

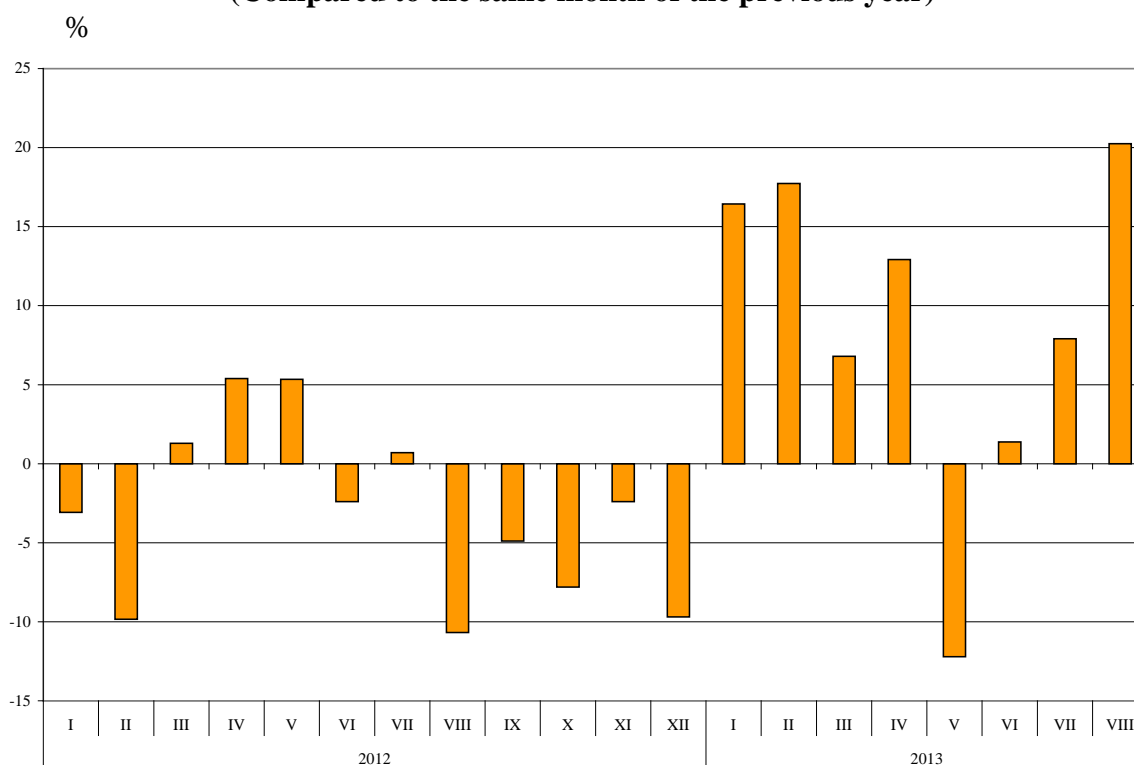


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 8.3% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 17.1 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 68.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2013** the exports to the EU increased by 20.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.4 Billion BGN.

**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)**



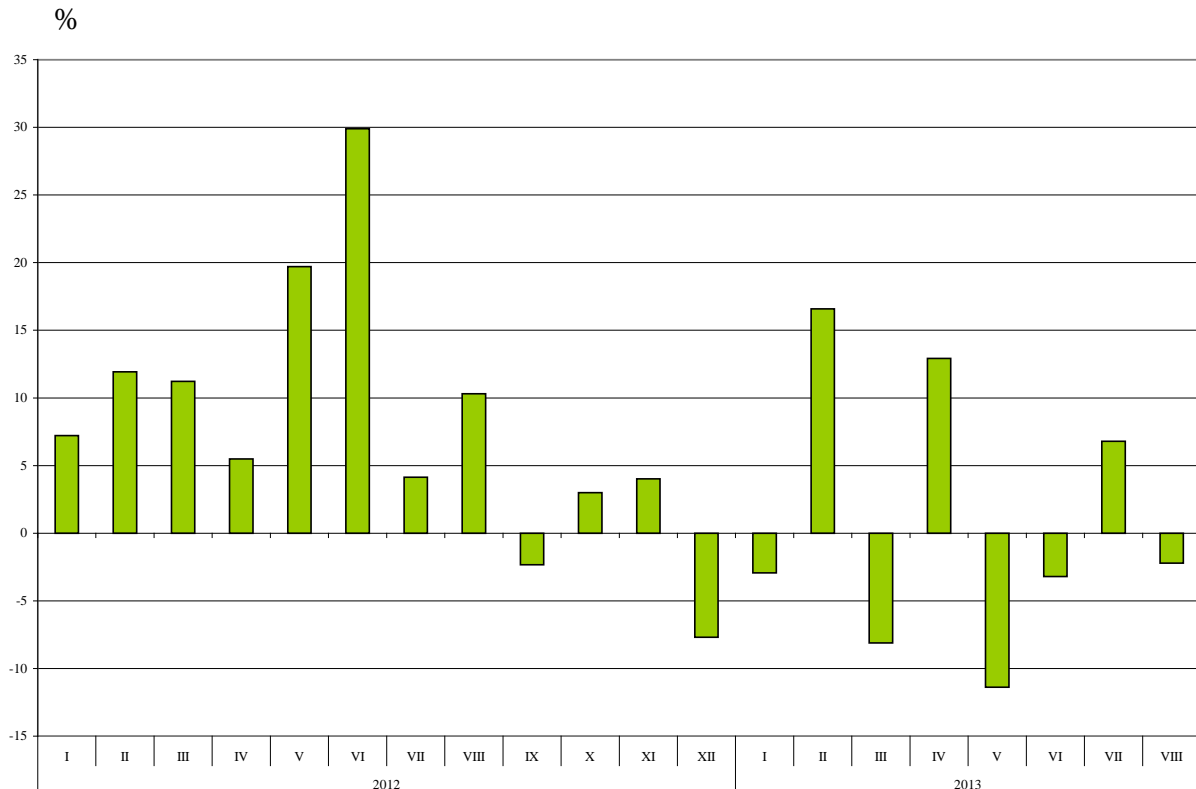
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - August 2013 grown by 0.7% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 19.5 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2013 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 2.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.2 Billion BGN 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 – August 2013 was negative and added up to 2 375.4 Million BGN (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 1 484.5 Million BGN.

In the first eight months of **2013** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification were recorded in the sections “Beverages and tobacco” (25.7%) and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² (24.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall (5.9%) was recorded in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials”.

In imports from EU the largest increase (9.4%) was reported in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” while the most notable fall (4.1%) was observed 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 - August 2012 and 2013¹ by months

Table 1
(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2012	2810.3	1733.9	1076.4	3501.3	2130.3	1371.0	3330.7	2029.9	1300.8	-691.0	-396.4	-294.6	-520.4	-296.0	-224.4
II.2012	2862.9	1659.7	1203.2	3603.3	2125.2	1478.1	3433.5	2032.3	1401.2	-740.4	-465.5	-274.9	-570.6	-372.6	-198.0
III.2012	3363.6	2053.3	1310.3	4207.2	2540.7	1666.5	4008.0	2426.2	1581.8	-843.6	-487.4	-356.2	-644.4	-372.9	-271.5
I - III.2012	9036.8	5446.9	3589.9	11311.8	6796.2	4515.6	10772.2	6488.4	4283.8	-2275.0	-1349.3	-925.7	-1735.4	-1041.5	-693.9
IV.2012	3171.8	1950.5	1221.3	4277.3	2348.4	1928.9	4068.0	2245.9	1822.1	-1105.5	-397.9	-707.6	-896.2	-295.4	-600.8
V.2012	3647.7	2149.9	1497.8	4646.8	2679.1	1967.7	4420.4	2556.6	1863.8	-999.1	-529.2	-469.9	-772.7	-406.7	-366.0
VI.2012	3462.2	2017.5	1444.7	4372.3	2643.4	1728.9	4158.3	2517.6	1640.7	-910.1	-625.9	-284.2	-696.1	-500.1	-196.0
IV - VI.2012	10281.7	6117.9	4163.8	13296.4	7670.9	5625.5	12646.7	7320.1	5326.6	-3014.7	-1553.0	-1461.7	-2365.0	-1202.2	-1162.8
I - VI.2012	19318.5	11564.8	7753.7	24608.2	14467.1	10141.1	23418.9	13808.5	9610.4	-5289.7	-2902.3	-2387.4	-4100.4	-2243.7	-1856.7
VII.2012	3645.9	2251.4	1394.5	4341.6	2657.5	1684.1	4134.1	2536.4	1597.7	-695.7	-406.1	-289.6	-488.2	-285.0	-203.2
VIII.2012	3658.4	1979.5	1678.9	4115.4	2232.0	1883.4	3913.7	2134.6	1779.1	-457.0	-252.5	-204.5	-255.3	-155.1	-100.2
I - VIII.2012	26622.8	15795.7	10827.1	33065.2	19356.6	13708.6	31466.7	18479.5	12987.2	-6442.4	-3560.9	-2881.5	-4843.9	-2683.8	-2160.1
I.2013	3474.0	2018.8	1455.2	3726.5	2067.9	1658.6	3540.4	1974.6	1565.8	-252.5	-49.1	-203.4	-66.4	44.2	-110.6
II.2013	3242.9	1954.0	1288.9	4066.1	2477.6	1588.5	3859.2	2357.5	1501.7	-823.2	-523.6	-299.6	-616.3	-403.5	-212.8
III.2013	3497.5	2192.8	1304.7	3861.5	2334.8	1526.7	3682.3	2233.6	1448.7	-364.0	-142.0	-222.0	-184.8	-40.8	-144.0
I - III.2013	10214.4	6165.6	4048.8	11654.1	6880.3	4773.8	11081.9	6565.7	4516.2	-1439.7	-714.7	-725.0	-867.5	-400.1	-467.4
IV.2013	3857.7	2202.4	1655.3	4392.8	2651.7	1741.1	4184.5	2527.7	1656.8	-535.1	-449.3	-85.8	-326.8	-325.3	-1.5
V.2013	3316.2	1887.3	1428.9	4137.2	2374.0	1763.2	3938.3	2268.3	1670.0	-821.0	-486.7	-334.3	-622.1	-381.0	-241.1
VI.2013	3443.1	2045.2	1397.9	4251.4	2558.8	1692.6	4045.4	2442.4	1603.0	-808.3	-513.6	-294.7	-602.3	-397.2	-205.1
IV - VI.2013	10617.0	6134.9	4482.1	12781.4	7584.5	5196.9	12168.2	7238.4	4929.8	-2164.4	-1449.6	-714.8	-1551.2	-1103.5	-447.7
I - VI.2013	20831.4	12300.5	8530.9	24435.5	14464.8	9970.7	23250.1	13804.1	9446.0	-3604.1	-2164.3	-1439.8	-2418.7	-1503.6	-915.1
VII.2013	3979.2	2429.3	1549.9	4660.8	2838.1	1822.7	4429.8	2706.1	1723.7	-681.6	-408.8	-272.8	-450.6	-276.8	-173.8
VIII.2013	3913.5	2380.3	1533.2	3868.7	2182.6	1686.1	3677.3	2084.4	1592.9	44.8	197.7	-152.9	236.2	295.9	-59.7
I - VIII.2013	28724.1	17110.1	11614.0	32965.0	19485.5	13479.5	31357.2	18594.6	12762.6	-4240.9	-2375.4	-1865.5	-2633.1	-1484.5	-1148.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.11.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

³ EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

⁴ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - August 2013¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	23.6	16.4	35.2	6.4	-2.9	21.0	6.3	-2.7	20.4
II	13.3	17.7	7.1	12.8	16.6	7.5	12.4	16.0	7.2
III	4.0	6.8	-0.4	-8.2	-8.1	-8.4	-8.1	-7.9	-8.4
I - III	13.0	13.2	12.8	3.0	1.2	5.7	2.9	1.2	5.4
IV	21.6	12.9	35.5	2.7	12.9	-9.7	2.9	12.5	-9.1
V	-9.1	-12.2	-4.6	-11.0	-11.4	-10.4	-10.9	-11.3	-10.4
VI	-0.6	1.4	-3.2	-2.8	-3.2	-2.1	-2.7	-3.0	-2.3
IV - VI	3.3	0.3	7.6	-3.9	-1.1	-7.6	-3.8	-1.1	-7.4
I - VI	7.8	6.4	10.0	-0.7	0.0	-1.7	-0.7	0.0	-1.7
VII	9.1	7.9	11.1	7.4	6.8	8.2	7.2	6.7	7.9
VIII	7.0	20.2	-8.7	-6.0	-2.2	-10.5	-6.0	-2.4	-10.5
I - VIII	7.9	8.3	7.3	-0.3	0.7	-1.7	-0.3	0.6	-1.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.11.2013.

² EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	26622.8	28724.1	7.9	33065.2	32965.0	-0.3	-6442.4	-4240.9
EU³	15795.7	17110.1	8.3	19356.6	19485.5	0.7	-3560.9	-2375.4
Austria	494.3	505.7	2.3	1003.1	927.3	-7.6	-508.8	-421.6
Belgium	971.5	793.6	-18.3	563.9	614.1	8.9	407.6	179.5
Croatia	81.2	63.1	-22.3	38.0	47.4	24.7	43.2	15.7
Cyprus	113.1	86.7	-23.3	129.3	59.2	-54.2	-16.2	27.5
Czech Republic	313.1	329.1	5.1	601.4	669.6	11.3	-288.3	-340.5
Denmark	119.6	138.8	16.1	119.8	114.0	-4.8	-0.2	24.8
Estonia	14.9	25.4	70.5	7.5	15.2	102.7	7.4	10.2
Finland	43.2	42.9	-0.7	83.0	59.5	-28.3	-39.8	-16.6
France	1106.5	1221.4	10.4	941.1	956.2	1.6	165.4	265.2
Germany	2717.5	3577.2	31.6	3746.6	3514.2	-6.2	-1029.1	63.0
Greece	1916.2	2018.2	5.3	1886.7	1821.2	-3.5	29.5	197.0
Hungary	315.9	338.6	7.2	941.2	978.2	3.9	-625.3	-639.6
Ireland	27.5	24.8	-9.8	110.1	112.6	2.3	-82.6	-87.8
Italy	2297.0	2666.1	16.1	2097.5	2470.7	17.8	199.5	195.4
Latvia	34.1	31.9	-6.5	24.3	15.5	-36.2	9.8	16.4
Lithuania	43.2	54.2	25.5	57.0	54.3	-4.7	-13.8	-0.1
Luxembourg	4.4	5.0	13.6	25.2	58.1	130.6	-20.8	-53.1
Malta	11.1	28.9	160.4	85.1	8.0	-90.6	-74.0	20.9
Netherlands	453.3	612.8	35.2	1043.2	838.1	-19.7	-589.9	-225.3
Poland	465.9	516.2	10.8	663.4	896.8	35.2	-197.5	-380.6
Portugal	194.9	170.1	-12.7	116.7	69.9	-40.1	78.2	100.2
Romania	2170.1	2200.6	1.4	2187.9	2199.5	0.5	-17.8	1.1
Slovakia	157.0	205.2	30.7	417.5	398.4	-4.6	-260.5	-193.2
Slovenia	273.9	110.7	-59.6	202.3	212.2	4.9	71.6	-101.5
Spain	781.0	602.2	-22.9	1595.9	1672.2	4.8	-814.9	-1070.0
Sweden	119.6	141.5	18.3	176.2	185.5	5.3	-56.6	-44.0
United Kingdom	523.5	552.6	5.6	464.9	492.7	6.0	58.6	59.9
Not specified	32.2	46.6	44.7	27.8	24.9	-10.4	4.4	21.7

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 11.11.2013.

³ EU including Croatia.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries³	10827.1	11614.0	7.3	13708.6	13479.5	-1.7	-2881.5	-1865.5
CIS⁴	1272.1	1542.5	21.3	7745.7	7225.4	-6.7	-6473.6	-5682.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	42.9	36.7	-14.5	51.1	53.3	4.3	-8.2	-16.6
Russian Federation	712.6	731.6	2.7	6790.2	6342.9	-6.6	-6077.6	-5611.3
Ukraine	289.6	544.4	88.0	807.5	712.7	-11.7	-517.9	-168.3
OECD⁵	3738.4	3913.0	4.7	2445.3	2905.1	18.8	1293.1	1007.9
of which:								
Canada	143.8	118.2	-17.8	61.2	22.0	-64.1	82.6	96.2
Israel	135.3	132.9	-1.8	73.0	64.3	-11.9	62.3	68.6
Japan	31.9	37.6	17.9	87.6	81.6	-6.8	-55.7	-44.0
Korea, Republic of	161.2	109.9	-31.8	132.6	115.4	-13.0	28.6	-5.5
Turkey	2505.5	2788.8	11.3	1527.5	1848.6	21.0	978.0	940.2
United States	448.1	396.1	-11.6	238.6	237.5	-0.5	209.5	158.6
EFTA⁶	244.9	257.3	5.1	274.1	294.5	7.4	-29.2	-37.2
of which:								
Norway	39.4	45.7	16.0	8.0	21.5	168.8	31.4	24.2
Switzerland	198.1	201.4	1.7	265.5	272.6	2.7	-67.4	-71.2

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³ Non EU excluding Croatia

⁴ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁵ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	64.0	84.5	32.0	25.3	20.8	-17.8	38.7	63.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	45.7	53.1	16.2	21.7	37.3	71.9	24.0	15.8
Brazil	62.6	16.0	-74.4	196.8	59.5	-69.8	-134.2	-43.5
China	806.1	760.1	-5.7	1074.2	994.5	-7.4	-268.1	-234.4
Egypt	159.0	231.3	45.5	68.2	58.4	-14.4	90.8	172.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	519.7	437.3	-15.9	322.5	363.9	12.8	197.2	73.4
Georgia	322.9	231.9	-28.2	210.2	310.9	47.9	112.7	-79.0
India	44.9	37.7	-16.0	96.2	148.0	53.8	-51.3	-110.3
Indonesia	19.4	31.8	63.9	31.2	36.6	17.3	-11.8	-4.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	23.2	17.5	-24.6	7.3	2.2	-69.9	15.9	15.3
Peru	3.3	10.4	215.2	157.2	10.0	-93.6	-153.9	0.4
Serbia	599.3	481.5	-19.7	320.2	322.0	0.6	279.1	159.5
Singapore	85.9	226.9	164.1	19.1	17.7	-7.3	66.8	209.2
South Africa	85.9	276.6	222.0	46.8	36.6	-21.8	39.1	240.0
Syrian Arab Republic	30.7	76.2	148.2	45.8	22.7	-50.4	-15.1	53.5
Taiwan	34.5	33.2	-3.8	89.9	84.0	-6.6	-55.4	-50.8
United Arab Emirates	176.5	202.7	14.8	92.9	57.8	-37.8	83.6	144.9
Viet Nam	15.7	19.2	22.3	41.2	40.5	-1.7	-25.5	-21.3

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 11.11.2013.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	26622.8	28724.1	7.9	33065.2	32965.0	-0.3	-6442.4	-4240.9
of which EU²	15795.7	17110.1	8.3	19356.6	19485.5	0.7	-3560.9	-2375.4
Food and live animals	2730.5	3032.6	11.1	2293.9	2354.9	2.7	436.6	677.7
of which EU	2115.5	2010.3	-5.0	1989.5	1944.8	-2.2	126.0	65.5
Beverages and tobacco	566.2	654.0	15.5	428.6	434.9	1.5	137.6	219.1
of which EU	199.8	251.2	25.7	317.4	318.2	0.3	-117.6	-67.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2263.8	2451.0	8.3	3139.1	3071.1	-2.2	-875.3	-620.1
of which EU	997.6	1239.7	24.3	1915.6	1848.0	-3.5	-918.0	-608.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4216.6	4491.7	6.5	8053.9	7767.9	-3.6	-3837.3	-3276.2
of which EU	1024.9	964.5	-5.9	1178.1	1196.3	1.5	-153.2	-231.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	194.8	213.9	9.8	151.2	149.2	-1.3	43.6	64.7
of which EU	148.0	170.1	14.9	109.0	119.3	9.4	39.0	50.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2230.6	2372.3	6.4	3762.2	4086.9	8.6	-1531.6	-1714.6
of which EU	1039.8	1265.6	21.7	2886.1	3098.9	7.4	-1846.3	-1833.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6210.8	6496.9	4.6	5082.2	5328.2	4.8	1128.6	1168.7
of which EU	3883.1	4323.5	11.3	3205.5	3313.6	3.4	677.6	1009.9
Machinery and transport equipment	4374.3	5133.2	17.3	8108.5	7524.7	-7.2	-3734.2	-2391.5
of which EU	3200.7	3661.7	14.4	6201.4	5946.7	-4.1	-3000.7	-2285.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3779.3	3809.4	0.8	1968.5	2091.9	6.3	1810.8	1717.5
of which EU	3169.8	3196.7	0.8	1487.2	1561.8	5.0	1682.6	1634.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	55.9	69.1	23.6	77.1	155.3	101.4	-21.2	-86.2
of which EU	16.5	26.8	62.4	66.8	137.9	106.4	-50.3	-111.1

¹Data are preliminary as of 11.11.2013.

²EU including Croatia .