

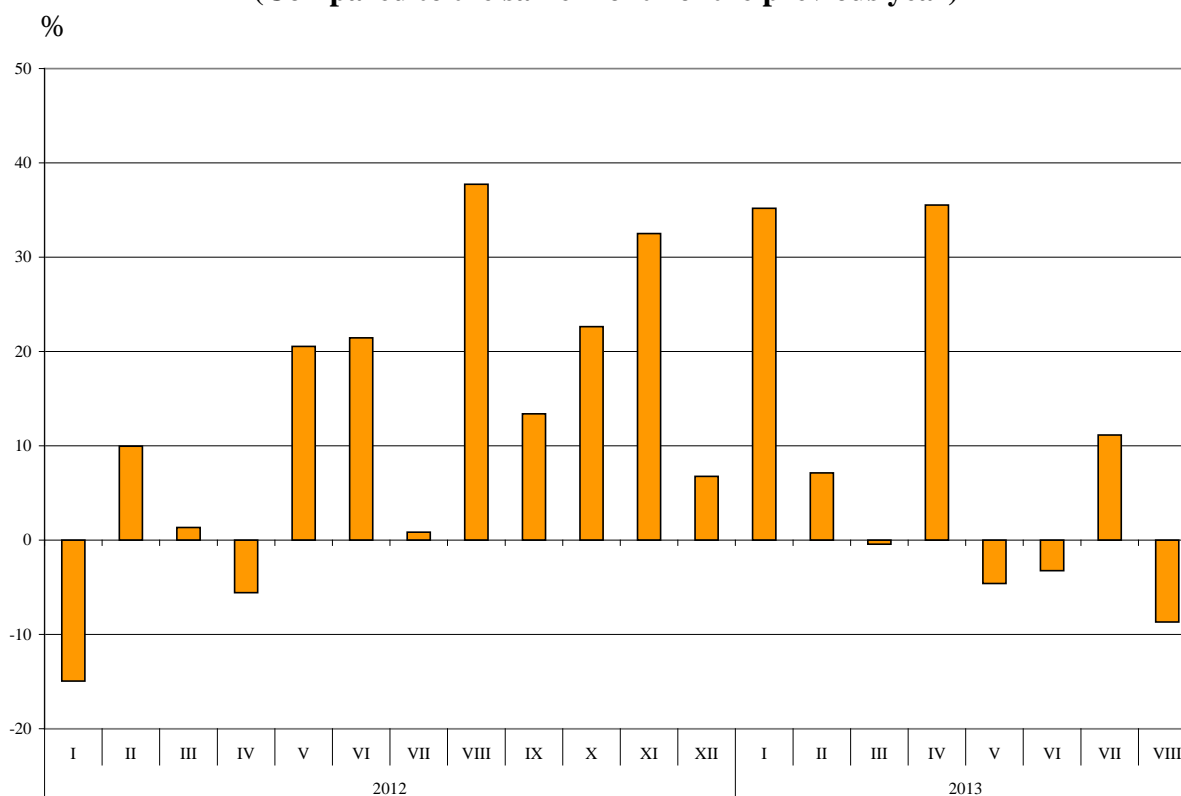


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2013** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** have increased by 7.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and have amounted to 11.6 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russian Federation, Gibraltar, Ukraine and Serbia which accounted for 51.8% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2013 the exports to third countries have decreased by 8.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.5 Billion BGN.

**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)**



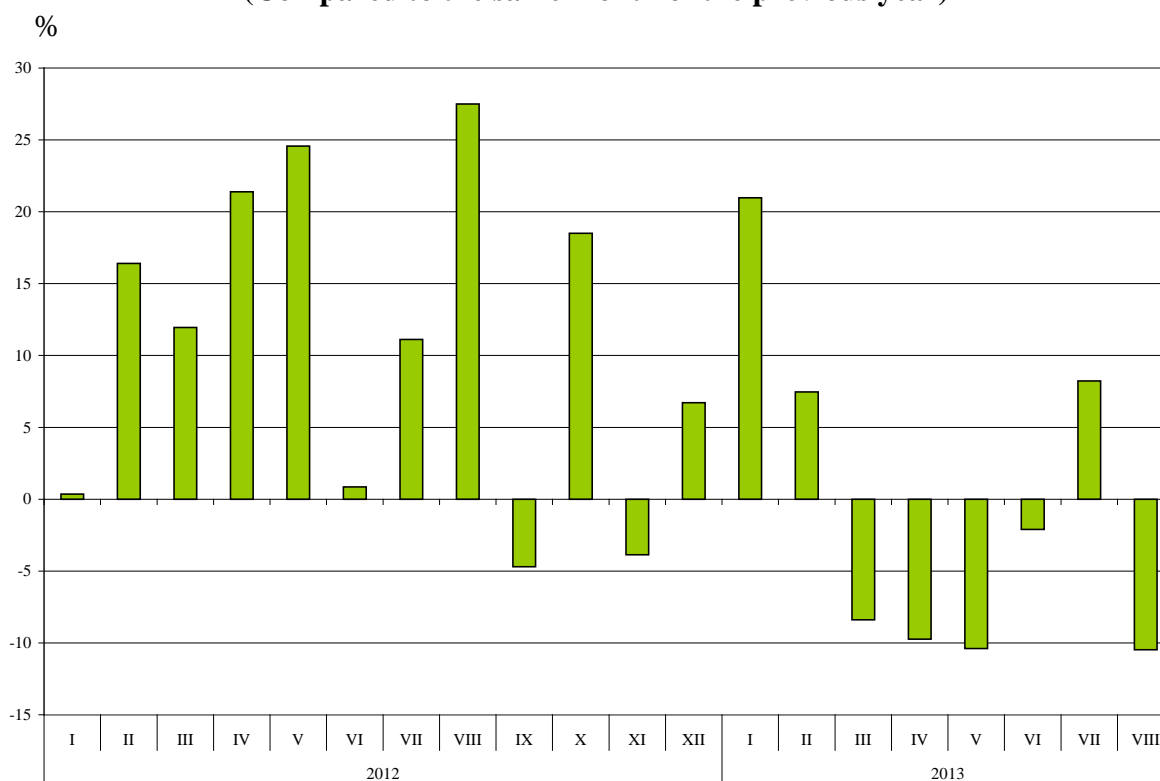
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first eight months of 2013 have decreased by 1.7% compared to the corresponding period of 2012 and have added up to 13.5 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2013 Bulgarian imports from third countries have decreased by 10.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and have amounted to 1.7 Billion BGN.

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 - August 2013 was negative and added up to 1 865.5 Million BGN (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 1 148.6 Million BGN.

In August 2013 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and have amounted to 152.9 Million BGN.

In the first eight 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” (66.2%) and “Machinery and transport equipment” (25.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” (7.1%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Food and live animals” (34.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (28.9%).

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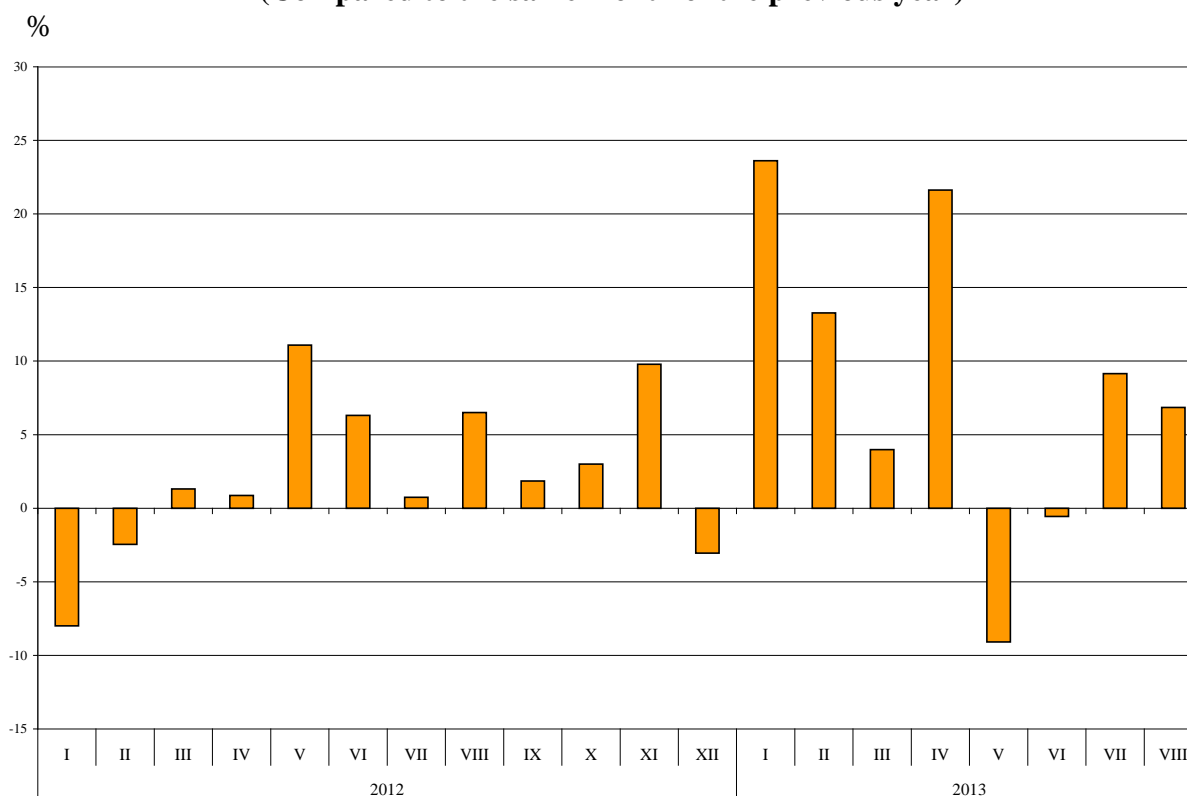


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period January - August 2013 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 28.7 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 7.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2013 the total exports added up to 3.9 Billion BGN and increased by 6.9% 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)**



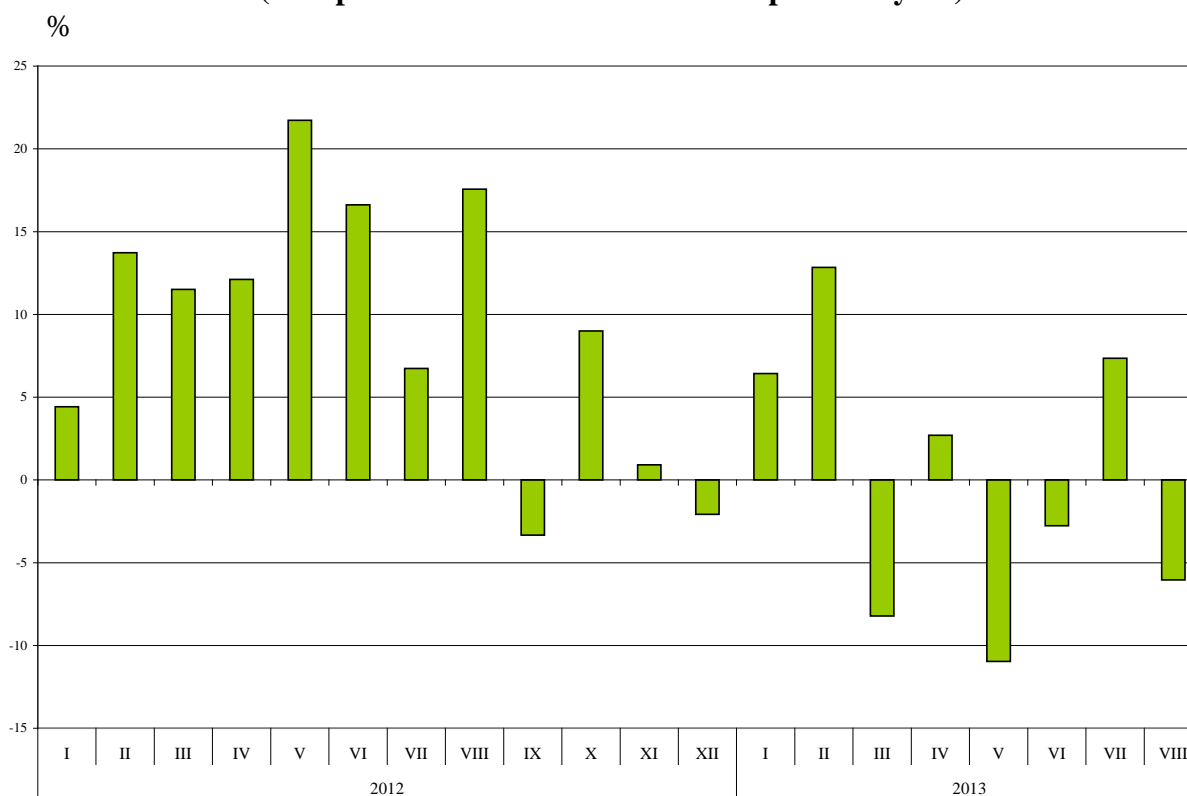
The total value of **all goods imported** in the country **in the period January - August 2013** have amounted to 33.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.3% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2013 the total imports have decreased by 6.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and have added up to 3.9 Billion BGN.

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 - August 2013 and amounted to 4 243.2 Million BGN which was 2 199.2 Million BGN less than the balance in the first eight 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 - August 2013 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 2 624.6 Million BGN.

In August 2013 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was **positive** and added up to 42.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also positive and amounted to 244.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - August 2012 and 2013¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2012	2810.3	1733.9	1076.4	3501.3	2130.3	1371.0	3330.7	2029.9	1300.8	-691.0	-396.4	-294.6	-520.4	-296.0	-224.4
II.2012	2862.9	1659.7	1203.2	3603.3	2125.2	1478.1	3433.5	2032.3	1401.2	-740.4	-465.5	-274.9	-570.6	-372.6	-198.0
III.2012	3363.6	2053.3	1310.3	4207.2	2540.7	1666.5	4008.0	2426.2	1581.8	-843.6	-487.4	-356.2	-644.4	-372.9	-271.5
I - III.2012	9036.8	5446.9	3589.9	11311.8	6796.2	4515.6	10772.2	6488.4	4283.8	-2275.0	-1349.3	-925.7	-1735.4	-1041.5	-693.9
IV.2012	3171.8	1950.5	1221.3	4277.3	2348.4	1928.9	4068.0	2245.9	1822.1	-1105.5	-397.9	-707.6	-896.2	-295.4	-600.8
V.2012	3647.7	2149.9	1497.8	4646.8	2679.1	1967.7	4420.4	2556.6	1863.8	-999.1	-529.2	-469.9	-772.7	-406.7	-366.0
VI.2012	3462.2	2017.5	1444.7	4372.3	2643.4	1728.9	4158.3	2517.6	1640.7	-910.1	-625.9	-284.2	-696.1	-500.1	-196.0
IV - VI.2012	10281.7	6117.9	4163.8	13296.4	7670.9	5625.5	12646.7	7320.1	5326.6	-3014.7	-1553.0	-1461.7	-2365.0	-1202.2	-1162.8
I - VI.2012	19318.5	11564.8	7753.7	24608.2	14467.1	10141.1	23418.9	13808.5	9610.4	-5289.7	-2902.3	-2387.4	-4100.4	-2243.7	-1856.7
VII.2012	3645.9	2251.4	1394.5	4341.6	2657.5	1684.1	4134.1	2536.4	1597.7	-695.7	-406.1	-289.6	-488.2	-285.0	-203.2
VIII.2012	3658.4	1979.5	1678.9	4115.4	2232.0	1883.4	3913.7	2134.6	1779.1	-457.0	-252.5	-204.5	-255.3	-155.1	-100.2
I - VIII.2012	26622.8	15795.7	10827.1	33065.2	19356.6	13708.6	31466.7	18479.5	12987.2	-6442.4	-3560.9	-2881.5	-4843.9	-2683.8	-2160.1
I.2013	3474.0	2018.8	1455.2	3726.5	2067.9	1658.6	3540.4	1974.6	1565.8	-252.5	-49.1	-203.4	-66.4	44.2	-110.6
II.2013	3242.9	1954.0	1288.9	4066.1	2477.6	1588.5	3859.2	2357.5	1501.7	-823.2	-523.6	-299.6	-616.3	-403.5	-212.8
III.2013	3497.5	2192.8	1304.7	3861.5	2334.8	1526.7	3682.3	2233.6	1448.7	-364.0	-142.0	-222.0	-184.8	-40.8	-144.0
I-III.2013	10214.4	6165.6	4048.8	11654.1	6880.3	4773.8	11081.9	6565.7	4516.2	-1439.7	-714.7	-725.0	-867.5	-400.1	-467.4
IV.2013	3857.7	2202.4	1655.3	4392.8	2651.7	1741.1	4184.5	2527.7	1656.8	-535.1	-449.3	-85.8	-326.8	-325.3	-1.5
V.2013	3316.2	1887.3	1428.9	4137.2	2374.0	1763.2	3938.3	2268.3	1670.0	-821.0	-486.7	-334.3	-622.1	-381.0	-241.1
VI.2013	3443.1	2045.2	1397.9	4251.4	2558.8	1692.6	4045.4	2442.4	1603.0	-808.3	-513.6	-294.7	-602.3	-397.2	-205.1
IV - VI.2013	10617.0	6134.9	4482.1	12781.4	7584.5	5196.9	12168.2	7238.4	4929.8	-2164.4	-1449.6	-714.8	-1551.2	-1103.5	-447.7
I - VI.2013	20831.4	12300.5	8530.9	24435.5	14464.8	9970.7	23250.1	13804.1	9446.0	-3604.1	-2164.3	-1439.8	-2418.7	-1503.6	-915.1
VII.2013	3979.2	2429.3	1549.9	4660.8	2838.1	1822.7	4429.8	2706.1	1723.7	-681.6	-408.8	-272.8	-450.6	-276.8	-173.8
VIII.2013	3909.1	2375.9	1533.2	3866.6	2180.5	1686.1	3664.4	2071.5	1592.9	42.5	195.4	-152.9	244.7	304.4	-59.7
I - VIII.2013	28719.7	17105.7	11614.0	32962.9	19483.4	13479.5	31344.3	18581.7	12762.6	-4243.2	-2377.7	-1865.5	-2624.6	-1476.0	-1148.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.10.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

³ EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

⁴ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January -August 2013¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	23.6	16.4	35.2	6.4	-2.9	21.0	6.3	-2.7	20.4
II	13.3	17.7	7.1	12.8	16.6	7.5	12.4	16.0	7.2
III	4.0	6.8	-0.4	-8.2	-8.1	-8.4	-8.1	-7.9	-8.4
I - III	13.0	13.2	12.8	3.0	1.2	5.7	2.9	1.2	5.4
IV	21.6	12.9	35.5	2.7	12.9	-9.7	2.9	12.5	-9.1
V	-9.1	-12.2	-4.6	-11.0	-11.4	-10.4	-10.9	-11.3	-10.4
VI	-0.6	1.4	-3.2	-2.8	-3.2	-2.1	-2.7	-3.0	-2.3
IV - VI	3.3	0.3	7.6	-3.9	-1.1	-7.6	-3.8	-1.1	-7.4
I - VI	7.8	6.4	10.0	-0.7	0.0	-1.7	-0.7	0.0	-1.7
VII	9.1	7.9	11.1	7.4	6.8	8.2	7.2	6.7	7.9
VIII	6.9	20.0	-8.7	-6.0	-2.3	-10.5	-6.4	-3.0	-10.5
I - VIII	7.9	8.3	7.3	-0.3	0.7	-1.7	-0.4	0.6	-1.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.10.2013.

² EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries³ - total	10827.1	11614.0	7.3	13708.6	13479.5	-1.7	-2881.5	-1865.5
of which:								
Albania	64.0	84.5	32.0	25.3	20.8	-17.8	38.7	63.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	45.7	53.1	16.2	21.7	37.3	71.9	24.0	15.8
Brazil	62.6	16.0	-74.4	196.8	59.5	-69.8	-134.2	-43.5
Canada	143.8	118.2	-17.8	61.2	22.0	-64.1	82.6	96.2
China	806.1	760.1	-5.7	1074.2	994.5	-7.4	-268.1	-234.4
Egypt	159.0	231.3	45.5	68.2	58.4	-14.4	90.8	172.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	519.7	437.3	-15.9	322.5	363.9	12.8	197.2	73.4
Georgia	322.9	231.9	-28.2	210.2	310.9	47.9	112.7	-79.0
Gibraltar	828.6	709.4	-14.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	828.6	709.4
India	44.9	37.7	-16.0	96.2	148.0	53.8	-51.3	-110.3
Indonesia	19.4	31.8	63.9	31.2	36.6	17.3	-11.8	-4.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	23.2	17.5	-24.6	7.3	2.2	-69.9	15.9	15.3
Israel	135.3	132.9	-1.8	73.0	64.3	-11.9	62.3	68.6
Japan	31.9	37.6	17.9	87.6	81.6	-6.8	-55.7	-44.0
Kazakhstan	42.9	36.7	-14.5	51.1	53.3	4.3	-8.2	-16.6
Korea, Republic of	161.2	109.9	-31.8	132.6	115.4	-13.0	28.6	-5.5
Namibia	270.6	202.7	-25.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	270.6	202.3
Norway	39.4	45.7	16.0	8.0	21.5	168.8	31.4	24.2
Peru	3.3	10.4	215.2	157.2	10.0	-93.6	-153.9	0.4
Russian Federation	712.6	731.6	2.7	6790.2	6342.9	-6.6	-6077.6	-5611.3
Serbia	599.3	481.5	-19.7	320.2	322.0	0.6	279.1	159.5
Singapore	85.9	226.9	164.1	19.1	17.7	-7.3	66.8	209.2
South Africa	85.9	276.6	222.0	46.8	36.6	-21.8	39.1	240.0
Switzerland	198.1	201.4	1.7	265.5	272.6	2.7	-67.4	-71.2
Syrian Arab Republic	30.7	76.2	148.2	45.8	22.7	-50.4	-15.1	53.5
Taiwan	34.5	33.2	-3.8	89.9	84.0	-6.6	-55.4	-50.8
Turkey	2505.5	2788.8	11.3	1527.5	1848.6	21.0	978.0	940.2
Ukraine	289.6	544.4	88.0	807.5	712.7	-11.7	-517.9	-168.3
United Arab Emirates	176.5	202.7	14.8	92.9	57.8	-37.8	83.6	144.9
United States	448.1	396.1	-11.6	238.6	237.5	-0.5	209.5	158.6
Viet-Nam	15.7	19.2	22.3	41.2	40.5	-1.7	-25.5	-21.3

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 10.10.2013.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia.


Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - August 2012 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries² - total	10827.1	11614.0	7.3	13708.6	13479.5	-1.7	-2881.5	-1865.5
Food and live animals	615.0	1022.4	66.2	304.5	410.0	34.6	310.5	612.4
Beverages and tobacco	366.4	402.8	9.9	111.2	116.7	4.9	255.2	286.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1266.3	1211.4	-4.3	1223.5	1223.2	0.0	42.8	-11.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3191.6	3527.1	10.5	6875.8	6571.6	-4.4	-3684.2	-3044.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	46.8	43.7	-6.6	42.2	30.0	-28.9	4.6	13.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1190.9	1106.7	-7.1	876.1	988.0	12.8	314.8	118.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2327.8	2173.4	-6.6	1876.7	2014.6	7.3	451.1	158.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1173.6	1471.5	25.4	1907.0	1578.0	-17.3	-733.4	-106.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	609.5	612.7	0.5	481.3	530.1	10.1	128.2	82.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	39.2	42.3	7.9	10.3	17.3	68.0	28.9	25.0

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² Non EU excluding Croatia.