nov.17</u> Oct.17	<u>Sep.-Nov.17</u> Jun.-Aug. 17
Exports	18,243	180,836	12.9	8.9	17,683	6.7	4.6
Imports	13,641	147,886	11.6	11.9	13,731	4.5	0.3
Trade balance	4,602	32,950			3,952		

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

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Nov.17 Nov.16	Jan.-Nov.17 Jan.-Nov.16		Nov.17 Nov.16	Jan.-Nov.17 Jan.-Nov.16	Nov. 2017	Jan.-Nov.17
European non-EU countries	10.4	28.9	10.7	9.6	5.6	12.3	1,741	7,679
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.6	16.5	21.5	2.9	10.9	16.2	-211	-3,852
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.5	45.8	8.8	2.9	1.3	6.3	1,598	8,564
<i>Turkey</i>	2.3	5.4	5.6	2.0	-2.6	13.4	168	1,574
North Africa	3.0	2.4	0.2	2.9	4.6	21.9	-39	-242
Other African countries	1.2	3.0	10.1	1.6	-10.7	-5.0	-54	-608
North America	9.7	4.9	8.9	4.2	21.3	9.7	2,217	24,605
<i>United States</i>	8.8	4.2	9.0	3.8	25.3	10.0	2,043	22,404
Central and South America	3.1	14.6	12.3	2.4	8.4	6.0	490	4,376
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	-0.4	1.6	3.7	57.6	41.4	-115	993
Other Asian countries	10.0	13.4	12.9	14.4	6.0	6.0	-270	-9,712
<i>China</i>	2.6	19.7	23.8	7.4	4.3	5.1	-936	-14,328
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	12.6	9.1	1.1	-6.9	4.8	251	2,055
<i>India</i>	0.8	14.9	9.4	1.2	10.1	22.6	-106	-1,672
Oceania and other territories	1.9	13.3	4.1	0.5	7.4	11.1	633	5,858
OPEC	5.0	-10.6	-6.8	5.0	23.0	24.1	-459	-3,240
MERCOSUR	1.2	31.3	18.5	1.3	11.3	5.8	88	410
ASEAN	1.7	13.5	13.1	2.2	-3.6	3.7	132	-270
TOTAL	44.1	12.9	8.9	39.2	11.6	11.9	4,602	32,950

(a) Calculated on 2016 total foreign trade.

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

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Nov.17 Nov.16	Jan.-Nov.17 Jan.-Nov.16		Nov.17 Nov.16	Jan.-Nov.17 Jan.-Nov.16	Nov. 2017	Jan.-Nov.17
Consumer goods	13.7	13.3	9.6	11.6	1.8	3.7	2,233	16,164
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.9	7.5	6.5	1.4	10.5	13.7	710	6,398
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.8	14.8	10.4	10.2	0.7	2.3	1,522	9,767
Capital goods	17.2	14.7	8.5	7.6	-2.7	4.6	4,926	43,133
Intermediate goods	11.6	8.8	4.9	11.2	18.1	12.3	423	3,219
Energy	1.5	18.5	40.4	8.8	27.6	29.0	-2,979	-29,566
Total (except energy)	42.6	12.7	7.9	30.5	6.6	7.1	7,581	62,516
TOTAL	44.1	12.9	8.9	39.2	11.6	11.9	4,602	32,950

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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