

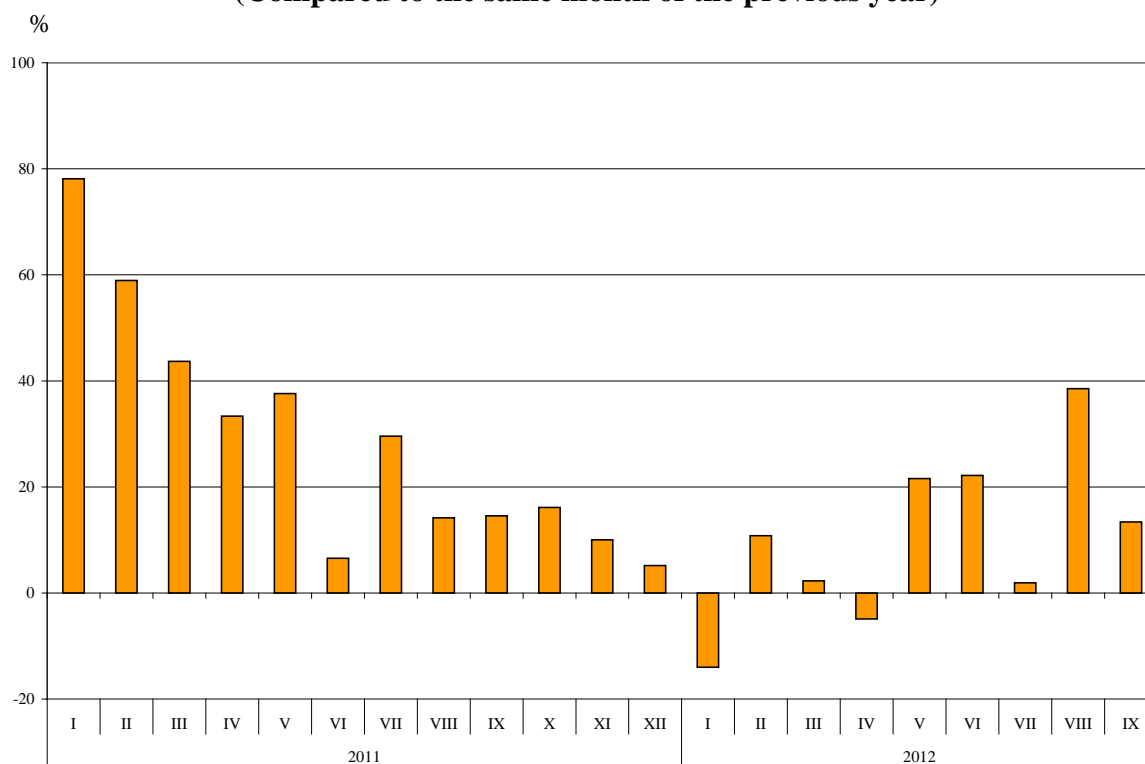


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 9.8% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 12.4 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russia, Serbia, The FYR of Macedonia and USA that formed 51.8% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2012 the exports to third countries increased by 13.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.5 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports to non EU countries
for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



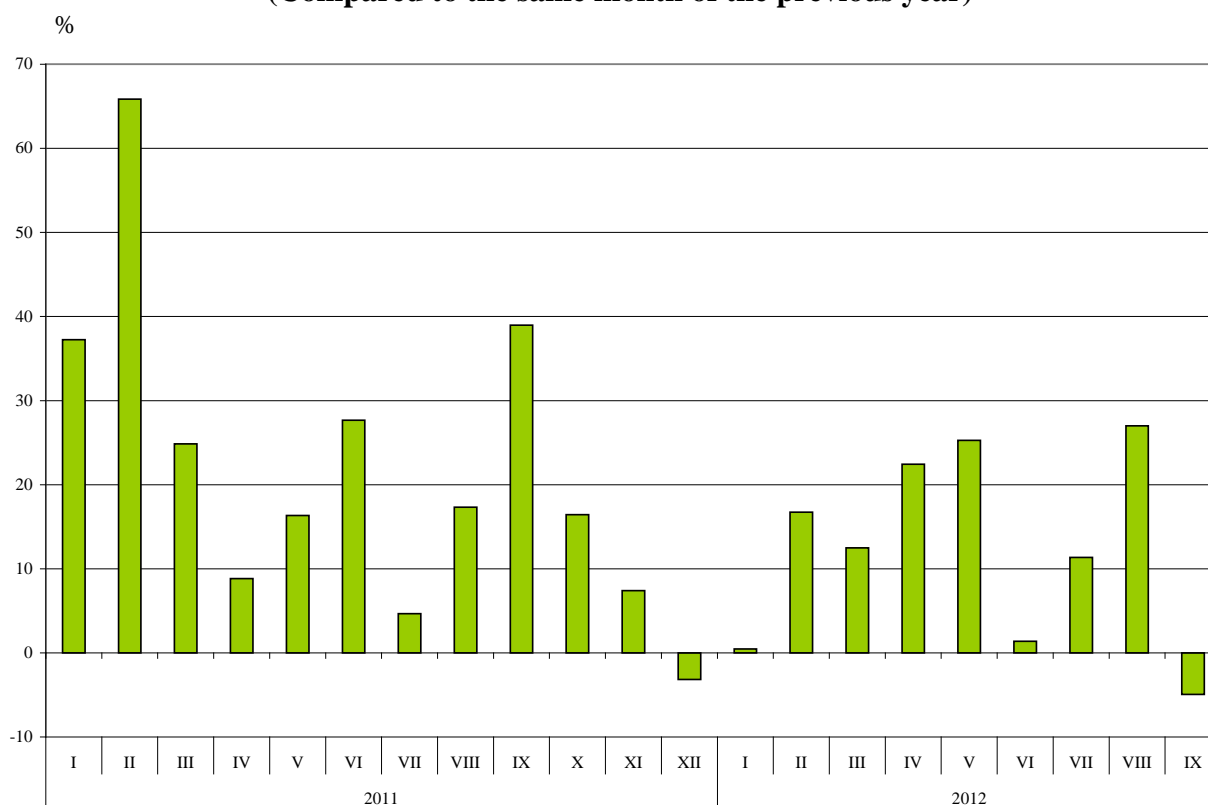
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first nine months of 2012 increased by 12.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 15.4 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russia, Turkey and China (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2012 the Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 4.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports to non EU countries
for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - September 2012 was negative and added up to 3 061.8 Million Levs (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 2 353.5 Million Levs.

In September 2012 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 223.0 Million Levs.

In the first nine months of 2012 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the **exports** of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections “Beverages and tobacco” (30.5%) and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)²” (22.9%) .

In **imports from third countries** the largest growths were reported in sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”³ (42.6%). The largest decrease was observed in section “Food and live animals” (26.1%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: hides, skins and furskins, raw; oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed); cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric); crude fertilizers, other than those of division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones); metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

³ 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.

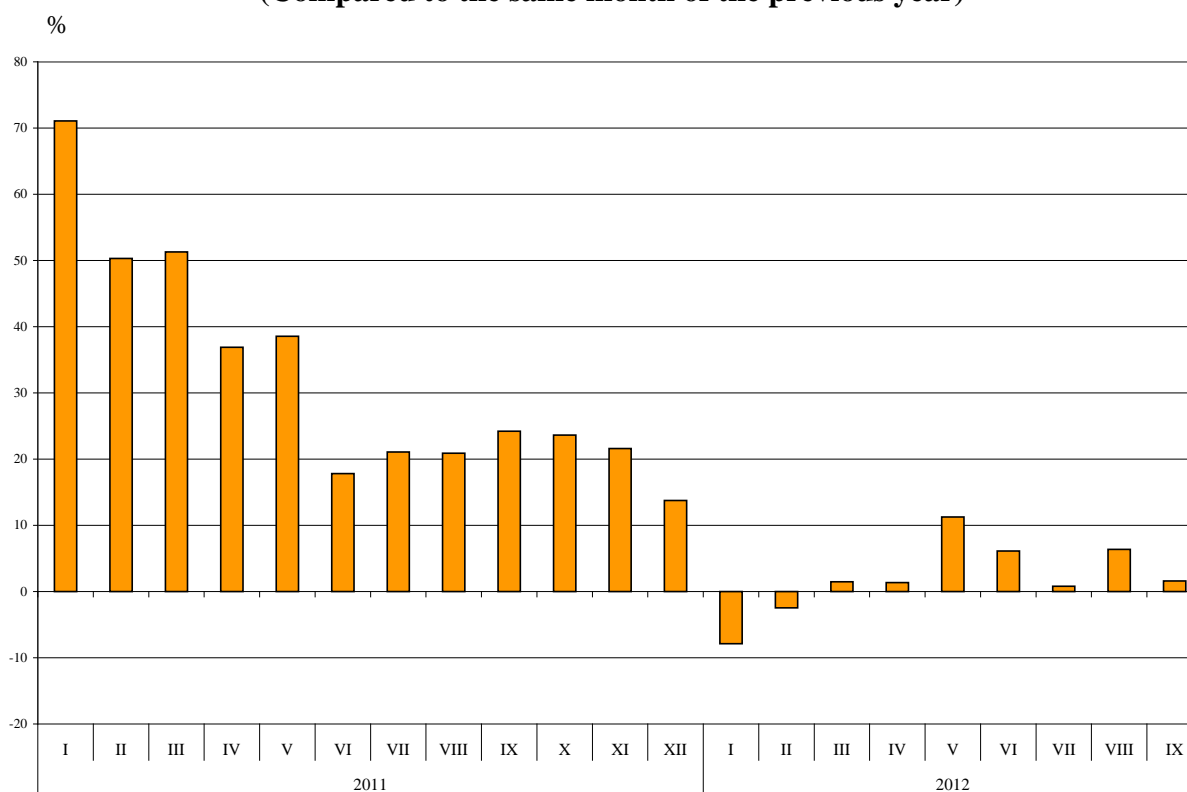


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the first nine months of 2012 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 30.2 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of 2011 the exports increased by 2.2% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2012 the total exports added up to 3.5 Billion Levs and grew by 1.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



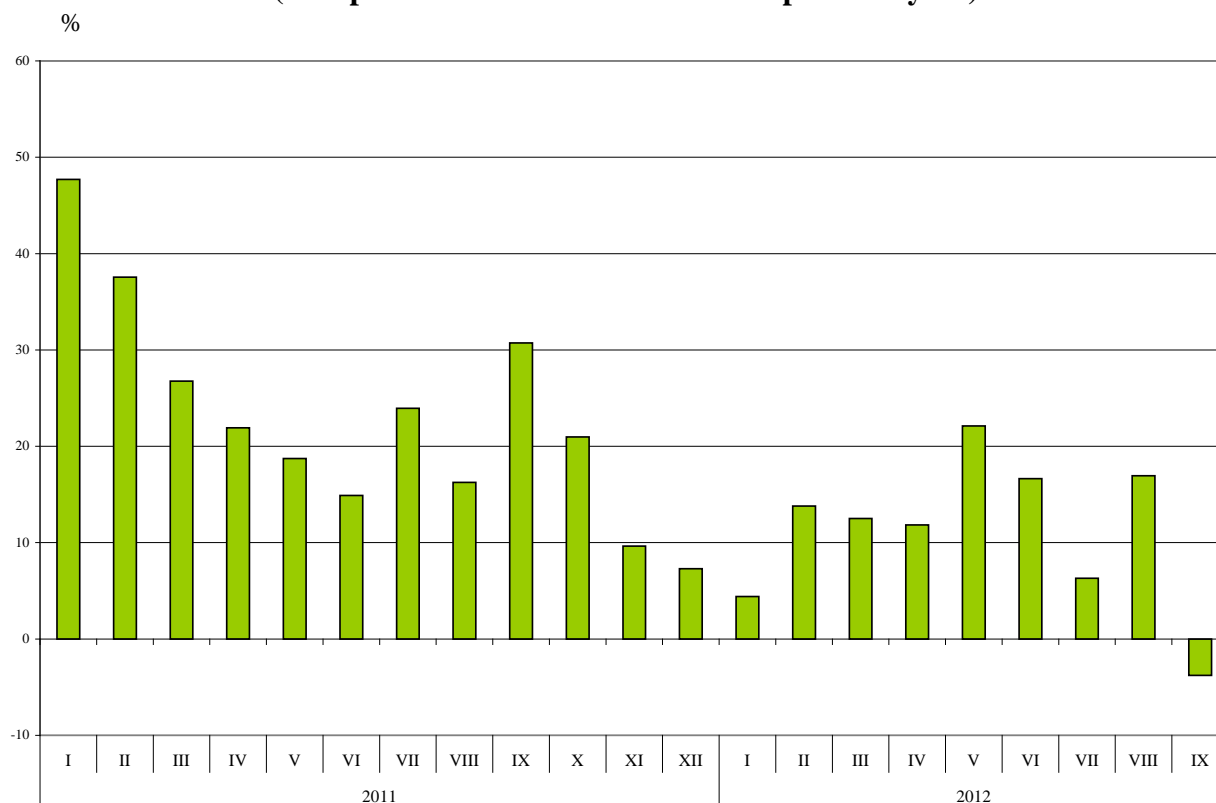
The total value of **all the goods imported in** the country in the period **January - September 2012** amounted to 37.1 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 11.0% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2012 the total imports decreased by 3.8% compared to September 2011 and added up to 4.0 Billion Levs.

³ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January – September 2012 and amounted to 6 900.3 Million Levs which was 3 017.1 Million Levs more than the balance in the first nine months of 2011 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January – September 2012 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 5 313.8 Million Levs.

In September 2012 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 473.3 Million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 273.4 Million Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - September 2011 and 2012¹ by months

(Million Levs)

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.2011	3054.5	1789.0	1265.5	3353.1	1987.0	1366.1	3211.1	1907.9	1303.2	-298.6	-198.0	-100.6	-156.6	-118.9	-37.7
II.2011	2935.1	1840.9	1094.2	3168.3	1898.6	1269.7	3041.6	1827.9	1213.7	-233.2	-57.7	-175.5	-106.5	13.0	-119.5
III.2011	3320.2	2027.1	1293.1	3772.8	2284.2	1488.6	3613.6	2193.5	1420.1	-452.6	-257.1	-195.5	-293.4	-166.4	-127.0
I - III.2011	9309.8	5657.0	3652.8	10294.2	6169.8	4124.4	9866.3	5929.3	3937.0	-984.4	-512.8	-471.6	-556.5	-272.3	-284.2
IV.2011	3144.3	1850.8	1293.5	3815.2	2226.2	1589.0	3652.4	2137.7	1514.7	-670.9	-375.4	-295.5	-508.1	-286.9	-221.2
V.2011	3283.6	2041.0	1242.6	3817.6	2238.1	1579.5	3659.2	2153.0	1506.2	-534.0	-197.1	-336.9	-375.6	-112.0	-263.6
VI.2011	3256.6	2067.1	1189.5	3749.3	2035.1	1714.2	3591.2	1958.4	1632.8	-492.7	32.0	-524.7	-334.6	108.7	-443.3
IV - VI.2011	9684.5	5958.9	3725.6	11382.1	6499.4	4882.7	10902.8	6249.1	4653.7	-1697.6	-540.5	-1157.1	-1218.3	-290.2	-928.1
I - VI.2011	18994.3	11615.9	7378.4	21676.3	12669.2	9007.1	20769.1	12178.4	8590.7	-2682.0	-1053.3	-1628.7	-1774.8	-562.5	-1212.3
VII.2011	3618.8	2235.9	1382.9	4067.4	2551.8	1515.6	3893.6	2449.2	1444.4	-448.6	-315.9	-132.7	-274.8	-123.3	-61.5
VIII.2011	3435.1	2216.1	1219.0	3500.4	2023.3	1477.1	3357.6	1945.3	1412.3	-65.3	192.8	-258.1	77.5	270.8	-193.3
IX.2011	3485.3	2199.8	1285.5	4172.6	2404.3	1768.3	3988.7	2307.3	1681.4	-687.3	-204.5	-482.8	-503.4	-107.5	-395.9
VII - IX.2011	10539.2	6651.8	3887.4	11740.4	6979.4	4761.0	11239.9	6701.8	4538.1	-1201.2	-327.6	-873.6	-700.7	-50.0	-650.7
I - IX.2011	29533.5	18267.7	11265.8	33416.7	19648.6	13768.1	32009.0	18880.2	13128.8	-3883.2	-1380.9	-2502.3	-2475.5	-612.5	-1863.0
I.2012	2813.5	1725.2	1088.3	3500.8	2128.5	1372.3	3355.9	2042.7	1313.2	-687.3	-403.3	-284.0	-542.4	-317.5	-224.9
II.2012	2863.2	1650.6	1212.6	3605.8	2123.7	1482.1	3457.0	2042.0	1415.0	-742.6	-473.1	-269.5	-593.8	-391.4	-202.4
III.2012	3369.4	2046.9	1322.5	4244.7	2570.4	1674.3	4070.5	2469.7	1600.8	-875.3	-523.5	-351.8	-701.1	-422.8	-278.3
I - III.2012	9046.1	5422.7	3623.4	11351.3	6822.6	4528.7	10883.4	6554.4	4329.0	-2305.2	-1399.9	-905.3	-1837.3	-1131.7	-705.6
IV.2012	3187.2	1957.1	1230.1	4267.1	2321.8	1945.3	4086.5	2233.3	1853.2	-1079.9	-364.7	-715.2	-899.3	-276.2	-623.1
V.2012	3653.2	2142.5	1510.7	4661.7	2683.1	1978.6	4464.2	2576.4	1887.8	-1008.5	-540.6	-467.9	-811.0	-433.9	-377.1
VI.2012	3456.0	2002.6	1453.4	4373.5	2635.5	1738.0	4188.7	2527.7	1661.0	-917.5	-632.9	-284.6	-732.7	-525.1	-207.6
IV - VI.2012	10296.4	6102.2	4194.2	13302.3	7640.4	5661.9	12739.4	7337.4	5402.0	-3005.9	-1538.2	-1467.7	-2443.0	-1235.2	-1207.8
I - VI.2012	19342.5	11524.9	7817.6	24653.6	14463.0	10190.6	23622.8	13891.8	9731.0	-5311.1	-2938.1	-2373.0	-4280.3	-2366.9	-1913.4
VII.2012	3647.5	2238.1	1409.4	4323.8	2636.1	1687.7	4143.7	2530.3	1613.4	-676.3	-398.0	-278.3	-496.2	-292.2	-204.0
VIII.2012	3653.7	1965.1	1688.6	4093.3	2217.2	1876.1	3917.6	2132.6	1785.0	-439.6	-252.1	-187.5	-263.9	-167.5	-96.4
IX.2012	3541.6	2083.7	1457.9	4014.9	2334.0	1680.9	3815.0	2217.4	1597.6	-473.3	-250.3	-223.0	-273.4	-133.7	-139.7
VII - IX.2012	10842.8	6286.9	4555.9	12432.0	7187.3	5244.7	11876.3	6880.3	4996.0	-1589.2	-900.4	-688.8	-1033.5	-593.4	-440.1
I - IX.2012	30185.3	17811.8	12373.5	37085.6	21650.3	15435.3	35499.1	20772.1	14727.0	-6900.3	-3838.5	-3061.8	-5313.8	-2960.3	-2353.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9.11.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports for the period January - September 2012¹ 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	-7.9	-3.6	-14.0	4.4	7.1	0.5	4.5	7.1	0.8
II	-2.4	-10.3	10.8	13.8	11.9	16.7	13.7	11.7	16.6
III	1.5	1.0	2.3	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.7
I-III	-2.8	-4.1	-0.8	10.3	10.6	9.8	10.3	10.5	10.0
IV	1.4	5.7	-4.9	11.8	4.3	22.4	11.9	4.5	22.3
V	11.3	5.0	21.6	22.1	19.9	25.3	22.0	19.7	25.3
VI	6.1	-3.1	22.2	16.6	29.5	1.4	16.6	29.1	1.7
IV - VI	6.3	2.4	12.6	16.9	17.6	16.0	16.8	17.4	16.1
I - VI	1.8	-0.8	6.0	13.7	14.2	13.1	13.7	14.1	13.3
VII	0.8	0.1	1.9	6.3	3.3	11.4	6.4	3.3	11.7
VIII	6.4	-11.3	38.5	16.9	9.6	27.0	16.7	9.6	26.4
IX	1.6	-5.3	13.4	-3.8	-2.9	-4.9	-4.4	-3.9	-5.0
VII - IX	2.9	-5.5	17.2	5.9	3.0	10.2	5.7	2.7	10.1
I - IX	2.2	-2.5	9.8	11.0	10.2	12.1	10.9	10.0	12.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9.11.2012.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - September 2011 and 2012²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	11265.8	12373.5	9.8	13768.1	15435.3	12.1	-2502.3	-3061.8
of which:								
Albania	70.4	72.7	3.3	25.6	27.4	7.0	44.8	45.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.4	52.4	-11.8	9.3	25.3	172.0	50.1	27.1
Brazil	48.2	63.6	32.0	128.6	201.7	56.8	-80.4	-138.1
Canada	98.9	166.6	68.5	54.4	62.6	15.1	44.5	104.0
China	408.9	913.4	123.4	919.3	1176.1	27.9	-510.4	-262.7
Croatia	145.1	109.7	-24.4	44.8	41.6	-7.1	100.3	68.1
Egypt	249.2	176.0	-29.4	125.2	72.3	-42.3	124.0	103.7
FYR of Macedonia	677.1	588.0	-13.2	372.5	369.6	-0.8	304.6	218.4
Georgia	318.7	371.9	16.7	267.5	236.1	-11.7	51.2	135.8
India	112.2	51.2	-54.4	90.8	109.4	20.5	21.4	-58.2
Indonesia	18.2	22.4	23.1	29.5	36.3	23.1	-11.3	-13.9
Iran	87.2	30.0	-65.6	4.3	7.3	69.8	82.9	22.7
Israel	64.4	141.0	118.9	258.9	89.0	-65.6	-194.5	52.0
Japan	34.2	36.3	6.1	99.1	96.0	-3.1	-64.9	-59.7
Kazakhstan	29.3	47.3	61.4	112.5	55.1	-51.0	-83.2	-7.8
Korea, Rep. of	143.9	187.0	30.0	158.7	142.8	-10.0	-14.8	44.2
Norway	43.6	47.6	9.2	15.5	10.9	-29.7	28.1	36.7
Peru	3.6	3.7	2.8	103.2	157.5	52.6	-99.6	-153.8
Russian Fed.	777.5	817.7	5.2	5992.1	7693.6	28.4	-5214.6	-6875.9
Serbia	734.1	683.9	-6.8	361.4	361.0	-0.1	372.7	322.9
Singapore	70.5	87.9	24.7	20.9	21.6	3.3	49.6	66.3
South Africa	124.2	88.9	-28.4	29.2	52.5	79.8	95.0	36.4
Switzerland	181.4	226.9	25.1	265.2	292.1	10.1	-83.8	-65.2
Syria	23.4	33.8	44.4	56.1	61.0	8.7	-32.7	-27.2
Taiwan	34.6	37.3	7.8	83.5	99.2	18.8	-48.9	-61.9
Turkey	2647.4	2873.1	8.5	1628.1	1706.1	4.8	1019.3	1167.0
Ukraine	417.2	361.8	-13.3	1368.1	964.9	-29.5	-950.9	-603.1
United Arab Emirates	47.7	182.5	282.6	62.3	94.6	51.8	-14.6	87.9
USA	395.3	538.8	36.3	281.1	258.4	-8.1	114.2	280.4
Viet-Nam	16.4	17.4	6.1	25.3	44.5	75.9	-8.9	-27.1

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 9.11.2012.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - September 2011 and 2012¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	11265.8	12373.5	9.8	13768.1	15435.3	12.1	-2502.3	-3061.8
Food and live animals	605.2	700.0	15.7	460.1	340.1	-26.1	145.1	359.9
Beverages and tobacco	317.7	414.5	30.5	102.6	123.6	20.5	215.1	290.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1189.9	1461.9	22.9	1224.5	1338.5	9.3	-34.6	123.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3232.2	3635.3	12.5	6875.1	7843.5	14.1	-3642.9	-4208.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	48.9	55.0	12.5	33.3	47.5	42.6	15.6	7.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1273.7	1345.9	5.7	856.1	991.5	15.8	417.6	354.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2580.0	2672.5	3.6	2146.1	2117.3	-1.3	433.9	555.2
Machinery and transport equipment	1313.6	1351.5	2.9	1550.9	2078.1	34.0	-237.3	-726.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	684.0	689.8	0.8	496.8	543.9	9.5	187.2	145.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.6	47.1	128.6	22.6	11.3	-50.0	-2.0	35.8

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