

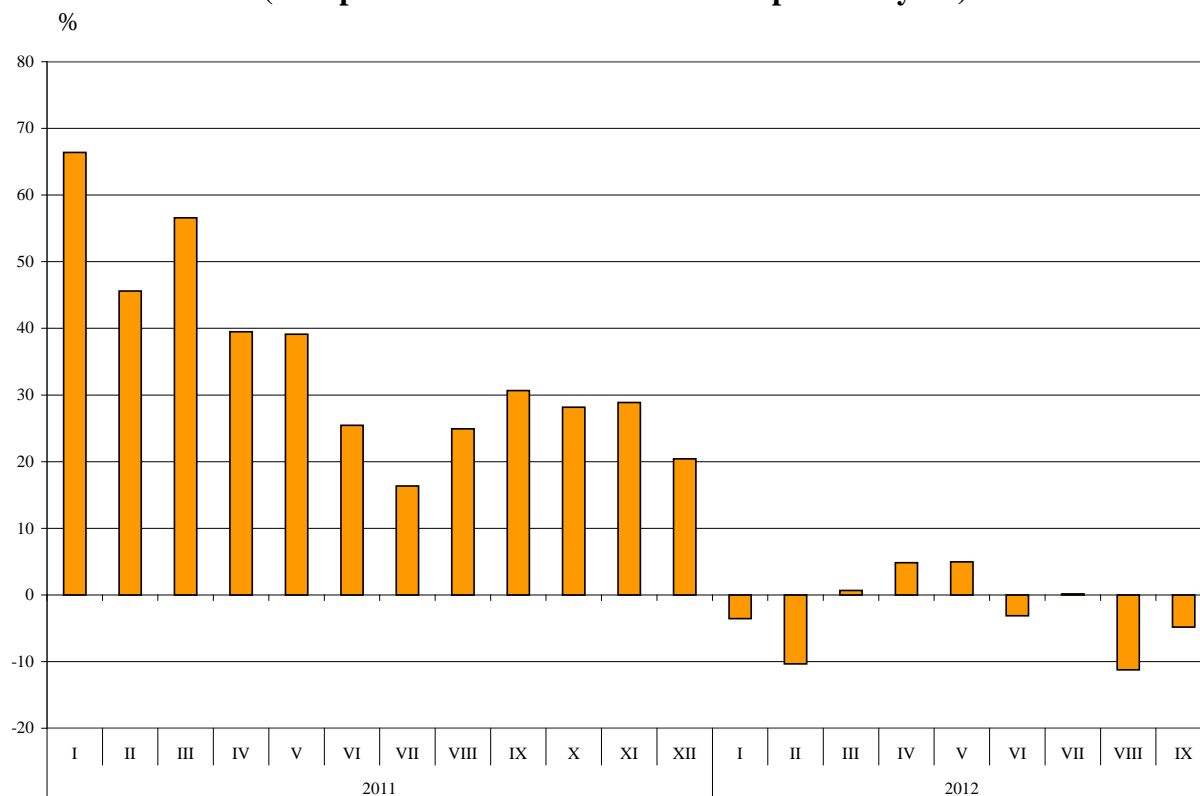


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** decreased by 2.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 17.8 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium that formed 70.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2012 the exports to the EU decreased by 4.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 Billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports to EU for the period 2011 – 2012
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



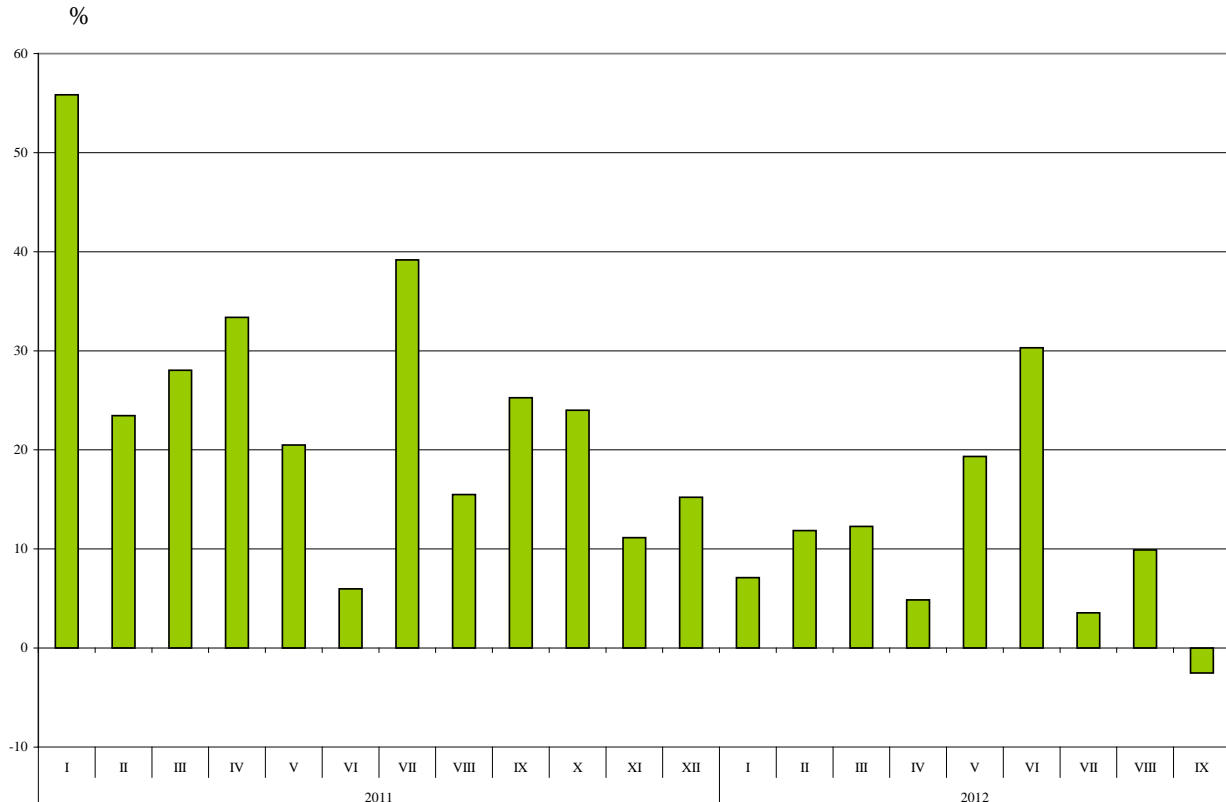
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - September 2012 increased by 10.4% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 21.7 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



In September 2012 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2.3 Billion Levs at CIF prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports from EU for the period 2011 – 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 – September 2012 was negative and added up to 3 882.0 Million Levs (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 3 031.0 Million Levs.

In the **first nine months of 2012** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (40.4%) **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” and the most notable fall (29.8%) - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”².

In **imports from EU** the largest increase (49.8%) was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” while a decrease (10.3%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - September 2011 and 2012¹ by months

Table 1

(Million Levs)

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.2011	3054.5	1789.0	1265.5	3353.1	1987.0	1366.1	3211.1	1907.9	1303.2	-298.6	-198.0	-100.6	-156.6	-118.9	-37.7
II.2011	2935.1	1840.9	1094.2	3168.3	1898.6	1269.7	3041.6	1827.9	1213.7	-233.2	-57.7	-175.5	-106.5	13.0	-119.5
III.2011	3320.2	2027.1	1293.1	3772.8	2284.2	1488.6	3613.6	2193.5	1420.1	-452.6	-257.1	-195.5	-293.4	-166.4	-127.0
I - III.2011	9309.8	5657.0	3652.8	10294.2	6169.8	4124.4	9866.3	5929.3	3937.0	-984.4	-512.8	-471.6	-556.5	-272.3	-284.2
IV.2011	3144.3	1850.8	1293.5	3815.2	2226.2	1589.0	3652.4	2137.7	1514.7	-670.9	-375.4	-295.5	-508.1	-286.9	-221.2
V.2011	3283.6	2041.0	1242.6	3817.6	2238.1	1579.5	3659.2	2153.0	1506.2	-534.0	-197.1	-336.9	-375.6	-112.0	-263.6
VI.2011	3256.6	2067.1	1189.5	3749.3	2035.1	1714.2	3591.2	1958.4	1632.8	-492.7	32.0	-524.7	-334.6	108.7	-443.3
IV - VI.2011	9684.5	5958.9	3725.6	11382.1	6499.4	4882.7	10902.8	6249.1	4653.7	-1697.6	-540.5	-1157.1	-1218.3	-290.2	-928.1
I - VI.2011	18994.3	11615.9	7378.4	21676.3	12669.2	9007.1	20769.1	12178.4	8590.7	-2682.0	-1053.3	-1628.7	-1774.8	-562.5	-1212.3
VII.2011	3618.8	2235.9	1382.9	4067.4	2551.8	1515.6	3893.6	2449.2	1444.4	-448.6	-315.9	-132.7	-274.8	-213.3	-61.5
VIII.2011	3435.1	2216.1	1219.0	3500.4	2023.3	1477.1	3357.6	1945.3	1412.3	-65.3	192.8	-258.1	77.5	270.8	-193.3
IX.2011	3485.3	2199.8	1285.5	4172.6	2404.3	1768.3	3988.7	2307.3	1681.4	-687.3	-204.5	-482.8	-503.4	-107.5	-395.9
VII - IX.2011	10539.2	6651.8	3887.4	11740.4	6979.4	4761.0	11239.9	6701.8	4538.1	-1201.2	-327.6	-873.6	-700.7	-50.0	-650.7
I - IX.2011	29533.5	18267.7	11265.8	33416.7	19648.6	13768.1	32009.0	18880.2	13128.8	-3883.2	-1380.9	-2502.3	-2475.5	-612.5	-1863.0
I.2012	2813.9	1725.6	1088.3	3500.4	2128.1	1372.3	3355.5	2042.3	1313.2	-686.5	-402.5	-284.0	-541.6	-316.7	-224.9
II.2012	2863.1	1650.5	1212.6	3605.6	2123.5	1482.1	3456.8	2041.8	1415.0	-742.5	-473.0	-269.5	-593.7	-391.3	-202.4
III.2012	3363.2	2040.7	1322.5	4239.1	2564.8	1674.3	4065.2	2464.4	1600.8	-875.9	-524.1	-351.8	-702.0	-423.7	-278.3
I - III.2012	9040.2	5416.8	3623.4	11345.1	6816.4	4528.7	10877.5	6548.5	4329.0	-2304.9	-1399.6	-905.3	-1837.3	-1131.7	-705.6
IV.2012	3170.2	1940.1	1230.1	4279.6	2334.3	1945.3	4098.5	2245.3	1853.2	-1109.4	-394.2	-715.2	-928.3	-305.2	-623.1
V.2012	3653.2	2142.5	1510.7	4649.5	2670.9	1978.6	4452.8	2565.0	1887.8	-996.3	-528.4	-467.9	-799.6	-422.5	-377.1
VI.2012	3455.7	2002.3	1453.4	4389.8	2651.8	1738.0	4204.3	2543.3	1661.0	-934.1	-649.5	-284.6	-748.6	-541.0	-207.6
IV - VI.2012	10279.1	6084.9	4194.2	13318.9	7657.0	5661.9	12755.6	7353.6	5402.0	-3039.8	-1572.1	-1467.7	-2476.5	-1268.7	-1207.8
I - VI.2012	19319.3	11501.7	7817.6	24664.0	14473.4	10190.6	23633.1	13902.1	9731.0	-5344.7	-2971.7	-2373.0	-4313.8	-2400.4	-1913.4
VII.2012	3648.7	2239.3	1409.4	4330.0	2642.3	1687.7	4149.7	2536.3	1613.4	-681.3	-403.0	-278.3	-501.0	-297.0	-204.0
VIII.2012	3655.4	1966.8	1688.6	4099.8	2223.7	1876.1	3924.1	2139.1	1785.0	-444.4	-256.9	-187.5	-268.7	-172.3	-96.4
IX.2012	3551.4	2093.5	1457.9	4024.8	2343.9	1680.9	3852.4	2254.8	1597.6	-473.4	-250.4	-223.0	-301.0	-161.3	-139.7
VII - IX.2012	10855.5	6299.6	4555.9	12454.6	7209.9	5244.7	11926.2	6930.2	4996.0	-1599.1	-910.3	-688.8	-1070.7	-630.6	-440.1
I - IX.2012	30174.8	17801.3	12373.5	37118.6	21683.3	15435.3	35559.3	20832.3	14727.0	-6943.8	-3882.0	-3061.8	-5384.5	-3031.0	-2353.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.12.2012.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - September 2012¹ 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	-7.9	-3.5	-14.0	4.4	7.1	0.5	4.5	7.0	0.8
II	-2.5	-10.3	10.8	13.8	11.8	16.7	13.7	11.7	16.6
III	1.3	0.7	2.3	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.7
I - III	-2.9	-4.2	-0.8	10.2	10.5	9.8	10.2	10.4	10.0
IV	0.8	4.8	-4.9	12.2	4.9	22.4	12.2	5.0	22.3
V	11.3	5.0	21.6	21.8	19.3	25.3	21.7	19.1	25.3
VI	6.1	-3.1	22.2	17.1	30.3	1.4	17.1	29.9	1.7
IV - VI	6.1	2.1	12.6	17.0	17.8	16.0	17.0	17.7	16.1
I - VI	1.7	-1.0	6.0	13.8	14.2	13.1	13.8	14.2	13.3
VII	0.8	0.2	1.9	6.5	3.5	11.4	6.6	3.6	11.7
VIII	6.4	-11.2	38.5	17.1	9.9	27.0	16.9	10.0	26.4
IX	1.9	-4.8	13.4	-3.5	-2.5	-4.9	-3.4	-2.3	-5.0
VII - IX	3.0	-5.3	17.2	6.1	3.3	10.2	6.1	3.4	10.1
I - IX	2.2	-2.6	9.8	11.1	10.4	12.1	11.1	10.3	12.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.12.2012.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for the period January - September 2011 and 2012²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	29533.5	30174.8	2.2	33416.7	37118.6	11.1	-3883.2	-6943.8
EU	18267.7	17801.3	-2.6	19648.6	21683.3	10.4	-1380.9	-3882.0
Austria	569.6	559.8	-1.7	1064.4	1134.0	6.5	-494.8	-574.2
Belgium	1554.9	1046.4	-32.7	582.9	639.4	9.7	972.0	407.0
Cyprus	83.3	122.3	46.8	87.2	134.4	54.1	-3.9	-12.1
Czech Republic	309.7	357.4	15.4	545.2	686.0	25.8	-235.5	-328.6
Denmark	211.0	134.6	-36.2	128.6	133.5	3.8	82.4	1.1
Estonia	17.9	16.7	-6.7	6.8	8.4	23.5	11.1	8.3
Finland	49.1	52.0	5.9	83.5	95.3	14.1	-34.4	-43.3
France	1257.4	1221.0	-2.9	1006.4	1065.5	5.9	251.0	155.5
Germany	3512.5	3074.0	-12.5	3603.3	4164.3	15.6	-90.8	-1090.3
Greece	2005.7	2207.3	10.1	1947.2	2161.7	11.0	58.5	45.6
Hungary	391.9	348.7	-11.0	1005.7	1078.6	7.2	-613.8	-729.9
Ireland	20.4	50.6	148.0	113.2	122.3	8.0	-92.8	-71.7
Italy	2534.1	2577.9	1.7	2335.9	2464.1	5.5	198.2	113.8
Latvia	28.6	37.4	30.8	21.1	25.3	19.9	7.5	12.1
Lithuania	36.5	48.5	32.9	53.2	66.5	25.0	-16.7	-18.0
Luxembourg	33.8	5.2	-84.6	20.7	30.3	46.4	13.1	-25.1
Malta	57.9	14.4	-75.1	22.1	86.6	291.9	35.8	-72.2
Netherlands	494.4	529.4	7.1	811.8	1135.2	39.8	-317.4	-605.8
Poland	544.1	526.9	-3.2	609.4	764.4	25.4	-65.3	-237.5
Portugal	96.5	256.4	165.7	67.0	121.3	81.0	29.5	135.1
Romania	2680.7	2472.8	-7.8	2320.6	2459.8	6.0	360.1	13.0
Slovakia	159.8	180.4	12.9	395.5	466.3	17.9	-235.7	-285.9
Slovenia	149.8	289.8	93.5	252.1	225.9	-10.4	-102.3	63.9
Spain	709.9	900.8	26.9	1828.8	1661.0	-9.2	-1118.9	-760.2
Sweden	158.3	134.9	-14.8	204.3	198.8	-2.7	-46.0	-63.9
United Kingdom	551.8	589.1	6.8	506.9	524.9	3.6	44.9	64.2
Not specified	48.1	46.6	-3.1	24.8	29.5	19.0	23.3	17.1

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 10.12.2012.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for the period January - September 2011² and 2012²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Non EU countries	11265.8	12373.5	9.8	13768.1	15435.3	12.1	-2502.3	-3061.8
CIS	1741.3	1861.6	6.9	7847.4	9069.7	15.6	-6106.1	-7208.1
of which:								
Georgia	318.7	371.9	16.7	267.5	236.1	-11.7	51.2	135.8
Kazakhstan	29.3	47.3	61.4	112.5	55.1	-51.0	-83.2	-7.8
Russian Fed.	777.5	817.7	5.2	5992.1	7693.6	28.4	-5214.6	-6875.9
Ukraine	417.2	361.8	-13.3	1368.1	964.9	-29.5	-950.9	-603.1
OECD³	3615.5	4156.5	15.0	2522.2	2619.8	3.9	1093.3	1536.7
of which:								
Canada	98.9	166.6	68.5	54.4	62.6	15.1	44.5	104.0
Japan	34.2	36.3	6.1	99.1	96.0	-3.1	-64.9	-59.7
Korea, Rep. of	143.9	187.0	30.0	158.7	142.8	-10.0	-14.8	44.2
Turkey	2647.4	2873.1	8.5	1628.1	1706.1	4.8	1019.3	1167.0
USA	395.3	538.8	36.3	281.1	258.4	-8.1	114.2	280.4
EFTA	233.0	282.3	21.2	283.3	303.5	7.1	-50.3	-21.2
of which:								
Norway	43.6	47.6	9.2	15.5	10.9	-29.7	28.1	36.7
Switzerland	181.4	226.9	25.1	265.2	292.1	10.1	-83.8	-65.2

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³ Excluding EU countries.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ for the period January - September 2011² and 2012²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	70.4	72.7	3.3	25.6	27.4	7.0	44.8	45.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.4	52.4	-11.8	9.3	25.3	172.0	50.1	27.1
Brazil	48.2	63.6	32.0	128.6	201.7	56.8	-80.4	-138.1
China	408.9	913.4	123.4	919.3	1176.1	27.9	-510.4	-262.7
Croatia	145.1	109.7	-24.4	44.8	41.6	-7.1	100.3	68.1
Egypt	249.2	176.0	-29.4	125.2	72.3	-42.3	124.0	103.7
FYR of Macedonia	677.1	588.0	-13.2	372.5	369.6	-0.8	304.6	218.4
India	112.2	51.2	-54.4	90.8	109.4	20.5	21.4	-58.2
Indonesia	18.2	22.4	23.1	29.5	36.3	23.1	-11.3	-13.9
Iran	87.2	30.0	-65.6	4.3	7.3	69.8	82.9	22.7
Israel	64.4	141.0	118.9	258.9	89.0	-65.6	-194.5	52.0
Peru	3.6	3.7	2.8	103.2	157.5	52.6	-99.6	-153.8
Serbia	734.1	683.9	-6.8	361.4	361.0	-0.1	372.7	322.9
Singapore	70.5	87.9	24.7	20.9	21.6	3.3	49.6	66.3
South Africa	124.2	88.9	-28.4	29.2	52.5	79.8	95.0	36.4
Syria	23.4	33.8	44.4	56.1	61.0	8.7	-32.7	-27.2
Taiwan	34.6	37.3	7.8	83.5	99.2	18.8	-48.9	-61.9
United Arab Emirates	47.7	182.5	282.6	62.3	94.6	51.8	-14.6	87.9
Viet Nam	16.4	17.4	6.1	25.3	44.5	75.9	-8.9	-27.1

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 10.12.2012.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4
for the period January - September 2011 and 2012¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	29533.5	30174.8	2.2	33416.7	37118.6	11.1	-3883.2	-6943.8
of which EU	18267.7	17801.3	-2.6	19648.6	21683.3	10.4	-1380.9	-3882.0
Food and live animals	2725.5	3070.2	12.6	2483.2	2580.2	3.9	242.3	490.0
of which EU	2120.2	2370.3	11.8	2023.1	2240.1	10.7	97.1	130.2
Beverages and tobacco	557.7	636.4	14.1	391.1	477.6	22.1	166.6	158.8
of which EU	240.0	221.9	-7.5	288.5	354.0	22.7	-48.5	-132.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2949.2	2696.7	-8.6	3461.7	3344.5	-3.4	-512.5	-647.8
of which EU	1759.3	1234.8	-29.8	2237.2	2006.1	-10.3	-477.9	-771.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4101.6	4856.2	18.4	7783.3	9203.9	18.3	-3681.7	-4347.7
of which EU	869.4	1220.9	40.4	908.2	1360.4	49.8	-38.8	-139.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	192.7	217.8	13.0	157.7	172.4	9.3	35.0	45.4
of which EU	143.8	162.8	13.2	124.3	124.9	0.5	19.5	37.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2372.1	2538.8	7.0	3895.2	4271.4	9.7	-1523.1	-1732.6
of which EU	1098.4	1192.9	8.6	3039.1	3279.9	7.9	-1940.7	-2087.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7550.5	6946.1	-8.0	5693.4	5783.6	1.6	1857.1	1162.5
of which EU	4970.5	4273.7	-14.0	3547.3	3666.3	3.4	1423.2	607.4
Machinery and transport equipment	4846.5	4941.6	2.0	7314.9	8978.4	22.7	-2468.4	-4036.8
of which EU	3532.9	3590.1	1.6	5764.0	6900.3	19.7	-2231.1	-3310.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4202.2	4205.6	0.1	2146.5	2220.5	3.4	2055.7	1985.1
of which EU	3518.2	3515.8	-0.1	1649.7	1676.6	1.6	1868.5	1839.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	35.5	65.4	84.2	89.7	86.1	-4.0	-54.2	-20.7
of which EU	15.0	18.1	20.7	67.2	74.7	11.2	-52.2	-56.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.12.2012.