

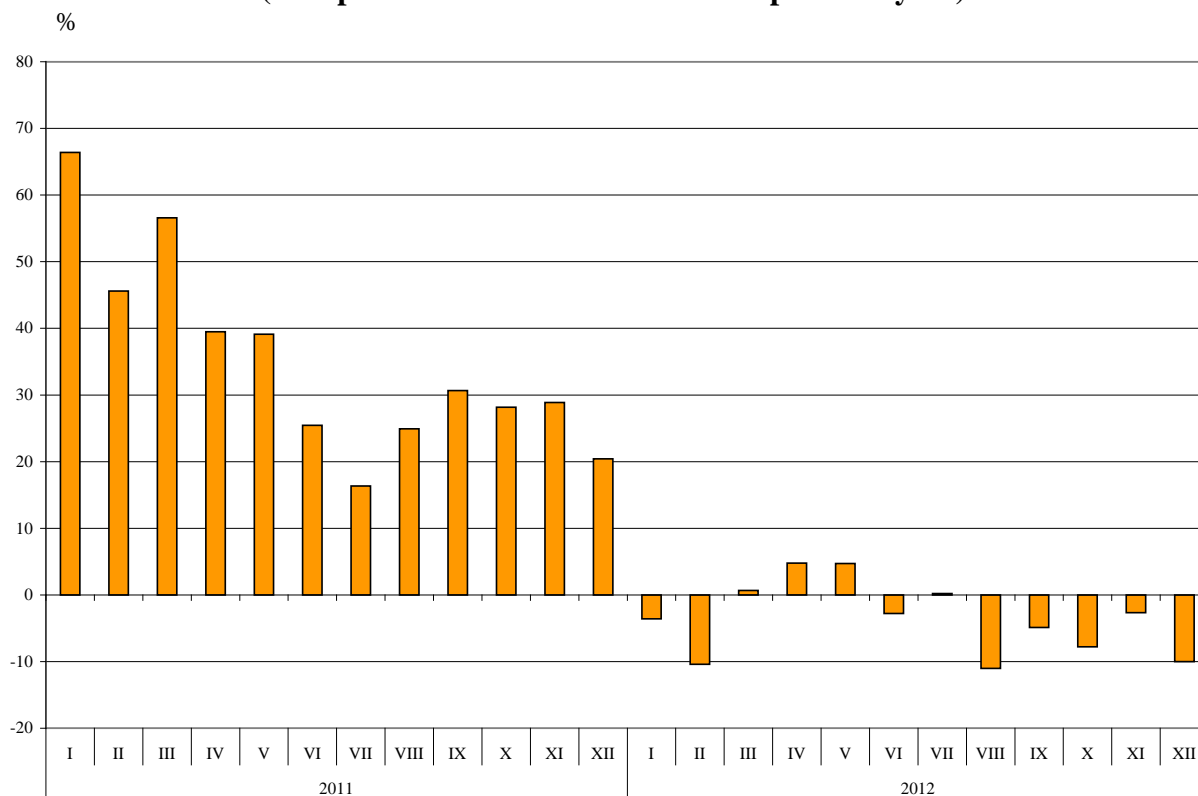


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2012** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** decreased by 3.6% compared to the previous year and amounted to 23.8 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France, Belgium and Spain which accounted for 75.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In December 2012 the exports to the EU decreased by 10.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports to EU for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



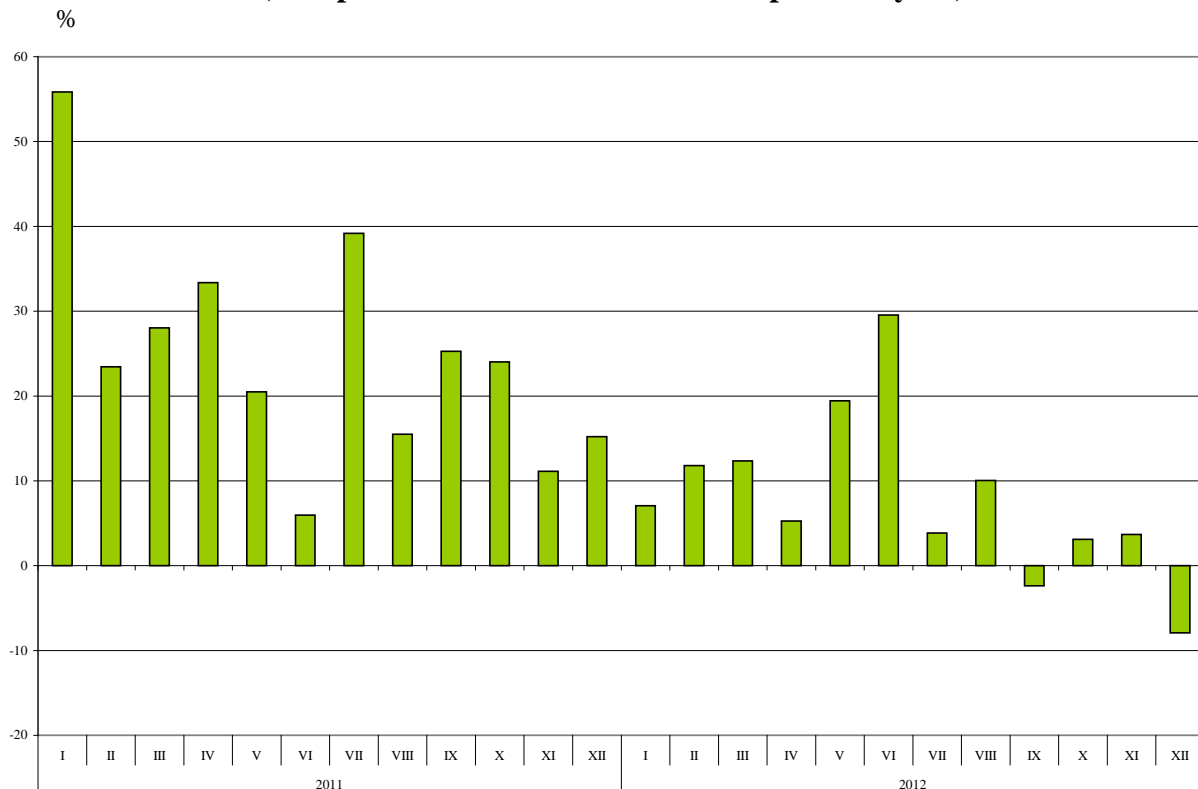
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in 2012 increased by 7.5% compared to the previous year and added up to 29.2 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In December 2012 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 7.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2.2 Billion Levs at CIF prices.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports from EU for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with EU** in 2012 was negative and added up to 5 446.2 Million Levs (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 4 302.3 Million Levs.

In **2012** compared to the previous year the largest growth (22.1%) **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and the most notable fall (27.0%) - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”².

In **imports from EU** the largest increase (42.5%) was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” while a decrease (8.0%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.



Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2011 and 2012¹ by months

Table 1

(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
IX.2011	3485.3	2199.8	1285.5	4172.6	2404.3	1768.3	3988.7	2307.3	1681.4	-687.3	-204.5	-482.8	-503.4	-107.5	-395.9
VII - IX.2011	10539.2	6651.8	3887.4	11740.4	6979.4	4761.0	11239.9	6701.8	4538.1	-1201.2	-327.6	-873.6	-700.7	-50.0	-650.7
I - IX.2011	29533.5	18267.7	11265.8	33416.7	19648.6	13768.1	32009.0	18880.2	13128.8	-3883.2	-1380.9	-2502.3	-2475.5	-612.5	-1863.0
X.2011	3531.7	2277.9	1253.8	4162.9	2548.3	1614.6	3989.8	2449.4	1540.4	-631.2	-270.4	-360.8	-458.1	-171.5	-286.6
XI.2011	3464.0	2254.5	1209.5	4301.1	2607.5	1693.6	4116.4	2501.4	1615.0	-837.1	-353.0	-484.1	-652.4	-246.9	-405.5
XII.2011	3104.4	1852.0	1252.4	3897.8	2379.3	1518.5	3735.4	2285.2	1450.2	-793.4	-527.3	-266.1	-631.0	-433.2	-197.8
X - XII.2011	10100.1	6384.4	3715.7	12361.8	7535.1	4826.7	11841.6	7236.0	4605.6	-2261.7	-1150.7	-1111.0	-1741.5	-851.6	-889.9
I - XII.2011	39633.6	24652.1	14981.5	45778.5	27183.7	18594.8	43850.6	26116.2	17734.4	-6144.9	-2531.6	-3613.3	-4217.0	-1464.1	-2752.9
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
III.2012	3363.5	2041.0	1322.5	4240.5	2566.2	1674.3	4066.6	2465.8	1600.8	-877.0	-525.2	-351.8	-703.1	-424.8	-278.3
I - III.2012	9035.5	5415.0	3620.5	11344.6	6816.3	4528.3	10877.1	6548.4	4328.7	-2309.1	-1401.3	-907.8	-1841.6	-1133.4	-708.2
IV.2012	3169.1	1939.0	1230.1	4288.6	2343.3	1945.3	4106.9	2253.8	1853.1	-1119.5	-404.3	-715.2	-937.8	-314.8	-623.0
V.2012	3647.9	2137.3	1510.6	4685.1	2673.1	2012.0	4488.4	2567.2	1921.2	-1037.2	-535.8	-501.4	-840.5	-429.9	-410.6
VI.2012	3463.2	2009.8	1453.4	4374.2	2636.3	1737.9	4189.5	2528.5	1661.0	-911.0	-626.5	-284.5	-726.3	-518.7	-207.6
IV-VI.2012	10280.2	6086.1	4194.1	13347.9	7652.7	5695.2	12784.8	7349.5	5435.3	-3067.7	-1566.6	-1501.1	-2504.6	-1263.4	-1241.2
I - VI.2012	19315.7	11501.1	7814.6	24692.5	14469.0	10223.5	23661.9	13897.9	9764.0	-5376.8	-2967.9	-2408.9	-4346.2	-2396.8	-1949.4
VII.2012	3648.7	2240.7	1408.0	4337.8	2650.1	1687.7	4157.0	2543.7	1613.3	-689.1	-409.4	-279.7	-508.3	-303.0	-205.3
VIII.2012	3660.4	1971.8	1688.6	4102.8	2226.6	1876.2	3927.0	2141.9	1785.1	-442.4	-254.8	-187.6	-266.6	-170.1	-96.5
IX.2012	3550.0	2092.3	1457.7	4028.0	2347.0	1681.0	3855.6	2257.8	1597.8	-478.0	-254.7	-223.3	-305.6	-165.5	-140.1
VII - IX.2012	10859.1	6304.8	4554.3	12468.6	7223.7	5244.9	11939.6	6943.4	4996.2	-1609.5	-918.9	-690.6	-1080.5	-638.6	-441.9
I - IX.2012	30174.8	17805.9	12368.9	37161.1	21692.7	15468.4	35601.5	20841.3	14760.2	-6986.3	-3886.9	-3099.5	-5426.7	-3035.4	-2391.3
X.2012	3637.9	2100.5	1537.4	4537.5	2627.1	1910.4	4344.0	2525.2	1818.8	-899.6	-526.6	-373.0	-706.1	-424.7	-281.4
XI.2012	3851.0	2194.5	1656.5	4331.7	2703.3	1628.4	4150.1	2596.9	1553.2	-480.7	-508.8	28.1	-299.1	-402.4	103.3
XII.2012	3004.0	1666.9	1337.1	3812.1	2190.9	1621.2	3656.3	2106.7	1549.6	-808.1	-524.0	-284.1	-652.3	-439.8	-212.5
X - XII.2012	10492.9	5961.9	4531.0	12681.3	7521.3	5160.0	12150.4	7228.8	4921.6	-2188.4	-1559.4	-629.0	-1657.5	-1266.9	-390.6
I - XII.2012	40667.7	23767.8	16899.9	49842.4	29214.0	20628.4	47751.9	28070.1	19681.8	-9174.7	-5446.2	-3728.5	-7084.2	-4302.3	-2781.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.03.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 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	-8.0	-3.6	-14.2	4.4	7.1	0.4	4.5	7.0	0.8
II	-2.5	-10.4	10.8	13.8	11.8	16.7	13.6	11.7	16.6
III	1.3	0.7	2.3	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.7
I - III	-2.9	-4.3	-0.9	10.2	10.5	9.8	10.2	10.4	9.9
IV	0.8	4.8	-4.9	12.4	5.3	22.4	12.4	5.4	22.3
V	11.1	4.7	21.6	22.7	19.4	27.4	22.7	19.2	27.6
VI	6.3	-2.8	22.2	16.7	29.5	1.4	16.7	29.1	1.7
IV - VI	6.2	2.1	12.6	17.3	17.7	16.6	17.3	17.6	16.8
I - VI	1.7	-1.0	5.9	13.9	14.2	13.5	13.9	14.1	13.7
VII	0.8	0.2	1.8	6.6	3.9	11.4	6.8	3.9	11.7
VIII	6.6	-11.0	38.5	17.2	10.0	27.0	17.0	10.1	26.4
IX	1.9	-4.9	13.4	-3.5	-2.4	-4.9	-3.3	-2.1	-5.0
VII - IX	3.0	-5.2	17.2	6.2	3.5	10.2	6.2	3.6	10.1
I - IX	2.2	-2.5	9.8	11.2	10.4	12.3	11.2	10.4	12.4
X	3.0	-7.8	22.6	9.0	3.1	18.3	8.9	3.1	18.1
XI	11.2	-2.7	37.0	0.7	3.7	-3.8	0.8	3.8	-3.8
XII	-3.2	-10.0	6.8	-2.2	-7.9	6.8	-2.1	-7.8	6.9
X - XII	3.9	-6.6	21.9	2.6	-0.2	6.9	2.6	-0.1	6.9
I - XII	2.6	-3.6	12.8	8.9	7.5	10.9	8.9	7.5	11.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.03.2013.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for 2011 and 2012²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	39633.6	40667.7	2.6	45778.5	49842.4	8.9	-6144.9	-9174.7
EU	24652.1	23767.8	-3.6	27183.7	29214.0	7.5	-2531.6	-5446.2
Austria	759.3	743.6	-2.1	1534.8	1529.0	-0.4	-775.5	-785.4
Belgium	1954.5	1496.4	-23.4	777.4	872.0	12.2	1177.1	624.4
Cyprus	119.8	163.5	36.5	155.8	154.5	-0.8	-36.0	9.0
Czech Republic	425.8	497.1	16.7	792.0	948.0	19.7	-366.2	-450.9
Denmark	264.1	185.8	-29.6	172.3	177.8	3.2	91.8	8.0
Estonia	24.1	21.9	-9.1	10.8	11.3	4.6	13.3	10.6
Finland	72.1	71.4	-1.0	121.1	119.8	-1.1	-49.0	-48.4
France	1672.7	1613.5	-3.5	1487.3	1459.4	-1.9	185.4	154.1
Germany	4606.4	4159.4	-9.7	4960.0	5546.2	11.8	-353.6	-1386.8
Greece	2784.2	2921.7	4.9	2568.1	3016.0	17.4	216.1	-94.3
Hungary	499.3	469.4	-6.0	1384.2	1495.2	8.0	-884.9	-1025.8
Ireland	29.0	59.5	105.2	150.7	165.8	10.0	-121.7	-106.3
Italy	3443.8	3449.8	0.2	3269.8	3296.4	0.8	174.0	153.4
Latvia	45.3	53.4	17.9	24.8	33.1	33.5	20.5	20.3
Lithuania	51.7	69.0	33.5	80.3	91.8	14.3	-28.6	-22.8
Luxembourg	35.7	7.5	-79.0	28.2	40.7	44.3	7.5	-33.2
Malta	60.9	21.8	-64.2	26.5	89.6	238.1	34.4	-67.8
Netherlands	703.5	741.4	5.4	1162.0	1493.1	28.5	-458.5	-751.7
Poland	704.7	710.4	0.8	875.4	1093.3	24.9	-170.7	-382.9
Portugal	162.8	358.1	120.0	97.0	137.7	42.0	65.8	220.4
Romania	3781.1	3267.9	-13.6	3161.5	3254.1	2.9	619.6	13.8
Slovakia	216.9	246.7	13.7	549.2	643.3	17.1	-332.3	-396.6
Slovenia	174.4	366.1	109.9	337.3	315.1	-6.6	-162.9	51.0
Spain	1063.2	1055.1	-0.8	2422.1	2220.3	-8.3	-1358.9	-1165.2
Sweden	205.1	183.8	-10.4	287.0	259.3	-9.7	-81.9	-75.5
United Kingdom	724.4	778.4	7.5	712.9	714.4	0.2	11.5	64.0
Not specified	67.3	55.2	-18.0	35.2	36.8	4.5	32.1	18.4

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 11.03.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for 2011² and 2012²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries	14981.5	16899.9	12.8	18594.8	20628.4	10.9	-3613.3	-3728.5
CIS³	1941.9	1988.6	2.4	10201.5	11863.6	16.3	-8259.6	-9875.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	43.9	59.9	36.4	137.2	76.1	-44.5	-93.3	-16.2
Russian Federation	1060.3	1099.6	3.7	8071.8	10365.3	28.4	-7011.5	-9265.7
Ukraine	565.0	480.3	-15.0	1837.9	1252.8	-31.8	-1272.9	-772.5
OECD⁴	4843.8	5673.5	17.1	3735.4	3662.0	-2.0	1108.4	2011.5
of which:								
Canada	169.9	207.3	22.0	61.0	67.8	11.1	108.9	139.5
Israel	108.0	163.4	51.3	342.7	112.6	-67.1	-234.7	50.8
Japan	45.1	47.4	5.1	134.0	124.0	-7.5	-88.9	-76.6
Korea, Republic of	188.7	228.9	21.3	234.2	183.5	-21.6	-45.5	45.4
Turkey	3389.6	3824.6	12.8	2164.5	2322.1	7.3	1225.1	1502.5
United States	518.2	726.2	40.1	384.9	338.5	-12.1	133.3	387.7
EFTA⁵	318.1	376.1	18.2	380.4	423.8	11.4	-62.3	-47.7
of which:								
Norway	61.9	60.0	-3.1	22.2	15.4	-30.6	39.7	44.6
Switzerland	245.9	307.0	24.8	354.8	407.7	14.9	-108.9	-100.7

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 11.03.2013.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for 2011² and 2012²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	101.1	97.9	-3.2	33.9	37.1	9.4	67.2	60.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	80.5	68.7	-14.7	15.2	31.1	104.6	65.3	37.6
Brazil	57.8	67.6	17.0	188.6	281.1	49.0	-130.8	-213.5
China	574.4	1163.7	102.6	1327.6	1483.1	11.7	-753.2	-319.4
Croatia	164.3	154.0	-6.3	53.3	59.4	11.4	111.0	94.6
Egypt	333.9	335.8	0.6	149.7	112.1	-25.1	184.2	223.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	902.2	768.0	-14.9	490.2	501.1	2.2	412.0	266.9
Georgia	450.0	557.8	24.0	384.0	337.5	-12.1	66.0	220.3
India	125.0	66.8	-46.6	119.6	146.9	22.8	5.4	-80.1
Indonesia	24.7	36.1	46.2	36.8	50.4	37.0	-12.1	-14.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	109.4	35.0	-68.0	5.5	8.7	58.2	103.9	26.3
Peru	4.4	6.4	45.5	119.0	161.2	35.5	-114.6	-154.8
Serbia	935.7	865.2	-7.5	496.5	487.9	-1.7	439.2	377.3
Singapore	76.0	93.8	23.4	29.4	29.0	-1.4	46.6	64.8
South Africa	131.9	229.5	74.0	39.7	65.4	64.7	92.2	164.1
Syrian Arab Republic	58.5	37.9	-35.2	72.5	68.9	-5.0	-14.0	-31.0
Taiwan	42.1	47.7	13.3	113.5	126.6	11.5	-71.4	-78.9
United Arab Emirates	111.5	307.4	175.7	69.4	106.4	53.3	42.1	201.0
Viet Nam	22.7	35.6	56.8	37.5	61.6	64.3	-14.8	-26.0

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 11.03.2013.



Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2011 and 2012¹

Table 4

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	
Total	39633.6	40667.7	2.6	45778.5	49842.4	8.9	-6144.9	-9174.7
of which EU	24652.1	23767.8	-3.6	27183.7	29214.0	7.5	-2531.6	-5446.2
Food and live animals	3796.7	4127.1	8.7	3449.8	3487.3	1.1	346.9	639.8
of which EU	2924.5	3174.8	8.6	2837.2	3018.9	6.4	87.3	155.9
Beverages and tobacco	797.7	877.7	10.0	553.4	629.0	13.7	244.3	248.7
of which EU	322.9	315.6	-2.3	399.1	460.7	15.4	-76.2	-145.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3978.2	3565.7	-10.4	4540.0	4415.0	-2.8	-561.8	-849.3
of which EU	2317.4	1691.7	-27.0	2936.9	2700.5	-8.0	-619.5	-1008.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5452.2	6746.7	23.7	10521.1	12401.8	17.9	-5068.9	-5655.1
of which EU	1254.0	1531.2	22.1	1289.8	1838.2	42.5	-35.8	-307.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	294.9	303.0	2.7	212.0	245.5	15.8	82.9	57.5
of which EU	225.5	230.8	2.4	169.1	177.9	5.2	56.4	52.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3160.6	3370.3	6.6	5197.7	5738.1	10.4	-2037.1	-2367.8
of which EU	1461.7	1600.6	9.5	4046.1	4399.9	8.7	-2584.4	-2799.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9805.5	9269.1	-5.5	7730.6	7761.9	0.4	2074.9	1507.2
of which EU	6523.7	5799.5	-11.1	4896.1	4948.0	1.1	1627.6	851.5
Machinery and transport equipment	6695.2	6799.3	1.6	10504.2	12014.4	14.4	-3809.0	-5215.1
of which EU	4918.3	4822.1	-2.0	8247.7	9267.3	12.4	-3329.4	-4445.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5601.9	5520.0	-1.5	2938.7	3030.6	3.1	2663.2	2489.4
of which EU	4684.8	4578.9	-2.3	2265.6	2299.6	1.5	2419.2	2279.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	50.7	88.8	75.1	131.0	118.8	-9.3	-80.3	-30.0
of which EU	19.3	22.6	17.1	96.1	103.0	7.2	-76.8	-80.4

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