

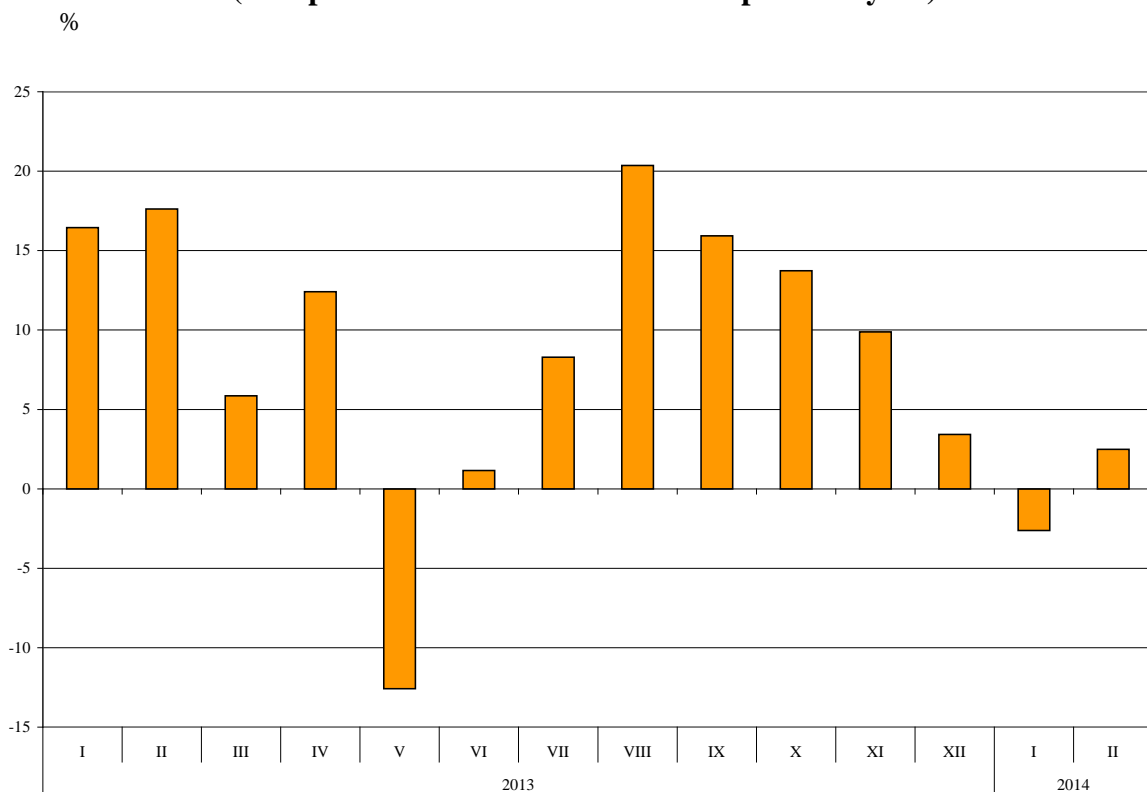


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** decreased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 4.0 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 71.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2014** the exports to the EU increased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.0 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU for the period 2013 – 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



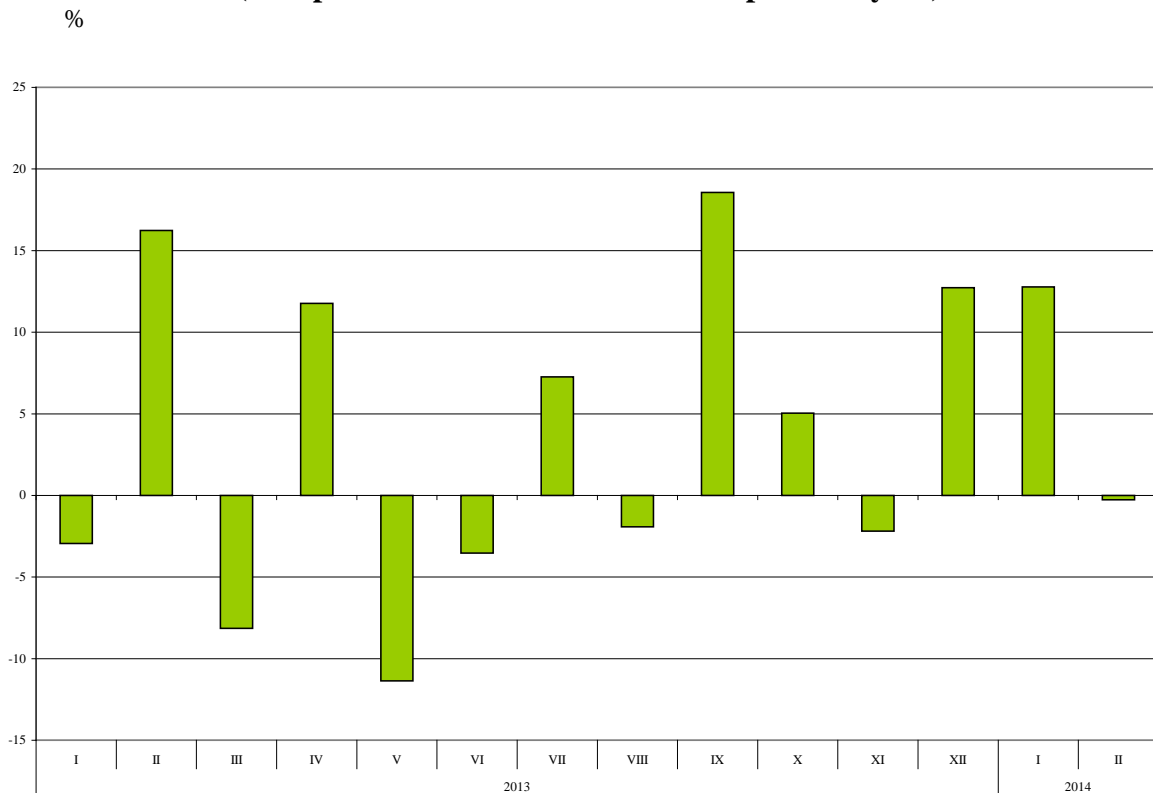
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - February 2014 increased by 5.7% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 4.8 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 0.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.5 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU for the period 2013 – 2014
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with** the **EU** in the period January –February 2014 was negative and added up to 828.2 Million BGN (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 605.9 Million BGN.

In the first two months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (38.6%) **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to** the **EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”. The most notable fall was recorded in sections “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (36.1%) and “Beverages and tobacco” (30.8%).

In **imports from** the **EU** the largest growth (28.2%) was reported in section “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” while the most notable fall (16.4%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”².

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 - February 2013¹ and 2014¹ by months

Table 1
(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2013	3474.6	2019.1	1455.5	3726.1	2067.6	1658.5	3540.1	1974.3	1565.8	-251.5	-48.5	-203.0	-65.5	44.8	-110.3
II.2013	3242.9	1952.2	1290.7	4058.3	2470.1	1588.2	3851.9	2350.6	1501.3	-815.4	-517.9	-297.5	-609.0	-398.4	-210.6
I - II.2013	6717.5	3971.3	2746.2	7784.4	4537.7	3246.7	7392.0	4324.9	3067.1	-1066.9	-566.4	-500.5	-674.5	-353.6	-320.9
I.2014	3099.6	1966.1	1133.5	3956.7	2331.7	1625.0	3760.7	2223.0	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3223.1	2000.8	1222.3	3799.7	2463.4	1336.3	3616.5	2349.8	1266.7	-576.6	-462.6	-114.0	-393.4	-349.0	-44.4
I - II.2014	6322.7	3966.9	2355.8	7756.4	4795.1	2961.3	7377.2	4572.8	2804.4	-1433.7	-828.2	-605.5	-1054.5	-605.9	-448.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2014.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

³ EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

⁴ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2014¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	-10.8	-2.6	-22.1	6.2	12.8	-2.0	6.2	12.6	-1.8
II	-0.6	2.5	-5.3	-6.4	-0.3	-15.9	-6.1	0.0	-15.6
I - II	-5.9	-0.1	-14.2	-0.4	5.7	-8.8	-0.2	5.7	-8.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2014.

² EU including Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.

³ Non EU excluding Croatia also for the periods prior 1st of July 2013.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - February 2013² and 2014²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Total	6717.5	6322.7	-5.9	7784.4	7756.4	-0.4	-1066.9	-1433.7
EU³	3971.3	3966.9	-0.1	4537.7	4795.1	5.7	-566.4	-828.2
Austria	120.4	122.4	1.7	222.2	210.4	-5.3	-101.8	-88.0
Belgium	107.4	198.6	84.9	114.4	141.4	23.6	-7.0	57.2
Croatia	18.3	23.3	27.3	7.6	8.0	5.3	10.7	15.3
Cyprus	23.7	28.7	21.1	11.0	6.4	-41.8	12.7	22.3
Czech Republic	86.3	96.1	11.4	127.1	147.4	16.0	-40.8	-51.3
Denmark	36.4	31.4	-13.7	23.5	27.8	18.3	12.9	3.6
Estonia	5.3	6.0	13.2	8.4	1.7	-79.8	-3.1	4.3
Finland	10.2	12.8	25.5	9.7	13.9	43.3	0.5	-1.1
France	302.2	288.0	-4.7	231.8	255.5	10.2	70.4	32.5
Germany	941.6	889.8	-5.5	776.8	885.4	14.0	164.8	4.4
Greece	488.4	392.7	-19.6	393.7	367.2	-6.7	94.7	25.5
Hungary	82.7	87.4	5.7	237.6	244.3	2.8	-154.9	-156.9
Ireland	5.6	7.3	30.4	28.1	20.1	-28.5	-22.5	-12.8
Italy	680.0	656.1	-3.5	568.7	568.5	0.0	111.3	87.6
Latvia	12.5	8.1	-35.2	7.1	1.8	-74.6	5.4	6.3
Lithuania	11.7	12.7	8.5	13.0	12.3	-5.4	-1.3	0.4
Luxembourg	1.0	0.4	-60.0	12.0	19.8	65.0	-11.0	-19.4
Malta	8.4	8.4	0.0	1.1	100.2	9009.1	7.3	-91.8
Netherlands	136.8	152.3	11.3	193.0	213.2	10.5	-56.2	-60.9
Poland	116.6	128.7	10.4	211.1	213.3	1.0	-94.5	-84.6
Portugal	45.6	23.4	-48.7	7.5	28.2	276.0	38.1	-4.8
Romania	414.1	423.4	2.2	524.9	574.2	9.4	-110.8	-150.8
Slovakia	43.6	52.1	19.5	91.9	91.1	-0.9	-48.3	-39.0
Slovenia	23.4	36.6	56.4	47.0	52.8	12.3	-23.6	-16.2
Spain	77.6	104.2	34.3	516.2	417.6	-19.1	-438.6	-313.4
Sweden	32.3	37.3	15.5	37.2	43.3	16.4	-4.9	-6.0
United Kingdom	134.9	135.2	0.2	112.2	126.2	12.5	22.7	9.0
Not specified	4.3	3.5	-18.6	2.9	3.1	6.9	1.4	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.

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³ EU including Croatia



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the period January – February 2013² and 2014²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Non EU countries³	2746.2	2355.8	-14.2	3246.7	2961.3	-8.8	-500.5	-605.5
CIS⁴	300.5	250.1	-16.8	1712.0	1224.8	-28.5	-1411.5	-974.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	14.5	8.3	-42.8	14.2	21.5	51.4	0.3	-13.2
Russian Federation	147.4	151.3	2.6	1531.3	1029.1	-32.8	-1383.9	-877.8
Ukraine	95.0	32.9	-65.4	149.7	157.5	5.2	-54.7	-124.6
OECD⁵	918.1	790.9	-13.9	694.8	745.8	7.3	223.3	45.1
of which:								
Canada	31.1	10.3	-66.9	5.2	9.3	78.8	25.9	1.0
Israel	16.4	14.9	-9.1	12.6	18.0	42.9	3.8	-3.1
Japan	7.7	7.3	-5.2	19.7	32.3	64.0	-12.0	-25.0
Korea, Republic of	39.0	20.7	-46.9	22.1	26.7	20.8	16.9	-6.0
Turkey	637.7	564.7	-11.4	348.0	495.6	42.4	289.7	69.1
United States	109.5	96.0	-12.3	46.3	86.6	87.0	63.2	9.4
EFTA⁶	62.4	63.3	1.4	77.5	74.3	-4.1	-15.1	-11.0
of which:								
Norway	8.3	11.1	33.7	4.4	6.4	45.5	3.9	4.7
Switzerland	51.3	50.5	-1.6	73.1	67.2	-8.1	-21.8	-16.7

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⁴ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁵ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



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for the period January - February 2013² and 2014²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	10.1	15.4	52.5	5.4	6.2	14.8	4.7	9.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.1	11.6	27.5	6.2	9.5	53.2	2.9	2.1
Brazil	2.5	5.6	124.0	9.5	14.2	49.5	-7.0	-8.6
China	158.3	170.2	7.5	236.5	274.6	16.1	-78.2	-104.4
Egypt	62.5	37.8	-39.5	20.1	99.4	394.5	42.4	-61.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	107.9	97.9	-9.3	87.0	74.6	-14.3	20.9	23.3
Georgia	54.0	43.5	-19.4	181.4	71.2	-60.7	-127.4	-27.7
India	7.8	9.9	26.9	32.6	31.7	-2.8	-24.8	-21.8
Indonesia	7.6	4.6	-39.5	8.3	6.0	-27.7	-0.7	-1.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	4.5	29.4	553.3	0.8	0.7	-12.5	3.7	28.7
Peru	1.3	1.0	-23.1	5.1	8.8	72.5	-3.8	-7.8
Serbia	122.4	87.2	-28.8	70.2	97.9	39.5	52.2	-10.7
Singapore	2.0	204.5	10125.0	5.5	6.5	18.2	-3.5	198.0
South Africa	91.4	5.2	-94.3	9.5	7.8	-17.9	81.9	-2.6
Syrian Arab Republic	14.1	19.6	39.0	9.6	9.9	3.1	4.5	9.7
Taiwan	9.2	5.6	-39.1	23.9	23.3	-2.5	-14.7	-17.7
United Arab Emirates	54.5	150.8	176.7	17.1	12.7	-25.7	37.4	138.1
Viet Nam	4.0	6.0	50.0	11.2	12.9	15.2	-7.2	-6.9

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² Data are preliminary as of 09.05.2014.



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 for the period January – February 2013¹ and 2014¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2013	2014
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6717.5	6322.7	-5.9	7784.4	7756.4	-0.4	-1066.9	-1433.7
of which EU²	3971.3	3966.9	-0.1	4537.7	4795.1	5.7	-566.4	-828.2
Food and live animals	572.1	530.7	-7.2	536.5	553.1	3.1	35.6	-22.4
of which EU	376.9	354.4	-6.0	457.7	456.6	-0.2	-80.8	-102.2
Beverages and tobacco	172.6	139.8	-19.0	84.0	102.4	21.9	88.6	37.4
of which EU	66.8	46.2	-30.8	56.6	56.1	-0.9	10.2	-9.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	539.5	390.5	-27.6	1031.8	858.0	-16.8	-492.3	-467.5
of which EU	241.2	213.7	-11.4	600.1	501.4	-16.4	-358.9	-287.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1121.7	757.5	-32.5	1899.2	1627.0	-14.3	-777.5	-869.5
of which EU	241.6	154.4	-36.1	305.7	392.0	28.2	-64.1	-237.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	52.6	62.5	18.8	33.1	26.3	-20.5	19.5	36.2
of which EU	38.6	53.5	38.6	22.8	20.1	-11.8	15.8	33.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	544.9	604.0	10.8	946.5	1054.8	11.4	-401.6	-450.8
of which EU	289.9	320.7	10.6	718.1	804.5	12.0	-428.2	-483.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1605.8	1539.3	-4.1	1173.8	1157.2	-1.4	432.0	382.1
of which EU	1064.3	1007.3	-5.4	720.2	720.6	0.1	344.1	286.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1171.5	1254.8	7.1	1601.2	1797.4	12.3	-429.7	-542.6
of which EU	861.7	929.3	7.8	1295.8	1409.5	8.8	-434.1	-480.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	919.3	1026.4	11.7	446.1	538.6	20.7	473.2	487.8
of which EU	785.2	879.2	12.0	333.1	399.2	19.8	452.1	480.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	17.5	17.2	-1.7	32.2	41.6	29.2	-14.7	-24.4
of which EU	5.1	8.2	60.8	27.6	35.1	27.2	-22.5	-26.9

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² EU including Croatia.