

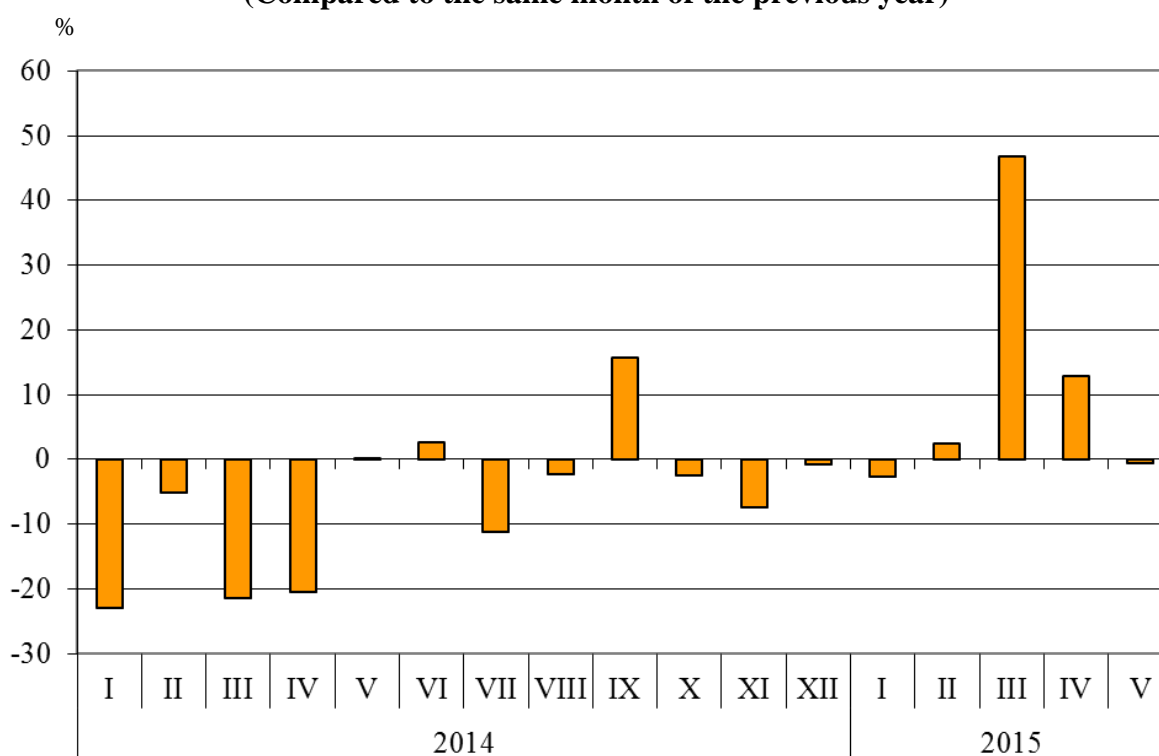


**BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD
JANUARY - MAY 2015
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - May 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 10.4% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 6.8 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, USA, Russian Federation and Singapore, which accounted for 50.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2015 exports to third countries decreased by 0.7% 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
in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



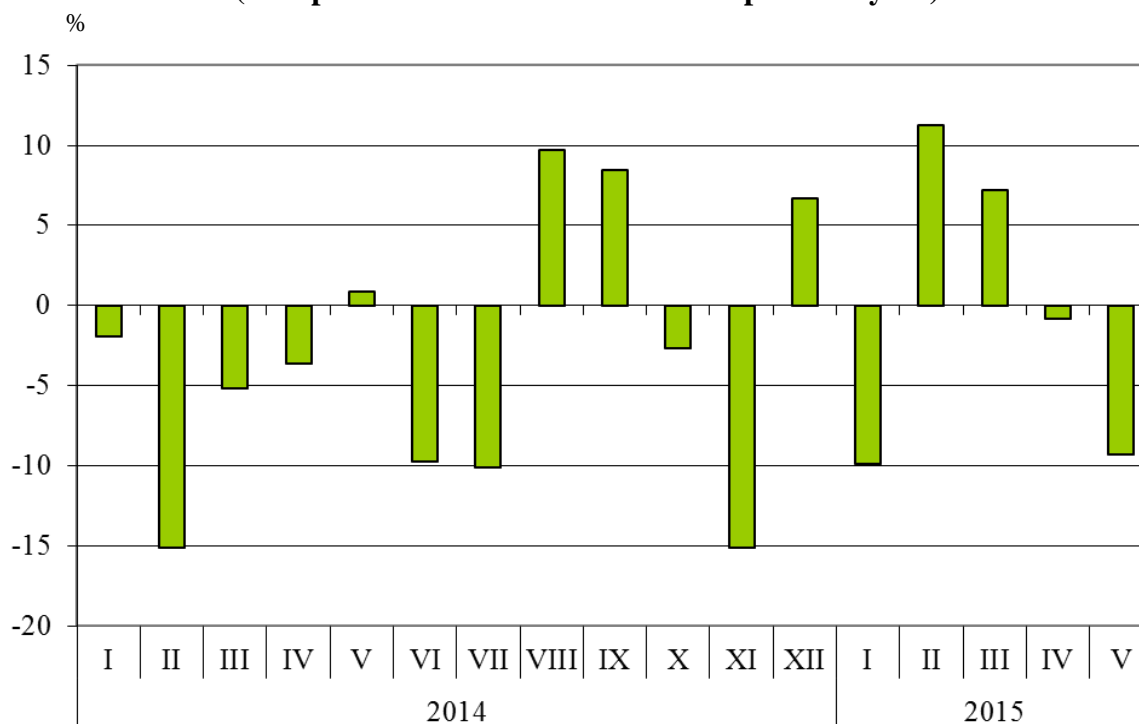
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first five months of 2015 decreased by 1.1% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and added up to 7.8 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2015 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 9.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.6 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 - May 2015 was negative and added up to 982.7 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 626.2 Million BGN.

In May 2015 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 183.5 Million BGN.

In the first five 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' (251.2%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (56.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (8.1%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (32.9%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'³ (20.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (21.8%).

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

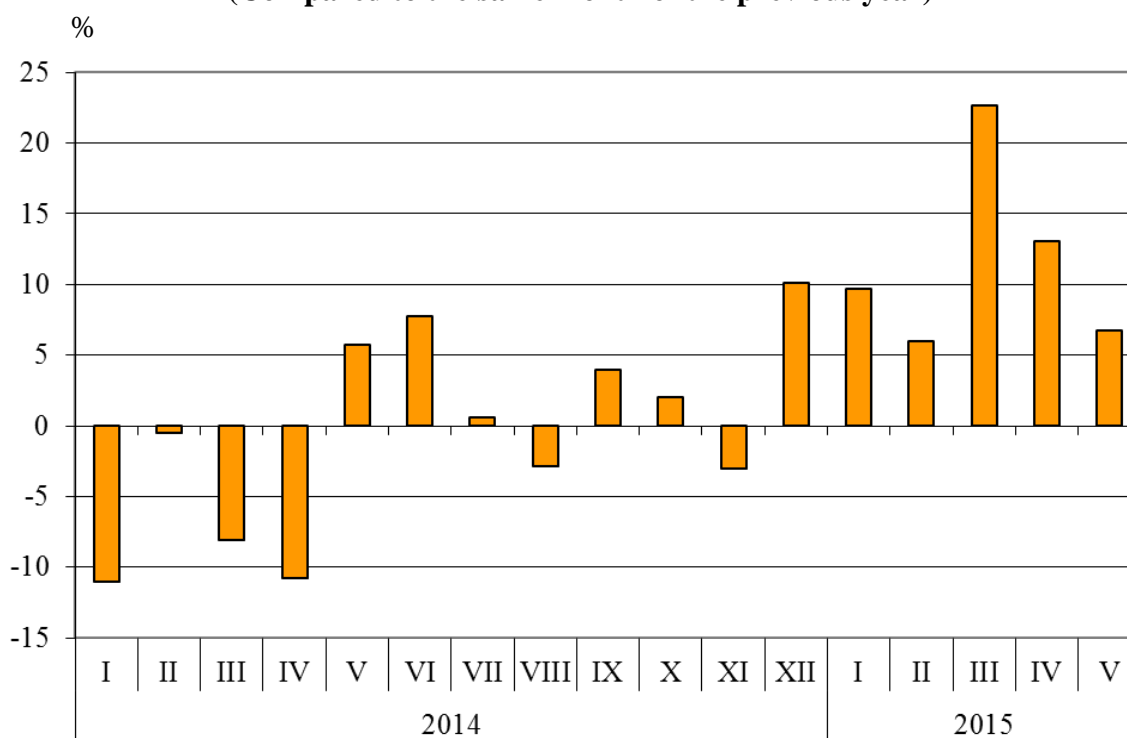


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - May 2015** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 18.4 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2014 the exports increased by 11.6% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In May 2015 the total exports added up to 3.7 Billion BGN and increased by 6.8% 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)**



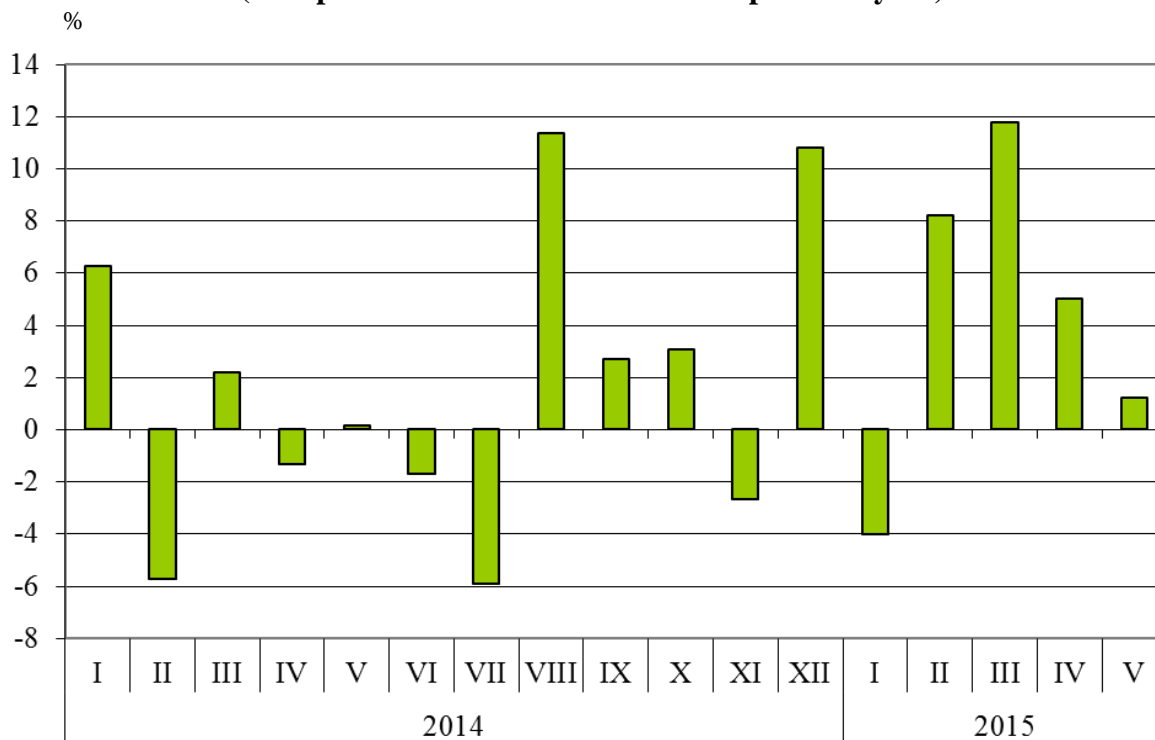
The total value of **all the goods imported in** the country **in the period January - May 2015** amounted to 21.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 4.4 % more than the corresponding period of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In May 2015 the total imports increased by 1.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.2 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 - May 2015 and amounted to 2 653.8 Million BGN which was 1 018.2 Million BGN less than the balance in the first five 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 - May 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 732.6 Million BGN.

In May 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 453.2 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 248.6 Million BGN

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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
V.2014	3498.5	2065.2	1433.3	4138.1	2366.0	1772.1	3958.4	2271.9	1686.5	-639.6	-300.8	-338.8	-459.9	-206.7	-253.2
I - V.2014	16467.3	10326.9	6140.4	20139.3	12292.4	7846.9	19289.8	11803.8	7486.0	-3672.0	-1965.5	-1706.5	-2822.5	-1476.9	-1345.6
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
IV.2015	3898.8	2398.3	1500.5	4519.3	2860.9	1658.4	4324.5	2743.0	1581.5	-620.5	-462.6	-157.9	-425.7	-344.7	-81.0
V.2015	3734.9	2311.0	1423.9	4188.1	2580.7	1607.4	3983.5	2451.6	1531.9	-453.2	-269.7	-183.5	-248.6	-140.6	-108.0
I - V.2015	18369.7	11590.3	6779.4	21023.5	13261.4	7762.1	20102.3	12696.7	7405.6	-2653.8	-1671.1	-982.7	-1732.6	-1106.4	-626.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th July 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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	13.1	13.2	12.8	5.0	8.8	-0.8	4.9	8.6	-0.9
V	6.8	11.9	-0.7	1.2	9.1	-9.3	0.6	7.9	-9.2
I - V	11.6	12.2	10.4	4.4	7.9	-1.1	4.2	7.6	-1.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th July 2015.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - May 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	6140.4	6779.4	10.4	7846.9	7762.1	-1.1	-1706.5	-982.7
of which:								
Albania	40.3	47.6	18.1	12.9	16.6	28.7	27.4	31.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32.1	54.0	68.2	24.5	25.3	3.3	7.6	28.7
Brazil	12.4	16.5	33.1	52.2	36.7	-29.7	-39.8	-20.2
Canada	25.9	34.3	32.4	20.4	21.7	6.4	5.5	12.6
China	434.4	461.2	6.2	681.4	816.9	19.9	-247.0	-355.7
Egypt	158.7	249.1	57.0	197.0	91.6	-53.5	-38.3	157.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	277.2	291.6	5.2	205.4	211.5	3.0	71.8	80.1
Georgia	163.9	115.9	-29.3	135.5	199.0	46.9	28.4	-83.1
Gibraltar	75.1	24.8	-67.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.1	24.8
India	30.9	43.1	39.5	84.3	122.5	45.3	-53.4	-79.4
Indonesia	14.3	20.6	44.1	21.5	26.5	23.3	-7.2	-5.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	58.8	163.8	178.6	2.2	4.3	95.5	56.6	159.5
Israel	76.5	46.2	-39.6	62.2	35.3	-43.2	14.3	10.9
Japan	20.3	28.9	42.4	81.1	61.9	-23.7	-60.8	-33.0
Kazakhstan	22.0	15.5	-29.5	37.0	21.5	-41.9	-15.0	-6.0
Korea, Republic of	55.6	41.1	-26.1	66.9	66.3	-0.9	-11.3	-25.2
Libya	61.9	77.4	25.0	85.3	67.0	-21.5	-23.4	10.4
Morocco	94.7	43.4	-54.2	25.8	53.8	108.5	68.9	-10.4
Namibia	56.7	82.6	45.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.7	82.6
Norway	25.3	23.6	-6.7	14.4	12.4	-13.9	10.9	11.2
Peru	3.5	2.5	-28.6	18.8	13.2	-29.8	-15.3	-10.7
Russian Federation	416.7	308.6	-25.9	2825.4	2537.1	-10.2	-2408.7	-2228.5
Serbia	259.6	335.8	29.4	258.9	270.6	4.5	0.7	65.2
Singapore	423.8	308.4	-27.2	15.4	20.3	31.8	408.4	288.1
South Africa	15.1	52.6	248.3	21.2	9.1	-57.1	-6.1	43.5
Switzerland	106.5	95.0	-10.8	147.7	150.2	1.7	-41.2	-55.2
Syrian Arab Republic	68.4	36.1	-47.2	20.9	12.9	-38.3	47.5	23.2
Taiwan	15.9	21.4	34.6	59.6	103.4	73.5	-43.7	-82.0
Turkey	1540.1	1705.9	10.8	1242.5	1251.4	0.7	297.6	454.5
Ukraine	94.7	136.2	43.8	521.4	370.0	-29.0	-426.7	-233.8
United Arab Emirates	252.1	188.2	-25.3	33.6	102.9	206.3	218.5	85.3
United States	250.5	311.5	24.4	219.8	191.3	-13.0	30.7	120.2
Viet-Nam	13.8	17.1	23.9	38.9	46.9	20.6	-25.1	-29.8

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-th July 2015.

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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 - May 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	6140.4	6779.4	10.4	7846.9	7762.1	-1.1	-1706.5	-982.7
Food and live animals	461.6	667.3	44.6	250.1	332.5	32.9	211.5	334.8
Beverages and tobacco	227.0	228.4	0.6	87.5	68.4	-21.8	139.5	160.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	522.8	493.4	-5.6	758.0	909.5	20.0	-235.2	-416.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1579.9	1451.4	-8.1	3347.3	2842.0	-15.1	-1767.4	-1390.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	20.1	70.6	251.2	17.1	17.8	4.1	3.0	52.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	759.6	844.9	11.2	618.5	664.1	7.4	141.1	180.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1290.2	1323.3	2.6	1256.7	1326.6	5.6	33.5	-3.3
Machinery and transport equipment	874.3	1076.7	23.1	1116.4	1162.3	4.1	-242.1	-85.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	388.2	608.4	56.7	380.4	426.9	12.2	7.8	181.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	16.7	15.0	-10.2	14.9	12.0	-19.5	1.8	3.0

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