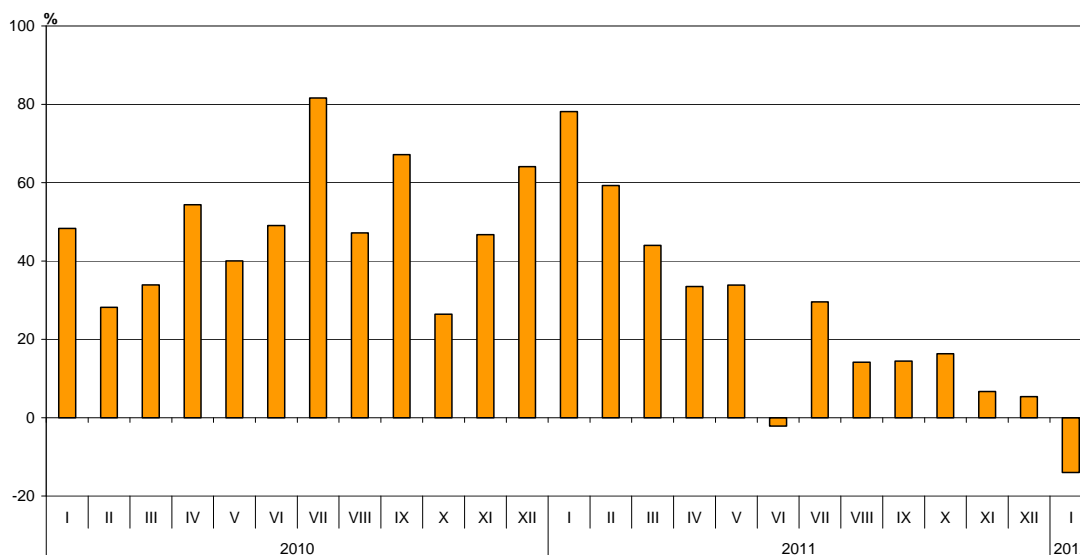




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January 2012 the Bulgarian exports to **third countries decreased by 14.0%** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and **exceeded 1.0 billion levs** (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, United Arab Emirates, China, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Russia and Serbia that formed 53.1% of the total exports to non EU countries (Table 2). The exports to United Arab Emirates, Brazil and Republic of Korea increased significantly. The most significant falls were reported on the exports to Singapore, South Africa, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

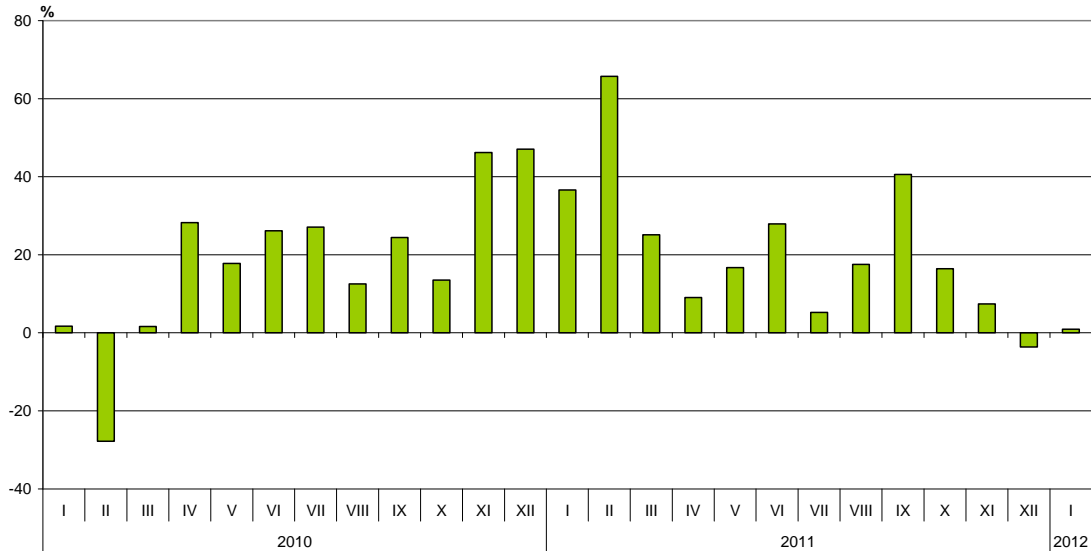
**Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to non EU countries for the period
2010 - 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2012 increased by 0.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and **amounted to 1.4 billion levs (at CIF prices)** (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Korea, Peru, South Africa, Taiwan and India (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from United Arab Emirates, Israel and Georgia.



Figure 2. Nominal growth of imports to non EU countries for the period
2010 - 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in January 2012 was negative and reached 284.0 million levs (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 216.5 million levs.

The exports of Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, decreased in most of the sections in January 2012 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3). The largest fall was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials”. The largest growth was recorded in the section: “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹.

In imports from third countries significant fall was reported in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”. The largest growth was reported in section “Machinery and transport equipment”.

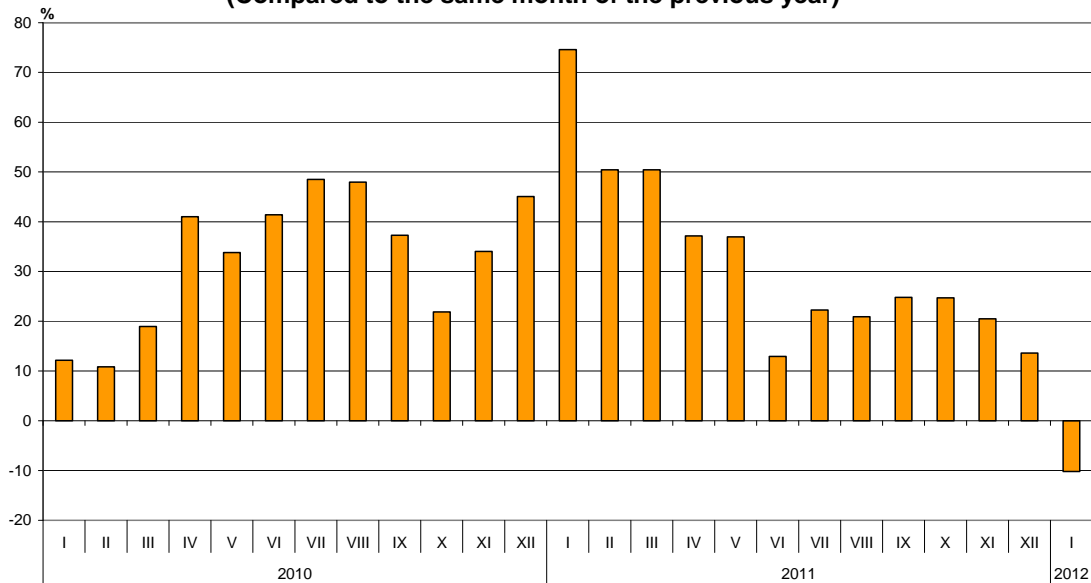
¹ The section includes the following divisions: Animal oils and fats ; Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated; Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.



Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2012 the total value of the exported goods amounted to 2.8 billion levs. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the exports decreased by 10.2% (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

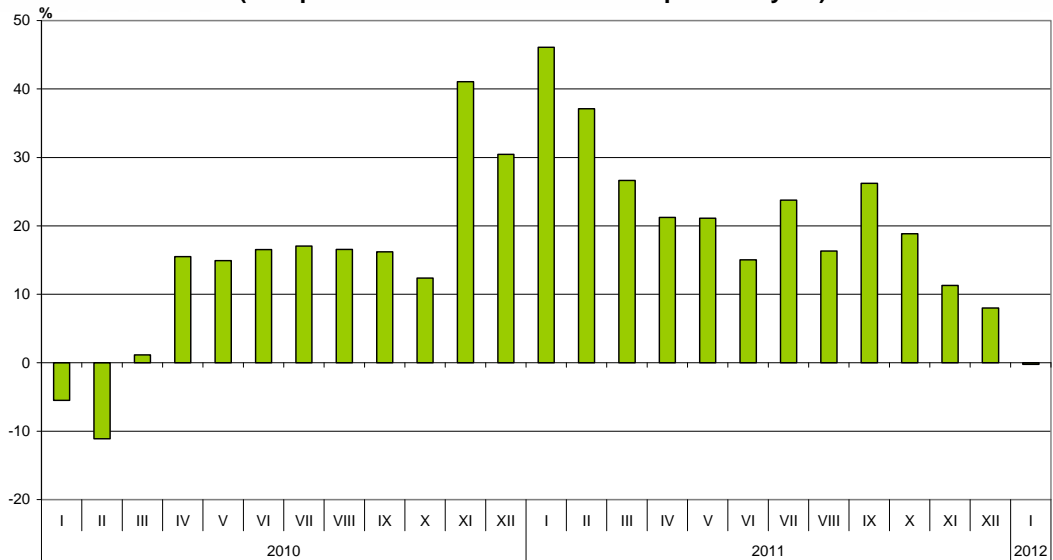
**Figure 3. Nominal growth of exports for the period
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The total value of all imported goods in January 2012 was 3.3 billion levs (at CIF prices), or by 0.2% less than corresponding period of the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2).



**Figure 4. Nominal growth of imports for the period
 2010 - 2012
 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF)** was negative in January 2012 and amounted to 509.3 million leva which was 309.9 million leva more than the balance in January 2011 (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 345.0 million leva.

ANNEX

Table 1.1
Exports, imports and trade balance in January 2011¹ and 2012¹ 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.2011	3117.3	1851.6	1265.7	3316.7	1956.9	1359.8	3153.8	1864.8	1289.0	-199.4	-105.3	-94.1	-36.5	-13.2	-23.3
I.2012	2799.7	1711.4	1088.3	3309.0	1936.7	1372.3	3144.7	1839.9	1304.8	-509.3	-225.3	-284.0	-345.0	-128.5	-216.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for January 2012¹ 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	-10.2	-7.6	-14.0	-0.2	-1.0	0.9	-0.3	-1.3	1.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2012.



Table2

**Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹
in January 2011² and 2012²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	1265.7	1088.3	-14.0	1359.8	1372.3	0.9	-94.1	-284.0
of which:								
Albania	9.4	6.2	-34.0	2.7	2.4	-11.1	6.7	3.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6.4	2.7	-57.8	1.1	3.5	218.2	5.3	-0.8
Brazil	0.6	12.1	1916.7	8.4	5.8	-31.0	-7.8	6.3
Canada	4.3	5.8	34.9	2.3	3.0	30.4	2.0	2.8
China	98.7	79.4	-19.6	92.3	149.0	61.4	6.4	-69.6
Croatia	20.8	9.2	-55.8	3.3	2.8	-15.2	17.5	6.4
Egypt	12.4	30.0	141.9	12.0	12.3	2.5	0.4	17.7
Georgia	22.4	33.1	47.8	35.0	11.1	-68.3	-12.6	22.0
India	3.6	4.2	16.7	7.8	12.7	62.8	-4.2	-8.5
Indonesia	3.3	3.5	6.1	3.1	2.5	-19.4	0.2	1.0
Iran	2.3	1.9	-17.4	1.4	0.7	-50.0	0.9	1.2
Israel	6.3	4.7	-25.4	19.3	5.4	-72.0	-13.0	-0.7
Japan	2.1	2.0	-4.8	12.5	11.4	-8.8	-10.4	-9.4
Kazakhstan	3.4	1.7	-50.0	3.1	2.2	-29.0	0.3	-0.5
Korea, Rep. of	3.1	30.3	877.4	13.9	26.6	91.4	-10.8	3.7
Norway	5.0	8.2	64.0	1.1	0.9	-18.2	3.9	7.3
Peru	0.2	0.3	50.0	3.8	6.7	76.3	-3.6	-6.4
Russian Fed.	72.7	56.8	-21.9	613.3	642.8	4.8	-540.6	-586.0
Serbia	72.6	56.4	-22.3	32.7	32.5	-0.6	39.9	23.9
Singapore	61.7	0.9	-98.5	4.4	3.2	-27.3	57.3	-2.3
South Africa	36.5	1.5	-95.9	2.3	4.0	73.9	34.2	-2.5
Switzerland	20.0	21.5	7.5	29.1	27.8	-4.5	-9.1	-6.3
Syria	1.6	1.7	6.3	4.8	6.7	39.6	-3.2	-5.0
Taiwan	2.8	3.3	17.9	8.9	14.8	66.3	-6.1	-11.5
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	65.4	59.4	-9.2	34.8	32.1	-7.8	30.6	27.3
Turkey	342.7	234.5	-31.6	133.6	147.8	10.6	209.1	86.7
Ukraine	17.4	22.1	27.0	189.0	101.9	-46.1	-171.6	-79.8
United Arab Emirates	3.4	91.9	2602.9	13.3	3.2	-75.9	-9.9	88.7
USA	36.1	30.1	-16.6	18.1	24.2	33.7	18.0	5.9
Viet-Nam	1.2	1.6	33.3	3.0	3.6	20.0	-1.8	-2.0

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 12.03.2012.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 2011¹ and 2012¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	1265.7	1088.3	-14.0	1359.8	1372.3	0.9	-94.1	-284.0
Food and live animals	54.7	63.2	15.5	40.5	33.0	-18.5	14.2	30.2
Beverages and tobacco	44.5	39.0	-12.4	11.9	10.2	-14.3	32.6	28.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	126.5	168.7	33.4	114.2	116.2	1.8	12.3	52.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	395.6	278.9	-29.5	716.0	669.4	-6.5	-320.4	-390.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	4.3	6.1	41.9	4.8	3.7	-22.9	-0.5	2.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	122.2	118.8	-2.8	84.8	91.0	7.3	37.4	27.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	312.9	232.3	-25.8	208.9	194.0	-7.1	104.0	38.3
Machinery and transport equipment	113.3	114.1	0.7	131.9	204.5	55.0	-18.6	-90.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	89.3	65.1	-27.1	45.5	48.8	7.3	43.8	16.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.4	2.1	-12.5	1.3	1.5	15.4	1.1	0.6

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