

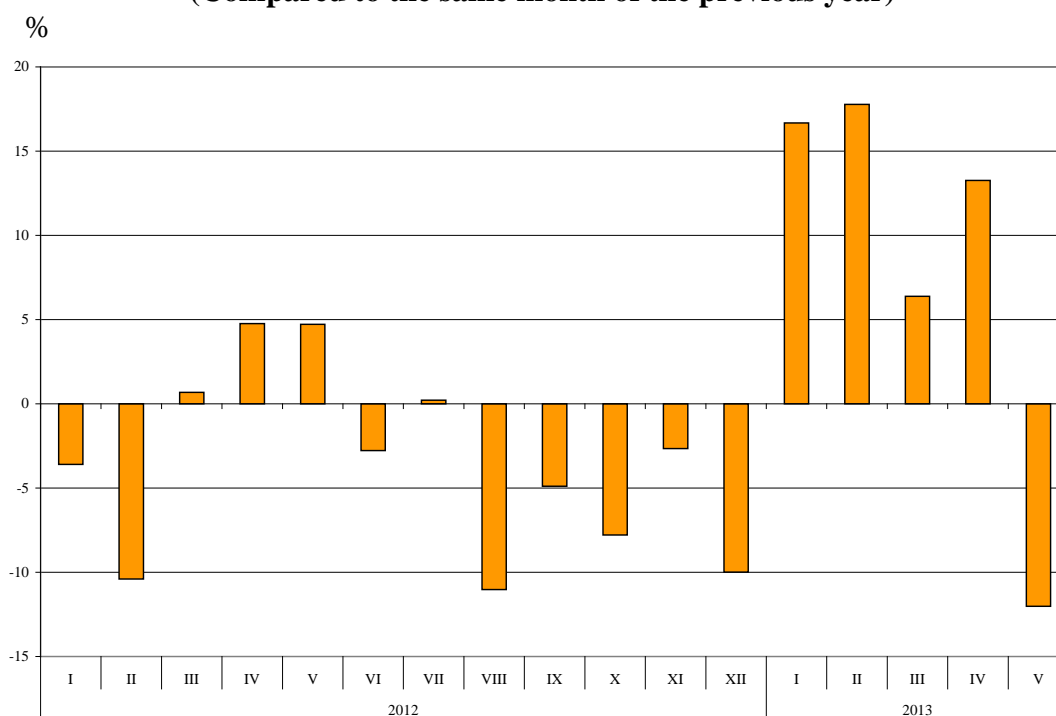


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 7.5% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 10.2 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 69.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2013** the exports to the EU decreased by 12.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.9 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)**



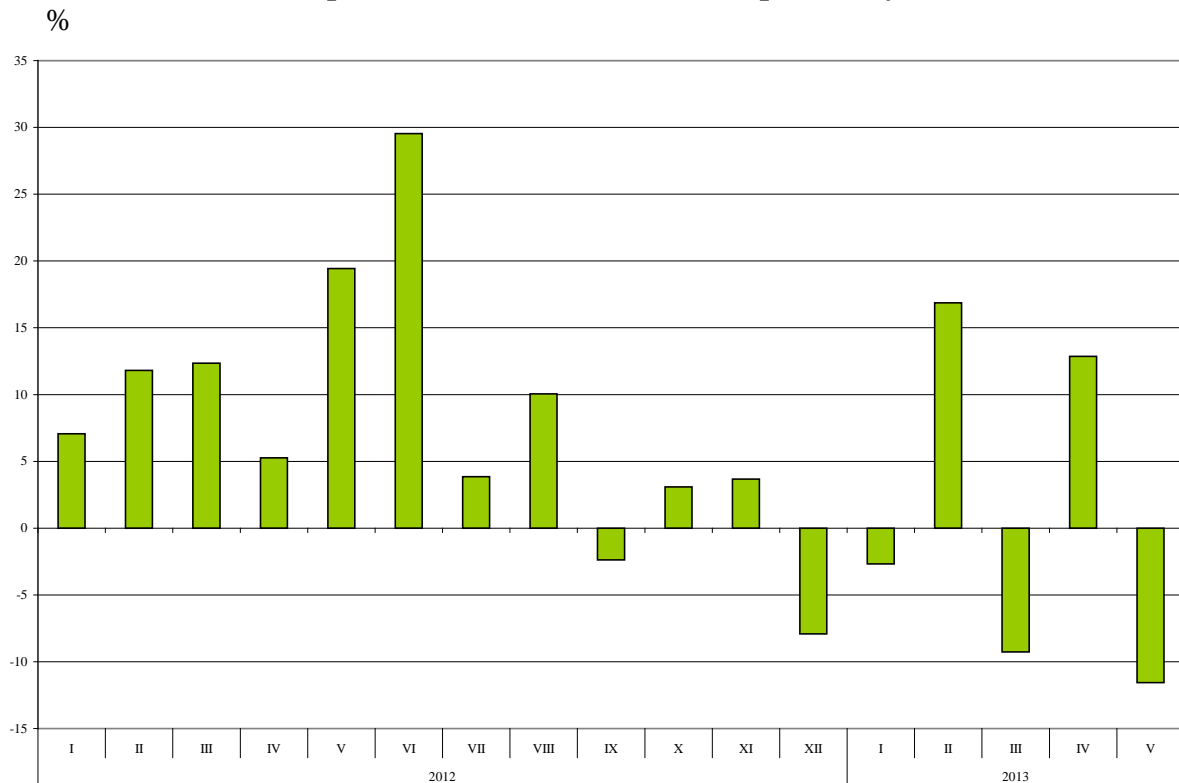
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - May 2013 increased by 0.5% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 11.9 Billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2013** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 11.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.4 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 – May 2013 was negative and added up to 1 685.5 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 1 215.1 Million Levs.

In the first five months of **2013** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (28.5%) **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Beverages and tobacco”. The most notable fall (8.9%) was recorded in section “Food and live animals”.

In imports from EU the largest increase (8.2%) was reported in section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” while the most notable fall (6.6%) was observed in the section “Machinery and transport equipment”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - May 2012¹ and 2013¹ by months

(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 |
| V.2012 | 3647.9 | 2137.3 | 1510.6 | 4685.1 | 2673.1 | 2012.0 | 4488.4 | 2567.2 | 1921.2 | -1037.2 | -535.8 | -501.4 | -840.5 | -429.9 | -410.6 |
| I - V.2012 | 15852.5 | 9491.3 | 6361.2 | 20318.3 | 11832.7 | 8485.6 | 19472.4 | 11369.4 | 8103.0 | -4465.8 | -2341.4 | -2124.4 | -3619.9 | -1878.1 | -1741.8 |
| 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 |
| V.2013 | 3315.8 | 1880.5 | 1435.3 | 4136.5 | 2364.2 | 1772.3 | 3962.7 | 2272.1 | 1690.6 | -820.7 | -483.7 | -337.0 | -646.9 | -391.6 | -255.3 |
| I - V.2013 | 17375.7 | 10202.6 | 7173.1 | 20194.1 | 11888.1 | 8306.0 | 19349.7 | 11417.7 | 7932.0 | -2818.4 | -1685.5 | -1132.9 | -1974.0 | -1215.1 | -758.9 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9.08.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 |
| V | -9.1 | -12.0 | -5.0 | -11.7 | -11.6 | -11.9 | -11.7 | -11.5 | -12.0 |
| I - V | 9.6 | 7.5 | 12.8 | -0.6 | 0.5 | -2.1 | -0.6 | 0.4 | -2.1 |

¹Data are preliminary as of 9.08.2013.


Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 | 15852.5 | 17375.7 | 9.6 | 20318.3 | 20194.1 | -0.6 | -4465.8 | -2818.4 |
| EU | 9491.3 | 10202.6 | 7.5 | 11832.7 | 11888.1 | 0.5 | -2341.4 | -1685.5 |
| Austria | 288.8 | 301.6 | 4.4 | 617.4 | 566.7 | -8.2 | -328.6 | -265.1 |
| Belgium | 585.1 | 463.5 | -20.8 | 337.1 | 364.0 | 8.0 | 248.0 | 99.5 |
| Cyprus | 62.0 | 51.2 | -17.4 | 89.5 | 30.0 | -66.5 | -27.5 | 21.2 |
| Czech Republic | 187.7 | 189.9 | 1.2 | 375.4 | 411.2 | 9.5 | -187.7 | -221.3 |
| Denmark | 70.1 | 87.7 | 25.1 | 71.4 | 63.5 | -11.1 | -1.3 | 24.2 |
| Estonia | 9.5 | 13.5 | 42.1 | 4.6 | 12.1 | 163.0 | 4.9 | 1.4 |
| Finland | 24.5 | 25.5 | 4.1 | 50.8 | 35.0 | -31.1 | -26.3 | -9.5 |
| France | 660.1 | 737.1 | 11.7 | 611.9 | 600.4 | -1.9 | 48.2 | 136.7 |
| Germany | 1736.6 | 2232.3 | 28.5 | 2346.1 | 2135.7 | -9.0 | -609.5 | 96.6 |
| Greece | 1185.8 | 1221.5 | 3.0 | 1199.2 | 1092.9 | -8.9 | -13.4 | 128.6 |
| Hungary | 199.4 | 212.4 | 6.5 | 558.3 | 621.6 | 11.3 | -358.9 | -409.2 |
| Ireland | 11.2 | 15.8 | 41.1 | 66.6 | 72.4 | 8.7 | -55.4 | -56.6 |
| Italy | 1456.1 | 1687.4 | 15.9 | 1301.5 | 1514.2 | 16.3 | 154.6 | 173.2 |
| Latvia | 18.3 | 21.3 | 16.4 | 14.5 | 11.8 | -18.6 | 3.8 | 9.5 |
| Lithuania | 22.7 | 33.0 | 45.4 | 31.1 | 32.6 | 4.8 | -8.4 | 0.4 |
| Luxembourg | 2.0 | 3.3 | 65.0 | 15.1 | 26.8 | 77.5 | -13.1 | -23.5 |
| Malta | 7.6 | 16.2 | 113.2 | 3.1 | 5.6 | 80.6 | 4.5 | 10.6 |
| Netherlands | 297.7 | 382.9 | 28.6 | 659.3 | 518.8 | -21.3 | -361.6 | -135.9 |
| Poland | 263.7 | 324.8 | 23.2 | 378.9 | 545.1 | 43.9 | -115.2 | -220.3 |
| Portugal | 141.8 | 122.3 | -13.8 | 84.1 | 37.3 | -55.6 | 57.7 | 85.0 |
| Romania | 1177.5 | 1235.9 | 5.0 | 1337.4 | 1357.9 | 1.5 | -159.9 | -122.0 |
| Slovakia | 94.3 | 119.1 | 26.3 | 236.9 | 251.8 | 6.3 | -142.6 | -132.7 |
| Slovenia | 149.1 | 58.6 | -60.7 | 127.0 | 134.4 | 5.8 | 22.1 | -75.8 |
| Spain | 405.3 | 210.8 | -48.0 | 914.6 | 1027.6 | 12.4 | -509.3 | -816.8 |
| Sweden | 77.0 | 91.6 | 19.0 | 103.2 | 121.1 | 17.3 | -26.2 | -29.5 |
| United Kingdom | 323.9 | 327.8 | 1.2 | 282.8 | 286.4 | 1.3 | 41.1 | 41.4 |
| Not specified | 33.5 | 15.6 | -53.4 | 14.9 | 11.2 | -24.8 | 18.6 | 4.4 |

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 9.08.2013.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 | 6361.2 | 7173.1 | 12.8 | 8485.6 | 8306.0 | -2.1 | -2124.4 | -1132.9 |
| CIS³ | 667.4 | 930.4 | 39.4 | 4754.5 | 4364.4 | -8.2 | -4087.1 | -3434.0 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | 22.1 | 25.0 | 13.1 | 28.8 | 37.5 | 30.2 | -6.7 | -12.5 |
| Russian Federation | 409.7 | 438.6 | 7.1 | 4164.8 | 3837.8 | -7.9 | -3755.1 | -3399.2 |
| Ukraine | 101.9 | 334.2 | 228.0 | 522.7 | 424.3 | -18.8 | -420.8 | -90.1 |
| OECD⁴ | 2102.9 | 2417.8 | 15.0 | 1453.9 | 1787.9 | 23.0 | 649.0 | 629.9 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 95.2 | 94.1 | -1.2 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 0.8 | 82.4 | 81.2 |
| Israel | 117.8 | 41.6 | -64.7 | 53.0 | 46.7 | -11.9 | 64.8 | -5.1 |
| Japan | 15.9 | 20.5 | 28.9 | 56.0 | 50.8 | -9.3 | -40.1 | -30.3 |
| Korea, Republic of | 109.3 | 87.9 | -19.6 | 94.1 | 68.9 | -26.8 | 15.2 | 19.0 |
| Turkey | 1405.7 | 1693.8 | 20.5 | 904.0 | 1103.0 | 22.0 | 501.7 | 590.8 |
| United States | 179.6 | 272.2 | 51.6 | 141.1 | 142.1 | 0.7 | 38.5 | 130.1 |
| EFTA⁵ | 144.2 | 160.9 | 11.6 | 162.6 | 190.3 | 17.0 | -18.4 | -29.4 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Norway | 24.2 | 25.7 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 12.1 | 146.9 | 19.3 | 13.6 |
| Switzerland | 113.9 | 126.9 | 11.4 | 157.4 | 178.0 | 13.1 | -43.5 | -51.1 |

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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 partner¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 | 38.7 | 42.4 | 9.6 | 16.6 | 13.3 | -19.9 | 22.1 | 29.1 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 27.5 | 30.2 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 21.0 | 87.5 | 16.3 | 9.2 |
| Brazil | 58.3 | 8.7 | -85.1 | 130.5 | 33.1 | -74.6 | -72.2 | -24.4 |
| China | 463.4 | 441.2 | -4.8 | 715.0 | 600.3 | -16.0 | -251.6 | -159.1 |
| Croatia | 56.0 | 40.1 | -28.4 | 21.2 | 27.9 | 31.6 | 34.8 | 12.2 |
| Egypt | 102.1 | 156.2 | 53.0 | 44.8 | 35.7 | -20.3 | 57.3 | 120.5 |
| Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 327.7 | 268.5 | -18.1 | 198.0 | 233.5 | 17.9 | 129.7 | 35.0 |
| Georgia | 184.7 | 151.8 | -17.8 | 158.0 | 229.6 | 45.3 | 26.7 | -77.8 |
| India | 25.0 | 21.8 | -12.8 | 58.2 | 96.0 | 64.9 | -33.2 | -74.2 |
| Indonesia | 13.4 | 17.0 | 26.9 | 15.4 | 21.9 | 42.2 | -2.0 | -4.9 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 14.4 | 9.7 | -32.6 | 6.9 | 1.9 | -72.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| Peru | 1.8 | 9.2 | 411.1 | 83.8 | 6.2 | -92.6 | -82.0 | 3.0 |
| Serbia | 362.5 | 302.4 | -16.6 | 187.1 | 192.1 | 2.7 | 175.4 | 110.3 |
| Singapore | 5.5 | 6.7 | 21.8 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 3.3 | -6.5 | -5.7 |
| South Africa | 41.4 | 217.6 | 425.6 | 30.0 | 21.6 | -28.0 | 11.4 | 196.0 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 22.9 | 42.0 | 83.4 | 26.7 | 18.9 | -29.2 | -3.8 | 23.1 |
| Taiwan | 19.6 | 23.0 | 17.3 | 62.2 | 53.1 | -14.6 | -42.6 | -30.1 |
| United Arab Emirates | 160.6 | 89.4 | -44.3 | 61.0 | 42.8 | -29.8 | 99.6 | 46.6 |
| Viet Nam | 8.0 | 11.6 | 45.0 | 25.9 | 25.0 | -3.5 | -17.9 | -13.4 |

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 9.08.2013.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
for the period January - May 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 | 15852.5 | 17375.7 | 9.6 | 20318.3 | 20194.1 | -0.6 | -4465.8 | -2818.4 |
| of which EU | 9491.3 | 10202.6 | 7.5 | 11832.7 | 11888.1 | 0.5 | -2341.4 | -1685.5 |
| Food and live animals | 1413.2 | 1596.7 | 13.0 | 1390.9 | 1457.5 | 4.8 | 22.3 | 139.2 |
| of which EU | 1078.4 | 982.0 | -8.9 | 1194.9 | 1196.6 | 0.1 | -116.5 | -214.6 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 350.6 | 427.7 | 22.0 | 248.9 | 252.4 | 1.4 | 101.7 | 175.3 |
| of which EU | 133.0 | 170.9 | 28.5 | 185.5 | 175.2 | -5.6 | -52.5 | -4.3 |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel) | 1493.4 | 1526.3 | 2.2 | 1894.0 | 1998.9 | 5.5 | -400.6 | -472.6 |
| of which EU | 661.4 | 701.7 | 6.1 | 1158.5 | 1195.5 | 3.2 | -497.1 | -493.8 |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials | 2277.1 | 2604.9 | 14.4 | 4990.0 | 4657.1 | -6.7 | -2712.9 | -2052.2 |
| of which EU | 521.5 | 559.9 | 7.4 | 724.4 | 728.0 | 0.5 | -202.9 | -168.1 |
| Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 128.4 | 120.5 | -6.2 | 85.4 | 85.5 | 0.1 | 43.0 | 35.0 |
| of which EU | 95.3 | 93.3 | -2.1 | 61.8 | 65.0 | 5.2 | 33.5 | 28.3 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c. | 1326.1 | 1471.4 | 11.0 | 2244.1 | 2548.7 | 13.6 | -918.0 | -1077.3 |
| of which EU | 605.9 | 756.0 | 24.8 | 1767.8 | 1913.6 | 8.2 | -1161.9 | -1157.6 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 3918.4 | 4124.0 | 5.2 | 3148.3 | 3273.8 | 4.0 | 770.1 | 850.2 |
| of which EU | 2525.8 | 2758.1 | 9.2 | 1974.5 | 2026.0 | 2.6 | 551.3 | 732.1 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 2599.2 | 3186.4 | 22.6 | 5064.9 | 4567.0 | -9.8 | -2465.7 | -1380.6 |
| of which EU | 1924.8 | 2267.5 | 17.8 | 3815.2 | 3561.5 | -6.6 | -1890.4 | -1294.0 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 2311.8 | 2276.9 | -1.5 | 1203.0 | 1256.9 | 4.5 | 1108.8 | 1020.0 |
| of which EU | 1933.1 | 1898.6 | -1.8 | 908.4 | 942.7 | 3.8 | 1024.7 | 955.9 |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c. | 34.3 | 40.9 | 19.2 | 48.8 | 96.3 | 97.3 | -14.5 | -55.4 |
| of which EU | 12.1 | 14.6 | 20.7 | 41.7 | 84.0 | 101.4 | -29.6 | -69.4 |

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