

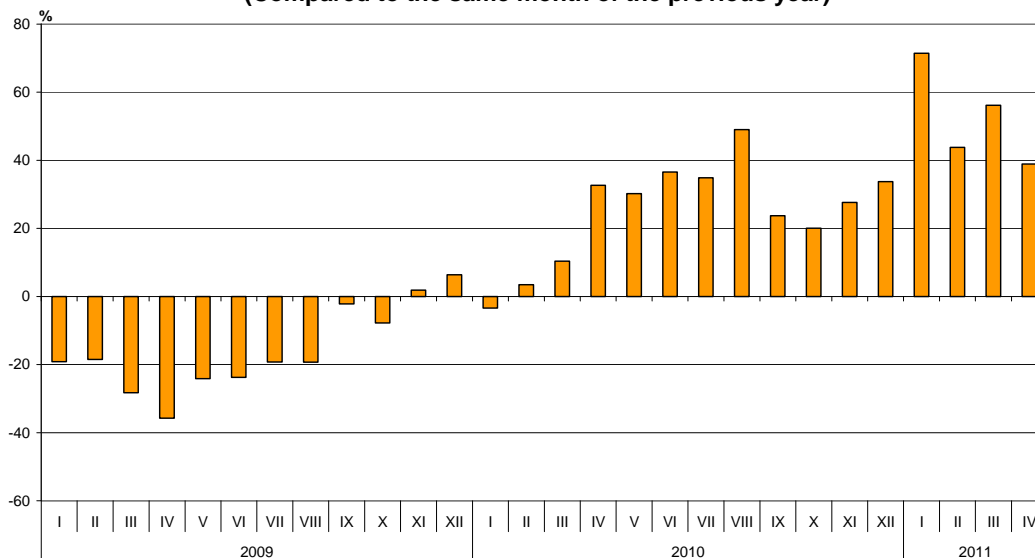


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2011 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2011** the Bulgarian **exports** to the **EU** increased by 51.7% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 7.5 billion leva (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and Belgium, that formed 67.0 % of the total exports to the EU Member states (Table.2). The most significant growths were observed in the exports to Malta, Portugal, Belgium and Denmark. The most notable falls were registered in the exports to Slovakia and Latvia.

In April 2011 the exports to the EU increased by 38.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and exceeded 1.8 billion leva.

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

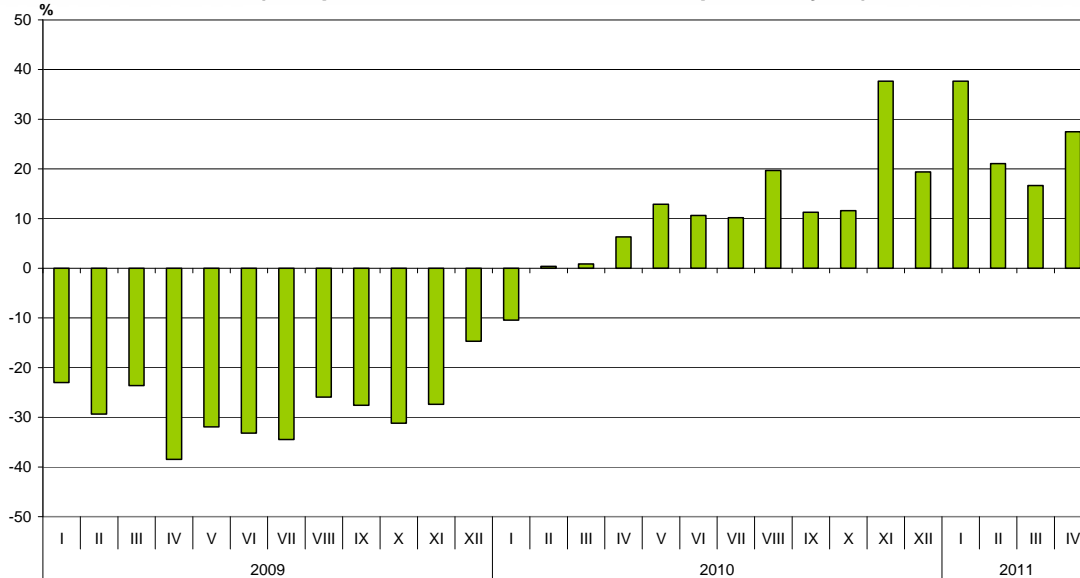


Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - April 2011 increased by 24.9% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 7.8 billion leva at CIF prices (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Malta (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Portugal and Finland.

In April 2011 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 27.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 billion leva at CIF prices.



Figure 2. Nominal growth of imports from EU 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 **EU** in the period January - April 2011 **was negative** and amounted to 297.4 million levs (Table 1.1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 108.9 million levs.

The **exports** of Bulgaria to the **EU** distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, increased in all sections in the first four months of 2011 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (Table 3). The largest growths were recorded in the sections, “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”¹, “Mineral fuels, lubricant and related materials” and “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”².

The largest growths on **imports** from the **EU** were reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”, „Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”³ and the lowest - in section “Mineral fuels, lubricant and related materials”.

¹ The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; manufactures of metals, n.e.s.

³ 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.

ANNEX

Table 1.1

Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - April 2010¹ 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	1802.0	1075.2	726.8	2267.4	1275.0	992.4	2133.2	1208.9	924.3	-465.4	-199.8	-265.6	-331.2	-133.7	-197.5
II.2010	1964.3	1264.2	700.1	2302.1	1536.6	765.5	2159.5	1446.8	712.7	-337.8	-272.4	-65.4	-195.2	-182.6	-12.6
III.2010	2213.7	1294.7	919.0	2968.8	1784.2	1184.6	2798.0	1697.9	1100.1	-755.1	-489.5	-265.6	-584.3	-403.2	-181.1
I - III.2010	5980.0	3634.1	2345.9	7538.3	4595.8	2942.5	7090.7	4353.6	2737.1	-1558.3	-961.7	-596.6	-1110.7	-719.5	-391.2
IV.2010	2313.3	1327.2	986.1	3069.1	1669.1	1400.0	2890.2	1587.8	1302.4	-755.8	-341.9	-413.9	-576.9	-260.6	-316.3
I - IV.2010	8293.3	4961.3	3332.0	10607.4	6264.9	4342.5	9980.9	5941.4	4039.5	-2314.1	-1303.6	-1010.5	-1687.6	-980.1	-707.5
I.2011	3109.1	1843.4	1265.7	3115.3	1755.4	1359.9	2924.8	1668.2	1256.6	-6.2	88.0	-94.2	184.3	175.2	9.1
II.2011	2914.4	1818.1	1096.3	3129.3	1860.2	1269.1	2943.3	1771.1	1172.2	-214.9	-42.1	-172.8	-28.9	47.0	-75.9
III.2011	3318.5	2022.5	1296.0	3574.0	2081.4	1492.6	3371.1	1978.4	1392.7	-255.5	-58.9	-196.6	-52.6	44.1	-96.7
I - III.2011	9342.0	5684.0	3658.0	9818.6	5697.0	4121.6	9239.2	5417.7	3821.5	-476.6	-13.0	-463.6	102.8	266.3	-163.5
IV.2011	3138.2	1843.6	1294.6	3721.2	2128.0	1593.2	3481.5	2001.0	1480.5	-583.0	-284.4	-298.6	-343.3	-157.4	-185.9
I - IV.2011	12480.2	7527.6	4952.6	13539.8	7825.0	5714.8	12720.7	7418.7	5302.0	-1059.6	-297.4	-762.2	-240.5	108.9	-349.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.07.2011.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for the period January - April 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	72.5	71.4	74.1	37.4	37.7	37.0	37.1	38.0	36.0
II	48.4	43.8	56.6	35.9	21.1	65.8	36.3	22.4	64.5
III	49.9	56.2	41.0	20.4	16.7	26.0	20.5	16.5	26.6
I - III	56.2	56.4	55.9	30.2	24.0	40.1	30.3	24.4	39.6
IV	35.7	38.9	31.3	21.2	27.5	13.8	20.5	26.0	13.7
I - IV	50.5	51.7	48.6	27.6	24.9	31.6	27.5	24.9	31.3

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Table2

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹
for the period January - April 2010² and 2011²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	8293.3	12480.2	50.5	10607.4	13539.8	27.6	-2314.1	-1059.6
EU	4961.3	7527.6	51.7	6264.9	7825.0	24.9	-1303.6	-297.4
Austria	158.8	251.8	58.6	423.3	457.2	8.0	-264.5	-205.4
Belgium	266.4	637.9	139.5	195.6	243.5	24.5	70.8	394.4
Cyprus	24.3	36.0	48.1	15.2	15.3	0.7	9.1	20.7
Czech Republic	72.6	133.3	83.6	222.5	213.8	-3.9	-149.9	-80.5
Denmark	31.7	71.0	124.0	62.4	53.1	-14.9	-30.7	17.9
Estonia	4.9	7.7	57.1	2.0	2.1	5.0	2.9	5.6
Finland	13.2	19.5	47.7	48.9	39.5	-19.2	-35.7	-20.0
France	349.8	482.2	37.9	377.0	451.1	19.7	-27.2	31.1
Germany	880.2	1506.0	71.1	1199.8	1506.5	25.6	-319.6	-0.5
Greece	687.0	816.9	18.9	584.3	784.1	34.2	102.7	32.8
Hungary	99.3	170.8	72.0	358.1	430.9	20.3	-258.8	-260.1
Ireland	6.6	8.7	31.8	30.7	50.1	63.2	-24.1	-41.4
Italy	875.0	1028.0	17.5	743.7	971.5	30.6	131.3	56.5
Latvia	9.5	9.2	-3.2	4.8	8.2	70.8	4.7	1.0
Lithuania	13.9	16.1	15.8	14.6	19.0	30.1	-0.7	-2.9
Luxembourg	12.6	13.8	9.5	7.4	8.2	10.8	5.2	5.6
Malta	2.5	46.4	1756.0	3.7	12.5	237.8	-1.2	33.9
Netherlands	152.5	238.7	56.5	297.7	350.2	17.6	-145.2	-111.5
Poland	155.2	281.9	81.6	211.1	244.5	15.8	-55.9	37.4
Portugal	16.0	47.5	196.9	32.8	25.5	-22.3	-16.8	22.0
Romania	621.7	1056.8	70.0	763.2	981.6	28.6	-141.5	75.2
Slovakia	71.5	63.9	-10.6	122.9	184.8	50.4	-51.4	-120.9
Slovenia	37.5	40.4	7.7	80.3	97.6	21.5	-42.8	-57.2
Spain	189.9	234.6	23.5	247.0	395.2	60.0	-57.1	-160.6
Sweden	41.6	77.5	86.3	49.5	76.9	55.4	-7.9	0.6
United Kingdom	162.8	226.8	39.3	158.4	192.5	21.5	4.4	34.3
Not specified	4.3	4.2	-2.3	8.0	9.6	20.0	-3.7	-5.4
Non EU countries	3332.0	4952.6	48.6	4342.5	5714.8	31.6	-1010.5	-762.2
CIS	418.7	620.5	48.2	2143.1	3394.3	58.4	-1724.4	-2773.8
of which:								
Georgia	66.3	102.6	54.8	92.5	117.5	27.0	-26.2	-14.9
Kazakhstan	8.4	12.0	42.9	2.3	99.1	4208.7	6.1	-87.1
Russian Fed.	226.1	316.9	40.2	1673.2	2547.1	52.2	-1447.1	-2230.2
Ukraine	59.0	101.6	72.2	352.7	595.3	68.8	-293.7	-493.7
OECD³	982.3	1683.4	71.4	885.5	985.8	11.3	96.8	697.6
of which:								
Canada	15.5	31.0	100.0	42.0	10.2	-75.7	-26.5	20.8
Japan	10.2	10.4	2.0	48.7	47.5	-2.5	-38.5	-37.1
Korea, Rep. of	28.7	55.3	92.7	25.3	44.0	73.9	3.4	11.3
Turkey	745.3	1275.8	71.2	570.5	642.9	12.7	174.8	632.9
USA	94.3	178.3	89.1	84.8	105.1	23.9	9.5	73.2



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of which:								
Norway	16.5	23.9	44.8	4.1	4.4	7.3	12.4	19.5
Switzerland	51.7	81.0	56.7	97.1	123.1	26.8	-45.4	-42.1
Countries not included								
in the upper groups:								
Albania	33.7	32.2	-4.5	6.2	12.7	104.8	27.5	19.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.6	24.3	24.0	3.9	3.1	-20.5	15.7	21.2
Brazil	18.3	21.7	18.6	34.1	51.0	49.6	-15.8	-29.3
China	145.1	201.6	38.9	262.7	367.7	40.0	-117.6	-166.1
Croatia	54.0	72.3	33.9	14.8	15.2	2.7	39.2	57.1
Egypt	80.5	88.5	9.9	10.1	25.7	154.5	70.4	62.8
India	15.8	76.9	386.7	25.0	34.3	37.2	-9.2	42.6
Indonesia	9.7	7.6	-21.6	8.3	10.7	28.9	1.4	-3.1
Iran	31.4	23.0	-26.8	4.9	2.6	-46.9	26.5	20.4
Israel	19.3	29.7	53.9	71.6	98.5	37.6	-52.3	-68.8
Peru	6.4	1.8	-71.9	169.7	24.0	-85.9	-163.3	-22.2
Serbia	303.1	319.5	5.4	110.0	145.0	31.8	193.1	174.5
Singapore	155.2	65.3	-57.9	4.2	11.8	181.0	151.0	53.5
South Africa	4.0	115.4	2785.0	3.8	13.4	252.6	0.2	102.0
Syria	65.9	7.6	-88.5	22.5	19.3	-14.2	43.4	-11.7
Taiwan	11.6	15.2	31.0	29.3	35.0	19.5	-17.7	-19.8
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	172.3	275.8	60.1	146.1	161.6	10.6	26.2	114.2
United Arab Emirates	36.6	18.7	-48.9	10.4	46.9	351.0	26.2	-28.2
Viet - Nam	5.3	7.8	47.2	32.1	11.6	-63.9	-26.8	-3.8

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 11.07.2011.**

³ **Excluding EU countries.**



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by sections of SITC, rev.4
for the period January - April 2010¹ 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	
Total	8293.3	12480.2	50.5	10607.4	13539.8	27.6	-2314.1	-1059.6
of which EU	4961.3	7527.6	51.7	6264.9	7825.0	24.9	-1303.6	-297.4
Food and live animals	740.2	1052.4	42.2	846.0	1009.9	19.4	-105.8	42.5
of which EU	568.6	808.1	42.1	668.4	827.1	23.7	-99.8	-19.0
Beverages and tobacco	201.9	249.2	23.4	133.2	147.8	11.0	68.7	101.4
of which EU	89.7	105.5	17.6	95.2	104.4	9.7	-5.5	1.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	685.7	1164.7	69.9	886.7	1027.5	15.9	-201.0	137.2
of which EU	319.9	661.1	106.7	242.7	550.6	126.9	77.2	110.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	888.1	1725.9	94.3	2230.0	3257.2	46.1	-1341.9	-1531.3
of which EU	161.4	306.7	90.0	391.9	373.1	-4.8	-230.5	-66.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	43.4	64.6	48.8	44.7	68.7	53.7	-1.3	-4.1
of which EU	32.5	47.4	45.8	32.4	53.0	63.6	0.1	-5.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	695.1	994.4	43.1	1287.1	1666.2	29.5	-592.0	-671.8
of which EU	262.9	455.1	73.1	1055.4	1324.0	25.5	-792.5	-868.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1978.5	3319.4	67.8	1784.1	2365.5	32.6	194.4	953.9
of which EU	1177.6	2120.9	80.1	1155.5	1467.9	27.0	22.1	653.0
Machinery and transport equipment	1498.2	2094.1	39.8	2546.4	3061.6	20.2	-1048.2	-967.5
of which EU	1118.6	1532.5	37.0	1964.7	2401.4	22.2	-846.1	-868.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1551.7	1803.2	16.2	819.4	900.6	9.9	732.3	902.6
of which EU	1227.6	1483.3	20.8	634.2	695.6	9.7	593.4	787.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	10.5	12.3	17.1	29.8	34.8	16.8	-19.3	-22.5
of which EU	2.5	7.0	180.0	24.5	27.9	13.9	-22.0	-20.9

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