

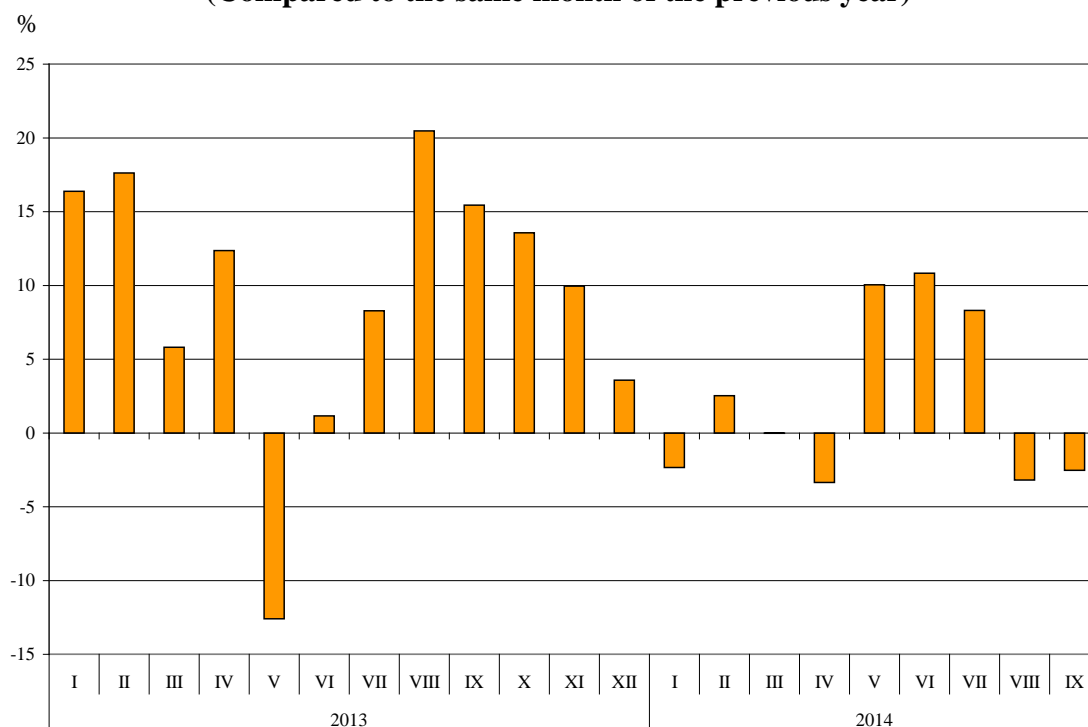


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2014 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2014** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 2.1% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 19.9 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 71.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2014** the exports to the EU decreased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.4 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)**



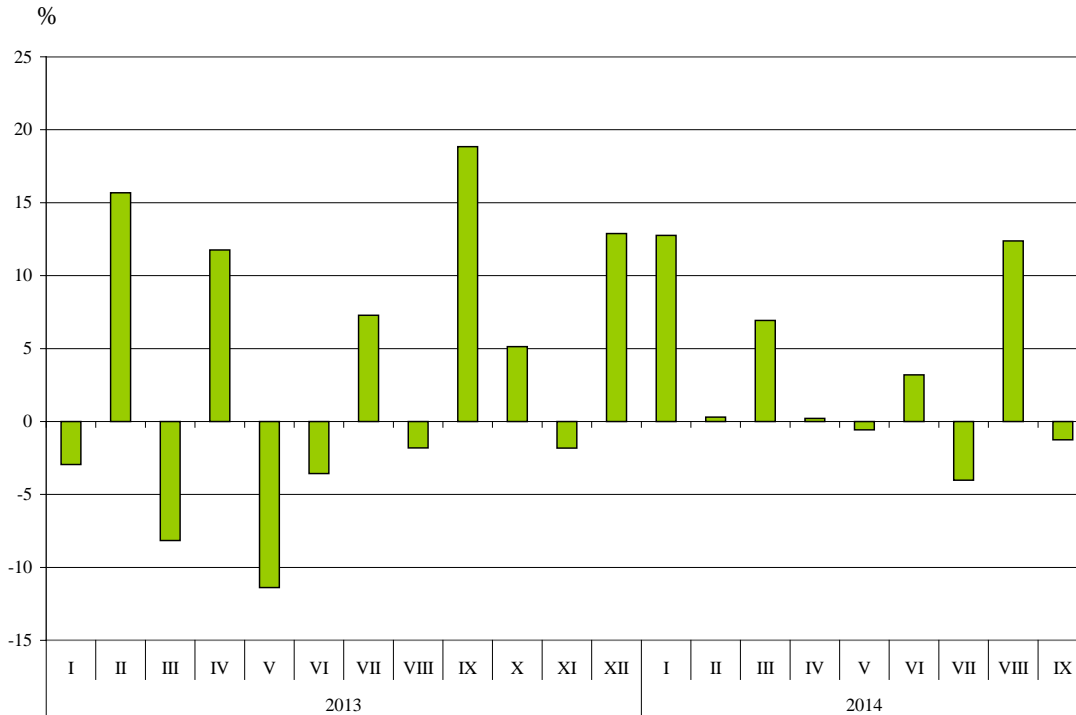
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - September 2014 increased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 22.9 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2014 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 1.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.8 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 - September 2014 was negative and added up to 2 944.1 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 2 022.5 Million BGN.

In the first nine months of **2014** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth (14.2%) **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” (20.1%) and “Beverages and tobacco” (20.0%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growth (9.0%) was reported in section “Chemical and related products n.e.c.” while the most notable fall (15.9%) was observed in section “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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
IX.2013	3779.0	2448.4	1330.6	4570.1	2794.8	1775.3	4364.9	2679.9	1685.0	-791.1	-346.4	-444.7	-585.9	-231.5	-354.4
VII - IX.2013	11688.4	7271.2	4417.2	13118.4	7837.3	5281.1	12535.4	7519.7	5015.7	-1430.0	-566.1	-863.9	-847.0	-248.5	-598.5
I - IX.2013	32503.7	19526.1	12977.6	37460.6	22244.9	15215.7	35826.7	21352.9	14473.8	-4956.9	-2718.8	-2238.1	-3323.0	-1826.8	-1496.2
I.2014	3098.4	1970.7	1127.7	3956.1	2331.4	1624.7	3784.0	2237.1	1546.9	-857.7	-360.7	-497.0	-685.6	-266.4	-419.2
II.2014	3227.2	2001.6	1225.6	3802.4	2465.8	1336.6	3642.6	2366.5	1276.1	-575.2	-464.2	-111.0	-415.4	-364.9	-50.5
III.2014	3195.4	2172.2	1023.2	3936.1	2495.2	1440.9	3780.0	2399.6	1380.4	-740.7	-323.0	-417.7	-584.6	-227.4	-357.2
I - III.2014	9521.0	6144.5	3376.5	11694.6	7292.4	4402.2	11206.6	7003.2	4203.4	-2173.6	-1147.9	-1025.7	-1685.6	-858.7	-826.9
IV.2014	3448.3	2118.2	1330.1	4303.0	2630.4	1672.6	4121.4	2525.4	1596.0	-854.7	-512.2	-342.5	-673.1	-407.2	-265.9
V.2014	3501.1	2068.1	1433.0	4133.9	2360.9	1773.0	3954.4	2267.0	1687.4	-632.8	-292.8	-340.0	-453.3	-198.9	-254.4
VI.2014	3695.7	2262.0	1433.7	4157.0	2630.6	1526.4	3977.9	2522.6	1455.3	-461.3	-368.6	-92.7	-282.2	-260.6	-21.6
IV - VI.2014	10645.1	6448.3	4196.8	12593.9	7621.9	4972.0	12053.7	7315.0	4738.7	-1948.8	-1173.6	-775.2	-1408.6	-866.7	-541.9
I - VI.2014	20166.1	12592.8	7573.3	24288.5	14914.3	9374.2	23260.3	14318.2	8942.1	-4122.4	-2321.5	-1800.9	-3094.2	-1725.4	-1368.8
VII.2014	4013.6	2640.7	1372.9	4369.1	2736.3	1632.8	4182.0	2627.5	1554.5	-355.5	-95.6	-259.9	-168.4	13.2	-181.6
VIII.2014	3806.5	2308.9	1497.6	4313.3	2462.8	1850.5	4117.5	2360.2	1757.3	-506.8	-153.9	-352.9	-311.0	-51.3	-259.7
IX.2014	3924.8	2386.5	1538.3	4684.8	2759.6	1925.2	4475.4	2645.5	1829.9	-760.0	-373.1	-386.9	-550.6	-259.0	-291.6
VII - IX.2014	11744.9	7336.1	4408.8	13367.2	7958.7	5408.5	12774.9	7633.2	5141.7	-1622.3	-622.6	-999.7	-1030.0	-297.1	-732.9
I - IX.2014	31911.0	19928.9	11982.1	37655.7	22873.0	14782.7	36035.2	21951.4	14083.8	-5744.7	-2944.1	-2800.6	-4124.2	-2022.5	-2101.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th December of 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 - September 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	-11.0	-2.3	-23.0	6.2	12.8	-1.9	6.3	12.7	-1.7
II	-0.5	2.5	-5.1	-5.7	0.3	-15.1	-5.4	0.5	-14.7
III	-8.1	0.0	-21.5	2.2	6.9	-5.2	2.3	6.9	-4.7
I - III	-6.7	0.0	-16.8	0.7	6.3	-7.3	0.9	6.3	-7.0
IV	-10.8	-3.4	-20.6	-1.3	0.2	-3.6	-1.3	0.3	-3.8
V	5.8	10.0	0.2	0.1	-0.6	0.9	0.0	-0.6	1.0
VI	7.5	10.8	2.6	-2.0	3.2	-9.7	-1.9	3.1	-9.5
IV - VI	0.3	5.5	-6.8	-1.1	1.0	-4.1	-1.1	0.9	-4.1
I - VI	-3.1	2.8	-11.5	-0.2	3.5	-5.6	-0.1	3.5	-5.5
VII	0.5	8.3	-11.7	-6.4	-4.0	-10.2	-6.3	-3.9	-10.1
VIII	-2.8	-3.2	-2.3	11.2	12.4	9.7	11.1	12.2	9.7
IX	3.9	-2.5	15.6	2.5	-1.3	8.4	2.5	-1.3	8.6
VII - IX	0.5	0.9	-0.2	1.9	1.5	2.4	1.9	1.5	2.5
I - IX	-1.8	2.1	-7.7	0.5	2.8	-2.8	0.6	2.8	-2.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th December 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 - September 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	32503.7	31911.0	-1.8	37460.6	37655.7	0.5	-4956.9	-5744.7
EU³	19526.1	19928.9	2.1	22244.9	22873.0	2.8	-2718.8	-2944.1
Austria	580.6	569.9	-1.8	1036.3	1041.9	0.5	-455.7	-472.0
Belgium	841.5	1359.7	61.6	698.8	772.4	10.5	142.7	587.3
Croatia	71.3	134.5	88.6	54.8	65.7	19.9	16.5	68.8
Cyprus	104.7	140.8	34.5	66.4	40.8	-38.6	38.3	100.0
Czech Republic	397.6	445.1	11.9	758.8	858.9	13.2	-361.2	-413.8
Denmark	156.2	150.9	-3.4	131.5	155.2	18.0	24.7	-4.3
Estonia	27.6	26.7	-3.3	16.6	24.4	47.0	11.0	2.3
Finland	52.7	107.1	103.2	64.3	71.0	10.4	-11.6	36.1
France	1387.1	1390.7	0.3	1086.9	1137.2	4.6	300.2	253.5
Germany	4102.3	3899.3	-4.9	3998.6	4369.3	9.3	103.7	-470.0
Greece	2311.1	2107.7	-8.8	2109.3	1858.1	-11.9	201.8	249.6
Hungary	395.4	441.8	11.7	1115.8	1246.0	11.7	-720.4	-804.2
Ireland	31.2	34.4	10.3	125.5	118.2	-5.8	-94.3	-83.8
Italy	2931.7	2883.8	-1.6	2762.8	2642.3	-4.4	168.9	241.5
Latvia	35.2	37.0	5.1	17.2	13.4	-22.1	18.0	23.6
Lithuania	60.7	68.3	12.5	59.9	58.6	-2.2	0.8	9.7
Luxembourg	5.3	4.2	-20.8	68.0	103.7	52.5	-62.7	-99.5
Malta	33.5	51.2	52.8	9.1	135.7	1391.2	24.4	-84.5
Netherlands	715.8	739.3	3.3	954.8	1000.4	4.8	-239.0	-261.1
Poland	587.1	636.6	8.4	1020.0	1058.0	3.7	-432.9	-421.4
Portugal	204.8	134.7	-34.2	71.4	73.3	2.7	133.4	61.4
Romania	2534.8	2574.2	1.6	2474.3	2611.6	5.5	60.5	-37.4
Slovakia	235.2	233.4	-0.8	461.3	428.8	-7.0	-226.1	-195.4
Slovenia	136.4	159.1	16.6	243.1	243.7	0.2	-106.7	-84.6
Spain	724.1	632.1	-12.7	2036.8	1842.5	-9.5	-1312.7	-1210.4
Sweden	158.4	209.1	32.0	213.8	217.3	1.6	-55.4	-8.2
United Kingdom	652.1	702.6	7.7	560.6	652.9	16.5	91.5	49.7
Not specified	51.7	54.7	5.8	28.2	31.7	12.4	23.5	23.0

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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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 - September 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	12977.6	11982.1	-7.7	15215.7	14782.7	-2.8	-2238.1	-2800.6
CIS⁴	1745.3	1303.7	-25.3	8144.1	6936.4	-14.8	-6398.8	-5632.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	39.2	42.5	8.4	60.1	56.8	-5.5	-20.9	-14.3
Russian Federation	838.6	751.1	-10.4	7109.3	5907.5	-16.9	-6270.7	-5156.4
Ukraine	611.5	215.1	-64.8	823.9	831.3	0.9	-212.4	-616.2
OECD⁵	4317.0	4107.2	-4.9	3311.7	3319.6	0.2	1005.3	787.6
of which:								
Canada	124.8	52.1	-58.3	23.6	32.6	38.1	101.2	19.5
Israel	139.7	158.2	13.2	71.5	104.0	45.5	68.2	54.2
Japan	42.1	41.6	-1.2	95.3	124.0	30.1	-53.2	-82.4
Korea, Republic of	139.2	126.6	-9.1	131.8	124.3	-5.7	7.4	2.3
Turkey	3066.0	2980.6	-2.8	2154.8	2162.2	0.3	911.2	818.4
United States	436.2	435.1	-0.3	269.1	440.4	63.7	167.1	-5.3
EFTA⁶	286.6	238.7	-16.7	324.1	282.9	-12.7	-37.5	-44.2
of which:								
Norway	51.7	51.5	-0.4	23.0	26.4	14.8	28.7	25.1
Switzerland	224.5	184.3	-17.9	300.7	255.4	-15.1	-76.2	-71.1

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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 - September 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	95.1	80.1	-15.8	23.6	23.3	-1.3	71.5	56.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.5	57.8	-2.9	41.5	53.1	28.0	18.0	4.7
Brazil	18.3	19.6	7.1	72.1	74.1	2.8	-53.8	-54.5
China	869.0	748.3	-13.9	1111.1	1251.7	12.7	-242.1	-503.4
Egypt	262.2	291.4	11.1	78.3	220.5	181.6	183.9	70.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	503.9	523.2	3.8	394.0	388.9	-1.3	109.9	134.3
Georgia	272.6	283.0	3.8	333.9	337.0	0.9	-61.3	-54.0
India	43.0	65.3	51.9	171.4	158.4	-7.6	-128.4	-93.1
Indonesia	38.5	43.0	11.7	42.0	47.5	13.1	-3.5	-4.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	19.4	88.7	357.2	2.3	16.8	630.4	17.1	71.9
Peru	11.2	5.4	-51.8	11.7	32.7	179.5	-0.5	-27.3
Serbia	548.7	524.3	-4.4	364.9	459.6	26.0	183.8	64.7
Singapore	301.6	881.7	192.3	18.8	28.1	49.5	282.8	853.6
South Africa	279.4	62.1	-77.8	42.5	31.7	-25.4	236.9	30.4
Syrian Arab Republic	94.3	121.5	28.8	25.2	31.0	23.0	69.1	90.5
Taiwan	35.9	28.8	-19.8	96.1	130.2	35.5	-60.2	-101.4
United Arab Emirates	243.9	385.3	58.0	64.9	61.1	-5.9	179.0	324.2
Viet Nam	23.1	24.7	6.9	45.2	67.4	49.1	-22.1	-42.7

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period
January - September 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	32503.7	31911.0	-1.8	37460.6	37655.7	0.5	-4956.9	-5744.7
of which EU²	19526.1	19928.9	2.1	22244.9	22873.0	2.8	-2718.8	-2944.1
Food and live animals	3584.9	3190.0	-11.0	2667.7	2673.7	0.2	917.2	516.3
of which EU	2394.3	2134.0	-10.9	2217.9	2238.5	0.9	176.4	-104.5
Beverages and tobacco	735.8	630.1	-14.4	489.7	481.5	-1.7	246.1	148.6
of which EU	278.2	222.5	-20.0	365.3	330.1	-9.6	-87.1	-107.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2780.2	2325.6	-16.4	3548.6	3169.3	-10.7	-768.4	-843.7
of which EU	1444.1	1389.2	-3.8	2221.1	1930.1	-13.1	-777.0	-540.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5005.5	4200.0	-16.1	8849.0	7732.5	-12.6	-3843.5	-3532.5
of which EU	1139.2	910.1	-20.1	1373.4	1418.1	3.3	-234.2	-508.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	252.1	285.7	13.3	164.2	142.3	-13.3	87.9	143.4
of which EU	201.7	230.3	14.2	131.8	110.8	-15.9	69.9	119.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2655.3	2888.9	8.8	4597.5	4919.4	7.0	-1942.2	-2030.5
of which EU	1417.6	1567.8	10.6	3471.9	3783.7	9.0	-2054.3	-2215.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7317.5	7272.9	-0.6	6008.5	6387.0	6.3	1309.0	885.9
of which EU	4881.5	4845.3	-0.7	3745.8	3798.5	1.4	1135.7	1046.8
Machinery and transport equipment	5788.8	6237.3	7.7	8554.3	9294.4	8.7	-2765.5	-3057.1
of which EU	4130.8	4588.6	11.1	6764.3	7143.7	5.6	-2633.5	-2555.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4304.6	4799.9	11.5	2404.2	2659.1	10.6	1900.4	2140.8
of which EU	3607.5	3988.8	10.6	1797.7	1950.5	8.5	1809.8	2038.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	79.0	80.6	2.0	176.9	196.5	11.1	-97.9	-115.9
of which EU	31.2	52.3	67.6	155.7	169.0	8.5	-124.5	-116.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of December 2014.

² EU including Croatia.