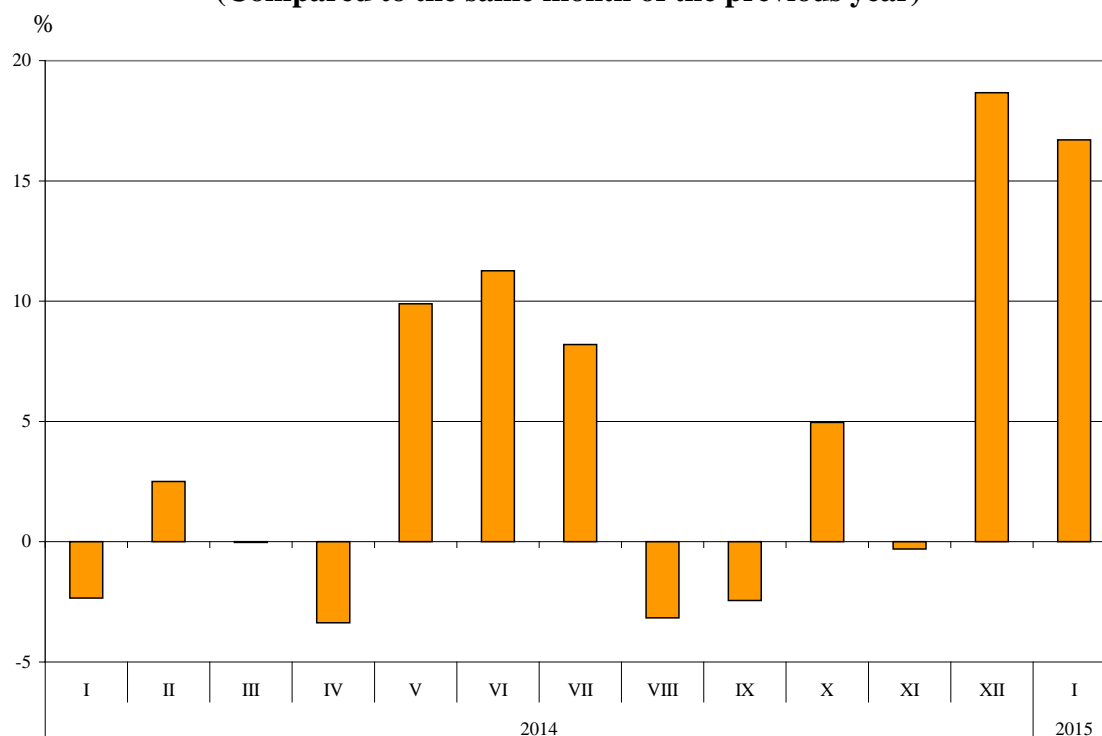


## **BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2015** **(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In **January 2015** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 16.7% compared to the same month of 2014 and amounted to 2.3 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Greece, Romania, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

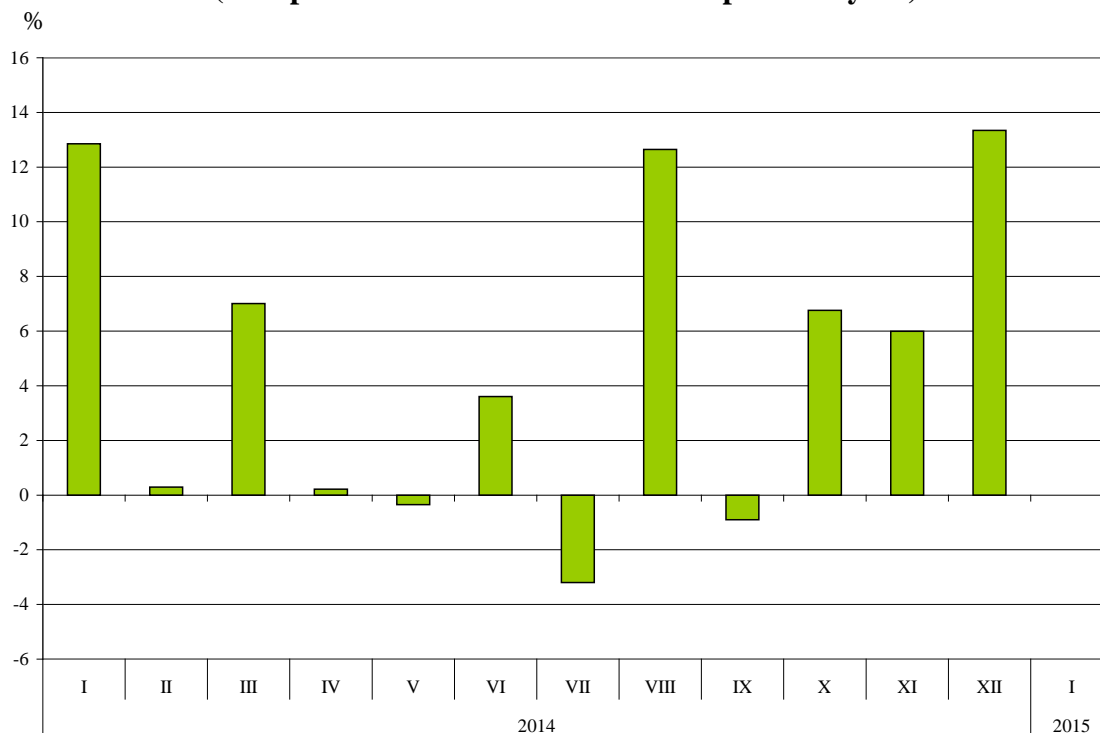
**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2014 - 2015**  
**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in January 2015 increased insignificantly compared to the same month of 2014 and added up to 2.3 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Spain, Romania, Italy and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

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

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 January 2015 was negative and added up to 33.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 64.9 Million BGN.

In **January 2015** compared to the same month 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” (125.0%) and “Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)”<sup>2</sup> (36.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in section “Beverages and tobacco” (17.0%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections “Beverages and tobacco” (22.1%) and “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” (21.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in section “Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials” (53.9%).

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

<sup>2</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 of Bulgaria in January 2014<sup>1</sup> and 2015<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1

(Million BGN)

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.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
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

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.

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

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2015<sup>1</sup> compared to the same month 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

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in January 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

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	3098.4	3399.7	9.7	3957.9	3797.4	-4.1	-859.5	-397.7
EU	1970.7	2300.0	16.7	2333.2	2333.1	0.0	-362.5	-33.1
Austria	63.7	56.8	-10.8	97.2	96.9	-0.3	-33.5	-40.1
Belgium	108.7	129.0	18.7	68.8	70.4	2.3	39.9	58.6
Croatia	8.9	12.7	42.7	4.1	5.4	31.7	4.8	7.3
Cyprus	18.6	78.7	323.1	4.2	6.9	64.3	14.4	71.8
Czech Republic	48.2	56.1	16.4	66.3	78.2	17.9	-18.1	-22.1
Denmark	14.6	17.3	18.5	12.1	16.3	34.7	2.5	1.0
Estonia	3.4	2.5	-26.5	1.0	1.6	60.0	2.4	0.9
Finland	5.7	6.0	5.3	3.7	4.3	16.2	2.0	1.7
France	142.8	155.0	8.5	113.8	115.3	1.3	29.0	39.7
Germany	460.7	500.7	8.7	437.1	502.4	14.9	23.6	-1.7
Greece	193.9	232.5	19.9	184.5	168.2	-8.8	9.4	64.3
Hungary	47.4	43.4	-8.4	129.4	140.7	8.7	-82.0	-97.3
Ireland	3.9	3.5	-10.3	11.5	9.8	-14.8	-7.6	-6.3
Italy	303.5	375.9	23.9	304.3	224.1	-26.4	-0.8	151.8
Latvia	4.0	2.3	-42.5	0.8	3.0	275.0	3.2	-0.7
Lithuania	5.9	5.9	0.0	6.5	5.3	-18.5	-0.6	0.6
Luxembourg	0.2	0.3	50.0	9.6	16.3	69.8	-9.4	-16.0
Malta	6.1	17.5	186.9	1.0	1.6	60.0	5.1	15.9
Netherlands	85.2	86.3	1.3	106.6	121.6	14.1	-21.4	-35.3
Poland	62.6	72.8	16.3	104.0	81.8	-21.3	-41.4	-9.0
Portugal	11.3	26.7	136.3	11.3	4.1	-63.7	0.0	22.6
Romania	181.7	217.3	19.6	277.6	243.5	-12.3	-95.9	-26.2
Slovakia	23.3	26.4	13.3	43.0	43.5	1.2	-19.7	-17.1
Slovenia	19.8	28.1	41.9	26.9	23.2	-13.8	-7.1	4.9
Spain	54.6	48.3	-11.5	227.3	268.0	17.9	-172.7	-219.7
Sweden	20.2	22.0	8.9	17.4	20.0	14.9	2.8	2.0
United Kingdom	69.6	74.3	6.8	60.9	58.5	-3.9	8.7	15.8
Not specified	2.2	1.7	-22.7	2.3	2.2	-4.3	-0.1	-0.5

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in January 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>1127.7</b>	<b>1099.7</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1624.7</b>	<b>1464.3</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>-497.0</b>	<b>-364.6</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<b>687.8</b>	<b>526.3</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-588.9</b>	<b>-454.6</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	5.1	1.5	-70.6	20.3	3.7	-81.8	-15.2	-2.2
Russian Federation	60.2	39.3	-34.7	570.8	450.0	-21.2	-510.6	-410.7
Ukraine	11.7	14.7	25.6	90.3	66.6	-26.2	-78.6	-51.9
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>401.5</b>	<b>420.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>415.6</b>	<b>378.3</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>42.4</b>
of which:								
Canada	4.0	4.9	22.5	2.6	2.6	0.0	1.4	2.3
Israel	7.5	8.5	13.3	5.4	5.3	-1.9	2.1	3.2
Japan	4.0	5.0	25.0	12.1	14.0	15.7	-8.1	-9.0
Korea, Republic of	5.8	3.5	-39.7	15.5	13.5	-12.9	-9.7	-10.0
Turkey	296.6	316.1	6.6	297.7	190.6	-36.0	-1.1	125.5
United States	43.9	52.7	20.0	40.0	41.0	2.5	3.9	11.7
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>-24.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
of which:								
Norway	5.2	4.9	-5.8	3.1	1.6	-48.4	2.1	3.3
Switzerland	26.2	18.3	-30.2	37.0	28.6	-22.7	-10.8	-10.3

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

<sup>4</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in January 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

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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	7.6	8.1	6.6	3.5	3.4	-2.9	4.1	4.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.0	10.6	112.0	4.9	6.7	36.7	0.1	3.9
Brazil	2.1	2.8	33.3	8.4	8.6	2.4	-6.3	-5.8
China	79.0	65.0	-17.7	148.3	183.6	23.8	-69.3	-118.6
Egypt	19.1	30.0	57.1	97.6	15.5	-84.1	-78.5	14.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	50.0	52.1	4.2	37.7	41.7	10.6	12.3	10.4
Georgia	18.4	15.6	-15.2	32.2	33.9	5.3	-13.8	-18.3
India	4.3	7.4	72.1	20.0	27.1	35.5	-15.7	-19.7
Indonesia	2.1	5.5	161.9	3.5	6.1	74.3	-1.4	-0.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	5.9	29.2	394.9	0.3	0.4	33.3	5.6	28.8
Peru	0.6	0.3	-50.0	1.7	3.4	100.0	-1.1	-3.1
Serbia	42.2	58.0	37.4	48.0	34.5	-28.1	-5.8	23.5
Singapore	68.8	59.6	-13.4	4.2	4.3	2.4	64.6	55.3
South Africa	2.3	2.4	4.3	4.4	2.6	-40.9	-2.1	-0.2
Syrian Arab Republic	5.1	2.3	-54.9	6.4	1.5	-76.6	-1.3	0.8
Taiwan	3.0	2.8	-6.7	13.5	29.6	119.3	-10.5	-26.8
United Arab Emirates	74.7	51.2	-31.5	8.8	35.9	308.0	65.9	15.3
Viet Nam	2.2	3.3	50.0	7.0	6.6	-5.7	-4.8	-3.3

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in January 2014<sup>1</sup> and 2015<sup>1</sup>

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	3098.4	3399.7	9.7	3957.9	3797.4	-4.1	-859.5	-397.7
of which EU	1970.7	2300.0	16.7	2333.2	2333.1	0.0	-362.5	-33.1
Food and live animals	261.9	328.9	25.6	267.5	293.1	9.6	-5.6	35.8
of which EU	166.1	198.3	19.4	222.4	218.6	-1.7	-56.3	-20.3
Beverages and tobacco	76.4	69.2	-9.4	55.0	41.5	-24.5	21.4	27.7
of which EU	27.0	22.4	-17.0	24.4	29.8	22.1	2.6	-7.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	211.3	253.1	19.8	392.9	533.2	35.7	-181.6	-280.1
of which EU	122.3	166.8	36.4	252.1	290.3	15.2	-129.8	-123.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	381.2	390.6	2.5	947.1	526.9	-44.4	-565.9	-136.3
of which EU	61.1	137.5	125.0	191.0	88.0	-53.9	-129.9	49.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	35.5	42.9	20.8	13.5	10.9	-19.3	22.0	32.0
of which EU	31.1	36.5	17.4	9.9	8.2	-17.2	21.2	28.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	268.8	289.2	7.6	508.4	500.8	-1.5	-239.6	-211.6
of which EU	155.8	166.5	6.9	372.7	373.0	0.1	-216.9	-206.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	724.2	809.7	11.8	592.4	682.8	15.3	131.8	126.9
of which EU	482.4	592.4	22.8	345.6	418.9	21.2	136.8	173.5
Machinery and transport equipment	607.0	681.8	12.3	893.3	912.9	2.2	-286.3	-231.1
of which EU	464.5	519.0	11.7	701.0	690.7	-1.5	-236.5	-171.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	523.8	523.6	0.0	266.0	273.1	2.7	257.8	250.5
of which EU	456.4	453.0	-0.7	196.5	196.3	-0.1	259.9	256.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.3	10.7	28.9	21.8	22.2	1.8	-13.5	-11.5
of which EU	4.0	7.6	90.0	17.6	19.3	9.7	-13.6	-11.7

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.