

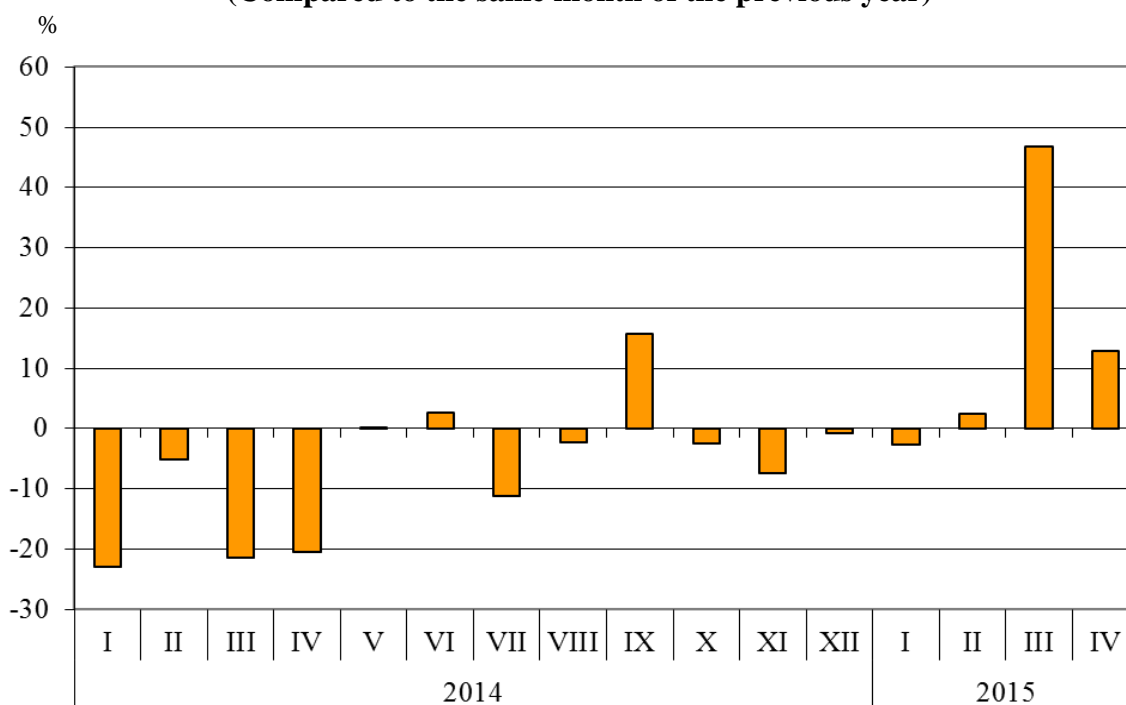


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 13.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 5.4 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, Singapore, USA and Russian Federation which accounted for 51.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2015 exports to third countries increased by 12.8% 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
in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first four months of 2015 increased by 1.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and added up to 6.2 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).

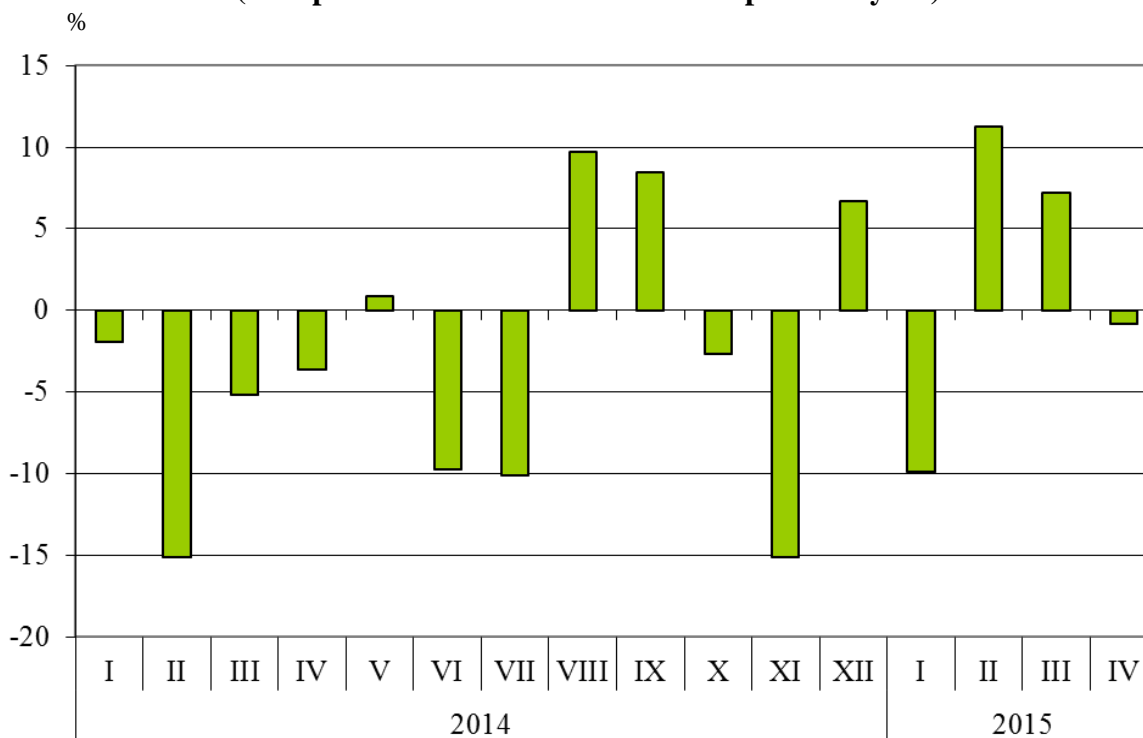
In April 2015 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 0.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.7 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries 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 the period January - April 2015 was negative and added up to 799.2 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 518.2 Million BGN.

In April 2015 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 157.9 Million BGN.

In the first four months of 2015 compared to the corresponding period 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' (279.1%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (52.0%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (0.6%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (32.7%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'³ (28.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (28.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.

³ 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

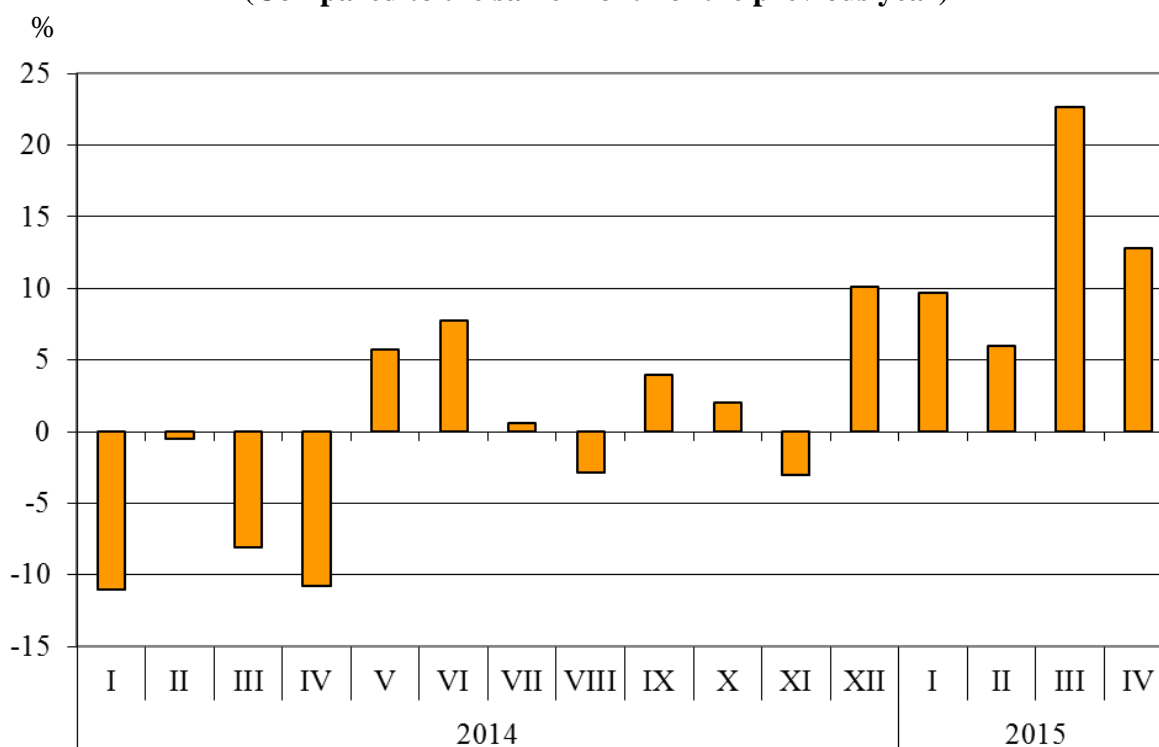


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2015** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 14.6 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2014 the exports increased by 12.8% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2015 the total exports added up to 3.9 Billion BGN and increased by 12.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



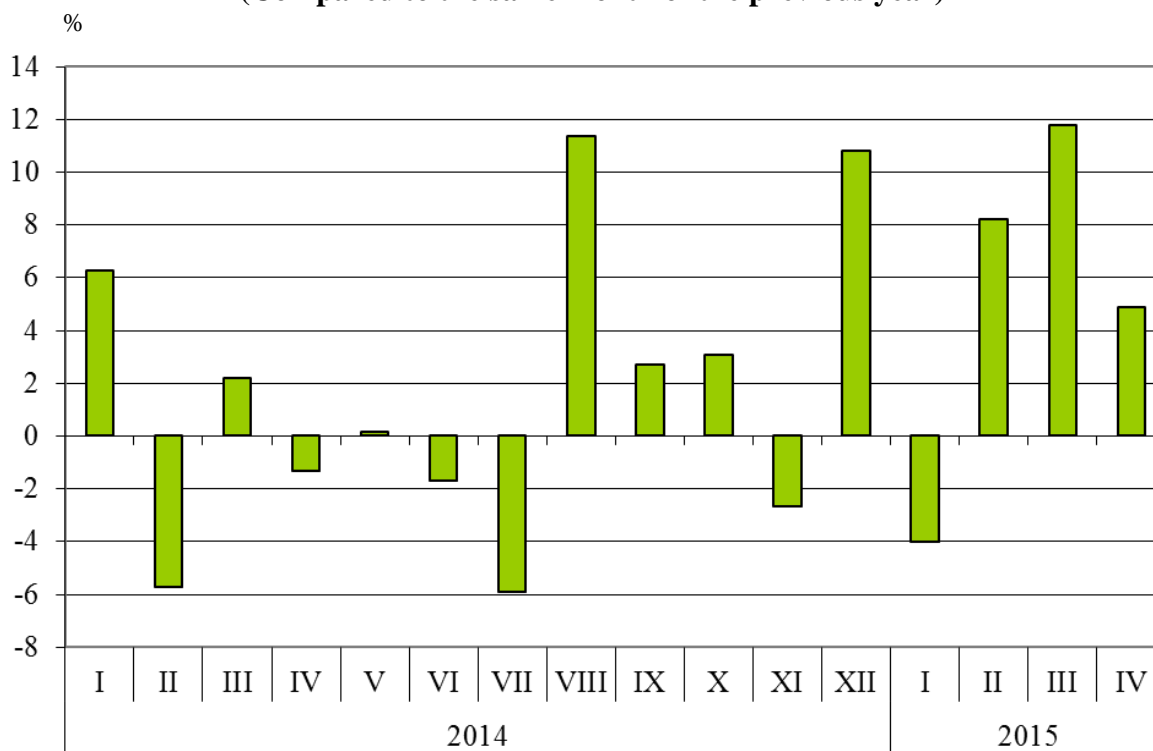
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2015** amounted to 16.8 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 5.2 % more than the corresponding period of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In April 2015 the total imports increased by 4.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.5 Billion BGN

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 the period January - April 2015 and amounted to 2 201.6 Million BGN which was 830.8 Million BGN less than the balance in the first four months of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 460.2 Million BGN.

In April 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 621.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 401.9 Million BGN

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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
II.2014	3226.7	2001.1	1225.6	3802.3	2465.7	1336.6	3642.6	2366.4	1276.2	-575.6	-464.6	-111.0	-415.9	-365.3	-50.6
III.2014	3195.3	2172.1	1023.2	3938.0	2497.1	1440.9	3781.8	2401.4	1380.4	-742.7	-325.0	-417.7	-586.5	-229.3	-357.2
I - III.2014	9520.4	6143.9	3376.5	11698.2	7296.0	4402.2	11210.0	7006.5	4203.5	-2177.8	-1152.1	-1025.7	-1689.6	-862.6	-827.0
IV.2014	3448.4	2117.8	1330.6	4303.0	2630.4	1672.6	4121.4	2525.4	1596.0	-854.6	-512.6	-342.0	-673.0	-407.6	-265.4
I - IV.2014	12968.8	8261.7	4707.1	16001.2	9926.4	6074.8	15331.4	9531.9	5799.5	-3032.4	-1664.7	-1367.7	-2362.6	-1270.2	-1092.4
I.2015	3398.3	2301.5	1096.8	3799.1	2334.7	1464.4	3632.9	2236.6	1396.3	-400.8	-33.2	-367.6	-234.6	64.9	-299.5
II.2015	3419.3	2162.7	1256.6	4114.2	2627.4	1486.8	3938.3	2520.1	1418.2	-694.9	-464.7	-230.2	-519.0	-357.4	-161.6
III.2015	3918.4	2416.8	1501.6	4402.8	2857.7	1545.1	4223.1	2745.4	1477.7	-484.4	-440.9	-43.5	-304.7	-328.6	23.9
I - III.2015	10736.0	6881.0	3855.0	12316.1	7819.8	4496.3	11794.3	7502.1	4292.2	-1580.1	-938.8	-641.3	-1058.3	-621.1	-437.2
V.2015	3890.8	2390.3	1500.5	4512.3	2853.9	1658.4	4292.7	2711.2	1581.5	-621.5	-463.6	-157.9	-401.9	-320.9	-81.0
I - IV.2015	14626.8	9271.3	5355.5	16828.4	10673.7	6154.7	16087.0	10213.3	5873.7	-2201.6	-1402.4	-799.2	-1460.2	-942.0	-518.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2015¹ 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	9.7	16.8	-2.7	-4.0	0.1	-9.9	-4.0	-0.1	-9.7
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.2	6.6	11.2	8.1	6.5	11.1
III	22.6	11.3	46.8	11.8	14.4	7.2	11.7	14.3	7.0
I - III	12.8	12.0	14.2	5.3	7.2	2.1	5.2	7.1	2.1
IV	12.8	12.9	12.8	4.9	8.5	-0.8	4.2	7.4	-0.9
I - IV	12.8	12.2	13.8	5.2	7.5	1.3	4.9	7.1	1.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2015.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - April 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	4707.1	5355.5	13.8	6074.8	6154.7	1.3	-1367.7	-799.2
of which:								
Albania	31.4	37.6	19.7	9.2	12.6	37.0	22.2	25.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25.4	43.7	72.0	19.8	22.2	12.1	5.6	21.5
Brazil	10.8	11.3	4.6	19.0	34.1	79.5	-8.2	-22.8
Canada	20.6	27.2	32.0	17.0	17.0	0.0	3.6	10.2
China	352.7	351.3	-0.4	525.0	672.2	28.0	-172.3	-320.9
Egypt	120.2	139.4	16.0	107.4	32.6	-69.6	12.8	106.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	220.7	232.7	5.4	162.8	166.9	2.5	57.9	65.8
Georgia	135.3	85.8	-36.6	111.5	156.6	40.4	23.8	-70.8
Gibraltar	0.1	24.4	24300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	24.4
India	23.4	35.4	51.3	63.3	95.9	51.5	-39.9	-60.5
Indonesia	10.5	17.9	70.5	17.1	21.5	25.7	-6.6	-3.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	55.2	129.8	135.1	1.8	3.1	72.2	53.4	126.7
Israel	27.2	36.7	34.9	50.8	25.6	-49.6	-23.6	11.1
Japan	16.2	21.9	35.2	54.6	51.8	-5.1	-38.4	-29.9
Kazakhstan	20.4	11.5	-43.6	33.2	18.2	-45.2	-12.8	-6.7
Korea, Republic of	51.4	36.0	-30.0	57.3	51.3	-10.5	-5.9	-15.3
Libya	60.3	68.1	12.9	-	0.4	x	60.3	67.7
Morocco	92.0	38.4	-58.3	9.5	42.3	345.3	82.5	-3.9
Namibia	56.7	82.5	45.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.7	82.5
Norway	20.6	18.2	-11.7	12.5	10.4	-16.8	8.1	7.8
Peru	2.9	2.0	-31.0	17.0	10.0	-41.2	-14.1	-8.0
Russian Federation	342.5	237.4	-30.7	2168.0	2018.5	-6.9	-1825.5	-1781.1
Serbia	195.6	267.6	36.8	210.3	206.9	-1.6	-14.7	60.7
Singapore	302.8	258.4	-14.7	13.8	16.4	18.8	289.0	242.0
South Africa	12.1	49.0	305.0	17.2	7.9	-54.1	-5.1	41.1
Switzerland	89.4	76.5	-14.4	121.5	116.9	-3.8	-32.1	-40.4
Syrian Arab Republic	56.0	33.8	-39.6	19.1	11.2	-41.4	36.9	22.6
Taiwan	13.0	17.5	34.6	46.7	78.1	67.2	-33.7	-60.6
Turkey	1118.5	1361.4	21.7	997.0	951.8	-4.5	121.5	409.6
Ukraine	79.2	121.9	53.9	414.9	297.5	-28.3	-335.7	-175.6
United Arab Emirates	224.2	154.2	-31.2	28.1	96.6	243.8	196.1	57.6
United States	206.7	257.0	24.3	190.6	156.5	-17.9	16.1	100.5
Viet-Nam	11.3	14.5	28.3	32.8	37.4	14.0	-21.5	-22.9

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 9-th June 2015.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - April 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	4707.1	5355.5	13.8	6074.8	6154.7	1.3	-1367.7	-799.2
Food and live animals	375.1	563.2	50.1	201.3	267.2	32.7	173.8	296.0
Beverages and tobacco	185.0	183.8	-0.6	74.7	53.8	-28.0	110.3	130.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	408.4	408.7	0.1	607.5	781.4	28.6	-199.1	-372.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1031.3	1106.6	7.3	2463.9	2125.2	-13.7	-1432.6	-1018.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	17.2	65.2	279.1	13.0	14.0	7.7	4.2	51.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	629.8	670.0	6.4	511.3	543.1	6.2	118.5	126.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1040.4	1049.9	0.9	1005.1	1053.3	4.8	35.3	-3.4
Machinery and transport equipment	697.5	826.7	18.5	888.1	960.5	8.2	-190.6	-133.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	308.2	468.6	52.0	298.3	346.7	16.2	9.9	121.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.2	12.8	-9.9	11.6	9.5	-18.1	2.6	3.3

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