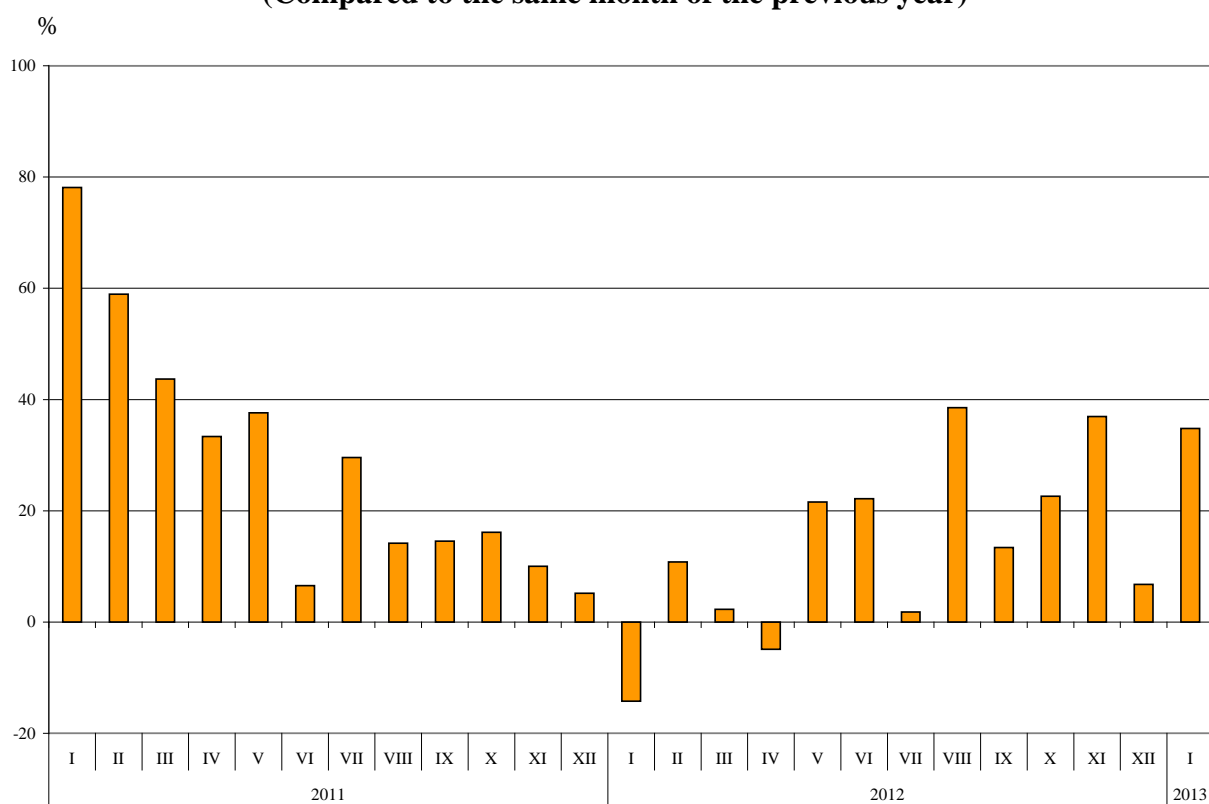




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2013** the Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 34.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2012 and amounted to 1.5 Billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Serbia and United States which accounted for 48.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

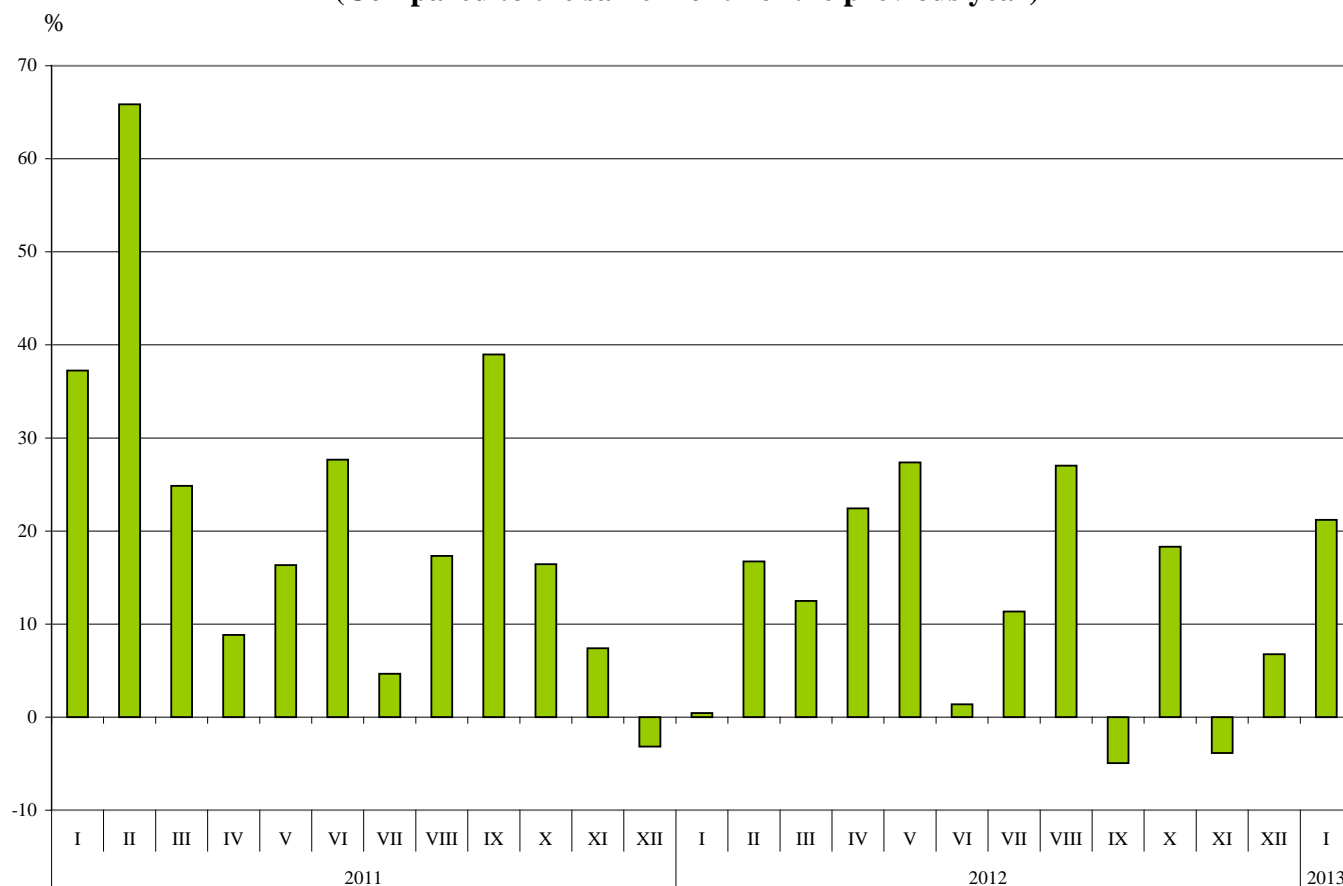
**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2011 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2013 grew by 21.2% compared to the corresponding month of 2012 and added up to 1.7 Billion Levs (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
for the period 2011 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in January 2013 was negative and added up to 199.6 Million Levs (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB /FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 119.0 Million Levs.

In January 2013 compared to the corresponding month of 2012 largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” (78.2%). A fall was reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” (0.5%).

In imports from third countries the largest growth (80.4%) was reported in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)” while a decrease (19.7%) was observed in section “Machinery and transport equipment”.

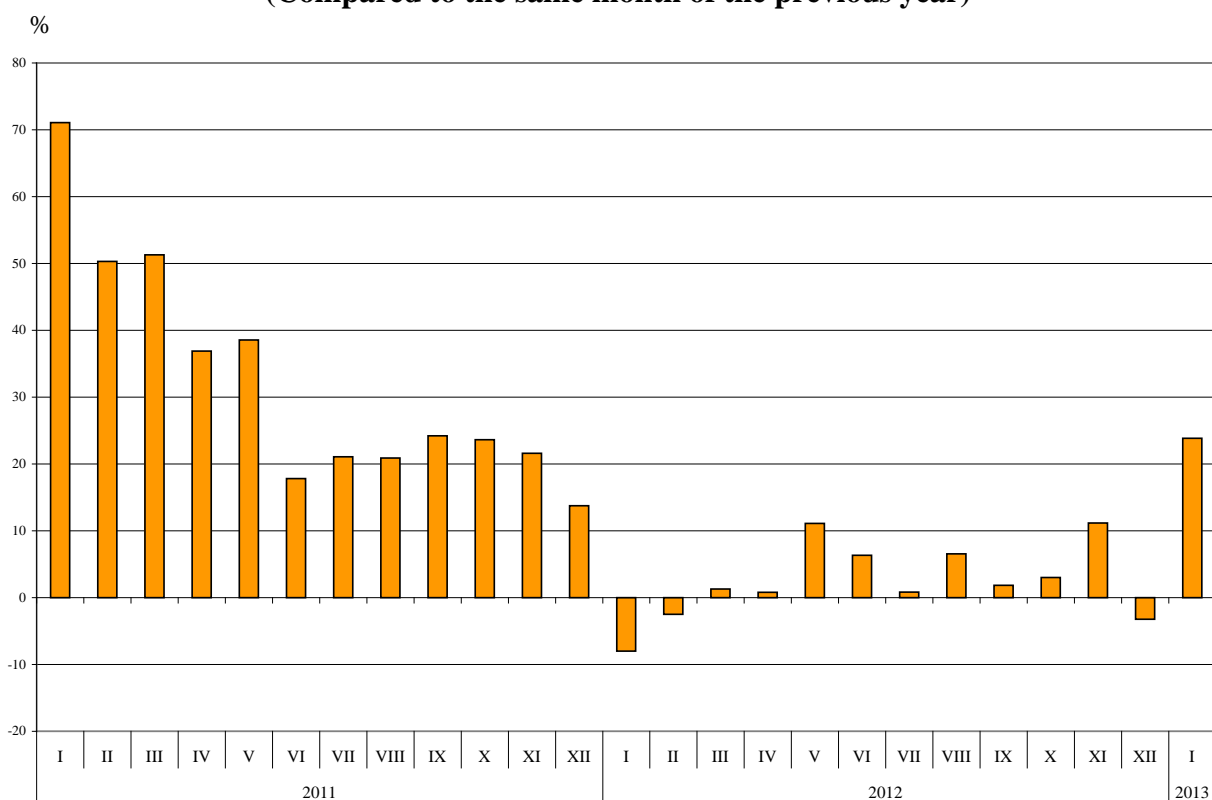
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Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU – total

In January 2013 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 3.5 Billion Levs and compared to the corresponding month of 2012 the exports increased by 23.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria for the period 2011 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

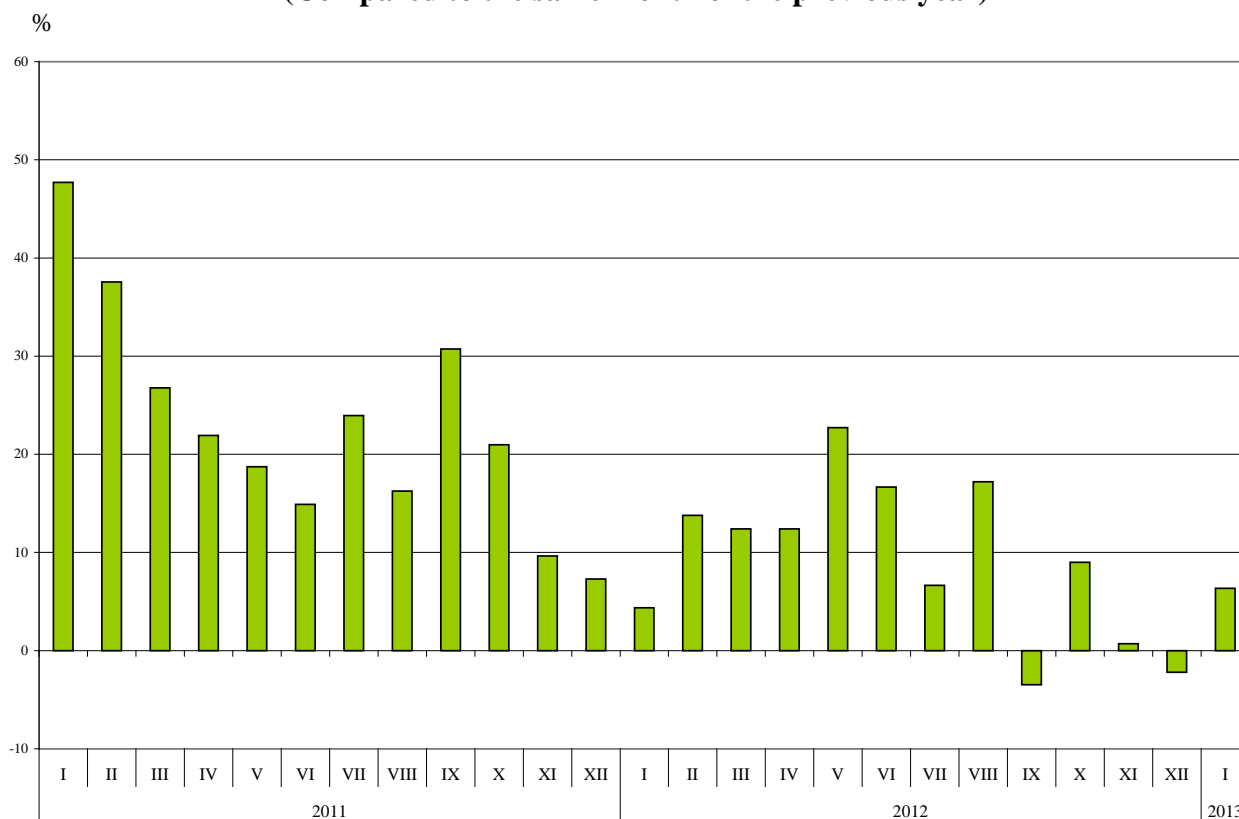


The total value of **all the goods imported in the country in January 2013** amounted to 3.7 Billion Levs (at CIF prices), or by 6.4% more than the corresponding month of 2012 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria for the period 2011 – 2013
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in January 2013 and amounted to 241.2 Million Levs which was 448 Million Levs less than the balance in January 2012 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 57.7 Million Levs.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2012¹ and 2013¹ by months

(Million Levs)

Months	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.2012	2810.1	1724.6	1085.5	3499.3	2127.3	1372.0	3354.5	2041.5	1313.0	-689.2	-402.7	-286.5	-544.4	-316.9	-227.5
I.2013	3480.6	2017.3	1463.3	3721.8	2058.9	1662.9	3538.3	1956.0	1582.3	-241.2	-41.6	-199.6	-57.7	61.3	-119.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2013.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2013¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	23.9	17.0	34.8	6.4	-3.2	21.2	5.5	-4.2	20.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12.03.2013.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in January
2012² and 2013²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
Third countries -total	1085.5	1463.3	34.8	1372.0	1662.9	21.2	-286.5	-199.6
of which:								
Albania	6.2	5.0	-19.4	2.4	2.5	4.2	3.8	2.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2.7	4.5	66.7	3.5	2.9	-17.1	-0.8	1.6
Brazil	12.1	1.2	-90.1	5.8	5.3	-8.6	6.3	-4.1
Canada	5.8	15.4	165.5	3.0	2.5	-16.7	2.8	12.9
China	79.4	101.2	27.5	149.0	127.2	-14.6	-69.6	-26.0
Croatia	9.2	8.1	-12.0	2.8	3.9	39.3	6.4	4.2
Egypt	30.0	22.1	-26.3	12.3	10.9	-11.4	17.7	11.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	59.4	54.0	-9.1	32.1	49.0	52.6	27.3	5.0
Georgia	33.1	30.4	-8.2	11.1	36.4	227.9	22.0	-6.0
India	4.2	2.9	-31.0	12.7	19.9	56.7	-8.5	-17.0
Indonesia	3.5	5.9	68.6	2.5	4.9	96.0	1.0	1.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.9	2.9	52.6	0.7	0.5	-28.6	1.2	2.4
Israel	4.7	6.5	38.3	5.4	6.7	24.1	-0.7	-0.2
Japan	2.0	3.2	60.0	11.1	10.3	-7.2	-9.1	-7.1
Kazakhstan	1.7	11.7	588.2	2.2	6.6	200.0	-0.5	5.1
Korea, Republic of	30.3	27.4	-9.6	26.6	12.6	-52.6	3.7	14.8
Norway	5.4	4.5	-16.7	0.9	1.5	66.7	4.5	3.0
Peru	0.3	0.6	100.0	6.7	4.9	-26.9	-6.4	-4.3
Russian Federation	56.8	73.2	28.9	642.8	842.4	31.1	-586.0	-769.2
Serbia	56.4	64.5	14.4	32.5	35.9	10.5	23.9	28.6
Singapore	0.9	0.4	-55.6	3.2	3.8	18.8	-2.3	-3.4
South Africa	1.5	3.4	126.7	4.0	5.1	27.5	-2.5	-1.7
Switzerland	21.5	26.1	21.4	27.8	33.3	19.8	-6.3	-7.2
Syrian Arab Republic	1.7	13.2	676.5	6.7	2.4	-64.2	-5.0	10.8
Taiwan	3.3	4.7	42.4	14.8	14.2	-4.1	-11.5	-9.5
Turkey	234.6	330.3	40.8	147.8	161.3	9.1	86.8	169.0
Ukraine	22.0	71.3	224.1	101.9	70.7	-30.6	-79.9	0.6
United Arab Emirates	91.9	50.0	-45.6	3.2	10.0	212.5	88.7	40.0
United States	30.1	62.5	107.6	24.2	26.8	10.7	5.9	35.7
Viet-Nam	1.6	2.4	50.0	3.6	8.3	130.6	-2.0	-5.9

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 12.03.2013.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in January 2012¹ and 2013¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2012	2013
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
Third countries -total	1085.5	1463.3	34.8	1372.0	1662.9	21.2	-286.5	-199.6
Food and live animals	63.2	90.9	43.8	33.0	44.8	35.8	30.2	46.1
Beverages and tobacco	39.0	58.1	49.0	10.2	10.2	0.0	28.8	47.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	168.7	167.9	-0.5	116.2	209.6	80.4	52.5	-41.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	278.9	496.9	78.2	669.4	829.8	24.0	-390.5	-332.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6.1	7.5	23.0	3.7	5.3	43.2	2.4	2.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	118.8	132.7	11.7	90.7	124.1	36.8	28.1	8.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	232.3	286.9	23.5	194.0	218.0	12.4	38.3	68.9
Machinery and transport equipment	111.2	147.0	32.2	204.5	164.2	-19.7	-93.3	-17.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	65.1	69.1	6.1	48.9	54.9	12.3	16.2	14.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.2	6.3	186.4	1.4	2.0	42.9	0.8	4.3

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