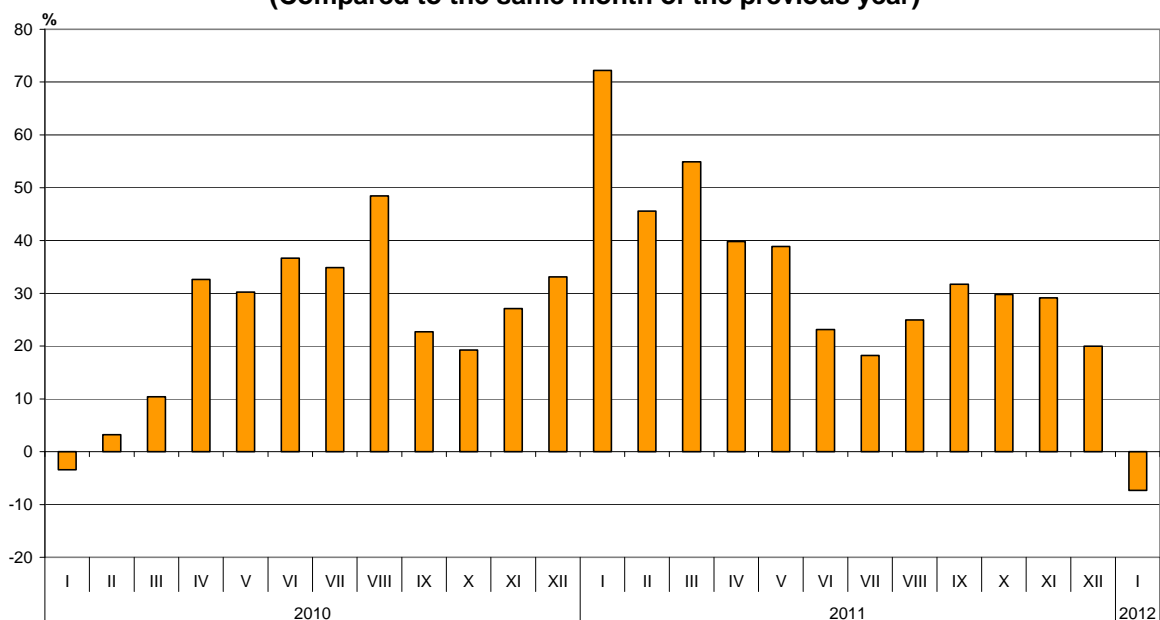




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2012** the Bulgarian **exports** to the **EU** decreased by 7.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to over 1.7 billion leva (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France that formed 67.8% of the total exports to the EU Member states (Table.2). The most significant growths were observed in the exports to Estonia and Slovenia. The most notable falls were registered in the exports to Luxembourg, Cyprus and Portugal.

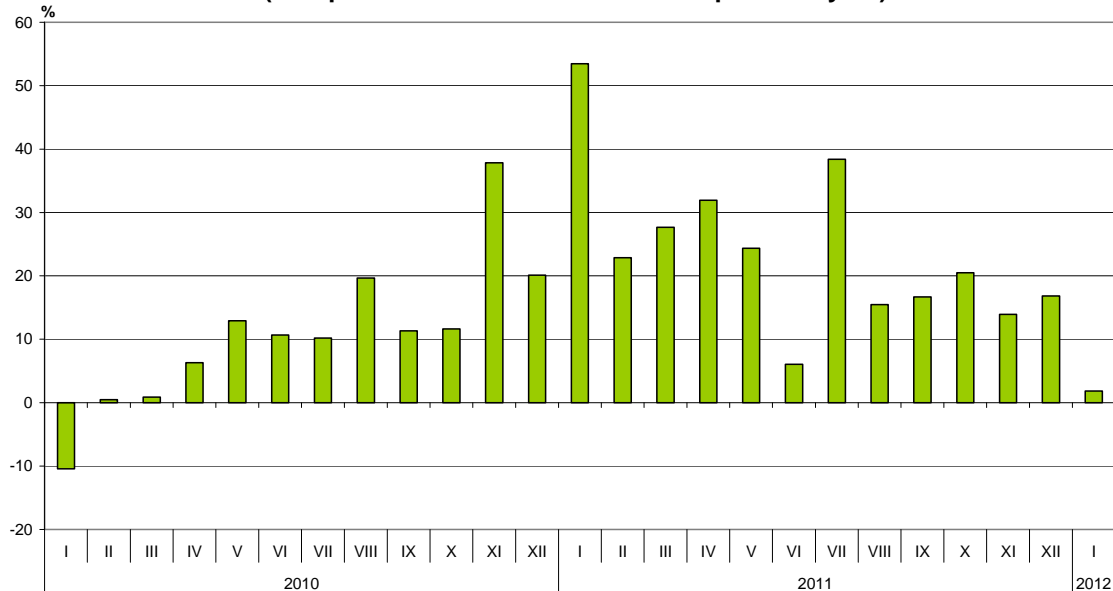
**Figure 1. Nominal growth of exports to EU for the period
2010 - 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in January 2012 increased by 1.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 2.0 billion leva at CIF prices (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Cyprus, Luxembourg and Netherlands (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Malta, Finland and Denmark.



Figure 2. Nominal growth of imports from EU for the period
2010 - 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with **EU** in January 2012 was negative and amounted to 276.5 million leva (Table 1.1) At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 183.0 million leva.

The **exports** of Bulgaria to **EU**, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, decreased in most of the sections in January 2012 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3). The largest falls were reported in sections “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”¹. The largest growths were recorded in the sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”² and „Beverages and tobacco”.

In **imports** from third countries significant fall was reported in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”. The largest growth was reported in section „Beverages and tobacco”.

¹ 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.

² The section includes the following divisions: Animal oils and fats ; Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated; Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.

ANNEX

Exports, imports and trade balance in January 2011¹ and 2012¹ by months

Table 1.1
(Million
Levs)

Months	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.2011	3117.3	1851.6	1265.7	3316.7	1956.9	1359.8	3153.8	1864.8	1289.0	-199.4	-105.3	-94.1	-36.5	-13.2	-23.3
I.2012	2804.4	1716.1	1088.3	3364.9	1992.6	1372.3	3203.9	1899.1	1304.8	-560.5	-276.5	-284.0	-399.5	-183.0	-216.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.04.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports in January 2012¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	-10.0	-7.3	-14.0	1.5	1.8	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.04.2012.



Table 2

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹
in January 2011² and 2012²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	3117.3	2804.4	-10.0	3316.7	3364.9	1.5	-199.4	-560.5
EU	1851.6	1716.1	-7.3	1956.9	1992.6	1.8	-105.3	-276.5
Austria	55.8	54.6	-2.2	119.3	114.5	-4.0	-63.5	-59.9
Belgium	145.5	105.8	-27.3	46.9	49.6	5.8	98.6	56.2
Cyprus	9.9	5.1	-48.5	2.7	13.1	385.2	7.2	-8.0
Czech Republic	31.0	30.3	-2.3	51.8	59.8	15.4	-20.8	-29.5
Denmark	15.7	12.0	-23.6	15.2	9.5	-37.5	0.5	2.5
Estonia	2.1	4.1	95.2	0.5	0.7	40.0	1.6	3.4
Finland	5.5	4.8	-12.7	9.8	6.0	-38.8	-4.3	-1.2
France	115.6	135.3	17.0	106.6	106.4	-0.2	9.0	28.9
Germany	437.2	364.5	-16.6	325.4	352.9	8.5	111.8	11.6
Greece	226.6	169.8	-25.1	190.5	204.6	7.4	36.1	-34.8
Hungary	42.9	36.1	-15.9	96.0	86.1	-10.3	-53.1	-50.0
Ireland	1.3	1.2	-7.7	12.5	13.3	6.4	-11.2	-12.1
Italy	255.5	289.6	13.3	200.7	184.9	-7.9	54.8	104.7
Latvia	1.6	1.8	12.5	1.1	1.2	9.1	0.5	0.6
Lithuania	2.6	3.3	26.9	3.4	5.4	58.8	-0.8	-2.1
Luxembourg	3.2	0.3	-90.6	1.6	4.6	187.5	1.6	-4.3
Malta	1.4	1.8	28.6	1.3	0.1	-92.3	0.1	1.7
Netherlands	66.5	60.0	-9.8	80.6	170.3	111.3	-14.1	-110.3
Poland	49.7	46.3	-6.8	56.4	61.6	9.2	-6.7	-15.3
Portugal	20.4	14.6	-28.4	16.0	21.3	33.1	4.4	-6.7
Romania	222.4	204.7	-8.0	241.4	217.9	-9.7	-19.0	-13.2
Slovakia	13.0	16.3	25.4	57.5	42.2	-26.6	-44.5	-25.9
Slovenia	8.0	13.0	62.5	23.3	20.2	-13.3	-15.3	-7.2
Spain	51.6	55.9	8.3	231.4	162.6	-29.7	-179.8	-106.7
Sweden	15.3	13.4	-12.4	17.9	19.0	6.1	-2.6	-5.6
United Kingdom	50.6	59.0	16.6	44.8	62.0	38.4	5.8	-3.0
Not specified	0.7	12.5	1685.7	2.3	2.8	21.7	-1.6	9.7
Non EU countries	1265.7	1088.3	-14.0	1359.8	1372.3	0.9	-94.1	-284.0
CIS	128.9	131.6	2.1	850.5	762.7	-10.3	-721.6	-631.1
of which:								
Georgia	22.4	33.1	47.8	35.0	11.1	-68.3	-12.6	22.0
Kazakhstan	3.4	1.7	-50.0	3.1	2.2	-29.0	0.3	-0.5
Russian Fed.	72.7	56.8	-21.9	613.3	642.8	4.8	-540.6	-586.0
Ukraine	17.4	22.1	27.0	189.0	101.9	-46.1	-171.6	-79.8
OECD³	421.5	339.0	-19.6	211.9	256.8	21.2	209.6	82.2
of which:								
Canada	4.3	5.8	34.9	2.3	3.0	30.4	2.0	2.8
Japan	2.1	2.0	-4.8	12.5	11.4	-8.8	-10.4	-9.4
Korea, Rep. of	3.1	30.3	877.4	13.9	26.6	91.4	-10.8	3.7
Turkey	342.7	234.5	-31.6	133.6	147.8	10.6	209.1	86.7
USA	36.1	30.1	-16.6	18.1	24.2	33.7	18.0	5.9
EFTA	26.2	30.2	15.3	30.2	28.8	-4.6	-4.0	1.4



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of which:								
Norway	5.0	8.2	64.0	1.1	0.9	-18.2	3.9	7.3
Switzerland	20.0	21.5	7.5	29.1	27.8	-4.5	-9.1	-6.3
Countries not included								
in the upper groups								
Albania	9.4	6.2	-34.0	2.7	2.4	-11.1	6.7	3.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6.4	2.7	-57.8	1.1	3.5	218.2	5.3	-0.8
Brazil	0.6	12.1	1916.7	8.4	5.8	-31.0	-7.8	6.3
China	98.7	79.4	-19.6	92.3	149.0	61.4	6.4	-69.6
Croatia	20.8	9.2	-55.8	3.3	2.8	-15.2	17.5	6.4
Egypt	12.4	30.0	141.9	12.0	12.3	2.5	0.4	17.7
India	3.6	4.2	16.7	7.8	12.7	62.8	-4.2	-8.5
Indonesia	3.3	3.5	6.1	3.1	2.5	-19.4	0.2	1.0
Iran	2.3	1.9	-17.4	1.4	0.7	-50.0	0.9	1.2
Israel	6.3	4.7	-25.4	19.3	5.4	-72.0	-13.0	-0.7
Peru	0.2	0.3	50.0	3.8	6.7	76.3	-3.6	-6.4
Serbia	72.6	56.4	-22.3	32.7	32.5	-0.6	39.9	23.9
Singapore	61.7	0.9	-98.5	4.4	3.2	-27.3	57.3	-2.3
South Africa	36.5	1.5	-95.9	2.3	4.0	73.9	34.2	-2.5
Syria	1.6	1.7	6.3	4.8	6.7	39.6	-3.2	-5.0
Taiwan	2.8	3.3	17.9	8.9	14.8	66.3	-6.1	-11.5
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	65.4	59.4	-9.2	34.8	32.1	-7.8	30.6	27.3
United Arab Emirates	3.4	91.9	2602.9	13.3	3.2	-75.9	-9.9	88.7
Viet Nam	1.2	1.6	33.3	3.0	3.6	20.0	-1.8	-2.0

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 10.04.2012.**

³ **Excluding EU countries.**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 2011¹ and 2012¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012	Growth - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	3117.3	2804.4	-10.0	3316.7	3364.9	1.5	-199.4	-560.5
of which EU	1851.6	1716.1	-7.3	1956.9	1992.6	1.8	-105.3	-276.5
Food and live animals	253.2	251.9	-0.5	247.7	244.3	-1.4	5.5	7.6
of which EU	198.6	188.7	-5.0	207.1	211.3	2.0	-8.5	-22.6
Beverages and tobacco	57.2	56.8	-0.7	26.9	33.1	23.0	30.3	23.7
of which EU	12.7	17.8	40.2	15.0	22.8	52.0	-2.3	-5.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	331.0	320.1	-3.3	409.7	350.0	-14.6	-78.7	-29.9
of which EU	204.4	151.4	-25.9	295.5	233.8	-20.9	-91.1	-82.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	468.9	327.7	-30.1	820.5	759.0	-7.5	-351.6	-431.3
of which EU	73.3	48.8	-33.4	104.6	89.6	-14.3	-31.3	-40.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	14.5	23.4	61.4	19.3	12.4	-35.8	-4.8	11.0
of which EU	10.2	17.3	69.6	14.5	8.7	-40.0	-4.3	8.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	226.7	220.9	-2.6	378.5	395.3	4.4	-151.8	-174.4
of which EU	104.4	102.1	-2.2	293.7	304.3	3.6	-189.3	-202.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	839.3	693.7	-17.3	534.3	521.0	-2.5	305.0	172.7
of which EU	526.3	461.4	-12.3	325.3	327.0	0.5	201.0	134.4
Machinery and transport equipment	455.0	453.2	-0.4	678.0	844.6	24.6	-223.0	-391.4
of which EU	341.8	339.1	-0.8	546.1	640.1	17.2	-204.3	-301.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	467.6	450.2	-3.7	194.4	196.0	0.8	273.2	254.2
of which EU	378.3	385.1	1.8	148.9	147.2	-1.1	229.4	237.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	3.9	6.5	66.7	7.4	9.2	24.3	-3.5	-2.7
of which EU	1.6	4.4	175.0	6.2	7.8	25.8	-4.6	-3.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.04.2012.