

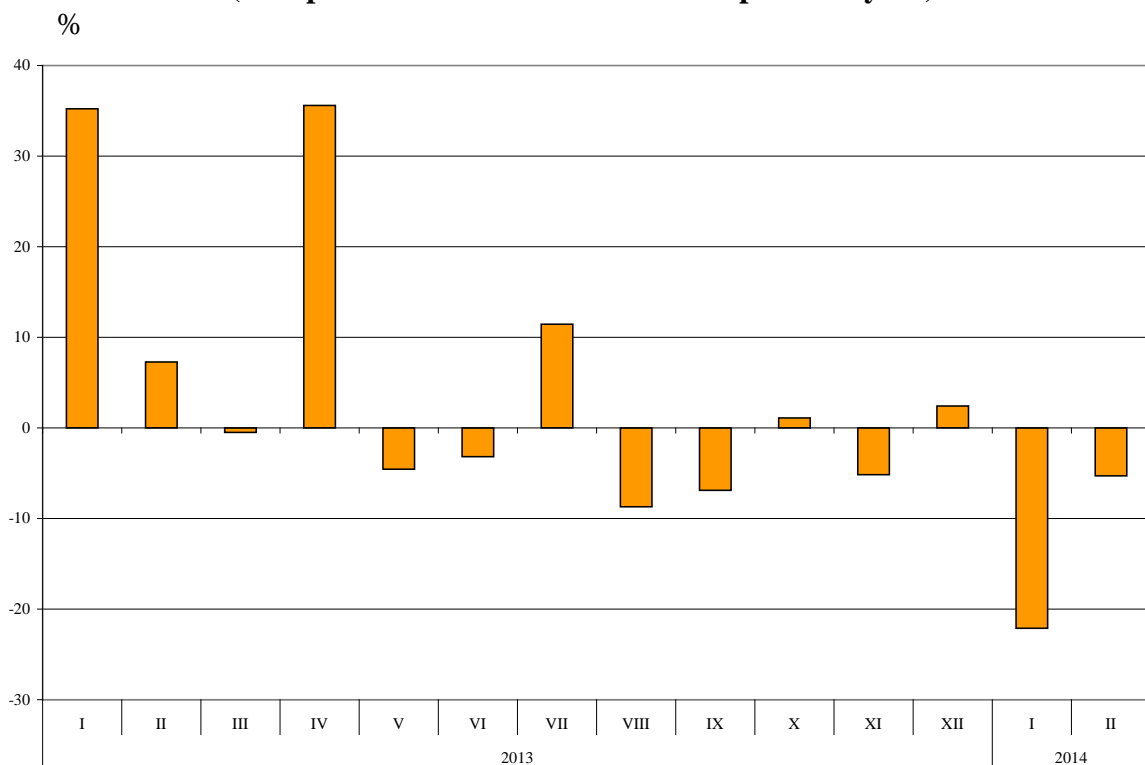


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2014** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 14.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and amounted to 2.4 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Singapore, China, Russian Federation, United Arab Emirates and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 56.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2014 exports to third countries decreased by 5.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.2 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



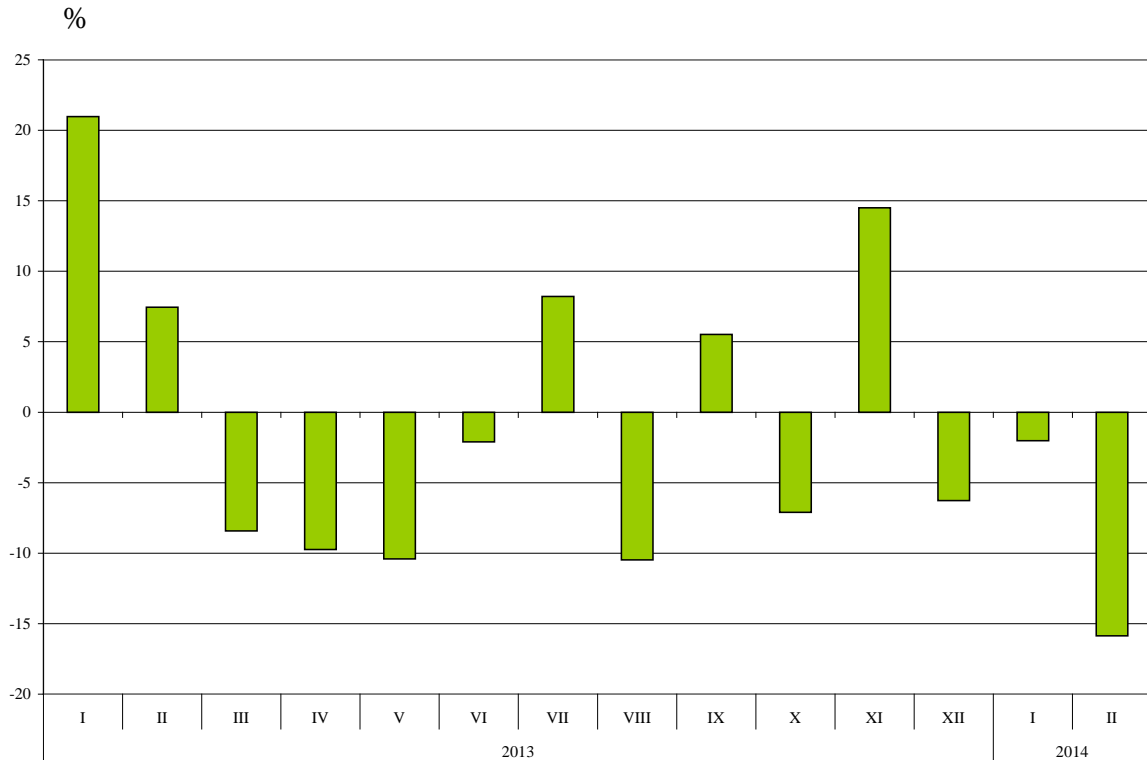
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first two months of 2014 decreased by 8.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and added up to 3.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2014 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 15.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries for the period 2013 - 2014 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries for the period January - February 2014 was negative and added up to 605.5 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 448.6 Million BGN.

In February 2014 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 114.0 Million BGN.

In the first two months of 2014 compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were recorded in the section "Chemical and related products n.e.c." (11.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections "Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)"² (40.7%) and "Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes" (35.7%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section "Beverages and tobacco" (69.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section "Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes" (39.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

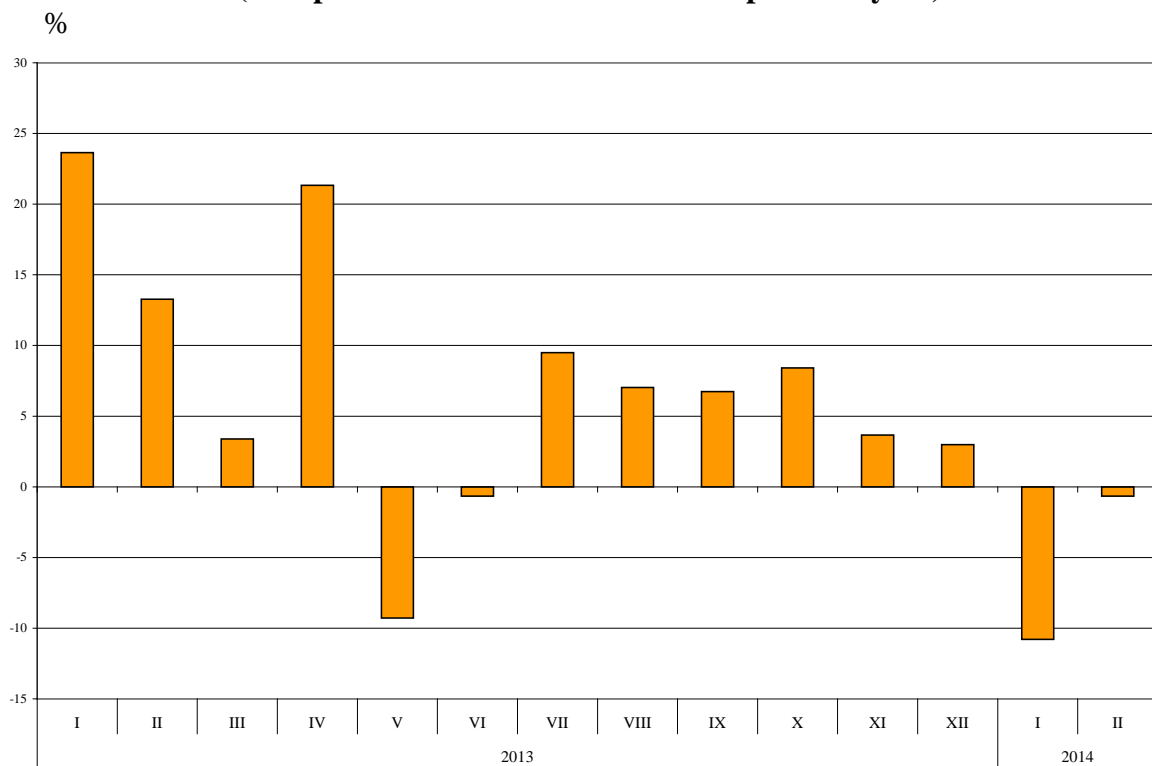


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period January - February 2014 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 6.3 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the exports decreased by 5.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2014 the total exports added up to 3.2 Billion BGN and decreased by 0.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



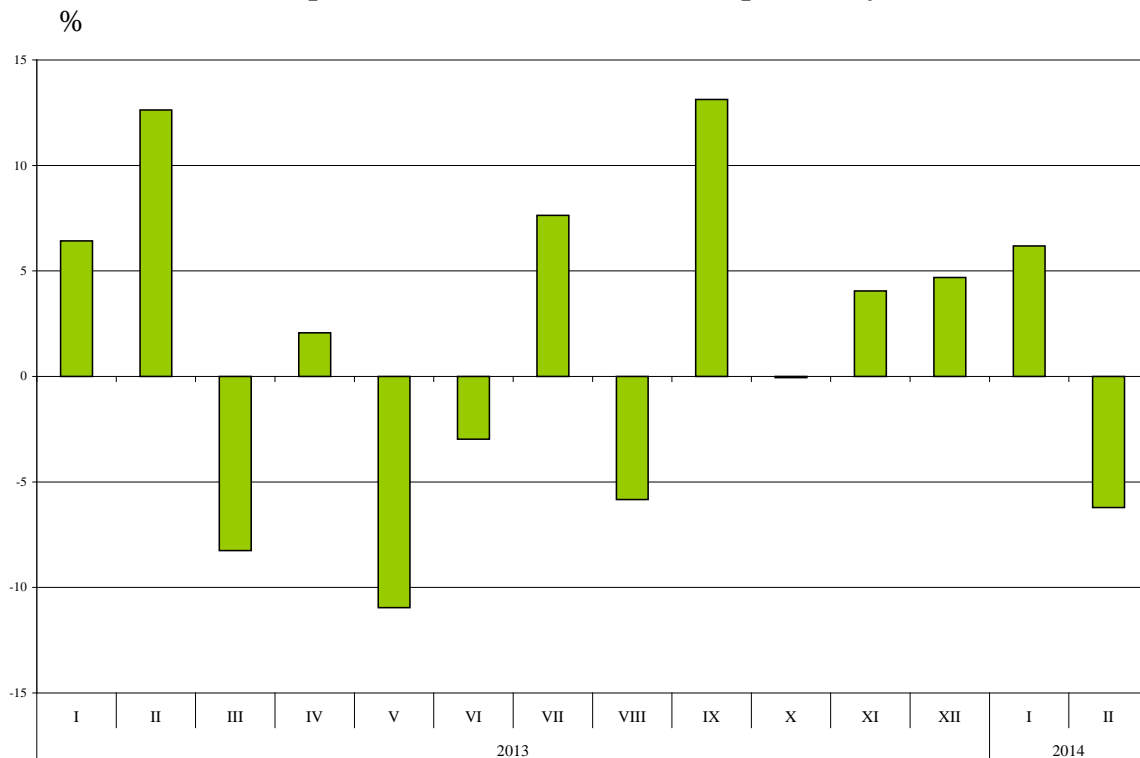
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country **in the period January - February 2014** amounted to 7.8 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.3% less than corresponding period of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2014 the total imports decreased by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 3.8 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - February 2014 and amounted to 1 441.5 Million BGN which was 374.6 Million BGN more than the balance in the first two months of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2014 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 052.4 Million BGN.

In February 2014 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 584.4 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 391.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2013¹ and 2014¹ by months

(Million Levs)

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.2013	3474.6	2019.1	1455.5	3726.1	2067.6	1658.5	3540.1	1974.3	1565.8	-251.5	-48.5	-203.0	-65.5	44.8	-110.3
II.2013	3242.9	1952.2	1290.7	4058.3	2470.1	1588.2	3851.9	2350.6	1501.3	-815.4	-517.9	-297.5	-609.0	-398.4	-210.6
I - II.2013	6717.5	3971.3	2746.2	7784.4	4537.7	3246.7	7392.0	4324.9	3067.1	-1066.9	-566.4	-500.5	-674.5	-353.6	-320.9
I.2014	3099.6	1966.1	1133.5	3956.7	2331.7	1625.0	3760.7	2223.0	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3221.6	1999.3	1222.3	3806.0	2469.7	1336.3	3612.9	2346.2	1266.7	-584.4	-470.4	-114.0	-391.3	-346.9	-44.4
I - II.2014	6321.2	3965.4	2355.8	7762.7	4801.4	2961.3	7373.6	4569.2	2804.4	-1441.5	-836.0	-605.5	-1052.4	-603.8	-448.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.04.2014.

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 - February 2014¹ 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	-10.8	-2.6	-22.1	6.2	12.8	-2.0	6.2	12.6	-1.8
II	-0.7	2.4	-5.3	-6.2	0.0	-15.9	-6.2	-0.2	-15.6
I - II	-5.9	-0.1	-14.2	-0.3	5.8	-8.8	-0.2	5.6	-8.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.04.2014.

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 - February 2013² and 2014²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries³ -total	2746.2	2355.8	-14.2	3246.7	2961.3	-8.8	-500.5	-605.5
of which:								
Albania	10.1	15.4	52.5	5.4	6.2	14.8	4.7	9.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.1	11.6	27.5	6.2	9.5	53.2	2.9	2.1
Brazil	2.5	5.6	124.0	9.5	14.2	49.5	-7.0	-8.6
Canada	31.1	10.3	-66.9	5.2	9.3	78.8	25.9	1.0
China	158.3	170.2	7.5	236.5	274.6	16.1	-78.2	-104.4
Egypt	62.5	37.8	-39.5	20.1	99.4	394.5	42.4	-61.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	107.9	97.9	-9.3	87.0	74.6	-14.3	20.9	23.3
Georgia	54.0	43.5	-19.4	181.4	71.2	-60.7	-127.4	-27.7
Gibraltar	288.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	288.0	0.0
India	7.8	9.9	26.9	32.6	31.7	-2.8	-24.8	-21.8
Indonesia	7.6	4.6	-39.5	8.3	6.0	-27.7	-0.7	-1.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	4.5	29.4	553.3	0.8	0.7	-12.5	3.7	28.7
Israel	16.4	14.9	-9.1	12.6	18.0	42.9	3.8	-3.1
Japan	7.7	7.3	-5.2	19.7	32.3	64.0	-12.0	-25.0
Kazakhstan	14.5	8.3	-42.8	14.2	21.5	51.4	0.3	-13.2
Korea, Republic of	39.0	20.7	-46.9	22.1	26.7	20.8	16.9	-6.0
Libya	46.6	42.8	-8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.6	42.8
Morocco	2.7	53.7	1888.9	8.0	1.5	-81.3	-5.3	52.2
Namibia	63.2	30.7	-51.4	0.3	0.0	-100.0	62.9	30.7
Norway	8.3	11.1	33.7	4.4	6.4	45.5	3.9	4.7
Peru	1.3	1.0	-23.1	5.1	8.8	72.5	-3.8	-7.8
Russian Federation	147.4	151.3	2.6	1531.3	1029.1	-32.8	-1383.9	-877.8
Serbia	122.4	87.2	-28.8	70.2	97.9	39.5	52.2	-10.7
Singapore	2.0	204.5	10125.0	5.5	6.5	18.2	-3.5	198.0
South Africa	91.4	5.2	-94.3	9.5	7.8	-17.9	81.9	-2.6
Switzerland	51.3	50.5	-1.6	73.1	67.2	-8.1	-21.8	-16.7
Syrian Arab Republic	14.1	19.6	39.0	9.6	9.9	3.1	4.5	9.7
Taiwan	9.2	5.6	-39.1	23.9	23.3	-2.5	-14.7	-17.7
Turkey	637.7	564.7	-11.4	348.0	495.6	42.4	289.7	69.1
Ukraine	95.0	32.9	-65.4	149.7	157.5	5.2	-54.7	-124.6
United Arab Emirates	54.5	150.8	176.7	17.1	12.7	-25.7	37.4	138.1
United States	109.5	96.0	-12.3	46.3	86.6	87.0	63.2	9.4
Viet-Nam	4.0	6.0	50.0	11.2	12.9	15.2	-7.2	-6.9

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 11.04.2014.

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 - February 2013¹ and 2014¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries² -total	2746.2	2355.8	-14.2	3246.7	2961.3	-8.8	-500.5	-605.5
Food and live animals	195.3	176.2	-9.8	78.8	96.5	22.5	116.5	79.7
Beverages and tobacco	105.9	93.6	-11.6	27.4	46.3	69.0	78.5	47.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	298.2	176.7	-40.7	431.7	356.6	-17.4	-133.5	-179.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	880.1	603.2	-31.5	1593.5	1234.9	-22.5	-713.4	-631.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	14.0	9.0	-35.7	10.3	6.2	-39.8	3.7	2.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	255.0	283.4	11.1	228.4	250.3	9.6	26.6	33.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	541.5	532.0	-1.8	453.5	436.7	-3.7	88.0	95.3
Machinery and transport equipment	309.8	325.5	5.1	305.5	387.9	27.0	4.3	-62.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	134.1	147.2	9.8	113.0	139.4	23.4	21.1	7.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	12.3	9.0	-26.8	4.6	6.5	41.3	7.7	2.5

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² Non EU excluding Croatia.