

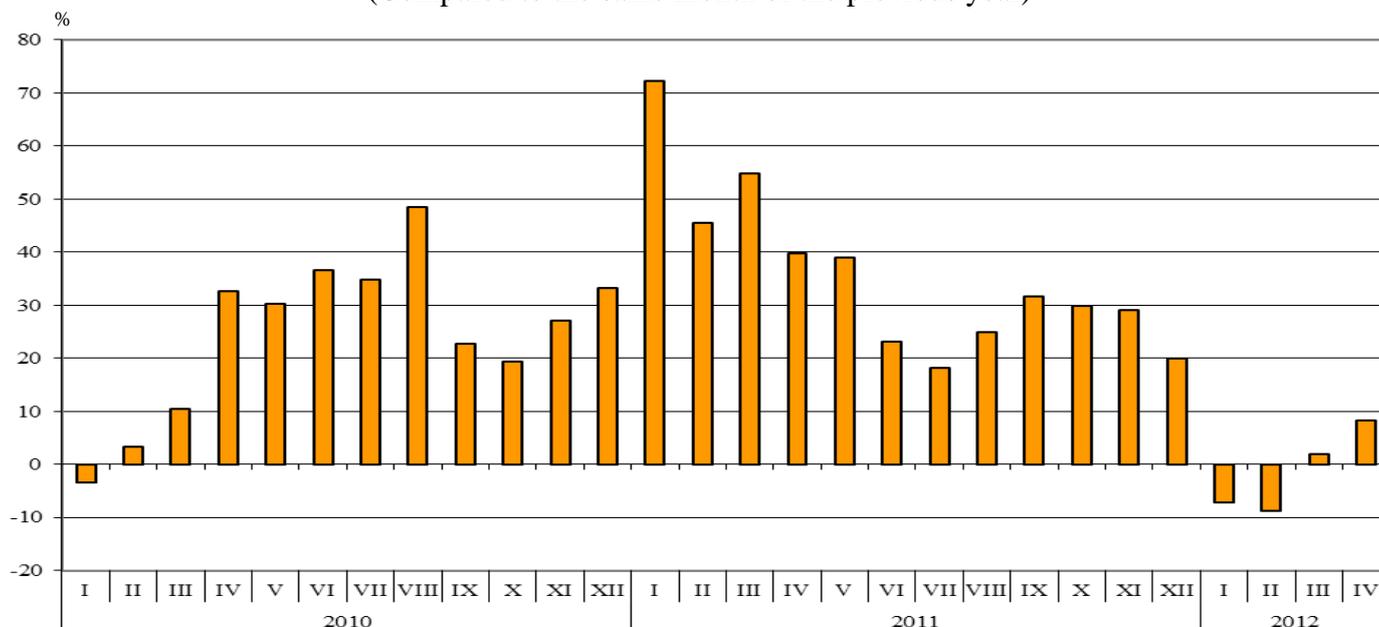


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** decreased by 1.4% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to over 7.4 billion Levs (Table 1.1 and 1.2 from the Annex). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania and France that formed 65.7% of the total exports to the EU Member States (Table 2 from the Annex). The most significant growths were observed in the exports to Slovenia and Portugal while the most notable falls were registered in the exports to Luxembourg and Malta.

In April 2012 the exports to the EU increased by 8.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.0 billion Levs.

Figure 1. Nominal value* change of exports to EU for the period 2010 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

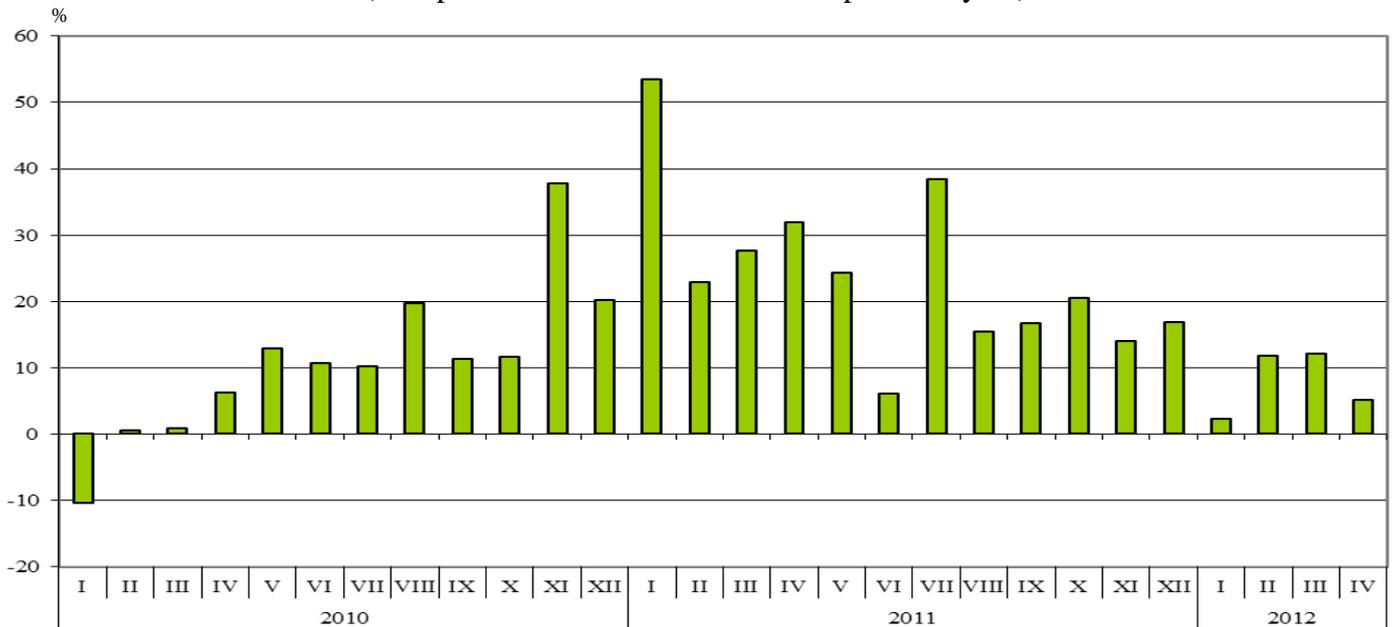


Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - April 2012 increased by 7.9% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and exceeded 8.9 billion Levs at CIF prices (Tables 1.1 and 1.2 from the Annex). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Cyprus and Portugal (Table 2 from the Annex) while the largest decreases - in the imports from Malta and Spain.

In April 2012 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 5.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2.3 billion Levs at CIF prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value* change of imports from EU for the period 2010 – 2012
(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 2012 was negative and amounted to 1 539.6 million Levs (Table 1.1 from the Annex) At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 126.5 million Levs.

In the **first fourth months of 2012** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU**, distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Table 3 from the Annex) was recorded in the section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹ and the most notable fall - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”².

In **imports from EU** the largest growth was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” while the most notable fall - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

¹ 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.

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.

* Value changes at current prices.



Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - April 2011¹ and 2012¹ by months

Table 1.1
(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	3117.3	1851.6	1265.7	3316.7	1956.9	1359.8	3153.8	1864.8	1289.0	-199.4	-105.3	-94.1	-36.5	-13.2	-23.3
II.2011	2937.1	1840.6	1096.5	3158.1	1889.5	1268.6	3010.3	1806.3	1204.0	-221.0	-48.9	-172.1	-73.2	34.3	-107.5
III.2011	3301.6	2005.6	1296.0	3769.4	2277.7	1491.7	3586.3	2170.3	1416.0	-467.8	-272.1	-195.7	-284.7	-164.7	-120.0
I - III.2011	9356.0	5697.8	3658.2	10244.2	6124.1	4120.1	9750.4	5841.4	3909.0	-888.2	-426.3	-461.9	-394.4	-143.6	-250.8
IV.2011	3149.5	1854.9	1294.6	3794.5	2202.4	1592.1	3604.0	2096.7	1507.3	-645.0	-347.5	-297.5	-454.5	-241.8	-212.7
I - IV.2011	12505.5	7552.7	4952.8	14038.7	8326.5	5712.2	13354.4	7938.1	5416.3	-1533.2	-773.8	-759.4	-848.9	-385.4	-463.5
I.2012	2806.6	1718.3	1088.3	3374.4	2002.1	1372.3	3213.3	1908.5	1304.8	-567.8	-283.8	-284.0	-406.7	-190.2	-216.5
II.2012	2889.9	1677.3	1212.6	3594.9	2113.1	1481.8	3424.6	2017.1	1407.5	-705.0	-435.8	-269.2	-534.7	-339.8	-194.9
III.2012	3365.0	2042.5	1322.5	4226.8	2552.6	1674.2	4026.4	2434.2	1592.2	-861.8	-510.1	-351.7	-661.4	-391.7	-269.7
I - III.2012	9061.5	5438.1	3623.4	11196.1	6667.8	4528.3	10664.3	6359.8	4304.5	-2134.6	-1229.7	-904.9	-1602.8	-921.7	-681.1
IV.2012	3236.6	2006.5	1230.1	4261.7	2316.4	1945.3	4052.6	2211.3	1841.3	-1025.1	-309.9	-715.2	-816.0	-204.8	-611.2
I - IV.2012	12298.1	7444.6	4853.5	15457.8	8984.2	6473.6	14716.9	8571.1	6145.8	-3159.7	-1539.6	-1620.1	-2418.8	-1126.5	-1292.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.07.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Value changes of exports and imports for the period January - April 2012¹ compared to the period month 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	-10.0	-7.2	-14.0	1.7	2.3	0.9	1.9	2.3	1.2
II	-1.6	-8.9	10.6	13.8	11.8	16.8	13.8	11.7	16.9
III	1.9	1.8	2.0	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4
I - III	-3.1	-4.6	-1.0	9.3	8.9	9.9	9.4	8.9	10.1
IV	2.8	8.2	-5.0	12.3	5.2	22.2	12.4	5.5	22.2
I - IV	-1.7	-1.4	-2.0	10.1	7.9	13.3	10.2	8.0	13.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.07.2012.



Table2

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹
for the period January - April 2011² 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	12505.5	12298.1	-1.7	14038.7	15457.8	10.1	-1533.2	-3159.7
EU	7552.7	7444.6	-1.4	8326.5	8984.2	7.9	-773.8	-1539.6
Austria	251.7	221.5	-12.0	460.0	488.1	6.1	-208.3	-266.6
Belgium	674.1	473.4	-29.8	234.9	244.5	4.1	439.2	228.9
Cyprus	36.0	52.7	46.4	15.3	72.5	373.9	20.7	-19.8
Czech Republic	133.3	151.3	13.5	215.6	300.1	39.2	-82.3	-148.8
Denmark	71.0	55.9	-21.3	53.2	57.6	8.3	17.8	-1.7
Estonia	7.7	8.1	5.2	2.2	3.6	63.6	5.5	4.5
Finland	19.6	19.5	-0.5	39.4	41.8	6.1	-19.8	-22.3
France	482.2	529.7	9.9	458.0	481.6	5.2	24.2	48.1
Germany	1459.8	1420.3	-2.7	1522.7	1766.3	16.0	-62.9	-346.0
Greece	826.4	893.6	8.1	788.0	920.0	16.8	38.4	-26.4
Hungary	171.0	153.4	-10.3	431.9	434.1	0.5	-260.9	-280.7
Ireland	8.7	7.9	-9.2	49.9	49.1	-1.6	-41.2	-41.2
Italy	1081.9	1174.5	8.6	979.1	945.2	-3.5	102.8	229.3
Latvia	9.2	14.3	55.4	8.3	11.0	32.5	0.9	3.3
Lithuania	16.1	18.4	14.3	19.1	24.8	29.8	-3.0	-6.4
Luxembourg	13.8	1.5	-89.1	8.2	13.0	58.5	5.6	-11.5
Malta	46.4	5.3	-88.6	12.5	1.6	-87.2	33.9	3.7
Netherlands	239.1	241.8	1.1	349.9	550.3	57.3	-110.8	-308.5
Poland	267.6	207.4	-22.5	245.6	275.0	12.0	22.0	-67.6
Portugal	47.5	115.1	142.3	25.6	74.2	189.8	21.9	40.9
Romania	1057.6	870.7	-17.7	1008.3	1052.4	4.4	49.3	-181.7
Slovakia	63.9	74.5	16.6	185.8	178.3	-4.0	-121.9	-103.8
Slovenia	40.4	107.1	165.1	98.8	99.3	0.5	-58.4	7.8
Spain	234.7	280.6	19.6	835.0	580.5	-30.5	-600.3	-299.9
Sweden	62.6	59.1	-5.6	77.0	84.4	9.6	-14.4	-25.3
United Kingdom	226.5	256.1	13.1	193.0	222.4	15.2	33.5	33.7
Not specified	3.9	30.9	692.3	9.2	12.5	35.9	-5.3	18.4
Non EU countries	4952.8	4853.5	-2.0	5712.2	6473.6	13.3	-759.4	-1620.1
CIS	620.4	663.1	6.9	3394.3	3738.1	10.1	-2773.9	-3075.0
of which:								
Georgia	102.6	148.8	45.0	117.5	139.1	18.4	-14.9	9.7
Kazakhstan	12.0	12.7	5.8	99.1	23.5	-76.3	-87.1	-10.8
Russian Fed.	316.9	325.0	2.6	2547.1	3166.6	24.3	-2230.2	-2841.6
Ukraine	101.6	77.9	-23.3	595.3	380.4	-36.1	-493.7	-302.5



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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	
OECD³	1683.4	1511.0	-10.2	983.0	1049.3	6.7	700.4	461.7
of which:								
Canada	31.0	87.1	181.0	10.2	10.0	-2.0	20.8	77.1
Japan	10.4	11.2	7.7	47.5	45.7	-3.8	-37.1	-34.5
Korea, Rep. of	55.3	87.0	57.3	44.0	68.5	55.7	11.3	18.5
Turkey	1275.8	1047.7	-17.9	642.9	660.7	2.8	632.9	387.0
USA	178.3	132.1	-25.9	105.1	110.1	4.8	73.2	22.0
EFTA	109.7	119.4	8.8	126.1	127.1	0.8	-16.4	-7.7
of which:								
Norway	23.9	22.9	-4.2	4.4	3.7	-15.9	19.5	19.2
Switzerland	81.0	91.3	12.7	120.4	123.2	2.3	-39.4	-31.9
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	32.2	31.7	-1.6	12.7	13.1	3.1	19.5	18.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	24.3	22.5	-7.4	3.1	8.8	183.9	21.2	13.7
Brazil	21.7	56.7	161.3	51.0	125.1	145.3	-29.3	-68.4
China	201.6	381.6	89.3	367.7	537.4	46.2	-166.1	-155.8
Croatia	72.3	43.3	-40.1	15.2	15.2	0.0	57.1	28.1
Egypt	88.7	74.6	-15.9	25.7	37.8	47.1	63.0	36.8
India	76.9	19.6	-74.5	34.3	42.9	25.1	42.6	-23.3
Indonesia	7.6	11.0	44.7	10.7	10.9	1.9	-3.1	0.1
Iran	23.0	10.6	-53.9	2.6	4.3	65.4	20.4	6.3
Israel	29.7	25.2	-15.2	98.5	46.6	-52.7	-68.8	-21.4
Peru	1.8	1.7	-5.6	24.0	83.5	247.9	-22.2	-81.8
Serbia	319.4	286.8	-10.2	145.0	137.8	-5.0	174.4	149.0
Singapore	65.3	4.0	-93.9	11.8	9.0	-23.7	53.5	-5.0
South Africa	115.4	38.1	-67.0	13.4	22.6	68.7	102.0	15.5
Syria	7.6	20.1	164.5	19.3	20.8	7.8	-11.7	-0.7
Taiwan	15.2	15.4	1.3	35.0	49.8	42.3	-19.8	-34.4
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	275.8	261.1	-5.3	161.6	148.9	-7.9	114.2	112.2
United Arab Emirates	18.7	155.2	729.9	46.9	38.5	-17.9	-28.2	116.7
Viet Nam	7.8	5.9	-24.4	11.6	19.3	66.4	-3.8	-13.4

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 09.07.2012.

³ Excluding EU countries.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by sections of SITC, rev.4
for the period January - April 2011¹ and 2012¹

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	12505.5	12298.1	-1.7	14038.7	15457.8	10.1	-1533.2	-3159.7
of which EU	7552.7	7444.6	-1.4	8326.5	8984.2	7.9	-773.8	-1539.6
Food and live animals	1053.5	1112.2	5.6	1011.5	1120.9	10.8	42.0	-8.7
of which EU	809.2	850.2	5.1	828.6	960.8	16.0	-19.4	-110.6
Beverages and tobacco	249.2	274.7	10.2	147.8	177.3	20.0	101.4	97.4
of which EU	105.5	105.5	0.0	104.4	137.8	32.0	1.1	-32.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1192.2	1199.8	0.6	1494.6	1393.7	-6.8	-302.4	-193.9
of which EU	688.6	537.2	-22.0	1017.7	791.5	-22.2	-329.1	-254.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1726.2	1593.0	-7.7	3258.5	3789.1	16.3	-1532.3	-2196.1
of which EU	307.0	352.1	14.7	374.4	560.6	49.7	-67.4	-208.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	64.5	105.1	62.9	68.8	66.0	-4.1	-4.3	39.1
of which EU	47.3	79.3	67.7	53.0	49.2	-7.2	-5.7	30.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	995.6	1053.3	5.8	1668.3	1748.5	4.8	-672.7	-695.2
of which EU	456.3	472.2	3.5	1326.2	1376.6	3.8	-869.9	-904.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3312.1	3065.6	-7.4	2371.4	2356.9	-0.6	940.7	708.7
of which EU	2113.6	1988.4	-5.9	1473.9	1479.0	0.3	639.7	509.4
Machinery and transport equipment	2095.0	2022.0	-3.5	3079.4	3842.7	24.8	-984.4	-1820.7
of which EU	1533.1	1503.3	-1.9	2419.2	2894.3	19.6	-886.1	-1391.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1805.0	1846.2	2.3	903.5	924.4	2.3	901.5	921.8
of which EU	1485.1	1546.0	4.1	701.1	702.2	0.2	784.0	843.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	12.2	26.2	114.8	34.9	38.3	9.7	-22.7	-12.1
of which EU	7.0	10.4	48.6	28.0	32.2	15.0	-21.0	-21.8

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