

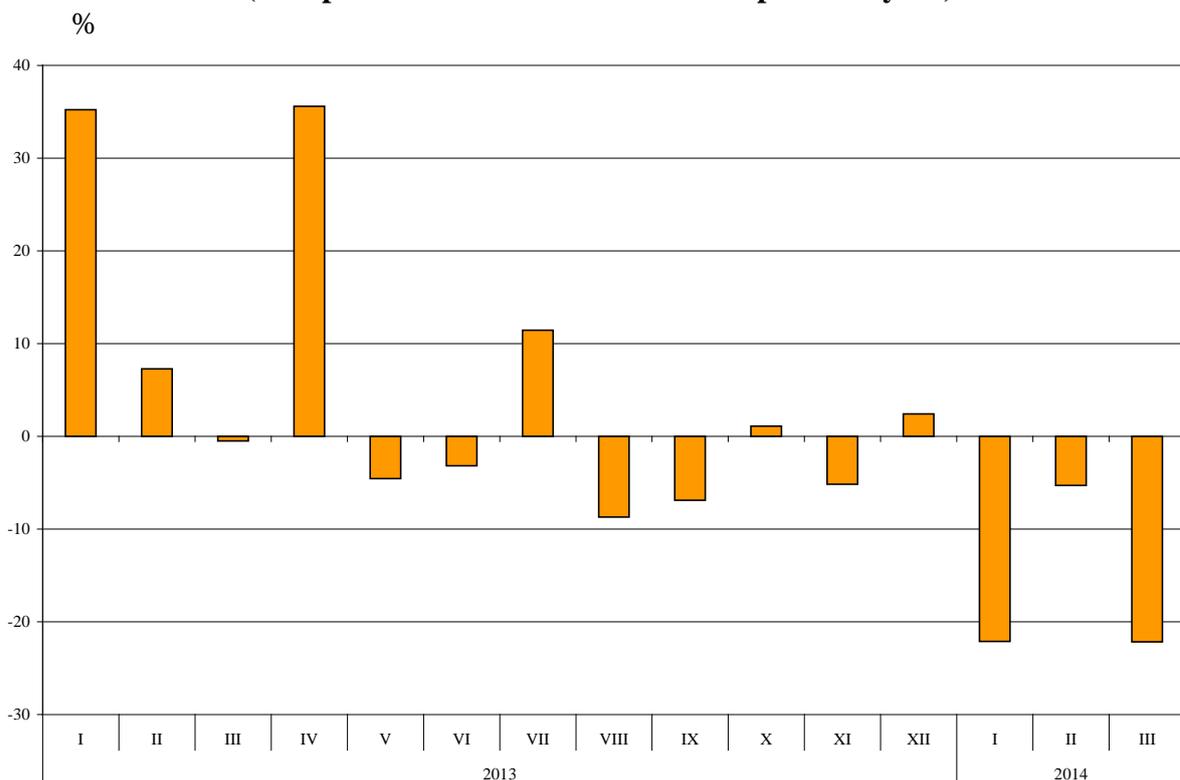


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2014** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 16.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and amounted to 3.4 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 55.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2014 exports to third countries decreased by 22.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.0 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)**



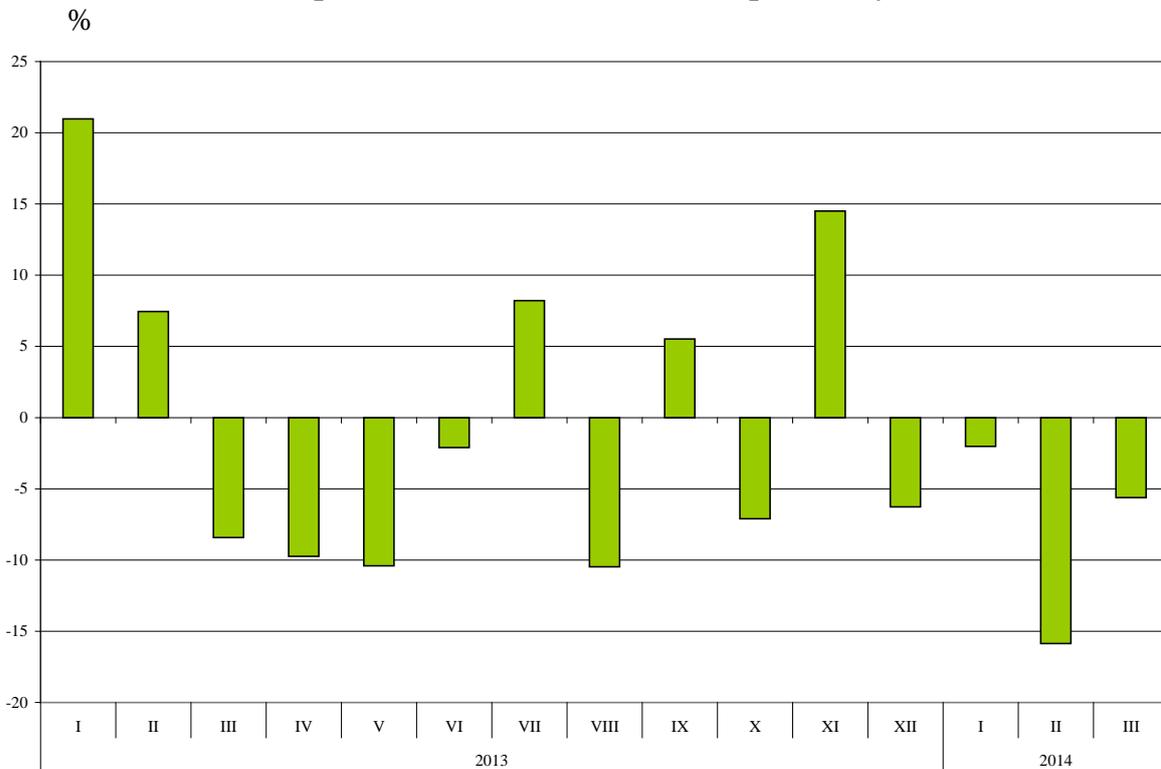
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first three months of 2014 decreased by 7.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and added up to 4.4 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2014 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 5.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.4 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 - March 2014 was negative and added up to 1 031.1 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 805.5 Million BGN.

In March 2014 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 425.6 Million BGN.

In the first three months of 2014 compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the largest growth in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was recorded in the section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” (12.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (38.9%) and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² (38.4%).

In imports of Bulgaria from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Beverages and tobacco” (48.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (27.0%).

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.

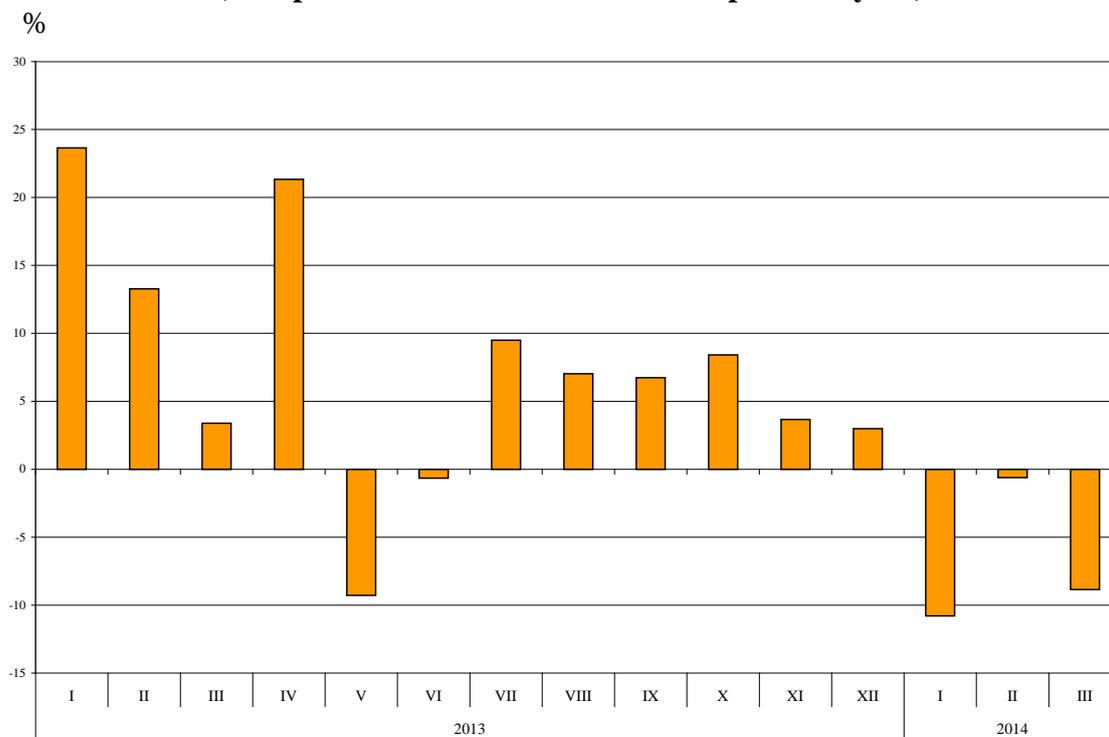


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period January - March 2014 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 9.5 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the exports decreased by 6.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In March 2014 the total exports of Bulgaria added up to 3.2 Billion BGN and decreased by 8.8% 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)



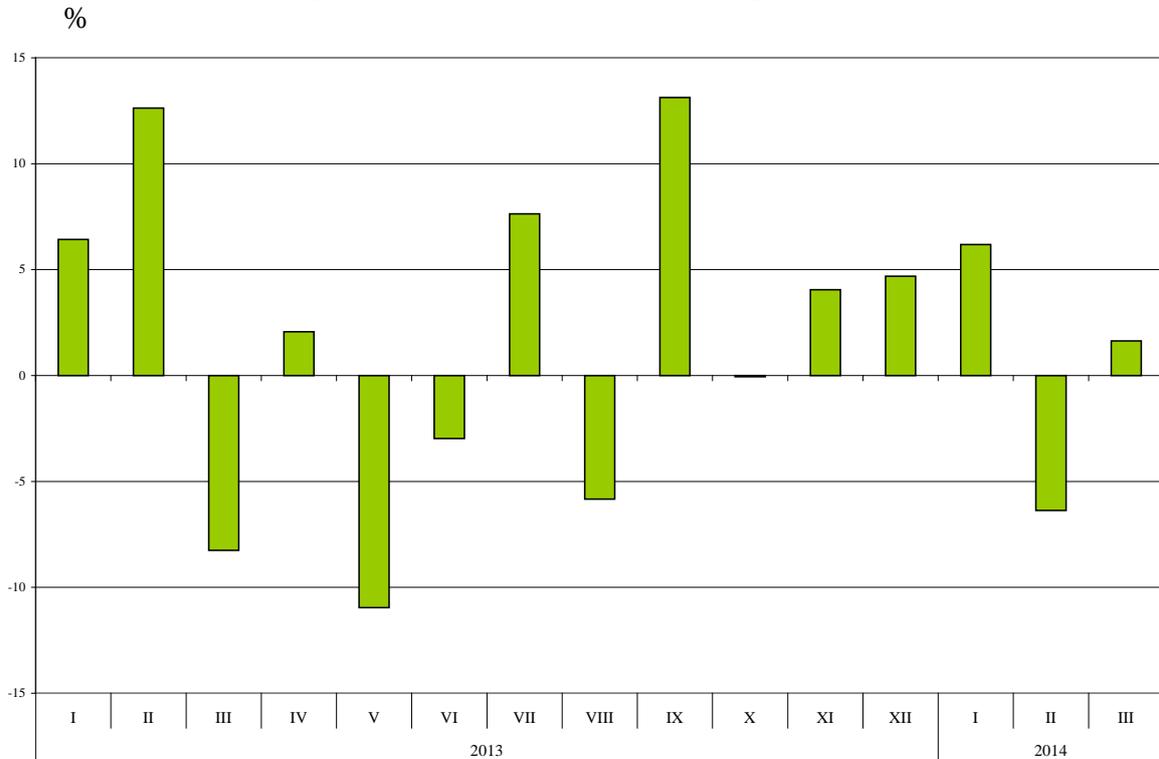
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country **in the period January - March 2014** amounted to 11.7 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.3% more than corresponding period of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In March 2014 the total imports of Bulgaria increased by 1.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 3.9 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 - March 2014 and amounted to 2 186.7 Million BGN which was 737.3 Million BGN more than the balance in the first three 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 - March 2014 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 614.7 Million BGN.

In March 2014 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 753.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 560.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - March 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
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
I.2014	3099.6	1966.1	1133.5	3956.7	2331.7	1625.0	3760.7	2223.0	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3223.1	2000.8	1222.3	3799.7	2463.4	1336.3	3616.5	2349.8	1266.7	-576.6	-462.6	-114.0	-393.4	-349.0	-44.4
III.2014	3169.8	2155.0	1014.8	3922.8	2482.4	1440.4	3730.0	2358.3	1371.7	-753.0	-327.4	-425.6	-560.2	-203.3	-356.9
I - III.2014	9492.5	6121.9	3370.6	11679.2	7277.5	4401.7	11107.2	6931.1	4176.1	-2186.7	-1155.6	-1031.1	-1614.7	-809.2	-805.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.05.2014.

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 - March 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	-10.8	-2.6	-22.1	6.2	12.8	-2.0	6.2	12.6	-1.8
II	-0.6	2.5	-5.3	-6.4	-0.3	-15.9	-6.1	0.0	-15.6
III	-8.8	-0.9	-22.2	1.6	6.4	-5.6	1.3	5.6	-5.3
I - III	-6.9	-0.4	-16.8	0.3	5.9	-7.8	0.3	5.7	-7.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.05.2014.

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

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 - March 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	4049.9	3370.6	-16.8	4772.9	4401.7	-7.8	-723.0	-1031.1
of which:								
Albania	20.0	23.1	15.5	8.5	7.5	-11.8	11.5	15.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	15.9	19.5	22.6	9.9	14.7	48.5	6.0	4.8
Brazil	3.8	9.0	136.8	12.6	16.6	31.7	-8.8	-7.6
Canada	58.7	16.0	-72.7	7.9	14.4	82.3	50.8	1.6
China	229.6	276.3	20.3	356.5	395.7	11.0	-126.9	-119.4
Egypt	85.1	55.3	-35.0	26.0	104.4	301.5	59.1	-49.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	163.1	153.7	-5.8	130.7	122.6	-6.2	32.4	31.1
Georgia	84.7	69.4	-18.1	207.2	90.0	-56.6	-122.5	-20.6
Gibraltar	353.3	0.0	x	-	-	x	353.3	0.0
India	12.2	17.6	44.3	50.8	45.8	-9.8	-38.6	-28.2
Indonesia	9.4	7.1	-24.5	12.7	10.1	-20.5	-3.3	-3.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	6.0	53.7	795.0	0.9	1.4	55.6	5.1	52.3
Israel	25.3	20.9	-17.4	19.9	31.3	57.3	5.4	-10.4
Japan	11.4	12.0	5.3	27.8	43.0	54.7	-16.4	-31.0
Kazakhstan	18.6	11.6	-37.6	21.7	28.6	31.8	-3.1	-17.0
Korea, Republic of	61.1	45.4	-25.7	33.4	39.9	19.5	27.7	5.5
Libya	84.2	45.3	-46.2	0.0	-	x	84.2	45.3
Morocco	21.3	87.8	312.2	10.4	1.6	-84.6	10.9	86.2
Namibia	98.6	32.4	-67.1	0.4	0.0	x	98.2	32.4
Norway	13.4	16.3	21.6	5.5	11.0	100.0	7.9	5.3
Peru	1.7	1.6	-5.9	5.5	10.7	94.5	-3.8	-9.1
Russian Federation	247.3	244.5	-1.1	2269.4	1520.0	-33.0	-2022.1	-1275.5
Serbia	182.1	129.8	-28.7	110.0	155.7	41.5	72.1	-25.9
Singapore	3.2	205.9	6334.4	8.8	10.6	20.5	-5.6	195.3
South Africa	103.7	7.9	-92.4	13.8	12.6	-8.7	89.9	-4.7
Switzerland	76.5	70.3	-8.1	105.7	93.7	-11.4	-29.2	-23.4
Syrian Arab Republic	14.3	43.9	207.0	13.4	17.0	26.9	0.9	26.9
Taiwan	16.4	9.5	-42.1	33.8	35.5	5.0	-17.4	-26.0
Turkey	942.1	799.1	-15.2	564.7	748.6	32.6	377.4	50.5
Ukraine	120.9	51.2	-57.7	247.7	290.7	17.4	-126.8	-239.5
United Arab Emirates	71.3	185.9	160.7	21.1	19.0	-10.0	50.2	166.9
United States	186.3	134.5	-27.8	76.2	138.7	82.0	110.1	-4.2
Viet-Nam	5.3	8.9	67.9	15.5	26.3	69.7	-10.2	-17.4

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 12.05.2014.

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 - March 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	4049.9	3370.6	-16.8	4772.9	4401.7	-7.8	-723.0	-1031.1
Food and live animals	348.0	279.7	-19.6	119.3	155.5	30.3	228.7	124.2
Beverages and tobacco	153.8	136.4	-11.3	42.5	63.0	48.2	111.3	73.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	476.4	293.4	-38.4	553.5	482.4	-12.8	-77.1	-189.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1110.9	678.6	-38.9	2336.3	1772.2	-24.1	-1225.4	-1093.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	16.8	12.5	-25.6	13.7	10.0	-27.0	3.1	2.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	391.2	438.2	12.0	358.9	374.6	4.4	32.3	63.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	807.2	789.3	-2.2	709.2	710.0	0.1	98.0	79.3
Machinery and transport equipment	514.1	514.9	0.2	456.3	607.9	33.2	57.8	-93.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	213.1	215.5	1.1	176.5	217.1	23.0	36.6	-1.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	18.4	12.1	-34.2	6.7	9.0	34.3	11.7	3.1

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² Non EU excluding Croatia.