

# External Trade

## June, 2014

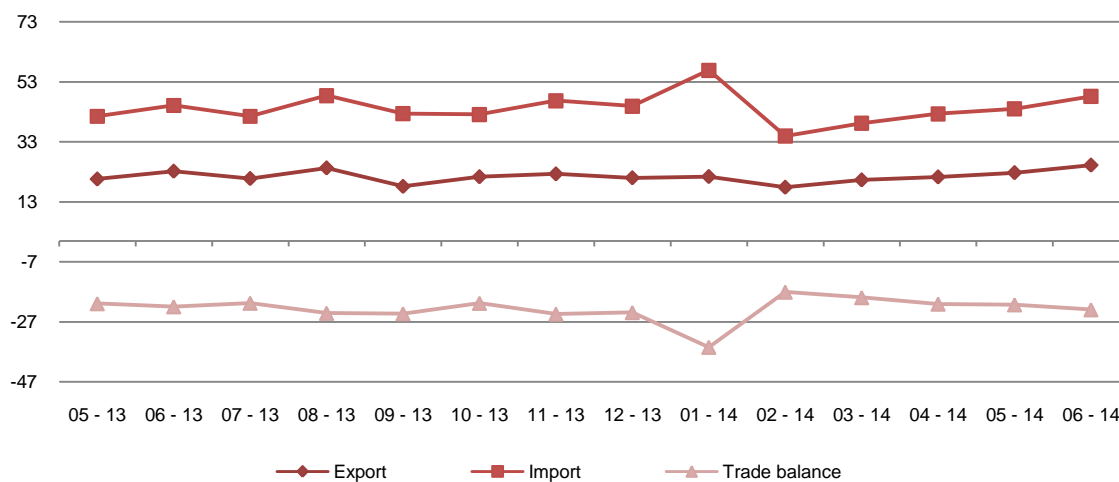
**Tirana, July 29, 2014:** On June 2014 the value of exports was 22 billion lekë, increasing by 8.2 % comparing with June 2013 and decreasing by 11.3 % comparing with May 2014. The largest annual increase has been in exports of groups: "Textile and footwear" with 24.1 %, "Construction materials and metals" at 23.9 % and " Chemical and plastical products " with 14.1 %. The largest annual decrease had exports of "Machinery, equipment and metals" with 23.7 %.

On June 2014 the value of imports was 49 billion lekë, increasing by 17.9 % compared with June 2013 and 1.4 % compared with May 2014. The largest annual increase has been in imports of groups: "Wood manufactures and article of paper" with 35.2 %, "Leather and leather manufactures" 31.8 %, "Chemical and plastical products" with 24.6 % and "Machinery, equipment and metals" with 18.9 %.

This month the trade deficit is 26 billion lekë signing an increase by 27.5 % compared with June 2013 and 15.5 % compared with May 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 65.4 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.1 %), Greece (7.2 %), Turkey (6.5 %) and China (5.1 %).

**Chart. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, May 2013 – June 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	-16,031	53.1
	02 - 13	15,876	33,350	-17,474	47.6
	03 - 13	19,301	38,229	-18,928	50.5
	04 - 13	20,600	41,499	-20,899	49.6
	05 - 13	23,201	45,131	-21,930	51.4
	06 - 13	20,761	41,499	-20,738	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	22,300	46,680	-24,380	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	22,720	44,308	-21,588	51.3
	05 - 14	25,318	48,216	-22,898	52.5
	06 - 14	22,465	48,908	-26,443	45.9

Tab.2 Foreign trade by countries (mln lekë)

	Import				Export			
	June '13	June '14	Jan.-Jun'13	Jan.-Jun'14	June '13	June '14	Jan.-Jun'13	Jan.-Jun'14
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,499</b>	<b>48,908</b>	<b>233,867</b>	<b>258,005</b>	<b>20,761</b>	<b>22,465</b>	<b>117,867</b>	<b>129,976</b>
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>27,413</b>	<b>29,247</b>	<b>154,984</b>	<b>153,861</b>	<b>15,519</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>90,607</b>	<b>102,978</b>
Austria	413	506	3,138	3,115	126	172	566	779
United Kingdom	371	474	1,852	2,464	17	16	175	100
Germany	2,398	2,701	13,409	15,136	341	643	4,721	2,967
Greece	4,065	4,355	22,403	25,651	928	793	3,711	4,504
Italy	14,753	14,300	81,193	74,002	9,429	11,442	56,170	70,680
Spain	743	867	3,627	3,965	2,471	1,433	16,046	9,151
Croatia	392	779	3,426	2,939	73	28	215	165
Others of EU	4,280	5,264	25,937	26,590	2,135	2,938	9,003	14,631
China	2,451	2,971	15,313	17,212	704	690	5,521	4,912
Kosovo	432	483	2,802	2,739	1,543	1,595	8,027	7,621
Macedonia	682	732	4,087	3,765	400	459	2,278	2,317
Russia	641	1,300	3,879	5,657	80	6	126	9
USA	1,031	1,976	5,150	7,959	62	8	388	608
Turkey	2,581	3,705	14,197	18,515	343	901	2,924	5,254
Ukraine	229	387	2,510	2,118	-	-	8	16
Switzerland	367	1,138	2,342	9,991	903	245	2,353	1,009
Others	5,673	6,968	28,603	36,187	1,207	1,096	5,635	5,251

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

Group of goods	Import				Export			
	June '13	June '14	Jan.-Jun'13	Jan.-Jun'14	June '13	June '14	Jan.-Jun'13	Jan.-Jun '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,499</b>	<b>48,908</b>	<b>233,867</b>	<b>258,005</b>	<b>20,761</b>	<b>22,465</b>	<b>117,867</b>	<b>129,976</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,054	8,241	43,449	43,257	1,328	1,311	6,277	7,199
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,373	8,149	41,039	44,951	8,580	8,264	48,728	47,103
Chemical and plastical products	6,111	7,612	33,470	34,961	280	319	1,366	1,673
Leather and leather manuf.	1,259	1,660	5,500	7,309	308	260	1,709	1,562
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,562	2,112	8,789	10,498	571	647	3,096	4,362
Textile and footwear	4,755	5,434	25,426	30,783	5,999	7,444	33,787	43,330
Construct. materials and metals	5,256	5,878	27,751	32,499	2,560	3,172	16,901	18,370
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	6,945	8,260	41,679	45,248	807	616	4,052	4,113
Others	1,185	1,562	6,764	8,500	327	433	1,950	2,265

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

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,680</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>7,621</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>37,270</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,245	258	757	90	3,849
Minerals, fuels, electricity	16,719	8,010	2,511	948	18,914
Chemical and plastical products	522	3	430	100	618
Leather and leather manuf.	1,322	16	3	68	153
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,052	4	251	46	1,008
Textile and footwear	36,598	367	24	14	6,327
Construct. materials and metals	5,959	489	3,114	3,939	4,870
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	3,014	0	304	34	761
Others	1,249	4	227	15	770

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

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	Turkey	China	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,002</b>	<b>25,651</b>	<b>18,515</b>	<b>17,212</b>	<b>122,624</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,057	6,539	2,321	279	27,060
Minerals, fuels, electricity	9,509	7,801	392	3	27,247
Chemical and plastical products	6,775	3,444	2,784	1,598	20,360
Leather and leather manuf.	6,266	14	48	299	682
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,752	1,385	1,482	501	3,377
Textile and footwear	17,721	1,244	4,717	3,378	3,723
Construct. materials and metals	8,056	3,328	3,772	3,688	13,655
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	12,875	1,344	2,203	5,941	22,885
Others	1,991	553	795	1,524	3,636

## 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.

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