

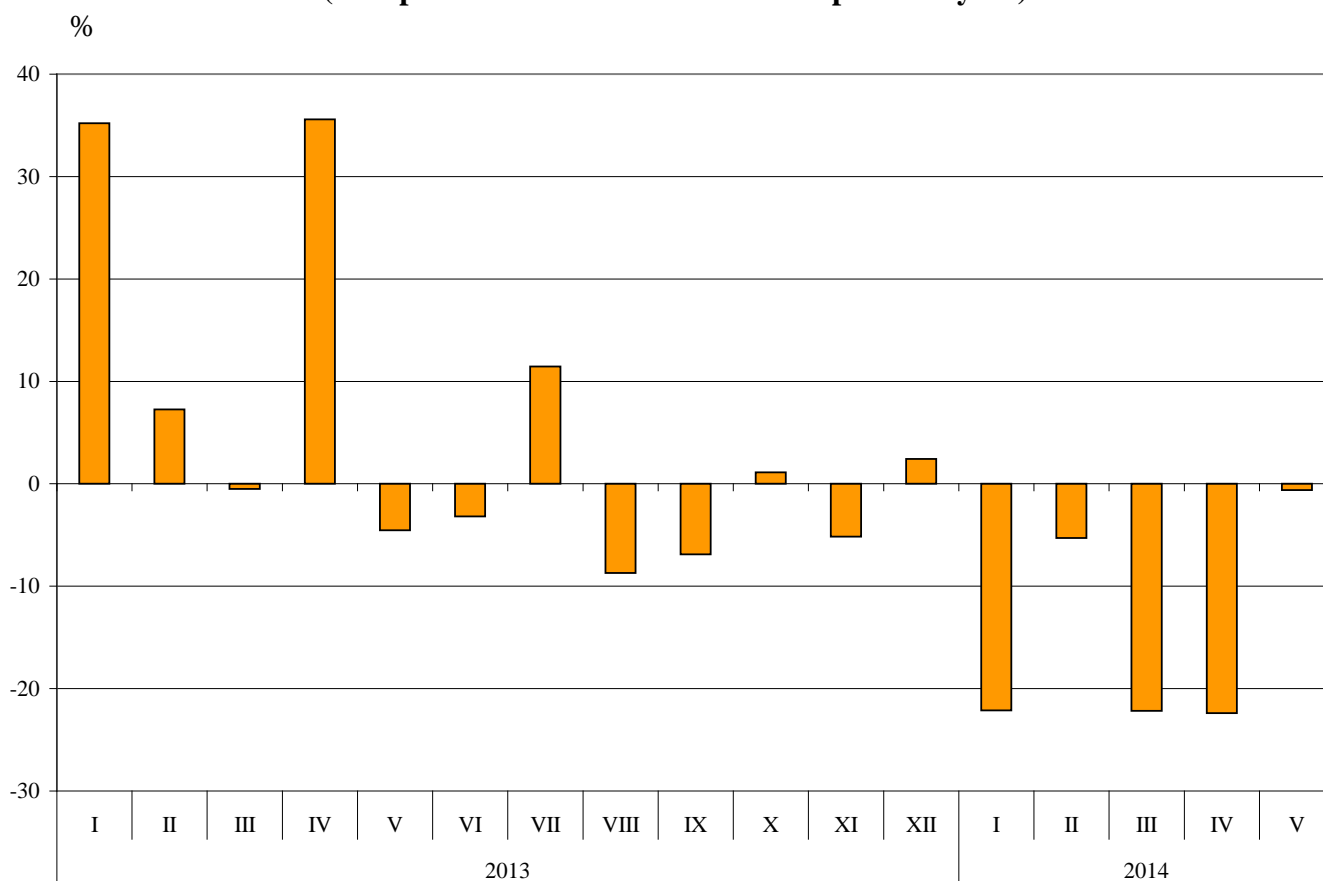


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2014** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 14.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and amounted to 6.1 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Singapore, Russian Federation, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Arab Emirates which accounted for 54.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2014 exports to third countries decreased by 0.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.4 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)**



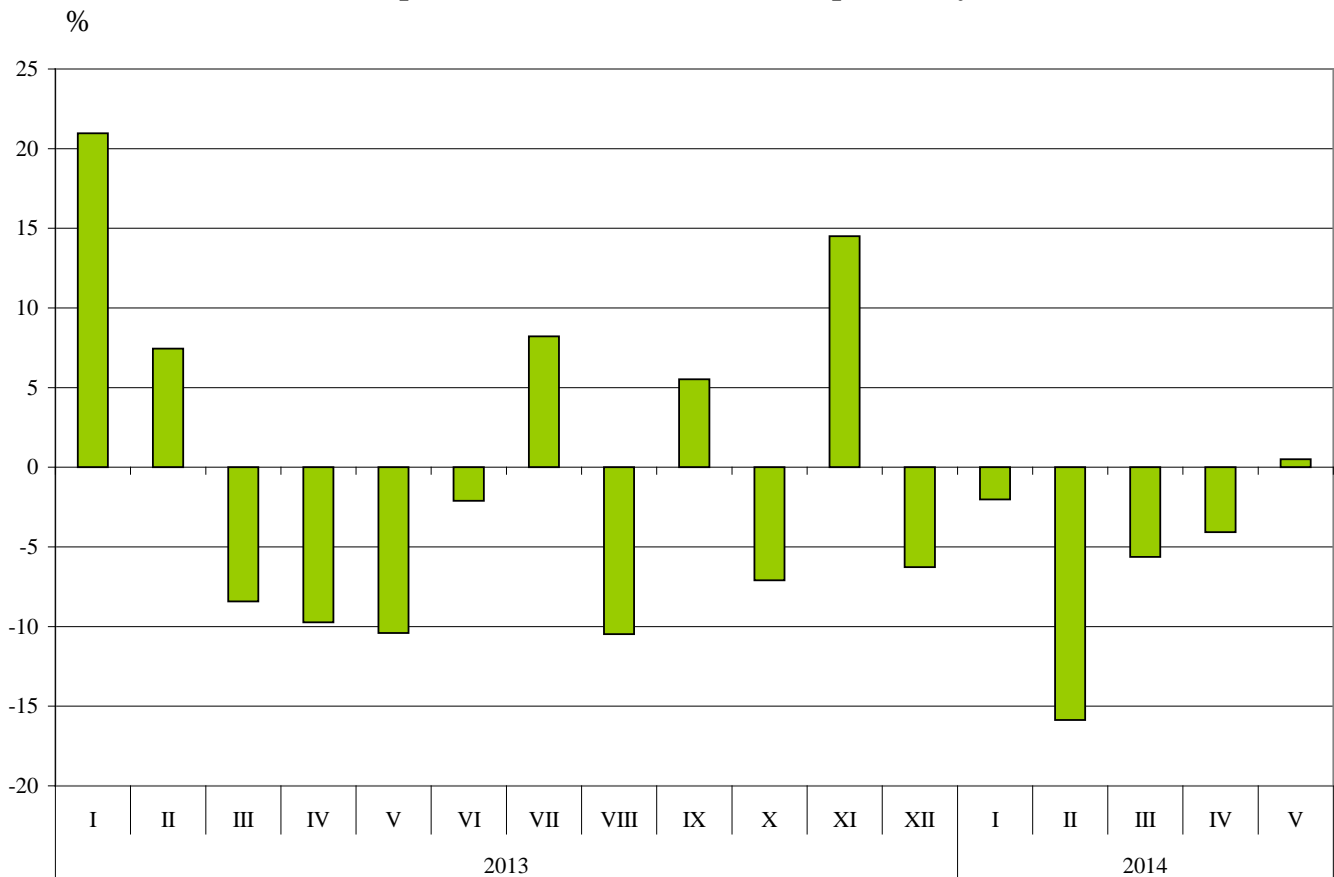
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first five months of 2014 decreased by 5.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2013 and added up to 7.8 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



In May 2014 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 0.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.8 Billion BGN.

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 - May 2014 was negative and added up to 1 766.9 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 1 361.3 Million BGN.

In May 2014 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 350.8 Million BGN.

In the first five months of 2014 compared to the corresponding period of 2013 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** growth was recorded only in the section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” (7.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”² (36.7%) and “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (26.1%).

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.



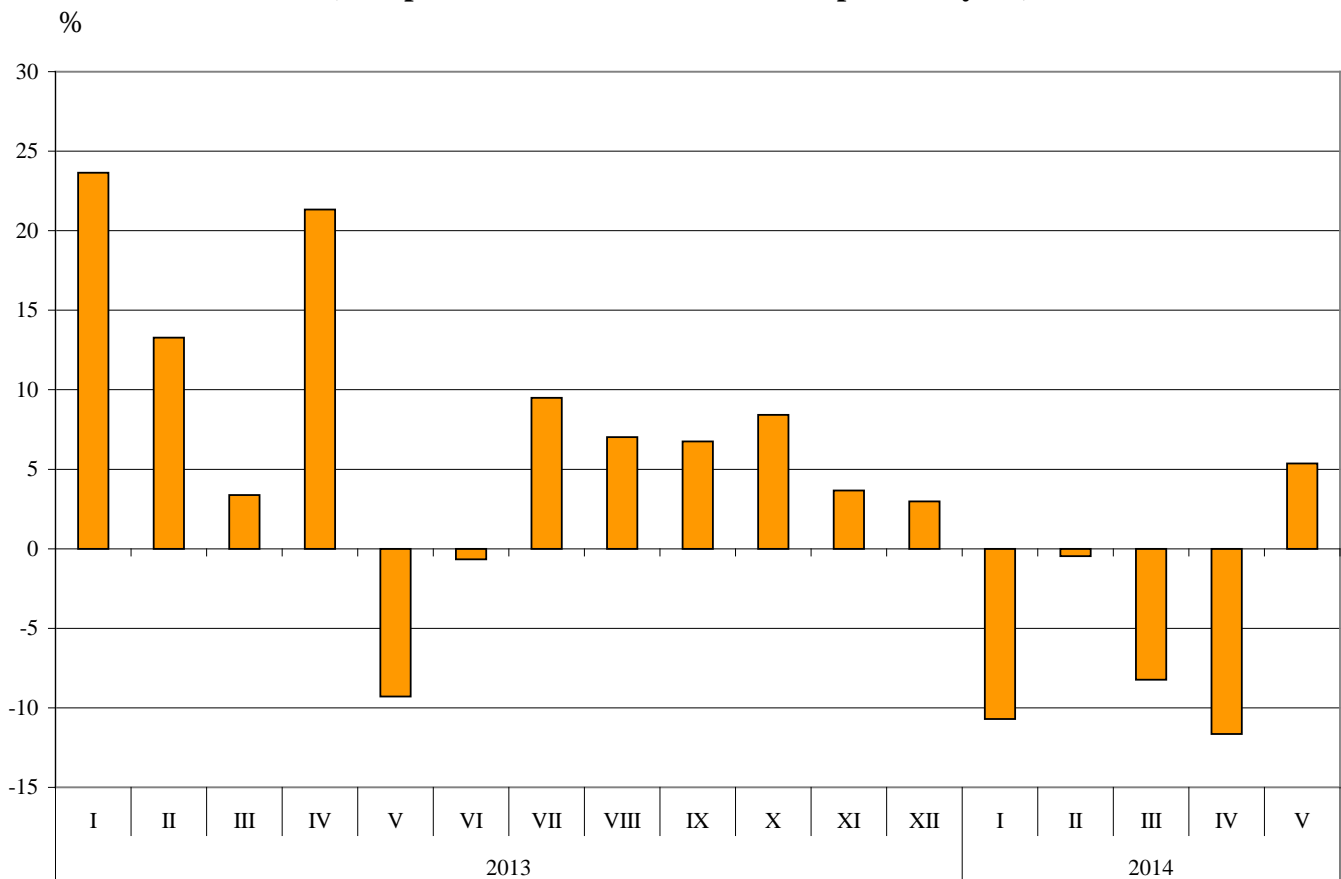
In imports from third countries the largest growth was reported in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”¹ (21.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (17.0%).

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In the period January - May 2014 the value of all exported goods from Bulgaria amounted to 16.4 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2013 the exports decreased by 5.4% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In May 2014 the total exports added up to 3.5 Billion BGN and increased by 5.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value² change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2013 - 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



¹ The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; manufactures of metals, n.e.s.

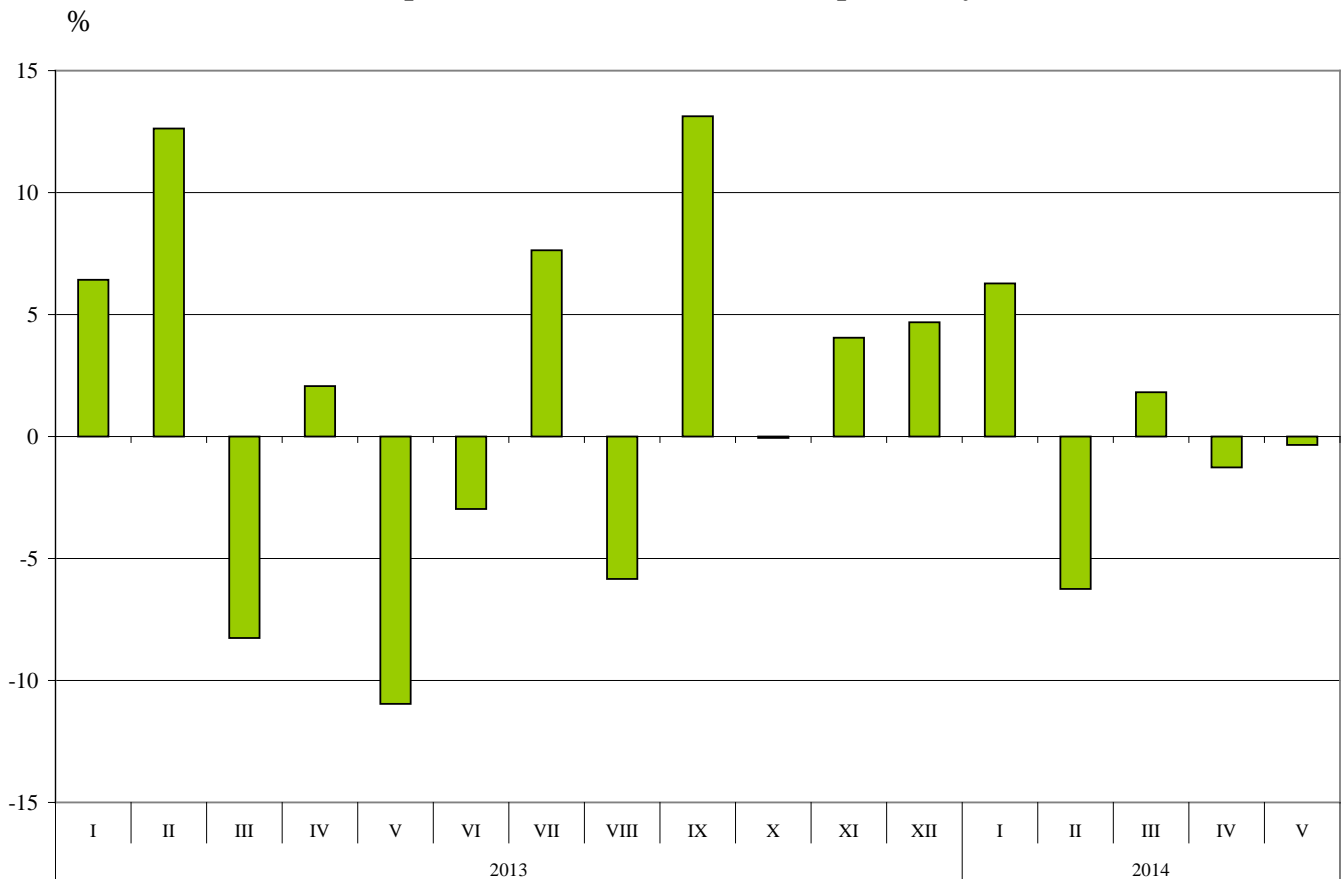
² Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - May 2014** amounted to 20.1 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.1 % less than corresponding period of 2013 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **May 2014** the total imports decreased by 0.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.1 Billion BGN.

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 - May 2014 and amounted to 3 719.8 Million BGN which was 924.5 Million BGN more than the balance in the first five 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 - May 2014 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 2 742.7 Million BGN.

In May 2014 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 636.9 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 425.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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
III.2013	3477.4	2173.7	1303.7	3859.9	2333.7	1526.2	3680.8	2232.6	1448.2	-382.5	-160.0	-222.5	-203.4	-58.9	-144.5
I - III.2013	10194.9	6145.0	4049.9	11644.3	6871.4	4772.9	11072.8	6557.5	4515.3	-1449.4	-726.4	-723.0	-877.9	-412.5	-465.4
IV.2013	3848.5	2192.5	1656.0	4365.8	2624.7	1741.1	4159.7	2503.1	1656.6	-517.3	-432.2	-85.1	-311.2	-310.6	-0.6
V.2013	3309.0	1879.3	1429.7	4137.6	2374.6	1763.0	3938.7	2269.0	1669.7	-828.6	-495.3	-333.3	-629.7	-389.7	-240.0
I - V.2013	17352.4	10216.8	7135.6	20147.7	11870.7	8277.0	19171.2	11329.6	7841.6	-2795.3	-1653.9	-1141.4	-1818.8	-1112.8	-706.0
I.2014	3102.9	1969.4	1133.5	3960.0	2335.0	1625.0	3764.0	2226.3	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3227.8	2005.5	1222.3	3804.6	2468.3	1336.3	3621.0	2354.3	1266.7	-576.8	-462.8	-114.0	-393.2	-348.8	-44.4
III.2014	3191.2	2176.4	1014.8	3930.1	2489.7	1440.4	3751.6	2379.9	1371.7	-738.9	-313.3	-425.6	-560.4	-203.5	-356.9
I - III.2014	9521.9	6151.3	3370.6	11694.7	7293.0	4401.7	11136.6	6960.5	4176.1	-2172.8	-1141.7	-1031.1	-1614.7	-809.2	-805.5
IV.2014	3400.4	2115.3	1285.1	4310.5	2640.4	1670.1	4102.9	2519.0	1583.9	-910.1	-525.1	-385.0	-702.5	-403.7	-298.8
V.2014	3486.6	2065.6	1421.0	4123.5	2351.7	1771.8	3912.1	2234.1	1678.0	-636.9	-286.1	-350.8	-425.5	-168.5	-257.0
I - V.2014	16408.9	10332.2	6076.7	20128.7	12285.1	7843.6	19151.6	11713.6	7438.0	-3719.8	-1952.9	-1766.9	-2742.7	-1381.4	-1361.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10th of July 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 - May 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	-10.7	-2.5	-22.1	6.3	12.9	-2.0	6.3	12.8	-1.8
II	-0.5	2.7	-5.3	-6.3	-0.1	-15.9	-6.0	0.2	-15.6
III	-8.2	0.1	-22.2	1.8	6.7	-5.6	1.9	6.6	-5.3
I - III	-6.6	0.1	-16.8	0.4	6.1	-7.8	0.6	6.1	-7.5
IV	-11.6	-3.5	-22.4	-1.3	0.6	-4.1	-1.4	0.6	-4.4
V	5.4	9.9	-0.6	-0.3	-1.0	0.5	-0.7	-1.5	0.5
I - V	-5.4	1.1	-14.8	-0.1	3.5	-5.2	-0.1	3.4	-5.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10th of July 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 - May 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	7135.6	6076.7	-14.8	8277.0	7843.6	-5.2	-1141.4	-1766.9
of which:								
Albania	42.4	40.0	-5.7	13.3	12.9	-3.0	29.1	27.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.3	31.9	5.3	21.0	24.5	16.7	9.3	7.4
Brazil	8.7	12.3	41.4	33.1	52.2	57.7	-24.4	-39.9
Canada	94.2	25.5	-72.9	12.9	20.4	58.1	81.3	5.1
China	441.3	434.0	-1.7	600.3	681.4	13.5	-159.0	-247.4
Egypt	156.2	158.4	1.4	35.7	197.0	451.8	120.5	-38.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	269.0	264.9	-1.5	233.5	205.1	-12.2	35.5	59.8
Georgia	151.8	163.8	7.9	229.6	135.5	-41.0	-77.8	28.3
Gibraltar	605.0	75.1	-87.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	605.0	75.1
India	22.0	30.8	40.0	96.0	84.3	-12.2	-74.0	-53.5
Indonesia	17.0	14.2	-16.5	21.9	21.5	-1.8	-4.9	-7.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	9.7	58.6	504.1	1.9	2.2	15.8	7.8	56.4
Israel	41.6	76.3	83.4	46.7	62.3	33.4	-5.1	14.0
Japan	20.5	20.3	-1.0	50.8	81.1	59.6	-30.3	-60.8
Kazakhstan	25.0	21.8	-12.8	37.5	37.0	-1.3	-12.5	-15.2
Korea, Republic of	87.9	55.3	-37.1	68.9	66.9	-2.9	19.0	-11.6
Libya	119.2	61.8	-48.2	0.2	85.3	42550.0	119.0	-23.5
Morocco	90.8	94.7	4.3	21.3	25.8	21.1	69.5	68.9
Namibia	129.8	56.7	-56.3	0.4	0.0	x	129.4	56.7
Norway	25.7	24.6	-4.3	12.1	14.4	19.0	13.6	10.2
Peru	9.2	3.5	-62.0	6.2	18.8	203.2	3.0	-15.3
Russian Federation	438.8	411.4	-6.2	3837.4	2825.6	-26.4	-3398.6	-2414.2
Serbia	303.4	245.5	-19.1	192.1	254.7	32.6	111.3	-9.2
Singapore	6.7	423.6	6222.4	12.4	15.4	24.2	-5.7	408.2
South Africa	217.6	14.9	-93.2	21.6	21.2	-1.9	196.0	-6.3
Switzerland	126.4	105.9	-16.2	177.4	147.5	-16.9	-51.0	-41.6
Syrian Arab Republic	42.0	68.4	62.9	18.9	20.9	10.6	23.1	47.5
Taiwan	23.0	15.8	-31.3	53.1	59.6	12.2	-30.1	-43.8
Turkey	1694.1	1518.8	-10.3	1102.9	1242.5	12.7	591.2	276.3
Ukraine	333.9	94.1	-71.8	424.3	521.4	22.9	-90.4	-427.3
United Arab Emirates	89.4	251.9	181.8	42.8	33.6	-21.5	46.6	218.3
United States	272.4	249.3	-8.5	142.1	219.8	54.7	130.3	29.5
Viet-Nam	11.6	13.8	19.0	25.0	38.9	55.6	-13.4	-25.1

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 10th of July 2014.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia.

x - category not applicable.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - May 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	7135.6	6076.7	-14.8	8277.0	7843.6	-5.2	-1141.4	-1766.9
Food and live animals	610.1	460.0	-24.6	260.2	250.1	-3.9	349.9	209.9
Beverages and tobacco	256.1	226.8	-11.4	76.7	87.5	14.1	179.4	139.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	823.6	521.1	-36.7	803.3	758.0	-5.6	20.3	-236.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2044.7	1542.6	-24.6	3928.1	3342.9	-14.9	-1883.4	-1800.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	27.2	20.1	-26.1	20.6	17.1	-17.0	6.6	3.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	703.8	754.6	7.2	622.3	618.5	-0.6	81.5	136.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1355.0	1282.8	-5.3	1243.8	1256.4	1.0	111.2	26.4
Machinery and transport equipment	913.5	878.4	-3.8	995.6	1117.8	12.3	-82.1	-239.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	375.2	373.6	-0.4	314.3	380.4	21.0	60.9	-6.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	26.4	16.7	-36.7	12.1	14.9	23.1	14.3	1.8

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² Non EU excluding Croatia.