

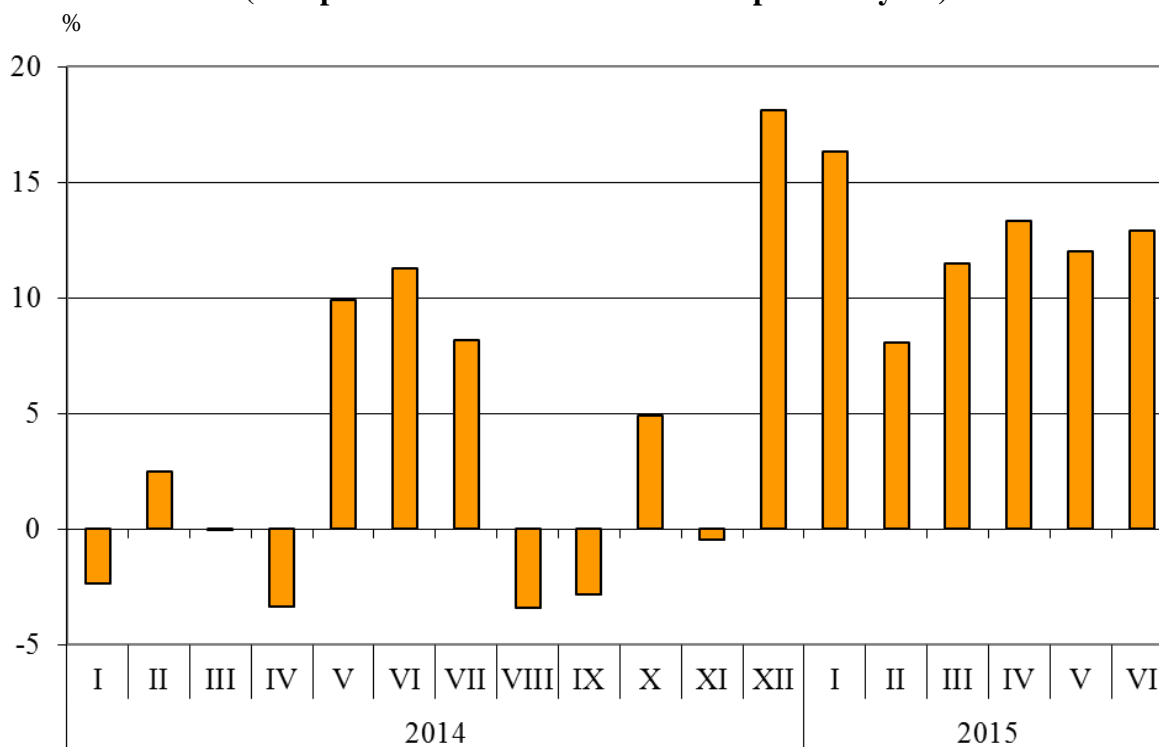


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January - June 2015** period Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 12.4% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 14.2 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June** 2015 the exports to the EU increased by 12.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 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 - June 2015 increased by 7.8% compared to the same period of 2014 and added up to 16.1 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **June** 2015 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 6.8% 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 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 - June 2015 was negative and added up to 1 943.6 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 861.7 Million BGN.

In the first six 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (31.0%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (25.6%). Fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (6.6%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (17.1%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (12.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (26.8%).

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 - June 2014 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	3099.1	1970.5	1128.6	3955.8	2333.1	1622.7	3677.7	2172.5	1505.2	-856.7	-362.6	-494.1	-578.6	-202.0	-376.6
II.2014	3226.8	2001.1	1225.7	3795.4	2466.6	1328.8	3535.1	2306.6	1228.5	-568.6	-465.5	-103.1	-308.3	-305.5	-2.8
III.2014	3193.6	2171.8	1021.8	3935.8	2497.8	1438.0	3687.1	2341.3	1345.8	-742.2	-326.0	-416.2	-493.5	-169.5	-324.0
I - III.2014	9519.5	6143.4	3376.1	11687.0	7297.5	4389.5	10899.9	6820.4	4079.5	-2167.5	-1154.1	-1013.4	-1380.4	-677.0	-703.4
IV.2014	3468.6	2117.6	1351.0	4303.1	2630.3	1672.8	4017.5	2455.1	1562.4	-834.5	-512.7	-321.8	-548.9	-337.5	-211.4
V.2014	3499.0	2065.0	1434.0	4132.0	2366.2	1765.8	3856.8	2213.1	1643.7	-633.0	-301.2	-331.8	-357.8	-148.1	-209.7
VI.2014	3704.8	2271.5	1433.3	4168.0	2641.9	1526.1	3881.1	2464.1	1417.0	-463.2	-370.4	-92.8	-176.3	-192.6	16.3
IV - VI.2014	10672.4	6454.1	4218.3	12603.1	7638.4	4964.7	11755.4	7132.3	4623.1	-1930.7	-1184.3	-746.4	-1083.0	-678.2	-404.8
I - VI.2014	20191.9	12597.5	7594.4	24290.1	14935.9	9354.2	22655.3	13952.7	8702.6	-4098.2	-2338.4	-1759.8	-2463.4	-1355.2	-1108.2
I.2015	3389.2	2292.5	1096.7	3776.2	2312.2	1464.0	3499.1	2147.7	1351.4	-387.0	-19.7	-367.3	-109.9	144.8	-254.7
II.2015	3419.5	2162.9	1256.6	4118.0	2631.8	1486.2	3831.2	2453.7	1377.5	-698.5	-468.9	-229.6	-411.7	-290.8	-120.9
III.2015	3921.8	2420.8	1501.0	4423.3	2873.9	1549.4	4134.3	2687.0	1447.3	-501.5	-453.1	-48.4	-212.5	-266.2	53.7
I - III.2015	10730.5	6876.2	3854.3	12317.5	7817.9	4499.6	11464.6	7288.4	4176.2	-1587.0	-941.7	-645.3	-734.1	-412.2	-321.9
IV.2015	3899.9	2399.4	1500.5	4523.0	2864.6	1658.4	4203.4	2662.5	1540.9	-623.1	-465.2	-157.9	-303.5	-263.1	-40.4
V.2015	3737.1	2313.2	1423.9	4200.3	2592.9	1607.4	3922.3	2424.4	1497.9	-463.2	-279.7	-183.5	-185.2	-111.2	-74.0
VI.2015	4027.8	2564.7	1463.1	4425.8	2821.7	1604.1	4137.0	2639.9	1497.1	-398.0	-257.0	-141.0	-109.2	-75.2	-34.0
IV - VI.2015	11664.8	7277.3	4387.5	13149.1	8279.2	4869.9	12262.7	7726.8	4535.9	-1484.3	-1001.9	-482.4	-597.9	-449.5	-148.4
I - VI.2015	22395.3	14153.5	8241.8	25466.6	16097.1	9369.5	23727.3	15015.2	8712.1	-3071.3	-1943.6	-1127.7	-1332.0	-861.7	-470.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th September 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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	9.4	16.3	-2.8	-4.5	-0.9	-9.8	-4.9	-1.1	-10.2
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.5	6.7	11.8	8.4	6.4	12.1
III	22.8	11.5	46.9	12.4	15.1	7.7	12.1	14.8	7.5
I - III	12.7	11.9	14.2	5.4	7.1	2.5	5.2	6.9	2.4
IV	12.4	13.3	11.1	5.1	8.9	-0.9	4.6	8.4	-1.4
V	6.8	12.0	-0.7	1.7	9.6	-9.0	1.7	9.5	-8.9
VI	8.7	12.9	2.1	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.6	7.1	5.7
IV - VI	9.3	12.8	4.0	4.3	8.4	-1.9	4.3	8.3	-1.9
I - VI	10.9	12.4	8.5	4.8	7.8	0.2	4.7	7.6	0.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th September 2015.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2014 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	20191.9	22395.3	10.9	24290.1	25466.6	4.8	-4098.2	-3071.3
EU	12597.5	14153.5	12.4	14935.9	16097.1	7.8	-2338.4	-1943.6
Austria	385.0	381.5	-0.9	690.3	692.0	0.2	-305.3	-310.5
Belgium	822.9	869.0	5.6	521.9	567.5	8.7	301.0	301.5
Croatia	2528.4	2891.6	14.4	2877.9	3311.6	15.1	-349.5	-420.0
Cyprus	1324.4	1454.5	9.8	1180.4	1185.2	0.4	144.0	269.3
Czech Republic	98.2	108.0	10.0	93.5	110.3	18.0	4.7	-2.3
Denmark	16.2	17.8	9.9	7.3	10.1	38.4	8.9	7.7
Estonia	21.9	22.1	0.9	76.2	79.4	4.2	-54.3	-57.3
Finland	301.7	354.5	17.5	1094.8	1193.1	9.0	-793.1	-838.6
France	1971.1	2148.2	9.0	1829.9	1880.5	2.8	141.2	267.7
Germany	89.2	191.3	114.5	23.6	38.6	63.6	65.6	152.7
Greece	25.1	22.8	-9.2	7.8	23.6	202.6	17.3	-0.8
Hungary	43.8	43.8	0.0	38.4	41.0	6.8	5.4	2.8
Ireland	2.7	2.6	-3.7	68.1	76.6	12.5	-65.4	-74.0
Italy	33.3	56.3	69.1	103.0	10.1	-90.2	-69.7	46.2
Latvia	461.4	525.3	13.8	657.3	818.6	24.5	-195.9	-293.3
Lithuania	444.0	533.8	20.2	399.8	456.5	14.2	44.2	77.3
Luxembourg	417.7	479.0	14.7	695.3	734.5	5.6	-277.6	-255.5
Malta	63.3	80.3	26.9	59.1	60.2	1.9	4.2	20.1
Netherlands	1570.9	1719.6	9.5	1712.2	1713.2	0.1	-141.3	6.4
Poland	154.4	191.9	24.3	271.9	354.6	30.4	-117.5	-162.7
Portugal	100.9	144.8	43.5	166.6	171.9	3.2	-65.7	-27.1
Romania	290.3	346.6	19.4	808.8	927.3	14.7	-518.5	-580.7
Slovakia	33.7	57.4	70.3	49.3	48.2	-2.2	-15.6	9.2
Slovenia	894.8	892.9	-0.2	762.2	810.1	6.3	132.6	82.8
Spain	78.2	83.5	6.8	36.0	51.3	42.5	42.2	32.2
Sweden	282.0	359.8	27.6	539.2	519.1	-3.7	-257.2	-159.3
United Kingdom	124.7	145.1	16.4	148.2	149.2	0.7	-23.5	-4.1
Not specified	17.3	29.5	70.5	16.9	62.8	271.6	0.4	-33.3

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 11th September 2015.



Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2014 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	7594.4	8241.8	8.5	9354.2	9369.5	0.2	-1759.8	-1127.7
CIS³	829.5	745.8	-10.1	4177.8	3674.6	-12.0	-3348.3	-2928.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	26.5	20.1	-24.2	40.2	24.4	-39.3	-13.7	-4.3
Russian Federation	501.3	369.5	-26.3	3437.1	3126.1	-9.0	-2935.8	-2756.6
Ukraine	114.0	191.9	68.3	604.7	455.7	-24.6	-490.7	-263.8
OECD⁴	2671.4	2904.5	8.7	2256.7	2348.8	4.1	414.7	555.7
of which:								
Canada	30.9	41.9	35.6	22.9	29.9	30.6	8.0	12.0
Israel	84.1	56.9	-32.3	72.5	41.6	-42.6	11.6	15.3
Japan	24.8	37.7	52.0	90.0	74.5	-17.2	-65.2	-36.8
Korea, Republic of	60.0	47.9	-20.2	77.5	79.4	2.5	-17.5	-31.5
Turkey	1979.1	2124.3	7.3	1470.6	1512.1	2.8	508.5	612.2
United States	292.6	374.8	28.1	297.1	234.0	-21.2	-4.5	140.8
EFTA⁵	156.1	145.5	-6.8	191.4	202.6	5.9	-35.3	-57.1
of which:								
Norway	29.9	29.4	-1.7	18.5	14.6	-21.1	11.4	14.8
Switzerland	123.6	114.5	-7.4	172.2	185.1	7.5	-48.6	-70.6

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² Data are preliminary as of 11th September 2015.

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 - June 2014 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	49.5	57.0	15.2	15.4	18.5	20.1	34.1	38.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	38.3	61.4	60.3	31.6	29.4	-7.0	6.7	32.0
Brazil	14.2	20.8	46.5	55.9	41.6	-25.6	-41.7	-20.8
China	503.0	542.5	7.9	814.9	967.1	18.7	-311.9	-424.6
Egypt	183.9	304.5	65.6	203.0	94.8	-53.3	-19.1	209.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	335.5	354.1	5.5	243.5	258.1	6.0	92.0	96.0
Georgia	189.8	147.8	-22.1	180.8	246.9	36.6	9.0	-99.1
India	41.9	52.4	25.1	101.0	141.8	40.4	-59.1	-89.4
Indonesia	17.5	23.3	33.1	26.5	31.9	20.4	-9.0	-8.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	80.1	178.4	122.7	2.9	5.2	79.3	77.2	173.2
Peru	4.6	2.7	-41.3	20.0	13.4	-33.0	-15.4	-10.7
Serbia	324.1	403.1	24.4	308.0	344.8	11.9	16.1	58.3
Singapore	538.9	402.8	-25.3	17.4	25.6	47.1	521.5	377.2
South Africa	35.2	56.0	59.1	25.2	12.1	-52.0	10.0	43.9
Syrian Arab Republic	80.4	36.6	-54.5	21.1	14.6	-30.8	59.3	22.0
Taiwan	18.3	24.4	33.3	71.1	126.4	77.8	-52.8	-102.0
United Arab Emirates	278.3	223.0	-19.9	38.5	110.0	185.7	239.8	113.0
Viet Nam	17.5	20.7	18.3	44.5	53.3	19.8	-27.0	-32.6

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 11th September 2015.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - June 2014 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	20191.9	22395.3	10.9	24290.1	25466.6	4.8	-4098.2	-3071.3
of which EU	12597.5	14153.5	12.4	14935.9	16097.1	7.8	-2338.4	-1943.6
Food and live animals	1694.5	1967.1	16.1	1756.1	1929.0	9.8	-61.6	38.1
of which EU	1123.5	1199.5	6.8	1460.5	1531.8	4.9	-337.0	-332.3
Beverages and tobacco	423.4	413.1	-2.4	311.2	325.0	4.4	112.2	88.1
of which EU	152.6	142.5	-6.6	206.7	242.1	17.1	-54.1	-99.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1299.6	1500.1	15.4	2047.8	2303.6	12.5	-748.2	-803.5
of which EU	708.0	889.3	25.6	1174.3	1255.8	6.9	-466.3	-366.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2560.0	2528.5	-1.2	4917.4	4100.7	-16.6	-2357.4	-1572.2
of which EU	521.1	682.9	31.0	889.3	650.7	-26.8	-368.2	32.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	181.7	238.5	31.3	94.3	77.2	-18.1	87.4	161.3
of which EU	158.8	162.5	2.3	73.5	54.6	-25.7	85.3	107.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1937.9	2177.7	12.4	3244.7	3578.8	10.3	-1306.8	-1401.1
of which EU	1026.8	1167.7	13.7	2519.4	2763.9	9.7	-1492.6	-1596.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4787.0	5353.8	11.8	3981.9	4374.6	9.9	805.1	979.2
of which EU	3215.7	3751.6	16.7	2486.5	2754.2	10.8	729.2	997.4
Machinery and transport equipment	4140.2	4757.1	14.9	6070.2	6717.8	10.7	-1930.0	-1960.7
of which EU	3057.6	3454.8	13.0	4734.4	5318.7	12.3	-1676.8	-1863.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3114.4	3394.5	9.0	1737.2	1916.7	10.3	1377.2	1477.8
of which EU	2599.9	2655.2	2.1	1279.3	1396.5	9.2	1320.6	1258.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	53.2	64.9	22.0	129.3	143.2	10.8	-76.1	-78.3
of which EU	33.5	47.5	41.8	112.0	128.8	15.0	-78.5	-81.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th September 2015.