

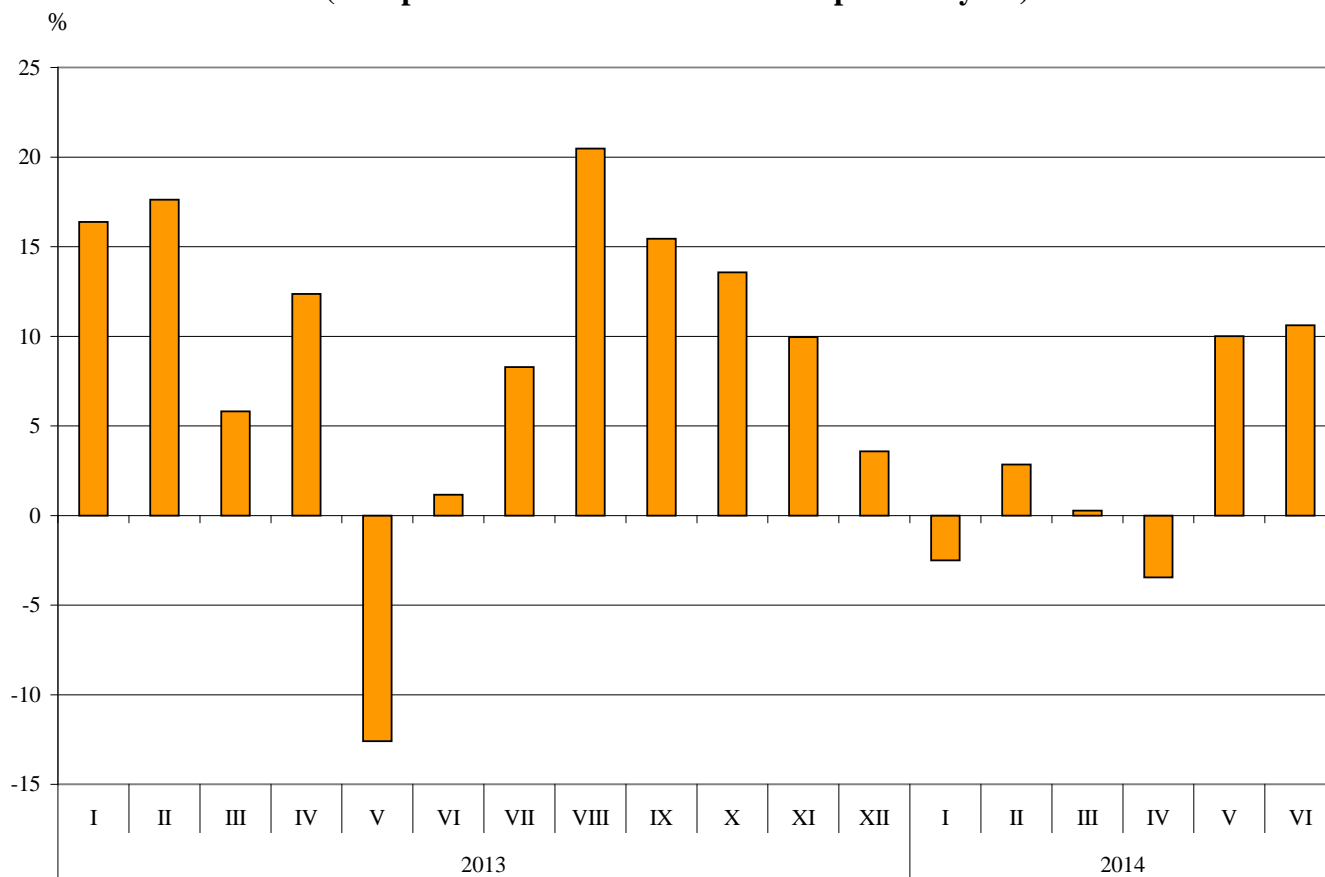


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 12.6 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 72.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2014** the exports to the EU increased by 10.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.3 Billion BGN.

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



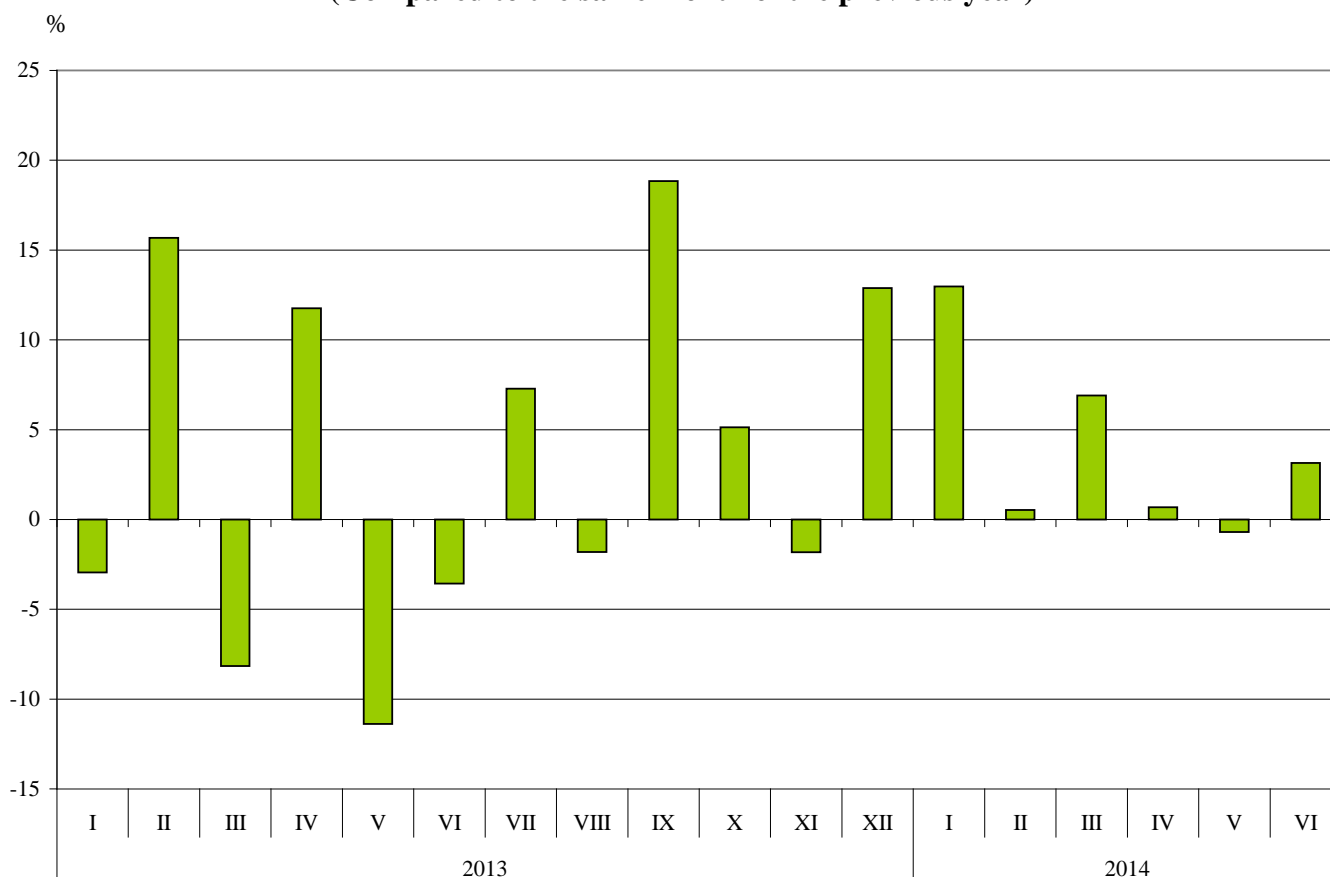
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - June 2014 increased by 3.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 14.9 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



In June 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 3.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - June 2014 was negative and added up to 2 336.1 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 1 738.7 Million BGN.

In the first six months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (41.3%) **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to the EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”. The most notable fall was recorded in sections “Beverages and tobacco” (21.3%) and “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (21.0%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growth (11.6%) was reported in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”² while the most notable fall (13.4%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2013 and 2014¹ 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.2013	3482.5	2018.0	1464.5	3724.5	2067.5	1657.0	3558.7	1985.8	1572.9	-242.0	-49.5	-192.5	-76.2	32.2	-108.4
II.2013	3243.0	1952.2	1290.8	4033.2	2458.5	1574.7	3852.1	2355.5	1496.6	-790.2	-506.3	-283.9	-609.1	-403.3	-205.8
III.2013	3476.6	2172.7	1303.9	3852.9	2333.5	1519.4	3693.4	2244.7	1448.7	-376.3	-160.8	-215.5	-216.8	-72.0	-144.8
I - III.2013	10202.1	6142.9	4059.2	11610.6	6859.5	4751.1	11104.2	6586.0	4518.2	-1408.5	-716.6	-691.9	-902.1	-443.1	-459.0
IV.2013	3866.5	2191.7	1674.8	4359.9	2624.7	1735.2	4177.8	2518.1	1659.7	-493.4	-433.0	-60.4	-311.3	-326.4	15.1
V.2013	3308.9	1879.3	1429.6	4131.5	2374.3	1757.2	3952.8	2281.3	1671.5	-822.6	-495.0	-327.6	-643.9	-402.0	-241.9
VI.2013	3437.8	2041.0	1396.8	4240.2	2549.1	1691.1	4056.5	2447.8	1608.7	-802.4	-508.1	-294.3	-618.7	-406.8	-211.9
IV - VI.2013	10613.2	6112.0	4501.2	12731.6	7548.1	5183.5	12187.1	7247.2	4939.9	-2118.4	-1436.1	-682.3	-1573.9	-1135.2	-438.7
I - VI.2013	20815.3	12254.9	8560.4	24342.2	14407.6	9934.6	23291.3	13833.2	9458.1	-3526.9	-2152.7	-1374.2	-2476.0	-1578.3	-897.7
I.2014	3095.3	1967.5	1127.8	3960.4	2335.7	1624.7	3788.0	2241.1	1546.9	-865.1	-368.2	-496.9	-692.7	-273.6	-419.1
II.2014	3225.0	2007.8	1217.2	3807.7	2471.4	1336.3	3647.4	2371.6	1275.8	-582.7	-463.6	-119.1	-422.4	-363.8	-58.6
III.2014	3193.0	2178.7	1014.3	3934.9	2494.5	1440.4	3778.7	2398.8	1379.9	-741.9	-315.8	-426.1	-585.7	-220.1	-365.6
I - III.2014	9513.3	6154.0	3359.3	11703.0	7301.6	4401.4	11214.1	7011.5	4202.6	-2189.7	-1147.6	-1042.1	-1700.8	-857.5	-843.3
IV.2014	3436.8	2116.1	1320.7	4312.9	2642.7	1670.2	4130.5	2536.9	1593.6	-876.1	-526.6	-349.5	-693.7	-420.8	-272.9
V.2014	3490.3	2067.4	1422.9	4129.5	2357.7	1771.8	3950.1	2264.0	1686.1	-639.2	-290.3	-348.9	-459.8	-196.6	-263.2
VI.2014	3684.2	2257.6	1426.6	4154.1	2629.2	1524.9	3975.2	2521.4	1453.8	-469.9	-371.6	-98.3	-291.0	-263.8	-27.2
IV - VI.2014	10611.3	6441.1	4170.2	12596.5	7629.6	4966.9	12055.8	7322.3	4733.5	-1985.2	-1188.5	-796.7	-1444.5	-881.2	-563.3
I - VI.2014	20124.6	12595.1	7529.5	24299.5	14931.2	9368.3	23269.9	14333.8	8936.1	-4174.9	-2336.1	-1838.8	-3145.3	-1738.7	-1406.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th September of 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 in the period January - June 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	-11.1	-2.5	-23.0	6.3	13.0	-1.9	6.4	12.9	-1.7
II	-0.6	2.8	-5.7	-5.6	0.5	-15.1	-5.3	0.7	-14.8
III	-8.2	0.3	-22.2	2.1	6.9	-5.2	2.3	6.9	-4.7
I - III	-6.8	0.2	-17.2	0.8	6.4	-7.4	1.0	6.5	-7.0
IV	-11.1	-3.4	-21.1	-1.1	0.7	-3.7	-1.1	0.7	-4.0
V	5.5	10.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.8	0.9
VI	7.2	10.6	2.1	-2.0	3.1	-9.8	-2.0	3.0	-9.6
IV - VI	0.0	5.4	-7.4	-1.1	1.1	-4.2	-1.1	1.0	-4.2
I - VI	-3.3	2.8	-12.0	-0.2	3.6	-5.7	-0.1	3.6	-5.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th of September 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 by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2013 and 2014²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	20815.3	20124.6	-3.3	24342.2	24299.5	-0.2	-3526.9	-4174.9
EU ³	12254.9	12595.1	2.8	14407.6	14931.2	3.6	-2152.7	-2336.1
Austria	363.9	384.9	5.8	676.5	687.9	1.7	-312.6	-303.0
Belgium	558.1	828.6	48.5	440.7	515.2	16.9	117.4	313.4
Croatia	46.8	78.2	67.1	32.5	36.0	10.8	14.3	42.2
Cyprus	63.6	90.4	42.1	36.2	23.6	-34.8	27.4	66.8
Czech Republic	232.0	282.1	21.6	517.5	539.1	4.2	-285.5	-257.0
Denmark	103.1	98.2	-4.8	78.9	93.5	18.5	24.2	4.7
Estonia	21.1	16.2	-23.2	13.3	6.9	-48.1	7.8	9.3
Finland	29.7	34.1	14.8	42.9	49.4	15.2	-13.2	-15.3
France	881.2	895.7	1.6	729.6	761.0	4.3	151.6	134.7
Germany	2615.7	2520.6	-3.6	2572.9	2874.3	11.7	42.8	-353.7
Greece	1472.3	1320.7	-10.3	1332.2	1175.9	-11.7	140.1	144.8
Hungary	255.7	290.2	13.5	738.9	810.6	9.7	-483.2	-520.4
Ireland	18.4	21.9	19.0	86.0	76.7	-10.8	-67.6	-54.8
Italy	2021.8	1971.3	-2.5	1840.3	1824.4	-0.9	181.5	146.9
Latvia	24.3	25.1	3.3	12.9	7.8	-39.5	11.4	17.3
Lithuania	39.7	43.8	10.3	39.9	38.4	-3.8	-0.2	5.4
Luxembourg	3.9	2.7	-30.8	36.2	68.1	88.1	-32.3	-65.4
Malta	21.9	33.3	52.1	6.3	103.5	1542.9	15.6	-70.2
Netherlands	459.2	461.2	0.4	630.2	656.6	4.2	-171.0	-195.4
Poland	384.0	417.8	8.8	651.0	693.5	6.5	-267.0	-275.7
Portugal	139.8	63.3	-54.7	42.5	59.1	39.1	97.3	4.2
Romania	1500.9	1574.6	4.9	1658.7	1710.2	3.1	-157.8	-135.6
Slovakia	147.2	154.6	5.0	298.0	271.8	-8.8	-150.8	-117.2
Slovenia	70.7	100.9	42.7	159.2	165.0	3.6	-88.5	-64.1
Spain	253.6	300.8	18.6	1227.9	1120.4	-8.8	-974.3	-819.6
Sweden	107.2	125.2	16.8	140.3	147.3	5.0	-33.1	-22.1
United Kingdom	396.9	444.2	11.9	350.3	399.6	14.1	46.6	44.6
Not specified	22.2	14.5	-34.7	15.8	15.4	-2.5	6.4	-0.9

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.

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³ EU including Croatia.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2013 and 2014²

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Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries ³	8560.4	7529.5	-12.0	9934.6	9368.3	-5.7	-1374.2	-1838.8
CIS ⁴	1077.0	829.4	-23.0	5288.9	4178.2	-21.0	-4211.9	-3348.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	29.5	26.6	-9.8	41.9	41.6	-0.7	-12.4	-15.0
Russian Federation	526.9	501.0	-4.9	4670.9	3435.4	-26.5	-4144.0	-2934.4
Ukraine	357.0	114.0	-68.1	496.3	605.1	21.9	-139.3	-491.1
OECD ⁵	2963.2	2654.6	-10.4	2179.3	2262.5	3.8	783.9	392.1
of which:								
Canada	108.8	30.9	-71.6	15.8	22.9	44.9	93.0	8.0
Israel	88.6	84.0	-5.2	52.5	72.9	38.9	36.1	11.1
Japan	26.6	24.8	-6.8	61.0	90.0	47.5	-34.4	-65.2
Korea, Republic of	103.2	60.0	-41.9	83.3	77.5	-7.0	19.9	-17.5
Turkey	2081.7	1961.9	-5.8	1393.4	1473.9	5.8	688.3	488.0
United States	312.4	292.5	-6.4	170.6	297.5	74.4	141.8	-5.0
EFTA ⁶	188.4	156.5	-16.9	227.5	192.2	-15.5	-39.1	-35.7
of which:								
Norway	30.6	29.9	-2.3	16.4	18.5	12.8	14.2	11.4
Switzerland	148.8	124.0	-16.7	210.9	173.0	-18.0	-62.1	-49.0

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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 in the period January - June 2013 and 2014²

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Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	50.3	49.5	-1.6	15.9	15.4	-3.1	34.4	34.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	37.2	38.2	2.7	26.4	30.6	15.9	10.8	7.6
Brazil	11.2	14.2	26.8	40.1	55.4	38.2	-28.9	-41.2
China	524.0	503.1	-4.0	747.4	814.9	9.0	-223.4	-311.8
Egypt	183.6	183.9	0.2	38.3	204.8	434.7	145.3	-20.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	327.4	322.8	-1.4	262.0	245.5	-6.3	65.4	77.3
Georgia	176.8	190.3	7.6	239.6	181.8	-24.1	-62.8	8.5
India	27.4	42.0	53.3	110.7	100.9	-8.9	-83.3	-58.9
Indonesia	18.6	17.5	-5.9	26.3	26.5	0.8	-7.7	-9.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	11.9	61.5	416.8	2.0	2.9	45.0	9.9	58.6
Peru	9.9	4.6	-53.5	6.3	20.3	222.2	3.6	-15.7
Serbia	357.1	307.0	-14.0	232.1	301.6	29.9	125.0	5.4
Singapore	8.9	538.9	5955.1	13.9	17.4	25.2	-5.0	521.5
South Africa	220.8	35.3	-84.0	26.1	25.2	-3.4	194.7	10.1
Syrian Arab Republic	54.3	80.4	48.1	20.1	20.9	4.0	34.2	59.5
Taiwan	26.1	18.3	-29.9	61.8	71.1	15.0	-35.7	-52.8
United Arab Emirates	129.0	278.1	115.6	49.4	38.5	-22.1	79.6	239.6
Viet Nam	14.6	17.5	19.9	29.2	44.5	52.4	-14.6	-27.0

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period
January - June 2013 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	
Total	20815.3	20124.6	-3.3	24342.2	24299.5	-0.2	-3526.9	-4174.9
of which EU ²	12254.9	12595.1	2.8	14407.6	14931.2	3.6	-2152.7	-2336.1
Food and live animals	1894.2	1694.7	-10.5	1749.9	1748.8	-0.1	144.3	-54.1
of which EU	1175.2	1123.7	-4.4	1439.2	1453.1	1.0	-264.0	-329.4
Beverages and tobacco	499.3	423.3	-15.2	311.4	311.1	-0.1	187.9	112.2
of which EU	194.0	152.6	-21.3	221.6	206.7	-6.7	-27.6	-54.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1818.7	1293.0	-28.9	2249.2	2083.0	-7.4	-430.5	-790.0
of which EU	818.9	704.3	-14.0	1386.3	1200.5	-13.4	-567.4	-496.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3117.1	2515.9	-19.3	5752.9	4920.7	-14.5	-2635.8	-2404.8
of which EU	659.1	521.0	-21.0	891.5	889.6	-0.2	-232.4	-368.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	144.3	181.8	26.0	105.5	94.5	-10.4	38.8	87.3
of which EU	112.4	158.8	41.3	83.0	73.7	-11.2	29.4	85.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1752.4	1919.0	9.5	3013.3	3239.2	7.5	-1260.9	-1320.2
of which EU	923.0	1026.2	11.2	2287.6	2514.3	9.9	-1364.6	-1488.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4884.8	4797.5	-1.8	3962.1	3980.7	0.5	922.7	816.8
of which EU	3267.5	3226.3	-1.3	2477.0	2485.1	0.3	790.5	741.2
Machinery and transport equipment	3858.4	4131.9	7.1	5557.7	6056.4	9.0	-1699.3	-1924.5
of which EU	2756.9	3048.8	10.6	4375.1	4719.0	7.9	-1618.2	-1670.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2793.6	3114.3	11.5	1523.6	1736.2	14.0	1270.0	1378.1
of which EU	2329.2	2599.9	11.6	1144.4	1277.7	11.6	1184.8	1322.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	52.5	53.2	1.3	116.6	128.9	10.5	-64.1	-75.7
of which EU	18.7	33.5	79.1	101.9	111.5	9.4	-83.2	-78.0

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² EU including Croatia.