

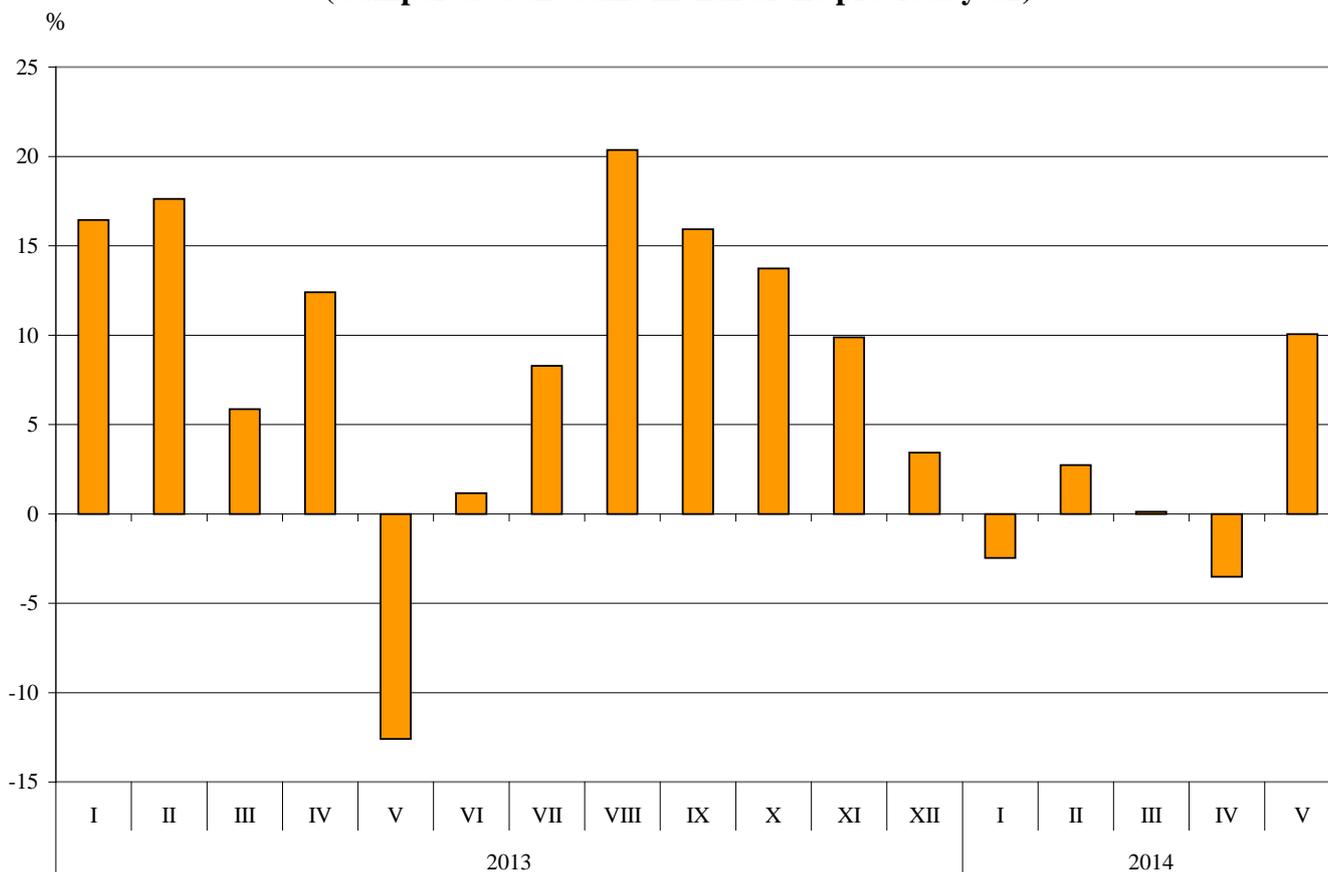


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 1.2% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 10.3 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 72.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2014** the exports to the EU increased by 10.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 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)**



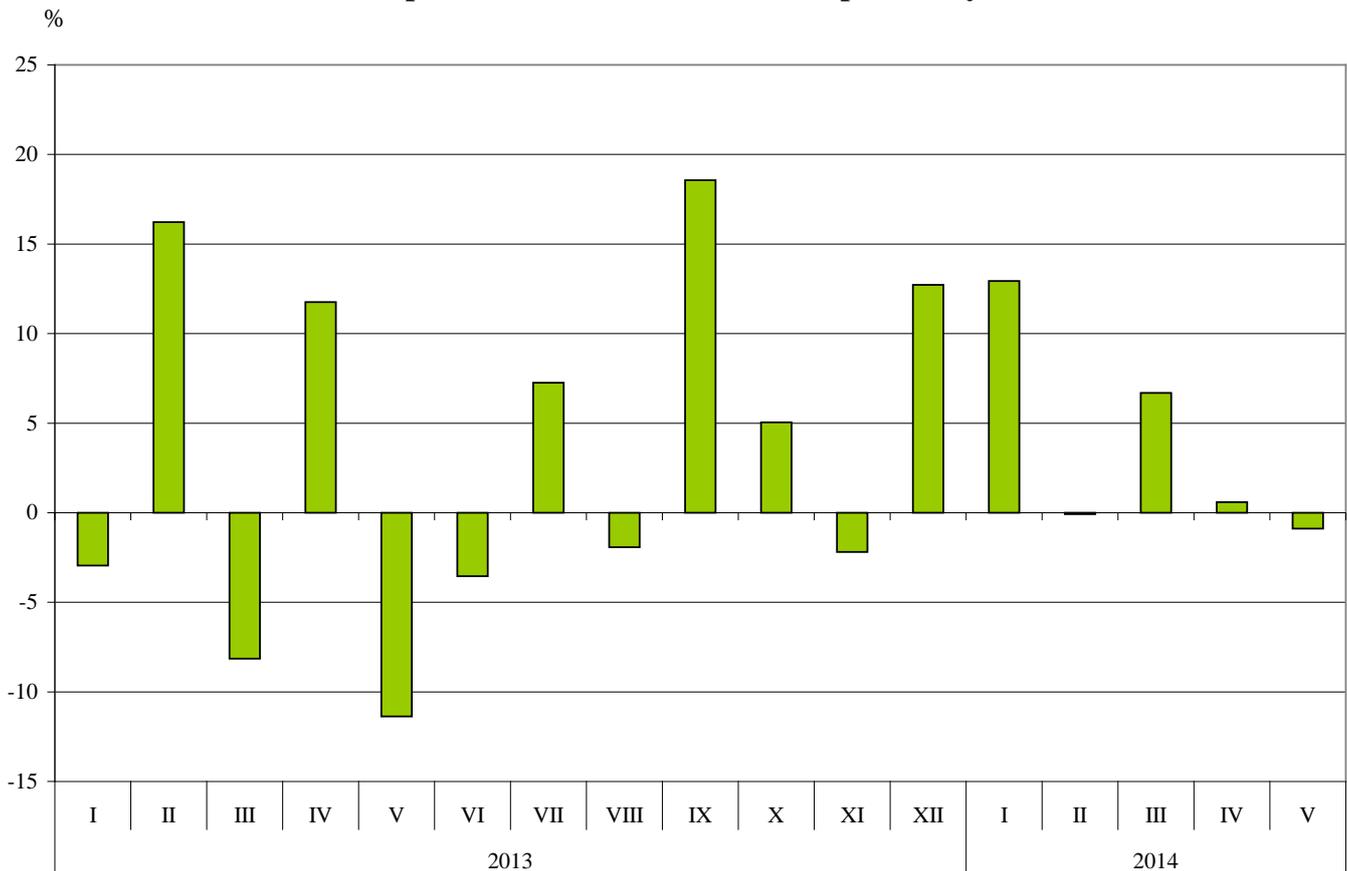
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - May 2014 increased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 12.3 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



In May 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 0.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.4 Billion BGN at CIF 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 - May 2014 was negative and added up to 1 952.0 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 1 392.1 Million BGN.

In the first five months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (41.2%) **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” (28.4%) and “Beverages and tobacco” (20.4%).

In imports from the EU the largest growth (11.2%) was reported in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”² while the most notable fall (10.9%) was observed in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals; manufactures of metals, n.e.s

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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
III.2013	3477.4	2173.7	1303.7	3859.9	2333.7	1526.2	3680.8	2232.6	1448.2	-382.5	-160.0	-222.5	-203.4	-58.9	-144.5
I - III.2013	10194.9	6145.0	4049.9	11644.3	6871.4	4772.9	11072.8	6557.5	4515.3	-1449.4	-726.4	-723.0	-877.9	-412.5	-465.4
IV.2013	3848.5	2192.5	1656.0	4365.8	2624.7	1741.1	4159.7	2503.1	1656.6	-517.3	-432.2	-85.1	-311.2	-310.6	-0.6
V.2013	3309.0	1879.3	1429.7	4137.6	2374.6	1763.0	3938.7	2269.0	1669.7	-828.6	-495.3	-333.3	-629.7	-389.7	-240.0
I - V.2013	17352.4	10216.8	7135.6	20147.7	11870.7	8277.0	19171.2	11329.6	7841.6	-2795.3	-1653.9	-1141.4	-1818.8	-1112.8	-706.0
I.2014	3102.9	1969.4	1133.5	3960.0	2335.0	1625.0	3764.0	2226.3	1537.7	-857.1	-365.6	-491.5	-661.1	-256.9	-404.2
II.2014	3227.8	2005.5	1222.3	3804.6	2468.3	1336.3	3621.0	2354.3	1266.7	-576.8	-462.8	-114.0	-393.2	-348.8	-44.4
III.2014	3191.2	2176.4	1014.8	3930.1	2489.7	1440.4	3751.6	2379.9	1371.7	-738.9	-313.3	-425.6	-560.4	-203.5	-356.9
I - III.2014	9521.9	6151.3	3370.6	11694.7	7293.0	4401.7	11136.6	6960.5	4176.1	-2172.8	-1141.7	-1031.1	-1614.7	-809.2	-805.5
IV.2014	3400.4	2115.3	1285.1	4310.5	2640.4	1670.1	4102.9	2519.0	1583.9	-910.1	-525.1	-385.0	-702.5	-403.7	-298.8
V.2014	3489.2	2068.2	1421.0	4125.2	2353.4	1771.8	3925.4	2247.4	1678.0	-636.0	-285.2	-350.8	-436.2	-179.2	-257.0
I - V.2014	16411.5	10334.8	6076.7	20130.4	12286.8	7843.6	19164.9	11726.9	7438.0	-3718.9	-1952.0	-1766.9	-2753.4	-1392.1	-1361.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th of August 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 - May 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	-10.7	-2.5	-22.1	6.3	12.9	-2.0	6.3	12.8	-1.8
II	-0.5	2.7	-5.3	-6.3	-0.1	-15.9	-6.0	0.2	-15.6
III	-8.2	0.1	-22.2	1.8	6.7	-5.6	1.9	6.6	-5.3
I - III	-6.6	0.1	-16.8	0.4	6.1	-7.8	0.6	6.1	-7.5
IV	-11.6	-3.5	-22.4	-1.3	0.6	-4.1	-1.4	0.6	-4.4
V	5.4	10.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.9	0.5	-0.3	-1.0	0.5
I - V	-5.4	1.2	-14.8	-0.1	3.5	-5.2	0.0	3.5	-5.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th of August 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 partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	17352.4	16411.5	-5.4	20147.7	20130.4	-0.1	-2795.3	-3718.9
EU³	10216.8	10334.8	1.2	11870.7	12286.8	3.5	-1653.9	-1952.0
Austria	301.7	313.6	3.9	566.0	555.0	-1.9	-264.3	-241.4
Belgium	441.0	667.0	51.2	356.5	411.2	15.3	84.5	255.8
Croatia	40.3	63.2	56.8	27.9	28.5	2.2	12.4	34.7
Cyprus	51.3	70.8	38.0	31.7	19.9	-37.2	19.6	50.9
Czech Republic	196.1	236.3	20.5	411.1	425.4	3.5	-215.0	-189.1
Denmark	87.8	81.3	-7.4	65.5	74.4	13.6	22.3	6.9
Estonia	13.5	14.1	4.4	12.1	5.4	-55.4	1.4	8.7
Finland	25.5	29.7	16.5	35.0	40.9	16.9	-9.5	-11.2
France	736.8	719.7	-2.3	602.1	634.6	5.4	134.7	85.1
Germany	2214.5	2094.0	-5.4	2136.4	2351.5	10.1	78.1	-257.5
Greece	1223.5	1085.6	-11.3	1096.2	977.8	-10.8	127.3	107.8
Hungary	212.5	232.2	9.3	620.9	659.4	6.2	-408.4	-427.2
Ireland	15.8	17.9	13.3	72.4	62.1	-14.2	-56.6	-44.2
Italy	1691.8	1625.5	-3.9	1518.8	1508.6	-0.7	173.0	116.9
Latvia	21.3	20.1	-5.6	11.8	6.0	-49.2	9.5	14.1
Lithuania	33.2	36.2	9.0	32.6	32.6	0.0	0.6	3.6
Luxembourg	3.3	1.8	-45.5	26.8	55.1	105.6	-23.5	-53.3
Malta	16.4	24.9	51.8	5.6	102.3	1726.8	10.8	-77.4
Netherlands	384.5	381.3	-0.8	518.2	540.0	4.2	-133.7	-158.7
Poland	325.1	346.4	6.6	543.8	571.9	5.2	-218.7	-225.5
Portugal	122.4	59.6	-51.3	35.8	40.1	12.0	86.6	19.5
Romania	1233.0	1286.3	4.3	1356.6	1458.5	7.5	-123.6	-172.2
Slovakia	118.8	129.6	9.1	252.1	231.0	-8.4	-133.3	-101.4
Slovenia	58.6	79.8	36.2	134.4	137.6	2.4	-75.8	-57.8
Spain	211.4	250.1	18.3	975.7	900.6	-7.7	-764.3	-650.5
Sweden	91.7	100.9	10.0	121.1	115.3	-4.8	-29.4	-14.4
United Kingdom	329.5	357.2	8.4	292.4	331.4	13.3	37.1	25.8
Not specified	15.5	9.7	-37.4	11.2	9.7	-13.4	4.3	0.0

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.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries³	7135.6	6076.7	-14.8	8277.0	7843.6	-5.2	-1141.4	-1766.9
CIS⁴	930.4	675.4	-27.4	4364.0	3444.3	-21.1	-3433.6	-2768.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	25.0	21.8	-12.8	37.5	37.0	-1.3	-12.5	-15.2
Russian Federation	438.8	411.4	-6.2	3837.4	2825.6	-26.4	-3398.6	-2414.2
Ukraine	333.9	94.1	-71.8	424.3	521.4	22.9	-90.4	-427.3
OECD⁵	2418.0	2113.9	-12.6	1787.2	1873.6	4.8	630.8	240.3
of which:								
Canada	94.2	25.5	-72.9	12.9	20.4	58.1	81.3	5.1
Israel	41.6	76.3	83.4	46.7	62.3	33.4	-5.1	14.0
Japan	20.5	20.3	-1.0	50.8	81.1	59.6	-30.3	-60.8
Korea, Republic of	87.9	55.3	-37.1	68.9	66.9	-2.9	19.0	-11.6
Turkey	1694.1	1518.8	-10.3	1102.9	1242.5	12.7	591.2	276.3
United States	272.4	249.3	-8.5	142.1	219.8	54.7	130.3	29.5
EFTA⁶	160.3	133.0	-17.0	189.6	162.7	-14.2	-29.3	-29.7
of which:								
Norway	25.7	24.6	-4.3	12.1	14.4	19.0	13.6	10.2
Switzerland	126.4	105.9	-16.2	177.4	147.5	-16.9	-51.0	-41.6

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³ Non EU excluding Croatia.

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.

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria for the period January - May 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 BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	42.4	40.0	-5.7	13.3	12.9	-3.0	29.1	27.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.3	31.9	5.3	21.0	24.5	16.7	9.3	7.4
Brazil	8.7	12.3	41.4	33.1	52.2	57.7	-24.4	-39.9
China	441.3	434.0	-1.7	600.3	681.4	13.5	-159.0	-247.4
Egypt	156.2	158.4	1.4	35.7	197.0	451.8	120.5	-38.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	269.0	264.9	-1.5	233.5	205.1	-12.2	35.5	59.8
Georgia	151.8	163.8	7.9	229.6	135.5	-41.0	-77.8	28.3
India	22.0	30.8	40.0	96.0	84.3	-12.2	-74.0	-53.5
Indonesia	17.0	14.2	-16.5	21.9	21.5	-1.8	-4.9	-7.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	9.7	58.6	504.1	1.9	2.2	15.8	7.8	56.4
Peru	9.2	3.5	-62.0	6.2	18.8	203.2	3.0	-15.3
Serbia	303.4	245.5	-19.1	192.1	254.7	32.6	111.3	-9.2
Singapore	6.7	423.6	6222.4	12.4	15.4	24.2	-5.7	408.2
South Africa	217.6	14.9	-93.2	21.6	21.2	-1.9	196.0	-6.3
Syrian Arab Republic	42.0	68.4	62.9	18.9	20.9	10.6	23.1	47.5
Taiwan	23.0	15.8	-31.3	53.1	59.6	12.2	-30.1	-43.8
United Arab Emirates	89.4	251.9	181.8	42.8	33.6	-21.5	46.6	218.3
Viet Nam	11.6	13.8	19.0	25.0	38.9	55.6	-13.4	-25.1

¹ Partner country:

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- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

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Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 for the period January - May 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	17352.4	16411.5	-5.4	20147.7	20130.4	-0.1	-2795.3	-3718.9
of which EU²	10216.8	10334.8	1.2	11870.7	12286.8	3.5	-1653.9	-1952.0
Food and live animals	1596.5	1398.1	-12.4	1458.7	1459.1	0.0	137.8	-61.0
of which EU	986.3	938.1	-4.9	1198.5	1209.0	0.9	-212.2	-270.9
Beverages and tobacco	428.0	363.7	-15.0	253.9	255.5	0.6	174.1	108.2
of which EU	171.9	136.9	-20.4	177.2	168.0	-5.2	-5.3	-31.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1514.5	1097.1	-27.6	1945.6	1776.1	-8.7	-431.1	-679.0
of which EU	690.9	576.0	-16.6	1142.3	1018.1	-10.9	-451.4	-442.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2604.0	1943.2	-25.4	4656.5	4119.6	-11.5	-2052.5	-2176.4
of which EU	559.2	400.6	-28.4	728.3	776.7	6.6	-169.1	-376.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	120.4	151.7	26.0	85.5	78.5	-8.2	34.9	73.2
of which EU	93.2	131.6	41.2	65.0	61.4	-5.5	28.2	70.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1471.6	1577.5	7.2	2538.6	2705.9	6.6	-1067.0	-1128.4
of which EU	767.9	822.9	7.2	1916.3	2087.4	8.9	-1148.4	-1264.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4106.2	3944.5	-3.9	3276.9	3289.8	0.4	829.3	654.7
of which EU	2751.2	2661.7	-3.3	2033.1	2033.4	0.0	718.1	628.3
Machinery and transport equipment	3188.1	3378.0	6.0	4572.8	4904.4	7.3	-1384.7	-1526.4
of which EU	2274.7	2499.6	9.9	3577.2	3786.6	5.9	-1302.5	-1287.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2281.9	2512.7	10.1	1262.5	1434.5	13.6	1019.4	1078.2
of which EU	1906.7	2139.1	12.2	948.2	1054.1	11.2	958.5	1085.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	41.2	45.0	9.2	96.7	107.0	10.7	-55.5	-62.0
of which EU	14.8	28.3	91.2	84.6	92.1	8.9	-69.8	-63.8

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² EU including Croatia.