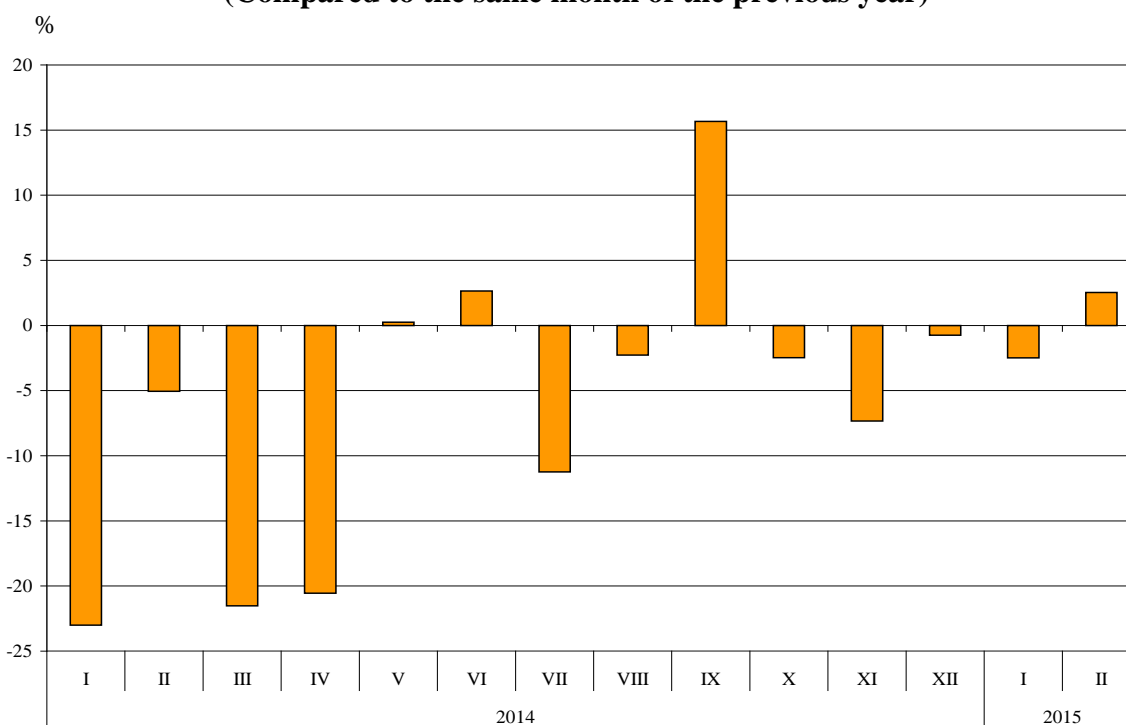


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 2.4 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, USA, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Russian Federation which accounted for 53.8% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2015 exports to third countries increased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 Billion BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries
in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

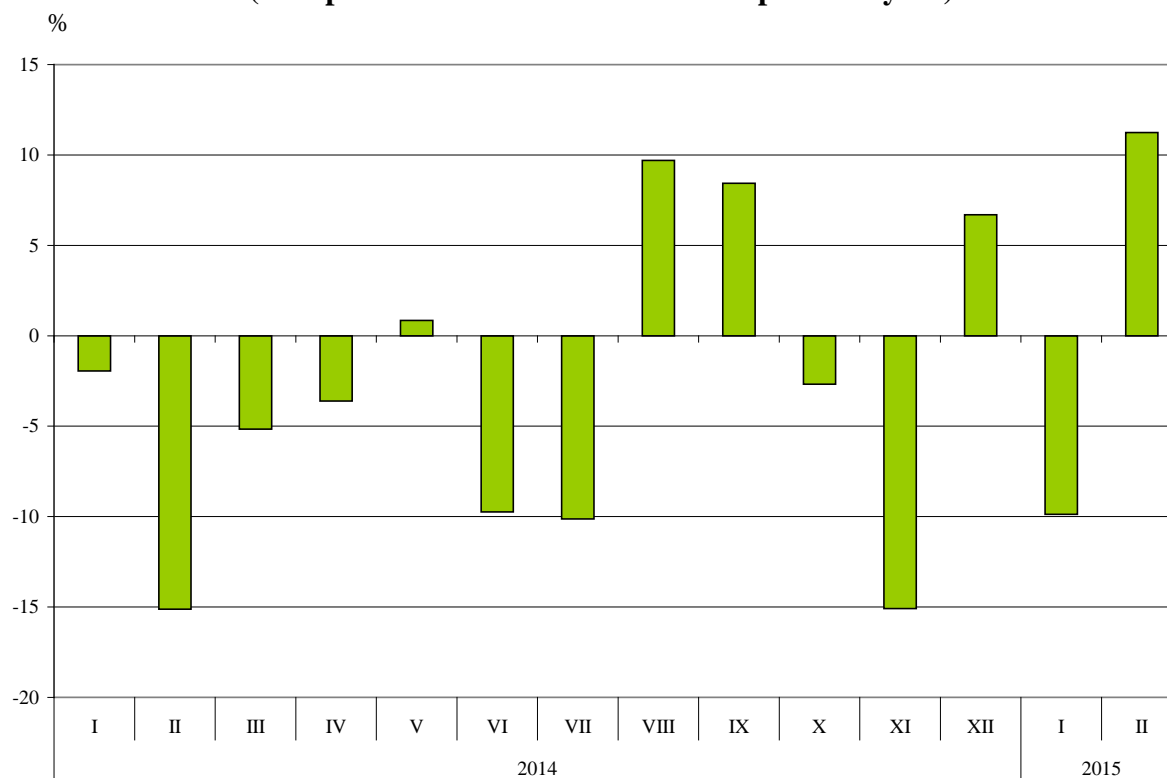


Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first two months of 2015 decreased by 0.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and added up to 3.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2014 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 11.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.5 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
 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 third countries in the period January - February 2015 was negative and added up to 594.8 Million BGN (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 458.1 Million BGN.

In February 2014 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 230.2 Million BGN.

In the first two months of 2015 compared to the corresponding period of 2014 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth were recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (230.0%) and 'Food and live animals' (69.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (34.0%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (43.0%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'² (23.5%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (52.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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

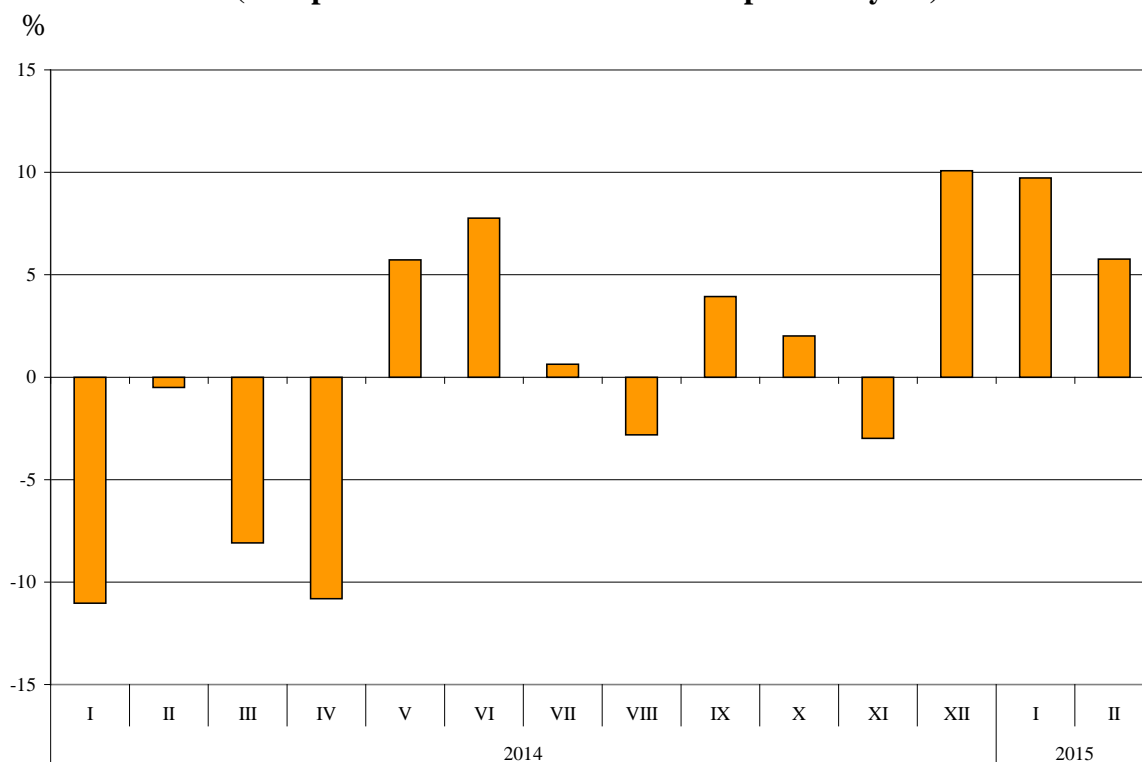


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2015** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 6.8 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2014 the exports increased by 7.7% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2015 the total exports added up to 3.4 Billion BGN and increased by 5.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

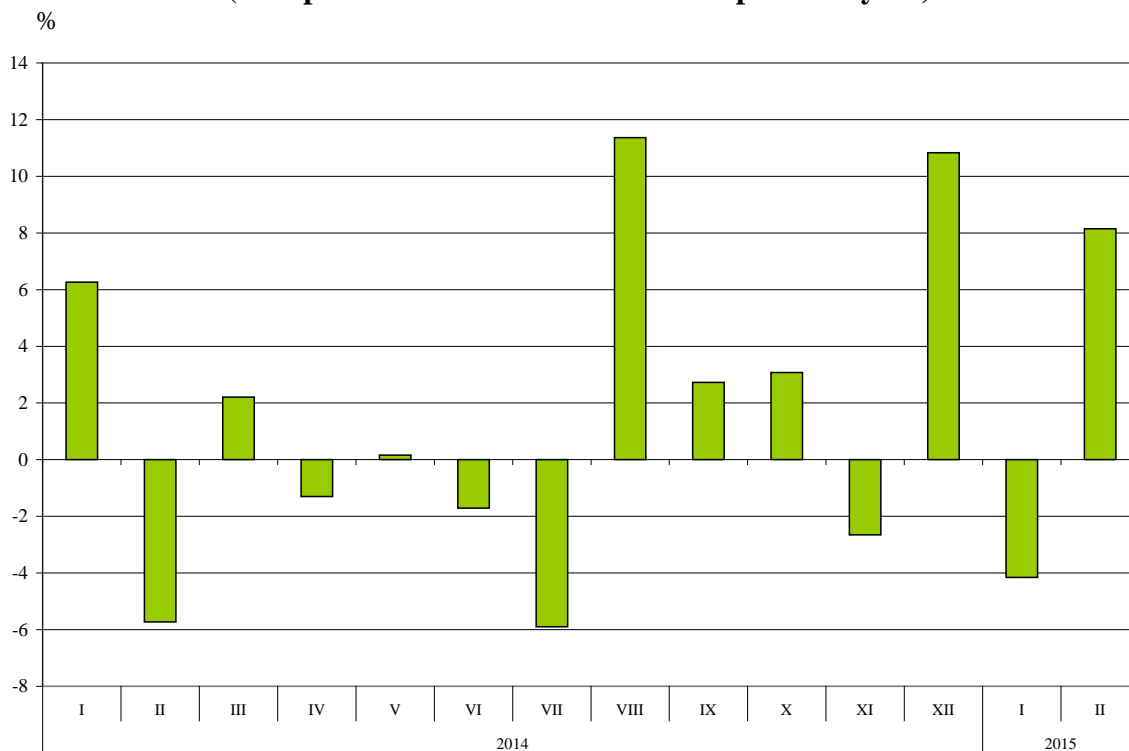


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - February 2015** amounted to 7.9 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.9 % more than the corresponding period of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2015 the total imports increased by 8.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.1 Billion BGN

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - February 2015 and amounted to 1 097.1 Million BGN which was 338.0 Million BGN less than the balance in the first two months of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 731.1 Million BGN.

In February 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 699.4 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 499.5 Million BGN

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2014¹ and 2015¹ by months

(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	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
II.2014	3226.7	2001.1	1225.6	3802.3	2465.7	1336.6	3642.6	2366.4	1276.2	-575.6	-464.6	-111.0	-415.9	-365.3	-50.6
I - II.2014	6325.1	3971.8	2353.3	7760.2	4798.9	2961.3	7428.2	4605.1	2823.1	-1435.1	-827.1	-608.0	-1103.1	-633.3	-469.8
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
II.2015	3412.6	2156.0	1256.6	4112.0	2625.2	1486.8	3912.1	2493.9	1418.2	-699.4	-469.2	-230.2	-499.5	-337.9	-161.6
I - II.2015	6812.3	4456.0	2356.3	7909.4	4958.3	2951.1	7543.4	4729.0	2814.4	-1097.1	-502.3	-594.8	-731.1	-273.0	-458.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	9.7	16.7	-2.5	-4.1	0.0	-9.9	-4.1	-0.2	-9.7
II	5.8	7.7	2.5	8.1	6.5	11.2	7.4	5.4	11.1
I - II	7.7	12.2	0.1	1.9	3.3	-0.3	1.6	2.7	-0.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - February 2014² and 2015²

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	
Third countries -total	2353.3	2356.3	0.1	2961.3	2951.1	-0.3	-608.0	-594.8
of which:								
Albania	15.4	18.2	18.2	6.2	6.3	1.6	9.2	11.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11.6	22.9	97.4	9.5	10.9	14.7	2.1	12.0
Brazil	5.6	4.8	-14.3	14.2	15.7	10.6	-8.6	-10.9
Canada	10.3	13.5	31.1	9.3	6.8	-26.9	1.0	6.7
China	170.2	206.2	21.2	274.6	366.9	33.6	-104.4	-160.7
Egypt	37.8	79.5	110.3	99.4	20.4	-79.5	-61.6	59.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	100.3	108.7	8.4	74.6	78.4	5.1	25.7	30.3
Georgia	43.5	36.4	-16.3	71.1	51.8	-27.1	-27.6	-15.4
Gibraltar	0.0	23.7	x	-	0.0	x	0.0	23.7
India	9.9	17.5	76.8	31.7	52.8	66.6	-21.8	-35.3
Indonesia	4.6	9.4	104.3	6.0	10.6	76.7	-1.4	-1.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	29.4	65.7	123.5	0.7	1.5	114.3	28.7	64.2
Israel	14.9	18.0	20.8	18.0	14.5	-19.4	-3.1	3.5
Japan	7.3	11.2	53.4	32.3	23.3	-27.9	-25.0	-12.1
Kazakhstan	8.3	4.8	-42.2	21.5	8.6	-60.0	-13.2	-3.8
Korea, Republic of	20.7	9.1	-56.0	26.7	23.6	-11.6	-6.0	-14.5
Libya	42.8	34.2	-20.1	-	0.4	x	42.8	33.8
Morocco	53.7	11.0	-79.5	1.5	11.8	686.7	52.2	-0.8
Namibia	30.7	19.2	-37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.7	19.2
Norway	11.1	9.8	-11.7	6.4	4.0	-37.5	4.7	5.8
Peru	1.0	0.6	-40.0	8.8	7.2	-18.2	-7.8	-6.6
Russian Federation	151.3	97.8	-35.4	1028.9	939.0	-8.7	-877.6	-841.2
Serbia	92.4	116.7	26.3	98.3	77.9	-20.8	-5.9	38.8
Singapore	204.5	81.9	-60.0	6.5	9.5	46.2	198.0	72.4
South Africa	5.2	18.7	259.6	7.8	3.5	-55.1	-2.6	15.2
Switzerland	50.5	39.3	-22.2	67.3	58.2	-13.5	-16.8	-18.9
Syrian Arab Republic	19.6	12.8	-34.7	9.9	1.6	-83.8	9.7	11.2
Taiwan	5.6	5.5	-1.8	23.3	44.4	90.6	-17.7	-38.9
Turkey	565.5	626.3	10.8	495.5	397.0	-19.9	70.0	229.3
Ukraine	32.9	29.1	-11.6	157.5	130.8	-17.0	-124.6	-101.7
United Arab Emirates	150.8	85.1	-43.6	12.7	46.1	263.0	138.1	39.0
United States	95.4	113.1	18.6	86.5	76.6	-11.4	8.9	36.5
Viet-Nam	6.0	7.9	31.7	12.9	13.8	7.0	-6.9	-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 14-th April 2015.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.

"0"- figure less than half the unit used.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - February 2014¹ 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	
Third countries -total	2353.3	2356.3	0.1	2961.3	2951.1	-0.3	-608.0	-594.8
Food and live animals	176.2	298.3	69.3	96.5	138.0	43.0	79.7	160.3
Beverages and tobacco	93.6	89.4	-4.5	46.3	21.8	-52.9	47.3	67.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	176.7	200.9	13.7	356.6	440.4	23.5	-179.9	-239.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	611.6	403.9	-34.0	1235.3	932.6	-24.5	-623.7	-528.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9.0	29.7	230.0	6.2	5.7	-8.1	2.8	24.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	283.4	292.3	3.1	250.3	293.8	17.4	33.1	-1.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	532.0	503.1	-5.4	436.8	509.4	16.6	95.2	-6.3
Machinery and transport equipment	314.6	352.2	12.0	387.5	443.0	14.3	-72.9	-90.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	147.2	179.8	22.1	139.4	161.5	15.9	7.8	18.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	9.0	6.7	-25.6	6.4	4.9	-23.4	2.6	1.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th April 2015.