

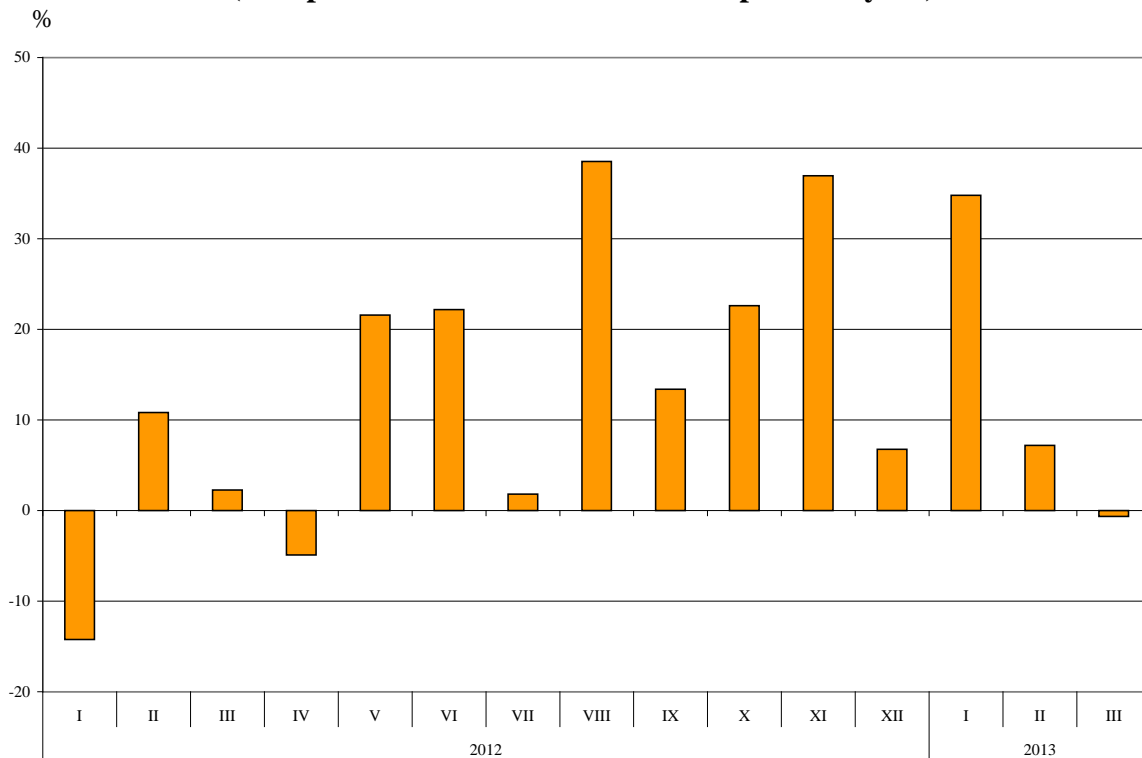


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 12.6% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and amounted to 4.1 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Gibraltar, Russian Federation, China, United States and Serbia which accounted for 52.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2013** the exports to third countries decreased by 0.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries  
for the period 2012 – 2013  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



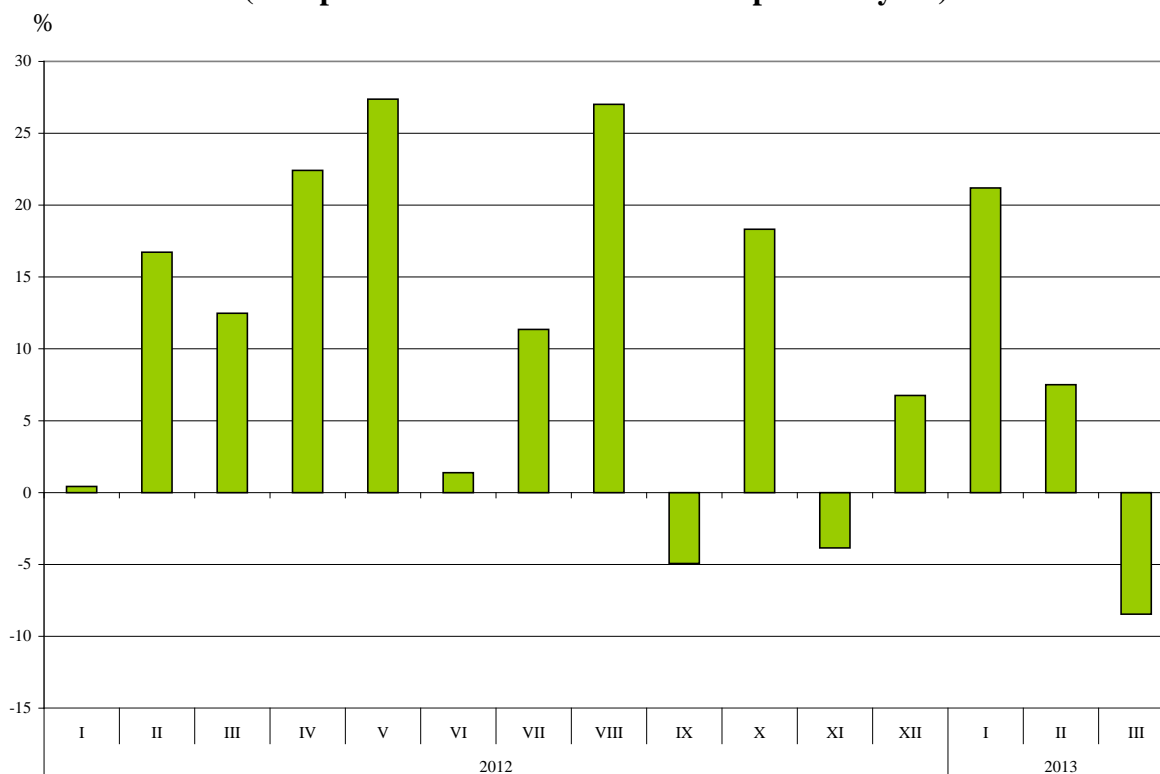
**Bulgarian imports from third countries** in the **first three months of 2013** grew by 5.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and added up to 4.8 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China, Ukraine and Georgia (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2013** the Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 8.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.5 Billion Levs.

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



**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries for the period 2012 – 2013 (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 - March 2013** was negative and added up to 712.0 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 490.0 Million Levs.

In **March 2013** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 218.8 Million Levs.

In the first three months of 2013 compared to the corresponding period of 2012 largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were recorded in the sections “Food and live animals” (69.3%) and “Machinery and transport equipment” (35.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (24.3%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Beverages and tobacco” (44.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Machinery and transport equipment” (26.0%).

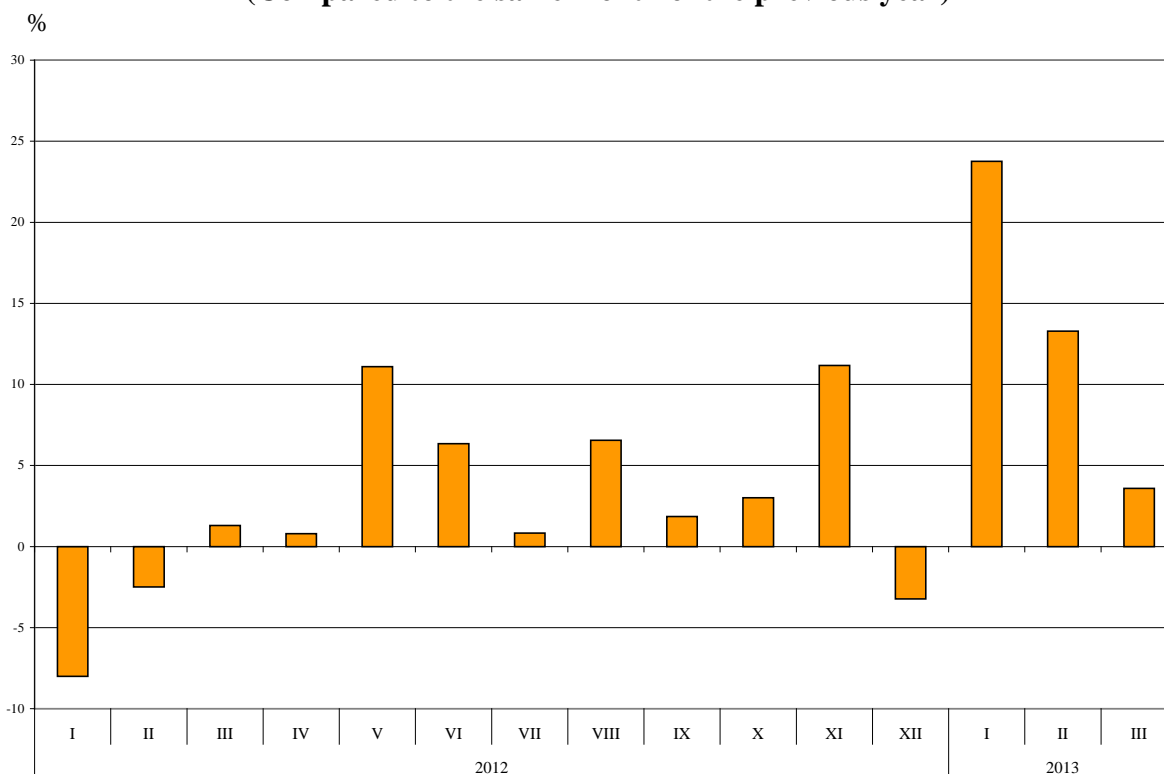
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## Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period **January - March 2013** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 10.2 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 12.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **March 2013** the total exports added up to 3.5 Billion Levs and grew by 3.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2012 – 2013  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



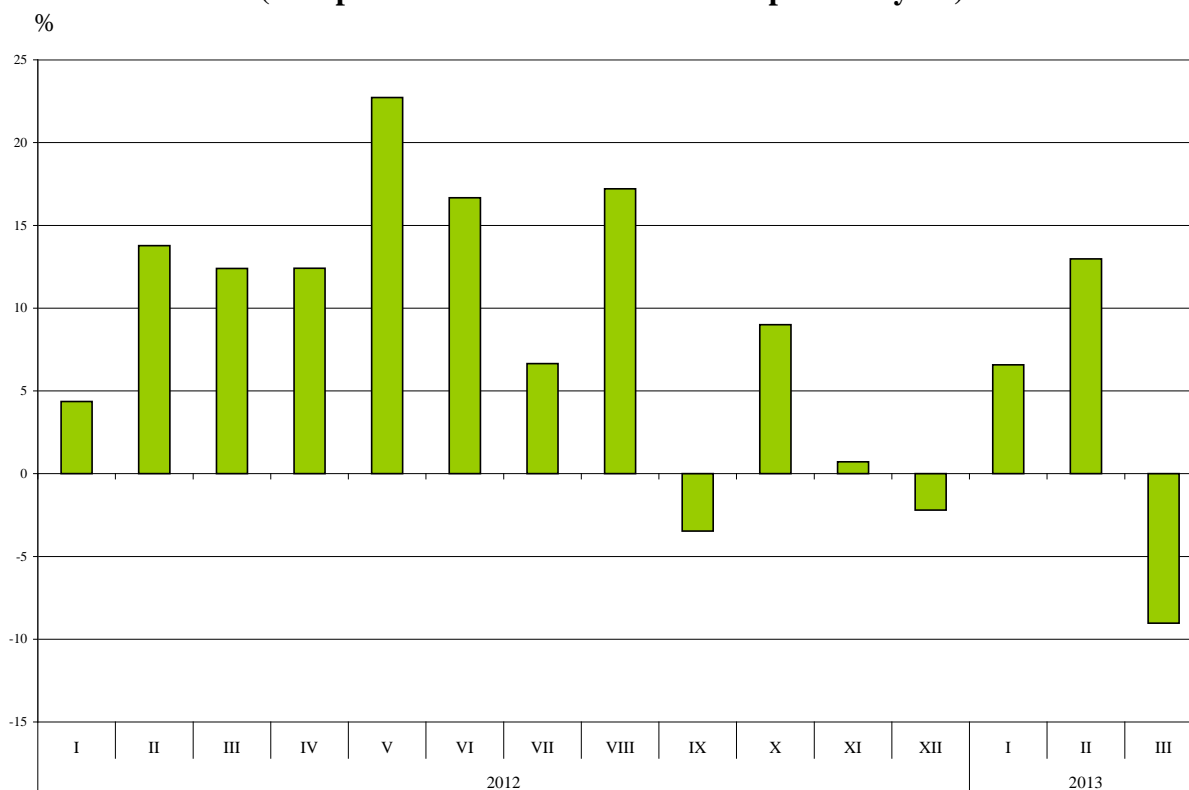
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - March 2013** amounted to 11.7 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 2.8% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **March 2013** the total imports decreased by 9.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 3.9 Billion Levs.

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



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria for the period 2012 -- 2013  
(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 2013** and amounted to 1 455.3 Million Levs which was 853.8 Million Levs less than the balance in the first three months of 2012 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - March 2013 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 934.8 Million Levs.

In **March 2013** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 373.2 Million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 189.9 Million Levs.

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

## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - March 2012<sup>1</sup> and 2013<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million Levs)

Months/Periods	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.2012	2810.1	1724.6	1085.5	3499.3	2127.3	1372.0	3354.5	2041.5	1313.0	-689.2	-402.7	-286.5	-544.4	-316.9	-227.5
II.2012	2861.9	1649.4	1212.5	3604.8	2122.8	1482.0	3456.0	2041.1	1414.9	-742.9	-473.4	-269.5	-594.1	-391.7	-202.4
III.2012	3363.5	2041.0	1322.5	4240.5	2566.2	1674.3	4066.6	2465.8	1600.8	-877.0	-525.2	-351.8	-703.1	-424.8	-278.3
<b>I - III.2012</b>	<b>9035.5</b>	<b>5415.0</b>	<b>3620.5</b>	<b>11344.6</b>	<b>6816.3</b>	<b>4528.3</b>	<b>10877.1</b>	<b>6548.4</b>	<b>4328.7</b>	<b>-2309.1</b>	<b>-1401.3</b>	<b>-907.8</b>	<b>-1841.6</b>	<b>-1133.4</b>	<b>-708.2</b>
I.2013	3477.8	2014.5	1463.3	3729.4	2066.5	1662.9	3567.8	1985.5	1582.3	-251.6	-52.0	-199.6	-90.0	29.0	-119.0
II.2013	3242.1	1942.5	1299.6	4072.6	2479.4	1593.2	3897.0	2378.1	1518.9	-830.5	-536.9	-293.6	-654.9	-435.6	-219.3
III.2013	3484.1	2170.2	1313.9	3857.3	2324.6	1532.7	3674.0	2208.4	1465.6	-373.2	-154.4	-218.8	-189.9	-38.2	-151.7
<b>I-III.2013</b>	<b>10204.0</b>	<b>6127.2</b>	<b>4076.8</b>	<b>11659.3</b>	<b>6870.5</b>	<b>4788.8</b>	<b>11138.8</b>	<b>6572.0</b>	<b>4566.8</b>	<b>-1455.3</b>	<b>-743.3</b>	<b>-712.0</b>	<b>-934.8</b>	<b>-444.8</b>	<b>-490.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10.05.2013.

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

Table 2

### Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - March 2013<sup>1</sup> 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	23.8	16.8	34.8	6.6	-2.9	21.2	6.4	-2.7	20.5
II	13.3	17.8	7.2	13.0	16.8	7.5	12.8	16.5	7.4
III	3.6	6.3	-0.7	-9.0	-9.4	-8.5	-9.7	-10.4	-8.4
<b>I - III</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10.05.2013.



Table 3  
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> for the period January - March 2012<sup>2</sup> and 2013<sup>2</sup>

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>3620.5</b>	<b>4076.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>4528.3</b>	<b>4788.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-907.8</b>	<b>-712.0</b>
of which:								
Albania	23.7	20.0	-15.6	9.0	8.5	-5.6	14.7	11.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14.9	15.9	6.7	6.7	9.9	47.8	8.2	6.0
Brazil	35.2	3.8	-89.2	68.6	12.6	-81.6	-33.4	-8.8
Canada	63.8	58.6	-8.2	7.3	7.9	8.2	56.5	50.7
China	315.8	229.5	-27.3	403.4	356.5	-11.6	-87.6	-127.0
Croatia	31.8	27.6	-13.2	10.4	13.6	30.8	21.4	14.0
Egypt	61.4	85.1	38.6	31.2	26.0	-16.7	30.2	59.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	189.8	163.0	-14.1	112.3	130.7	16.4	77.5	32.3
Georgia	110.0	84.7	-23.0	96.9	207.2	113.8	13.1	-122.5
Gibraltar	285.1	353.3	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	285.1	353.3
India	15.0	12.0	-20.0	32.8	50.8	54.9	-17.8	-38.8
Indonesia	8.2	9.4	14.6	7.7	12.7	64.9	0.5	-3.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	6.1	6.0	-1.6	3.4	0.9	-73.5	2.7	5.1
Israel	20.1	25.3	25.9	27.7	19.9	-28.2	-7.6	5.4
Japan	8.3	11.4	37.3	34.5	27.8	-19.4	-26.2	-16.4
Kazakhstan	9.6	18.6	93.8	15.1	21.7	43.7	-5.5	-3.1
Korea, Republic of	60.3	61.1	1.3	54.2	33.4	-38.4	6.1	27.7
Namibia	107.8	98.6	-8.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	107.8	98.2
Norway	15.9	13.4	-15.7	3.0	5.5	83.3	12.9	7.9
Peru	1.1	1.7	54.5	10.2	5.5	-46.1	-9.1	-3.8
Russian Federation	234.4	247.4	5.5	2232.0	2269.8	1.7	-1997.6	-2022.4
Serbia	205.1	181.8	-11.4	102.2	110.0	7.6	102.9	71.8
Singapore	3.1	3.3	6.5	6.6	8.8	33.3	-3.5	-5.5
South Africa	36.0	103.7	188.1	13.9	13.8	-0.7	22.1	89.9
Switzerland	69.5	77.0	10.8	91.8	107.6	17.2	-22.3	-30.6
Syrian Arab Republic	18.2	14.3	-21.4	18.9	13.4	-29.1	-0.7	0.9
Taiwan	11.4	16.4	43.9	41.3	33.8	-18.2	-29.9	-17.4
Turkey	753.2	942.0	25.1	476.5	564.7	18.5	276.7	377.3
Ukraine	60.7	121.2	99.7	252.8	247.7	-2.0	-192.1	-126.5
United Arab Emirates	148.9	71.3	-52.1	22.1	21.1	-4.5	126.8	50.2
United States	104.2	186.1	78.6	85.8	76.2	-11.2	18.4	109.9
Viet-Nam	4.4	5.3	20.5	14.0	15.5	10.7	-9.6	-10.2

<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 10.05.2013.



**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period  
January - March 2012<sup>1</sup> and 2013<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>3620.5</b>	<b>4076.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>4528.3</b>	<b>4788.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-907.8</b>	<b>-712.0</b>
Food and live animals	207.3	351.0	69.3	130.5	119.8	-8.2	76.8	231.2
Beverages and tobacco	127.2	154.1	21.1	29.6	42.8	44.6	97.6	111.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	475.1	477.0	0.4	408.5	553.5	35.5	66.6	-76.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	902.4	1111.1	23.1	2277.6	2336.8	2.6	-1375.2	-1225.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	22.2	16.8	-24.3	12.0	13.7	14.2	10.2	3.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	427.9	399.6	-6.6	268.5	366.1	36.4	159.4	33.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	832.3	815.4	-2.0	609.2	711.1	16.7	223.1	104.3
Machinery and transport equipment	382.3	517.5	35.4	622.6	460.6	-26.0	-240.3	56.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	233.1	215.8	-7.4	165.5	177.9	7.5	67.6	37.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	10.7	18.5	72.9	4.3	6.5	51.2	6.4	12.0

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