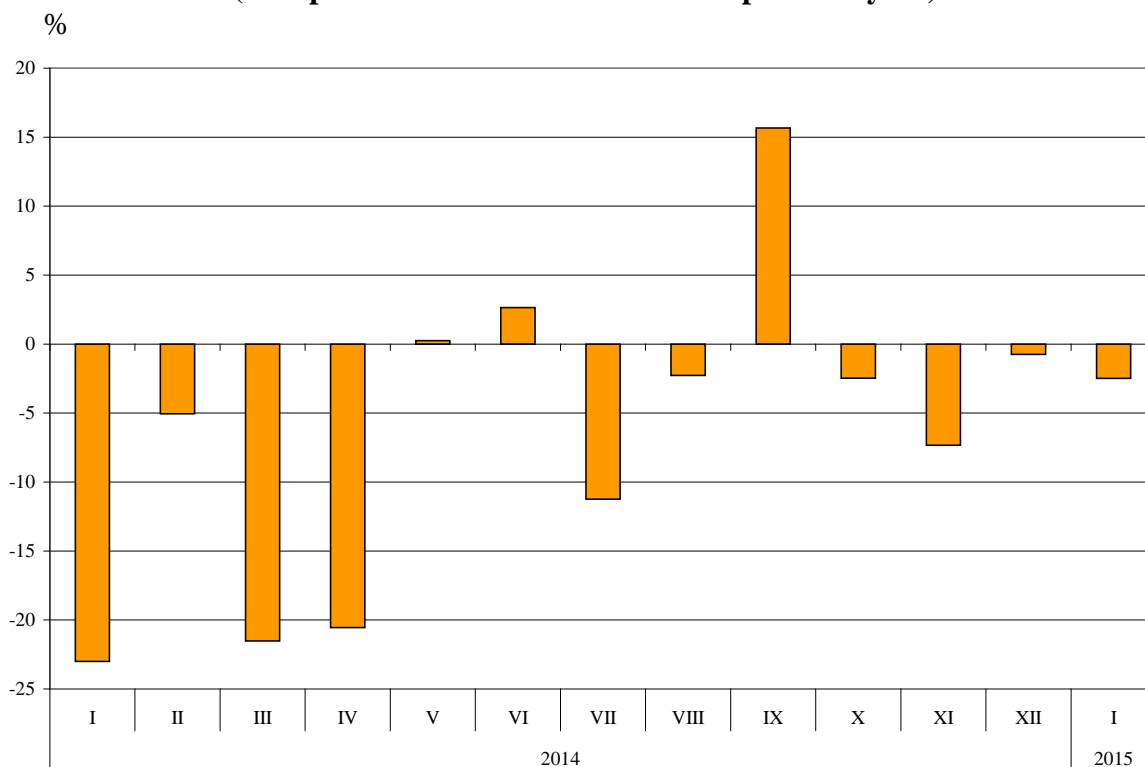




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2015** Bulgarian exports to third countries decreased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of 2014 and amounted to 1.1 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Singapore, Serbia, USA and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 54.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

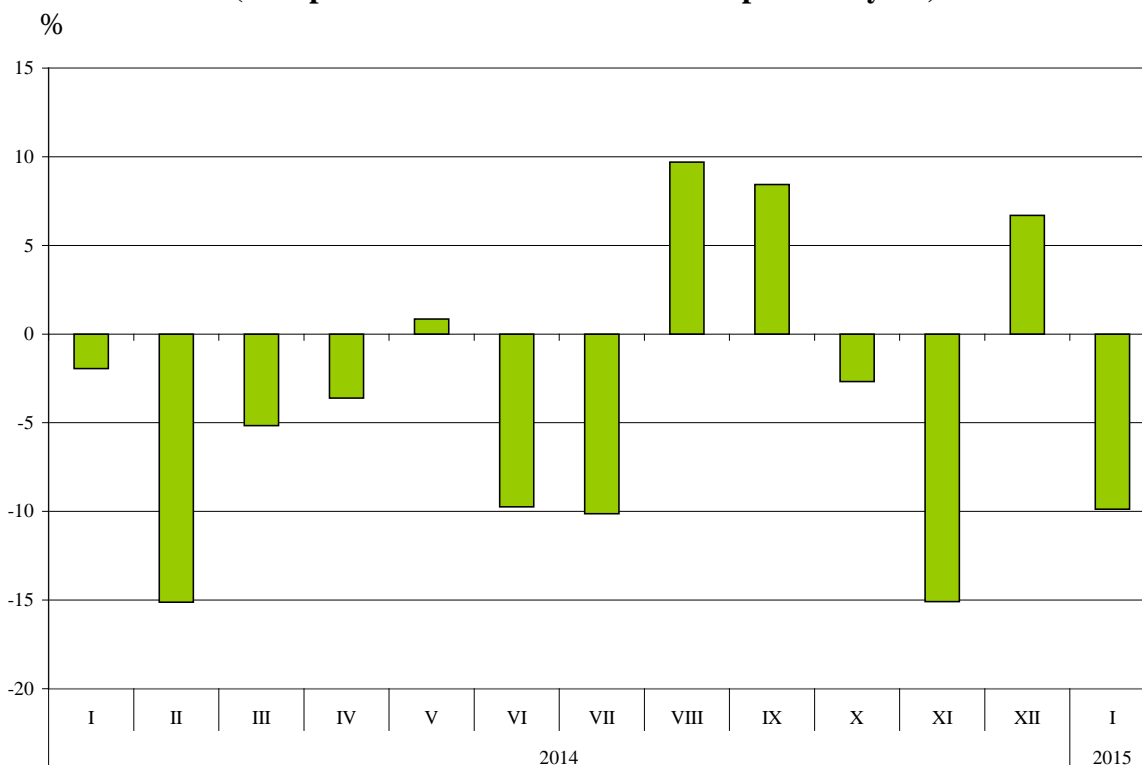


Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2015 decreased by 9.9% compared to the corresponding month of 2014 and added up to 1.5 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
 in the period 2014 - 2015
 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in January 2015 was negative and added up to 364.6 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 296.5 Million BGN.

In January 2015 compared to the corresponding month of 2014 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth were recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (45.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (36.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (20.9%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’² (72.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (64.8%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (61.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

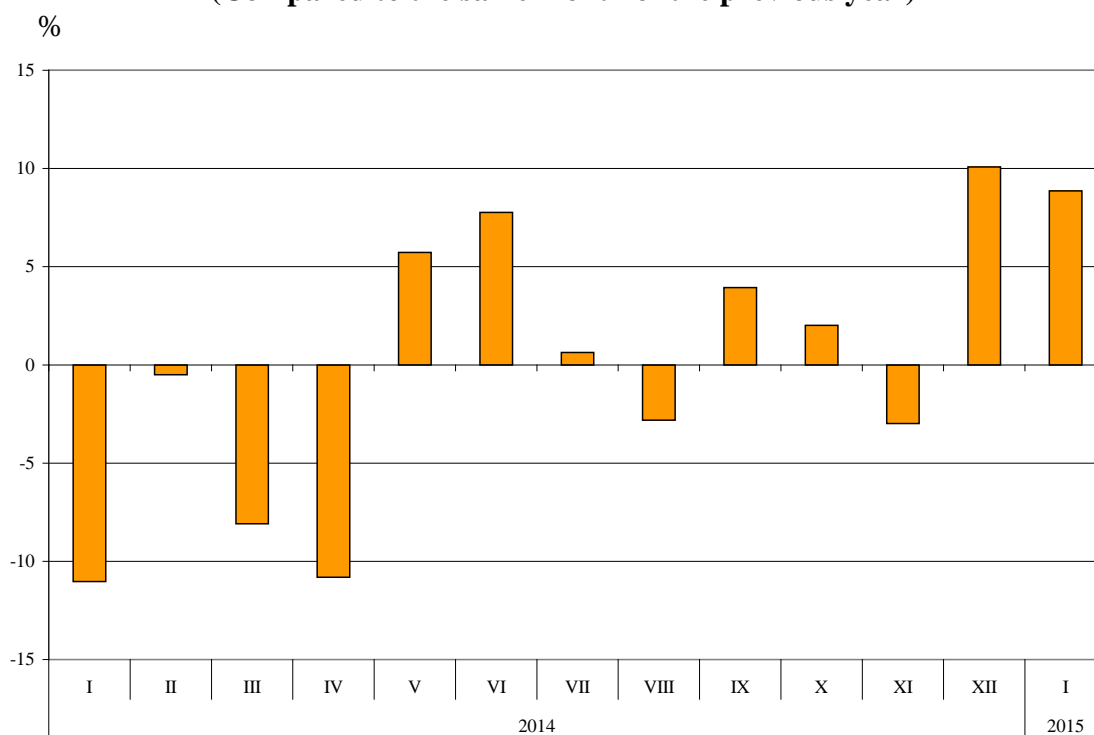
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials,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



Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2015 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 3.4 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding month of 2014 the exports increased by 8.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

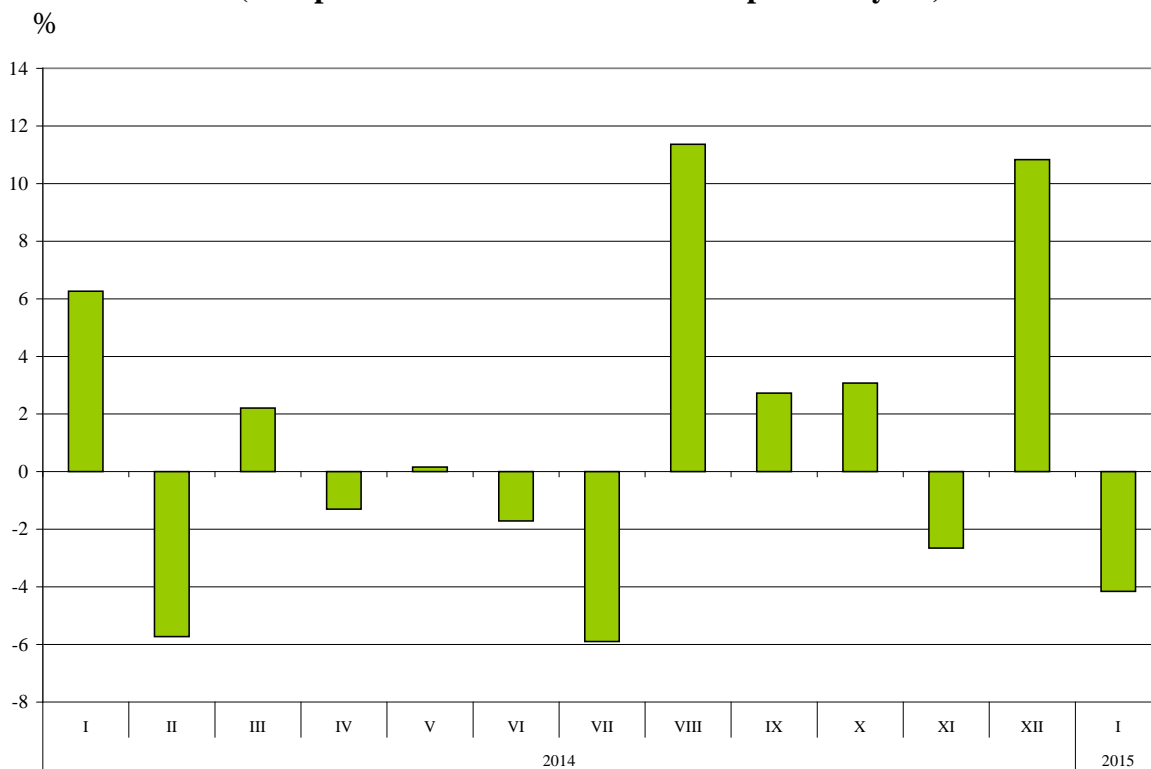


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **January 2015** amounted to 3.8 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 4.2 % less than the corresponding month of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in January 2015 and amounted to 420.5 Million BGN which was 439.0 Million BGN less than the balance in 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in January 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 235.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2014¹ and 2015¹ by months

(Million BGN)

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.2014	3098.4	1970.7	1127.7	3957.9	2333.2	1624.7	3785.6	2238.7	1546.9	-859.5	-362.5	-497.0	-687.2	-268.0	-419.2
I.2015	3372.9	2273.2	1099.7	3793.4	2329.1	1464.3	3608.8	2212.6	1396.2	-420.5	-55.9	-364.6	-235.9	60.6	-296.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2015¹ compared to the same month 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	8.9	15.3	-2.5	-4.2	-0.2	-9.9	-4.7	-1.2	-9.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2015.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in
January 2014² and 2015²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1127.7	1099.7	-2.5	1624.7	1464.3	-9.9	-497.0	-364.6
of which:								
Albania	7.6	8.1	6.6	3.5	3.4	-2.9	4.1	4.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.0	10.6	112.0	4.9	6.7	36.7	0.1	3.9
Brazil	2.1	2.8	33.3	8.4	8.6	2.4	-6.3	-5.8
Canada	4.0	4.9	22.5	2.6	2.6	0.0	1.4	2.3
China	79.0	65.0	-17.7	148.3	183.6	23.8	-69.3	-118.6
Egypt	19.1	30.0	57.1	97.6	15.5	-84.1	-78.5	14.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	50.0	52.1	4.2	37.7	41.7	10.6	12.3	10.4
Georgia	18.4	15.6	-15.2	32.2	33.9	5.3	-13.8	-18.3
Gibraltar	0.0	23.5	x	-	0.0	x	0.0	23.5
India	4.3	7.4	72.1	20.0	27.1	35.5	-15.7	-19.7
Indonesia	2.1	5.5	161.9	3.5	6.1	74.3	-1.4	-0.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	5.9	29.2	394.9	0.3	0.4	33.3	5.6	28.8
Israel	7.5	8.5	13.3	5.4	5.3	-1.9	2.1	3.2
Japan	4.0	5.0	25.0	12.1	14.0	15.7	-8.1	-9.0
Kazakhstan	5.1	1.5	-70.6	20.3	3.7	-81.8	-15.2	-2.2
Korea, Republic of	5.8	3.5	-39.7	15.5	13.5	-12.9	-9.7	-10.0
Libya	23.6	23.0	-2.5	-	0.4	x	23.6	22.6
Morocco	45.1	5.1	-88.7	0.0	0.1	x	45.1	5.0
Namibia	12.1	19.2	58.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	19.2
Norway	5.2	4.9	-5.8	3.1	1.6	-48.4	2.1	3.3
Peru	0.6	0.3	-50.0	1.7	3.4	100.0	-1.1	-3.1
Russian Federation	60.2	39.3	-34.7	570.8	450.0	-21.2	-510.6	-410.7
Serbia	42.2	58.0	37.4	48.0	34.5	-28.1	-5.8	23.5
Singapore	68.8	59.6	-13.4	4.2	4.3	2.4	64.6	55.3
South Africa	2.3	2.4	4.3	4.4	2.6	-40.9	-2.1	-0.2
Switzerland	26.2	18.3	-30.2	37.0	28.6	-22.7	-10.8	-10.3
Syrian Arab Republic	5.1	2.3	-54.9	6.4	1.5	-76.6	-1.3	0.8
Taiwan	3.0	2.8	-6.7	13.5	29.6	119.3	-10.5	-26.8
Turkey	296.6	316.1	6.6	297.7	190.6	-36.0	-1.1	125.5
Ukraine	11.7	14.7	25.6	90.3	66.6	-26.2	-78.6	-51.9
United Arab Emirates	74.7	51.2	-31.5	8.8	35.9	308.0	65.9	15.3
United States	43.9	52.7	20.0	40.0	41.0	2.5	3.9	11.7
Viet-Nam	2.2	3.3	50.0	7.0	6.6	-5.7	-4.8	-3.3

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 12-th of March 2015.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.

"0"- figure less than half the unit used.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in January 2014¹ and 2015¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	1127.7	1099.7	-2.5	1624.7	1464.3	-9.9	-497.0	-364.6
Food and live animals	95.9	130.6	36.2	45.2	74.5	64.8	50.7	56.1
Beverages and tobacco	49.3	46.8	-5.1	30.6	11.7	-61.8	18.7	35.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	89.1	86.4	-3.0	140.8	242.9	72.5	-51.7	-156.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	320.0	253.0	-20.9	756.1	438.9	-42.0	-436.1	-185.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	4.4	6.4	45.5	3.5	2.6	-25.7	0.9	3.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	113.0	122.7	8.6	135.8	127.8	-5.9	-22.8	-5.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	241.8	217.2	-10.2	246.8	263.9	6.9	-5.0	-46.7
Machinery and transport equipment	142.5	162.8	14.2	192.3	222.2	15.5	-49.8	-59.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	67.4	70.7	4.9	69.5	76.9	10.6	-2.1	-6.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	4.3	3.1	-27.9	4.1	2.9	-29.3	0.2	0.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of March 2015.