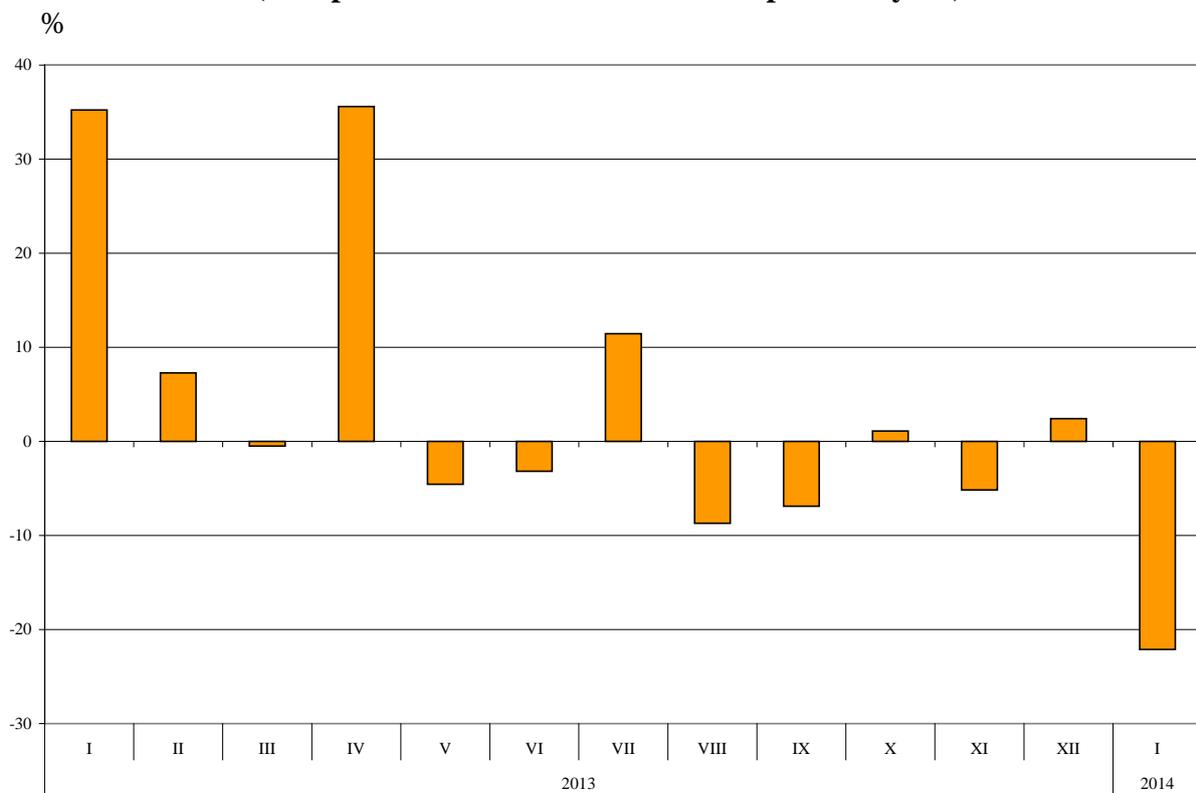




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2014** Bulgarian exports to third countries decreased by 22.1% compared to the corresponding month of 2013 and amounted to 1.1 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Russian Federation and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 55.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

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)

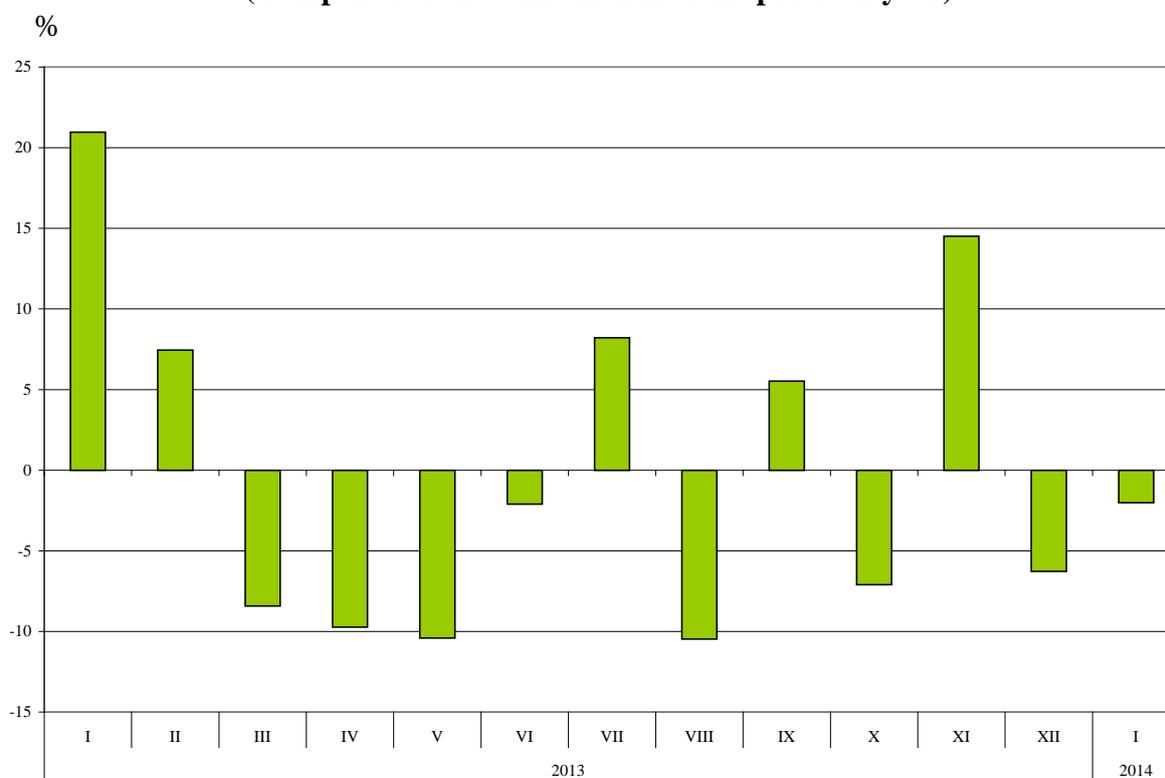


Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2014 decreased by 2.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2013 and added up to 1.6 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Egypt (Annex, Table 3).

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** in January 2014 was negative and added up to 491.5 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 404.2 Million BGN.

In January 2014 compared to the corresponding month of 2013 the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were recorded in the section “Food and live animals” (6.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² (46.8%) and “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (41.3%)

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Beverages and tobacco” (203%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (34.0%).

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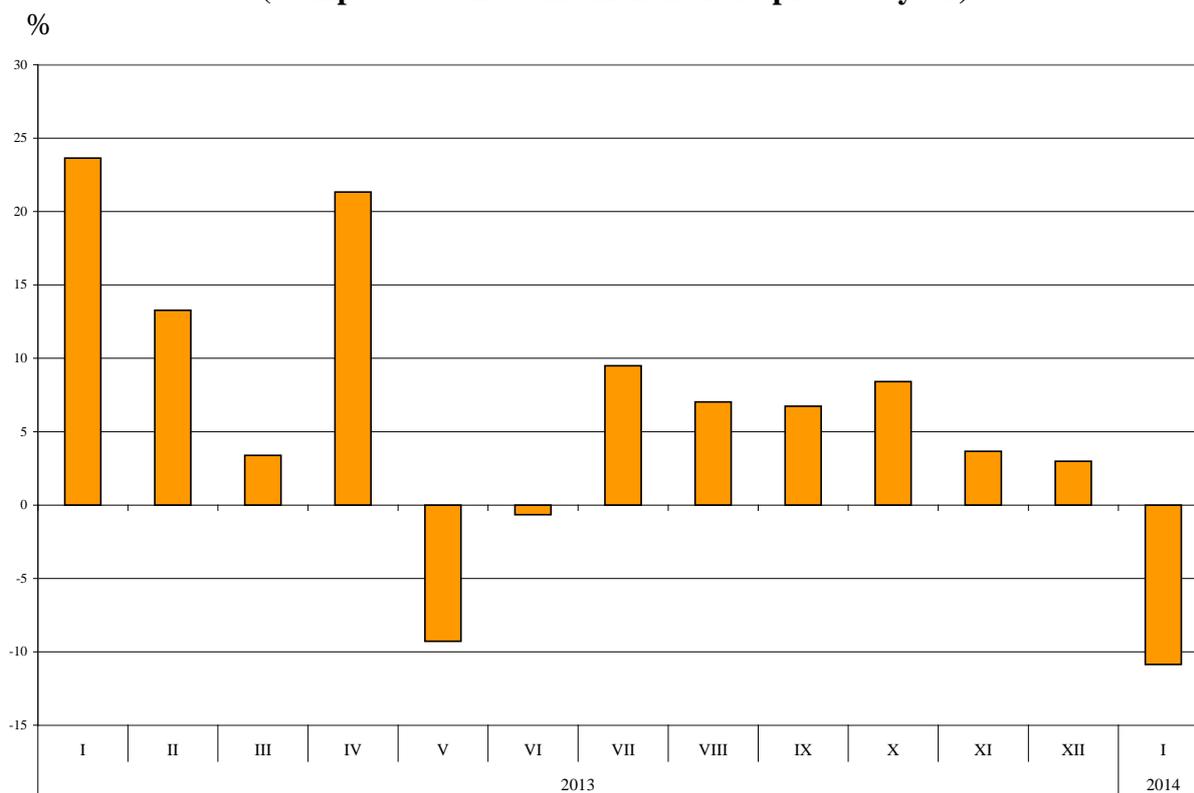
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2014 the value of all exported goods from Bulgaria amounted to 3.1 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding month of 2013 the exports decreased by 10.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

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

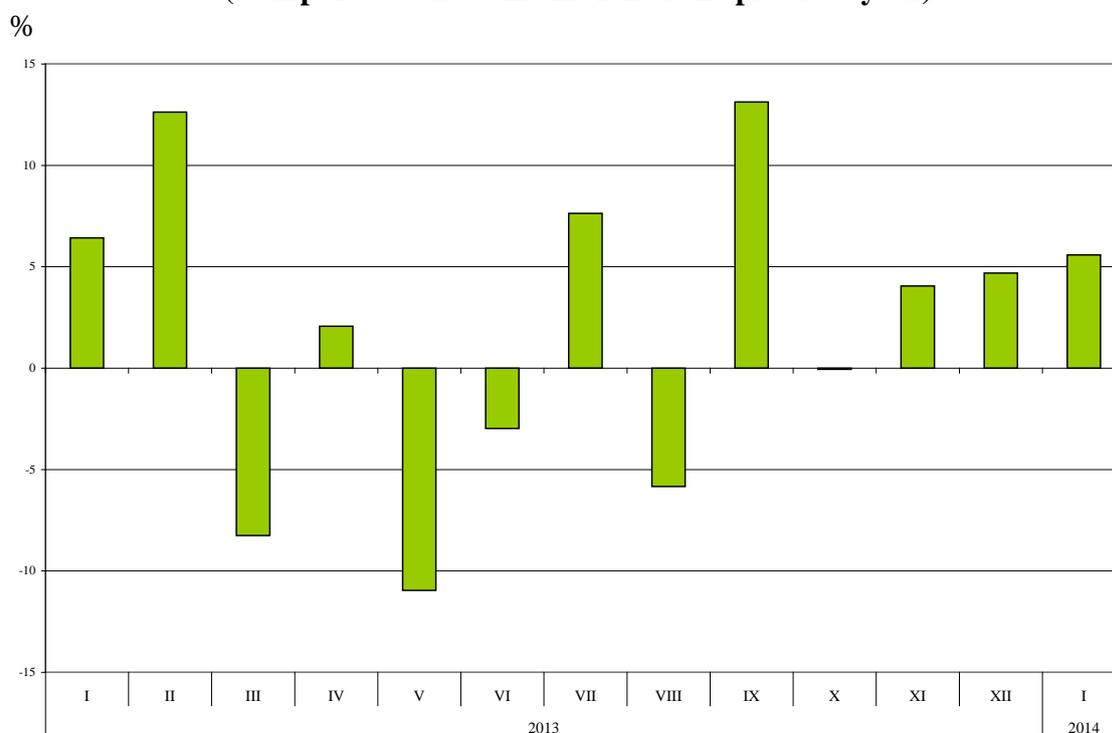


The total value of all the goods imported in the country in January 2014 amounted to 3.9 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 5.6% more than corresponding month of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

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 January 2014 and amounted to 836.7 Million BGN which was 585.2 Million BGN more than the balance in January 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in January 2014 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 633.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2013¹ and 2014¹ by months

(Million Levs)

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
I.2014	3097.4	1963.9	1133.5	3934.1	2309.1	1625.0	3731.3	2193.6	1537.7	-836.7	-345.2	-491.5	-633.9	-229.7	-404.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2014.

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 January 2014¹ compared to the same month 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	-10.9	-2.7	-22.1	5.6	11.7	-2.0	5.4	11.1	-1.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2014.

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 in January 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 Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries³ -total	1455.5	1133.5	-22.1	1658.5	1625.0	-2.0	-203.0	-491.5
of which:								
Albania	5.0	7.6	52.0	2.5	3.5	40.0	2.5	4.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4.5	5.0	11.1	2.9	4.9	69.0	1.6	0.1
Brazil	1.2	2.1	75.0	5.3	8.4	58.5	-4.1	-6.3
Canada	15.4	4.0	-74.0	2.5	2.6	4.0	12.9	1.4
China	101.2	79.0	-21.9	127.2	148.3	16.6	-26.0	-69.3
Egypt	22.1	19.1	-13.6	10.9	97.6	795.4	11.2	-78.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	54.1	50.0	-7.6	49.0	37.7	-23.1	5.1	12.3
Georgia	30.4	18.4	-39.5	36.4	32.2	-11.5	-6.0	-13.8
Gibraltar	179.5	0.0	-100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	179.5	0.0
India	2.9	4.3	48.3	19.9	20.0	0.5	-17.0	-15.7
Indonesia	5.9	2.1	-64.4	4.9	3.5	-28.6	1.0	-1.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2.9	5.9	103.4	0.5	0.3	-40.0	2.4	5.6
Israel	6.5	7.5	15.4	6.7	5.4	-19.4	-0.2	2.1
Japan	3.2	4.0	25.0	10.3	12.1	17.5	-7.1	-8.1
Kazakhstan	11.7	5.1	-56.4	6.6	20.3	207.6	5.1	-15.2
Korea, Republic of	27.4	5.8	-78.8	12.6	15.5	23.0	14.8	-9.7
Namibia	30.2	12.1	-59.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.2	12.1
Norway	4.5	5.2	15.6	1.5	3.1	106.7	3.0	2.1
Peru	0.6	0.6	0.0	4.9	1.7	-65.3	-4.3	-1.1
Russian Federation	73.2	60.2	-17.8	842.4	571.0	-32.2	-769.2	-510.8
Serbia	64.6	42.2	-34.7	35.9	48.0	33.7	28.7	-5.8
Singapore	0.4	68.8	17100.0	3.8	4.2	10.5	-3.4	64.6
South Africa	3.4	2.3	-32.4	5.1	4.4	-13.7	-1.7	-2.1
Switzerland	26.1	26.2	0.4	32.9	37.0	12.5	-6.8	-10.8
Syrian Arab Republic	13.2	5.1	-61.4	2.4	6.4	166.7	10.8	-1.3
Taiwan	4.7	3.0	-36.2	14.2	13.5	-4.9	-9.5	-10.5
Turkey	330.3	296.7	-10.2	161.3	297.8	84.6	169.0	-1.1
Ukraine	71.3	11.7	-83.6	70.7	90.3	27.7	0.6	-78.6
United Arab Emirates	50.0	74.7	49.4	10.0	8.8	-12.0	40.0	65.9
United States	62.5	44.6	-28.6	26.8	40.0	49.3	35.7	4.6
Viet-Nam	2.4	2.2	-8.3	8.3	7.0	-15.7	-5.9	-4.8

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 12.03.2014.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in
January 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 Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries² -total	1455.5	1133.5	-22.1	1658.5	1625.0	-2.0	-203.0	-491.5
Food and live animals	89.8	95.9	6.8	44.7	45.2	1.1	45.1	50.7
Beverages and tobacco	58.0	49.3	-15.0	10.1	30.6	203.0	47.9	18.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	167.5	89.1	-46.8	209.6	140.8	-32.8	-42.1	-51.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	496.8	320.0	-35.6	829.5	756.1	-8.8	-332.7	-436.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7.5	4.4	-41.3	5.3	3.5	-34.0	2.2	0.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	131.0	113.0	-13.7	123.4	135.8	10.0	7.6	-22.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	283.1	241.8	-14.6	217.7	246.7	13.3	65.4	-4.9
Machinery and transport equipment	147.3	148.3	0.7	161.9	192.6	19.0	-14.6	-44.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	68.1	67.4	-1.0	54.5	69.5	27.5	13.6	-2.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.4	4.3	-32.8	1.8	4.2	133.3	4.6	0.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2014.

² Non EU excluding Croatia.