

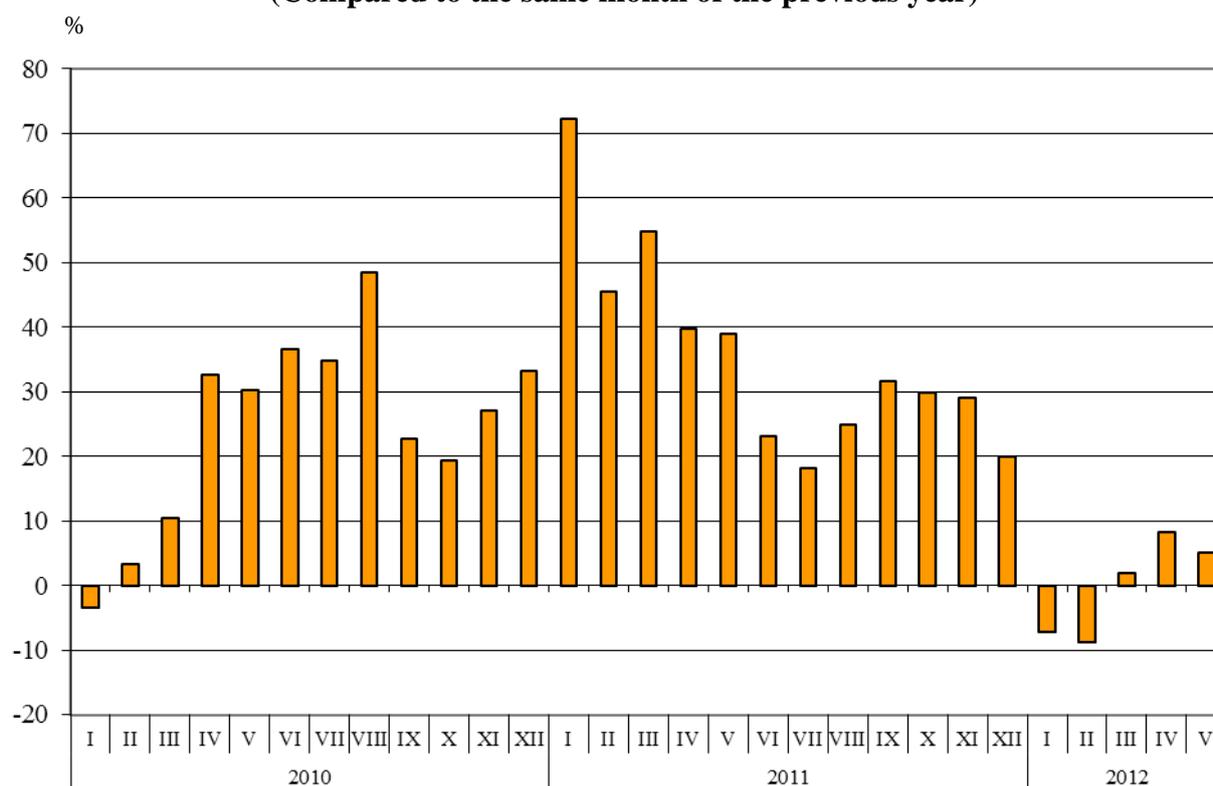


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2012** the Bulgarian **exports to the EU** kept the level of its value from the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 9.6 billion Levs (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania, France and Belgium that formed 71.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3). The most significant growths were observed in the exports to Portugal and Slovenia while the most notable falls were registered in the exports to Luxembourg and Malta.

In May 2012 the exports to the EU increased by 5.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.1 billion Levs.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports to EU for the period 2010 – 2012  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



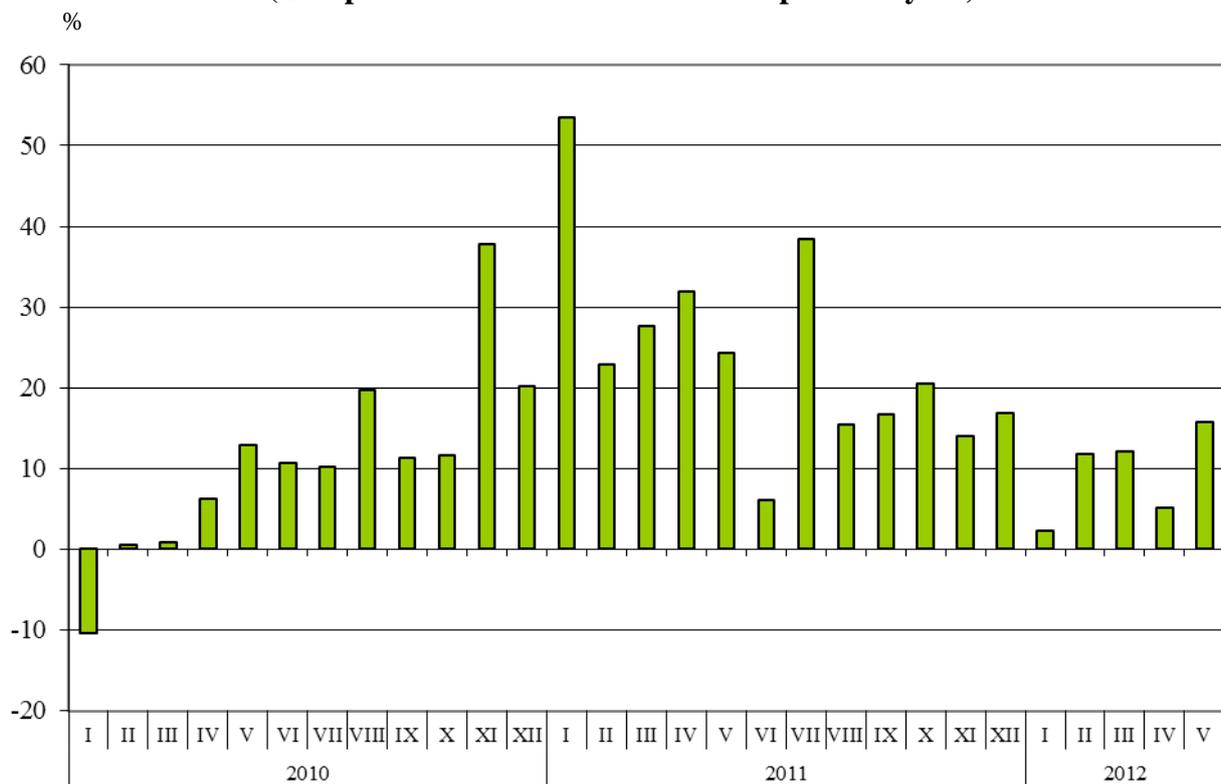
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - May 2012 increased by 9.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and exceeded 11.6 billion Levs at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The most significant growths were reported on the imports from Cyprus and Portugal (Annex, Table 3) while the largest decrease - in the imports from Malta.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



In May 2012 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 15.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2.7 billion Levs at CIF prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports from EU for the period 2010 – 2012  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with EU** in the period January – May 2012 was negative and amounted to 2 073.0 million Levs (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 1 533.3 million Levs.

In the **first five months of 2012** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria **to EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes”<sup>2</sup> and the most notable fall - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”<sup>3</sup>.

In **imports from EU** the largest growth was reported in section “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” while the most notable fall - in section “Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)”.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: animal oils and fats; fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated; animal or vegetable fats and oils processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.

<sup>3</sup> The 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 for the period January - May 2011<sup>1</sup> and 2012<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1  
(Million Levs)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2011	3117.3	1851.6	1265.7	3316.7	1956.9	1359.8	3153.8	1864.8	1289.0	-199.4	-105.3	-94.1	-36	-13.2	-23.3
II.2011	2937.1	1840.6	1096.5	3158.1	1889.5	1268.6	3010.3	1806.3	1204.0	-221.0	-48.9	-172.1	-73	34.3	-107.5
III.2011	3301.6	2005.6	1296.0	3769.4	2277.7	1491.7	3586.3	2170.3	1416.0	-467.8	-272.1	-195.7	-284	-164.7	-120.0
<b>I - III.2011</b>	<b>9356.0</b>	<b>5697.8</b>	<b>3658.2</b>	<b>10244.2</b>	<b>6124.1</b>	<b>4120.1</b>	<b>9750.4</b>	<b>5841.4</b>	<b>3909.0</b>	<b>-888.2</b>	<b>-426.3</b>	<b>-461.9</b>	<b>-394</b>	<b>-143.6</b>	<b>-250.8</b>
IV.2011	3149.5	1854.9	1294.6	3794.5	2202.4	1592.1	3604.0	2096.7	1507.3	-645.0	-347.5	-297.5	-454	-241.8	-212.7
V.2011	3245.9	2037.5	1208.4	3894.4	2309.9	1584.5	3705.0	2204.0	1501.0	-648.5	-272.4	-376.1	-459	-166.5	-292.6
<b>I - V.2011</b>	<b>15751.4</b>	<b>9590.2</b>	<b>6161.2</b>	<b>17933.1</b>	<b>10636.4</b>	<b>7296.7</b>	<b>17059.4</b>	<b>10142.1</b>	<b>6917.3</b>	<b>-2181.7</b>	<b>-1046.2</b>	<b>-1135.5</b>	<b>-1308</b>	<b>-551.9</b>	<b>-756.1</b>
I.2012	2806.6	1718.3	1088.3	3374.4	2002.1	1372.3	3213.3	1908.5	1304.8	-567.8	-283.8	-284.0	-406	-190.2	-216.5
II.2012	2889.9	1677.3	1212.6	3594.9	2113.1	1481.8	3424.6	2017.1	1407.5	-705.0	-435.8	-269.2	-534	-339.8	-194.9
III.2012	3365.0	2042.5	1322.5	4226.8	2552.6	1674.2	4026.4	2434.2	1592.2	-861.8	-510.1	-351.7	-661	-391.7	-269.7
<b>I - III.2012</b>	<b>9061.5</b>	<b>5438.1</b>	<b>3623.4</b>	<b>11196.1</b>	<b>6667.8</b>	<b>4528.3</b>	<b>10664.3</b>	<b>6359.8</b>	<b>4304.5</b>	<b>-2134.6</b>	<b>-1229.7</b>	<b>-904.9</b>	<b>-1602</b>	<b>-921.7</b>	<b>-681.1</b>
IV.2012	3236.6	2006.5	1230.1	4261.7	2316.4	1945.3	4052.6	2211.3	1841.3	-1025.1	-309.9	-715.2	-816	-204.8	-611.2
V.2012	3652.4	2141.7	1510.7	4653.7	2675.1	1978.6	4426.3	2548.5	1877.8	-1001.3	-533.4	-467.9	-773	-406.8	-367.1
<b>I - V.2012</b>	<b>15950.5</b>	<b>9586.3</b>	<b>6364.2</b>	<b>20111.5</b>	<b>11659.3</b>	<b>8452.2</b>	<b>19143.2</b>	<b>11119.6</b>	<b>8023.6</b>	<b>-4161.0</b>	<b>-2073.0</b>	<b>-2088.0</b>	<b>-3192</b>	<b>-1533.3</b>	<b>-1659.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.08.2012.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.



**Table 2**  
**Value changes of exports and imports for the period January - May 2012<sup>1</sup> 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	-10.0	-7.2	-14.0	1.7	2.3	0.9	1.9	2.3	1.2
II	-1.6	-8.9	10.6	13.8	11.8	16.8	13.8	11.7	16.9
III	1.9	1.8	2.0	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>
IV	2.8	8.2	-5.0	12.3	5.2	22.2	12.4	5.5	22.2
V	12.5	5.1	25.0	19.5	15.8	24.9	19.5	15.6	25.1
<b>I - V</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>16.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of 09.08.2012.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners<sup>1</sup>  
for the period January - May 2011<sup>2</sup> and 2012<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15751.4</b>	<b>15950.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>17933.1</b>	<b>20111.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-2181.7</b>	<b>-4161.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>9590.2</b>	<b>9586.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10636.4</b>	<b>11659.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-1046.2</b>	<b>-2073.0</b>
Austria	312.9	287.5	-8.1	585.6	616.8	5.3	-272.7	-329.3
Belgium	896.6	632.5	-29.5	303.4	335.3	10.5	593.2	297.2
Cyprus	42.3	61.6	45.6	29.9	89.5	199.3	12.4	-27.9
Czech Republic	165.6	187.7	13.3	283.0	375.2	32.6	-117.4	-187.5
Denmark	84.8	70.1	-17.3	69.1	71.3	3.2	15.7	-1.2
Estonia	10.0	9.5	-5.0	2.9	4.6	58.6	7.1	4.9
Finland	23.2	24.5	5.6	47.7	50.8	6.5	-24.5	-26.3
France	614.8	662.0	7.7	583.6	607.1	4.0	31.2	54.9
Germany	1874.5	1743.9	-7.0	2029.8	2307.7	13.7	-155.3	-563.8
Greece	1031.1	1180.4	14.5	1039.8	1191.0	14.5	-8.7	-10.6
Hungary	214.7	198.6	-7.5	536.6	559.7	4.3	-321.9	-361.1
Ireland	10.9	11.2	2.8	61.7	66.6	7.9	-50.8	-55.4
Italy	1326.8	1454.8	9.6	1288.5	1291.4	0.2	38.3	163.4
Latvia	14.2	18.3	28.9	15.7	14.4	-8.3	-1.5	3.9
Lithuania	20.1	22.6	12.4	25.9	31.0	19.7	-5.8	-8.4
Luxembourg	20.6	2.0	-90.3	9.9	15.1	52.5	10.7	-13.1
Malta	53.3	7.6	-85.7	13.7	3.1	-77.4	39.6	4.5
Netherlands	291.3	297.3	2.1	449.2	658.0	46.5	-157.9	-360.7
Poland	322.4	263.8	-18.2	308.8	372.8	20.7	13.6	-109.0
Portugal	64.0	142.2	122.2	48.6	82.2	69.1	15.4	60.0
Romania	1354.5	1172.3	-13.5	1272.2	1331.8	4.7	82.3	-159.5
Slovakia	81.8	94.3	15.3	231.7	233.5	0.8	-149.9	-139.2
Slovenia	92.8	201.9	117.6	123.9	126.8	2.3	-31.1	75.1
Spain	292.5	405.4	38.6	909.5	823.5	-9.5	-617.0	-418.1
Sweden	77.3	77.0	-0.4	107.5	103.1	-4.1	-30.2	-26.1
United Kingdom	291.7	323.5	10.9	245.2	281.9	15.0	46.5	41.6
Not specified	5.5	33.8	514.5	13.0	15.1	16.2	-7.5	18.7

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**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners<sup>1</sup>  
for the period January - May 2011<sup>2</sup> and 2012<sup>2</sup>**

(Continue)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>6161.2</b>	<b>6364.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>7296.7</b>	<b>8452.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>-1135.5</b>	<b>-2088.0</b>
<b>CIS</b>	<b>778.0</b>	<b>852.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>4284.2</b>	<b>4912.4</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>-3506.2</b>	<b>-4060.3</b>
of which:								
Georgia	138.0	184.7	33.8	159.8	158.0	-1.1	-21.8	26.7
Kazakhstan	15.4	22.1	43.5	101.9	28.8	-71.7	-86.5	-6.7
Russian Fed.	386.4	409.7	6.0	3226.4	4164.8	29.1	-2840.0	-3755.1
Ukraine	133.0	102.0	-23.3	750.6	522.7	-30.4	-617.6	-420.7
<b>OECD<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2093.8</b>	<b>1987.9</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>1259.5</b>	<b>1401.0</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>834.3</b>	<b>586.9</b>
of which:								
Canada	36.1	95.2	163.7	13.4	12.8	-4.5	22.7	82.4
Japan	15.9	15.9	0.0	55.2	56.3	2.0	-39.3	-40.4
Korea, Rep. of	66.5	109.3	64.4	84.5	94.1	11.4	-18.0	15.2
Turkey	1575.2	1405.5	-10.8	805.9	903.9	12.2	769.3	501.6
USA	236.6	179.6	-24.1	134.0	141.1	5.3	102.6	38.5
<b>EFTA</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>163.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-25.6</b>	<b>-16.5</b>
of which:								
Norway	28.4	27.1	-4.6	5.8	5.9	1.7	22.6	21.2
Switzerland	96.1	113.9	18.5	148.1	157.4	6.3	-52.0	-43.5

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.08.2012.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding EU countries.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main trade partners<sup>1</sup>**  
**for the period January - May 2011<sup>2</sup> and 2012<sup>2</sup>**

(Continue and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	38.3	38.7	1.0	14.6	16.6	13.7	23.7	22.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.8	27.5	-10.7	4.2	11.2	166.7	26.6	16.3
Brazil	25.1	58.3	132.3	53.0	130.5	146.2	-27.9	-72.2
China	238.0	463.5	94.7	485.7	715.0	47.2	-247.7	-251.5
Croatia	106.5	56.0	-47.4	20.5	21.2	3.4	86.0	34.8
Egypt	114.0	102.1	-10.4	27.5	44.8	62.9	86.5	57.3
FYR of Macedonia	352.6	327.7	-7.1	207.8	197.7	-4.9	144.8	130.0
India	89.1	25.0	-71.9	47.8	58.2	21.8	41.3	-33.2
Indonesia	9.0	13.4	48.9	14.3	15.4	7.7	-5.3	-2.0
Iran	44.8	14.4	-67.9	2.7	6.9	155.6	42.1	7.5
Israel	35.2	117.8	234.7	131.5	53.0	-59.7	-96.3	64.8
Peru	1.9	1.8	-5.3	26.7	83.8	213.9	-24.8	-82.0
Serbia	390.6	362.4	-7.2	183.9	187.1	1.7	206.7	175.3
Singapore	66.5	5.5	-91.7	13.6	12.0	-11.8	52.9	-6.5
South Africa	117.1	41.4	-64.6	16.9	30.0	77.5	100.2	11.4
Syria	9.6	22.9	138.5	30.2	26.7	-11.6	-20.6	-3.8
Taiwan	18.0	19.6	8.9	44.3	62.2	40.4	-26.3	-42.6
United Arab Emirates	24.1	160.6	566.4	53.2	61.0	14.7	-29.1	99.6
Viet Nam	10.0	8.0	-20.0	14.1	25.9	83.7	-4.1	-17.9

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 09.08.2012.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance by sections of SITC, rev.4  
for the period January - May 2011<sup>1</sup> and 2012<sup>1</sup>

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2011	2012
	Million Levs			Million Levs			Million Levs	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15751.4</b>	<b>15950.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>17933.1</b>	<b>20111.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-2181.7</b>	<b>-4161.0</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>9590.2</b>	<b>9586.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10636.4</b>	<b>11659.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-1046.2</b>	<b>-2073.0</b>
Food and live animals	1262.9	1413.4	11.9	1285.0	1385.0	7.8	-22.1	28.4
of which EU	967.7	1078.5	11.4	1058.7	1189.0	12.3	-91.0	-110.5
Beverages and tobacco	292.7	349.0	19.2	191.8	248.6	29.6	100.9	100.4
of which EU	122.4	131.4	7.4	137.7	185.1	34.4	-15.3	-53.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1508.6	1517.0	0.6	1903.9	1803.9	-5.3	-395.3	-286.9
of which EU	871.4	684.9	-21.4	1232.7	1068.3	-13.3	-361.3	-383.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2217.4	2319.4	4.6	4131.4	4979.5	20.5	-1914.0	-2660.1
of which EU	411.6	563.8	37.0	485.8	713.9	47.0	-74.2	-150.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	84.1	128.8	53.2	86.8	84.7	-2.4	-2.7	44.1
of which EU	62.1	95.7	54.1	66.1	61.0	-7.7	-4.0	34.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1256.5	1326.1	5.5	2113.2	2243.6	6.2	-856.7	-917.5
of which EU	584.5	605.9	3.7	1676.2	1767.1	5.4	-1091.7	-1161.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4234.3	3948.5	-6.7	3058.4	3129.0	2.3	1175.9	819.5
of which EU	2765.4	2555.9	-7.6	1917.1	1955.3	2.0	848.3	600.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2646.7	2605.4	-1.6	3955.2	4988.5	26.1	-1308.5	-2383.1
of which EU	1940.7	1928.0	-0.7	3121.2	3772.0	20.9	-1180.5	-1844.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2232.0	2308.6	3.4	1162.4	1200.4	3.3	1069.6	1108.2
of which EU	1855.2	1930.0	4.0	905.1	906.2	0.1	950.1	1023.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	16.2	34.3	111.7	45.0	48.3	7.3	-28.8	-14.0
of which EU	9.2	12.2	32.6	35.8	41.4	15.6	-26.6	-29.2

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