

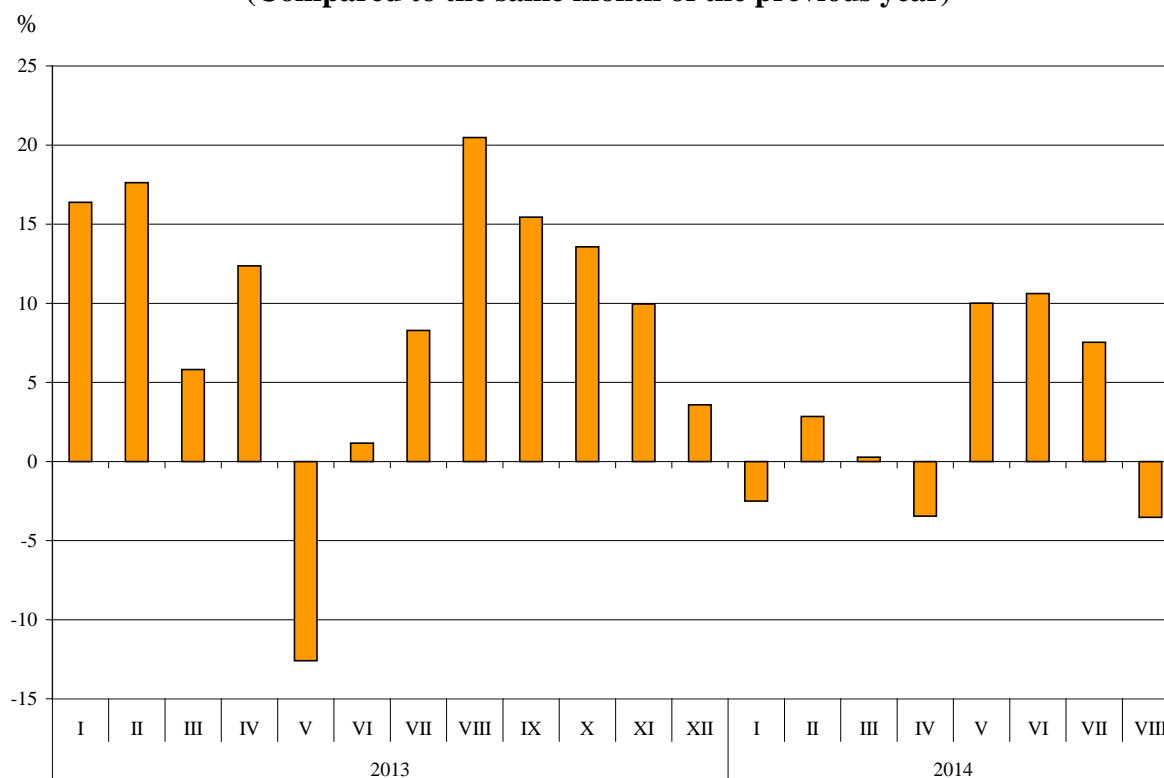


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 2.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 17.5 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 71.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2014** the exports to the EU decreased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.3 Billion BGN.

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



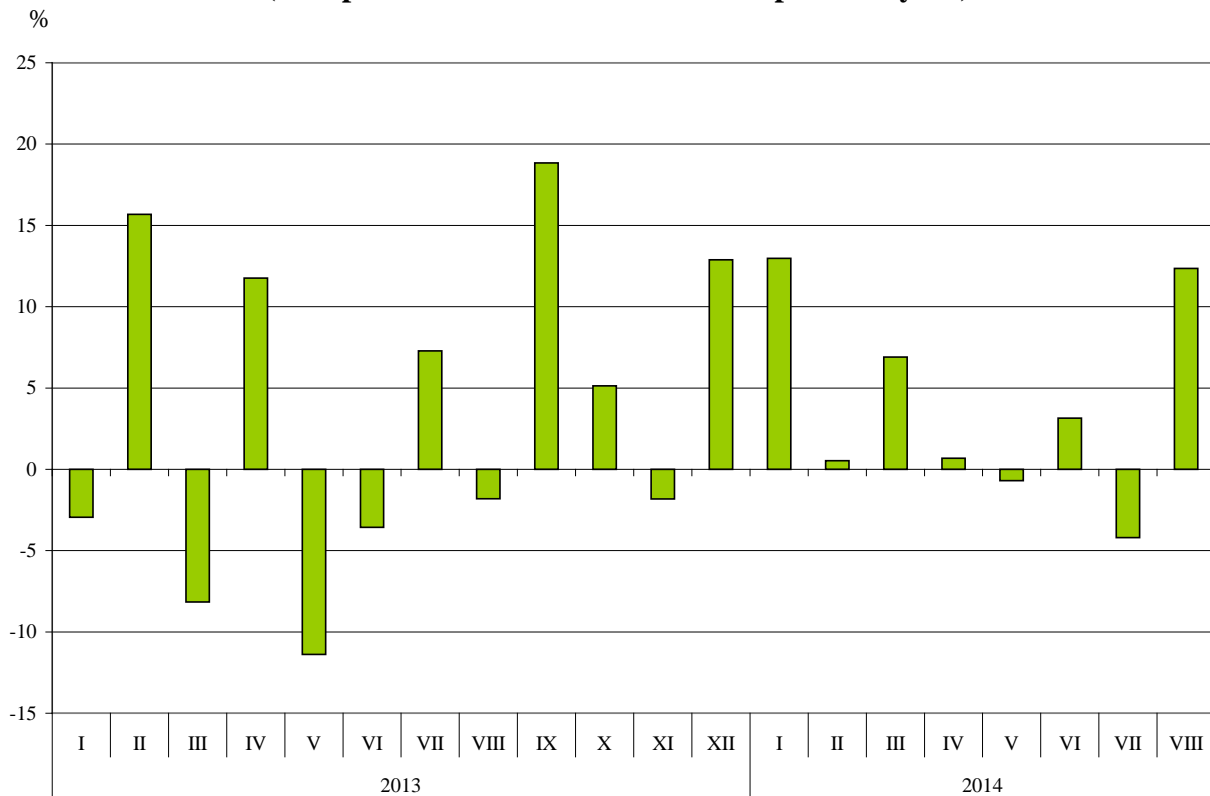
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - August 2014 increased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 20.1 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 12.4% 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 in 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 - August 2014 was negative and added up to 2 607.4 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 1 798.9 Million BGN.

In the first eight months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (21.6%) **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 “Beverages and tobacco” (20.2%) and “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (16.3%).

In imports from the EU the largest growth (8.4%) was reported in section “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”² while the most notable fall (16.9%) was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lightning fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2013 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	3482.5	2018.0	1464.5	3724.5	2067.5	1657.0	3558.7	1985.8	1572.9	-242.0	-49.5	-192.5	-76.2	32.2	-108.4
II.2013	3243.0	1952.2	1290.8	4033.2	2458.5	1574.7	3852.1	2355.5	1496.6	-790.2	-506.3	-283.9	-609.1	-403.3	-205.8
III.2013	3476.6	2172.7	1303.9	3852.9	2333.5	1519.4	3693.4	2244.7	1448.7	-376.3	-160.8	-215.5	-216.8	-72.0	-144.8
I - III.2013	10202.1	6142.9	4059.2	11610.6	6859.5	4751.1	11104.2	6586.0	4518.2	-1408.5	-716.6	-691.9	-902.1	-443.1	-459.0
IV.2013	3866.5	2191.7	1674.8	4359.9	2624.7	1735.2	4177.8	2518.1	1659.7	-493.4	-433.0	-60.4	-311.3	-326.4	15.1
V.2013	3308.9	1879.3	1429.6	4131.5	2374.3	1757.2	3952.8	2281.3	1671.5	-822.6	-495.0	-327.6	-643.9	-402.0	-241.9
VI.2013	3437.8	2041.0	1396.8	4240.2	2549.1	1691.1	4056.5	2447.8	1608.7	-802.4	-508.1	-294.3	-618.7	-406.8	-211.9
IV - VI.2013	10613.2	6112.0	4501.2	12731.6	7548.1	5183.5	12187.1	7247.2	4939.9	-2118.4	-1436.1	-682.3	-1573.9	-1135.2	-438.7
I - VI.2013	20815.3	12254.9	8560.4	24342.2	14407.6	9934.6	23291.3	13833.2	9458.1	-3526.9	-2152.7	-1374.2	-2476.0	-1578.3	-897.7
VII.2013	3992.4	2438.0	1554.4	4670.0	2850.9	1819.1	4464.4	2735.4	1729.0	-677.6	-412.9	-264.7	-472.0	-297.4	-174.6
VIII.2013	3917.0	2384.8	1532.2	3878.3	2191.6	1686.7	3706.1	2104.4	1601.7	38.7	193.2	-154.5	210.9	280.4	-69.5
I - VIII.2013	28724.7	17077.7	11647.0	32890.5	19450.1	13440.4	31461.8	18673.0	12788.8	-4165.8	-2372.4	-1793.4	-2737.1	-1595.3	-1141.8
I.2014	3095.3	1967.5	1127.8	3960.4	2335.7	1624.7	3788.0	2241.1	1546.9	-865.1	-368.2	-496.9	-692.7	-273.6	-419.1
II.2014	3225.0	2007.8	1217.2	3807.7	2471.4	1336.3	3647.4	2371.6	1275.8	-582.7	-463.6	-119.1	-422.4	-363.8	-58.6
III.2014	3193.0	2178.7	1014.3	3934.9	2494.5	1440.4	3778.7	2398.8	1379.9	-741.9	-315.8	-426.1	-585.7	-220.1	-365.6
I - III.2014	9513.3	6154.0	3359.3	11703.0	7301.6	4401.4	11214.1	7011.5	4202.6	-2189.7	-1147.6	-1042.1	-1700.8	-857.5	-843.3
IV.2014	3436.8	2116.1	1320.7	4312.9	2642.7	1670.2	4130.5	2536.9	1593.6	-876.1	-526.6	-349.5	-693.7	-420.8	-272.9
V.2014	3490.3	2067.4	1422.9	4129.5	2357.7	1771.8	3950.1	2264.0	1686.1	-639.2	-290.3	-348.9	-459.8	-196.6	-263.2
VI.2014	3684.2	2257.6	1426.6	4154.1	2629.2	1524.9	3975.2	2521.4	1453.8	-469.9	-371.6	-98.3	-291.0	-263.8	-27.2
IV - VI.2014	10611.3	6441.1	4170.2	12596.5	7629.6	4966.9	12055.8	7322.3	4733.5	-1985.2	-1188.5	-796.7	-1444.5	-881.2	-563.3
I - VI.2014	20124.6	12595.1	7529.5	24299.5	14931.2	9368.3	23269.9	14333.8	8936.1	-4174.9	-2336.1	-1838.8	-3145.3	-1738.7	-1406.6
VII.2014	3988.9	2621.7	1367.2	4362.0	2731.3	1630.7	4175.3	2622.8	1552.5	-373.1	-109.6	-263.5	-186.4	-1.1	-185.3
VIII.2014	3799.1	2300.7	1498.4	4312.9	2462.4	1850.5	4117.1	2359.8	1757.3	-513.8	-161.7	-352.1	-318.0	-59.1	-258.9
I - VIII.2014	27912.6	17517.5	10395.1	32974.4	20124.9	12849.5	31562.3	19316.4	12245.9	-5061.8	-2607.4	-2454.4	-3649.7	-1798.9	-1850.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of November 2014.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

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

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



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria for the period January - August 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	-11.1	-2.5	-23.0	6.3	13.0	-1.9	6.4	12.9	-1.7
II	-0.6	2.8	-5.7	-5.6	0.5	-15.1	-5.3	0.7	-14.8
III	-8.2	0.3	-22.2	2.1	6.9	-5.2	2.3	6.9	-4.7
I - III	-6.8	0.2	-17.2	0.8	6.4	-7.4	1.0	6.5	-7.0
IV	-11.1	-3.4	-21.1	-1.1	0.7	-3.7	-1.1	0.7	-4.0
V	5.5	10.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.8	0.9
VI	7.2	10.6	2.1	-2.0	3.1	-9.8	-2.0	3.0	-9.6
IV - VI	0.0	5.4	-7.4	-1.1	1.1	-4.2	-1.1	1.0	-4.2
I - VI	-3.3	2.8	-12.0	-0.2	3.6	-5.7	-0.1	3.6	-5.5
VII	-0.1	7.5	-12.0	-6.6	-4.2	-10.4	-6.5	-4.1	-10.2
VIII	-3.0	-3.5	-2.2	11.2	12.4	9.7	11.1	12.1	9.7
I - VIII	-2.8	2.6	-10.7	0.3	3.5	-4.4	0.3	3.4	-4.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of November 2014.

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

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2013 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	28724.7	27912.6	-2.8	32890.5	32974.4	0.3	-4165.8	-5061.8
EU³	17077.7	17517.5	2.6	19450.1	20124.9	3.5	-2372.4	-2607.4
Austria	505.6	502.7	-0.6	927.3	932.0	0.5	-421.7	-429.3
Belgium	775.0	1213.6	56.6	608.6	671.8	10.4	166.4	541.8
Croatia	63.3	112.5	77.7	47.4	56.6	19.4	15.9	55.9
Cyprus	86.8	122.7	41.4	61.0	34.7	-43.1	25.8	88.0
Czech Republic	329.1	389.2	18.3	669.9	745.3	11.3	-340.8	-356.1
Denmark	139.6	132.2	-5.3	117.5	123.4	5.0	22.1	8.8
Estonia	25.6	23.2	-9.4	15.3	23.1	51.0	10.3	0.1
Finland	42.8	70.6	65.0	59.6	64.3	7.9	-16.8	6.3
France	1218.3	1251.1	2.7	959.0	1009.6	5.3	259.3	241.5
Germany	3561.0	3418.6	-4.0	3507.6	3870.1	10.3	53.4	-451.5
Greece	2022.7	1843.3	-8.9	1821.2	1619.1	-11.1	201.5	224.2
Hungary	338.7	386.6	14.1	978.7	1087.7	11.1	-640.0	-701.1
Ireland	24.8	30.4	22.6	112.7	103.9	-7.8	-87.9	-73.5
Italy	2665.8	2565.0	-3.8	2467.6	2353.6	-4.6	198.2	211.4
Latvia	31.9	33.4	4.7	16.1	11.4	-29.2	15.8	22.0
Lithuania	54.2	59.8	10.3	54.3	52.1	-4.1	-0.1	7.7
Luxembourg	5.0	3.5	-30.0	58.1	89.8	54.6	-53.1	-86.3
Malta	28.9	44.4	53.6	8.0	135.2	1590.0	20.9	-90.8
Netherlands	613.5	631.7	3.0	838.5	874.4	4.3	-225.0	-242.7
Poland	515.7	556.0	7.8	895.5	931.1	4.0	-379.8	-375.1
Portugal	183.7	107.6	-41.4	68.7	68.2	-0.7	115.0	39.4
Romania	2198.3	2262.0	2.9	2201.9	2311.7	5.0	-3.6	-49.7
Slovakia	205.5	207.9	1.2	399.3	373.4	-6.5	-193.8	-165.5
Slovenia	110.5	137.2	24.2	212.6	214.0	0.7	-102.1	-76.8
Spain	588.7	575.0	-2.3	1637.6	1574.8	-3.8	-1048.9	-999.8
Sweden	141.6	186.0	31.4	188.2	189.2	0.5	-46.6	-3.2
United Kingdom	553.8	616.0	11.2	493.8	583.4	18.1	60.0	32.6
Not specified	47.3	35.3	-25.4	24.1	21.0	-12.9	23.2	14.3

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 10-th of November 2014.

³ EU including Croatia.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2013 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	11647.0	10395.1	-10.7	13440.4	12849.5	-4.4	-1793.4	-2454.4
CIS⁴	1539.6	1146.9	-25.5	7220.8	5868.1	-18.7	-5681.2	-4721.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	36.8	34.9	-5.2	52.2	50.1	-4.0	-15.4	-15.2
Russian Federation	729.8	665.9	-8.8	6340.7	4916.9	-22.5	-5610.9	-4251.0
Ukraine	544.1	194.0	-64.3	711.9	774.9	8.8	-167.8	-580.9
OECD⁵	3914.8	3613.3	-7.7	2883.5	2969.8	3.0	1031.3	643.5
of which:								
Canada	118.6	42.6	-64.1	22.0	28.3	28.6	96.6	14.3
Israel	132.9	166.7	25.4	64.1	96.4	50.4	68.8	70.3
Japan	37.6	36.3	-3.5	81.6	110.6	35.5	-44.0	-74.3
Korea, Republic of	109.9	119.2	8.5	115.4	106.7	-7.5	-5.5	12.5
Turkey	2789.7	2598.4	-6.9	1830.7	1914.7	4.6	959.0	683.7
United States	396.8	381.6	-3.8	237.0	413.2	74.3	159.8	-31.6
EFTA⁶	256.8	207.2	-19.3	293.8	254.8	-13.3	-37.0	-47.6
of which:								
Norway	45.8	40.8	-10.9	21.5	24.7	14.9	24.3	16.1
Switzerland	200.9	163.7	-18.5	271.9	229.2	-15.7	-71.0	-65.5

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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 in the period January - August 2013 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	84.6	69.5	-17.8	20.8	20.5	-1.4	63.8	49.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	53.2	51.0	-4.1	37.3	43.6	16.9	15.9	7.4
Brazil	16.0	17.9	11.9	59.5	67.4	13.3	-43.5	-49.5
China	767.0	706.5	-7.9	994.3	1091.5	9.8	-227.3	-385.0
Egypt	231.5	275.6	19.0	58.4	214.4	267.1	173.1	61.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	438.5	438.1	-0.1	351.0	334.6	-4.7	87.5	103.5
Georgia	231.8	253.7	9.4	314.8	302.2	-4.0	-83.0	-48.5
India	38.0	56.8	49.5	147.8	138.5	-6.3	-109.8	-81.7
Indonesia	31.8	35.2	10.7	36.6	38.4	4.9	-4.8	-3.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	17.5	67.6	286.3	2.2	16.3	640.9	15.3	51.3
Peru	10.4	5.0	-51.9	9.9	23.7	139.4	0.5	-18.7
Serbia	483.0	433.4	-10.3	320.4	400.5	25.0	162.6	32.9
Singapore	226.9	782.5	244.9	17.7	21.5	21.5	209.2	761.0
South Africa	276.6	40.2	-85.5	36.6	30.5	-16.7	240.0	9.7
Syrian Arab Republic	76.2	103.6	36.0	22.7	26.9	18.5	53.5	76.7
Taiwan	33.1	25.8	-22.1	84.0	104.5	24.4	-50.9	-78.7
United Arab Emirates	203.1	344.7	69.7	57.8	51.1	-11.6	145.3	293.6
Viet Nam	19.4	22.2	14.4	40.5	56.8	40.2	-21.1	-34.6

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² Data are preliminary as of 10-th of November 2014



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period
January - August 2013 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	28724.7	27912.6	-2.8	32890.5	32974.4	0.3	-4165.8	-5061.8
of which EU²	17077.7	17517.5	2.6	19450.1	20124.9	3.5	-2372.4	-2607.4
Food and live animals	3057.8	2750.9	-10.0	2355.3	2358.1	0.1	702.5	392.8
of which EU	2012.2	1859.9	-7.6	1946.1	1974.2	1.4	66.1	-114.3
Beverages and tobacco	654.6	558.6	-14.7	436.0	425.3	-2.5	218.6	133.3
of which EU	250.9	200.3	-20.2	319.3	285.7	-10.5	-68.4	-85.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2446.3	1964.2	-19.7	3002.6	2765.5	-7.9	-556.3	-801.3
of which EU	1227.8	1155.6	-5.9	1810.7	1652.8	-8.7	-582.9	-497.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4492.1	3600.1	-19.9	7765.0	6808.3	-12.3	-3272.9	-3208.2
of which EU	964.6	807.6	-16.3	1196.8	1254.2	4.8	-232.2	-446.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	213.7	236.4	10.6	149.3	126.3	-15.4	64.4	110.1
of which EU	170.0	206.8	21.6	119.3	99.1	-16.9	50.7	107.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2364.7	2530.2	7.0	4078.7	4336.3	6.3	-1714.0	-1806.1
of which EU	1261.4	1380.3	9.4	3094.6	3339.4	7.9	-1833.2	-1959.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6475.4	6467.8	-0.1	5331.6	5442.9	2.1	1143.8	1024.9
of which EU	4297.7	4296.8	0.0	3317.9	3375.1	1.7	979.8	921.7
Machinery and transport equipment	5131.2	5502.2	7.2	7517.1	8220.3	9.4	-2385.9	-2718.1
of which EU	3662.2	4032.7	10.1	5941.9	6297.6	6.0	-2279.7	-2264.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3819.0	4230.9	10.8	2098.4	2317.9	10.5	1720.6	1913.0
of which EU	3204.2	3531.7	10.2	1566.1	1698.0	8.4	1638.1	1833.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	69.9	71.3	2.0	156.5	173.5	10.9	-86.6	-102.2
of which EU	26.7	45.8	71.5	137.4	148.8	8.3	-110.7	-103.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of November 2014.

² EU including Croatia.