

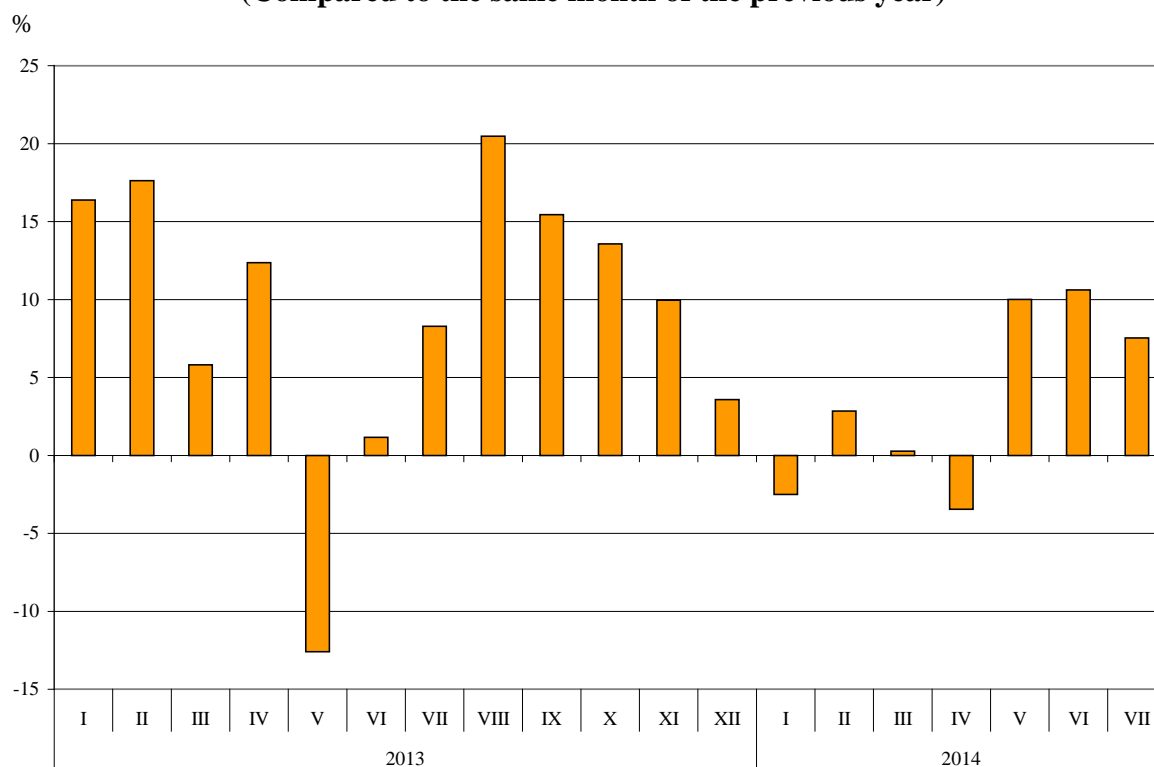


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 3.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 15.2 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 **July 2014** the exports to the EU increased by 7.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 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)**



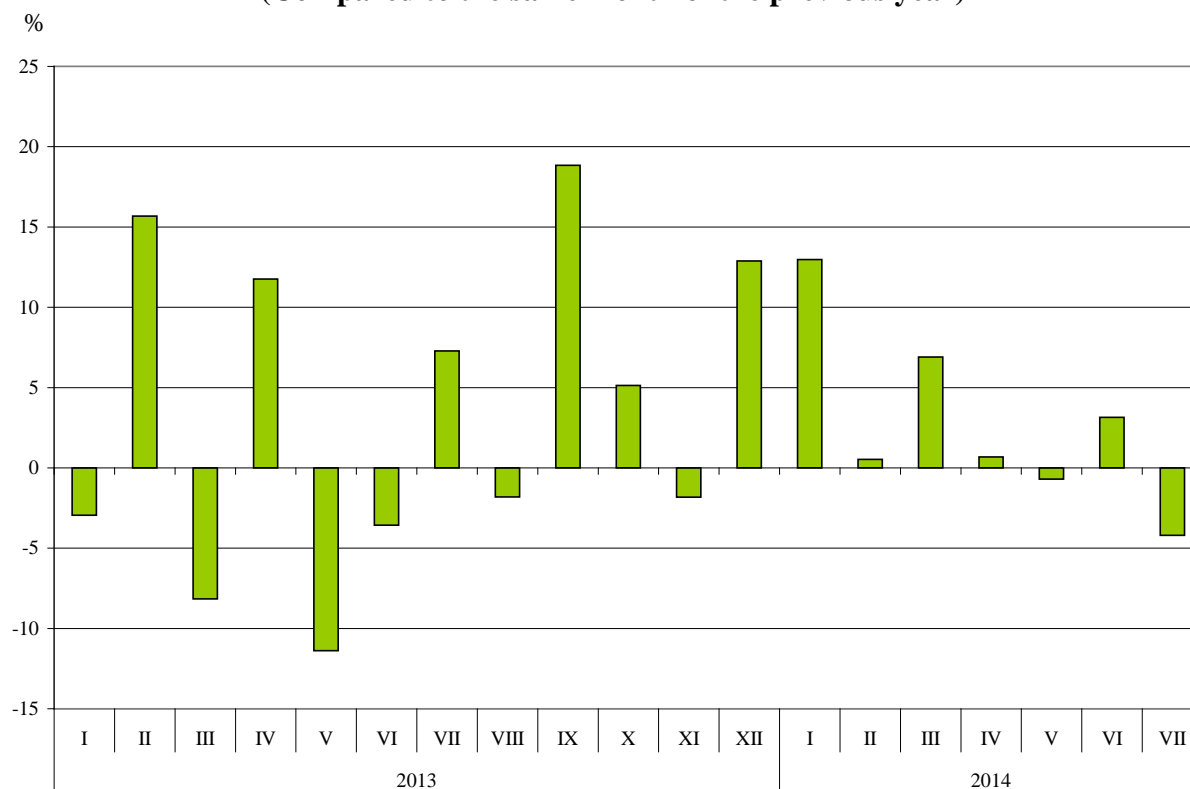
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - July 2014 increased by 2.3% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 17.7 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 4.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.7 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

¹ Value changes at current 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 - July 2014 was negative and added up to 2 445.7 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 1 739.8 Million BGN.

In the first seven months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (32.0%) **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" (22.1%) and "Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)"² (11.9%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growth (9.2%) was reported in section "Miscellaneous manufactured articles"³ while the most notable fall (14.1%) was observed in section "Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes".

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.

³ The section includes following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lightning fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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
VII.2013	3992.4	2438.0	1554.4	4670.0	2850.9	1819.1	4464.4	2735.4	1729.0	-677.6	-412.9	-264.7	-472.0	-297.4	-174.6
I - VII.2013	24807.7	14692.9	10114.8	29012.2	17258.5	11753.7	27755.7	16568.6	11187.1	-4204.5	-2565.6	-1638.9	-2948.0	-1875.7	-1072.3
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
VII.2014	3988.9	2621.7	1367.2	4362.0	2731.3	1630.7	4175.3	2622.8	1552.5	-373.1	-109.6	-263.5	-186.4	-1.1	-185.3
I - VII.2014	24113.5	15216.8	8896.7	28661.5	17662.5	10999.0	27445.2	16956.6	10488.6	-4548.0	-2445.7	-2102.3	-3331.7	-1739.8	-1591.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of October 2014.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

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

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



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - July 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
VII	-0.1	7.5	-12.0	-6.6	-4.2	-10.4	-6.5	-4.1	-10.2
I - VII	-2.8	3.6	-12.0	-1.2	2.3	-6.4	-1.1	2.3	-6.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of October 2014.

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

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	24807.7	24113.5	-2.8	29012.2	28661.5	-1.2	-4204.5	-4548.0
EU ³	14692.9	15216.8	3.6	17258.5	17662.5	2.3	-2565.6	-2445.7
Austria	430.9	447.3	3.8	826.2	821.1	-0.6	-395.3	-373.8
Belgium	698.5	1027.6	47.1	528.7	600.0	13.5	169.8	427.6
Croatia	56.8	94.6	66.5	41.1	49.7	20.9	15.7	44.9
Cyprus	76.2	108.7	42.7	46.8	29.8	-36.3	29.4	78.9
Czech Republic	274.9	334.3	21.6	602.3	638.5	6.0	-327.4	-304.2
Denmark	120.4	117.1	-2.7	101.9	108.2	6.2	18.5	8.9
Estonia	23.2	20.0	-13.8	14.1	14.7	4.3	9.1	5.3
Finland	34.8	52.7	51.4	52.6	58.8	11.8	-17.8	-6.1
France	1093.4	1083.2	-0.9	857.7	903.7	5.4	235.7	179.5
Germany	3044.9	2999.4	-1.5	3067.5	3379.2	10.2	-22.6	-379.8
Greece	1757.4	1636.5	-6.9	1613.5	1427.1	-11.6	143.9	209.4
Hungary	301.4	340.0	12.8	867.4	954.4	10.0	-566.0	-614.4
Ireland	21.9	26.2	19.6	99.4	91.4	-8.0	-77.5	-65.2
Italy	2366.9	2340.2	-1.1	2240.6	2156.7	-3.7	126.3	183.5
Latvia	28.9	29.8	3.1	14.8	10.1	-31.8	14.1	19.7
Lithuania	48.5	53.0	9.3	46.7	44.0	-5.8	1.8	9.0
Luxembourg	4.2	3.1	-26.2	44.2	77.5	75.3	-40.0	-74.4
Malta	26.4	41.6	57.6	7.3	134.8	1746.6	19.1	-93.2
Netherlands	520.1	544.5	4.7	738.8	771.7	4.5	-218.7	-227.2
Poland	453.6	490.4	8.1	775.8	809.5	4.3	-322.2	-319.1
Portugal	158.5	85.6	-46.0	65.8	64.3	-2.3	92.7	21.3
Romania	1854.1	1917.7	3.4	1943.3	2004.0	3.1	-89.2	-86.3
Slovakia	172.5	186.6	8.2	348.9	316.0	-9.4	-176.4	-129.4
Slovenia	81.0	126.4	56.0	191.0	192.9	1.0	-110.0	-66.5
Spain	405.7	397.6	-2.0	1506.0	1354.9	-10.0	-1100.3	-957.3
Sweden	124.5	147.2	18.2	168.8	169.1	0.2	-44.3	-21.9
United Kingdom	487.1	533.7	9.6	426.0	462.2	8.5	61.1	71.5
Not specified	26.2	31.8	21.4	21.3	18.2	-14.6	4.9	13.6

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 9-th of October 2014.

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 - July 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	10114.8	8896.7	-12.0	11753.7	10999.0	-6.4	-1638.9	-2102.3
CIS ⁴	1278.8	972.0	-24.0	6271.7	4957.3	-21.0	-4992.9	-3985.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	33.0	30.6	-7.3	46.3	46.7	0.9	-13.3	-16.1
Russian Federation	620.1	579.4	-6.6	5514.0	4092.0	-25.8	-4893.9	-3512.6
Ukraine	428.7	138.4	-67.7	609.0	708.2	16.3	-180.3	-569.8
OECD ⁵	3508.6	3146.8	-10.3	2574.3	2615.7	1.6	934.3	531.1
of which:								
Canada	113.5	36.4	-67.9	19.2	25.2	31.3	94.3	11.2
Israel	110.4	161.2	46.0	59.1	85.2	44.2	51.3	76.0
Japan	32.1	30.3	-5.6	71.1	99.7	40.2	-39.0	-69.4
Korea, Republic of	106.3	76.1	-28.4	100.3	94.1	-6.2	6.0	-18.0
Turkey	2501.6	2260.7	-9.6	1621.4	1710.7	5.5	880.2	550.0
United States	357.7	347.4	-2.9	201.3	335.7	66.8	156.4	11.7
EFTA ⁶	224.4	181.1	-19.3	264.5	224.9	-15.0	-40.1	-43.8
of which:								
Norway	39.1	34.7	-11.3	17.8	20.1	12.9	21.3	14.6
Switzerland	175.6	143.7	-18.2	246.3	203.8	-17.3	-70.7	-60.1

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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 - July 2013 and 2014²

(Continued and end)

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	75.0	60.1	-19.9	18.7	18.1	-3.2	56.3	42.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	45.3	44.9	-0.9	32.1	36.7	14.3	13.2	8.2
Brazil	13.7	16.3	19.0	48.5	59.6	22.9	-34.8	-43.3
China	623.3	577.9	-7.3	870.1	963.1	10.7	-246.8	-385.2
Egypt	206.5	212.8	3.1	45.1	210.9	367.6	161.4	1.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	385.5	378.4	-1.8	310.9	294.2	-5.4	74.6	84.2
Georgia	201.5	218.3	8.3	284.6	196.0	-31.1	-83.1	22.3
India	32.1	48.6	51.4	129.4	116.0	-10.4	-97.3	-67.4
Indonesia	23.7	25.3	6.8	31.3	33.6	7.3	-7.6	-8.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	13.3	65.7	394.0	2.1	3.7	76.2	11.2	62.0
Peru	10.1	4.8	-52.5	9.0	21.8	142.2	1.1	-17.0
Serbia	425.4	369.3	-13.2	276.1	348.5	26.2	149.3	20.8
Singapore	84.5	644.5	662.7	15.8	19.7	24.7	68.7	624.8
South Africa	272.0	38.1	-86.0	32.0	29.5	-7.8	240.0	8.6
Syrian Arab Republic	56.3	83.5	48.3	22.6	22.6	0.0	33.7	60.9
Taiwan	29.8	21.9	-26.5	72.6	86.0	18.5	-42.8	-64.1
United Arab Emirates	159.8	309.7	93.8	54.5	44.7	-18.0	105.3	265.0
Viet Nam	16.9	20.1	18.9	34.4	51.4	49.4	-17.5	-31.3

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 9-th of October 2014.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period
January - July 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	24807.7	24113.5	-2.8	29012.2	28661.5	-1.2	-4204.5	-4548.0
of which EU ²	14692.9	15216.8	3.6	17258.5	17662.5	2.3	-2565.6	-2445.7
Food and live animals	2461.1	2160.4	-12.2	2066.8	2055.8	-0.5	394.3	104.6
of which EU	1597.6	1435.5	-10.1	1695.3	1714.9	1.2	-97.7	-279.4
Beverages and tobacco	579.7	496.0	-14.4	384.3	376.0	-2.2	195.4	120.0
of which EU	229.4	178.6	-22.1	273.8	250.0	-8.7	-44.4	-71.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2148.9	1587.7	-26.1	2727.0	2444.1	-10.4	-578.1	-856.4
of which EU	1036.1	912.5	-11.9	1671.9	1442.7	-13.7	-635.8	-530.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3780.8	3039.4	-19.6	6809.2	5761.9	-15.4	-3028.4	-2722.5
of which EU	744.2	714.3	-4.0	1081.0	1078.5	-0.2	-336.8	-364.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	173.1	206.3	19.2	127.9	111.9	-12.5	45.2	94.4
of which EU	136.6	180.3	32.0	101.9	87.5	-14.1	34.7	92.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2053.4	2237.2	9.0	3543.7	3803.8	7.3	-1490.3	-1566.6
of which EU	1096.7	1218.2	11.1	2710.6	2945.4	8.7	-1613.9	-1727.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5678.9	5673.8	-0.1	4725.5	4702.1	-0.5	953.4	971.7
of which EU	3794.8	3814.0	0.5	2952.9	2920.1	-1.1	841.9	893.9
Machinery and transport equipment	4538.5	4913.7	8.3	6653.3	7198.4	8.2	-2114.8	-2284.7
of which EU	3247.6	3617.2	11.4	5273.6	5587.6	6.0	-2026.0	-1970.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3331.0	3736.8	12.2	1836.8	2052.9	11.8	1494.2	1683.9
of which EU	2786.7	3106.5	11.5	1376.7	1503.4	9.2	1410.0	1603.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	62.3	62.2	-0.2	137.7	154.6	12.3	-75.4	-92.4
of which EU	23.2	39.7	71.1	120.8	132.4	9.6	-97.6	-92.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of October 2014.

² EU including Croatia.