

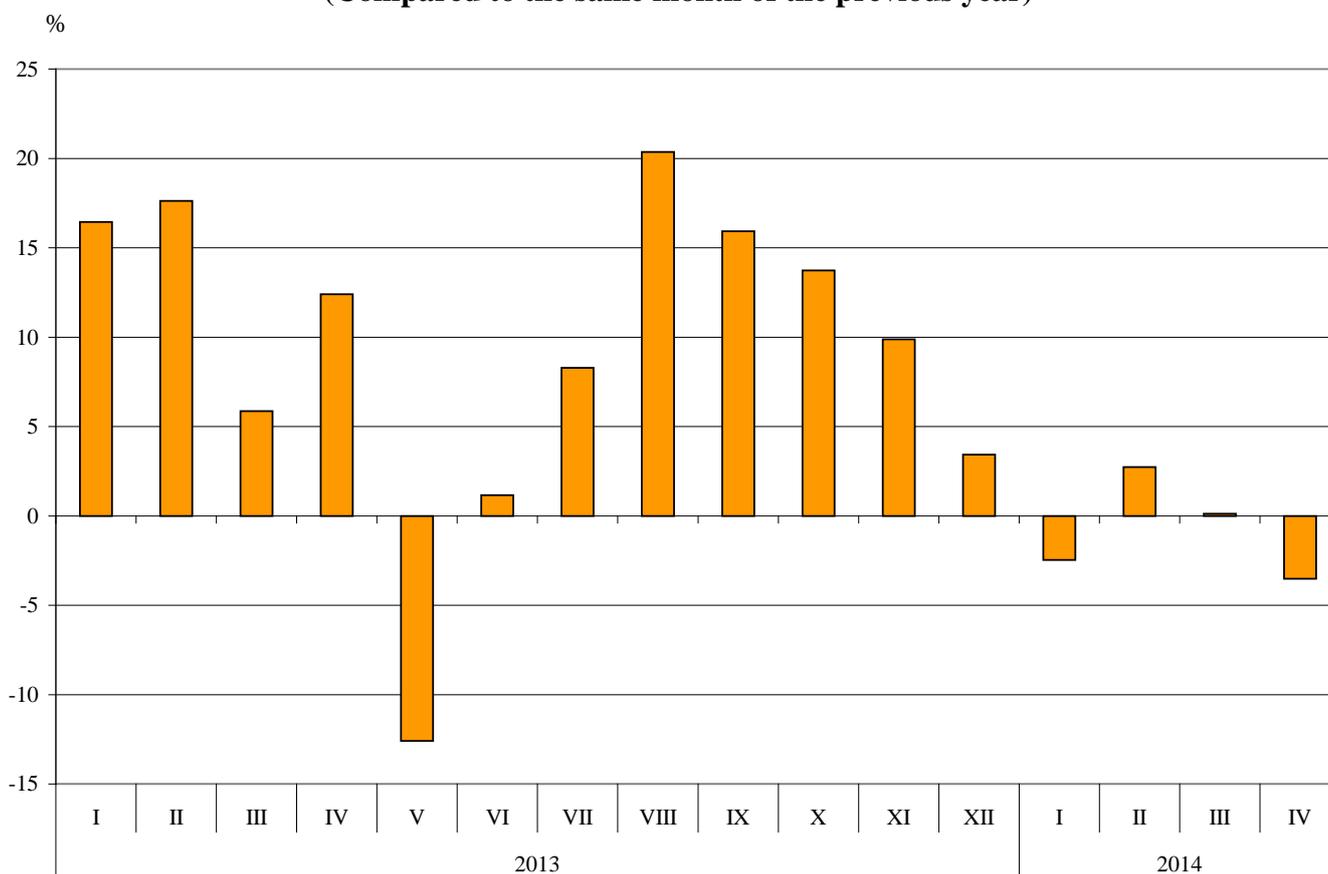


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** decreased by 0.9% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 8.3 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 **April 2014** the exports to the EU decreased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU for the period 2013 - 2014  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



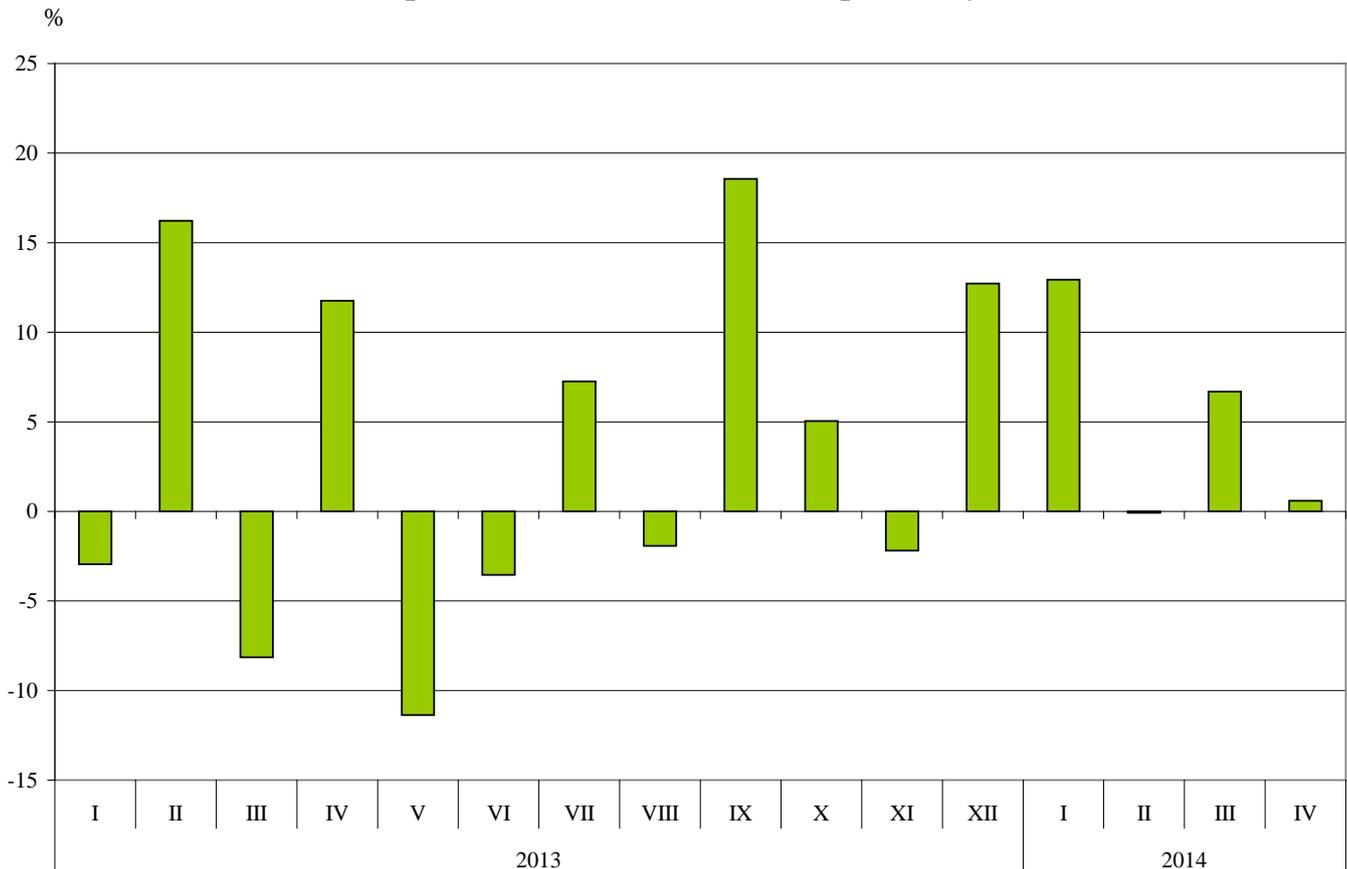
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - April 2014 increased by 4.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 9.9 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



In April 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 0.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU 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** the **EU** in the period January - April 2014 was negative and added up to 1 666.8 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 1212.9 Million BGN.

In the first four months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (49.9%) **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 “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (28.3%) and “Beverages and tobacco” (19.6%).

In **imports from** the **EU** the largest growth (21.5%) was reported in section “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” while the most notable fall (6.7%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013<sup>1</sup> and 2014<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>
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
<b>I - III.2013</b>	<b>10194.9</b>	<b>6145.0</b>	<b>4049.9</b>	<b>11644.3</b>	<b>6871.4</b>	<b>4772.9</b>	<b>11072.8</b>	<b>6557.5</b>	<b>4515.3</b>	<b>-1449.4</b>	<b>-726.4</b>	<b>-723.0</b>	<b>-877.9</b>	<b>-412.5</b>	<b>-465.4</b>
IV.2013	3848.5	2192.5	1656.0	4365.8	2624.7	1741.1	4159.7	2503.1	1656.6	-517.3	-432.2	-85.1	-311.2	-310.6	-0.6
<b>I - IV.2013</b>	<b>14043.4</b>	<b>8337.5</b>	<b>5705.9</b>	<b>16010.1</b>	<b>9496.1</b>	<b>6514.0</b>	<b>15232.5</b>	<b>9060.6</b>	<b>6171.9</b>	<b>-1966.7</b>	<b>-1158.6</b>	<b>-808.1</b>	<b>-1189.1</b>	<b>-723.1</b>	<b>-466.0</b>
I.2014	3102.9	1969.4	1133.5	3960.0	2335.0	1625.0	3764.0	2226.3	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3227.8	2005.5	1222.3	3804.6	2468.3	1336.3	3621.0	2354.3	1266.7	-576.8	-462.8	-114.0	-393.2	-348.8	-44.4
III.2014	3191.2	2176.4	1014.8	3930.1	2489.7	1440.4	3751.6	2379.9	1371.7	-738.9	-313.3	-425.6	-560.4	-203.5	-356.9
<b>I - III.2014</b>	<b>9521.9</b>	<b>6151.3</b>	<b>3370.6</b>	<b>11694.7</b>	<b>7293.0</b>	<b>4401.7</b>	<b>11136.6</b>	<b>6960.5</b>	<b>4176.1</b>	<b>-2172.8</b>	<b>-1141.7</b>	<b>-1031.1</b>	<b>-1614.7</b>	<b>-809.2</b>	<b>-805.5</b>
IV.2014	3400.4	2115.3	1285.1	4310.5	2640.4	1670.1	4102.9	2519.0	1583.9	-910.1	-525.1	-385.0	-702.5	-403.7	-298.8
<b>I - IV.2014</b>	<b>12922.3</b>	<b>8266.6</b>	<b>4655.7</b>	<b>16005.2</b>	<b>9933.4</b>	<b>6071.8</b>	<b>15239.5</b>	<b>9479.5</b>	<b>5760.0</b>	<b>-3082.9</b>	<b>-1666.8</b>	<b>-1416.1</b>	<b>-2317.2</b>	<b>-1212.9</b>	<b>-1104.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

<sup>3</sup> EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013.

<sup>4</sup> Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2014<sup>1</sup> compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>
I	-10.7	-2.5	-22.1	6.3	12.9	-2.0	6.3	12.8	-1.8
II	-0.5	2.7	-5.3	-6.3	-0.1	-15.9	-6.0	0.2	-15.6
III	-8.2	0.1	-22.2	1.8	6.7	-5.6	1.9	6.6	-5.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
IV	-11.6	-3.5	-22.4	-1.3	0.6	-4.1	-1.4	0.6	-4.4
<b>I - IV</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-18.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-6.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.

<sup>2</sup> EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013<sup>2</sup> and 2014<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14043.4</b>	<b>12922.3</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>16010.1</b>	<b>16005.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1966.7</b>	<b>-3082.9</b>
<b>EU<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>8337.5</b>	<b>8266.6</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>9496.1</b>	<b>9933.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-1158.6</b>	<b>-1666.8</b>
Austria	248.2	252.3	1.7	462.0	445.6	-3.5	-213.8	-193.3
Belgium	288.2	535.5	85.8	280.0	326.8	16.7	8.2	208.7
Croatia	34.0	48.5	42.6	18.8	18.8	0.0	15.2	29.7
Cyprus	42.8	54.7	27.8	25.4	14.9	-41.3	17.4	39.8
Czech Republic	163.3	190.5	16.7	310.6	325.2	4.7	-147.3	-134.7
Denmark	72.1	67.2	-6.8	49.7	56.5	13.7	22.4	10.7
Estonia	10.4	11.8	13.5	11.1	4.2	-62.2	-0.7	7.6
Finland	20.9	24.7	18.2	25.9	31.2	20.5	-5.0	-6.5
France	620.6	574.1	-7.5	488.3	507.0	3.8	132.3	67.1
Germany	1864.7	1698.7	-8.9	1720.6	1870.0	8.7	144.1	-171.3
Greece	961.4	864.6	-10.1	856.6	796.0	-7.1	104.8	68.6
Hungary	166.3	180.5	8.5	503.0	524.3	4.2	-336.7	-343.8
Ireland	12.8	13.9	8.6	59.2	49.9	-15.7	-46.4	-36.0
Italy	1472.6	1304.6	-11.4	1174.3	1193.2	1.6	298.3	111.4
Latvia	17.6	16.8	-4.5	9.9	4.7	-52.5	7.7	12.1
Lithuania	25.9	28.4	9.7	26.7	25.8	-3.4	-0.8	2.6
Luxembourg	3.0	1.1	-63.3	22.2	43.0	93.7	-19.2	-41.9
Malta	13.7	19.2	40.1	4.3	101.1	2251.2	9.4	-81.9
Netherlands	292.4	308.0	5.3	407.3	428.1	5.1	-114.9	-120.1
Poland	266.6	279.4	4.8	438.0	467.2	6.7	-171.4	-187.8
Portugal	100.2	54.6	-45.5	30.5	35.3	15.7	69.7	19.3
Romania	978.0	1002.1	2.5	1092.2	1191.6	9.1	-114.2	-189.5
Slovakia	94.4	103.9	10.1	202.6	189.3	-6.6	-108.2	-85.4
Slovenia	48.3	66.8	38.3	108.2	111.1	2.7	-59.9	-44.3
Spain	165.9	196.6	18.5	832.1	811.3	-2.5	-666.2	-614.7
Sweden	73.7	79.9	8.4	98.1	87.2	-11.1	-24.4	-7.3
United Kingdom	266.3	279.4	4.9	230.6	265.6	15.2	35.7	13.8
Not specified	13.2	8.8	-33.3	7.9	8.5	7.6	5.3	0.3

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**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013<sup>2</sup> and 2014<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

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	
<b>Non EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>5705.9</b>	<b>4655.7</b>	<b>-18.4</b>	<b>6514.0</b>	<b>6071.8</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-808.1</b>	<b>-1416.1</b>
<b>CIS<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>706.9</b>	<b>556.1</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>3359.9</b>	<b>2663.1</b>	<b>-20.7</b>	<b>-2653.0</b>	<b>-2107.0</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	23.7	20.2	-14.8	32.4	33.2	2.5	-8.7	-13.0
Russian Federation	354.5	337.3	-4.9	2942.5	2168.2	-26.3	-2588.0	-1830.9
Ukraine	223.7	78.6	-64.9	330.6	414.9	25.5	-106.9	-336.3
<b>OECD<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1932.1</b>	<b>1560.6</b>	<b>-19.2</b>	<b>1435.4</b>	<b>1513.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>496.7</b>	<b>47.0</b>
of which:								
Canada	77.3	20.3	-73.7	11.1	17.0	53.2	66.2	3.3
Israel	35.8	27.1	-24.3	34.2	50.8	48.5	1.6	-23.7
Japan	15.6	16.1	3.2	39.6	54.6	37.9	-24.0	-38.5
Korea, Republic of	74.3	51.1	-31.2	52.3	57.3	9.6	22.0	-6.2
Turkey	1333.2	1102.1	-17.3	864.2	997.0	15.4	469.0	105.1
United States	231.1	205.4	-11.1	109.3	190.6	74.4	121.8	14.8
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>-15.2</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-24.2</b>	<b>-23.3</b>
of which:								
Norway	19.6	19.9	1.5	10.7	12.5	16.8	8.9	7.4
Switzerland	103.9	88.8	-14.5	144.5	121.3	-16.1	-40.6	-32.5

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<sup>3</sup> Non EU excluding Croatia.

<sup>4</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

<sup>5</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013<sup>2</sup> and 2014<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	35.3	31.1	-11.9	11.1	9.2	-17.1	24.2	21.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23.0	25.3	10.0	17.3	19.8	14.5	5.7	5.5
Brazil	6.3	10.7	69.8	13.8	19.0	37.7	-7.5	-8.3
China	318.9	352.3	10.5	462.8	525.0	13.4	-143.9	-172.7
Egypt	128.1	120.1	-6.2	30.5	107.4	252.1	97.6	12.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	218.5	210.6	-3.6	185.1	162.7	-12.1	33.4	47.9
Georgia	114.8	135.1	17.7	215.9	111.6	-48.3	-101.1	23.5
India	17.9	23.3	30.2	76.3	63.3	-17.0	-58.4	-40.0
Indonesia	11.2	10.5	-6.2	17.2	17.1	-0.6	-6.0	-6.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	8.5	55.1	548.2	1.5	1.8	20.0	7.0	53.3
Peru	8.7	2.9	-66.7	5.7	17.0	198.2	3.0	-14.1
Serbia	242.7	185.7	-23.5	152.3	207.2	36.0	90.4	-21.5
Singapore	5.6	302.7	5305.4	10.4	13.8	32.7	-4.8	288.9
South Africa	182.8	11.9	-93.5	17.2	17.2	0.0	165.6	-5.3
Syrian Arab Republic	29.6	55.9	88.9	18.5	19.1	3.2	11.1	36.8
Taiwan	19.8	12.9	-34.8	43.8	46.7	6.6	-24.0	-33.8
United Arab Emirates	75.5	224.0	196.7	31.4	28.1	-10.5	44.1	195.9
Viet Nam	7.3	11.3	54.8	20.6	32.8	59.2	-13.3	-21.5

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period  
January - April 2013<sup>1</sup> and 2014<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14043.4</b>	<b>12922.3</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>16010.1</b>	<b>16005.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1966.7</b>	<b>-3082.9</b>
<b>of which EU<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8337.5</b>	<b>8266.6</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>9496.1</b>	<b>9933.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-1158.6</b>	<b>-1666.8</b>
Food and live animals	1334.3	1127.7	-15.5	1154.1	1173.8	1.7	180.2	-46.1
of which EU	804.5	754.0	-6.3	968.4	972.4	0.4	-163.9	-218.4
Beverages and tobacco	337.3	292.2	-13.4	196.2	205.7	4.8	141.1	86.5
of which EU	133.5	107.4	-19.6	136.1	131.0	-3.7	-2.6	-23.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1188.3	858.2	-27.8	1660.1	1529.4	-7.9	-471.8	-671.2
of which EU	553.1	451.4	-18.4	988.1	921.9	-6.7	-435.0	-470.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2104.5	1350.7	-35.8	3568.9	3135.8	-12.1	-1464.4	-1785.1
of which EU	483.6	346.5	-28.3	555.5	675.1	21.5	-71.9	-328.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92.4	122.1	32.1	67.1	63.4	-5.5	25.3	58.7
of which EU	70.0	104.9	49.9	49.7	50.4	1.4	20.3	54.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1171.5	1292.6	10.3	2043.9	2204.3	7.8	-872.4	-911.7
of which EU	615.2	667.6	8.5	1554.2	1693.1	8.9	-939.0	-1025.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3337.7	3146.7	-5.7	2597.1	2603.1	0.2	740.6	543.6
of which EU	2264.8	2112.8	-6.7	1599.0	1598.2	-0.1	665.8	514.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2576.3	2684.0	4.2	3652.3	3859.2	5.7	-1076.0	-1175.2
of which EU	1835.3	1982.1	8.0	2831.0	2970.7	4.9	-995.7	-988.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1866.4	2013.4	7.9	993.7	1145.6	15.3	872.7	867.8
of which EU	1565.7	1719.4	9.8	747.1	847.3	13.4	818.6	872.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	34.7	34.7	0.0	76.7	84.9	10.7	-42.0	-50.2
of which EU	11.8	20.5	73.7	67.0	73.3	9.4	-55.2	-52.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.

<sup>2</sup> EU including Croatia.