



## Presse Release

### **IN MARCH THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION DECREASES IN ITALY (-9.8%) AND IT CLOSES THE FIRST TRIMESTER OF 2019 WITH -9.5%**

#### **A double figures decrease for the car production during the month (-20%)**

*Turin, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019* - According to ANFIA data, in March 2019 the **national vehicles production** in Italy shows a decrease of 20% respect to March 2018.

In the first trimester of the current year, the car production, 53% of it addressed to foreign markets, registers a slowdown of 18.5%.

The overall of cars<sup>1</sup> produced in Italy reached 234,000 units, the 64% is addressed to export, and registered a slowdown of 15%.

In April 2019, the car Italian market registers the first monthly growth of 2019: +1.5%. The first four months period closes with a negative sign: -4.6%. In April, FCA Group registrations registered a market share of 25%, with volumes in decrease of 4.2%. In the other sectors show a positive sign from January to April 2019 only light commercial vehicles (+6%, with a growth of 16% during April) and light trailers (+1.2%, with an increasement of 16% during the month), while decrease trucks (-10%, in slowdown of 7% in April), buses (-5.5%, with a slowdown of 4% in April), heavy trailers and semitrailers (-5.5%, while during the month the slowdown is of 3%).

In February 2019, the **value of the export of cars** from Italy amount to 1.78 billion of Euro, the 4.7% of the total exported, in slowdown of 5.4%. The import of cars values instead 2.91 billion of Euro (-0.2% respect to February 2018), which means the 8.5% 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 18.5%, followed by France and Germany, respectively with a share of 15% and of 12%.

In Italy, the index of the industrial production in the overall<sup>2</sup> decrease of 1.4% during March 2019.

*"The Italian Automotive Production<sup>3</sup>, registers in March a trend of decrease of 9.8%, which follows the slowdown already registered in the previous two months of 2019 and in the last trimester of 2018 - says Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA.*

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<sup>1</sup> With "cars" are defined cars and light and heavy commercial vehicles.

<sup>2</sup> Corrected for the calendar effect: working days have been 21, against 22 of March 2018 (with the only exception of the Manufacture 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>3</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) .

*The first trimester closing of 2019 registers a trend of decrease of 9.5%, confirming the concerns for this opening of the year.*

*Also the Italian production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines <sup>4</sup> registers, like in February, a negative sign during March (-6.2%) and also in the cumulate (-7.1%)”.*

In February, according to the last data available, the orders of this specific sector register a decrease of 9.3%, because of the decrement of the national orders (-14.3%) and of the foreign ones (-4.2%). In the first two months of the year, the orders register a slowdown of 6.2% (-14.1% and +0.7% the national and international part, respectively). The income of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines shows a decrease of 4.4% during the month, because of the national part in slowdown of 10%, while the foreign one increases of +1.5%. From January to February 2019 the index of the income registers a decrease of 4.4%, with a national part in slowdown of 12% (+3.2% for the foreign income).

**Orders<sup>5</sup>** for the automotive sector show a decrease of 5% in February (results of a national part in slowdown of 8% and of a foreign one in slowdown of 1%). In the first two months of 2019 orders decrease of 10.2% (-14.4% on the national market and -5% in the foreign one). The overall of the industry orders (with the only exception of the Manufacture sector), show a decrease instead of 2.9% during February (+0.6% the national part and -7.7% the foreign one) and of 1.7% in the first two months of 2019 (-0.2% the national part and -3.9% the foreign one).

The **income<sup>6</sup>** in the automotive sector, in the end, shows a decrease of 6.9% in February (-7.7% the national income and -5.8% the foreign one). In the first two months of 2019 the income is in slowdown of 10.7% (-13.2% national income and -7.5% the foreign one). For the industry the income (with only exception of the Manufacture sector), the income increases of 1.3% during the month (+1.1% on the national market and +1.7% on the foreign ones) and of 1% from January to February 2019 (+0.6% on the national market and of +1.9% on the foreign ones).

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<sup>4</sup> Ateco Code 29.3, no tyres

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