The U.S. monthly international trade deficit increased in March 2015 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from $35.9 billion in February (revised) to $51.4 billion in March, as imports increased more than exports. The previously published February deficit was $35.4 billion. The goods deficit increased $14.9 billion from February to $70.6 billion in March. The services surplus decreased $0.6 billion from February to $19.2 billion in March.

**Exports**
Exports of goods and services increased $1.6 billion, or 0.9 percent, in March to $187.8 billion. Exports of goods increased $1.5 billion and exports of services increased $0.2 billion.

- The increase in exports of goods mainly reflected increases in *capital goods* ($1.5 billion) and in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* ($0.8 billion). Decreases occurred in *consumer goods* ($1.7 billion) and in *petroleum and products* ($0.6 billion).
- The increase in exports of services reflected an increase in *transport* ($0.1 billion), which includes freight and port services and passenger fares, and increases in several categories of services of less than $0.1 billion. A decrease in *travel (for all purposes including education)* ($0.1 billion) was partly offsetting.

**Imports**
Imports of goods and services increased $17.1 billion, or 7.7 percent, in March to $239.2 billion. Imports of goods increased $16.4 billion and imports of services increased $0.8 billion.

- The increase in imports of goods mainly reflected increases in *consumer goods* ($9.0 billion), in *capital goods* ($4.0 billion), and in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* ($2.7 billion). A decrease occurred in *petroleum and products* ($1.1 billion).
- The increase in imports of services mainly reflected increases in *transport* ($0.6 billion) and in *travel (for all purposes including education)* ($0.1 billion).

**Goods by geographic area (seasonally adjusted, Census basis)**

- The goods deficit with China increased from $27.3 billion in February to $37.8 billion in March. Exports increased $0.4 billion to $9.3 billion and imports increased $10.9 billion to $47.1 billion.
- The goods deficit with Japan increased from $4.3 billion in February to $6.3 billion in March. Exports increased $0.2 billion to $5.6 billion and imports increased $2.2 billion to $11.9 billion.
- The goods deficit with Germany decreased from $6.3 billion in February to $5.6 billion in March. Exports increased $0.1 billion to $4.3 billion and imports decreased $0.5 billion to $9.9 billion.