

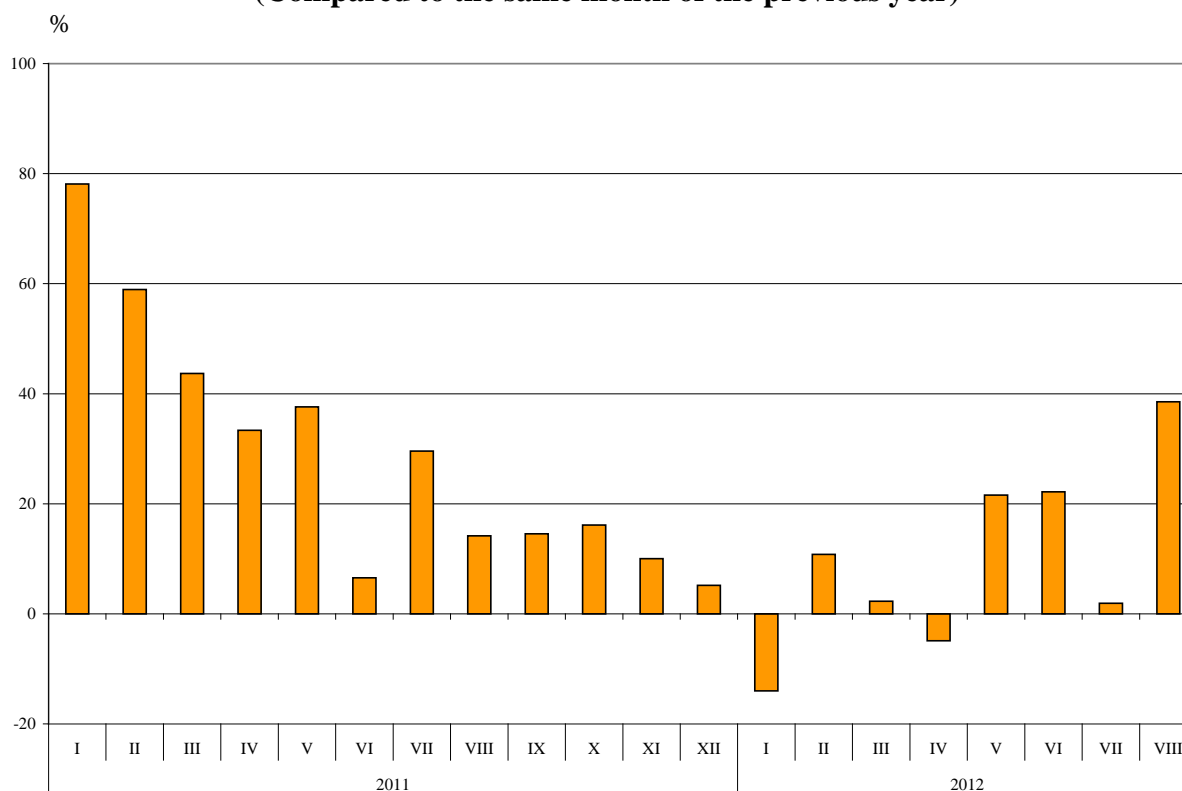


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 9.4% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 10.9 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russia, Serbia and The FYR of Macedonia that formed 47.1% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2012 the exports to third countries increased by 38.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports to non EU countries
for the period 2010 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



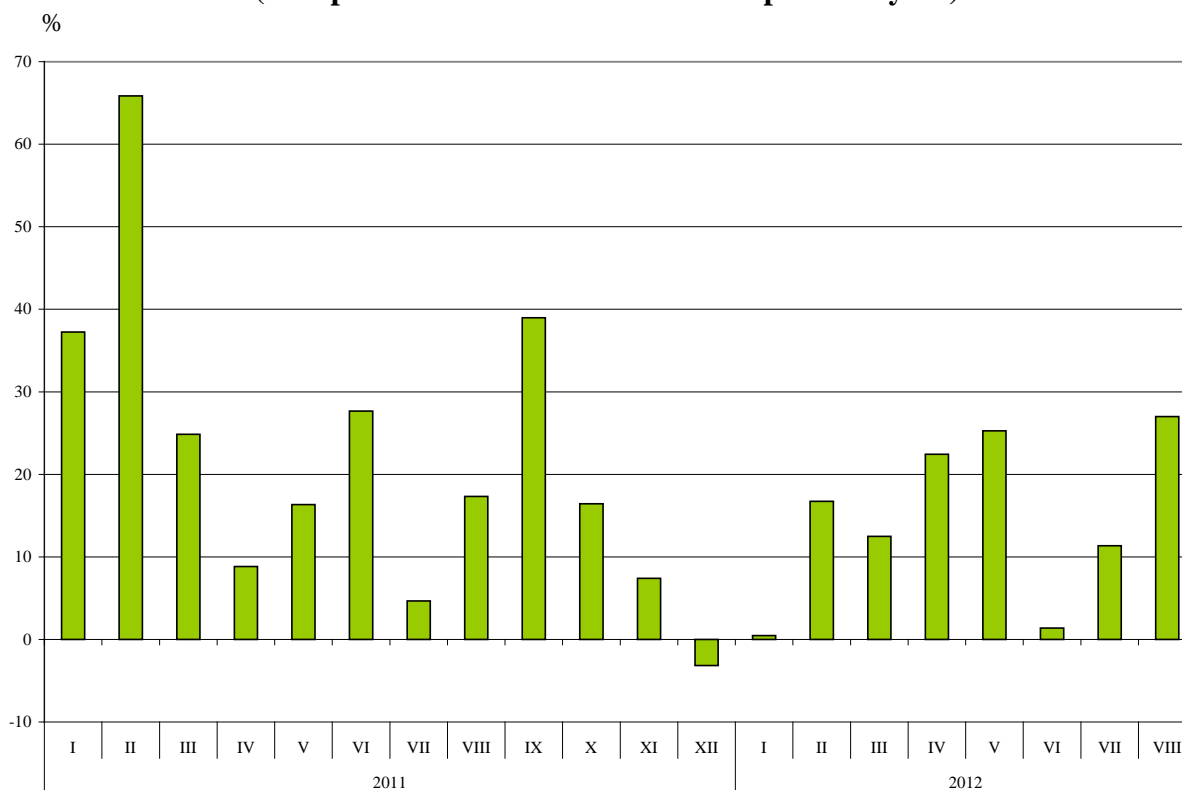
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first eight months of 2012 increased by 14.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 13.8 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Viet-Nam and South Africa (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2012 the Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 27.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.9 Billion Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change 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 the period January - August 2012 was negative and added up to 2 838.8 Million Levs (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 2 213.8 Million Levs.

In August 2012 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 187.5 Million Levs.

In the first eight months of 2012 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the **exports** of Bulgaria **to third countries** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections “Beverages and tobacco” (33.8%) and “Food and live animals” (22.3%) .

In **imports from third countries** the largest growths were reported in sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”² (40.2%) and “Machinery and transport equipment” (36.1%). Decrease was observed only in section “Food and live animals”- (20.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.

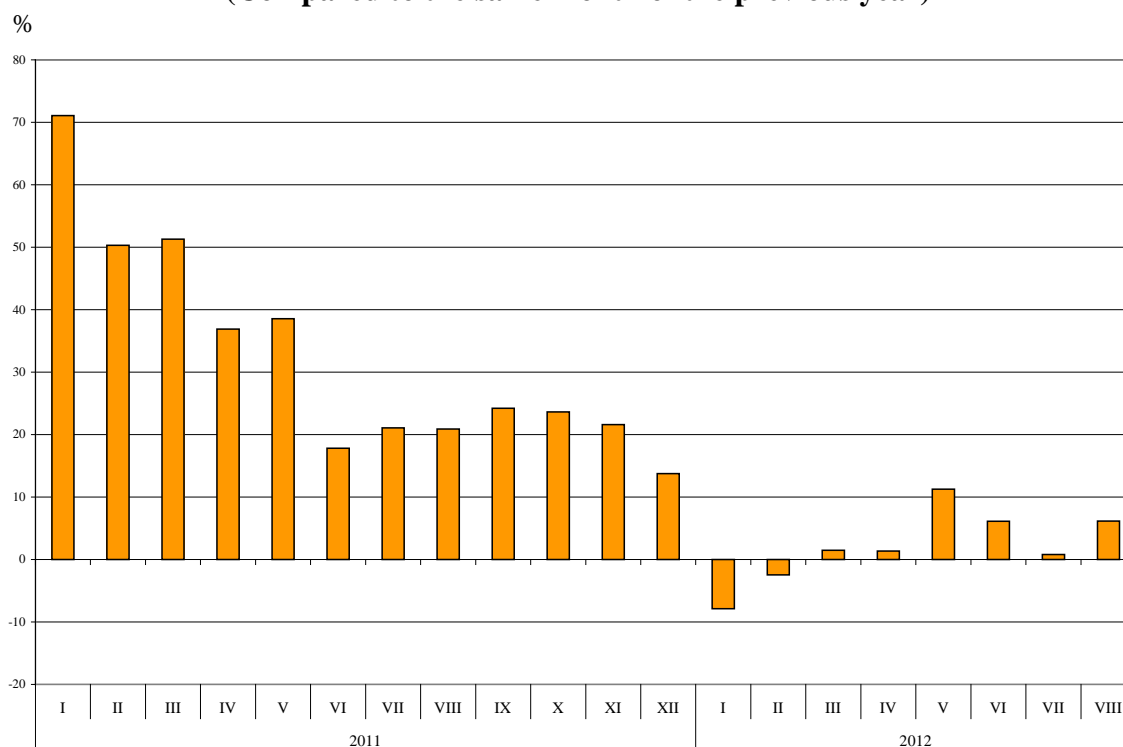


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the first eight months of 2012 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 26.6 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of 2011 the exports increased by 2.3% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2012 the total exports added up to 3.6 Billion Levs and grew by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports for the period 2010 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



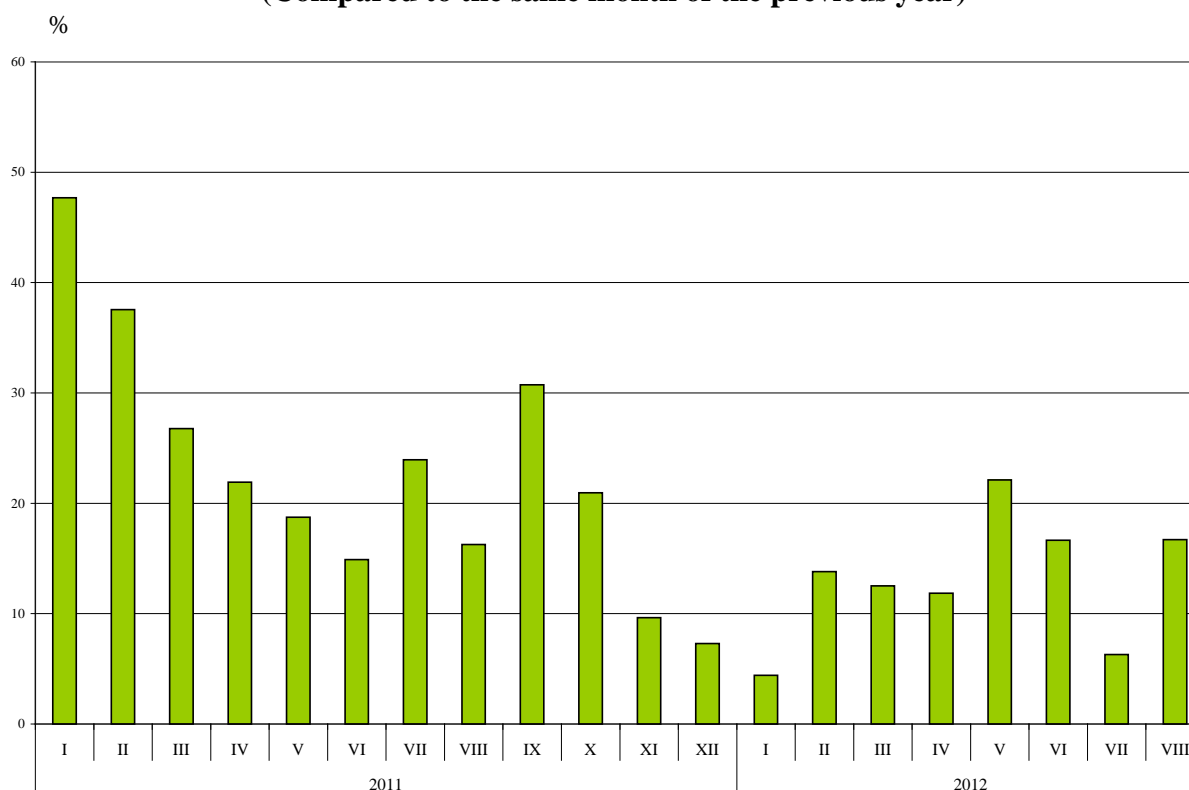
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2012** amounted to 33.1 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 13.1% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2012 the total imports increased by 16.7% compared to August 2011 and added up to 4.1 Billion Levs.

³ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change 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 the period January – August 2012 and amounted to 6 426.4 Million Levs which was 3 230.5 Million Levs more than the balance in the first eight months of 2011 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January – August 2012 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 5 014.0 Million Levs.

In August 2012 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 439.0 Million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 237.5 Million Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - August 2011 and 2012¹ by months

(Million Levs)

Months/Periods	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	3054.5	1789.0	1265.5	3353.1	1987.0	1366.1	3211.1	1907.9	1303.2	-298.6	-198.0	-100.6	-156.6	-118.9	-37.7
II.2011	2935.1	1840.9	1094.2	3168.3	1898.6	1269.7	3041.6	1827.9	1213.7	-233.2	-57.7	-175.5	-106.5	13.0	-119.5
III.2011	3320.2	2027.1	1293.1	3772.8	2284.2	1488.6	3613.6	2193.5	1420.1	-452.6	-257.1	-195.5	-293.4	-166.4	-127.0
I - III.2011	9309.8	5657.0	3652.8	10294.2	6169.8	4124.4	9866.3	5929.3	3937.0	-984.4	-512.8	-471.6	-556.5	-272.3	-284.2
IV.2011	3144.3	1850.8	1293.5	3815.2	2226.2	1589.0	3652.4	2137.7	1514.7	-670.9	-375.4	-295.5	-508.1	-286.9	-221.2
V.2011	3283.6	2041.0	1242.6	3817.6	2238.1	1579.5	3659.2	2153.0	1506.2	-534.0	-197.1	-336.9	-375.6	-112.0	-263.6
VI.2011	3256.6	2067.1	1189.5	3749.3	2035.1	1714.2	3591.2	1958.4	1632.8	-492.7	32.0	-524.7	-334.6	108.7	-443.3
IV - VI.2011	9684.5	5958.9	3725.6	11382.1	6499.4	4882.7	10902.8	6249.1	4653.7	-1697.6	-540.5	-1157.1	-1218.3	-290.2	-928.1
I - VI.2011	18994.3	11615.9	7378.4	21676.3	12669.2	9007.1	20769.1	12178.4	8590.7	-2682.0	-1053.3	-1628.7	-1774.8	-562.5	-1212.3
VII.2011	3618.8	2235.9	1382.9	4067.4	2551.8	1515.6	3893.6	2449.2	1444.4	-448.6	-315.9	-132.7	-274.8	-213.3	-61.5
VIII.2011	3435.1	2216.1	1219.0	3500.4	2023.3	1477.1	3357.6	1945.3	1412.3	-65.3	192.8	-258.1	77.5	270.8	-193.3
I - VIII.2011	26048.2	16067.9	9980.3	29244.1	17244.3	11999.8	28020.3	16572.9	11447.4	-3195.9	-1176.4	-2019.5	-1972.1	-505.0	-1467.1
I.2012	2813.5	1725.2	1088.3	3500.8	2128.5	1372.3	3355.9	2042.7	1313.2	-687.3	-403.3	-284.0	-542.4	-317.5	-224.9
II.2012	2863.2	1650.6	1212.6	3605.8	2123.7	1482.1	3457.0	2042.0	1415.0	-742.6	-473.1	-269.5	-593.8	-391.4	-202.4
III.2012	3369.4	2046.9	1322.5	4244.7	2570.4	1674.3	4070.5	2469.7	1600.8	-875.3	-523.5	-351.8	-701.1	-422.8	-278.3
I - III.2012	9046.1	5422.7	3623.4	11351.3	6822.6	4528.7	10883.4	6554.4	4329.0	-2305.2	-1399.9	-905.3	-1837.3	-1131.7	-705.6
IV.2012	3187.2	1957.1	1230.1	4267.1	2321.8	1945.3	4086.5	2233.3	1853.2	-1079.9	-364.7	-715.2	-899.3	-276.2	-623.1
V.2012	3653.2	2142.5	1510.7	4661.7	2683.1	1978.6	4464.2	2576.4	1887.8	-1008.5	-540.6	-467.9	-811.0	-433.9	-377.1
VI.2012	3456.0	2002.6	1453.4	4373.5	2635.5	1738.0	4188.7	2527.7	1661.0	-917.5	-632.9	-284.6	-732.7	-525.1	-207.6
IV - VI.2012	10296.4	6102.2	4194.2	13302.3	7640.4	5661.9	12739.4	7337.4	5402.0	-3005.9	-1538.2	-1467.7	-2443.0	-1235.2	-1207.8
I - VI.2012	19342.5	11524.9	7817.6	24653.6	14463.0	10190.6	23622.8	13891.8	9731.0	-5311.1	-2938.1	-2373.0	-4280.3	-2366.9	-1913.4
VII.2012	3647.5	2238.1	1409.4	4323.8	2636.1	1687.7	4143.7	2530.3	1613.4	-676.3	-398.0	-278.3	-496.2	-292.2	-204.0
VIII.2012	3646.5	1957.9	1688.6	4085.5	2209.4	1876.1	3884.0	2099.0	1785.0	-439.0	-251.5	-187.5	-237.5	-141.1	-96.4
I - VIII.2012	26636.5	15720.9	10915.6	33062.9	19308.5	13754.4	31650.5	18521.1	13129.4	-6426.4	-3587.6	-2838.8	-5014.0	-2800.2	-2213.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.10.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports for the period January - August 2012¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	-7.9	-3.6	-14.0	4.4	7.1	0.5	4.5	7.1	0.8
II	-2.4	-10.3	10.8	13.8	11.9	16.7	13.7	11.7	16.6
III	1.5	1.0	2.3	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.7
I-III	-2.8	-4.1	-0.8	10.3	10.6	9.8	10.3	10.5	10.0
IV	1.4	5.7	-4.9	11.8	4.3	22.4	11.9	4.5	22.3
V	11.3	5.0	21.6	22.1	19.9	25.3	22.0	19.7	25.3
VI	6.1	-3.1	22.2	16.6	29.5	1.4	16.6	29.1	1.7
IV - VI	6.3	2.4	12.6	16.9	17.6	16.0	16.8	17.4	16.1
I - VI	1.8	-0.8	6.0	13.7	14.2	13.1	13.7	14.1	13.3
VII	0.8	0.1	1.9	6.3	3.3	11.4	6.4	3.3	11.7
VIII	6.2	-11.7	38.5	16.7	9.2	27.0	15.7	7.9	26.4
I - VIII	2.3	-2.2	9.4	13.1	12.0	14.6	13.0	11.8	14.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.10.2012.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - August 2011 and 2012²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	9980.3	10915.6	9.4	11999.8	13754.4	14.6	-2019.5	-2838.8
of which:								
Albania	61.2	64.0	4.6	22.5	25.3	12.4	38.7	38.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	53.5	45.7	-14.6	8.9	21.7	143.8	44.6	24.0
Brazil	45.4	62.6	37.9	99.9	196.8	97.0	-54.5	-134.2
Canada	81.1	143.8	77.3	53.2	60.8	14.3	27.9	83.0
China	367.3	806.2	119.5	807.4	1074.2	33.0	-440.1	-268.0
Croatia	137.6	81.2	-41.0	37.5	38.0	1.3	100.1	43.2
Egypt	194.8	159.0	-18.4	119.7	68.2	-43.0	75.1	90.8
FYR of Macedonia	607.5	519.7	-14.5	332.7	330.3	-0.7	274.8	189.4
Georgia	264.6	323.0	22.1	257.1	214.5	-16.6	7.5	108.5
India	108.0	44.9	-58.4	81.4	96.2	18.2	26.6	-51.3
Indonesia	15.7	19.4	23.6	26.8	31.2	16.4	-11.1	-11.8
Iran	68.7	23.2	-66.2	4.2	7.3	73.8	64.5	15.9
Israel	56.9	135.3	137.8	218.2	73.3	-66.4	-161.3	62.0
Japan	30.8	31.9	3.6	88.3	87.9	-0.5	-57.5	-56.0
Kazakhstan	25.9	42.9	65.6	111.3	50.3	-54.8	-85.4	-7.4
Korea, Rep. of	127.1	161.2	26.8	142.8	132.6	-7.1	-15.7	28.6
Norway	35.8	42.2	17.9	14.4	9.1	-36.8	21.4	33.1
Peru	3.1	3.3	6.5	43.4	155.7	258.8	-40.3	-152.4
Russian Fed.	674.9	712.3	5.5	5122.9	6791.8	32.6	-4448.0	-6079.5
Serbia	654.0	599.3	-8.4	321.3	316.7	-1.4	332.7	282.6
Singapore	69.6	85.9	23.4	18.0	19.1	6.1	51.6	66.8
South Africa	122.3	85.9	-29.8	25.2	46.8	85.7	97.1	39.1
Switzerland	159.9	197.4	23.5	235.2	265.6	12.9	-75.3	-68.2
Syria	13.6	30.7	125.7	50.0	45.8	-8.4	-36.4	-15.1
Taiwan	30.9	34.5	11.7	74.5	89.8	20.5	-43.6	-55.3
Turkey	2378.1	2501.7	5.2	1466.1	1525.9	4.1	912.0	975.8
Ukraine	366.7	290.4	-20.8	1183.5	807.0	-31.8	-816.8	-516.6
United Arab Emirates	41.9	176.5	321.2	61.1	92.9	52.0	-19.2	83.6
USA	340.1	450.2	32.4	254.0	238.8	-6.0	86.1	211.4
Viet-Nam	14.6	15.7	7.5	22.0	41.2	87.3	-7.4	-25.5

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 10.10.2012.



Table 4

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Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - August 2011 and 2012¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	9980.3	10915.6	9.4	11999.8	13754.4	14.6	-2019.5	-2838.8
Food and live animals	514.4	628.9	22.3	386.9	306.9	-20.7	127.5	322.0
Beverages and tobacco	276.1	369.4	33.8	89.1	113.3	27.2	187.0	256.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1060.8	1265.2	19.3	1072.6	1232.8	14.9	-11.8	32.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2899.3	3191.8	10.1	5910.1	6877.1	16.4	-3010.8	-3685.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	41.5	47.2	13.7	30.1	42.2	40.2	11.4	5.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1106.5	1195.9	8.1	761.9	884.5	16.1	344.6	311.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2298.4	2369.7	3.1	1883.2	1885.9	0.1	415.2	483.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1157.4	1188.4	2.7	1409.5	1917.9	36.1	-252.1	-729.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	611.7	619.9	1.3	439.7	483.4	9.9	172.0	136.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.2	39.2	176.1	16.7	10.4	-37.7	-2.5	28.8

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