

## XI. EXPORT AND IMPORT OF GOODS

The indicators that characterize exports and imports of goods from/to the Republic of Bulgaria are based on summarized data from SAD (Single Administrative Document). Foreign trade transactions for which SAD is not required, but which are subject of recording by foreign trade statistics (e.g. state foreign trade, bunkering, natural gas and electricity), are also included. For these activities statistical survey has been organized.

Since January 1, 1999 foreign trade statistics applies Special System of Trade in reporting trade flows.

The criteria to refer the foreign trade transactions to a given year is the date of adoption of a SAD by custom's office.

The data on foreign trade statistics cover exports of goods for consumption into the country of destination; imports of goods for domestic consumption into the country; temporary imports and exports of goods before and after processing.

Exports and imports do not include: exported and imported goods, sold on consignment basis; transit of goods; household goods and means of transportation of emigrants/immigrants, personal effects and belongings of travellers according to the Customs rules; luggage and goods (personal and business) designated for the Bulgarian and foreign embassies, legations and consulates; gifts.

Re-exports refer to all foreign goods that our country has bought from one country and sold to another.

In order to keep the track between historical series, the data on 1998 are also revised according to the new methodology. The data on 1998 included into first table are presented in both methodologies (the old and the new one).

Data on 1999 are in denominated Bulgarian Levs.

Reporting of trade commodity flows is organized according to the National Customs Tariff based on

Harmonized System of Commodity Description and Combined Nomenclature. This allows mirror comparisons between countries.

The value of exported goods is at f.o.b. prices and the value of imported goods is at c.i.f. prices. According to the methodology of the Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) the total imports is also calculated at the f.o.b. prices for the needs of Trade Balance.

Data concerning export flows are reported by country of destination, while import flows are reported by country of origin.

CIS includes data for Russian Federation, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The group of Central and Eastern European Countries covers: CIS, Albania, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia, Slovenia and Croatia.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) includes: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United States, Turkey, Japan, Mexico, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland. The European Union (EU) includes: Austria, Belgium, United Kingdom, Germany, Greece, Denmark, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, France and Sweden.

Metadata about exports and imports of goods are included in General Data Dissemination System of International Monetary Fund.

More information about export and import of goods could be found in annual publication 'Foreign Trade of the Republic of Bulgaria', monthly bulletin 'Statistical journal' and on the NSI Web site.