

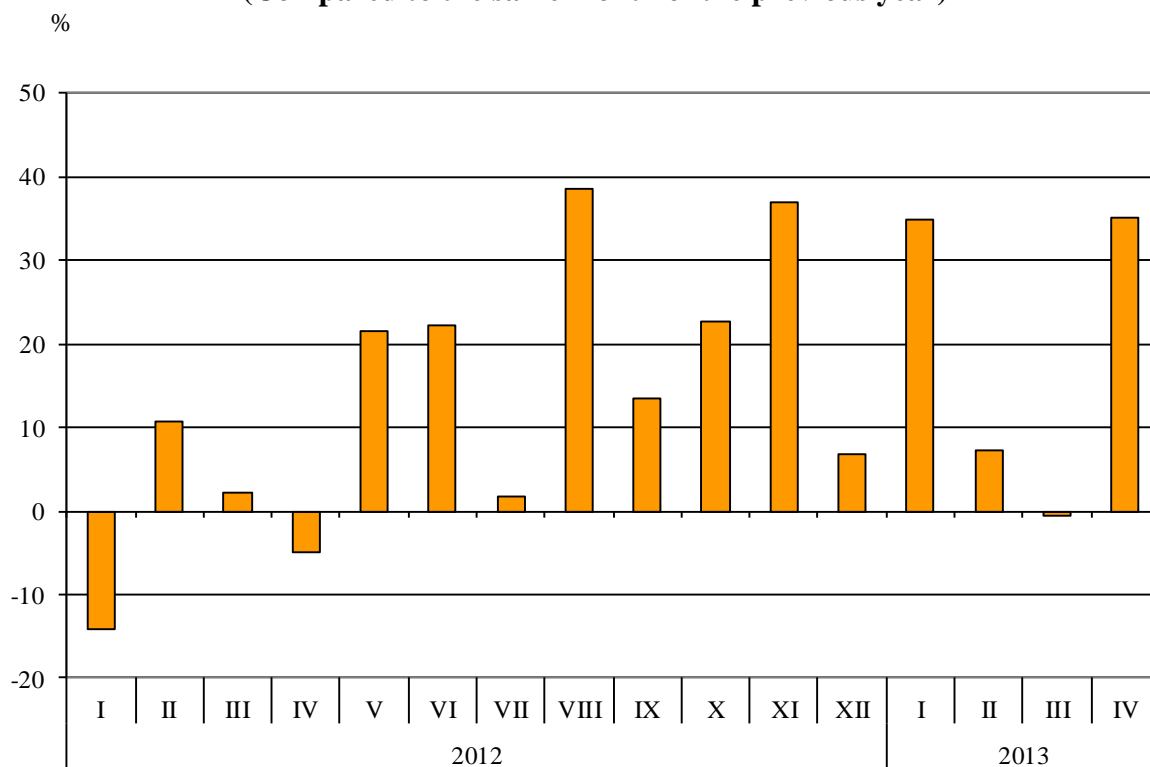


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 18.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and amounted to 5.7 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Gibraltar, Russian Federation, China, Serbia and United States which accounted for 51.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2013 the **exports to third countries** increased by 35.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



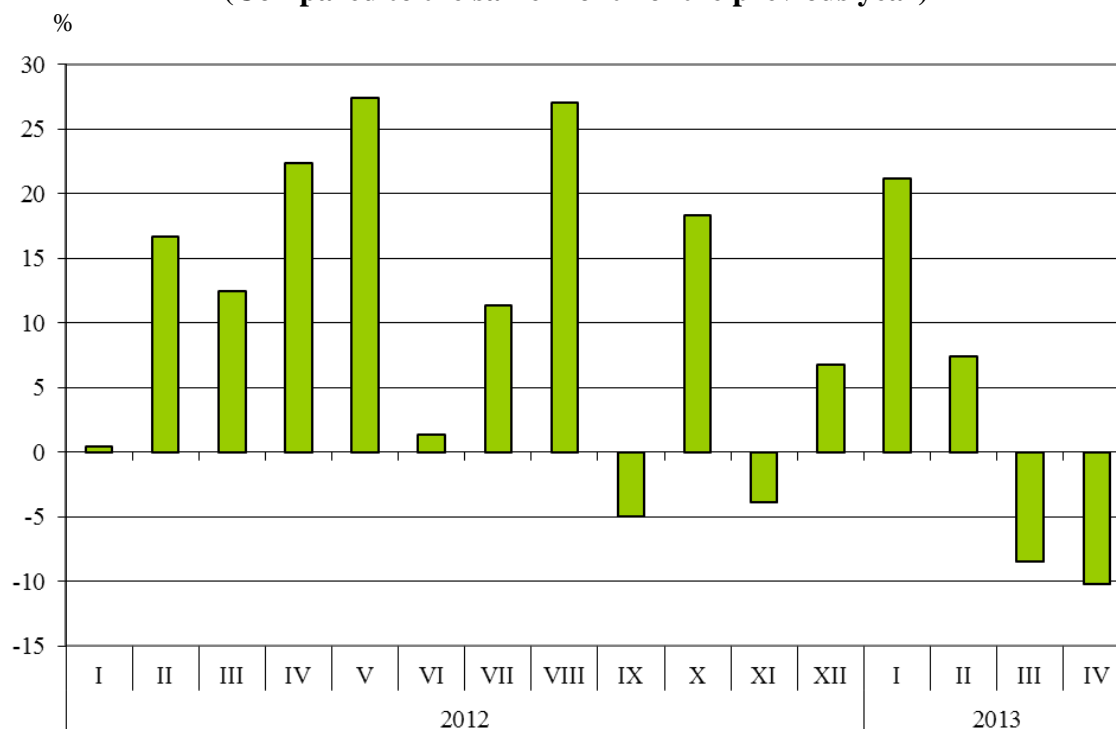
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first four months of 2013 grew by 0.9% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and added up to 6.5 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China, Ukraine and Georgia (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2013 the Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 10.2% 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 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 - April 2013 was negative and added up to 795.9 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 503.6 Million Levs.

In April 2013 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 84.8 Million Levs.

In the first four 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” (103.6%) and “Machinery and transport equipment” (44.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (13.2%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Beverages and tobacco” (53.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Machinery and transport equipment” (12.9%).

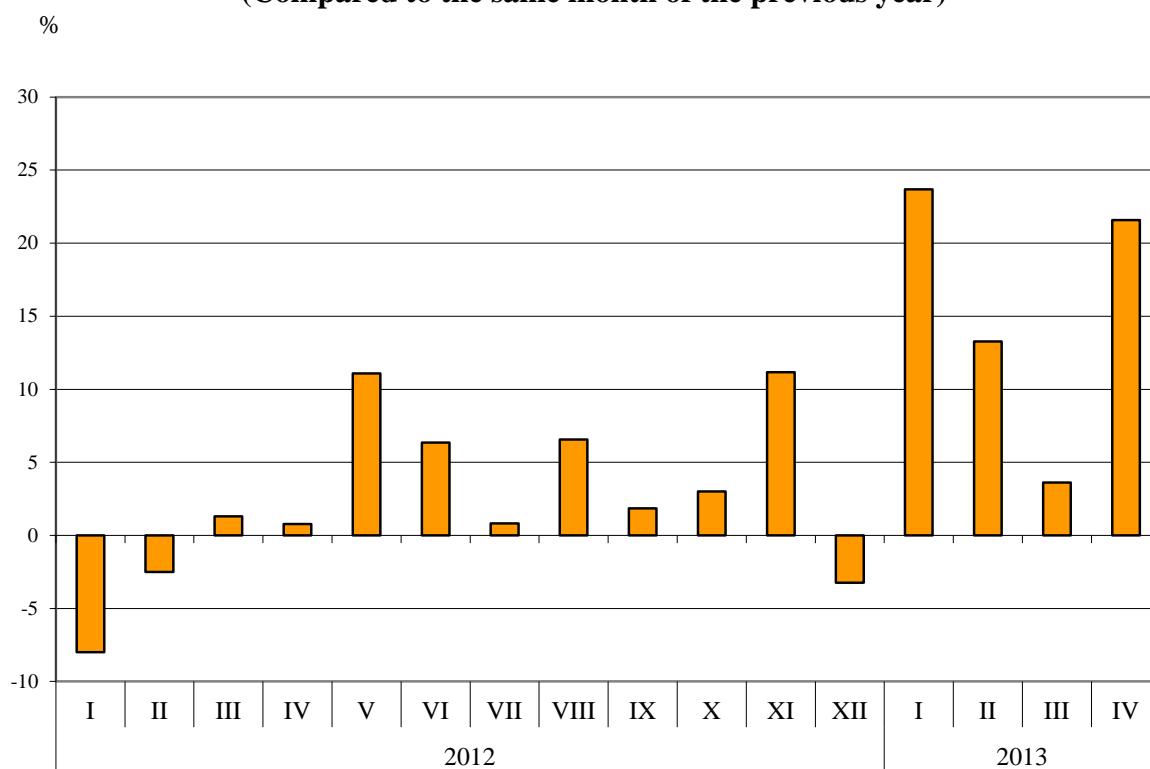
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Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period January - April 2013 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 14.1 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 15.2% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2013 the total exports added up to 3.9 Billion Levs and grew by 21.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



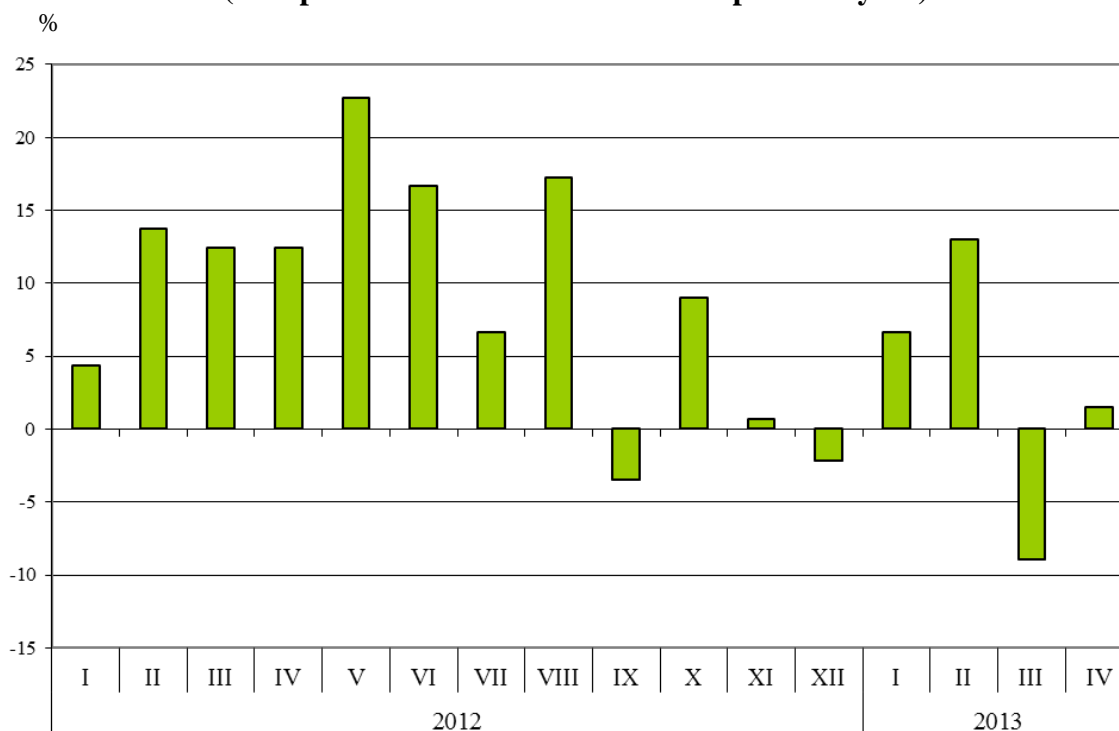
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country **in the period January - April 2013** amounted to 16.0 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 2.5% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2013 the total imports increased by 1.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.4 Billion Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - April 2013 and amounted to 1 965.3 Million Levs which was 1 463.3 Million Levs less than the balance in the first four 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 - April 2013 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 271.0 Million Levs.

In April 2013 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 500.7 Million Levs. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 299.9 Million Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2012¹ and 2013¹ 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.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
I - III.2012	9035.5	5415.0	3620.5	11344.6	6816.3	4528.3	10877.1	6548.4	4328.7	-2309.1	-1401.3	-907.8	-1841.6	-1133.4	-708.2
IV.2012	3169.1	1939.0	1230.1	4288.6	2343.3	1945.3	4106.9	2253.8	1853.1	-1119.5	-404.3	-715.2	-937.8	-314.8	-623.0
I - IV.2012	12204.6	7354.0	4850.6	15633.2	9159.6	6473.6	14984.0	8802.2	6181.8	-3428.6	-1805.6	-1623.0	-2779.4	-1448.2	-1331.2
I.2013	3475.4	2012.1	1463.3	3732.8	2070.3	1662.5	3571.0	1989.1	1581.9	-257.4	-58.2	-199.2	-95.6	23.0	-118.6
II.2013	3241.6	1942.5	1299.1	4073.0	2480.8	1592.2	3897.5	2379.5	1518.0	-831.4	-538.3	-293.1	-655.9	-437.0	-218.9
III.2013	3485.2	2171.3	1313.9	3861.0	2328.3	1532.7	3704.8	2239.2	1465.6	-375.8	-157.0	-218.8	-219.6	-67.9	-151.7
I-III.2013	10202.2	6125.9	4076.3	11666.8	6879.4	4787.4	11173.3	6607.8	4565.5	-1464.6	-753.5	-711.1	-971.1	-481.9	-489.2
IV.2013	3853.0	2191.5	1661.5	4353.7	2607.4	1746.3	4152.9	2477.0	1675.9	-500.7	-415.9	-84.8	-299.9	-285.5	-14.4
I - IV.2013	14055.2	8317.4	5737.8	16020.5	9486.8	6533.7	15326.2	9084.8	6241.4	-1965.3	-1169.4	-795.9	-1271.0	-767.4	-503.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.06.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - April 2013¹ 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	23.7	16.7	34.8	6.7	-2.7	21.2	6.5	-2.6	20.5
II	13.3	17.8	7.1	13.0	16.9	7.4	12.8	16.6	7.3
III	3.6	6.4	-0.7	-8.9	-9.3	-8.5	-8.9	-9.2	-8.4
I - III	12.9	13.1	12.6	2.8	0.9	5.7	2.7	0.9	5.5
IV	21.6	13.0	35.1	1.5	11.3	-10.2	1.1	9.9	-9.6
I - IV	15.2	13.1	18.3	2.5	3.6	0.9	2.3	3.2	1.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.06.2013.



Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - April 2012² and 2013²

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	
Third countries -total	4850.6	5737.8	18.3	6473.6	6533.7	0.9	-1623.0	-795.9
of which:								
Albania	31.7	35.3	11.4	13.1	11.1	-15.3	18.6	24.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.5	22.9	1.8	8.8	17.3	96.6	13.7	5.6
Brazil	56.7	6.3	-88.9	125.1	13.8	-89.0	-68.4	-7.5
Canada	87.1	77.2	-11.4	10.0	11.1	11.0	77.1	66.1
China	381.6	318.8	-16.5	537.4	462.8	-13.9	-155.8	-144.0
Croatia	43.3	33.7	-22.2	15.2	18.8	23.7	28.1	14.9
Egypt	74.6	128.1	71.7	37.8	30.5	-19.3	36.8	97.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	261.1	218.1	-16.5	149.2	185.2	24.1	111.9	32.9
Georgia	148.8	114.8	-22.8	139.1	215.9	55.2	9.7	-101.1
Gibraltar	426.0	478.7	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	426.0	478.7
India	19.6	17.8	-9.2	42.9	76.3	77.9	-23.3	-58.5
Indonesia	11.0	11.2	1.8	10.9	17.2	57.8	0.1	-6.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	10.6	8.5	-19.8	4.3	1.5	-65.1	6.3	7.0
Israel	25.2	35.8	42.1	46.6	34.2	-26.6	-21.4	1.6
Japan	11.2	15.6	39.3	45.4	39.6	-12.8	-34.2	-24.0
Kazakhstan	12.7	23.7	86.6	23.5	32.4	37.9	-10.8	-8.7
Korea, Republic of	87.0	74.3	-14.6	68.5	52.3	-23.6	18.5	22.0
Namibia	142.8	99.5	-30.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	142.8	99.1
Norway	20.1	19.6	-2.5	3.7	10.7	189.2	16.4	8.9
Peru	1.7	8.7	411.8	83.5	5.7	-93.2	-81.8	3.0
Russian Federation	325.0	354.3	9.0	3166.6	2942.9	-7.1	-2841.6	-2588.6
Serbia	286.9	242.0	-15.7	137.7	152.3	10.6	149.2	89.7
Singapore	4.0	5.6	40.0	9.0	10.4	15.6	-5.0	-4.8
South Africa	38.1	182.8	379.8	22.6	17.2	-23.9	15.5	165.6
Switzerland	91.3	104.5	14.5	123.2	145.0	17.7	-31.9	-40.5
Syrian Arab Republic	20.1	29.6	47.3	20.8	18.5	-11.1	-0.7	11.1
Taiwan	15.4	19.8	28.6	49.8	43.8	-12.0	-34.4	-24.0
Turkey	1047.9	1332.9	27.2	660.8	864.2	30.8	387.1	468.7
Ukraine	77.8	224.0	187.9	380.4	330.6	-13.1	-302.6	-106.6
United Arab Emirates	155.2	75.5	-51.4	38.5	31.4	-18.4	116.7	44.1
United States	132.1	230.9	74.8	110.1	109.3	-0.7	22.0	121.6
Viet-Nam	5.9	7.3	23.7	19.3	20.6	6.7	-13.4	-13.3

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 10.06.2013.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period
January - April 2012¹ and 2013¹**

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	
Third countries -total	4850.6	5737.8	18.3	6473.6	6533.7	0.9	-1623.0	-795.9
Food and live animals	262.0	533.5	103.6	160.1	186.2	16.3	101.9	347.3
Beverages and tobacco	169.2	204.3	20.7	39.5	60.5	53.2	129.7	143.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	662.6	635.6	-4.1	602.1	672.1	11.6	60.5	-36.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1240.9	1621.3	30.7	3228.5	3013.9	-6.6	-1987.6	-1392.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	25.8	22.4	-13.2	16.8	17.4	3.6	9.0	5.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	581.0	565.4	-2.7	371.6	500.6	34.7	209.4	64.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1077.1	1082.7	0.5	878.0	1000.6	14.0	199.1	82.1
Machinery and transport equipment	515.7	745.5	44.6	948.3	826.3	-12.9	-432.6	-80.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	300.2	304.1	1.3	222.6	246.4	10.7	77.6	57.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	16.1	23.0	42.9	6.1	9.7	59.0	10.0	13.3

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