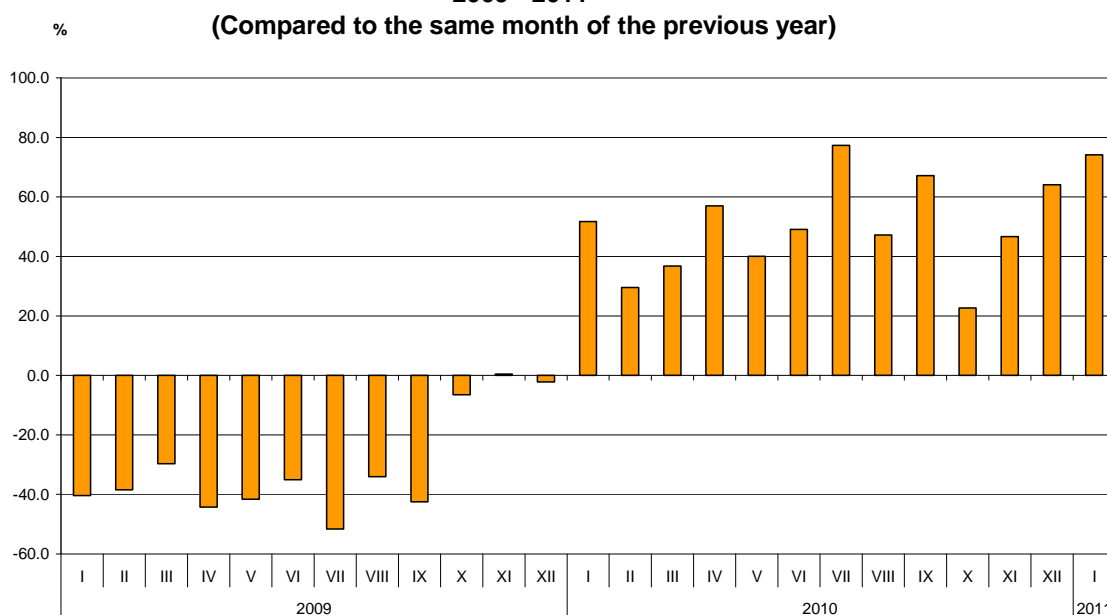




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2011 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January 2011 the Bulgarian exports to third countries increased by 74.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 billion leva (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russia, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Singapore that formed 56.4% of the total exports to non EU countries (Table 2). The exports to South Africa, China, Kazakhstan and Bosnia and Herzegovina increased significantly. Falls were reported on the exports to Peru, Syria, Iran, Republic of Korea and Brazil.

Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to non EU countries for the period
2009 - 2011

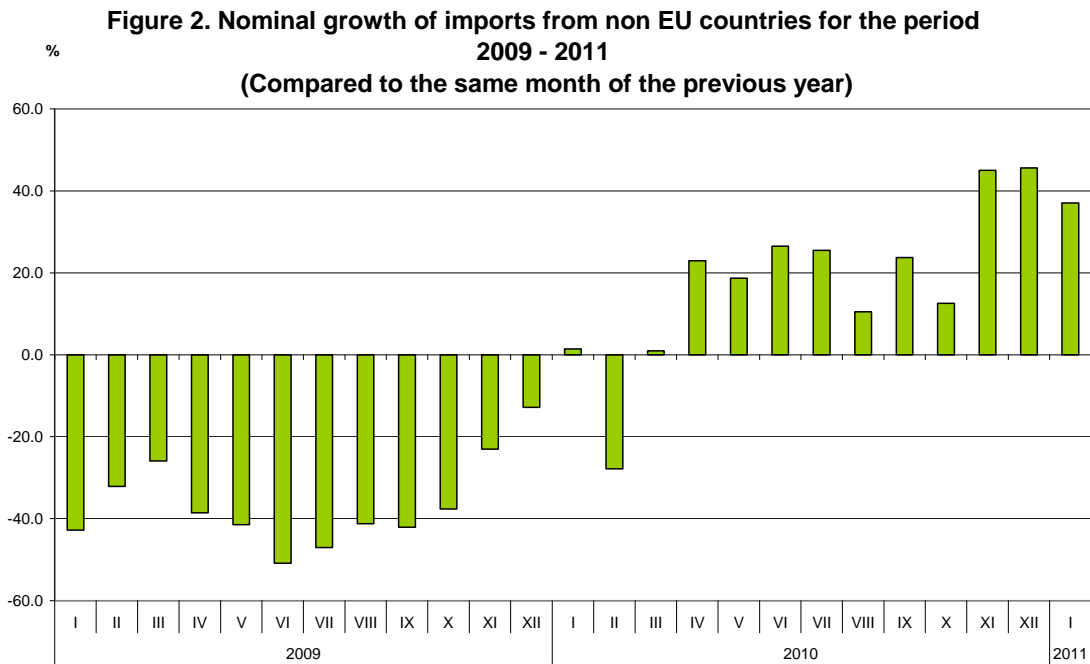


In January 2011 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 37.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.4 billion leva (at CIF prices) (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant



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growths were reported on the imports from Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates, South Africa and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Peru and Syria.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in January 2011 was negative and amounted to 94.2 million leva (Table 1.1) while at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was positive and reached to 9.1 million leva.

The exports of Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification, increased in the most of the sections in January 2011 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3). The largest growths were recorded in the sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”¹, “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”², “Mineral fuels,

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.



lubricants and related materials”. The most notable fall was in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”³.

The largest growths in **imports** from **third countries** were reported in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” and the most significant falls were in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”⁴.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2011 **the total value of the exported goods was over 3.1 billion levs** and compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the exports **increased by 72.6%** (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

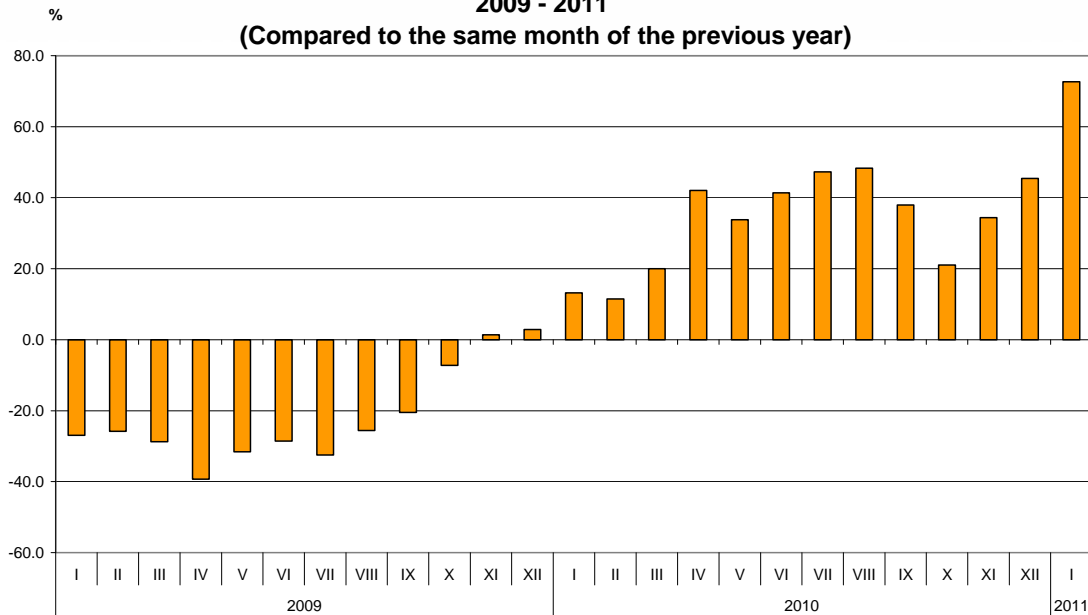
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³ The section includes the following divisions: prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lightning fixtures and fittings, n.e.s. ; furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; 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: 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.

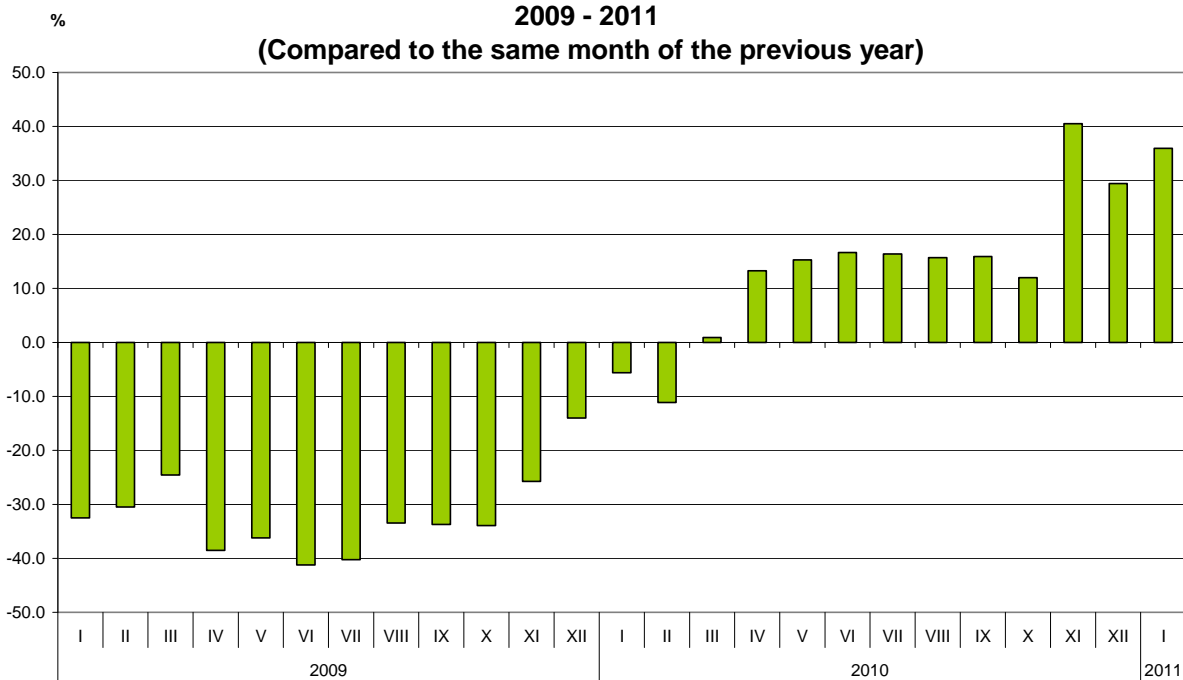


**Figure 3. Nominal growth of exports for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total imported goods in January 2011 were for almost 3.1 billion levs (at CIF prices) or by 35.9% more than corresponding period of in the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

**Figure 4. Nominal growth of imports for the period
2009 - 2011
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**





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In January 2011 the **total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF)** was **positive** and amounted to **29.1 million levs** while at **FOB/FOB** prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also **positive** and reached to **218.4 million levs**.

ANNEX

Table 1.1

Exports, imports and trade balance in January 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
I.2011	3110.9	1845.2	1265.7	3081.8	1721.9	1359.9	2892.5	1635.9	1256.6	29.1	123.3	-94.2	218.4	209.3	9.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14.03.2011.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for January 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	72.6	71.6	74.1	35.9	35.1	37.0	35.6	35.3	36.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14.03.2011.



Table 2

**Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹
in January 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	726.8	1265.7	74.1	992.4	1359.9	37.0	-265.6	-94.2
Albania	8.2	9.4	14.6	1.4	2.7	92.9	6.8	6.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2.4	6.4	166.7	0.2	1.1	450.0	2.2	5.3
Brazil	1.5	0.6	-60.0	7.1	8.4	18.3	-5.6	-7.8
Canada	2.6	4.3	65.4	1.9	2.3	21.1	0.7	2.0
China	17.3	98.7	470.5	62.8	92.3	47.0	-45.5	6.4
Croatia	8.6	20.8	141.9	3.7	3.3	-10.8	4.9	17.5
Egypt	13.1	12.4	-5.3	2.2	12.0	445.5	10.9	0.4
Georgia	12.5	22.4	79.2	13.3	35.0	163.2	-0.8	-12.6
India	3.1	3.6	16.1	4.4	7.8	77.3	-1.3	-4.2
Indonesia	1.7	3.3	94.1	2.1	3.1	47.6	-0.4	0.2
Iran	10.9	2.3	-78.9	0.3	1.4	366.7	10.6	0.9
Israel	4.2	6.3	50.0	7.6	19.3	153.9	-3.4	-13.0
Japan	2.7	2.1	-22.2	6.3	12.5	98.4	-3.6	-10.4
Kazakhstan	0.6	3.4	466.7	0.1	3.1	3000.0	0.5	0.3
Republic of Korea	8.3	3.1	-62.7	6.5	13.9	113.8	1.8	-10.8
Norway	3.5	5.0	42.9	1.3	1.1	-15.4	2.2	3.9
Peru	5.5	0.2	-96.4	48.8	3.8	-92.2	-43.3	-3.6
Russian Federation	35.7	72.7	103.6	437.8	613.3	40.1	-402.1	-540.6
Serbia	66.0	72.6	10.0	21.0	32.7	55.7	45.0	39.9
Singapore	41.1	61.7	50.1	1.0	4.4	340.0	40.1	57.3
South Africa	1.2	36.5	2941.7	0.4	2.3	475.0	0.8	34.2
Switzerland	11.5	20.0	73.9	22.5	29.2	29.8	-11.0	-9.2
Syria	20.5	1.6	-92.2	9.0	4.8	-46.7	11.5	-3.2
Taiwan	2.3	2.8	21.7	7.0	8.9	27.1	-4.7	-6.1
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	31.0	65.4	111.0	31.9	34.8	9.1	-0.9	30.6
Turkey	151.9	342.7	125.6	133.1	133.6	0.4	18.8	209.1
Ukraine	12.4	17.4	40.3	71.8	189.0	163.2	-59.4	-171.6
United Arab Emirates	2.4	3.4	41.7	2.2	13.3	504.5	0.2	-9.9
USA	26.2	36.1	37.8	16.4	18.1	10.4	9.8	18.0
Viet Nam	1.7	1.2	-29.4	3.8	3.0	-21.1	-2.1	-1.8

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 14.03.2011.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 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	726.8	1265.7	74.1	992.4	1359.9	37.0	-265.6	-94.2
Food and live animals	30.9	54.7	77.0	39.7	40.5	2.0	-8.8	14.2
Beverages and tobacco	33.3	44.5	33.6	5.9	11.9	101.7	27.4	32.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	62.0	126.5	104.0	155.0	114.2	-26.3	-93.0	12.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	178.0	395.6	122.2	466.3	716.0	53.5	-288.3	-320.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.8	4.3	138.9	2.3	4.8	108.7	-0.5	-0.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	77.3	122.2	58.1	52.1	84.8	62.8	25.2	37.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	131.4	312.9	138.1	129.7	208.9	61.1	1.7	104.0
Machinery and transport equipment	75.5	113.3	50.1	104.9	131.9	25.7	-29.4	-18.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	133.8	89.3	-33.3	35.7	45.6	27.7	98.1	43.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.8	2.4	-14.3	0.8	1.3	62.5	2.0	1.1

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