

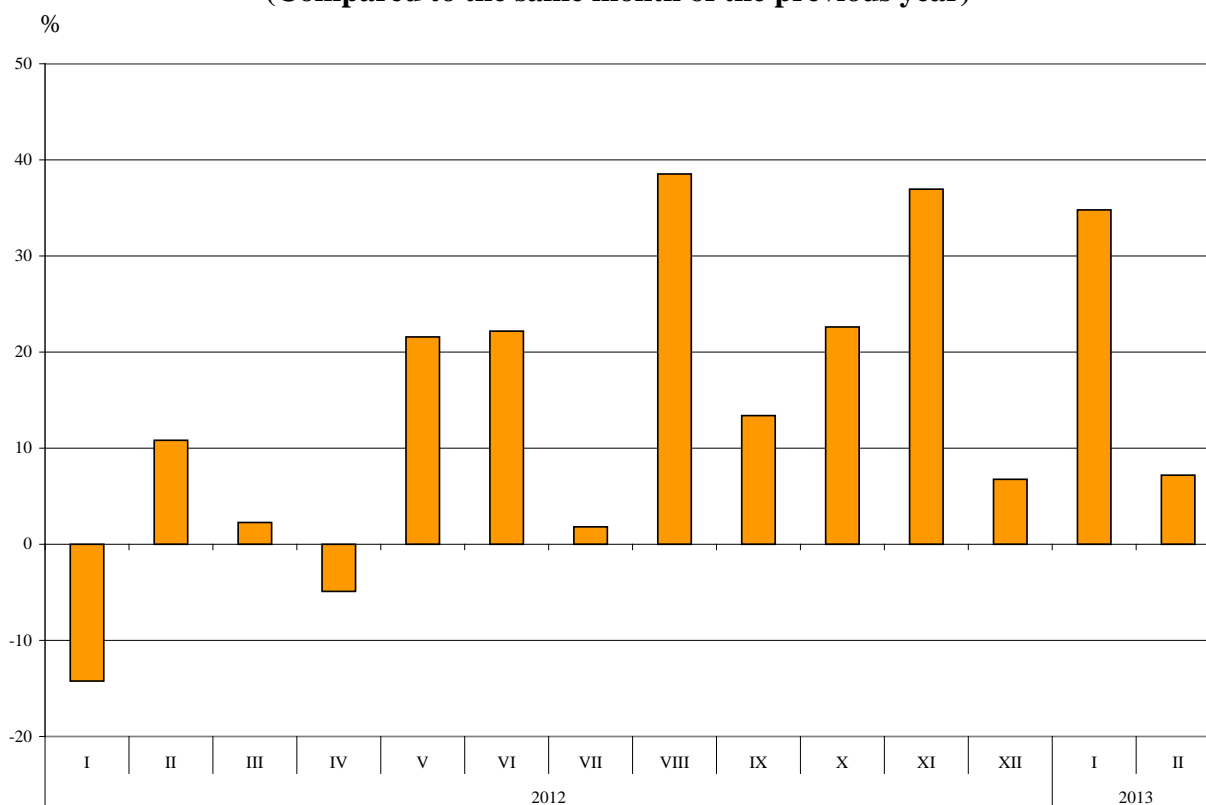


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 20.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and amounted to 2.8 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russian Federation, Serbia, United States and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 46.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2013 the exports to third countries increased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



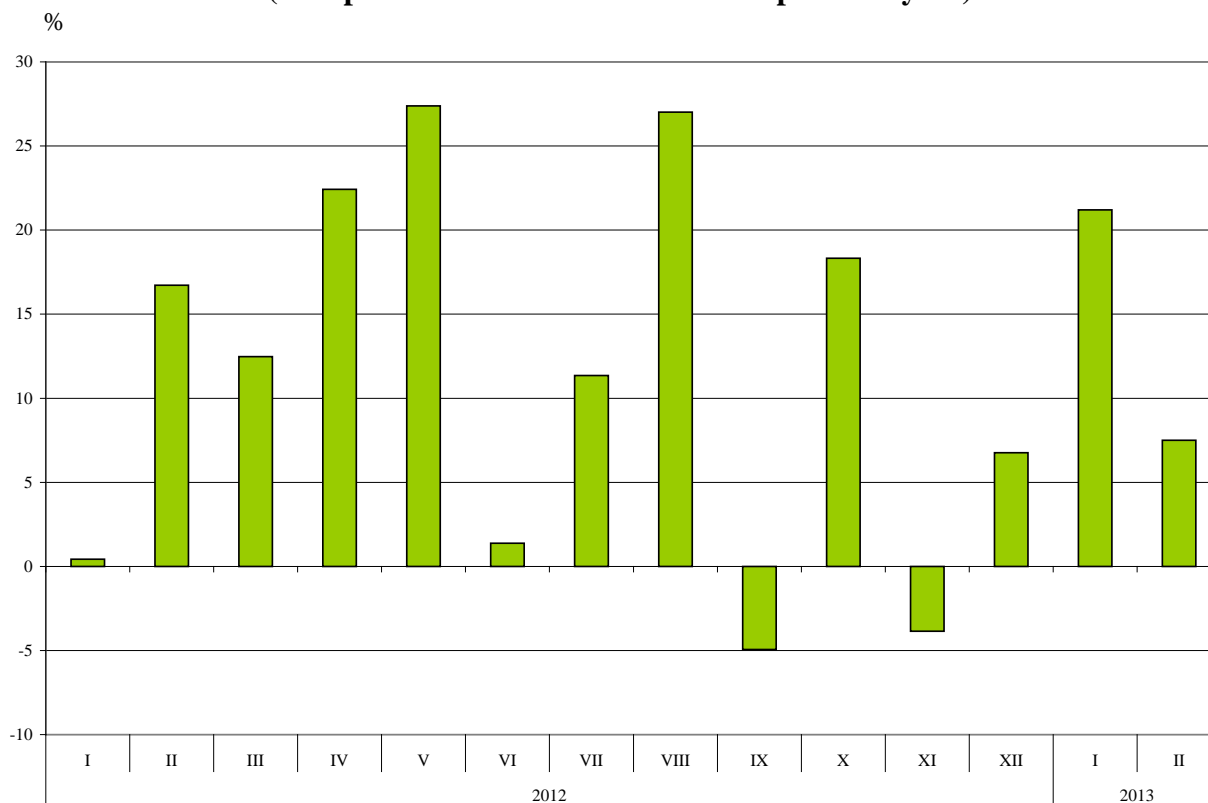
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first two months of 2013 grew by 14.1% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and added up to 3.3 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China, Georgia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2013 the Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 7.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.6 Billion Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries for the period 2012 – 2013 (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 - February 2013 was negative and added up to 493.2 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 338.3 Million Levs.

In February 2013 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 293.6 Million Levs.

In the first two months of 2013 compared to the corresponding period of 2012 largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were recorded in the sections: “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” (52.1%) and “Food and live animals” (43.9%) (Annex, Table 4). Falls were reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” (4.2%) and “Chemical and related products n.e.c” (0.5%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” (70.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Machinery and transport equipment” (17.0%).

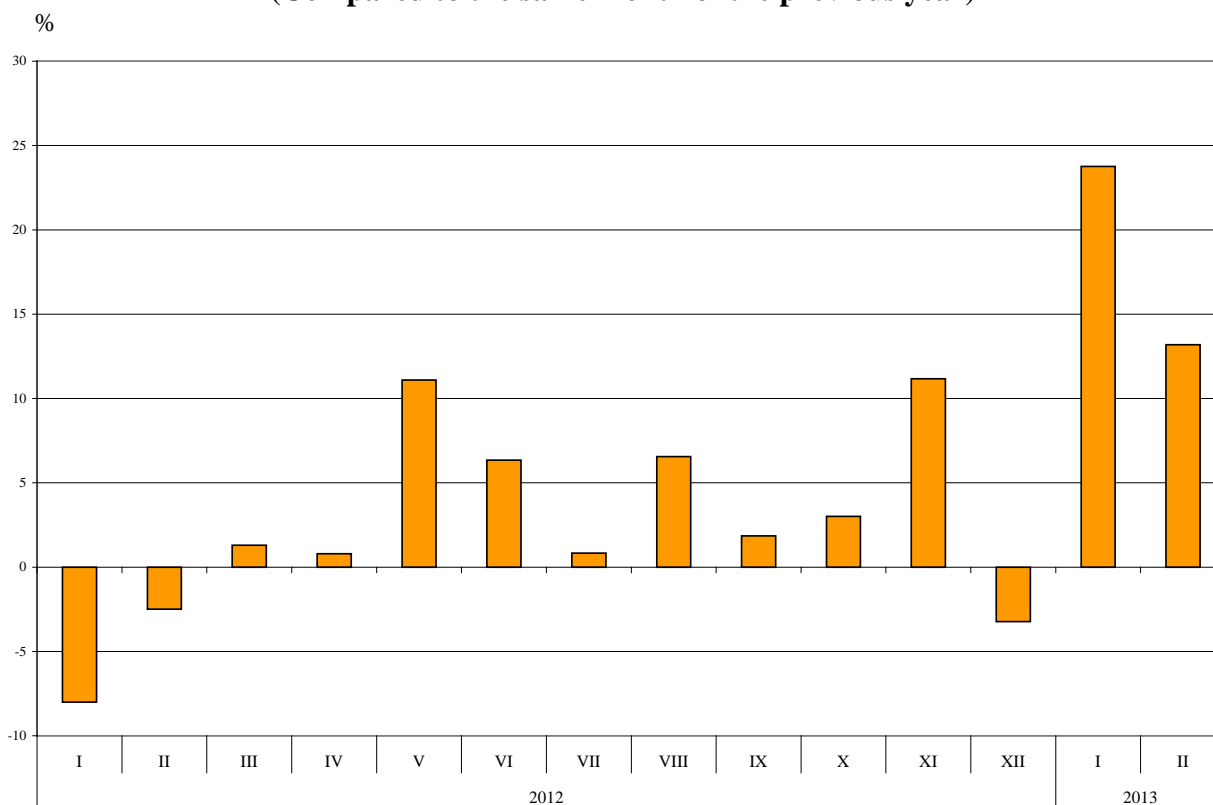
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Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period January - February 2013 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 6.7 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 18.4% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2013 the total exports added up to 3.2 Billion Levs and grew by 13.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



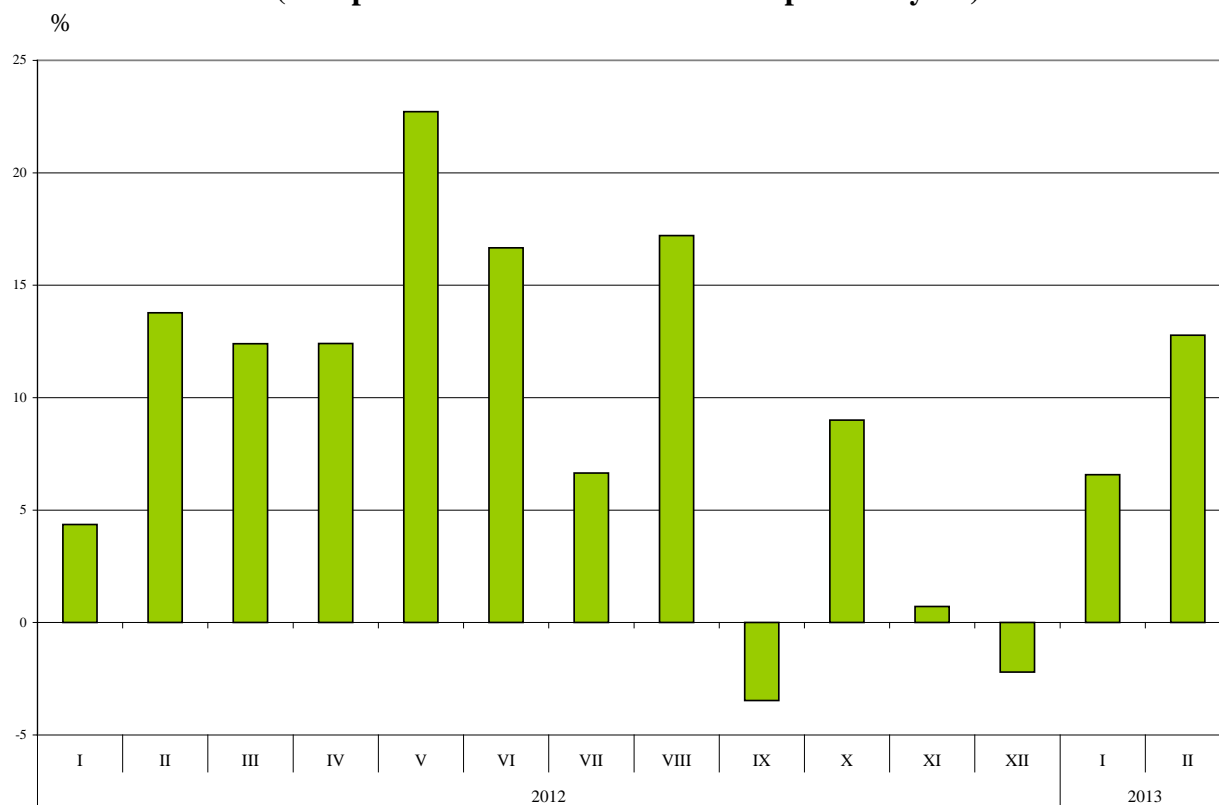
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period January - February 2013 amounted to 7.8 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 9.7% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2013 the total imports increased by 12.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.1 Billion Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria for the period 2012 -- 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - February 2013 and amounted to 1 077.8 Million Levs which was 354.3 Million Levs less than the balance in the first two months of 2012 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2013 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 718.3 Million Levs.

In February 2013 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 826.2 Million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 628.3 Million Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2012¹ and 2013¹ 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.2012	2810.1	1724.6	1085.5	3499.3	2127.3	1372.0	3354.5	2041.5	1313.0	-689.2	-402.7	-286.5	-544.4	-316.9	-227.5
II.2012	2861.9	1649.4	1212.5	3604.8	2122.8	1482.0	3456.0	2041.1	1414.9	-742.9	-473.4	-269.5	-594.1	-391.7	-202.4
I - II.2012	5672.0	3374.0	2298.0	7104.1	4250.1	2854.0	6810.5	4082.6	2727.9	-1432.1	-876.1	-556.0	-1138.5	-708.6	-429.9
I.2013	3477.8	2014.5	1463.3	3729.4	2066.5	1662.9	3567.8	1985.5	1582.3	-251.6	-52.0	-199.6	-90.0	29.0	-119.0
II.2013	3239.3	1939.7	1299.6	4065.5	2472.3	1593.2	3867.6	2348.7	1518.9	-826.2	-532.6	-293.6	-628.3	-409.0	-219.3
I - II.2013	6717.1	3954.2	2762.9	7794.9	4538.8	3256.1	7435.4	4334.2	3101.2	-1077.8	-584.6	-493.2	-718.3	-380.0	-338.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9.04.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2013¹ 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	23.8	16.8	34.8	6.6	-2.9	21.2	6.4	-2.7	20.5
II	13.2	17.6	7.2	12.8	16.5	7.5	11.9	15.1	7.4
I - II	18.4	17.2	20.2	9.7	6.8	14.1	9.2	6.2	13.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9.04.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - February 2012² and 2013²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	2298.0	2762.9	20.2	2854.0	3256.1	14.1	-556.0	-493.2
of which:								
Albania	16.2	10.1	-37.7	5.3	5.4	1.9	10.9	4.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.7	9.1	18.2	4.5	6.2	37.8	3.2	2.9
Brazil	16.2	2.5	-84.6	11.6	9.5	-18.1	4.6	-7.0
Canada	43.0	31.0	-27.9	4.8	5.2	8.3	38.2	25.8
China	219.6	158.2	-28.0	257.2	236.5	-8.0	-37.6	-78.3
Croatia	19.5	18.3	-6.2	5.2	7.6	46.2	14.3	10.7
Egypt	46.0	62.5	35.9	23.2	20.1	-13.4	22.8	42.4
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	110.0	107.8	-2.0	68.5	87.0	27.0	41.5	20.8
Georgia	68.0	54.0	-20.6	51.4	181.4	252.9	16.6	-127.4
India	8.2	7.6	-7.3	24.4	32.6	33.6	-16.2	-25.0
Indonesia	5.2	7.6	46.2	4.8	8.3	72.9	0.4	-0.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3.5	4.5	28.6	1.3	0.8	-38.5	2.2	3.7
Israel	12.1	16.4	35.5	19.8	12.6	-36.4	-7.7	3.8
Japan	4.5	7.7	71.1	21.7	19.7	-9.2	-17.2	-12.0
Kazakhstan	6.1	14.5	137.7	11.2	14.2	26.8	-5.1	0.3
Korea, Republic of	32.5	39.0	20.0	43.9	22.1	-49.7	-11.4	16.9
Norway	11.0	8.3	-24.5	1.9	4.4	131.6	9.1	3.9
Peru	0.8	1.3	62.5	8.5	5.1	-40.0	-7.7	-3.8
Russian Federation	132.9	147.4	10.9	1434.3	1531.7	6.8	-1301.4	-1384.3
Serbia	114.4	122.1	6.7	58.7	70.2	19.6	55.7	51.9
Singapore	1.6	2.1	31.3	5.4	5.5	1.9	-3.8	-3.4
South Africa	3.4	91.4	2588.2	9.0	9.5	5.6	-5.6	81.9
Switzerland	43.4	51.2	18.0	58.6	74.5	27.1	-15.2	-23.3
Syrian Arab Republic	13.4	14.1	5.2	18.4	9.6	-47.8	-5.0	4.5
Taiwan	7.4	9.2	24.3	31.4	23.9	-23.9	-24.0	-14.7
Turkey	460.6	637.5	38.4	294.7	348.0	18.1	165.9	289.5
Ukraine	38.1	95.0	149.3	161.1	149.7	-7.1	-123.0	-54.7
United Arab Emirates	141.1	54.5	-61.4	10.4	17.1	64.4	130.7	37.4
United States	73.8	109.3	48.1	56.0	46.3	-17.3	17.8	63.0
Viet-Nam	2.8	4.0	42.9	8.5	11.2	31.8	-5.7	-7.2

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 9.04.2013.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period
January - February 2012¹ and 2013¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	2298.0	2762.9	20.2	2854.0	3256.1	14.1	-556.0	-493.2
Food and live animals	136.7	196.7	43.9	79.2	79.0	-0.3	57.5	117.7
Beverages and tobacco	80.8	106.0	31.2	19.7	27.5	39.6	61.1	78.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	311.8	298.7	-4.2	253.5	431.7	70.3	58.3	-133.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	578.7	880.2	52.1	1476.6	1594.0	8.0	-897.9	-713.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	13.6	14.0	2.9	7.3	10.3	41.1	6.3	3.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	262.3	261.1	-0.5	164.9	231.6	40.4	97.4	29.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	543.5	547.0	0.6	376.3	454.4	20.8	167.2	92.6
Machinery and transport equipment	231.0	310.5	34.4	371.6	308.4	-17.0	-140.6	2.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	133.9	136.4	1.9	101.6	114.5	12.7	32.3	21.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	5.7	12.3	115.8	3.3	4.7	42.4	2.4	7.6

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