

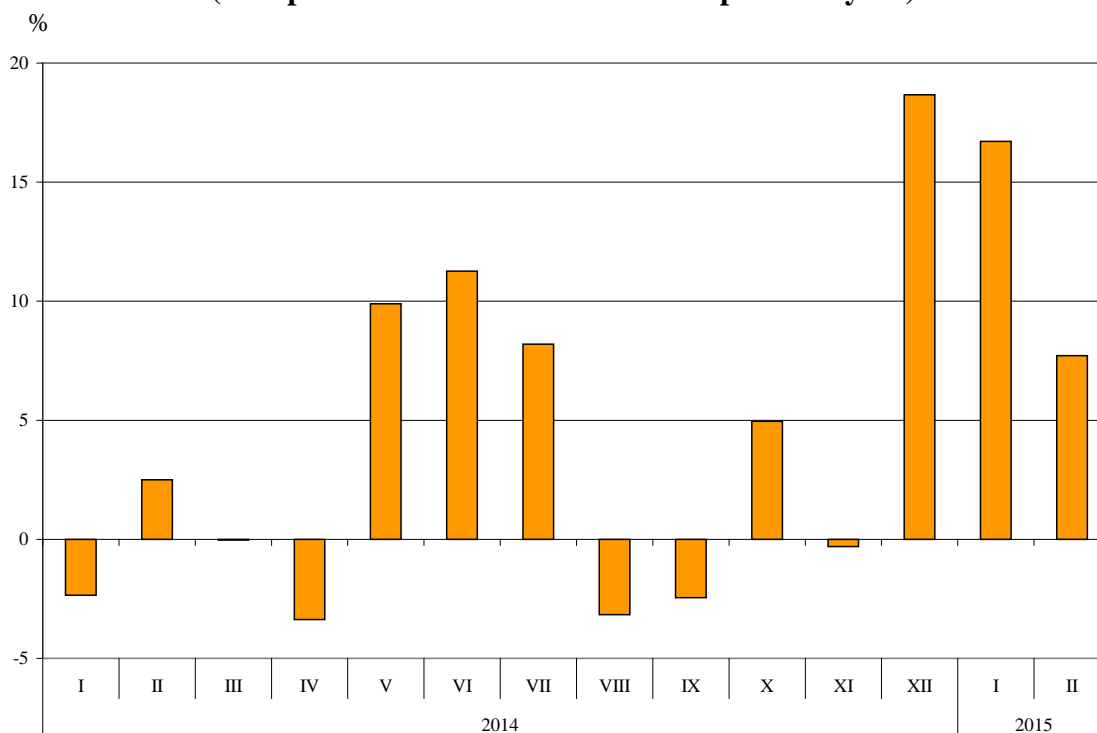


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In period **January - February 2015** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 12.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 4.5 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 69.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February** 2015 the exports to the EU increased by 7.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.2 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



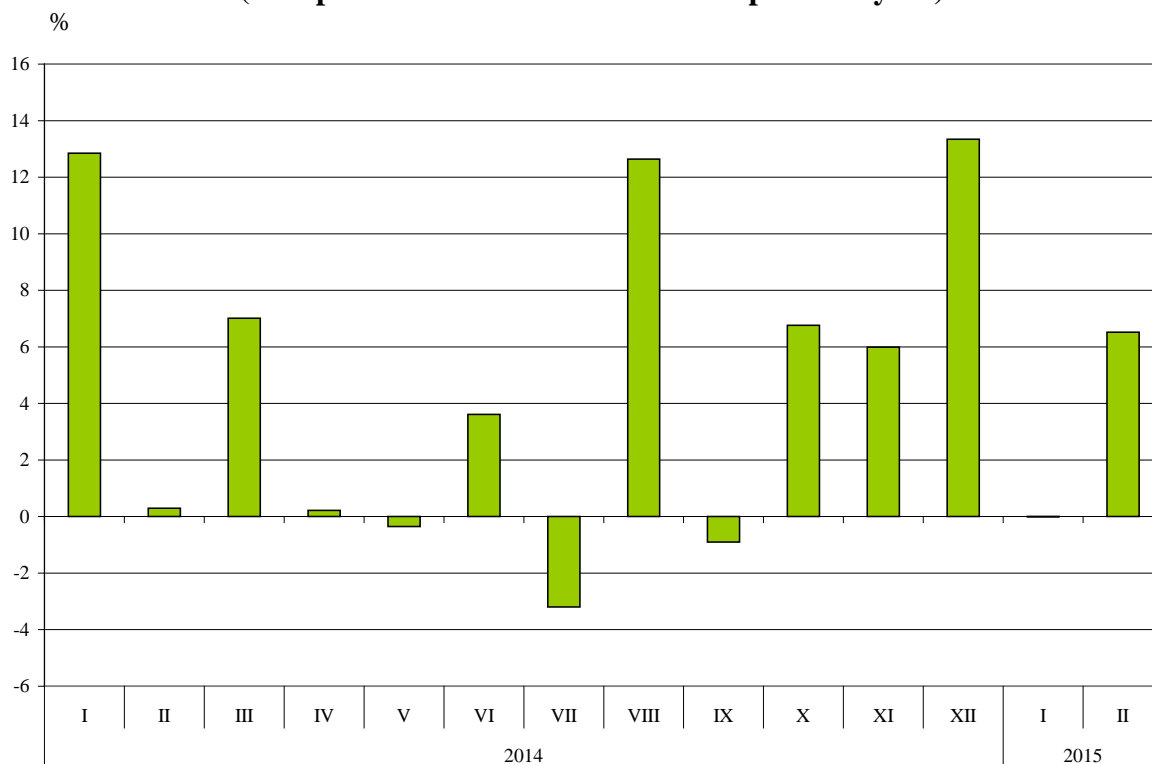
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - February 2015 increased by 3.3% compared to the same period of 2014 and added up to 5.0 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **February** 2015 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 6.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 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 2014 - 2015
(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 2015 was negative and added up to 504.2 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 298.9 Million BGN.

In the first two months of **2015** compared to the same period of 2014 the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria to the **EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (39.6%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (29.1%). Fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (19.5%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (25.5%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (23.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (47.1%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

²The 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 in the period January - February 2014¹ and 2015¹ 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	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2014	3098.4	1970.7	1127.7	3957.9	2333.2	1624.7	3785.6	2238.7	1546.9	-859.5	-362.5	-497.0	-687.2	-268.0	-419.2
II.2014	3226.7	2001.1	1225.6	3802.3	2465.7	1336.6	3642.6	2366.4	1276.2	-575.6	-464.6	-111.0	-415.9	-365.3	-50.6
I - II.2014	6325.1	3971.8	2353.3	7760.2	4798.9	2961.3	7428.2	4605.1	2823.1	-1435.1	-827.1	-608.0	-1103.1	-633.3	-469.8
I.2015	3399.7	2300.0	1099.7	3797.4	2333.1	1464.3	3631.3	2235.1	1396.2	-397.7	-33.1	-364.6	-231.6	64.9	-296.5
II.2015	3412.0	2155.4	1256.6	4113.3	2626.5	1486.8	3937.4	2519.2	1418.2	-701.3	-471.1	-230.2	-525.4	-363.8	-161.6
I - II.2015	6811.7	4455.4	2356.3	7910.7	4959.6	2951.1	7568.7	4754.3	2814.4	-1099.0	-504.2	-594.8	-757.0	-298.9	-458.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th May 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2015¹ 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	9.7	16.7	-2.5	-4.1	0.0	-9.9	-4.1	-0.2	-9.7
II	5.7	7.7	2.5	8.2	6.5	11.2	8.1	6.5	11.1
I - II	7.7	12.2	0.1	1.9	3.3	-0.3	1.9	3.2	-0.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th May 2015.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2014² and 2015²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6325.1	6811.7	7.7	7760.2	7910.7	1.9	-1435.1	-1099.0
EU	3971.8	4455.4	12.2	4798.9	4959.6	3.3	-827.1	-504.2
Austria	122.4	119.2	-2.6	210.5	223.1	6.0	-88.1	-103.9
Belgium	194.2	297.0	52.9	141.4	154.1	9.0	52.8	142.9
Croatia	23.3	25.3	8.6	8.0	14.3	78.8	15.3	11.0
Cyprus	30.9	92.7	200.0	7.3	13.5	84.9	23.6	79.2
Czech Republic	96.1	119.5	24.3	147.5	162.0	9.8	-51.4	-42.5
Denmark	31.4	35.6	13.4	27.8	34.1	22.7	3.6	1.5
Estonia	6.0	6.1	1.7	1.8	2.7	50.0	4.2	3.4
Finland	12.8	11.3	-11.7	13.9	11.3	-18.7	-1.1	0.0
France	289.1	293.9	1.7	256.5	251.1	-2.1	32.6	42.8
Germany	892.4	923.8	3.5	886.4	1068.4	20.5	6.0	-144.6
Greece	395.0	451.4	14.3	368.5	362.3	-1.7	26.5	89.1
Hungary	87.4	102.6	17.4	245.7	288.4	17.4	-158.3	-185.8
Ireland	7.3	6.7	-8.2	20.2	22.3	10.4	-12.9	-15.6
Italy	655.1	671.1	2.4	570.6	515.6	-9.6	84.5	155.5
Latvia	8.1	5.4	-33.3	1.8	5.9	227.8	6.3	-0.5
Lithuania	12.7	13.5	6.3	12.3	11.9	-3.3	0.4	1.6
Luxembourg	0.4	0.8	100.0	19.9	31.2	56.8	-19.5	-30.4
Malta	8.4	23.8	183.3	100.2	3.3	-96.7	-91.8	20.5
Netherlands	152.7	150.0	-1.8	213.5	256.8	20.3	-60.8	-106.8
Poland	128.6	154.3	20.0	218.2	193.1	-11.5	-89.6	-38.8
Portugal	23.4	50.0	113.7	27.3	9.1	-66.7	-3.9	40.9
Romania	423.5	461.2	8.9	574.2	523.1	-8.9	-150.7	-61.9
Slovakia	52.1	59.9	15.0	91.1	94.5	3.7	-39.0	-34.6
Slovenia	36.6	51.1	39.6	53.3	51.6	-3.2	-16.7	-0.5
Spain	104.2	124.0	19.0	407.8	466.7	14.4	-303.6	-342.7
Sweden	37.3	43.0	15.3	43.4	46.8	7.8	-6.1	-3.8
United Kingdom	135.0	157.3	16.5	126.1	132.9	5.4	8.9	24.4
Not specified	5.4	4.9	-9.3	3.7	9.5	156.8	1.7	-4.6

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 11-th May 2015.



Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2014² and 2015²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	2353.3	2356.3	0.1	2961.3	2951.1	-0.3	-608.0	-594.8
CIS³	239.8	168.7	-29.6	1224.8	1094.7	-10.6	-985.0	-926.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	8.3	4.8	-42.2	21.5	8.6	-60.0	-13.2	-3.8
Russian Federation	151.3	97.8	-35.4	1028.9	939.0	-8.7	-877.6	-841.2
Ukraine	32.9	29.1	-11.6	157.5	130.8	-17.0	-124.6	-101.7
OECD⁴	790.9	868.6	9.8	745.9	764.8	2.5	45.0	103.8
of which:								
Canada	10.3	13.5	31.1	9.3	6.8	-26.9	1.0	6.7
Israel	14.9	18.0	20.8	18.0	14.5	-19.4	-3.1	3.5
Japan	7.3	11.2	53.4	32.3	23.3	-27.9	-25.0	-12.1
Korea, Republic of	20.7	9.1	-56.0	26.7	23.6	-11.6	-6.0	-14.5
Turkey	565.5	626.3	10.8	495.5	397.0	-19.9	70.0	229.3
United States	95.4	113.1	18.6	86.5	76.6	-11.4	8.9	36.5
EFTA⁵	63.3	49.2	-22.3	74.4	63.0	-15.3	-11.1	-13.8
of which:								
Norway	11.1	9.8	-11.7	6.4	4.0	-37.5	4.7	5.8
Switzerland	50.5	39.3	-22.2	67.3	58.2	-13.5	-16.8	-18.9

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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 partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2014² and 2015²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	15.4	18.2	18.2	6.2	6.3	1.6	9.2	11.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11.6	22.9	97.4	9.5	10.9	14.7	2.1	12.0
Brazil	5.6	4.8	-14.3	14.2	15.7	10.6	-8.6	-10.9
China	170.2	206.2	21.2	274.6	366.9	33.6	-104.4	-160.7
Egypt	37.8	79.5	110.3	99.4	20.4	-79.5	-61.6	59.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	100.3	108.7	8.4	74.6	78.4	5.1	25.7	30.3
Georgia	43.5	36.4	-16.3	71.1	51.8	-27.1	-27.6	-15.4
India	9.9	17.5	76.8	31.7	52.8	66.6	-21.8	-35.3
Indonesia	4.6	9.4	104.3	6.0	10.6	76.7	-1.4	-1.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	29.4	65.7	123.5	0.7	1.5	114.3	28.7	64.2
Peru	1.0	0.6	-40.0	8.8	7.2	-18.2	-7.8	-6.6
Serbia	92.4	116.7	26.3	98.3	77.9	-20.8	-5.9	38.8
Singapore	204.5	81.9	-60.0	6.5	9.5	46.2	198.0	72.4
South Africa	5.2	18.7	259.6	7.8	3.5	-55.1	-2.6	15.2
Syrian Arab Republic	19.6	12.8	-34.7	9.9	1.6	-83.8	9.7	11.2
Taiwan	5.6	5.5	-1.8	23.3	44.4	90.6	-17.7	-38.9
United Arab Emirates	150.8	85.1	-43.6	12.7	46.1	263.0	138.1	39.0
Viet Nam	6.0	7.9	31.7	12.9	13.8	7.0	-6.9	-5.9

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - February 2014¹ and 2015¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6325.1	6811.7	7.7	7760.2	7910.7	1.9	-1435.1	-1099.0
of which EU	3971.8	4455.4	12.2	4798.9	4959.6	3.3	-827.1	-504.2
Food and live animals	531.0	693.3	30.6	554.2	613.4	10.7	-23.2	79.9
of which EU	354.8	395.0	11.3	457.8	475.4	3.8	-103.0	-80.4
Beverages and tobacco	139.8	126.6	-9.4	102.4	92.2	-10.0	37.4	34.4
of which EU	46.2	37.2	-19.5	56.1	70.4	25.5	-9.9	-33.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	393.6	503.6	27.9	846.3	953.2	12.6	-452.7	-449.6
of which EU	216.8	302.7	39.6	489.7	512.8	4.7	-272.9	-210.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	766.0	603.3	-21.2	1627.4	1140.2	-29.9	-861.4	-536.9
of which EU	154.4	199.3	29.1	392.1	207.5	-47.1	-237.7	-8.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	62.5	90.9	45.4	26.3	22.9	-12.9	36.2	68.0
of which EU	53.5	61.3	14.6	20.1	17.1	-14.9	33.4	44.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	606.1	633.6	4.5	1055.5	1120.0	6.1	-449.4	-486.4
of which EU	322.8	341.3	5.7	805.2	826.3	2.6	-482.4	-485.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1530.8	1662.7	8.6	1159.9	1399.7	20.7	370.9	263.0
of which EU	998.9	1159.6	16.1	723.1	890.3	23.1	275.8	269.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1248.2	1411.0	13.0	1806.4	1948.3	7.9	-558.2	-537.3
of which EU	933.6	1058.8	13.4	1418.9	1505.3	6.1	-485.3	-446.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1029.9	1065.2	3.4	540.0	576.7	6.8	489.9	488.5
of which EU	882.6	885.4	0.3	400.6	415.3	3.7	482.0	470.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	17.2	21.5	25.0	41.8	44.1	5.5	-24.6	-22.6
of which EU	8.2	14.8	80.5	35.3	39.2	11.0	-27.1	-24.4

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