

# External Trade

## April, 2014

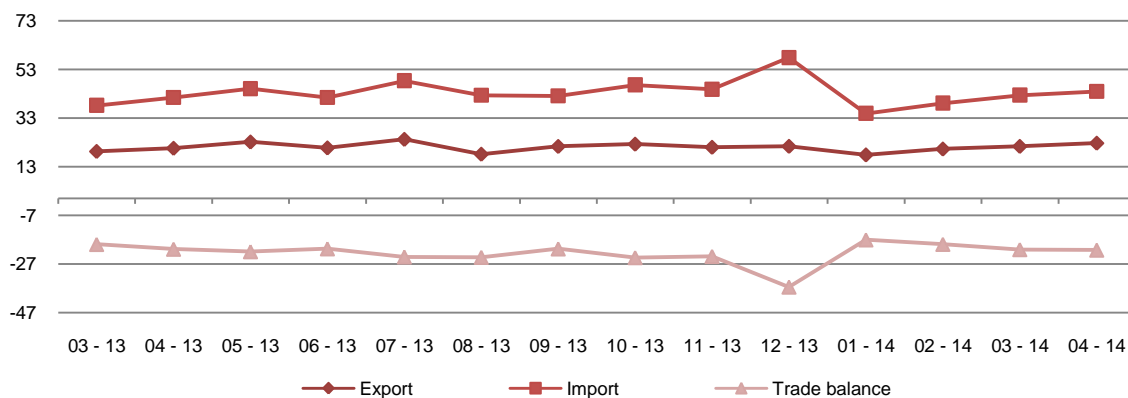
**Tirana, May 28, 2014:** On April 2014 the value of exports was 23 billion lekë, increasing by 10.3 % comparing with April 2013 and 6.6% comparing with March 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Wood manufactures and article of paper" by 46.3 %, "Chemical and plastical products" by 33.9 % and "Textile and footwear" by 41.3 %. Export of group "Construction materials and metals" decreased by 19.6 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

On April 2014 the value of imports was 44 billion lekë, increasing by 6% compared with April 2013 and 3.6 % compared with March 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Construction materials and metals" by 38.3%, "Leather and leather manufacture" by 37.4% and "Textile and footwear" by 25%. Import of group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" decreased by 14.5%, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 21 billion lekë signing an increase by 1.8 % compared with April 2013 and 05% compared with March 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 67.2% of total trade. The main trade partners are Italy (36.4%), Greece (8.9%) and Turkey (6%).

**Chart. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, March 2013 – April 2014 (billion lekë)**



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Tab. 1 Flow of goods in foreign trade (mln lekë)

Years	Months	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37,037	157,109	-120,072	23.6
2001		44,096	190,155	-146,059	23.2
2002		47,490	210,368	-162,877	22.6
2003		54,487	225,983	-171,496	24.1
2004		62,121	236,072	-173,951	26.3
2005		65,818	262,191	-196,373	25.1
2006		77,405	299,147	-221,742	25.9
2007		97,171	376,194	-279,023	25.8
2008		112,572	439,894	-327,322	25.6
2009		104,515	428,839	-324,324	24.4
2010		161,548	477,768	-316,220	33.8
2011		196,897	544,004	-347,107	36.2
2012		213,029	528,491	-315,462	40.3
2013		246,389	517,311	-270,922	47.6
2012	01 - 12	13,464	37,055	-23,591	36.3
	02 - 12	15,190	37,306	-22,116	40.7
	03 - 12	16,760	44,447	-27,687	37.7
	04 - 12	17,995	39,953	-21,958	45.0
	05 - 12	19,347	44,378	-25,031	43.6
	06 - 12	17,702	46,203	-28,501	38.3
	07 - 12	19,571	47,721	-28,150	41.0
	08 - 12	17,389	45,653	-28,264	38.1
	09 - 12	19,214	46,512	-27,298	41.3
	10 - 12	19,030	46,635	-27,605	40.8
	11 - 12	19,460	45,797	-26,337	42.5
	12 - 12	17,908	46,832	-28,924	38.2
2013	01 - 13	18,128	34,159	-16,032	53.1
	02 - 13	15,864	33,350	-17,486	47.6
	03 - 13	19,301	38,229	-18,928	50.5
	04 - 13	20,600	41,499	-20,898	49.6
	05 - 13	23,201	45,131	-21,929	51.4
	06 - 13	20,761	41,499	-20,739	50.0
	07 - 13	24,288	48,383	-24,095	50.2
	08 - 13	18,155	42,403	-24,248	42.8
	09 - 13	21,360	42,123	-20,763	50.7
	10 - 13	22,299	46,680	-24,381	47.8
	11 - 13	21,008	44,879	-23,870	46.8
	12 - 13	21,411	58,976	-37,565	36.3
2014	01 - 14	17,869	34,921	-17,052	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,890	51.8
	03 - 14	21,301	42,459	-21,159	50.2
	04 - 14	22,714	43,985	-21,271	51.6

**Tab.2 Foreign trade by countries (mln lekë)**

	Import				Export			
	April 2013	April 2014	Jan.-April '13	Jan.-April '14	April 2013	April 2014	Jan.-April '13	Jan.-April '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,499</b>	<b>43,985</b>	<b>147,238</b>	<b>160,558</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>22,714</b>	<b>73,905</b>	<b>82,187</b>
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>27,259</b>	<b>26,468</b>	<b>99,082</b>	<b>95,211</b>	<b>14,824</b>	<b>18,321</b>	<b>57,980</b>	<b>68,041</b>
Austria	777	637	2,151	1,991	44	63	274	414
United Kingdom	276	347	1,146	1,561	11	28	137	67
Germany	2,329	2,645	8,539	9,675	315	436	2,875	1,863
Greece	3,532	5,193	14,510	15,832	613	775	2,103	2,953
Italy	13,447	11,854	51,134	45,981	10,613	12,450	36,500	47,868
Spain	676	535	2,191	2,377	1,195	1,194	11,154	6,404
Croatia	1,026	485	2,149	1,681	49	24	118	116
Others of EU	5,196	4,772	17,263	16,113	1,984	3,351	4,818	8,358
China	2,250	2,439	9,850	10,646	646	443	3,636	2,673
Kosovo	569	564	1,798	1,835	1,622	1,557	4,670	4,416
FYROM	740	688	2,512	2,263	521	452	1,354	1,355
Russia	646	1,069	2,264	3,136	6	-	25	3
USA	974	1,089	2,874	4,224	44	111	295	425
Turkey	2,368	3,132	8,852	11,211	1,552	898	2,440	1,960
Ukraine	598	313	1,552	1,356	1	1	5	15
Switzerland	502	1,976	1,761	7,649	255	30	570	500
Others	5,593	6,246	16,692	23,028	1,130	901	2,930	2,796

**Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (mln lekë)**

Group of goods	Import				Export			
	April 2013	April 2014	Jan.-April '13	Jan.-April '14	April 2013	April 2014	Jan.-April '13	Jan.-April '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,499</b>	<b>43,985</b>	<b>147,238</b>	<b>160,558</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>22,714</b>	<b>73,905</b>	<b>82,187</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,559	7,315	28,109	26,677	1,037	1,192	3,556	4,402
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,343	6,853	26,198	28,932	7,627	8,375	29,013	29,002
Chemical and plastical products	6,343	6,944	20,089	20,667	236	316	805	1,017
Leather and leather manuf.	867	1,191	3,007	4,024	337	290	1,123	976
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,400	1,703	5,234	6,403	504	737	1,999	3,108
Textile and footwear	3,993	4,993	15,413	19,361	5,682	7,323	22,154	28,902
Construct. materials and metals	4,340	6,003	17,495	20,831	4,194	3,373	11,533	10,740
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	7,540	7,721	27,492	28,524	626	728	2,481	2,709
Others	1,113	1,261	4,201	5,139	358	381	1,241	1,330

**Tab. 4 Export of group of goods and main partners, January – April 2014 (mln lekë)**

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	China	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,868</b>	<b>6,404</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>20,826</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,359	174	372	0	2,497
Minerals, fuels, electricity	11,875	5,677	1,267	2,648	7,536
Chemical and plastical products	350	2	287	10	369
Leather and leather manuf.	849	0	3	0	123
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,202	3	147	0	756
Textile and footwear	24,378	239	10	0	4,274
Construct. materials and metals	4,069	304	1,971	12	4,385
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,987	0	212	3	507
Others	799	4	147	0	381

**Tab. 5 Import of group of goods and main partners, January – April 2014 ( mln lekë)**

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	China	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,981</b>	<b>15,832</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>11,211</b>	<b>76,888</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,365	4,261	173	1,452	16,426
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,420	4,171	0	246	18,095
Chemical and plastical products	3,951	2,128	932	1,685	11,973
Leather and leather manuf.	3,492	4	179	29	320
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,456	892	276	858	1,922
Textile and footwear	11,075	785	2,110	2,963	2,429
Construct. materials and metals	4,884	2,278	2,424	2,091	9,154
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	8,195	968	3,717	1,423	14,221
Others	1,143	345	835	467	2,349

# DEFINITIONS

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

F.O.B. (Free on board): Delivery term, indicating that the price of the goods includes transport and handling costs to an agreed port of loading.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

C.I.F. (Cost, Insurance, Freight): Delivery term indicating that the price of the goods includes insurance and freight to an agreed port of destination.

Harmonized system ( HS) The Harmonized System (HS) is a goods nomenclature used by foreign trade statistics and for customs tariffs.

The HS comprises about 5,000 separate groups of goods, identified by a 4-digit code (heading) or a 6-digit code (subheading) in 21 sections and 96 chapters.

Member State of European Union Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia.

## **Explanation of Symbols**

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