

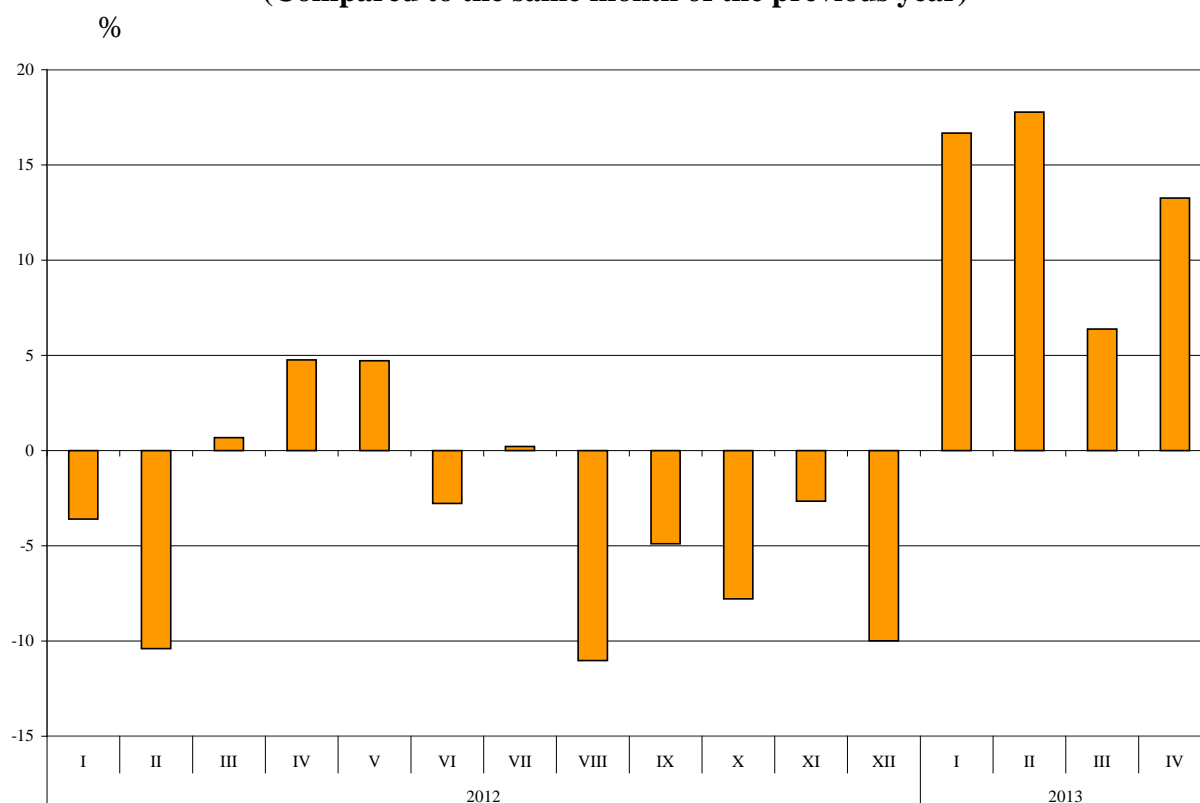


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 13.2% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 8.3 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 71.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2013** the exports to the EU increased by 13.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.2 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)**



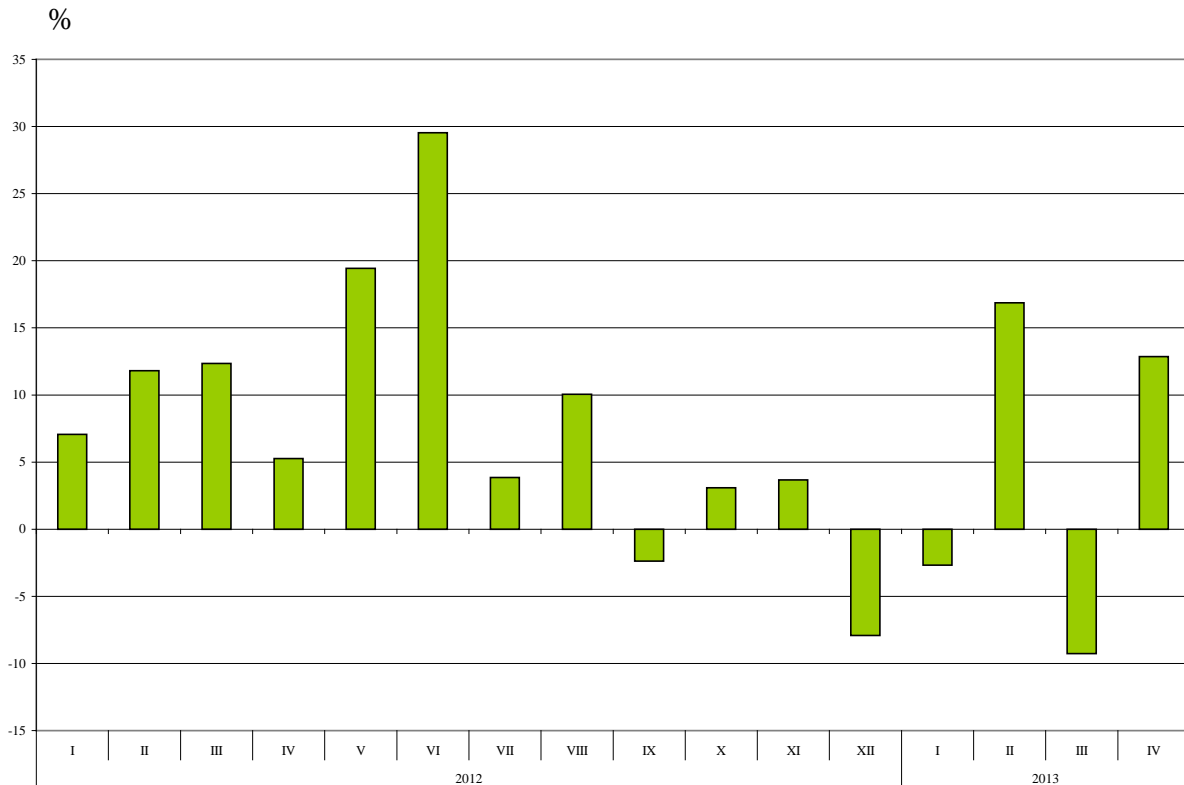
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - April 2013** increased by 4.0% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 9.5 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2013** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 12.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 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 - April 2013 was negative and added up to 1 201.8 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 823.5 Million Levs.

In the first four months of **2013** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (56.3%) **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 (11.5%) was recorded in section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”.

In imports from EU the largest increase (15.6%) was reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” while the most notable fall (3.8%) was observed in the section “Machinery and transport equipment”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - April 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
IV.2012	3169.1	1939.0	1230.1	4288.6	2343.3	1945.3	4106.9	2253.8	1853.1	-1119.5	-404.3	-715.2	-937.8	-314.8	-623.0
I - IV.2012	12204.6	7354.0	4850.6	15633.2	9159.6	6473.6	14984.0	8802.2	6181.8	-3428.6	-1805.6	-1623.0	-2779.4	-1448.2	-1331.2
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
IV.2013	3857.7	2196.2	1661.5	4390.8	2644.5	1746.3	4213.7	2537.8	1675.9	-533.1	-448.3	-84.8	-356.0	-341.6	-14.4
I - IV.2013	14059.9	8322.1	5737.8	16057.6	9523.9	6533.7	15387.0	9145.6	6241.4	-1997.7	-1201.8	-795.9	-1327.1	-823.5	-503.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.07.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - April 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
IV	21.7	13.3	35.1	2.4	12.9	-10.2	2.6	12.6	-9.6
I - IV	15.2	13.2	18.3	2.7	4.0	0.9	2.7	3.9	1.0

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria for the period January - April 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	12204.6	14059.9	15.2	15633.2	16057.6	2.7	-3428.6	-1997.7
EU	7354.0	8322.1	13.2	9159.6	9523.9	4.0	-1805.6	-1201.8
Austria	222.7	248.2	11.5	488.6	463.2	-5.2	-265.9	-215.0
Belgium	431.6	304.8	-29.4	245.1	287.8	17.4	186.5	17.0
Cyprus	53.1	42.7	-19.6	72.5	24.1	-66.8	-19.4	18.6
Czech Republic	151.3	157.1	3.8	300.0	310.7	3.6	-148.7	-153.6
Denmark	55.9	72.1	29.0	57.7	49.7	-13.9	-1.8	22.4
Estonia	8.1	10.4	28.4	3.6	11.1	208.3	4.5	-0.7
Finland	19.5	20.9	7.2	41.8	25.9	-38.0	-22.3	-5.0
France	528.1	620.5	17.5	484.5	486.5	0.4	43.6	134.0
Germany	1413.0	1881.0	33.1	1800.1	1719.2	-4.5	-387.1	161.8
Greece	898.9	959.7	6.8	927.8	853.6	-8.0	-28.9	106.1
Hungary	153.4	166.1	8.3	432.7	503.7	16.4	-279.3	-337.6
Ireland	7.9	12.8	62.0	49.1	59.2	20.6	-41.2	-46.4
Italy	1175.7	1468.5	24.9	954.4	1169.5	22.5	221.3	299.0
Latvia	14.3	17.6	23.1	11.1	9.8	-11.7	3.2	7.8
Lithuania	18.4	25.7	39.7	24.8	26.7	7.7	-6.4	-1.0
Luxembourg	1.5	3.0	100.0	13.0	22.2	70.8	-11.5	-19.2
Malta	5.3	13.6	156.6	1.6	4.3	168.8	3.7	9.3
Netherlands	242.2	291.5	20.4	550.9	408.1	-25.9	-308.7	-116.6
Poland	207.3	266.2	28.4	280.6	439.2	56.5	-73.3	-173.0
Portugal	114.7	100.1	-12.7	76.0	31.9	-58.0	38.7	68.2
Romania	875.2	979.4	11.9	1055.6	1094.4	3.7	-180.4	-115.0
Slovakia	74.5	94.6	27.0	180.2	202.5	12.4	-105.7	-107.9
Slovenia	54.3	48.3	-11.0	99.3	108.2	9.0	-45.0	-59.9
Spain	280.6	165.3	-41.1	688.3	881.1	28.0	-407.7	-715.8
Sweden	59.1	73.7	24.7	84.5	98.2	16.2	-25.4	-24.5
United Kingdom	256.6	265.1	3.3	223.2	225.0	0.8	33.4	40.1
Not specified	30.8	13.2	-57.1	12.6	8.1	-35.7	18.2	5.1

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination 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	4850.6	5737.8	18.3	6473.6	6533.7	0.9	-1623.0	-795.9
CIS³	514.3	706.9	37.4	3599.0	3360.1	-6.6	-3084.7	-2653.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	12.7	23.7	86.6	23.5	32.4	37.9	-10.8	-8.7
Russian Federation	325.0	354.3	9.0	3166.6	2942.9	-7.1	-2841.6	-2588.6
Ukraine	77.8	224.0	187.9	380.4	330.6	-13.1	-302.6	-106.6
OECD⁴	1532.8	1931.9	26.0	1096.8	1435.9	30.9	436.0	496.0
of which:								
Canada	87.1	77.2	-11.4	10.0	11.1	11.0	77.1	66.1
Israel	25.2	35.8	42.1	46.6	34.2	-26.6	-21.4	1.6
Japan	11.2	15.6	39.3	45.4	39.6	-12.8	-34.2	-24.0
Korea, Republic of	87.0	74.3	-14.6	68.5	52.3	-23.6	18.5	22.0
Turkey	1047.9	1332.9	27.2	660.8	864.2	30.8	387.1	468.7
United States	132.1	230.9	74.8	110.1	109.3	-0.7	22.0	121.6
EFTA⁵	116.5	131.7	13.0	127.1	155.9	22.7	-10.6	-24.2
of which:								
Norway	20.1	19.6	-2.5	3.7	10.7	189.2	16.4	8.9
Switzerland	91.3	104.5	14.5	123.2	145.0	17.7	-31.9	-40.5

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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)

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	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	31.7	35.3	11.4	13.1	11.1	-15.3	18.6	24.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.5	22.9	1.8	8.8	17.3	96.6	13.7	5.6
Brazil	56.7	6.3	-88.9	125.1	13.8	-89.0	-68.4	-7.5
China	381.6	318.8	-16.5	537.4	462.8	-13.9	-155.8	-144.0
Croatia	43.3	33.7	-22.2	15.2	18.8	23.7	28.1	14.9
Egypt	74.6	128.1	71.7	37.8	30.5	-19.3	36.8	97.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	261.1	218.1	-16.5	149.2	185.2	24.1	111.9	32.9
Georgia	148.8	114.8	-22.8	139.1	215.9	55.2	9.7	-101.1
India	19.6	17.8	-9.2	42.9	76.3	77.9	-23.3	-58.5
Indonesia	11.0	11.2	1.8	10.9	17.2	57.8	0.1	-6.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	10.6	8.5	-19.8	4.3	1.5	-65.1	6.3	7.0
Peru	1.7	8.7	411.8	83.5	5.7	-93.2	-81.8	3.0
Serbia	286.9	242.0	-15.7	137.7	152.3	10.6	149.2	89.7
Singapore	4.0	5.6	40.0	9.0	10.4	15.6	-5.0	-4.8
South Africa	38.1	182.8	379.8	22.6	17.2	-23.9	15.5	165.6
Syrian Arab Republic	20.1	29.6	47.3	20.8	18.5	-11.1	-0.7	11.1
Taiwan	15.4	19.8	28.6	49.8	43.8	-12.0	-34.4	-24.0
United Arab Emirates	155.2	75.5	-51.4	38.5	31.4	-18.4	116.7	44.1
Viet Nam	5.9	7.3	23.7	19.3	20.6	6.7	-13.4	-13.3

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Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January - April 2012¹ and 2013¹

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	12204.6	14059.9	15.2	15633.2	16057.6	2.7	-3428.6	-1997.7
of which EU	7354.0	8322.1	13.2	9159.6	9523.9	4.0	-1805.6	-1201.8
Food and live animals	1112.0	1334.5	20.0	1124.6	1153.0	2.5	-12.6	181.5
of which EU	850.0	801.0	-5.8	964.6	966.7	0.2	-114.6	-165.7
Beverages and tobacco	276.3	337.0	22.0	177.4	194.8	9.8	98.9	142.2
of which EU	107.1	132.7	23.9	137.9	134.3	-2.6	-30.8	-1.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1176.6	1199.0	1.9	1500.8	1710.6	14.0	-324.2	-511.6
of which EU	514.0	563.4	9.6	898.6	1038.5	15.6	-384.6	-475.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1550.7	2105.5	35.8	3799.2	3569.7	-6.0	-2248.5	-1464.2
of which EU	309.8	484.2	56.3	570.7	555.8	-2.6	-260.9	-71.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104.9	92.5	-11.8	65.8	67.1	2.0	39.1	25.4
of which EU	79.1	70.0	-11.5	48.9	49.6	1.4	30.2	20.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1053.2	1169.9	11.1	1748.9	2053.2	17.4	-695.7	-883.3
of which EU	472.1	604.5	28.0	1377.3	1552.7	12.7	-905.2	-948.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3039.6	3348.7	10.2	2370.2	2593.6	9.4	669.4	755.1
of which EU	1962.5	2266.0	15.5	1492.2	1593.0	6.8	470.3	673.0
Machinery and transport equipment	2016.2	2575.1	27.7	3881.7	3649.5	-6.0	-1865.5	-1074.4
of which EU	1500.5	1829.5	21.9	2933.4	2823.2	-3.8	-1432.9	-993.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1849.0	1863.2	0.8	926.1	989.8	6.9	922.9	873.4
of which EU	1548.8	1559.1	0.7	703.5	743.5	5.7	845.3	815.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	26.1	34.5	32.2	38.5	76.3	98.2	-12.4	-41.8
of which EU	10.1	11.7	15.8	32.5	66.6	104.9	-22.4	-54.9

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