

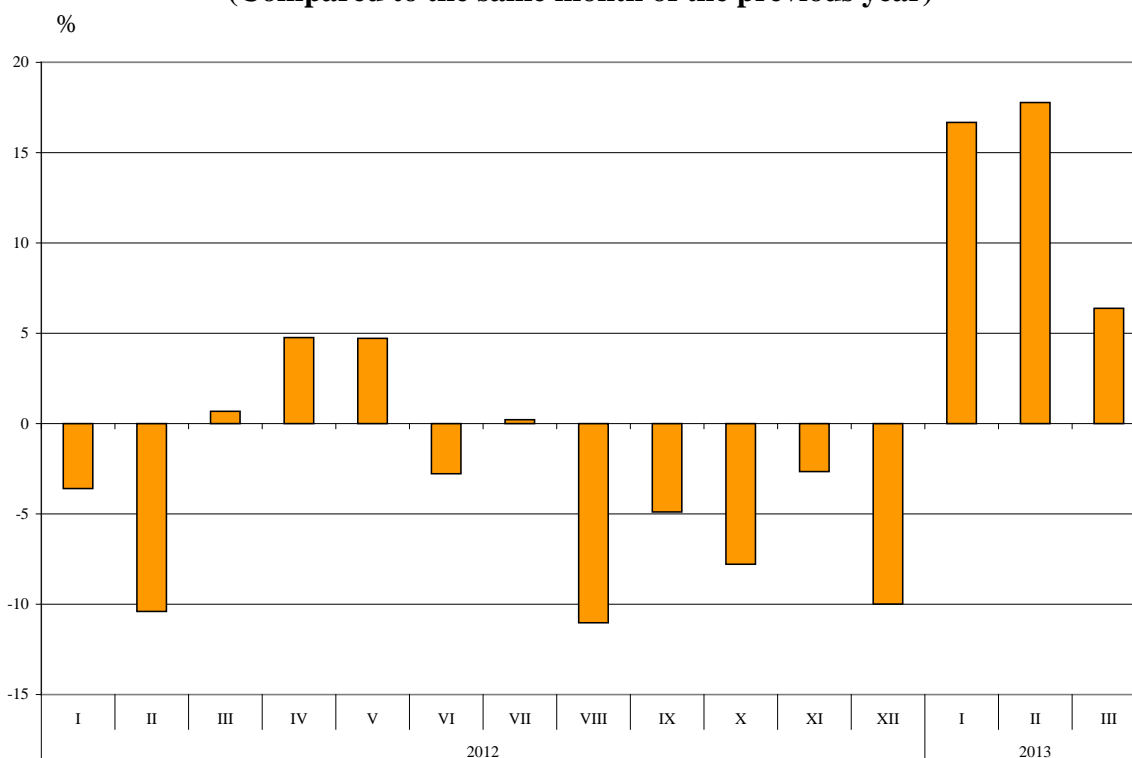


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 13.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 6.1 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania and France which accounted for 70.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2013** the exports to the EU increased by 6.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and exceeded 2.1 Billion Levs.

**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)**



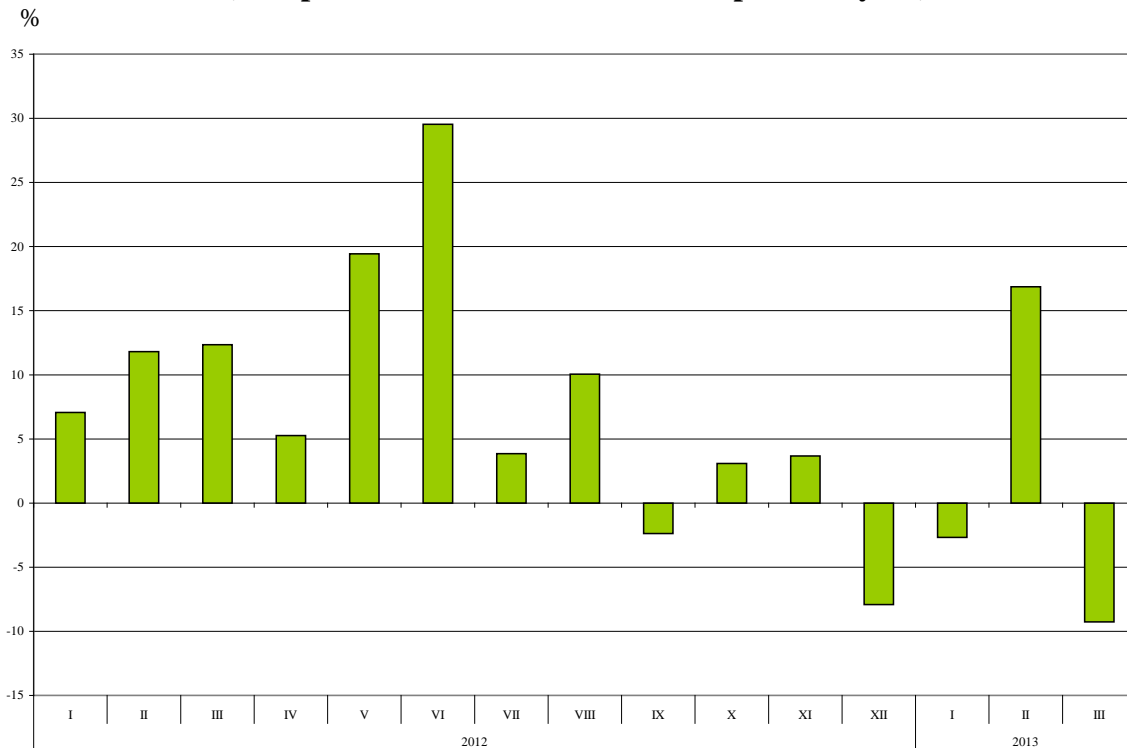
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - March 2013 increased by 0.9% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 6.9 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2013 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 9.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.3 Billion Levs at CIF prices.

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 the period January – March 2013 was negative and added up to 753.5 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 481.9 Million Levs.

In the first three months of **2013** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (80.9%) **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”. The most notable fall (20.5%) was recorded in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”.

In **imports from EU** the largest increase (9.5%) was reported in section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” while the most notable fall (8.5%) was observed in the section “Beverages and tobacco”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - March 2012¹ and 2013¹ 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.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
II.2012	2861.9	1649.4	1212.5	3604.8	2122.8	1482.0	3456.0	2041.1	1414.9	-742.9	-473.4	-269.5	-594.1	-391.7	-202.4
III.2012	3363.5	2041.0	1322.5	4240.5	2566.2	1674.3	4066.6	2465.8	1600.8	-877.0	-525.2	-351.8	-703.1	-424.8	-278.3
I - III.2012	9035.5	5415.0	3620.5	11344.6	6816.3	4528.3	10877.1	6548.4	4328.7	-2309.1	-1401.3	-907.8	-1841.6	-1133.4	-708.2
I.2013	3475.4	2012.1	1463.3	3732.8	2070.3	1662.5	3571.0	1989.1	1581.9	-257.4	-58.2	-199.2	-95.6	23.0	-118.6
II.2013	3241.6	1942.5	1299.1	4073.0	2480.8	1592.2	3897.5	2379.5	1518.0	-831.4	-538.3	-293.1	-655.9	-437.0	-218.9
III.2013	3485.2	2171.3	1313.9	3861.0	2328.3	1532.7	3704.8	2239.2	1465.6	-375.8	-157.0	-218.8	-219.6	-67.9	-151.7
I - III.2013	10202.2	6125.9	4076.3	11666.8	6879.4	4787.4	11173.3	6607.8	4565.5	-1464.6	-753.5	-711.1	-971.1	-481.9	-489.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.06.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - March 2013¹ 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	23.7	16.7	34.8	6.7	-2.7	21.2	6.5	-2.6	20.5
II	13.3	17.8	7.1	13.0	16.9	7.4	12.8	16.6	7.3
III	3.6	6.4	-0.7	-8.9	-9.3	-8.5	-8.9	-9.2	-8.4
I - III	12.9	13.1	12.6	2.8	0.9	5.7	2.7	0.9	5.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10.06.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - March 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	9035.5	10202.2	12.9	11344.6	11666.8	2.8	-2309.1	-1464.6
EU	5415.0	6125.9	13.1	6816.3	6879.4	0.9	-1401.3	-753.5
Austria	167.4	183.3	9.5	365.1	341.9	-6.4	-197.7	-158.6
Belgium	285.6	203.1	-28.9	179.3	191.1	6.6	106.3	12.0
Cyprus	43.9	30.8	-29.8	54.2	15.4	-71.6	-10.3	15.4
Czech Republic	111.7	121.7	9.0	225.2	218.8	-2.8	-113.5	-97.1
Denmark	43.2	54.0	25.0	45.2	35.9	-20.6	-2.0	18.1
Estonia	7.3	8.8	20.5	2.8	9.9	253.6	4.5	-1.1
Finland	15.3	15.3	0.0	24.1	21.1	-12.4	-8.8	-5.8
France	412.1	452.5	9.8	375.0	367.0	-2.1	37.1	85.5
Germany	1092.3	1414.0	29.5	1305.8	1227.0	-6.0	-213.5	187.0
Greece	625.1	708.4	13.3	695.5	607.5	-12.7	-70.4	100.9
Hungary	120.0	121.3	1.1	320.4	367.6	14.7	-200.4	-246.3
Ireland	5.3	9.2	73.6	35.8	47.2	31.8	-30.5	-38.0
Italy	864.4	1083.6	25.4	687.8	849.8	23.6	176.6	233.8
Latvia	8.9	15.4	73.0	5.0	8.1	62.0	3.9	7.3
Lithuania	13.1	17.6	34.4	19.5	19.6	0.5	-6.4	-2.0
Luxembourg	1.1	2.3	109.1	10.0	17.3	73.0	-8.9	-15.0
Malta	4.4	11.1	152.3	0.7	2.7	285.7	3.7	8.4
Netherlands	193.7	222.3	14.8	446.6	305.8	-31.5	-252.9	-83.5
Poland	159.3	205.4	28.9	202.5	314.0	55.1	-43.2	-108.6
Portugal	63.0	87.1	38.3	36.6	10.9	-70.2	26.4	76.2
Romania	635.4	673.9	6.1	754.4	826.4	9.5	-119.0	-152.5
Slovakia	56.7	67.5	19.0	134.3	145.6	8.4	-77.6	-78.1
Slovenia	39.3	34.7	-11.7	71.6	74.4	3.9	-32.3	-39.7
Spain	190.0	121.2	-36.2	573.8	607.7	5.9	-383.8	-486.5
Sweden	44.2	55.8	26.2	67.1	72.7	8.3	-22.9	-16.9
United Kingdom	195.0	198.4	1.7	168.6	168.3	-0.2	26.4	30.1
Not specified	17.3	7.2	-58.4	9.4	5.7	-39.4	7.9	1.5

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.

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(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	3620.5	4076.3	12.6	4528.3	4787.4	5.7	-907.8	-711.1
CIS³	369.7	458.4	24.0	2521.6	2567.2	1.8	-2151.9	-2108.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	9.6	18.6	93.8	15.1	21.7	43.7	-5.5	-3.1
Russian Federation	234.4	247.2	5.5	2232.0	2269.8	1.7	-1997.6	-2022.6
Ukraine	60.7	121.2	99.7	252.8	247.7	-2.0	-192.1	-126.5
OECD⁴	1117.9	1407.1	25.9	808.2	1007.6	24.7	309.7	399.5
of which:								
Canada	63.8	58.6	-8.2	7.3	7.9	8.2	56.5	50.7
Israel	20.1	25.3	25.9	27.7	19.9	-28.2	-7.6	5.4
Japan	8.3	11.4	37.3	34.5	27.8	-19.4	-26.2	-16.4
Korea, Republic of	60.3	61.1	1.3	54.2	33.4	-38.4	6.1	27.7
Turkey	753.2	942.0	25.1	476.5	564.7	18.5	276.7	377.3
United States	104.2	186.1	78.6	85.8	76.2	-11.2	18.4	109.9
EFTA⁵	89.6	95.7	6.8	95.0	111.8	17.7	-5.4	-16.1
of which:								
Norway	15.9	13.4	-15.7	3.0	5.5	83.3	12.9	7.9
Switzerland	69.5	77.0	10.8	91.8	106.2	15.7	-22.3	-29.2

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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.



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(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	23.7	20.0	-15.6	9.0	8.5	-5.6	14.7	11.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14.9	15.9	6.7	6.7	9.9	47.8	8.2	6.0
Brazil	35.2	3.8	-89.2	68.6	12.6	-81.6	-33.4	-8.8
China	315.8	229.5	-27.3	403.4	356.5	-11.6	-87.6	-127.0
Croatia	31.8	27.6	-13.2	10.4	13.6	30.8	21.4	14.0
Egypt	61.4	85.1	38.6	31.2	26.0	-16.7	30.2	59.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	189.8	162.9	-14.2	112.3	130.7	16.4	77.5	32.2
Georgia	110.0	84.7	-23.0	96.9	207.2	113.8	13.1	-122.5
India	15.0	12.0	-20.0	32.8	50.8	54.9	-17.8	-38.8
Indonesia	8.2	9.4	14.6	7.7	12.7	64.9	0.5	-3.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	6.1	6.0	-1.6	3.4	0.9	-73.5	2.7	5.1
Peru	1.1	1.7	54.5	10.2	5.5	-46.1	-9.1	-3.8
Serbia	205.1	181.7	-11.4	102.2	110.0	7.6	102.9	71.7
Singapore	3.1	3.2	3.2	6.6	8.8	33.3	-3.5	-5.6
South Africa	36.0	103.7	188.1	13.9	13.8	-0.7	22.1	89.9
Syrian Arab Republic	18.2	14.3	-21.4	18.9	13.4	-29.1	-0.7	0.9
Taiwan	11.4	16.4	43.9	41.3	33.8	-18.2	-29.9	-17.4
United Arab Emirates	148.9	71.3	-52.1	22.1	21.1	-4.5	126.8	50.2
Viet Nam	4.4	5.3	20.5	14.0	15.5	10.7	-9.6	-10.2

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Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria
for the period January - March 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	9035.5	10202.2	12.9	11344.6	11666.8	2.8	-2309.1	-1464.6
of which EU	5415.0	6125.9	13.1	6816.3	6879.4	0.9	-1401.3	-753.5
Food and live animals	830.6	903.2	8.7	857.9	832.4	-3.0	-27.3	70.8
of which EU	623.4	552.2	-11.4	727.4	712.6	-2.0	-104.0	-160.4
Beverages and tobacco	200.9	250.3	24.6	135.8	140.0	3.1	65.1	110.3
of which EU	73.6	96.2	30.7	106.2	97.2	-8.5	-32.6	-1.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	843.5	876.9	4.0	1133.3	1293.5	14.1	-289.8	-416.6
of which EU	368.4	400.1	8.6	724.7	740.0	2.1	-356.3	-339.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1116.2	1498.0	34.2	2662.6	2755.6	3.5	-1546.4	-1257.6
of which EU	213.8	386.8	80.9	385.0	418.9	8.8	-171.2	-32.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	87.0	68.3	-21.5	48.2	48.3	0.2	38.8	20.0
of which EU	64.8	51.5	-20.5	36.2	34.6	-4.4	28.6	16.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	787.4	848.1	7.7	1297.6	1493.1	15.1	-510.2	-645.0
of which EU	359.5	448.6	24.8	1029.1	1127.1	9.5	-669.6	-678.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2230.5	2484.9	11.4	1704.6	1836.8	7.8	525.9	648.1
of which EU	1398.3	1669.7	19.4	1095.4	1125.8	2.8	302.9	543.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1503.0	1859.5	23.7	2787.4	2500.4	-10.3	-1284.4	-640.9
of which EU	1120.7	1342.0	19.7	2164.7	2039.8	-5.8	-1044.0	-697.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1417.9	1386.4	-2.2	689.4	713.0	3.4	728.5	673.4
of which EU	1184.8	1170.6	-1.2	523.9	536.5	2.4	660.9	634.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	18.5	26.6	43.8	27.8	53.7	93.2	-9.3	-27.1
of which EU	7.7	8.2	6.5	23.7	46.9	97.9	-16.0	-38.7

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