



Press Release

ITALIAN INDUSTRY AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION: THE STRONG SLOWDOWN OF DECEMBER (-12.3%) AND OF 2018 (-3.4%) MAKES NECESSARY TO DEFINE INDUSTRIAL POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF THE SECTOR

The car production strongly slow down during the year: -10%

Turin, February 8th 2019 - According to ANFIA data, in December 2018, the National cars productions reached almost 39,000 units, in slowdown of 13% respect to December 2017.

During the whole 2018, the car production (about 671,000 units) strongly slow down, registering a -10% respect to 2017. The 57% of the produced cars is addressed to the export. The overall of the vehicles¹ produced in 2018 reached 1.06 million of units, in slowdown of 7% respect to 2017 and the 66% addressed to the export.

In 2018, the Italian car market decreased of 3.1%. During the year, registrations of FCA Group registered a market share of 26%, with volumes in decrease of 10%. In the other sectors, the one which show a positive sign during 2018 are: trucks (+5%) and buses (+36.7%), while close the year in slowdown the light commercial vehicles (-6%), heavy trailers and semitrailers (-1.9%) and light trailers (-4.6%).

In November 2018, the value of the export of cars from Italy is about 1.77 billion of Euro, the 4.3% of the exported overall is decreasing of 16.2%. The import of vehicles values 3.08 billion of Euro (-4% respect to November 2017), which represents the 8.3% of the overall 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 15% and of 13%.

In Italy, the index of the Industrial production in its overall² decreases of 5.5% in December, while 2018 closes with a +0.8% respect to the previous year.

"The Italian Automotive Production in its overall³, registers during 2018 a trend decrease of 12.3%, which is followed by the already registered decreases in the previous five months (-13.3% in November, -8.9% in October, -4.4% in September, -5.5% in August, -5.9% in July). 2018 closes with a worrisome contraction of 3.4% - says Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA.

The Italian production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines⁴ registers a negative sign both in December (-9.2%), both in the cumulate (-2.3%), and also the last data available for the orders are decreasing of 13.6% in November (-19.3%

¹ With "vehicles" we refer to cars and heavy and light commercial vehicles.

² Corrected following the calendar effects: working days have been 19 against 18 of December 2017 (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).

³ Ateco Code 29: production of cars, car bodies, trailers and semitrailers and production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines (no tyres).

⁴ Ateco Code 29.3, no tyres.



on the national market and -6.8% on the international ones) and one 2.7% in the first eleven months 2018 (-7.8% and +3% % the national and international part, respectively).

These substantial decreases for the cars and vehicles production during the past year, make necessary define industrial policies in support of the sector, in this uncertain economical situation but also experienced by several transformation of the sector. This what has been underlined by the “Worktable for the future of the Automotive in Italy”, organized by Confindustria and ANFIA, which took place in Torino on February 6th. It pointed out priorities and requests for the Institutions by the productive supply chain”.

The income of parts, in the end, shows a slowdown of 11.3% during the month, because of the national part in decrease of 20.7%, while the International closes with -0.9%. From January to November 2018 the index of the income registers a decrease of 0.8%, with a national part in slowdown of 7.4% (+6.7% the international income).

Orders⁵ for the automotive sector show a decrease of 13.6% in November (because of the national part which decreases of 18.7% and of the international one in slowdown of 5.9%). In the first eleven months of 2018 the orders register a slowdown of 1.4% (-2.8% in the national market and +0.5% in the international one). The overall of the industry orders, instead, shows a decrease of 2% during November (-4.4% the national part and +1.4% the international) with an increasement of 2.7% from January to November 2018 (+1.5% the national part and +4.4% the international one).

The income⁶ in the automotive sector, in the end, shows a slowdown of 9.5% in November. The income decreases also in the first eleven months of 1.8% (-2.9% the national income and -0.2% the international one). For the industry the income (with only exception of the Manufacture sector) the income grows of 0.5% in November and of 3.9% from January to November 2018 (+3.2% on the international markets and +5.1% on the national one).

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Born in March 1912, over these one hundred years, ANFIA mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand, and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, with regard to all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector. The Association is structured in three product-based Groups, each one chaired by a President.

⁵ Unrefined data. The update data for December will be published by ISTAT on February 19th, 2019.

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Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; Car Coachbuilders and Designers: companies working in the sector of design, engineering and style of motor vehicles and/or parts and components for the automotive sector; Motor vehicles: motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, special means of transport.

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