

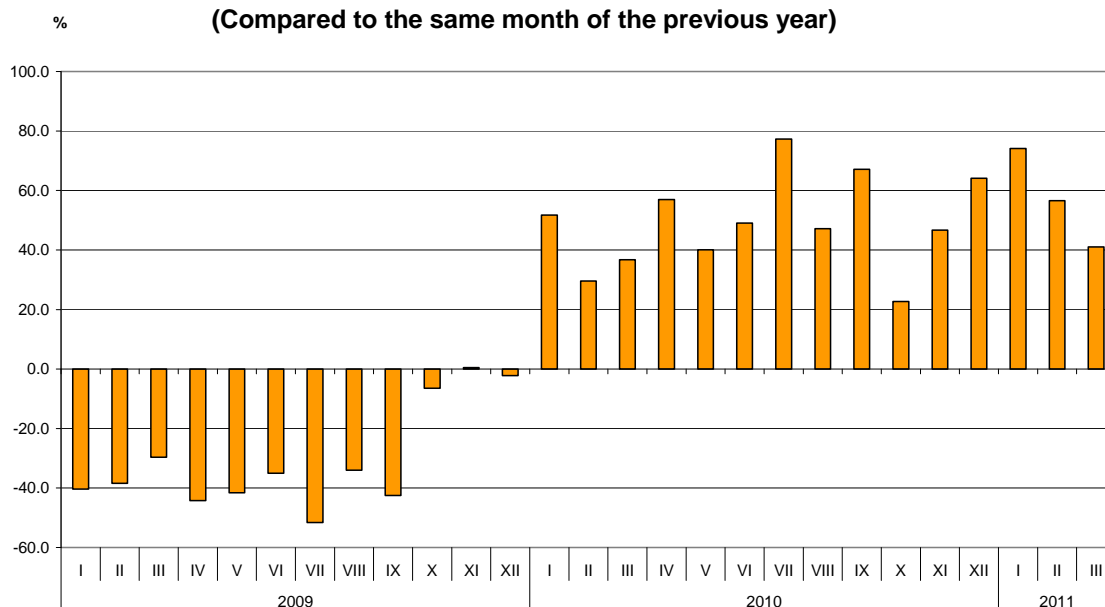


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2011 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - March 2011 the Bulgarian exports to third countries increased by 55.9% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 3.7 billion leva (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Russia, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and China, that formed 49.1% of the total exports to non EU countries (Table 2). The exports to South Africa, India, Croatia and Ukraine increased significantly. Falls were reported on the exports to Peru, Syria, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Indonesia and Japan.

In March 2011 the exports to third countries increased by 41.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 billion leva.

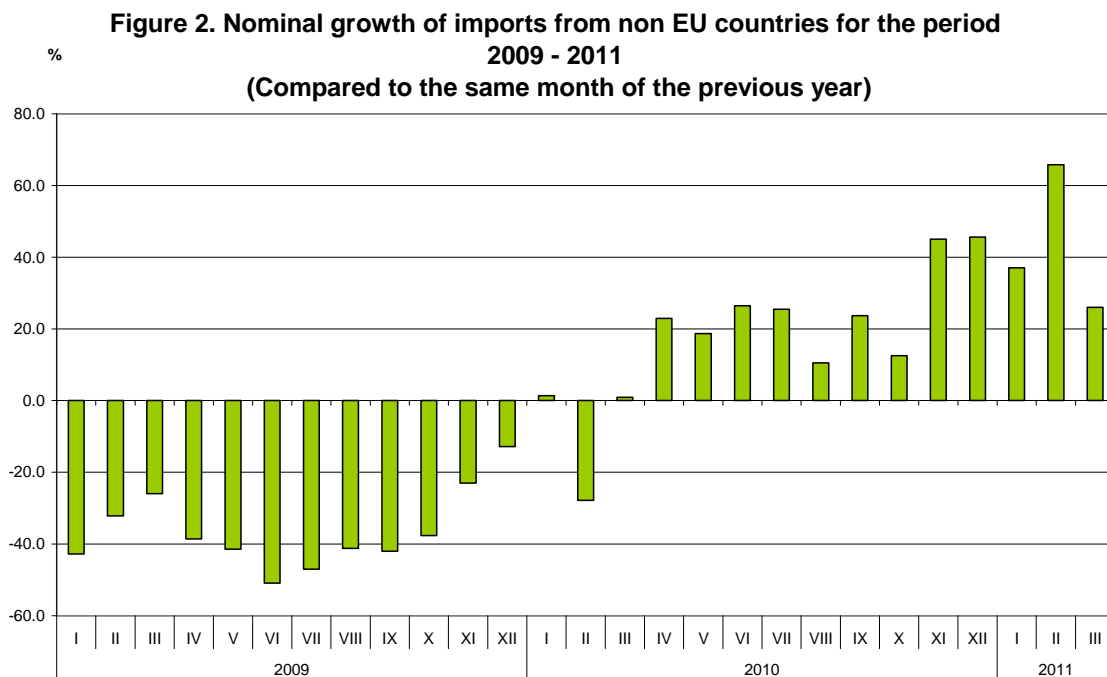
**Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to non EU countries for the period  
2009 - 2011  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**





Bulgarian **imports from third countries** in the first three months of 2011 increased by 40.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and **amounted to 4.1 billion leva (at CIF prices)** (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Brazil, Singapore and Egypt (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Canada and Peru.

**In March 2011 the Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 26.0%** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and **amounted almost to 1.5 billion leva.**



**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - March 2011 was negative and amounted to 463.6 million leva (Table 1.1). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 163.5 million leva.

In March 2011 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 196.6 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 the first three months of 2011 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (Table 3). The largest growths were recorded in the sections: “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials”, “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”<sup>1</sup>, “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”<sup>2</sup>. The most notable fall was observed in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”<sup>3</sup>.

The largest growths in imports from third countries were reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and the most significant falls were reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”.

### **Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total**

In the period **January - March 2011 the total value of the exported goods reached to 9.3 billion levs**. Compared to the corresponding period of 2010 the exports **increased by 55.6%** (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In March 2011 **the total exports amounted to 3.3 billion levs** and increased by 49.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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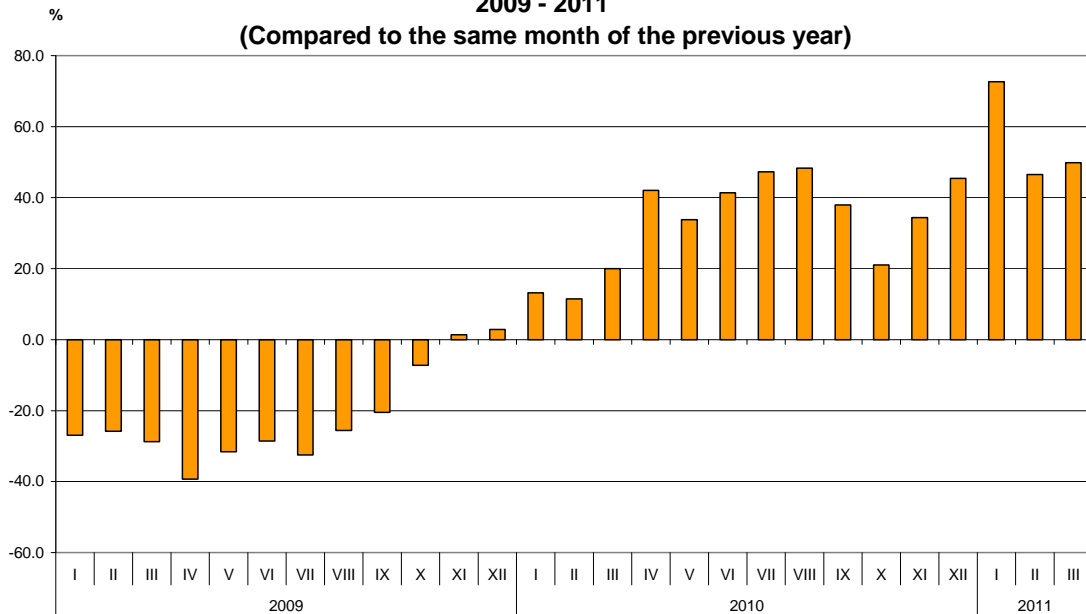
<sup>1</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; manufactures of metals, n.e.s.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.



**Figure 3. Nominal growth of exports for the period  
2009 - 2011  
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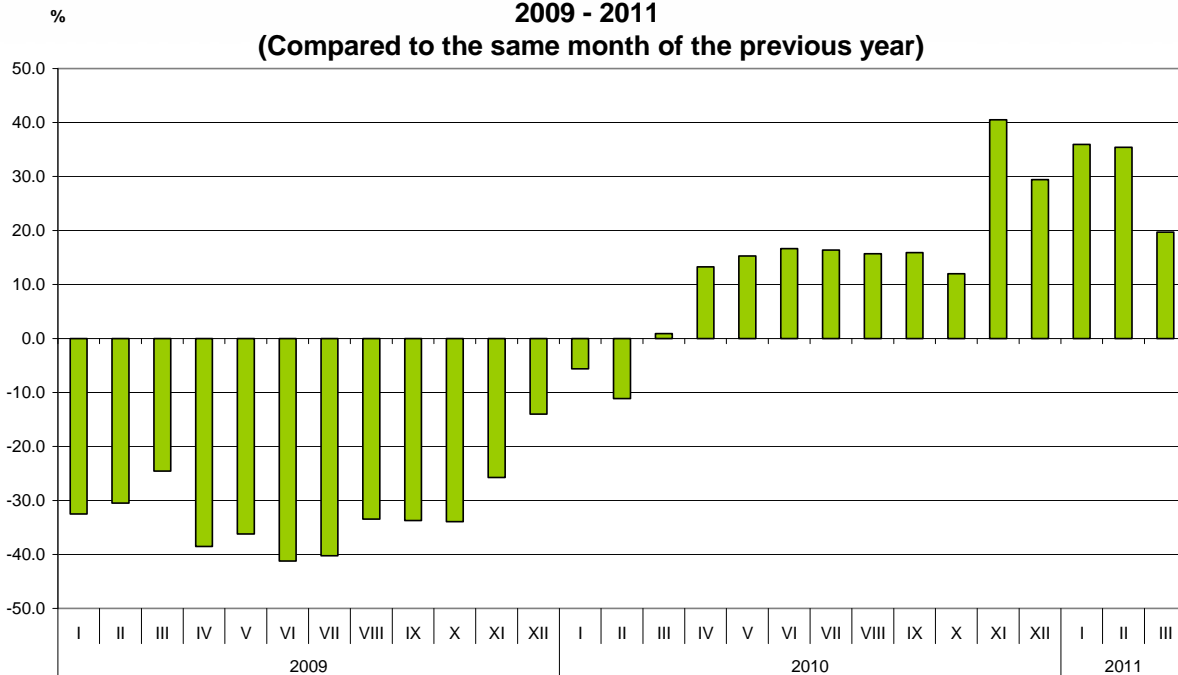


**The total imported goods** in the period January - March 2011 were **for 9.8 billion levs (at CIF prices)**, or **by 29.9% more** than corresponding period of the previous year (Table 1.1 and 1.2).

In March 2011 **the total imports increased by 19.7%** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached to almost 3.6 billion levs.



**Figure 4. Nominal growth of imports for the period  
2009 - 2011  
(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 2011 and amounted to 487.5 million levs which was 1070.8 million levs less than the balance in the first three months of 2010 (Table 1.1 and 1.2). At **FOB/FOB** prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the total foreign trade balance **was positive** and amounted to 92.0 million levs.

In March 2011 the total foreign trade balance (**exports FOB - import CIF**) was negative and amounted to 236.2 million levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and reached to 33.2 million levs.

## ANNEX

**Table 1.1**

**Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - March 2010<sup>1</sup> and 2011<sup>1</sup> by months**

(Million Levs)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
II.2010	1964.3	1264.2	700.1	2302.1	1536.6	765.5	2159.5	1446.8	712.7	-337.8	-272.4	-65.4	-195.2	-182.6	-12.6
III.2010	2213.7	1294.7	919.0	2968.8	1784.2	1184.6	2798.0	1697.9	1100.1	-755.1	-489.5	-265.6	-584.3	-403.2	-181.1
<b>I-III.2010</b>	<b>5980.0</b>	<b>3634.1</b>	<b>2345.9</b>	<b>7538.3</b>	<b>4595.8</b>	<b>2942.5</b>	<b>7090.7</b>	<b>4353.6</b>	<b>2737.1</b>	<b>-1558.3</b>	<b>-961.7</b>	<b>-596.6</b>	<b>-1110.7</b>	<b>-719.5</b>	<b>-391.2</b>
I.2011	3108.4	1842.7	1265.7	3113.0	1753.1	1359.9	2922.3	1665.7	1256.6	-4.6	89.6	-94.2	186.1	177.0	9.1
II.2011	2879.1	1782.8	1096.3	3125.8	1856.7	1269.1	2940.0	1767.8	1172.2	-246.7	-73.9	-172.8	-60.9	15.0	-75.9
III.2011	3317.3	2021.3	1296.0	3553.5	2060.9	1492.6	3350.5	1957.8	1392.7	-236.2	-39.6	-196.6	-33.2	63.5	-96.7
<b>I-III.2011</b>	<b>9304.8</b>	<b>5646.8</b>	<b>3658.0</b>	<b>9792.3</b>	<b>5670.7</b>	<b>4121.6</b>	<b>9212.8</b>	<b>5391.3</b>	<b>3821.5</b>	<b>-487.5</b>	<b>-23.9</b>	<b>-463.6</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>-163.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10.05.2011.

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

**Table 1.2**

**Growth of exports and imports for the period January - March 2011<sup>1</sup> 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	72.5	71.4	74.1	37.3	37.5	37.0	37.0	37.8	36.0
II	46.6	41.0	56.6	35.8	20.8	65.8	36.1	22.2	64.5
<b>III</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>I-III</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>39.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10.05.2011.


**Table 2**
**Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
for the period January - March 2010<sup>2</sup> and 2011<sup>2</sup>**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011	Growth - %	2010	2011
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>2345.9</b>	<b>3658.0</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>2942.5</b>	<b>4121.6</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>-596.6</b>	<b>-463.6</b>
Albania	22.6	24.8	9.7	3.9	8.2	110.3	18.7	16.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14.6	17.5	19.9	3.0	2.0	-33.3	11.6	15.5
Brazil	6.0	9.5	58.3	17.1	48.3	182.5	-11.1	-38.8
Canada	11.3	13.6	20.4	40.1	6.6	-83.5	-28.8	7.0
China	112.9	164.8	46.0	194.5	281.6	44.8	-81.6	-116.8
Croatia	24.6	62.9	155.7	11.8	11.7	-0.8	12.8	51.2
Egypt	66.8	72.5	8.5	9.0	21.9	143.3	57.8	50.6
Georgia	43.9	78.5	78.8	92.4	95.8	3.7	-48.5	-17.3
India	11.3	61.7	446.0	18.3	24.6	34.4	-7.0	37.1
Indonesia	8.7	6.5	-25.3	6.4	7.5	17.2	2.3	-1.0
Iran	28.0	6.8	-75.7	2.2	1.8	-18.2	25.8	5.0
Israel	14.2	23.7	66.9	46.9	46.6	-0.6	-32.7	-22.9
Japan	7.5	6.2	-17.3	38.0	35.8	-5.8	-30.5	-29.6
Kazakhstan	6.4	8.3	29.7	2.3	98.3	4173.9	4.1	-90.0
Republic of Korea	24.0	31.2	30.0	18.8	34.0	80.9	5.2	-2.8
Norway	13.2	18.3	38.6	2.9	3.3	13.8	10.3	15.0
Peru	6.0	1.2	-80.0	84.2	14.0	-83.4	-78.2	-12.8
Russian Federation	155.8	231.6	48.7	1132.4	1792.3	58.3	-976.6	-1560.7
Serbia	220.7	230.0	4.2	78.7	103.7	31.8	142.0	126.3
Singapore	106.7	64.2	-39.8	3.4	9.2	170.6	103.3	55.0
South Africa	3.4	114.5	3267.6	2.5	8.9	256.0	0.9	105.6
Switzerland	39.0	62.2	59.5	74.0	94.3	27.4	-35.0	-32.1
Syria	27.7	5.8	-79.1	21.0	13.7	-34.8	6.7	-7.9
Taiwan	8.2	11.4	39.0	21.3	24.8	16.4	-13.1	-13.4
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	121.2	209.0	72.4	104.6	122.6	17.2	16.6	86.4
Turkey	529.4	961.8	81.7	408.5	474.6	16.2	120.9	487.2
Ukraine	37.7	83.2	120.7	233.2	463.0	98.5	-195.5	-379.8
United Arab Emirates	33.5	12.2	-63.6	7.0	35.7	410.0	26.5	-23.5
USA	70.5	107.8	52.9	57.7	81.0	40.4	12.8	26.8
Viet Nam	3.6	5.1	41.7	29.4	8.6	-70.7	-25.8	-3.5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10.05.2011.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4  
for the period January - March 2010<sup>1</sup> and 2011<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>2345.9</b>	<b>3658.0</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>2942.5</b>	<b>4121.6</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>-596.6</b>	<b>-463.6</b>
Food and live animals	126.4	176.4	39.6	131.5	146.4	11.3	-5.1	30.0
Beverages and tobacco	85.0	111.7	31.4	22.8	35.3	54.8	62.2	76.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	240.8	351.8	46.1	416.1	353.5	-15.0	-175.3	-1.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	443.7	1050.9	136.8	1216.9	2069.9	70.1	-773.2	-1019.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8.0	12.5	56.3	8.6	11.2	30.2	-0.6	1.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	308.8	371.6	20.3	170.7	255.6	49.7	138.1	116.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	582.8	934.2	60.3	467.3	640.2	37.0	115.5	294.0
Machinery and transport equipment	274.1	421.6	53.8	371.5	449.3	20.9	-97.4	-27.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	269.9	223.4	-17.2	134.4	155.2	15.5	135.5	68.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.4	3.9	-39.1	2.7	5.0	85.2	3.7	-1.1

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