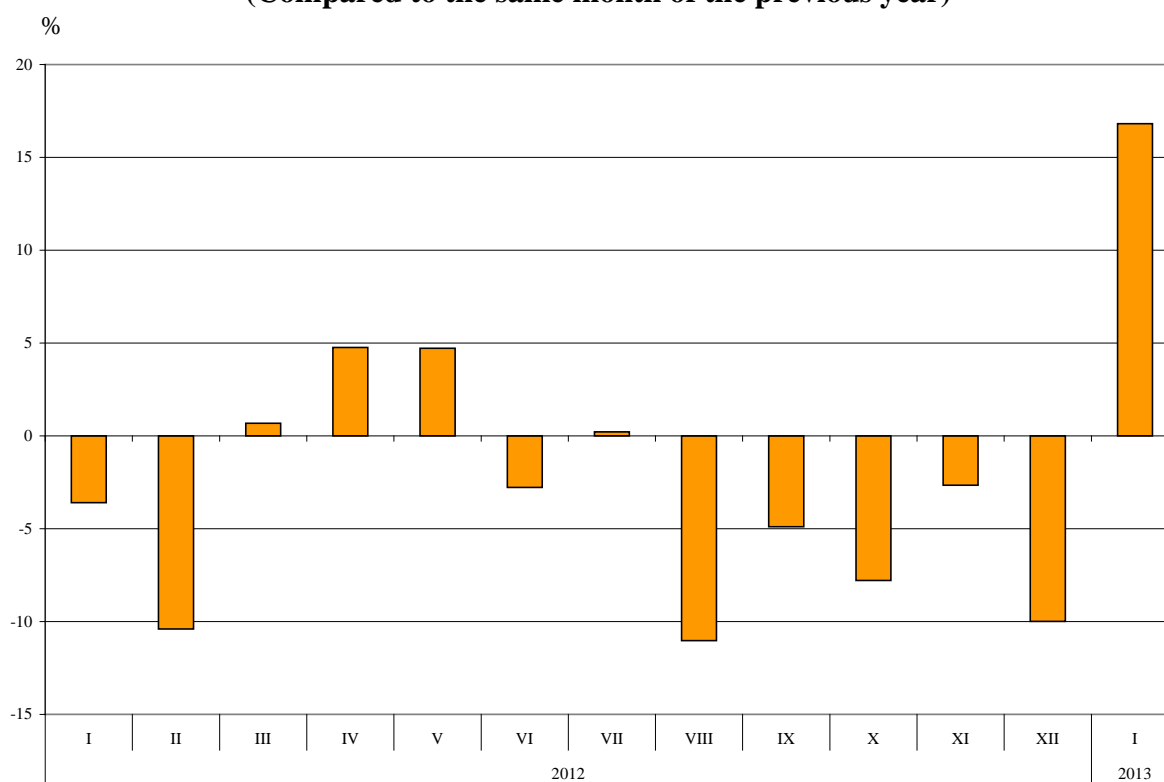




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 16.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.0 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania and France which accounted for 70.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

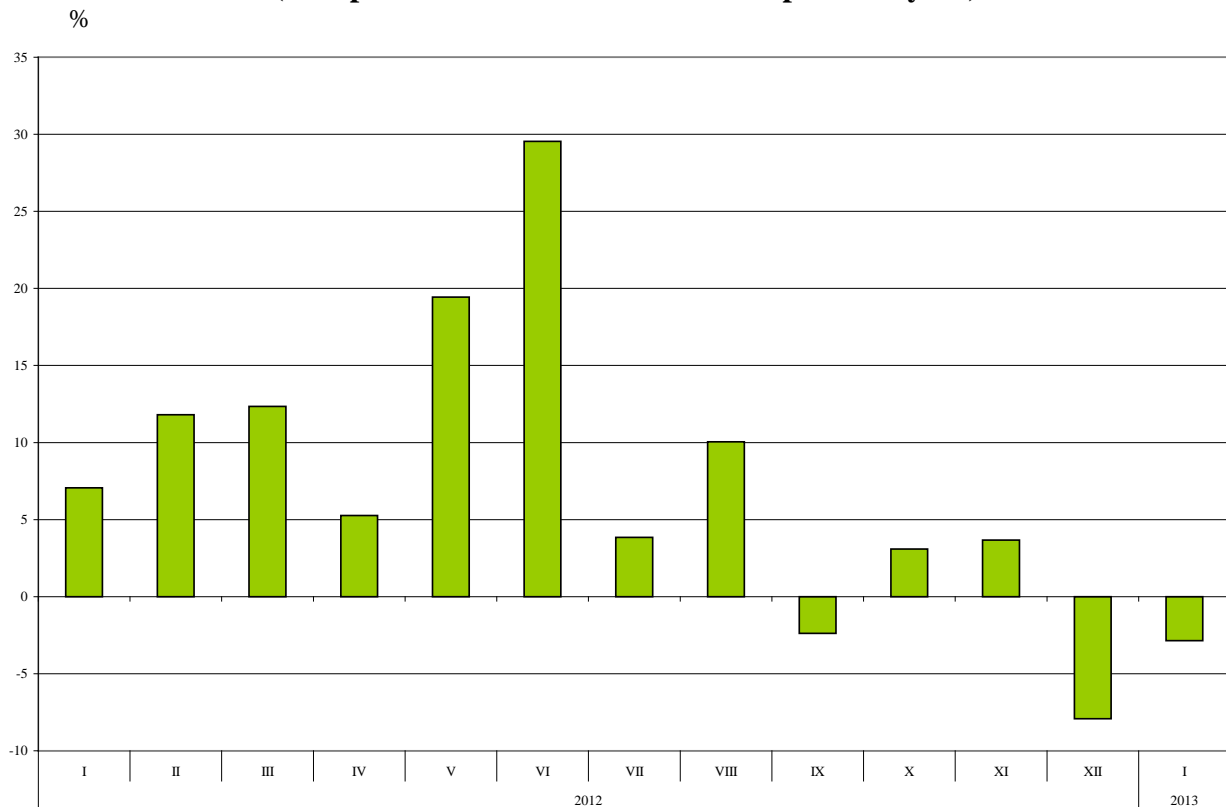


Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in January 2013 decreased by 2.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2.1 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU for the period 2012 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with EU** in January 2013 was negative and added up to 52.0 Million Levs (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 29.0 Million Levs.

In January **2013** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growth (186.9%) **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”. Fall (20.3%) was recorded in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”².

In **imports from EU** the largest increase (54.3%) was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” while the most notable fall (54.5%) 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.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2012¹ and 2013¹ by months

Table 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.2012	2810.1	1724.6	1085.5	3499.3	2127.3	1372.0	3354.5	2041.5	1313.0	-689.2	-402.7	-286.5	-544.4	-316.9	-227.5
I.2013	3477.8	2014.5	1463.3	3729.4	2066.5	1662.9	3567.8	1985.5	1582.3	-251.6	-52.0	-199.6	-90.0	29.0	-119.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.04.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2013¹ 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	23.8	16.8	34.8	6.6	-2.9	21.2	6.4	-2.7	20.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.04.2013.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria in January 2012² and 2013²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	2810.1	3477.8	23.8	3499.3	3729.4	6.6	-689.2	-251.6
EU	1724.6	2014.5	16.8	2127.3	2066.5	-2.9	-402.7	-52.0
Austria	54.7	56.4	3.1	114.9	114.0	-0.8	-60.2	-57.6
Belgium	108.6	62.7	-42.3	49.7	56.8	14.3	58.9	5.9
Cyprus	5.1	13.1	156.9	13.1	5.3	-59.5	-8.0	7.8
Czech Republic	30.3	48.1	58.7	59.6	66.2	11.1	-29.3	-18.1
Denmark	12.0	19.4	61.7	9.8	10.7	9.2	2.2	8.7
Estonia	4.1	2.5	-39.0	0.7	7.6	985.7	3.4	-5.1
Finland	4.8	5.7	18.8	6.0	5.2	-13.3	-1.2	0.5
France	134.7	152.0	12.8	106.6	109.2	2.4	28.1	42.8
Germany	367.3	486.2	32.4	354.3	374.7	5.8	13.0	111.5
Greece	170.2	268.9	58.0	211.0	206.3	-2.2	-40.8	62.6
Hungary	36.1	41.2	14.1	85.6	120.2	40.4	-49.5	-79.0
Ireland	1.2	2.5	108.3	13.3	12.3	-7.5	-12.1	-9.8
Italy	290.0	337.5	16.4	186.6	264.8	41.9	103.4	72.7
Latvia	1.8	9.2	411.1	1.1	5.7	418.2	0.7	3.5
Lithuania	3.3	5.5	66.7	5.4	6.8	25.9	-2.1	-1.3
Luxembourg	0.3	0.4	33.3	4.6	6.9	50.0	-4.3	-6.5
Malta	1.8	2.9	61.1	0.1	0.4	300.0	1.7	2.5
Netherlands	60.0	84.3	40.5	170.5	99.3	-41.8	-110.5	-15.0
Poland	46.3	53.6	15.8	62.5	106.2	69.9	-16.2	-52.6
Portugal	14.6	20.3	39.0	23.7	4.2	-82.3	-9.1	16.1
Romania	207.3	181.1	-12.6	220.7	227.8	3.2	-13.4	-46.7
Slovakia	16.3	21.3	30.7	42.4	45.4	7.1	-26.1	-24.1
Slovenia	13.0	13.4	3.1	20.2	24.8	22.8	-7.2	-11.4
Spain	55.9	39.4	-29.5	280.5	114.3	-59.3	-224.6	-74.9
Sweden	13.4	16.0	19.4	19.3	18.7	-3.1	-5.9	-2.7
United Kingdom	59.1	69.7	17.9	62.3	51.9	-16.7	-3.2	17.8
Not specified	12.4	1.2	-90.3	2.8	0.8	-71.4	9.6	0.4

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 11.04.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria in January 2012² and 2013²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Non EU countries	1085.5	1463.3	34.8	1372.0	1662.9	21.2	-286.5	-199.6
CIS³	98.4	176.7	79.6	751.5	925.6	23.2	-653.1	-748.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	1.7	11.7	588.2	2.2	6.6	200.0	-0.5	5.1
Russian Federation	56.8	73.2	28.9	642.8	842.4	31.1	-586.0	-769.2
Ukraine	22.0	71.3	224.1	101.9	70.7	-30.6	-79.9	0.6
OECD⁴	342.2	484.9	41.7	262.6	337.0	28.3	79.6	147.9
of which:								
Canada	5.8	15.4	165.5	3.0	2.5	-16.7	2.8	12.9
Israel	4.7	6.5	38.3	5.4	6.7	24.1	-0.7	-0.2
Japan	2.0	3.2	60.0	11.1	10.3	-7.2	-9.1	-7.1
Korea, Republic of	30.3	27.4	-9.6	26.6	12.6	-52.6	3.7	14.8
Turkey	234.6	330.3	40.8	147.8	161.3	9.1	86.8	169.0
United States	30.1	62.5	107.6	24.2	26.8	10.7	5.9	35.7
EFTA⁵	27.4	32.6	19.0	28.8	34.8	20.8	-1.4	-2.2
of which:								
Norway	5.4	4.5	-16.7	0.9	1.5	66.7	4.5	3.0
Switzerland	21.5	26.1	21.4	27.8	33.3	19.8	-6.3	-7.2

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria in January 2012² and 2013²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	6.2	5.0	-19.4	2.4	2.5	4.2	3.8	2.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2.7	4.5	66.7	3.5	2.9	-17.1	-0.8	1.6
Brazil	12.1	1.2	-90.1	5.8	5.3	-8.6	6.3	-4.1
China	79.4	101.2	27.5	149.0	127.2	-14.6	-69.6	-26.0
Croatia	9.2	8.1	-12.0	2.8	3.9	39.3	6.4	4.2
Egypt	30.0	22.1	-26.3	12.3	10.9	-11.4	17.7	11.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	59.4	54.0	-9.1	32.1	49.0	52.6	27.3	5.0
Georgia	33.1	30.4	-8.2	11.1	36.4	227.9	22.0	-6.0
India	4.2	2.9	-31.0	12.7	19.9	56.7	-8.5	-17.0
Indonesia	3.5	5.9	68.6	2.5	4.9	96.0	1.0	1.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.9	2.9	52.6	0.7	0.5	-28.6	1.2	2.4
Peru	0.3	0.6	100.0	6.7	4.9	-26.9	-6.4	-4.3
Serbia	56.4	64.5	14.4	32.5	35.9	10.5	23.9	28.6
Singapore	0.9	0.4	-55.6	3.2	3.8	18.8	-2.3	-3.4
South Africa	1.5	3.4	126.7	4.0	5.1	27.5	-2.5	-1.7
Syrian Arab Republic	1.7	13.2	676.5	6.7	2.4	-64.2	-5.0	10.8
Taiwan	3.3	4.7	42.4	14.8	14.2	-4.1	-11.5	-9.5
United Arab Emirates	91.9	50.0	-45.6	3.2	10.0	212.5	88.7	40.0
Viet Nam	1.6	2.4	50.0	3.6	8.3	130.6	-2.0	-5.9

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria in January 2012² and 2013²

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	2810.1	3477.8	23.8	3499.3	3729.4	6.6	-689.2	-251.6
of which EU	1724.6	2014.5	16.8	2127.3	2066.5	-2.9	-402.7	-52.0
Food and live animals	251.7	288.9	14.8	244.6	272.8	11.5	7.1	16.1
of which EU	188.6	198.1	5.0	211.6	228.0	7.8	-23.0	-29.9
Beverages and tobacco	56.8	99.6	75.4	33.1	35.3	6.6	23.7	64.3
of which EU	17.8	41.5	133.1	22.9	25.1	9.6	-5.1	16.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	322.1	290.0	-10.0	470.4	370.8	-21.2	-148.3	-80.8
of which EU	153.4	122.2	-20.3	354.2	161.3	-54.5	-200.8	-39.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	327.7	636.8	94.3	759.3	968.5	27.6	-431.6	-331.7
of which EU	48.8	140.0	186.9	89.9	138.7	54.3	-41.1	1.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	23.4	25.6	9.4	12.4	15.9	28.2	11.0	9.7
of which EU	17.3	18.1	4.6	8.7	10.6	21.8	8.6	7.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	221.4	285.9	29.1	396.3	487.7	23.1	-174.9	-201.8
of which EU	102.6	153.1	49.2	305.6	363.6	19.0	-203.0	-210.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	700.3	812.7	16.1	526.7	553.1	5.0	173.6	259.6
of which EU	468.0	525.8	12.4	332.7	335.0	0.7	135.3	190.8
Machinery and transport equipment	449.4	560.9	24.8	850.2	795.3	-6.5	-400.8	-234.4
of which EU	338.2	413.8	22.4	645.7	631.0	-2.3	-307.5	-217.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	450.8	469.5	4.1	196.9	216.8	10.1	253.9	252.7
of which EU	385.7	400.3	3.8	148.1	161.9	9.3	237.6	238.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.5	7.9	21.5	9.4	13.2	40.4	-2.9	-5.3
of which EU	4.2	1.6	-61.9	7.9	11.3	43.0	-3.7	-9.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11.04.2013.