

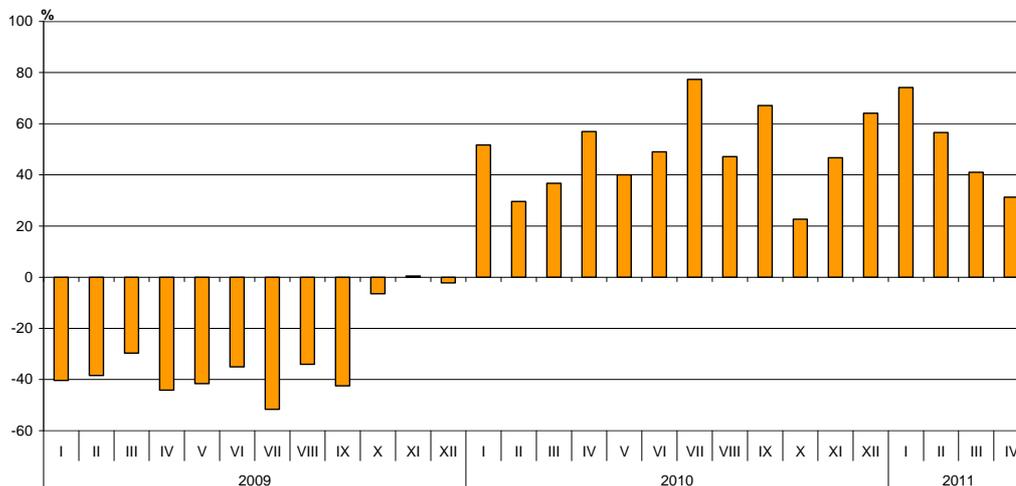


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2011 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - April 2011 the Bulgarian exports to third countries increased by 48.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and exceeded 4.9 billion levs (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, Russia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and China, that formed 48.2% of the total exports to non EU countries (Table 2). The exports to South Africa, India and Canada increased significantly. Falls were reported on the exports to Syria, Peru, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Indonesia and Albania.

In April 2011 the exports to third countries increased by 31.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 billion levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to non EU countries for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



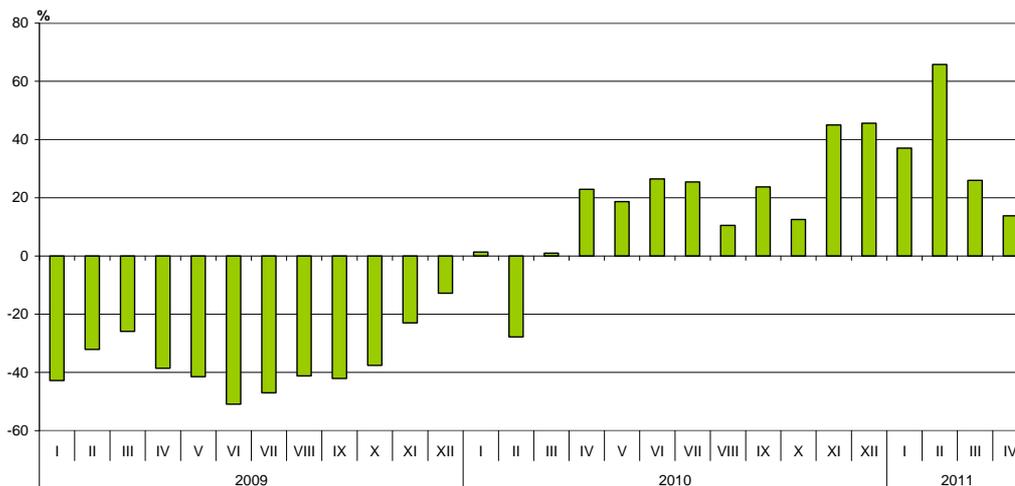


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Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first four months of 2011 increased by 31.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 5.7 billion leva (at CIF prices) (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Singapore, Egypt and Albania (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Peru and Canada.

In April 2011 the Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 13.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached almost 1.6 billion leva.

Figure 2. Nominal growth of imports to non EU countries for the period 2009 - 2011 (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 - April 2011 was negative and reached 762.2 million leva (Table 1.1). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 349.4 million leva.

In April 2011 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and reached 298.6 million leva.



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The exports of Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification, increased in the most of the sections in the first fourth months of 2011 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (Table 3). The largest growths were recorded in the sections: “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials”, “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹ “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”². The most notable fall was observed in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”³.

The largest growths in imports from third countries were reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and the most significant falls were reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”⁴.

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: 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.

³ The section includes the following divisions: prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lightning fixtures and fittings, n.e.s. ; 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, n.e.s.; . photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks; miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

⁴ 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.

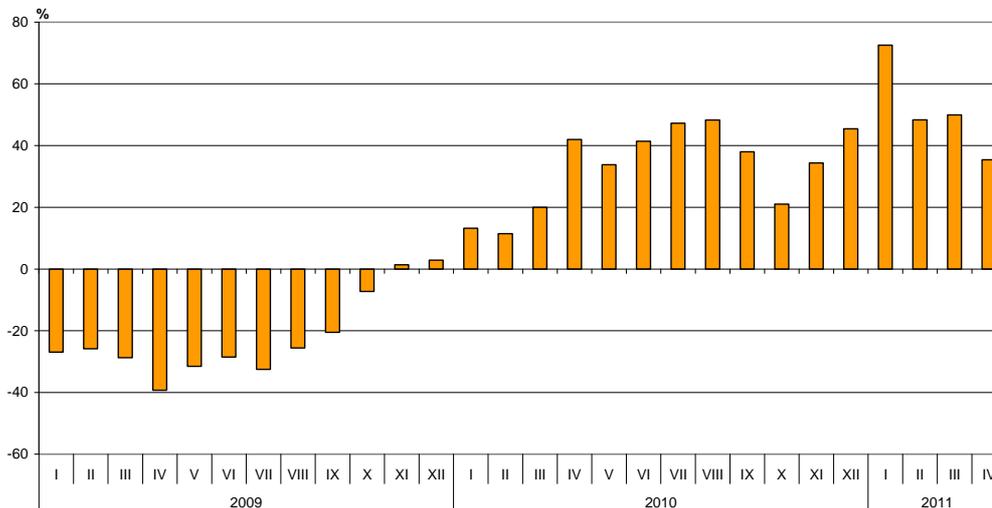


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2011 the total value of the exported goods amounted to 12.5 billion levs**. Compared to the corresponding period of 2010 the exports **increased by 50.4%** (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In April 2011 **the total exports amounted to 3.1 billion levs** and increased by 35.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal growth of exports for the period 2009 - 2011 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

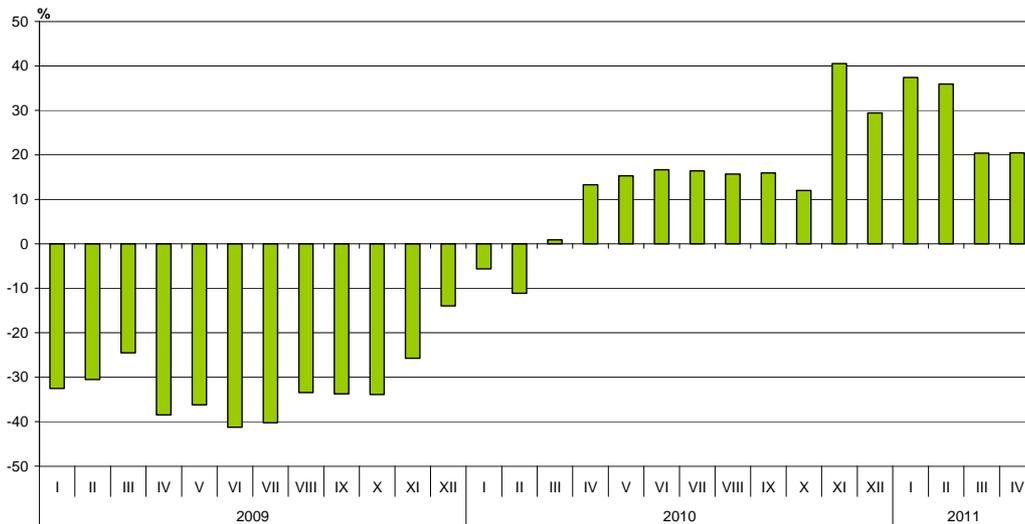


The total imported goods in the period January - April 2011 were **for 13.5 billion levs (at CIF prices)**, or **by 27.4% more** than corresponding period of the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In April 2011 **the total imports increased by 20.5%** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached to almost 3.7 billion levs.



Figure 4. Nominal growth of imports for the period
2009 - 2011
(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 2011 and amounted to 1041.0 million leva which was 1273.1 million leva less than the balance in the first four months of 2010 (Table 1.1 and 1.2). At **FOB/FOB** prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the total foreign trade balance **was also negative** and amounted to 243.7 million leva.

In April 2011 the total foreign trade balance (**exports FOB - import CIF**) was negative and amounted to 564.4 million leva. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and reached to 346.5 million leva.

ANNEX

Table 1.1

Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - April 2010¹ and 2011¹ by months

(Million Levs)

Months	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.2010	1802.0	1075.2	726.8	2267.4	1275.0	992.4	2133.2	1208.9	924.3	-465.4	-199.8	-265.6	-331.2	-133.7	-197.5
II.2010	1964.3	1264.2	700.1	2302.1	1536.6	765.5	2159.5	1446.8	712.7	-337.8	-272.4	-65.4	-195.2	-182.6	-12.6
III.2010	2213.7	1294.7	919.0	2968.8	1784.2	1184.6	2798.0	1697.9	1100.1	-755.1	-489.5	-265.6	-584.3	-403.2	-181.1
I-III.2010	5980.0	3634.1	2345.9	7538.3	4595.8	2942.5	7090.7	4353.6	2737.1	-1558.3	-961.7	-596.6	-1110.7	-719.5	-391.2
IV.2010	2313.3	1327.2	986.1	3069.1	1669.1	1400.0	2890.2	1587.8	1302.4	-755.8	-341.9	-413.9	-576.9	-260.6	-316.3
I - IV.2010	8293.3	4961.3	3332.0	10607.4	6264.9	4342.5	9980.9	5941.4	4039.5	-2314.1	-1303.6	-1010.5	-1687.6	-980.1	-707.5
I.2011	3109.1	1843.4	1265.7	3115.3	1755.4	1359.9	2924.8	1668.2	1256.6	-6.2	88.0	-94.2	184.3	175.2	9.1
II.2011	2914.4	1818.1	1096.3	3129.3	1860.2	1269.1	2943.3	1771.1	1172.2	-214.9	-42.1	-172.8	-28.9	47.0	-75.9
III.2011	3318.5	2022.5	1296.0	3574.0	2081.4	1492.6	3371.1	1978.4	1392.7	-255.5	-58.9	-196.6	-52.6	44.1	-96.7
I-III.2011	9342.0	5684.0	3658.0	9818.6	5697.0	4121.6	9239.2	5417.7	3821.5	-476.6	-13.0	-463.6	102.8	266.3	-163.5
IV.2011	3132.7	1838.1	1294.6	3697.1	2103.9	1593.2	3479.2	1998.7	1480.5	-564.4	-265.8	-298.6	-346.5	-160.6	-185.9
I - IV.2011	12474.7	7522.1	4952.6	13515.7	7800.9	5714.8	12718.4	7416.4	5302.0	-1041.0	-278.8	-762.2	-243.7	105.7	-349.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.06.2011.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for the period January - April 2011¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	72.5	71.4	74.1	37.4	37.7	37.0	37.1	38.0	36.0
II	48.4	43.8	56.6	35.9	21.1	65.8	36.3	22.4	64.5
III	49.9	56.2	41.0	20.4	16.7	26.0	20.5	16.5	26.6
I-III	56.2	56.4	55.9	30.2	24.0	40.1	30.3	24.4	39.6
IV	35.4	38.5	31.3	20.5	26.0	13.8	20.4	25.9	13.7
I - IV	50.4	51.6	48.6	27.4	24.5	31.6	27.4	24.8	31.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.06.2011.


Table 2
Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹
for the period January - April 2010² and 2011²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs		%	Million Levs		%	Million Levs	
Third countries -total	3332.0	4952.6		48.6	4342.5		5714.8	31.6
Albania	33.7	32.2	-4.5	6.2	12.7	104.8	27.5	19.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.6	24.3	24.0	3.9	3.1	-20.5	15.7	21.2
Brazil	18.3	21.7	18.6	34.1	51.0	49.6	-15.8	-29.3
Canada	15.5	31.0	100.0	42.0	10.2	-75.7	-26.5	20.8
China	145.1	201.6	38.9	262.7	367.7	40.0	-117.6	-166.1
Croatia	54.0	72.3	33.9	14.8	15.2	2.7	39.2	57.1
Egypt	80.5	88.5	9.9	10.1	25.7	154.5	70.4	62.8
Georgia	66.3	102.6	54.8	92.5	117.5	27.0	-26.2	-14.9
India	15.8	76.9	386.7	25.0	34.3	37.2	-9.2	42.6
Indonesia	9.7	7.6	-21.6	8.3	10.7	28.9	1.4	-3.1
Iran	31.4	23.0	-26.8	4.9	2.6	-46.9	26.5	20.4
Israel	19.3	29.7	53.9	71.6	98.5	37.6	-52.3	-68.8
Japan	10.2	10.4	2.0	48.7	47.5	-2.5	-38.5	-37.1
Kazakhstan	8.4	12.0	42.9	2.3	99.1	4208.7	6.1	-87.1
Republic of Korea	28.7	55.3	92.7	25.3	44.0	73.9	3.4	11.3
Norway	16.5	23.9	44.8	4.1	4.4	7.3	12.4	19.5
Peru	6.4	1.8	-71.9	169.7	24.0	-85.9	-163.3	-22.2
Russian Federation	226.1	316.9	40.2	1673.2	2547.1	52.2	-1447.1	-2230.2
Serbia	303.1	319.5	5.4	110.0	145.0	31.8	193.1	174.5
Singapore	155.2	65.3	-57.9	4.2	11.8	181.0	151.0	53.5
South Africa	4.0	115.4	2785.0	3.8	13.4	252.6	0.2	102.0
Switzerland	51.7	81.0	56.7	97.1	123.1	26.8	-45.4	-42.1
Syria	65.9	7.6	-88.5	22.5	19.3	-14.2	43.4	-11.7
Taiwan	11.6	15.2	31.0	29.3	35.0	19.5	-17.7	-19.8
The former Yugoslav Rep.of Macedonia	172.3	275.8	60.1	146.1	161.6	10.6	26.2	114.2
Turkey	745.3	1275.8	71.2	570.5	642.9	12.7	174.8	632.9
Ukraine	59.0	101.6	72.2	352.7	595.3	68.8	-293.7	-493.7
United Arab Emirates	36.6	18.7	-48.9	10.4	46.9	351.0	26.2	-28.2
USA	94.3	178.3	89.1	84.8	105.1	23.9	9.5	73.2
Viet Nam	5.3	7.8	47.2	32.1	11.6	-63.9	-26.8	-3.8

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 09.06.2011.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
for the period January - April 2010¹ and 2011¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	3332.0	4952.6	48.6	4342.5	5714.8	31.6	-1010.5	-762.2
Food and live animals	171.6	244.3	42.4	177.6	182.8	2.9	-6.0	61.5
Beverages and tobacco	112.2	143.7	28.1	38.0	43.4	14.2	74.2	100.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	365.8	503.6	37.7	644.0	476.9	-25.9	-278.2	26.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	726.7	1419.2	95.3	1838.1	2884.1	56.9	-1111.4	-1464.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	11.0	17.2	56.4	12.2	15.8	29.5	-1.2	1.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	432.2	539.3	24.8	231.6	342.2	47.8	200.6	197.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	800.8	1198.4	49.7	628.6	897.5	42.8	172.2	300.9
Machinery and transport equipment	379.6	561.6	47.9	581.7	660.1	13.5	-202.1	-98.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	324.1	319.9	-1.3	185.2	205.0	10.7	138.9	114.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.0	5.4	-32.5	5.5	7.0	27.3	2.5	-1.6

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