

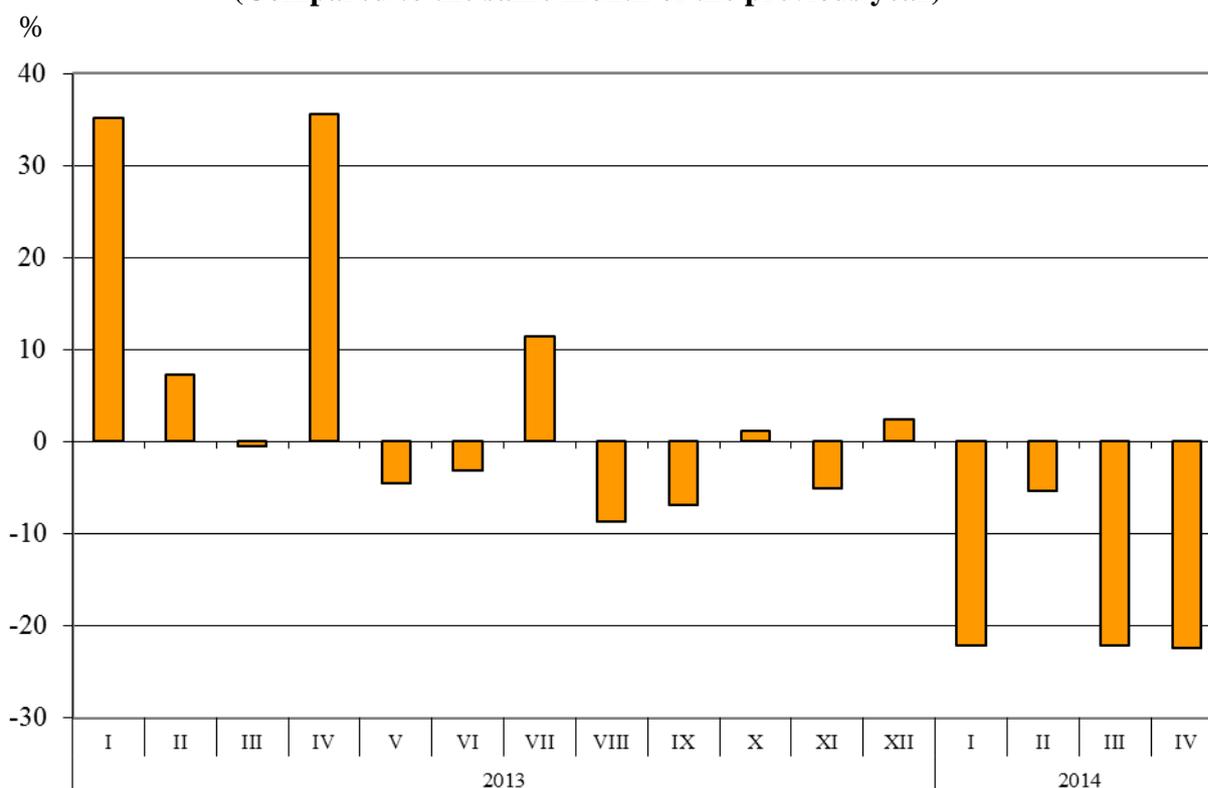


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2014** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 18.4% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and amounted to 4.7 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russian Federation, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 54.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2014 exports to third countries decreased by 22.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



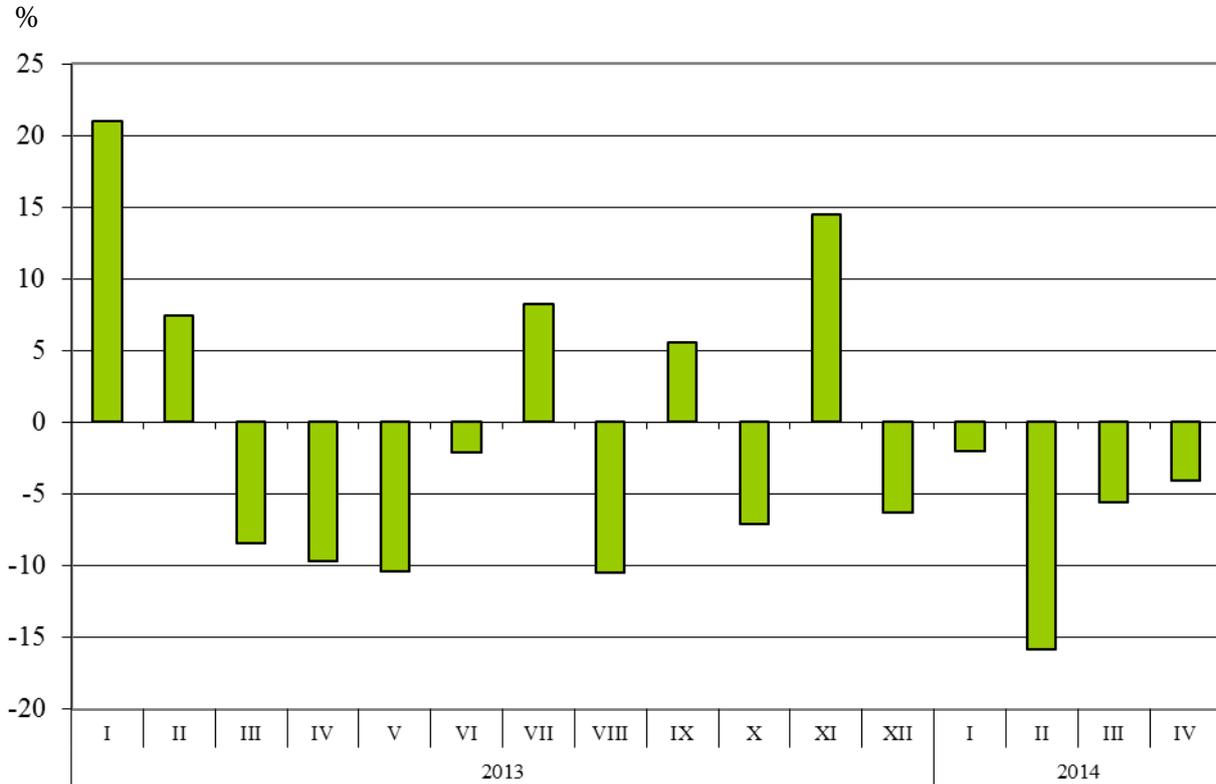
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first four months of 2014 decreased by 6.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and added up to 6.1 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2014 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 4.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries for the period 2013 - 2014 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** for the period January - April 2014 was negative and added up to 1 416.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 1 104.3 Million BGN.

In April 2014 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 385.0 Million BGN.

In the first four months of 2014 compared to the corresponding period of 2013 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** growth was recorded only in the section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” (12.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (38.1%) and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² (36.0%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Beverages and tobacco” (24.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (25.3%).

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.

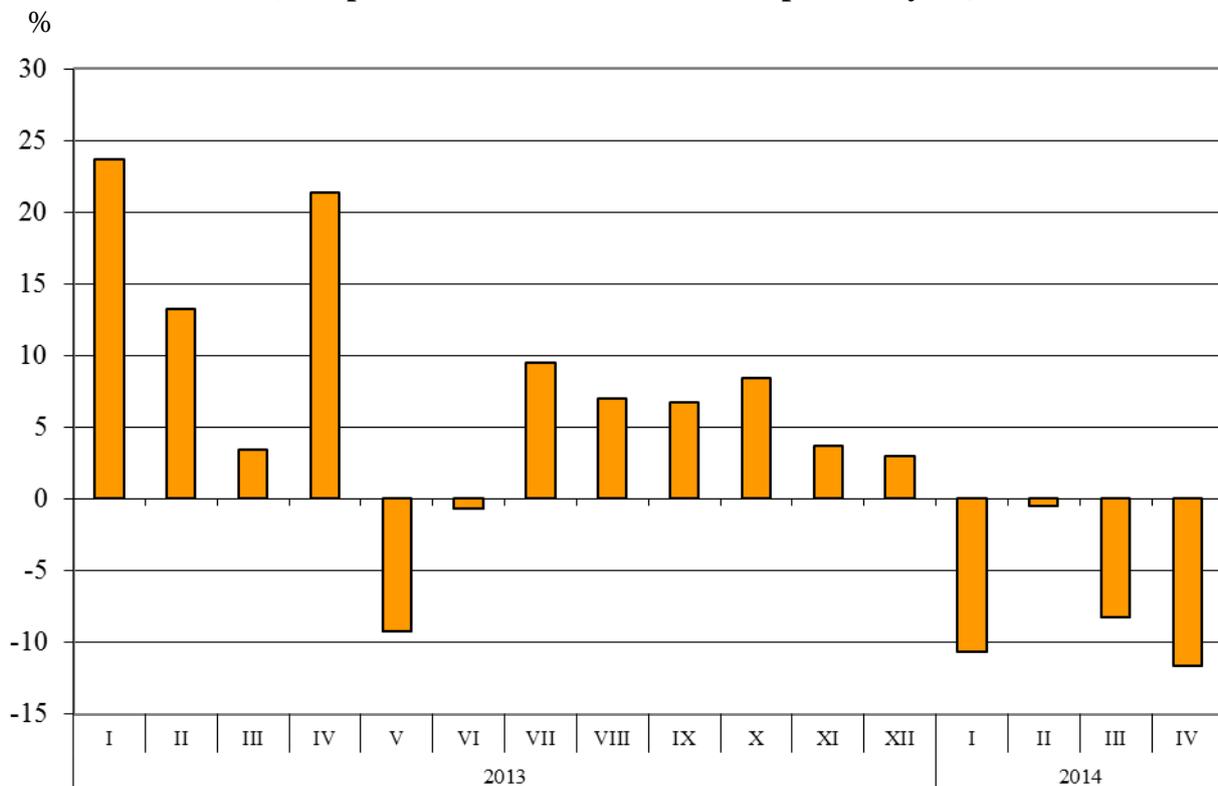


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period **January - April 2014** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 12.9 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the exports decreased by 8.0% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2014 the total exports added up to 3.4 Billion BGN and decreased by 11.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



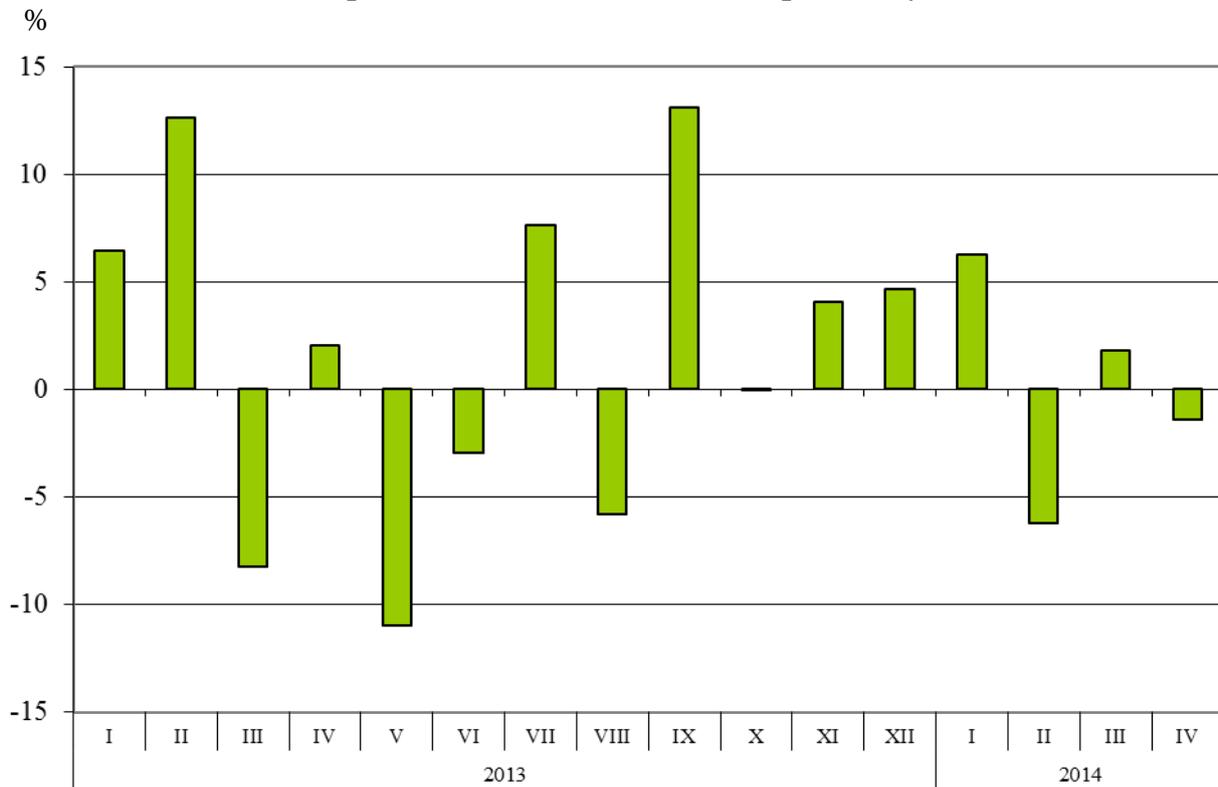
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2014** amounted to 16.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.1 % less than corresponding period of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2014 the total imports decreased by 1.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.3 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - April 2014 and amounted to 3 077.4 Million BGN which was 1 110.7 Million BGN more than the balance in the first four months of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2014 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 2 301.3 Million BGN.

In April 2014 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 904.6 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 686.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013¹ and 2014¹ by months

(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.2013	3474.6	2019.1	1455.5	3726.1	2067.6	1658.5	3540.1	1974.3	1565.8	-251.5	-48.5	-203.0	-65.5	44.8	-110.3
II.2013	3242.9	1952.2	1290.7	4058.3	2470.1	1588.2	3851.9	2350.6	1501.3	-815.4	-517.9	-297.5	-609.0	-398.4	-210.6
III.2013	3477.4	2173.7	1303.7	3859.9	2333.7	1526.2	3680.8	2232.6	1448.2	-382.5	-160.0	-222.5	-203.4	-58.9	-144.5
I - III.2013	10194.9	6145.0	4049.9	11644.3	6871.4	4772.9	11072.8	6557.5	4515.3	-1449.4	-726.4	-723.0	-877.9	-412.5	-465.4
IV.2013	3848.5	2192.5	1656.0	4365.8	2624.7	1741.1	4159.7	2503.1	1656.6	-517.3	-432.2	-85.1	-311.2	-310.6	-0.6
I - IV.2013	14043.4	8337.5	5705.9	16010.1	9496.1	6514.0	15232.5	9060.6	6171.9	-1966.7	-1158.6	-808.1	-1189.1	-723.1	-466.0
I.2014	3102.9	1969.4	1133.5	3960.0	2335.0	1625.0	3764.0	2226.3	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3227.8	2005.5	1222.3	3804.6	2468.3	1336.3	3621.0	2354.3	1266.7	-576.8	-462.8	-114.0	-393.2	-348.8	-44.4
III.2014	3191.2	2176.4	1014.8	3930.1	2489.7	1440.4	3751.6	2379.9	1371.7	-738.9	-313.3	-425.6	-560.4	-203.5	-356.9
I - III.2014	9521.9	6151.3	3370.6	11694.7	7293.0	4401.7	11136.6	6960.5	4176.1	-2172.8	-1141.7	-1031.1	-1614.7	-809.2	-805.5
IV.2014	3400.4	2115.3	1285.1	4305.0	2634.9	1670.1	4087.0	2503.1	1583.9	-904.6	-519.6	-385.0	-686.6	-387.8	-298.8
I - IV.2014	12922.3	8266.6	4655.7	15999.7	9927.9	6071.8	15223.6	9463.6	5760.0	-3077.4	-1661.3	-1416.1	-2301.3	-1197.0	-1104.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9th of June 2014.

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 - April
2014¹ 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	-10.7	-2.5	-22.1	6.3	12.9	-2.0	6.3	12.8	-1.8
II	-0.5	2.7	-5.3	-6.3	-0.1	-15.9	-6.0	0.2	-15.6
III	-8.2	0.1	-22.2	1.8	6.7	-5.6	1.9	6.6	-5.3
I - III	-6.6	0.1	-16.8	0.4	6.1	-7.8	0.6	6.1	-7.5
IV	-11.6	-3.5	-22.4	-1.4	0.4	-4.1	-1.7	0.0	-4.4
I - IV	-8.0	-0.9	-18.4	-0.1	4.5	-6.8	-0.1	4.4	-6.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9th of June 2014.

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 of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - April 2013² and 2014²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries³ -total	5705.9	4655.7	-18.4	6514.0	6071.8	-6.8	-808.1	-1416.1
of which:								
Albania	35.3	31.1	-11.9	11.1	9.2	-17.1	24.2	21.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23.0	25.3	10.0	17.3	19.8	14.5	5.7	5.5
Brazil	6.3	10.7	69.8	13.8	19.0	37.7	-7.5	-8.3
Canada	77.3	20.3	-73.7	11.1	17.0	53.2	66.2	3.3
China	318.9	352.3	10.5	462.8	525.0	13.4	-143.9	-172.7
Egypt	128.1	120.1	-6.2	30.5	107.4	252.1	97.6	12.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	218.5	210.6	-3.6	185.1	162.7	-12.1	33.4	47.9
Georgia	114.8	135.1	17.7	215.9	111.6	-48.3	-101.1	23.5
Gibraltar	478.7	0.1	-100.0	-	0.0	x	478.7	0.1
India	17.9	23.3	30.2	76.3	63.3	-17.0	-58.4	-40.0
Indonesia	11.2	10.5	-6.2	17.2	17.1	-0.6	-6.0	-6.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	8.5	55.1	548.2	1.5	1.8	20.0	7.0	53.3
Israel	35.8	27.1	-24.3	34.2	50.8	48.5	1.6	-23.7
Japan	15.6	16.1	3.2	39.6	54.6	37.9	-24.0	-38.5
Kazakhstan	23.7	20.2	-14.8	32.4	33.2	2.5	-8.7	-13.0
Korea, Republic of	74.3	51.1	-31.2	52.3	57.3	9.6	22.0	-6.2
Libya	108.3	60.1	-44.5	0.1	-	x	108.2	60.1
Morocco	88.3	92.0	4.2	17.5	9.5	-45.7	70.8	82.5
Namibia	99.5	56.7	-43.0	0.4	0.0	x	99.1	56.7
Norway	19.6	19.9	1.5	10.7	12.5	16.8	8.9	7.4
Peru	8.7	2.9	-66.7	5.7	17.0	198.2	3.0	-14.1
Russian Federation	354.5	337.3	-4.9	2942.5	2168.2	-26.3	-2588.0	-1830.9
Serbia	242.7	185.7	-23.5	152.3	207.2	36.0	90.4	-21.5
Singapore	5.6	302.7	5305.4	10.4	13.8	32.7	-4.8	288.9
South Africa	182.8	11.9	-93.5	17.2	17.2	0.0	165.6	-5.3
Switzerland	103.9	88.8	-14.5	144.5	121.3	-16.1	-40.6	-32.5
Syrian Arab Republic	29.6	55.9	88.9	18.5	19.1	3.2	11.1	36.8
Taiwan	19.8	12.9	-34.8	43.8	46.7	6.6	-24.0	-33.8
Turkey	1333.2	1102.1	-17.3	864.2	997.0	15.4	469.0	105.1
Ukraine	223.7	78.6	-64.9	330.6	414.9	25.5	-106.9	-336.3
United Arab Emirates	75.5	224.0	196.7	31.4	28.1	-10.5	44.1	195.9
United States	231.1	205.4	-11.1	109.3	190.6	74.4	121.8	14.8
Viet-Nam	7.3	11.3	54.8	20.6	32.8	59.2	-13.3	-21.5

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 9th of June 2014.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia.

x - category not applicable.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - April 2013¹ and 2014¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries² -total	5705.9	4655.7	-18.4	6514.0	6071.8	-6.8	-808.1	-1416.1
Food and live animals	529.8	373.7	-29.5	185.7	201.3	8.4	344.1	172.4
Beverages and tobacco	203.8	184.8	-9.3	60.1	74.7	24.3	143.7	110.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	635.2	406.8	-36.0	672.0	607.5	-9.6	-36.8	-200.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1621.0	1004.2	-38.1	3013.4	2460.7	-18.3	-1392.4	-1456.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22.4	17.2	-23.2	17.4	13.0	-25.3	5.0	4.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	556.3	625.0	12.3	489.7	511.3	4.4	66.6	113.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1072.8	1033.9	-3.6	998.1	1004.9	0.7	74.7	29.0
Machinery and transport equipment	741.0	702.0	-5.3	821.3	888.5	8.2	-80.3	-186.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	300.7	293.9	-2.3	246.6	298.3	21.0	54.1	-4.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	22.9	14.2	-38.0	9.7	11.6	19.6	13.2	2.6

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² Non EU excluding Croatia.