

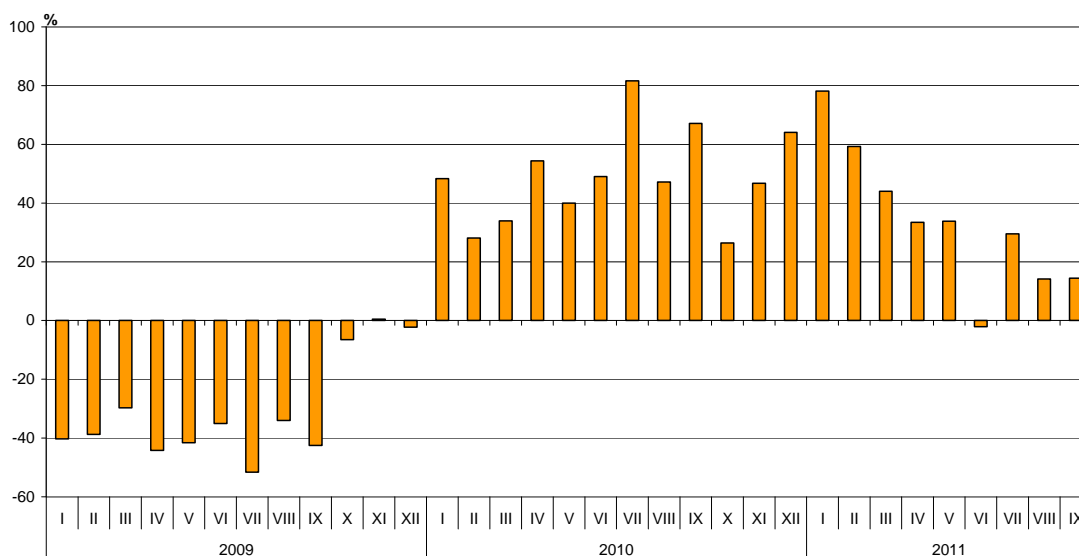


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2011 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2011 the Bulgarian exports to third countries increased by 30.4% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and exceeded 11.1 billion levs (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Russia, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, China and USA that formed 53.5% of the total exports to non EU countries (Table 2). The exports to South Africa, Canada, India and Ukraine increased significantly. The most significant falls were reported on the exports to Singapore, Syria, Peru and Viet-Nam.

In September 2011 the exports to third countries increased by 14.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 billion levs.

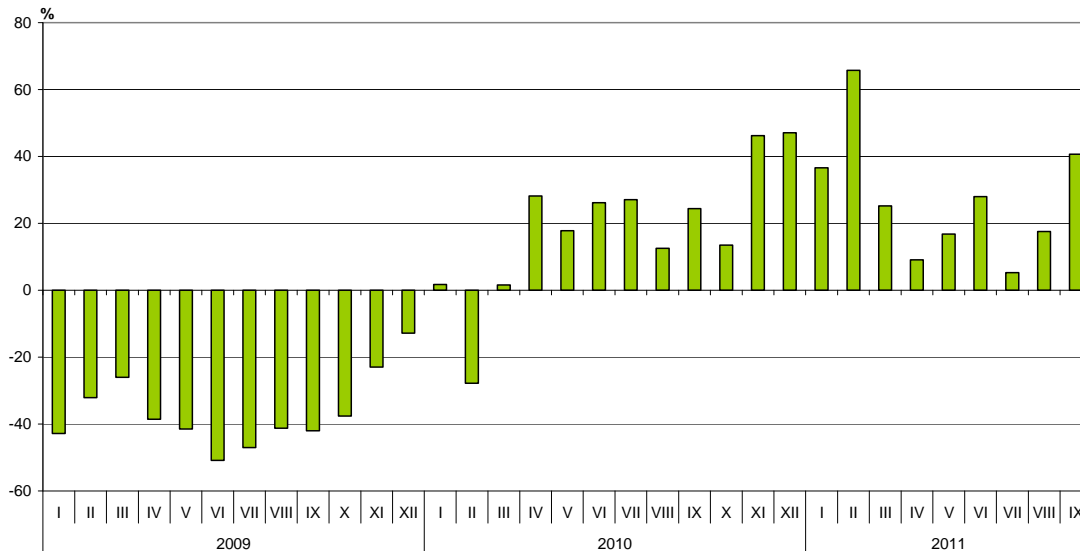
Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to non EU countries for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first nine months of 2011 increased by 24.5% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 13.8 billion levs (at CIF prices) (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates, Singapore and Republic of Korea (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Peru, Iran and Viet-Nam.

In September 2011 the Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 40.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 1.8 billion levs.

Figure 2. Nominal growth of imports to non EU countries for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - September 2011 was negative and reached 2673.1 million leva (Table 1.1). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 1948.2 million leva.

In **September 2011** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and reached 505.8 million leva.

The exports of Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, increased in the most of the sections in the first nine months of 2011 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (Table 3). The largest growths were recorded in the sections: “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹, “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”². Fall was observed in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”³.

¹ The section includes the following divisions: Animal oils and fats ; Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated; Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.

² The section includes the following divisions: Hides, skins and furskins, raw; Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed); Cork and wood; Pulp and waste paper; Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric); Crude fertilizers, other than those of division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones); Metalliferous ores and metal scrap; Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

³ The section includes the following divisions: prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lightning fixtures and fittings, n.e.s. ; furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of apparel and clothing accessories; footwear; professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.; . photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks; miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.



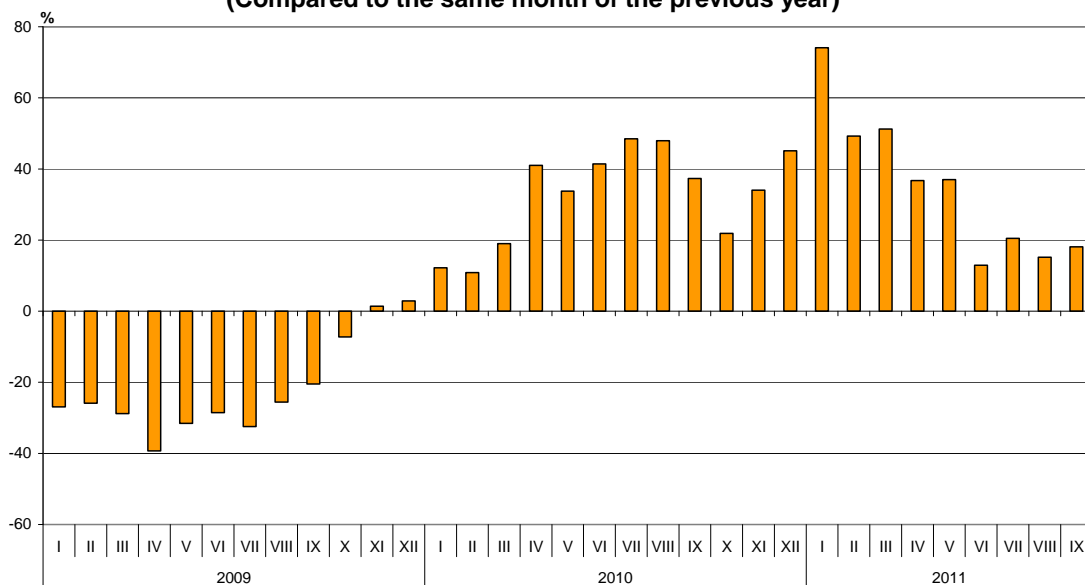
The largest growths in imports from third countries were reported in section “Chemical and related products”. Falls were reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” and “Beverages and tobacco”.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - September 2011 the total value of the exported goods amounted to 29.0 billion levs**. Compared to the corresponding period of 2010 the exports **increased by 32.0%** (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In September 2011 **the total exports amounted to 3.3 billion levs** and increased by 18.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal growth of exports for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

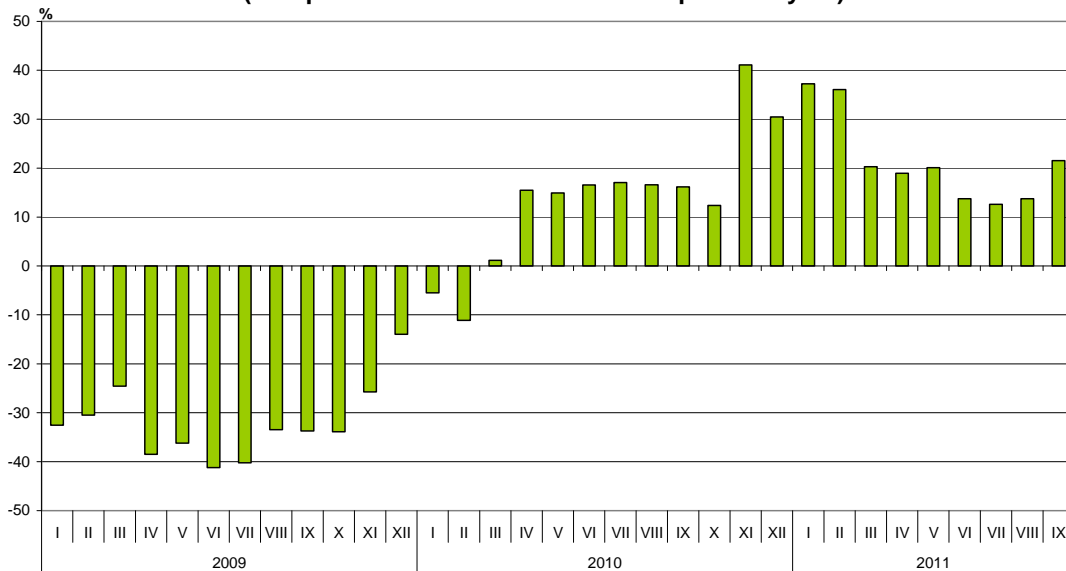


The total value of all imported goods in the period January - September 2011 was **32.1 billion levs (at CIF prices)**, or by **20.6% more** than corresponding period of the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In September 2011 **the total imports increased by 21.5%** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 3.9 billion levs.



**Figure 4. Nominal growth of imports for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF)** was negative in the period January – September 2011 and amounted to 3085.0 million leva which was 1556.5 million leva less than the balance in the first nine months of 2010 (Table 1.1 and 1.2). At **FOB/FOB** prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the balance **was also negative** and amounted to 1526.0 million leva.

In September 2011 the total foreign trade balance (**exports FOB - import CIF**) was negative and amounted to 565.5 million leva. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and reached 362.3 million leva.

ANNEX

Table 1.1

Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January-September 2010 and 2011¹ by months

(Million Levs)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2010	1785.6	1075.1	710.5	2270.3	1275.0	995.3	2162.3	1215.4	946.9	-484.7	-199.9	-284.8	-376.7	-140.3	-236.4
II.2010	1952.7	1264.3	688.4	2303.4	1537.9	765.5	2194.3	1463.3	731.0	-350.7	-273.6	-77.1	-241.6	-199.0	-42.6
III.2010	2194.7	1294.7	900.0	2976.3	1784.1	1192.2	2838.1	1705.3	1132.8	-781.6	-489.4	-292.2	-643.4	-410.6	-232.8
I-III.2010	5933.0	3634.1	2298.9	7550.0	4597.0	2953.0	7194.7	4384.0	2810.7	-1617.0	-962.9	-654.1	-1261.7	-749.9	-511.8
IV.2010	2296.7	1326.8	969.9	3129.3	1669.2	1460.1	2978.8	1595.2	1383.6	-832.6	-342.4	-490.2	-682.1	-268.4	-413.7
V.2010	2370.0	1467.1	902.9	3215.3	1857.6	1357.7	3062.8	1774.7	1288.1	-845.3	-390.5	-454.8	-692.8	-307.6	-385.2
VI.2010	2764.1	1647.6	1116.5	3263.1	1920.4	1342.7	3105.0	1833.0	1272.0	-499.0	-272.8	-226.2	-340.9	-185.4	-155.5
IV-VI.2010	7430.8	4441.5	2989.3	9607.7	5447.2	4160.5	9146.6	5202.9	3943.7	-2176.9	-1005.7	-1171.2	-1715.8	-761.4	-954.4
I-VI.2010	13363.8	8075.6	5288.2	17157.7	10044.2	7113.5	16341.3	9586.9	6754.4	-3793.9	-1968.6	-1825.3	-2977.5	-1511.3	-1466.2
VII.2010	2989.2	1921.9	1067.3	3281.6	1833.5	1448.1	3119.6	1749.4	1370.2	-292.4	88.4	-380.8	-130.4	172.5	-302.9
VIII.2010	2841.6	1774.1	1067.5	3010.8	1751.8	1259.0	2870.3	1672.1	1198.2	-169.2	22.3	-191.5	-28.7	102.0	-130.7
IX.2010	2805.7	1683.6	1122.1	3191.7	1919.3	1272.4	3041.3	1834.3	1207.0	-386.0	-235.7	-150.3	-235.6	-150.7	-84.9
VII-IX.2010	8636.5	5379.6	3256.9	9484.1	5504.6	3979.5	9031.2	5255.8	3775.4	-847.6	-125.0	-722.6	-394.7	123.8	-518.5
I-IX.2010	22000.3	13455.2	8545.1	26641.8	15548.8	11093.0	25372.5	14842.7	10529.8	-4641.5	-2093.6	-2547.9	-3372.2	-1387.5	-1984.7
I.2011	3109.1	1843.4	1265.7	3115.9	1756.0	1359.9	2967.3	1678.2	1289.1	-6.8	87.4	-94.2	141.8	165.2	-23.4
II.2011	2914.4	1818.1	1096.3	3134.5	1865.4	1269.1	2987.8	1783.4	1204.4	-220.1	-47.3	-172.8	-73.4	34.7	-108.1
III.2011	3318.9	2022.9	1296.0	3579.3	2086.7	1492.6	3409.7	1992.8	1416.9	-260.4	-63.8	-196.6	-90.8	30.1	-120.9
I-III.2011	9342.4	5684.4	3658.0	9829.7	5708.1	4121.6	9364.8	5454.4	3910.4	-487.3	-23.7	-463.6	-22.4	230.0	-252.4
IV.2011	3140.2	1845.6	1294.6	3722.4	2129.2	1593.2	3536.3	2028.0	1508.3	-582.2	-283.6	-298.6	-396.1	-182.4	-213.7
V.2011	3247.3	2038.9	1208.4	3860.7	2275.2	1585.5	3675.5	2173.6	1501.9	-613.4	-236.3	-377.1	-428.2	-134.7	-293.5
VI.2011	3121.6	2028.3	1093.3	3711.0	1992.8	1718.2	3529.1	1903.1	1626.0	-589.4	35.5	-624.9	-407.5	125.2	-532.7
IV-VI.2011	9509.1	5912.8	3596.3	11294.1	6397.2	4896.9	10740.9	6104.7	4636.2	-1785.0	-484.4	-1300.6	-1231.8	-191.9	-1039.9
I-VI.2011	18851.5	11597.2	7254.3	21123.8	12105.3	9018.5	20105.7	11559.1	8546.6	-2272.3	-508.1	-1764.2	-1254.2	38.1	-1292.3
VII.2011	3601.5	2218.9	1382.6	3695.4	2171.2	1524.2	3517.7	2074.8	1442.9	-93.9	47.7	-141.6	83.8	144.1	-60.3
VIII.2011	3271.8	2053.2	1218.6	3425.1	1945.0	1480.1	3265.1	1857.9	1407.2	-153.3	108.2	-261.5	6.7	195.3	-188.6
IX.2011	3313.1	2029.0	1284.1	3878.6	2088.7	1789.9	3675.4	1984.3	1691.1	-565.5	-59.7	-505.8	-362.3	44.7	-407.0
VII-IX.2011	10186.4	6301.1	3885.3	10999.1	6204.9	4794.2	10458.2	5917.0	4541.2	-812.7	96.2	-908.9	-271.8	384.1	-655.9
I-IX.2011	29037.9	17898.3	11139.6	32122.9	18310.2	13812.7	30563.9	17476.1	13087.8	-3085.0	-411.9	-2673.1	-1526.0	422.2	-1948.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.11.2011.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for the period January-September 2011¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	74.1	71.5	78.1	37.2	37.7	36.6	37.2	38.1	36.1
II	49.2	43.8	59.3	36.1	21.3	65.8	36.2	21.9	64.8
III	51.2	56.2	44.0	20.3	17.0	25.2	20.1	16.9	25.1
I - III	57.5	56.4	59.1	30.2	24.2	39.6	30.2	24.4	39.1
IV	36.7	39.1	33.5	19.0	27.6	9.1	18.7	27.1	9.0
V	37.0	39.0	33.8	20.1	22.5	16.8	20.0	22.5	16.6
VI	12.9	23.1	-2.1	13.7	3.8	28.0	13.7	3.8	27.8
IV - VI	28.0	33.1	20.3	17.6	17.4	17.7	17.4	17.3	17.6
I - VI	41.1	43.6	37.2	23.1	20.5	26.8	23.0	20.6	26.5
VII	20.5	15.5	29.5	12.6	18.4	5.3	12.8	18.6	5.3
VIII	15.1	15.7	14.2	13.8	11.0	17.6	13.8	11.1	17.4
IX	18.1	20.5	14.4	21.5	8.8	40.7	20.8	8.2	40.1
VII - IX	17.9	17.1	19.3	16.0	12.7	20.5	15.8	12.6	20.3
I - IX	32.0	33.0	30.4	20.6	17.8	24.5	20.5	17.7	24.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.11.2011.


Table 2
**Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹
for the period January-September 2010 and 2011²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries-total	8545.1	11139.6	30.4	11093.0	13812.7	24.5	-2547.9	-2673.1
of which:								
Albania	87.8	70.4	-19.8	16.0	25.7	60.6	71.8	44.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	44.1	59.0	33.8	10.1	9.3	-7.9	34.0	49.7
Brazil	38.9	47.0	20.8	130.3	128.6	-1.3	-91.4	-81.6
Canada	39.8	97.6	145.2	51.4	54.8	6.6	-11.6	42.8
China	275.4	406.2	47.5	699.7	919.9	31.5	-424.3	-513.7
Croatia	134.8	142.5	5.7	43.2	44.8	3.7	91.6	97.7
Egypt	160.1	246.1	53.7	88.6	125.3	41.4	71.5	120.8
Georgia	184.8	317.1	71.6	242.9	275.7	13.5	-58.1	41.4
India	56.8	111.4	96.1	74.3	90.8	22.2	-17.5	20.6
Indonesia	21.7	18.0	-17.1	24.1	29.5	22.4	-2.4	-11.5
Iran	77.4	85.2	10.1	8.6	4.3	-50.0	68.8	80.9
Israel	92.8	65.0	-30.0	170.3	261.5	53.6	-77.5	-196.5
Japan	24.5	33.9	38.4	96.8	99.4	2.7	-72.3	-65.5
Kazakhstan	26.8	29.0	8.2	6.8	112.5	1554.4	20.0	-83.5
Korea, Rep. of	129.0	143.6	11.3	73.8	159.0	115.4	55.2	-15.4
Norway	33.3	51.4	54.4	9.7	19.7	103.1	23.6	31.7
Peru	7.8	3.6	-53.8	312.4	112.6	-64.0	-304.6	-109.0
Russian Fed.	611.3	745.2	21.9	4283.7	5987.6	39.8	-3672.4	-5242.4
Serbia	798.8	725.5	-9.2	294.0	360.8	22.7	504.8	364.7
Singapore	355.8	70.5	-80.2	8.7	20.9	140.2	347.1	49.6
South Africa	9.9	124.0	1152.5	15.9	29.2	83.6	-6.0	94.8
Switzerland	137.5	179.5	30.5	238.8	271.7	13.8	-101.3	-92.2
Syria	109.9	23.3	-78.8	47.0	56.0	19.1	62.9	-32.7
Taiwan	27.9	34.1	22.2	87.8	83.6	-4.8	-59.9	-49.5
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	449.2	663.0	47.6	369.8	378.9	2.5	79.4	284.1
Turkey	1852.8	2628.5	41.9	1489.9	1634.1	9.7	362.9	994.4
Ukraine	207.6	406.3	95.7	1094.0	1364.8	24.8	-886.4	-958.5
United Arab Emirates	53.3	46.9	-12.0	21.2	62.3	193.9	32.1	-15.4
USA	277.8	390.5	40.6	200.0	284.7	42.4	77.8	105.8
Viet-Nam	32.3	16.3	-49.5	47.8	25.3	-47.1	-15.5	-9.0

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 09.11.2011.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4
for the period January-September 2010 and 2011¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	8545.1	11139.6	30.4	11093.0	13812.7	24.5	-2547.9	-2673.1
Food and live animals	560.1	595.8	6.4	424.5	460.5	8.5	135.6	135.3
Beverages and tobacco	268.1	315.9	17.8	118.9	102.5	-13.8	149.2	213.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	829.4	1176.6	41.9	1510.5	1253.5	-17.0	-681.1	-76.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2153.2	3218.0	49.5	5043.9	6874.7	36.3	-2890.7	-3656.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	31.8	48.4	52.2	32.1	33.4	4.0	-0.3	15.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1042.8	1235.1	18.4	624.2	856.1	37.2	418.6	379.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1955.5	2552.2	30.5	1571.6	2146.5	36.6	383.9	405.7
Machinery and transport equipment	997.8	1299.0	30.2	1283.0	1560.3	21.6	-285.2	-261.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	691.7	678.2	-2.0	472.4	502.5	6.4	219.3	175.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.7	20.4	38.8	11.9	22.7	90.8	2.8	-2.3

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