

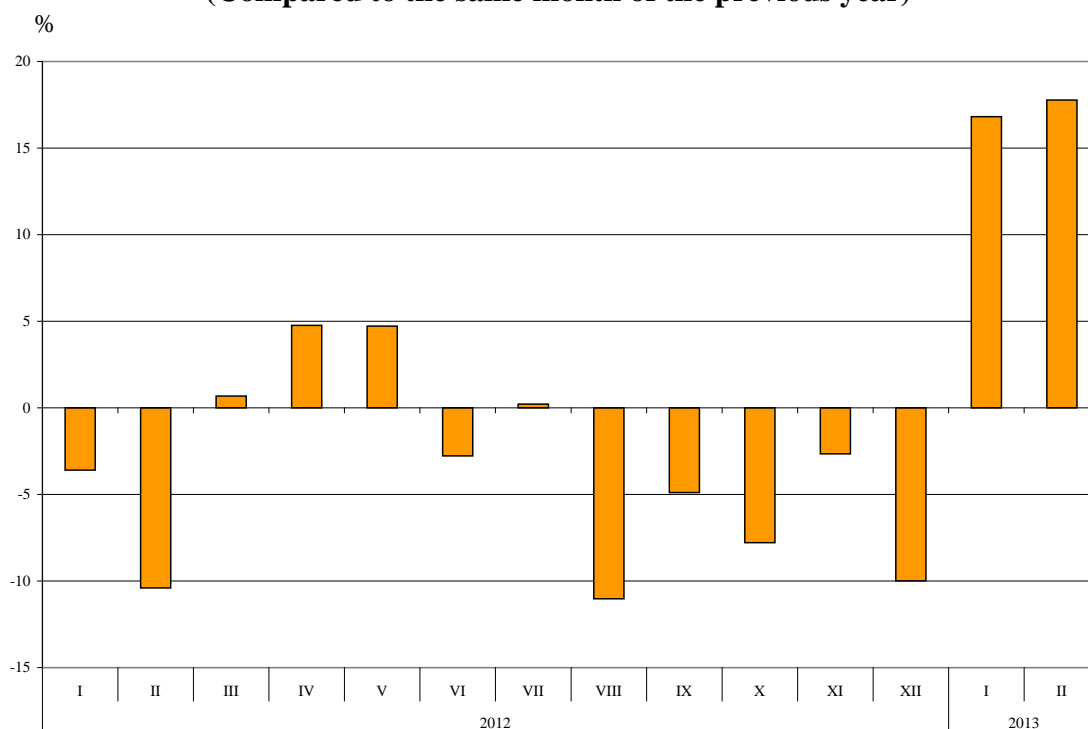


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 17.3% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 4.0 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania and France which accounted for 71.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2013** the exports to the EU increased by 17.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and exceeded 1.9 Billion Levs.

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



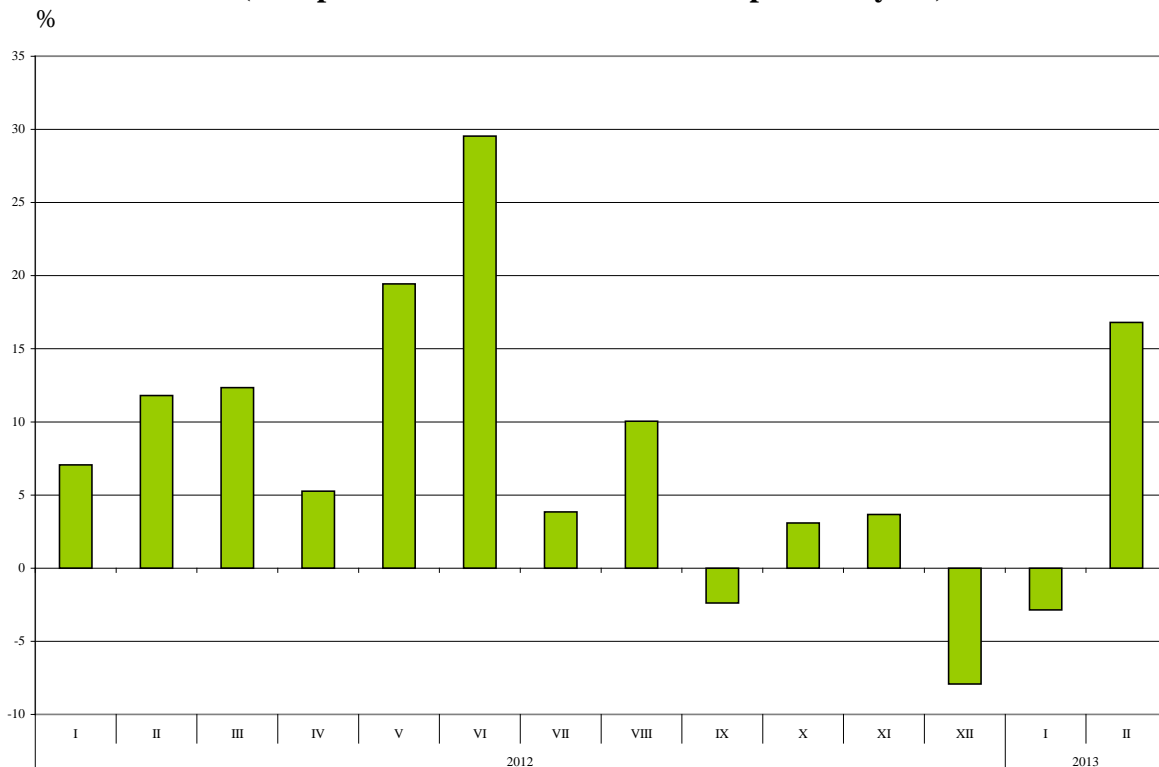
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - February 2013 increased by 7.0% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 4.5 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2013 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 16.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.5 Billion Levs at CIF prices.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU 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 EU** in the period January – February 2013 was negative and added up to 588.9 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 406.6 Million Levs.

In the first two months of **2013** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (147.7%) **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”. The most notable fall (5.4%) was recorded in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”.

In **imports from EU** the largest increase (36.0%) was reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² while fall (6.2%) was observed only in the section “Machinery and transport equipment”.

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.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2012¹ and 2013¹ by months

Table 1

(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.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	3242.1	1942.5	1299.6	4072.6	2479.4	1593.2	3897.0	2378.1	1518.9	-830.5	-536.9	-293.6	-654.9	-435.6	-219.3
I - II.2013	6719.9	3957.0	2762.9	7802.0	4545.9	3256.1	7464.8	4363.6	3101.2	-1082.1	-588.9	-493.2	-744.9	-406.6	-338.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2013

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	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	13.3	17.8	7.2	13.0	16.8	7.5	12.8	16.5	7.4
I - II	18.5	17.3	20.2	9.8	7.0	14.1	9.6	6.9	13.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2012² and 2013²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	5672.0	6719.9	18.5	7104.1	7802.0	9.8	-1432.1	-1082.1
EU	3374.0	3957.0	17.3	4250.1	4545.9	7.0	-876.1	-588.9
Austria	102.0	120.4	18.0	223.6	221.9	-0.8	-121.6	-101.5
Belgium	206.4	110.9	-46.3	102.3	115.6	13.0	104.1	-4.7
Cyprus	24.7	23.7	-4.0	31.6	11.0	-65.2	-6.9	12.7
Czech Republic	66.7	85.2	27.7	130.9	127.3	-2.8	-64.2	-42.1
Denmark	24.7	36.4	47.4	25.6	23.5	-8.2	-0.9	12.9
Estonia	5.4	5.3	-1.9	1.4	8.4	500.0	4.0	-3.1
Finland	9.1	10.2	12.1	14.0	9.8	-30.0	-4.9	0.4
France	264.4	302.5	14.4	226.0	230.8	2.1	38.4	71.7
Germany	687.4	942.0	37.0	831.4	774.7	-6.8	-144.0	167.3
Greece	346.8	487.7	40.6	459.7	391.1	-14.9	-112.9	96.6
Hungary	81.2	82.7	1.8	195.2	237.7	21.8	-114.0	-155.0
Ireland	3.2	5.6	75.0	24.3	27.9	14.8	-21.1	-22.3
Italy	572.6	679.8	18.7	398.3	567.8	42.6	174.3	112.0
Latvia	4.4	12.5	184.1	2.2	7.1	222.7	2.2	5.4
Lithuania	8.4	11.7	39.3	10.2	13.0	27.5	-1.8	-1.3
Luxembourg	0.7	1.0	42.9	7.9	12.0	51.9	-7.2	-11.0
Malta	3.4	8.5	150.0	0.6	1.1	83.3	2.8	7.4
Netherlands	120.8	136.0	12.6	315.6	193.0	-38.8	-194.8	-57.0
Poland	97.3	116.6	19.8	124.6	211.1	69.4	-27.3	-94.5
Portugal	18.2	45.6	150.5	27.4	7.5	-72.6	-9.2	38.1
Romania	374.1	417.2	11.5	452.5	527.4	16.6	-78.4	-110.2
Slovakia	32.5	43.7	34.5	84.1	91.9	9.3	-51.6	-48.2
Slovenia	26.1	23.4	-10.3	42.8	47.0	9.8	-16.7	-23.6
Spain	132.5	77.6	-41.4	354.3	536.2	51.3	-221.8	-458.6
Sweden	26.0	32.3	24.2	43.6	37.2	-14.7	-17.6	-4.9
United Kingdom	119.6	134.4	12.4	114.7	111.2	-3.1	4.9	23.2
Not specified	15.4	4.1	-73.4	5.3	2.7	-49.1	10.1	1.4

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods
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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2012² and 2013²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries	2298.0	2762.9	20.2	2854.0	3256.1	14.1	-556.0	-493.2
CIS³	216.1	300.4	39.0	1618.1	1712.4	5.8	-1402.0	-1412.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	6.1	14.5	137.7	11.2	14.2	26.8	-5.1	0.3
Russian Federation	132.9	147.4	10.9	1434.3	1531.7	6.8	-1301.4	-1384.3
Ukraine	38.1	95.0	149.3	161.1	149.7	-7.1	-123.0	-54.7
OECD⁴	695.1	917.3	32.0	526.4	696.2	32.3	168.7	221.1
of which:								
Canada	43.0	31.0	-27.9	4.8	5.2	8.3	38.2	25.8
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
Korea, Republic of	32.5	39.0	20.0	43.9	22.1	-49.7	-11.4	16.9
Turkey	460.6	637.5	38.4	294.7	348.0	18.1	165.9	289.5
United States	73.8	109.3	48.1	56.0	46.3	-17.3	17.8	63.0
EFTA⁵	57.2	62.3	8.9	60.6	78.9	30.2	-3.4	-16.6
of which:								
Norway	11.0	8.3	-24.5	1.9	4.4	131.6	9.1	3.9
Switzerland	43.4	51.2	18.0	58.6	74.5	27.1	-15.2	-23.3

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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.



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Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2012² and 2013²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
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
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
Peru	0.8	1.3	62.5	8.5	5.1	-40.0	-7.7	-3.8
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
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
United Arab Emirates	141.1	54.5	-61.4	10.4	17.1	64.4	130.7	37.4
Viet Nam	2.8	4.0	42.9	8.5	11.2	31.8	-5.7	-7.2

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria
for the period January - February 2012² and 2013²**

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	
Total	5672.0	6719.9	18.5	7104.1	7802.0	9.8	-1432.1	-1082.1
of which EU	3374.0	3957.0	17.3	4250.1	4545.9	7.0	-876.1	-588.9
Food and live animals	518.9	572.1	10.3	511.8	535.8	4.7	7.1	36.3
of which EU	382.2	375.4	-1.8	432.6	456.8	5.6	-50.4	-81.4
Beverages and tobacco	126.7	172.4	36.1	72.7	83.8	15.3	54.0	88.6
of which EU	45.9	66.4	44.7	53.0	56.2	6.0	-7.1	10.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	552.3	543.7	-1.6	709.3	1051.9	48.3	-157.0	-508.2
of which EU	240.4	245.0	1.9	455.9	620.2	36.0	-215.5	-375.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	676.2	1121.7	65.9	1750.8	1898.8	8.5	-1074.6	-777.1
of which EU	97.5	241.5	147.7	274.2	304.8	11.2	-176.7	-63.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	54.3	52.6	-3.1	27.6	33.1	19.9	26.7	19.5
of which EU	40.8	38.6	-5.4	20.4	22.8	11.8	20.4	15.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	475.9	546.5	14.8	794.7	949.5	19.5	-318.8	-403.0
of which EU	213.6	285.4	33.6	629.8	717.9	14.0	-416.2	-432.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1443.4	1606.3	11.3	1053.3	1172.8	11.3	390.1	433.5
of which EU	899.8	1059.3	17.7	677.0	718.4	6.1	222.8	340.9
Machinery and transport equipment	913.1	1168.5	28.0	1746.1	1597.8	-8.5	-833.0	-429.3
of which EU	682.1	857.9	25.8	1374.5	1289.4	-6.2	-692.4	-431.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	899.7	918.7	2.1	418.5	446.5	6.7	481.2	472.2
of which EU	765.8	782.4	2.2	316.9	331.9	4.7	448.9	450.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	11.5	17.4	51.3	19.3	32.0	65.8	-7.8	-14.6
of which EU	5.9	5.1	-13.6	15.8	27.5	74.1	-9.9	-22.4

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