

## Foreign trade with non-EU countries: preliminary estimates

*February 2010*

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in February 2010. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in February 2010 will be disseminated on coming 15 April.

In February 2010, exports to non-EU countries increased by 2.3% and imports by 10.4% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a deficit of 1,622 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 733 million euro deficit in the same month of 2009.

In February 2010, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 2.6% and imports by 4.7% compared with January 2010. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 5.0% increase in outgoing flows and a 9.2% increase in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-February 2010, exports to non-EU countries increased by 3.3% and imports by 3.1% compared with the same period of 2009. The trade balance registered a deficit of 4,817 million euro compared to the deficit of 4,721 million euro in the same period of 2009. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 2,957 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 2,619 million euro surplus in January-February 2009.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. February 2010

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	millions of euro		share		millions of euro	share	
	Feb. 2010	Jan.-Feb. 2010	Feb.10 Feb.09	Jan.-Feb.10 Jan.-Feb.09	Feb. 2010	Feb.10 Jan.10	Dic.09-Jan.10 Set.09-Nov.09
Exports	10,295	18,312	2.3	3.3	10,971	2.6	5.0
Imports	11,917	23,128	10.4	3.1	12,067	4.7	9.2
Trade balance	-1,622	-4,817			-1,096		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries. February 2010

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	share (a)	percentage changes		share (a)	percentage changes		millions of euro	
		Feb.10 Feb.09	Jan.-Feb.10 Jan.-Feb.09		Feb.10 Feb.09	Jan.-Feb.10 Jan.-Feb.09	Feb. 2010	Jan.-Feb. 2010
European non-EU countries	12.0	3.4	3.5	11.1	10.3	2.1	-113	-714
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.8	-3.1	-5.9	4.2	32.9	9.0	-539	-1,326
<i>Switzerland</i>	3.9	1.1	-0.6	2.9	-1.4	-5.0	273	443
<i>Turkey</i>	2.0	52.3	51.5	1.5	24.3	27.5	119	116
North Africa	3.6	2.3	4.9	8.2	7.8	-4.3	-1,083	-2,060
Other African countries	1.3	-39.8	-27.1	1.9	-7.0	13.2	-94	-297
North America	6.9	1.7	0.1	3.5	-11.5	-9.1	706	1,164
<i>United States</i>	6.2	0.5	-0.6	3.1	-11.3	-8.8	595	1,013
Central and South America	3.3	12.0	7.9	2.8	-1.6	-2.5	148	77
Middle Eastern countries	5.0	-4.2	-2.2	5.0	69.8	66.4	-169	-563
Other Asian countries	7.3	12.9	15.0	12.3	7.0	-4.4	-1,257	-2,836
<i>China</i>	1.7	28.1	32.7	6.2	1.8	-8.8	-1,255	-2,539
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	-7.7	-8.8	1.3	7.2	-19.8	21	-24
<i>India</i>	0.8	33.2	18.2	0.9	13.7	10.8	-42	-151
Oceania and other territories	1.6	3.2	-2.4	0.6	19.8	12.8	240	412
OPEC	5.6	-14.7	-10.7	10.7	23.0	8.5	-1,255	-2,379
MERCOSUR	1.2	43.6	39.7	1.4	-13.7	-16.2	97	63
DAE	2.7	14.5	20.2	2.1	16.9	1.5	256	426
ASEAN	1.3	-2.8	15.8	1.4	-5.3	-7.5	-78	-133
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-1,622</b>	<b>-4,817</b>

(a) Calculated on 2009 total foreign trade

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. February 2010

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	share (a)	percentage changes		share (a)	percentage changes		millions of euro	
		Feb.10 Feb.09	Jan.-Feb.10 Jan.-Feb.09		Feb.10 Feb.09	Jan.-Feb.10 Jan.-Feb.09	Feb. 2010	Jan.-Feb. 2010
Consumer goods	11.1	1.0	1.0	9.1	-6.1	-8.0	296	-51
- <i>consumer durables</i>	2.8	8.3	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.0	345	426
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	8.3	-1.0	0.8	7.8	-7.2	-9.2	-48	-477
Capital goods	15.7	-1.3	-1.4	5.8	0.0	-8.3	2,259	3,762
Intermediate goods	11.8	7.9	8.6	11.9	23.4	14.7	-80	-754
Energy	2.6	7.9	28.5	18.5	18.7	8.1	-4,097	-7,774
Total (except energy)	38.6	2.1	2.2	26.8	5.7	0.2	2,475	2,957
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-1,622</b>	<b>-4,817</b>

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