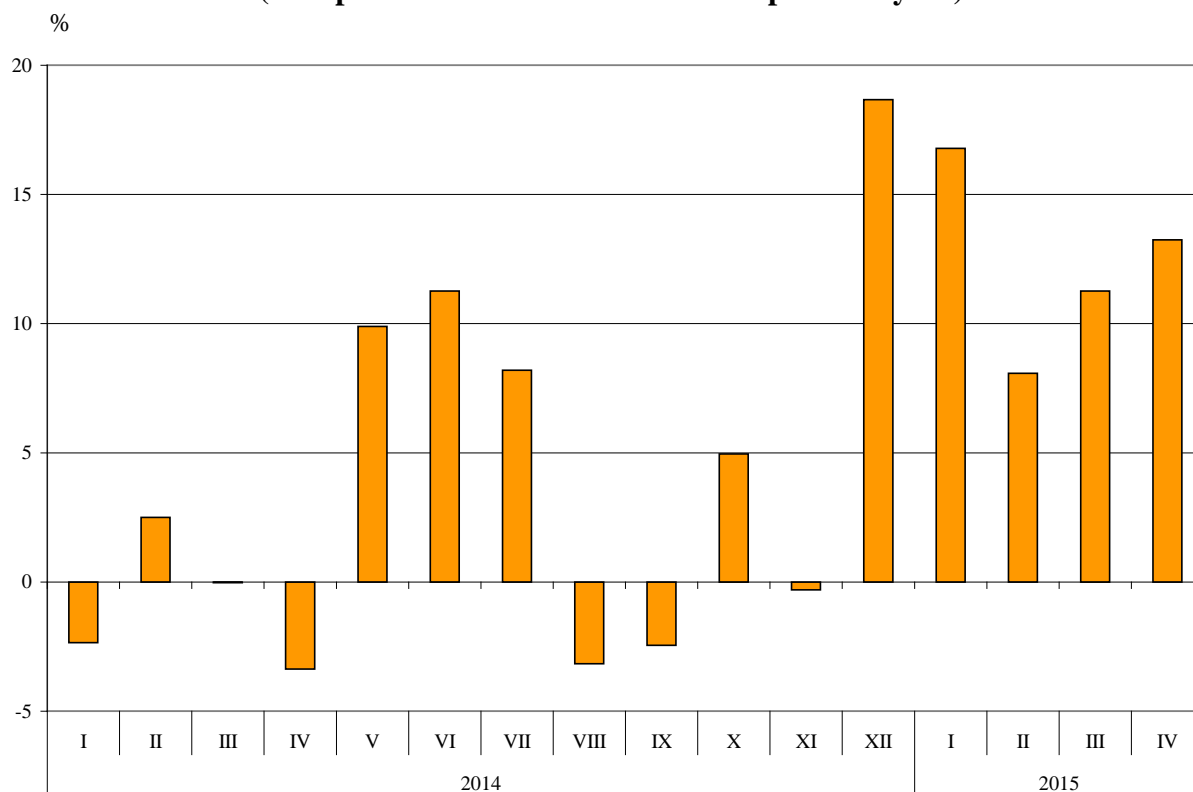


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2015** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 12.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 9.3 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 69.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2015** the exports to the EU increased by 13.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.4 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

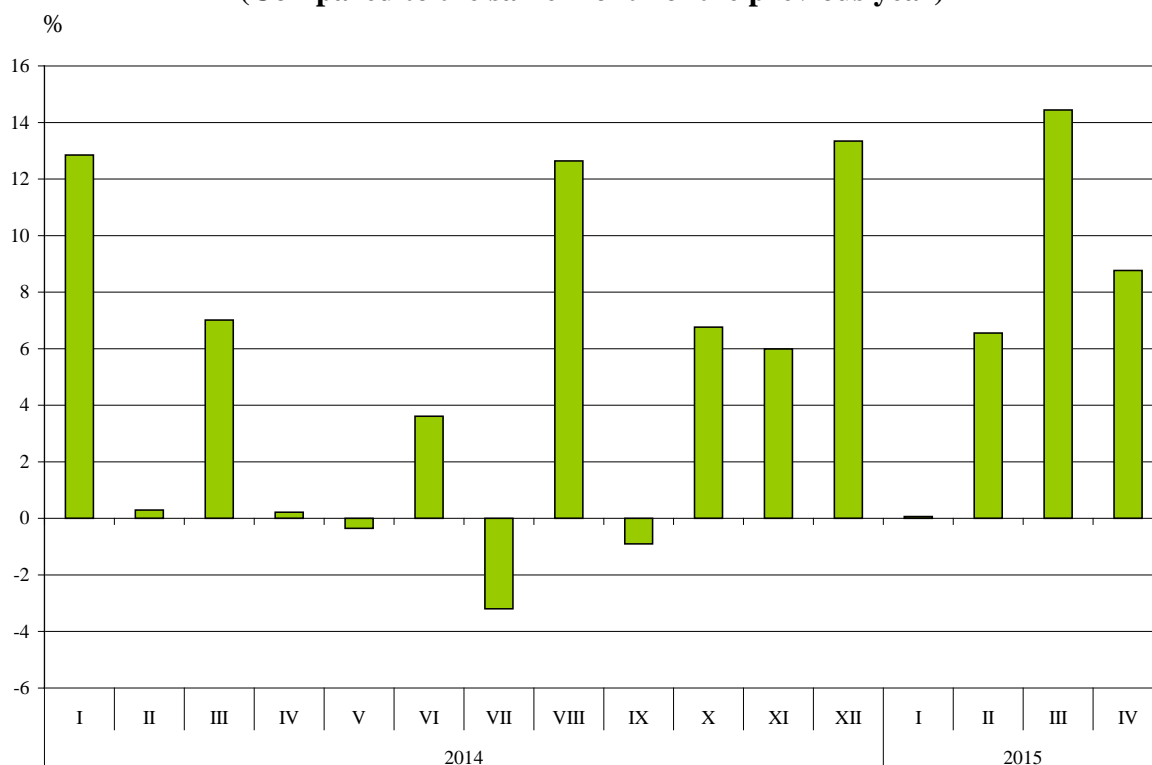


Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - April 2015 increased by 7.6% compared to the same period of 2014 and added up to 10.7 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2015** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 8.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.9 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 2014 - 2015
(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 2015 was negative and added up to 1 401.4 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 965.8 Million BGN.

In the first four months of **2015** compared to the same period of 2014 the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria to the **EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (33.2%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (32.3%) . Fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (15.6%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (15.0%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (14.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (37.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

²The 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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2014¹ and 2015¹ 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	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2014	3098.4	1970.7	1127.7	3957.9	2333.2	1624.7	3785.6	2238.7	1546.9	-859.5	-362.5	-497.0	-687.2	-268.0	-419.2
II.2014	3226.7	2001.1	1225.6	3802.3	2465.7	1336.6	3642.6	2366.4	1276.2	-575.6	-464.6	-111.0	-415.9	-365.3	-50.6
III.2014	3195.3	2172.1	1023.2	3938.0	2497.1	1440.9	3781.8	2401.4	1380.4	-742.7	-325.0	-417.7	-586.5	-229.3	-357.2
I - III.2014	9520.4	6143.9	3376.5	11698.2	7296.0	4402.2	11210.0	7006.5	4203.5	-2177.8	-1152.1	-1025.7	-1689.6	-862.6	-827.0
IV.2014	3448.4	2117.8	1330.6	4303.0	2630.4	1672.6	4121.4	2525.4	1596.0	-854.6	-512.6	-342.0	-673.0	-407.6	-265.4
I - IV.2014	12968.8	8261.7	4707.1	16001.2	9926.4	6074.8	15331.4	9531.9	5799.5	-3032.4	-1664.7	-1367.7	-2362.6	-1270.2	-1092.4
I.2015	3398.3	2301.5	1096.8	3799.1	2334.7	1464.4	3632.9	2236.6	1396.3	-400.8	-33.2	-367.6	-234.6	64.9	-299.5
II.2015	3419.3	2162.7	1256.6	4114.2	2627.4	1486.8	3938.3	2520.1	1418.2	-694.9	-464.7	-230.2	-519.0	-357.4	-161.6
III.2015	3918.4	2416.8	1501.6	4402.8	2857.7	1545.1	4223.1	2745.4	1477.7	-484.4	-440.9	-43.5	-304.7	-328.6	23.9
I - III.2015	10736.0	6881.0	3855.0	12316.1	7819.8	4496.3	11794.3	7502.1	4292.2	-1580.1	-938.8	-641.3	-1058.3	-621.1	-437.2
IV.2015	3898.8	2398.3	1500.5	4519.3	2860.9	1658.4	4324.5	2743.0	1581.5	-620.5	-462.6	-157.9	-425.7	-344.7	-81.0
I - IV.2015	14634.8	9279.3	5355.5	16835.4	10680.7	6154.7	16118.8	10245.1	5873.7	-2200.6	-1401.4	-799.2	-1484.0	-965.8	-518.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th July 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2015¹
compared to the same period of the previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	9.7	16.8	-2.7	-4.0	0.1	-9.9	-4.0	-0.1	-9.7
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.2	6.6	11.2	8.1	6.5	11.1
III	22.6	11.3	46.8	11.8	14.4	7.2	11.7	14.3	7.0
I - III	12.8	12.0	14.2	5.3	7.2	2.1	5.2	7.1	2.1
IV	13.1	13.2	12.8	5.0	8.8	-0.8	4.9	8.6	-0.9
I - IV	12.8	12.3	13.8	5.2	7.6	1.3	5.1	7.5	1.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th July 2015.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2014² and 2015²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	12968.8	14634.8	12.8	16001.2	16835.4	5.2	-3032.4	-2200.6
EU	8261.7	9279.3	12.3	9926.4	10680.7	7.6	-1664.7	-1401.4
Austria	252.7	247.6	-2.0	446.5	455.9	2.1	-193.8	-208.3
Belgium	525.9	574.6	9.3	330.0	357.4	8.3	195.9	217.2
Croatia	48.5	52.8	8.9	18.8	28.4	51.1	29.7	24.4
Cyprus	54.7	158.4	189.6	14.9	24.3	63.1	39.8	134.1
Czech Republic	190.4	231.9	21.8	325.5	345.0	6.0	-135.1	-113.1
Denmark	67.2	70.0	4.2	56.5	70.7	25.1	10.7	-0.7
Estonia	11.8	12.6	6.8	4.4	7.3	65.9	7.4	5.3
Finland	24.6	35.4	43.9	31.2	28.8	-7.7	-6.6	6.6
France	574.9	558.4	-2.9	509.8	534.6	4.9	65.1	23.8
Germany	1697.7	1926.2	13.5	1871.3	2188.1	16.9	-173.6	-261.9
Greece	864.5	927.0	7.2	799.8	771.3	-3.6	64.7	155.7
Hungary	180.7	241.1	33.4	524.3	614.8	17.3	-343.6	-373.7
Ireland	13.9	15.0	7.9	50.0	51.0	2.0	-36.1	-36.0
Italy	1304.8	1417.6	8.6	1195.3	1173.6	-1.8	109.5	244.0
Latvia	16.8	13.5	-19.6	4.7	14.9	217.0	12.1	-1.4
Lithuania	28.4	25.8	-9.2	25.8	27.0	4.7	2.6	-1.2
Luxembourg	1.1	2.3	109.1	43.0	58.4	35.8	-41.9	-56.1
Malta	19.2	43.4	126.0	101.1	7.5	-92.6	-81.9	35.9
Netherlands	308.2	348.0	12.9	428.0	553.4	29.3	-119.8	-205.4
Poland	279.5	316.1	13.1	468.0	476.3	1.8	-188.5	-160.2
Portugal	54.6	63.6	16.5	34.4	31.2	-9.3	20.2	32.4
Romania	1002.3	1075.3	7.3	1191.4	1145.7	-3.8	-189.1	-70.4
Slovakia	103.9	132.2	27.2	189.4	222.8	17.6	-85.5	-90.6
Slovenia	66.8	94.7	41.8	112.3	116.6	3.8	-45.5	-21.9
Spain	196.9	227.8	15.7	785.8	925.4	17.8	-588.9	-697.6
Sweden	79.8	94.1	17.9	87.9	91.1	3.6	-8.1	3.0
United Kingdom	279.4	354.3	26.8	265.8	304.3	14.5	13.6	50.0
Not specified	12.5	19.6	56.8	10.5	54.9	422.9	2.0	-35.3

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 July 2015.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2014² and 2015²

(Continued)

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Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	4707.1	5355.5	13.8	6074.8	6154.7	1.3	-1367.7	-799.2
CIS ³	552.4	466.3	-15.6	2662.8	2378.8	-10.7	-2110.4	-1912.5
of which:								
Kazakhstan	20.4	11.5	-43.6	33.2	18.2	-45.2	-12.8	-6.7
Russian Federation	342.5	237.4	-30.7	2168.0	2018.5	-6.9	-1825.5	-1781.1
Ukraine	79.2	121.9	53.9	414.9	297.5	-28.3	-335.7	-175.6
OECD ⁴	1580.4	1885.6	19.3	1513.8	1551.0	2.5	66.6	334.6
of which:								
Canada	20.6	27.2	32.0	17.0	17.0	0.0	3.6	10.2
Israel	27.2	36.7	34.9	50.8	25.6	-49.6	-23.6	11.1
Japan	16.2	21.9	35.2	54.6	51.8	-5.1	-38.4	-29.9
Korea, Republic of	51.4	36.0	-30.0	57.3	51.3	-10.5	-5.9	-15.3
Turkey	1118.5	1361.4	21.7	997.0	951.8	-4.5	121.5	409.6
United States	206.7	257.0	24.3	190.6	156.5	-17.9	16.1	100.5
EFTA ⁵	112.4	95.4	-15.1	134.7	129.4	-3.9	-22.3	-34.0
of which:								
Norway	20.6	18.2	-11.7	12.5	10.4	-16.8	8.1	7.8
Switzerland	89.4	76.5	-14.4	121.5	116.9	-3.8	-32.1	-40.4

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ 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 - April 2014² and 2015²

(Continued and end)

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Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	31.4	37.6	19.7	9.2	12.6	37.0	22.2	25.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25.4	43.7	72.0	19.8	22.2	12.1	5.6	21.5
Brazil	10.8	11.3	4.6	19.0	34.1	79.5	-8.2	-22.8
China	352.7	351.3	-0.4	525.0	672.2	28.0	-172.3	-320.9
Egypt	120.2	139.4	16.0	107.4	32.6	-69.6	12.8	106.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	220.7	232.7	5.4	162.8	166.9	2.5	57.9	65.8
Georgia	135.3	85.8	-36.6	111.5	156.6	40.4	23.8	-70.8
India	23.4	35.4	51.3	63.3	95.9	51.5	-39.9	-60.5
Indonesia	10.5	17.9	70.5	17.1	21.5	25.7	-6.6	-3.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	55.2	129.8	135.1	1.8	3.1	72.2	53.4	126.7
Peru	2.9	2.0	-31.0	17.0	10.0	-41.2	-14.1	-8.0
Serbia	195.6	267.6	36.8	210.3	206.9	-1.6	-14.7	60.7
Singapore	302.8	258.4	-14.7	13.8	16.4	18.8	289.0	242.0
South Africa	12.1	49.0	305.0	17.2	7.9	-54.1	-5.1	41.1
Syrian Arab Republic	56.0	33.8	-39.6	19.1	11.2	-41.4	36.9	22.6
Taiwan	13.0	17.5	34.6	46.7	78.1	67.2	-33.7	-60.6
United Arab Emirates	224.2	154.2	-31.2	28.1	96.6	243.8	196.1	57.6
Viet Nam	11.3	14.5	28.3	32.8	37.4	14.0	-21.5	-22.9

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4
in the period January - April 2014¹ and 2015¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	12968.8	14634.8	12.8	16001.2	16835.4	5.2	-3032.4	-2200.6
of which EU	8261.7	9279.3	12.3	9926.4	10680.7	7.6	-1664.7	-1401.4
Food and live animals	1129.4	1349.2	19.5	1175.2	1278.2	8.8	-45.8	71.0
of which EU	754.3	785.9	4.2	974.0	1010.9	3.8	-219.7	-225.0
Beverages and tobacco	292.3	274.4	-6.1	205.7	203.5	-1.1	86.6	70.9
of which EU	107.3	90.6	-15.6	131.0	149.8	14.4	-23.7	-59.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	861.3	1012.1	17.5	1501.5	1775.6	18.3	-640.2	-763.5
of which EU	452.9	603.4	33.2	894.0	994.2	11.2	-441.1	-390.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1377.9	1564.9	13.6	3139.7	2550.9	-18.8	-1761.8	-986.0
of which EU	346.6	458.4	32.3	675.8	425.7	-37.0	-329.2	32.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	122.1	170.9	40.0	63.5	49.8	-21.6	58.6	121.1
of which EU	104.9	105.7	0.8	50.5	35.7	-29.3	54.4	70.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1296.8	1422.6	9.7	2208.4	2378.7	7.7	-911.6	-956.1
of which EU	667.0	752.6	12.8	1697.1	1835.6	8.2	-1030.1	-1083.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3138.0	3504.3	11.7	2607.6	2837.7	8.8	530.4	666.6
of which EU	2097.7	2454.4	17.0	1602.5	1784.5	11.4	495.2	669.9
Machinery and transport equipment	2683.9	3075.2	14.6	3867.6	4388.3	13.5	-1183.7	-1313.1
of which EU	1986.4	2248.5	13.2	2979.5	3427.8	15.0	-993.1	-1179.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2032.4	2216.0	9.0	1146.5	1278.0	11.5	885.9	938.0
of which EU	1724.2	1747.4	1.3	848.2	931.3	9.8	876.0	816.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	34.7	45.2	30.3	85.5	94.7	10.8	-50.8	-49.5
of which EU	20.4	32.4	58.8	73.8	85.2	15.4	-53.4	-52.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th July 2015.