

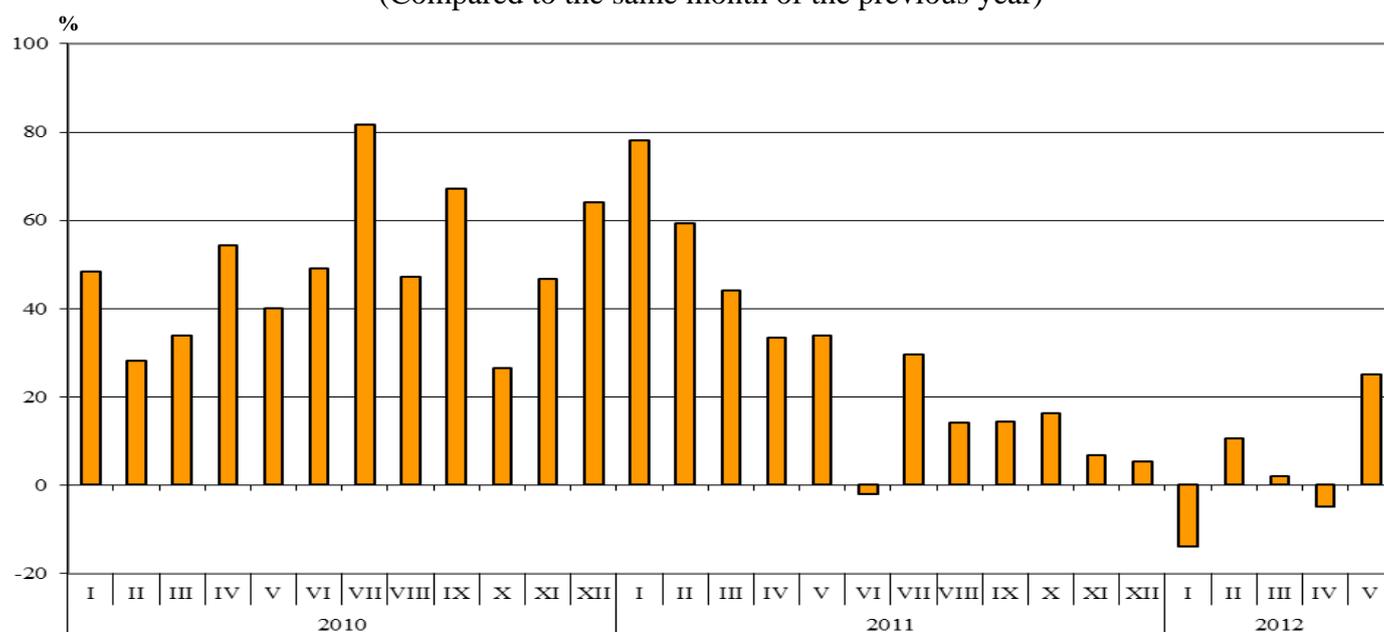


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 3.3% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 6.4 billion Levs (Table 1.1 and 1.2 from the annex). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russia, Serbia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that formed 46.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Table 2 from the annex). The exports to United Arab Emirates, Israel, Canada, Syria and Brazil increased significantly while the most significant falls were reported on the exports to Singapore, India, Iran, South Africa and Croatia.

In May 2012 the exports to third countries increased by 25.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.5 billion Levs.

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

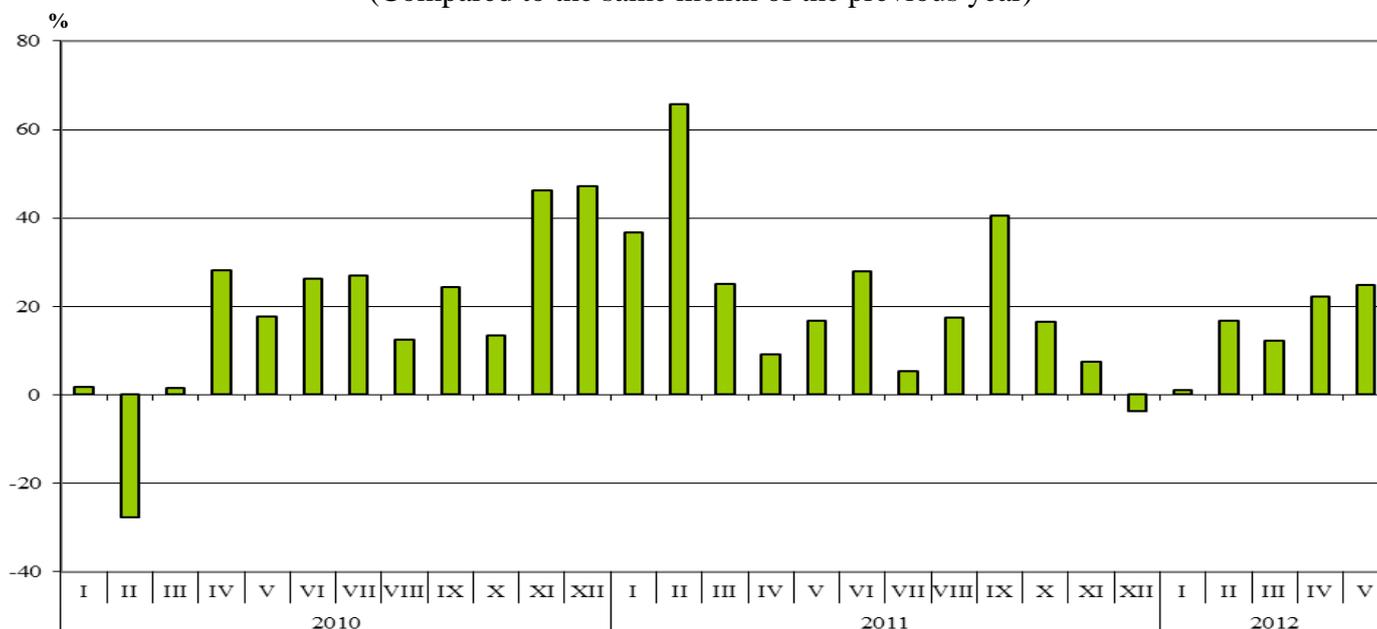


Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first five months of 2012 increased by 15.8% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 8.5 billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Tables 1.1 and 1.2 from the annex). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iran and Brazil (Table 2 from the annex) while the largest decreases were observed in the imports from Kazakhstan, Israel and Ukraine.

In May 2012 the Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 24.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.0 billion Levs.



Figure 2. Nominal value* change of imports to non EU countries
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 third countries in the period January - May 2012 was negative and added up to 2 088.0 million Levs (Table 1.1 from the annex). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 1 659.4 million Levs.

In May 2012 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 467.9 million Levs.

In the first five months of 2012 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Table 3 from the annex) were recorded in the sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹, “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”² and “Beverages and tobacco”. Falls were observed in the sections “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”³, “Machinery and transport equipment” and “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials”.

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 the following divisions: Hides, skins and furskins, raw; Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed); Cork and wood; Pulp and waste paper; Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric); Crude fertilizers, other than those of division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones); Metalliferous ores and metal scrap; Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

³ 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.



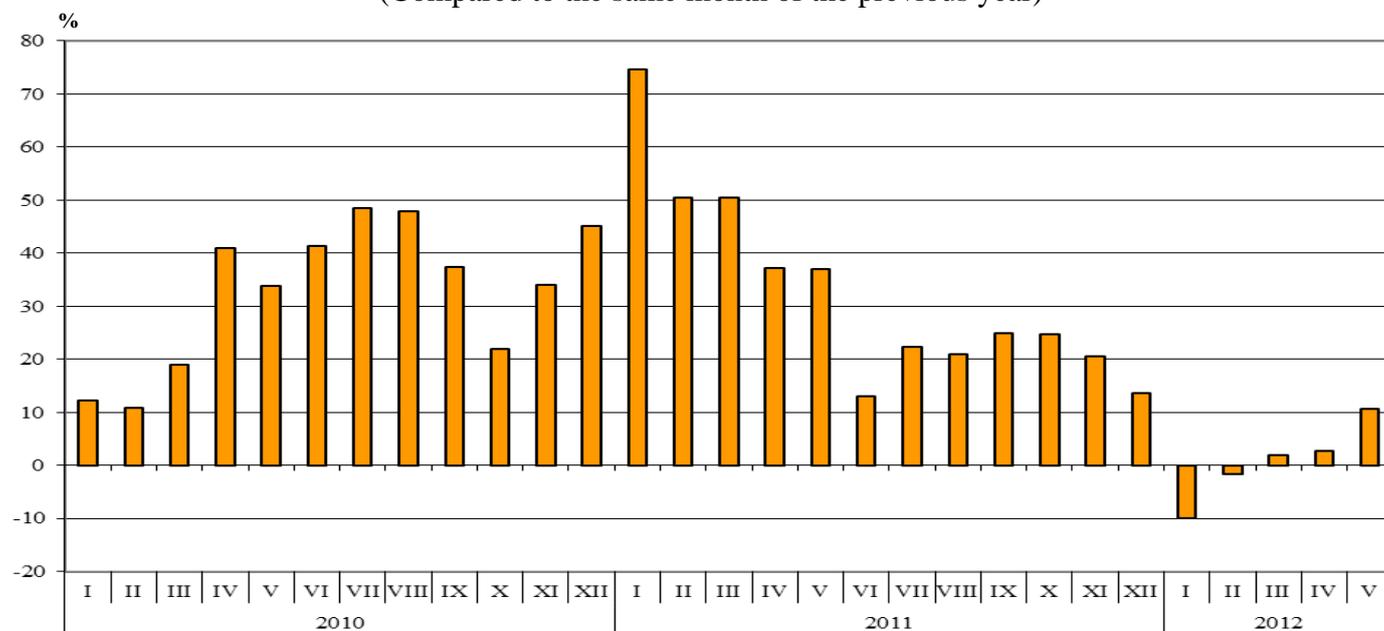
The largest growth in **imports from third countries** was reported in section “Machinery and transport equipment”. Fall was observed only in section “Food and live animals”.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the first five months of 2012 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 15.9 billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of 2011 the exports increased by 0.9% (Table 1.1 and 1.2 from the annex).

In May 2012 the total exports added up to 3.6 billion Levs and grew by 10.7% compared to the corresponding month of 2011.

Figure 3. Nominal value* change of exports for the period 2010 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

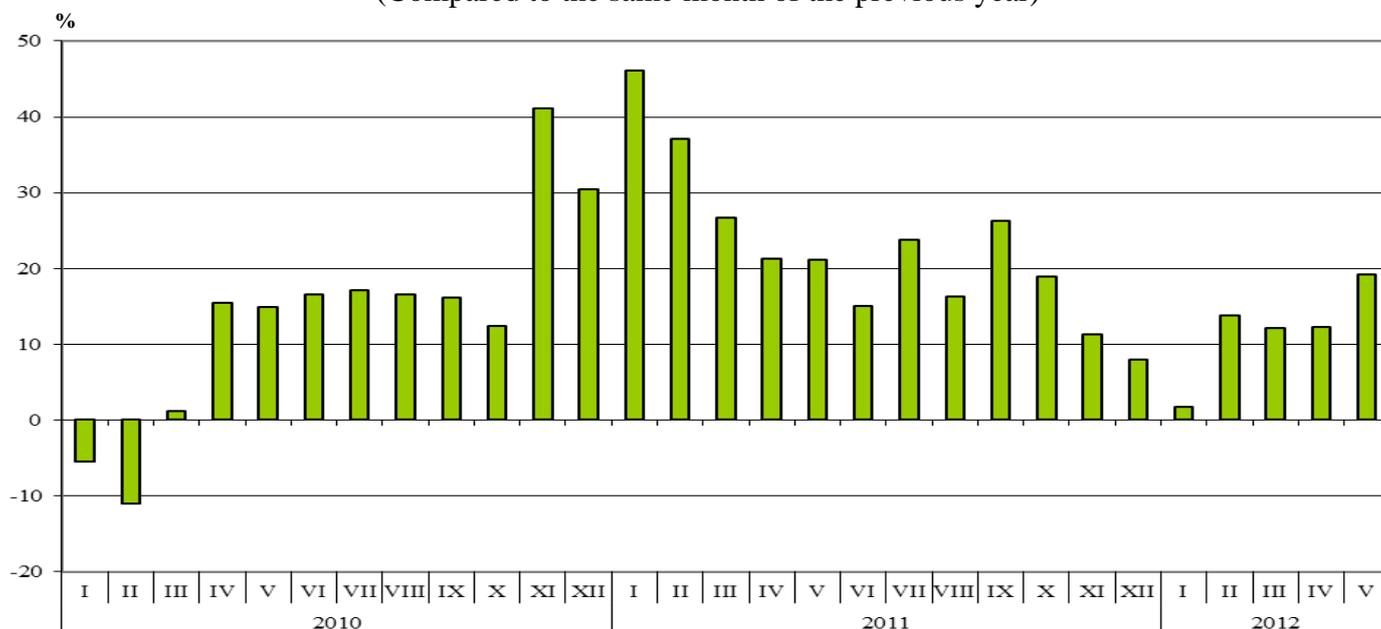


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country **in the period January - May 2012** amounted to 20.1 billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 12.1% more than corresponding period of the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2 from the annex).

In May 2012 the total imports increased by 19.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.6 billion Levs.



Figure 4. Nominal value* change of imports for the period 2010 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January – May 2012 and amounted to 4 210.4 million Levs which was 2 028.7 million Levs more than the balance in the first five months of 2011 (Table 1.1 and 1.2 from the annex). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January – May 2012 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 3 235.4 million Levs.

In May 2012 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 1 050.7 million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 816.6 million Levs.

* Value changes at current prices.

ANNEX

Table 1.1

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

(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
V.2011	3245.9	2037.5	1208.4	3894.4	2309.9	1584.5	3705.0	2204.0	1501.0	-648.5	-272.4	-376.1	-459.1	-166.5	-292.6
I - V.2011	15751.4	9590.2	6161.2	17933.1	10636.4	7296.7	17059.4	10142.1	6917.3	-2181.7	-1046.2	-1135.5	-1308.0	-551.9	-756.1
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
V.2012	3593.4	2082.7	1510.7	4644.1	2665.5	1978.6	4410.0	2532.2	1877.8	-1050.7	-582.8	-467.9	-816.6	-449.5	-367.1
I - V.2012	15891.5	9527.3	6364.2	20101.9	11649.7	8452.2	19126.9	11103.3	8023.6	-4210.4	-2122.4	-2088.0	-3235.4	-1576.0	-1659.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.07.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Value changes of exports and imports for the period January - May 2012¹ compared to the 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	-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
V	10.7	2.2	25.0	19.3	15.4	24.9	19.0	14.9	25.1
I - V	0.9	-0.7	3.3	12.1	9.5	15.8	12.1	9.5	16.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.07.2012.



Table2

Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹
for the period January - May 2011² and 2012²

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	
Third countries -total	6161.2	6364.2	3.3	7296.7	8452.2	15.8	-1135.5	-2088.0
of which:								
Albania	38.3	38.7	1.0	14.6	16.6	13.7	23.7	22.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.8	27.5	-10.7	4.2	11.2	166.7	26.6	16.3
Brazil	25.1	58.3	132.3	53.0	130.5	146.2	-27.9	-72.2
Canada	36.1	95.2	163.7	13.4	12.8	-4.5	22.7	82.4
China	238.0	463.5	94.7	485.7	715.0	47.2	-247.7	-251.5
Croatia	106.5	56.0	-47.4	20.5	21.2	3.4	86.0	34.8
Egypt	114.0	102.1	-10.4	27.5	44.8	62.9	86.5	57.3
Georgia	138.0	184.7	33.8	159.8	158.0	-1.1	-21.8	26.7
India	89.1	25.0	-71.9	47.8	58.2	21.8	41.3	-33.2
Indonesia	9.0	13.4	48.9	14.3	15.4	7.7	-5.3	-2.0
Iran	44.8	14.4	-67.9	2.7	6.9	155.6	42.1	7.5
Israel	35.2	117.8	234.7	131.5	53.0	-59.7	-96.3	64.8
Japan	15.9	15.9	0.0	55.2	56.3	2.0	-39.3	-40.4
Kazakhstan	15.4	22.1	43.5	101.9	28.8	-71.7	-86.5	-6.7
Korea, Rep. of	66.5	109.3	64.4	84.5	94.1	11.4	-18.0	15.2
Norway	28.4	27.1	-4.6	5.8	5.9	1.7	22.6	21.2
Peru	1.9	1.8	-5.3	26.7	83.8	213.9	-24.8	-82.0
Russian Fed.	386.4	409.7	6.0	3226.4	4164.8	29.1	-2840.0	-3755.1
Serbia	390.6	362.4	-7.2	183.9	187.1	1.7	206.7	175.3
Singapore	66.5	5.5	-91.7	13.6	12.0	-11.8	52.9	-6.5
South Africa	117.1	41.4	-64.6	16.9	30.0	77.5	100.2	11.4
Switzerland	96.1	113.9	18.5	148.1	157.4	6.3	-52.0	-43.5
Syria	9.6	22.9	138.5	30.2	26.7	-11.6	-20.6	-3.8
Taiwan	18.0	19.6	8.9	44.3	62.2	40.4	-26.3	-42.6
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	352.6	327.7	-7.1	207.8	197.7	-4.9	144.8	130.0
Turkey	1575.2	1405.5	-10.8	805.9	903.9	12.2	769.3	501.6
Ukraine	133.0	102.0	-23.3	750.6	522.7	-30.4	-617.6	-420.7
United Arab Emirates	24.1	160.6	566.4	53.2	61.0	14.7	-29.1	99.6
USA	236.6	179.6	-24.1	134.0	141.1	5.3	102.6	38.5
Viet-Nam	10.0	8.0	-20.0	14.1	25.9	83.7	-4.1	-17.9

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 10.07.2012.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
for the period January - May 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	
Third countries -total	6161.2	6364.2	3.3	7296.7	8452.2	15.8	-1135.5	-2088.0
Food and live animals	295.2	334.8	13.4	226.2	196.0	-13.4	69.0	138.8
Beverages and tobacco	170.4	217.6	27.7	54.1	63.4	17.2	116.3	154.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	637.2	832.1	30.6	671.3	735.6	9.6	-34.1	96.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1805.8	1755.7	-2.8	3645.6	4265.6	17.0	-1839.8	-2509.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22.0	33.1	50.5	20.7	23.7	14.5	1.3	9.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	672.0	720.2	7.2	436.9	476.5	9.1	235.1	243.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1468.9	1392.6	-5.2	1141.4	1173.6	2.8	327.5	219.0
Machinery and transport equipment	706.1	677.4	-4.1	834.0	1216.5	45.9	-127.9	-539.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	376.8	378.6	0.5	257.3	294.2	14.3	119.5	84.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.8	22.1	225.0	9.2	7.1	-22.8	-2.4	15.0

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