

## **Press Release**

## APRIL CONFIRMS A NEGATIVE TREND FOR THE ITALIAN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION (-10.9%), CLOSING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS WITH -9.9%

## Car production in slowdown of 22% during the month and of 19% in the first four months

*Turin, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2019* - According to ANFIA preliminary data, during April 2019 the **National cars productions** is in slowdown of 22% respect to April 2018.

In the first four months of the 2018, the slowdown was about 19%.

In May 2019, the car production registers a slowdown of 1%. The first five months of 2019 close with a negative sign: -4%. In May, the FCA group registrations got a market share of 26%, with the volumes which decrease of 6%. The sectors which show a positive sign during the period January-May 2019 only are the light commercial vehicles (+6%, with a growth of 5% during May) and light trailers (+2%, with an increasement of 4.5% during the month), while decrease trucks (-8%, despite of +5% of May), schoolbuses (-8%, with a slowdown of 15% in May) and heavy trailers and semitrailers (-7%, while the slowdown is of 16%).

During March 2019, the value of the export of cars from Italy is about 2 billions of Euro, the 4.8% of the total exported and decreases of 5.4%. The import of cars, instead, values 3.35 billions of Euro (-5.2% respect to March 2018), which means the 9.1% of the total imported in Italy. The United States are still, in terms of value, the first country as destination for the export of cars from Italy with a share of 17%, followed by France and Germany, respectively with a share of 14.5% and of 13%.

In Italy, the index of the Industrial production in its overall<sup>1</sup> decreases of 1.5% in April 2019.

"The Italian Automotive Production in its overall<sup>2</sup>, registers during March a trend of decrease of 10.9%, which follows the slowdowns already registered in the first trimester of 2019 and in the last trimester of 2018 - says Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. Also the second trimester of the year, opens with a negative sign, which caused the negative closing (-9.9%) for the first four months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Corrected following the calendar effects: working days have been 20 against 19 of April 2018 (with the only exception of the Manufacturing sector). Starting from 2018, the index of the industrial production published by ISTAT on the new basis 2015=100 (until last month it was 2010=100).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ateco Code 29: production of cars, car bodies, trailers and semitrailers and production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines (no tyres).



Also the Italian production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines<sup>3</sup> registered once again, as already happened in February and in March, a negative sign in April (-8.7%) and also in the cumulate (-7.5%)".

In March, according to the last data available, the orders of this specific sector register a decrease of 14.7%, because of the decrement of the national orders (-19.3%) and of the international ones (-10%). In the first three months of the year, the orders register a slowdown of 8,9% (-15.7% and -2.6% the national and international part, respectively). The income of parts, accessories for vehicles and their engines in the end, shows a slowdown of 8% during the month, because of the national part in decrease of 17.4%, while the international one closes with +2%. From January to March 2019 the index of the income register a decreasement of 5.6%, with a national part in decrease of 13.8% (+2.8% the international income).

Orders<sup>4</sup> for the automotive sector show a decrease of 11.6% in March (result of a national part in decrease of 10.5% and of an international part in decrease of 13.3%). In the first three months of 2019 the orders decrease of 10.7% (-12.9% in the national market and -7.8% in the international market). The overall of the industry orders, instead, show (with the only exception of the Manufacture sector), a decrease of 3.6% during March (-4.4% the national part, -2.4% the international part) and of 2.5% in the first trimester of 2019 (-1.8% the national part and -3.4% the international one).

The income<sup>5</sup> in the automotive sector, in the end, shows a decrease of 14.7% in March (-21.7% the national income and -2.6% the international one). In the first three months of 2019 the income decreases of 12.3% (-16.8% the national income and -5.7% the international one). For the industry the income (with only exception of the Manufacture sector) decreases of 1.9% during the month (-2.8% on the national market and -0.1% on the international ones) and of 0.1% from January to March 2019 (-0.8% on the national market and +1.1% on the international ones).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ateco Code 29.3, no tyres.

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