

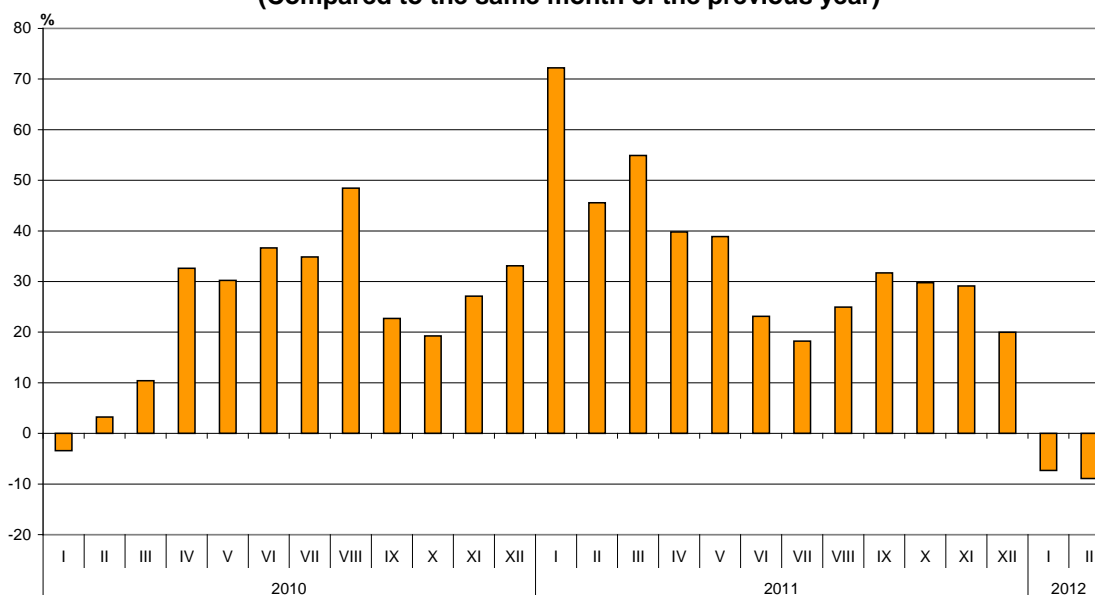


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In period **January - February 2012** the Bulgarian **exports** to the **EU** decreased by 8.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and exceeded 3.3 billion Levs (Table 1.1 and 1.2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France that formed 66.0% of the total exports to the EU Member States (Table.2). The most significant growths were observed in the exports to Slovenia and Lithuania. The most notable falls were registered in the exports to Luxembourg and Portugal.

In February 2012 the exports to the EU decreased by 8.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and exceeded 1.6 billion Levs.

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

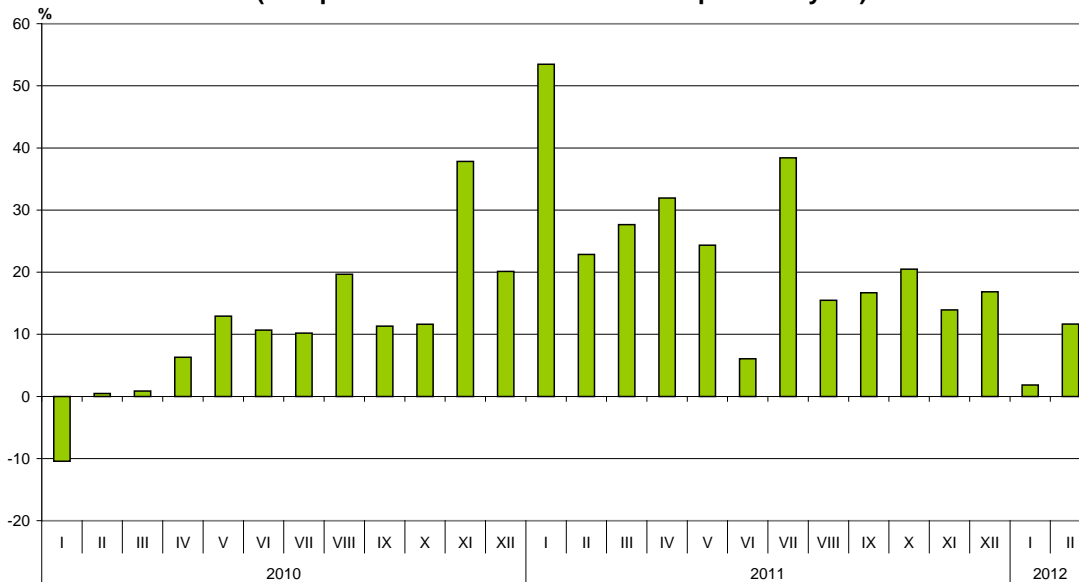


Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - February 2012 increased by 6.7% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and reached 4.1 billion Levs at CIF prices (Tables 1.1 and 1.2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Cyprus, Luxembourg and Netherlands (Table 2). The largest decreases were observed in the imports from Malta and Finland.

In February 2012 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 11.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 billion Levs at CIF prices.



**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 the period January – February 2012 was negative and amounted to 709.4 million Levs (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 520.0 million Levs.

The **exports** of Bulgaria to **EU**, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, decreased in most of the sections in the first two months of 2012 compared to the corresponding period 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)”<sup>1</sup>. The largest growths were recorded in the sections “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”<sup>2</sup> and „Beverages and tobacco”.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



Exports, imports and trade balance for the period January - February 2011<sup>1</sup> and 2012<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1.1  
(Million Levs)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
II.2011	2937.1	1840.6	1096.5	3158.1	1889.5	1268.6	3010.3	1806.3	1204.0	-221.0	-48.9	-172.1	-73.2	34.3	-107.5
<b>I-II.2011</b>	<b>6054.4</b>	<b>3692.2</b>	<b>2362.2</b>	<b>6474.8</b>	<b>3846.4</b>	<b>2628.4</b>	<b>6164.1</b>	<b>3671.1</b>	<b>2493.0</b>	<b>-420.4</b>	<b>-154.2</b>	<b>-266.2</b>	<b>-109.7</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>-130.8</b>
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
II.2012	2889.3	1676.7	1212.6	3591.4	2109.6	1481.8	3421.2	2013.7	1407.5	-702.1	-432.9	-269.2	-531.9	-337.0	-194.9
<b>I-II.2012</b>	<b>5693.7</b>	<b>3392.8</b>	<b>2300.9</b>	<b>6956.3</b>	<b>4102.2</b>	<b>2854.1</b>	<b>6625.1</b>	<b>3912.8</b>	<b>2712.3</b>	<b>-1262.6</b>	<b>-709.4</b>	<b>-553.2</b>	<b>-931.4</b>	<b>-520.0</b>	<b>-411.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2012.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1.2

Growth of exports and imports for the period January - February 2012<sup>1</sup> 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
II	-1.6	-8.9	10.6	13.7	11.6	16.8	13.6	11.5	16.9
<b>I-II</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2012.



Table2

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners<sup>1</sup>  
for the period January - February 2011<sup>2</sup> and 2012<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6054.4</b>	<b>5693.7</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>6474.8</b>	<b>6956.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-420.4</b>	<b>-1262.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>3692.2</b>	<b>3392.8</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>3846.4</b>	<b>4102.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-154.2</b>	<b>-709.4</b>
Austria	126.8	100.8	-20.5	228.7	222.1	-2.9	-101.9	-121.3
Belgium	295.5	232.7	-21.3	101.4	102.2	0.8	194.1	130.5
Cyprus	22.5	24.7	9.8	5.3	31.6	496.2	17.2	-6.9
Czech Republic	67.1	66.6	-0.7	105.4	131.1	24.4	-38.3	-64.5
Denmark	31.5	24.7	-21.6	26.6	25.3	-4.9	4.9	-0.6
Estonia	3.9	5.4	38.5	1.0	1.3	30.0	2.9	4.1
Finland	9.5	9.0	-5.3	21.7	14.0	-35.5	-12.2	-5.0
France	235.7	265.4	12.6	220.4	225.9	2.5	15.3	39.5
Germany	780.6	687.4	-11.9	694.1	829.2	19.5	86.5	-141.8
Greece	416.7	344.5	-17.3	393.4	447.2	13.7	23.3	-102.7
Hungary	84.9	81.2	-4.4	204.1	195.9	-4.0	-119.2	-114.7
Ireland	3.7	3.2	-13.5	21.8	24.3	11.5	-18.1	-21.1
Italy	529.5	571.2	7.9	413.6	395.7	-4.3	115.9	175.5
Latvia	4.0	4.4	10.0	2.1	2.2	4.8	1.9	2.2
Lithuania	5.8	8.4	44.8	8.1	10.1	24.7	-2.3	-1.7
Luxembourg	6.4	0.7	-89.1	3.9	7.9	102.6	2.5	-7.2
Malta	3.1	3.4	9.7	2.8	0.6	-78.6	0.3	2.8
Netherlands	127.9	120.4	-5.9	168.8	315.4	86.8	-40.9	-195.0
Poland	115.9	97.4	-16.0	118.8	123.1	3.6	-2.9	-25.7
Portugal	38.3	18.2	-52.5	18.4	24.9	35.3	19.9	-6.7
Romania	485.4	371.0	-23.6	501.2	446.3	-11.0	-15.8	-75.3
Slovakia	28.6	32.5	13.6	107.1	83.9	-21.7	-78.5	-51.4
Slovenia	17.8	26.0	46.1	47.4	41.8	-11.8	-29.6	-15.8
Spain	110.8	132.5	19.6	299.4	237.2	-20.8	-188.6	-104.7
Sweden	29.7	26.0	-12.5	35.1	43.3	23.4	-5.4	-17.3
United Kingdom	109.0	119.6	9.7	90.9	114.2	25.6	18.1	5.4
Not specified	1.6	15.5	868.8	4.9	5.5	10.2	-3.3	10.1
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>2362.2</b>	<b>2300.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>2628.4</b>	<b>2854.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>-266.2</b>	<b>-553.2</b>
<b>CIS</b>	<b>272.1</b>	<b>284.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1575.9</b>	<b>1669.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-1303.8</b>	<b>-1385.6</b>
of which:								
Georgia	49.7	68.0	36.8	63.3	51.4	-18.8	-13.6	16.6
Kazakhstan	5.4	6.1	13.0	4.1	11.2	173.2	1.3	-5.1
Russian Fed.	142.7	132.9	-6.9	1132.2	1434.3	26.7	-989.5	-1301.4
Ukraine	40.5	38.1	-5.9	356.9	161.1	-54.9	-316.4	-123.0
<b>OECD<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>822.1</b>	<b>686.0</b>	<b>-16.6</b>	<b>459.2</b>	<b>506.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>362.9</b>	<b>179.8</b>
of which:								
Canada	8.6	43.0	400.0	4.1	4.8	17.1	4.5	38.2
Japan	4.2	4.5	7.1	20.9	22.0	5.3	-16.7	-17.5
Korea, Rep. of	20.8	32.5	56.3	23.6	43.9	86.0	-2.8	-11.4
Turkey	643.7	460.4	-28.5	284.5	294.6	3.6	359.2	165.8
USA	80.1	73.8	-7.9	59.0	56.0	-5.1	21.1	17.8



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of which:								
Norway	12.0	13.8	15.0	2.2	1.9	-13.6	9.8	11.9
Switzerland	37.1	43.4	17.0	61.9	58.6	-5.3	-24.8	-15.2
<b>Countries not included</b>								
<b>in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	16.1	16.2	0.6	6.9	5.3	-23.2	9.2	10.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.9	7.7	-29.4	1.7	4.5	164.7	9.2	3.2
Brazil	6.7	16.2	141.8	42.2	11.6	-72.5	-35.5	4.6
China	109.7	219.6	100.2	178.2	257.2	44.3	-68.5	-37.6
Croatia	38.2	19.5	-49.0	6.3	5.2	-17.5	31.9	14.3
Egypt	38.1	46.0	20.7	15.5	23.2	49.7	22.6	22.8
India	37.1	8.2	-77.9	16.8	24.4	45.2	20.3	-16.2
Indonesia	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.9	4.8	-2.0	0.3	0.4
Iran	4.2	3.5	-16.7	1.6	1.3	-18.8	2.6	2.2
Israel	16.9	12.1	-28.4	26.4	19.8	-25.0	-9.5	-7.7
Peru	0.7	0.8	14.3	12.1	8.5	-29.8	-11.4	-7.7
Serbia	142.3	114.4	-19.6	61.6	58.8	-4.5	80.7	55.6
Singapore	63.0	1.6	-97.5	6.8	5.4	-20.6	56.2	-3.8
South Africa	113.4	3.4	-97.0	5.7	9.0	57.9	107.7	-5.6
Syria	3.9	13.4	243.6	8.6	18.4	114.0	-4.7	-5.0
Taiwan	6.5	7.4	13.8	17.2	31.4	82.6	-10.7	-24.0
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	135.0	110.0	-18.5	75.0	68.3	-8.9	60.0	41.7
United Arab Emirates	6.7	141.1	2006.0	23.8	10.4	-56.3	-17.1	130.7
Viet Nam	3.0	2.8	-6.7	6.8	8.5	25.0	-3.8	-5.7

<sup>1</sup> **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.

<sup>2</sup> **Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2012.**

<sup>3</sup> **Excluding EU countries.**

Exports, imports and trade balance by sections of SITC, rev.4  
for the period January - February 2011<sup>1</sup> and 2012<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6054.4</b>	<b>5693.7</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>6474.8</b>	<b>6956.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-420.4</b>	<b>-1262.6</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>3692.2</b>	<b>3392.8</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>3846.4</b>	<b>4102.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-154.2</b>	<b>-709.4</b>
Food and live animals	522.4	519.2	-0.6	511.2	511.4	0.0	11.2	7.8
of which EU	406.0	382.5	-5.8	408.0	432.2	5.9	-2.0	-49.7
Beverages and tobacco	114.6	126.5	10.4	57.5	72.6	26.3	57.1	53.9
of which EU	38.9	45.7	17.5	34.6	52.9	52.9	4.3	-7.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	610.4	570.9	-6.5	649.4	589.6	-9.2	-39.0	-18.7
of which EU	376.8	259.1	-31.2	417.9	336.1	-19.6	-41.1	-77.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	827.7	673.5	-18.6	1491.6	1740.9	16.7	-663.9	-1067.4
of which EU	149.6	94.8	-36.6	192.8	264.2	37.0	-43.2	-169.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29.2	54.7	87.3	36.6	27.7	-24.3	-7.4	27.0
of which EU	20.7	41.1	98.6	28.5	20.4	-28.4	-7.8	20.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	469.2	475.2	1.3	775.8	791.1	2.0	-306.6	-315.9
of which EU	222.1	212.8	-4.2	606.6	625.9	3.2	-384.5	-413.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1591.4	1447.1	-9.1	1103.0	1046.3	-5.1	488.4	400.8
of which EU	1000.2	903.6	-9.7	685.5	670.1	-2.2	314.7	233.5
Machinery and transport equipment	975.1	917.7	-5.9	1420.1	1740.4	22.6	-445.0	-822.7
of which EU	721.2	683.7	-5.2	1141.0	1368.7	20.0	-419.8	-685.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	908.1	897.3	-1.2	413.2	417.2	1.0	494.9	480.1
of which EU	753.3	763.5	1.4	318.6	315.9	-0.8	434.7	447.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.3	11.6	84.1	16.4	19.1	16.5	-10.1	-7.5
of which EU	3.4	6.0	76.5	12.9	15.8	22.5	-9.5	-9.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2012.