

# Foreign Trade

## February, 2015

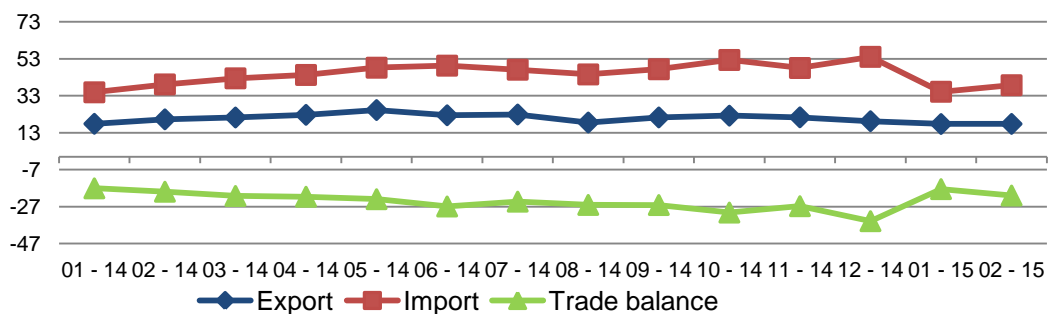
**Tirana, March 30, 2015:** On February 2015 the value of exports was 18 billion lekë, decreasing by 12.3 % comparing with February 2014 and increasing 0.3 % comparing with January 2015. The main group of goods increasing, according to the weight that occupied each group in total exports, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” by 75.9 %, “Food, beverages, tobacco” by 4.6 % and “Chemical and plastical products” by 37.2%. Exports of group: “Textile and footwear”, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” and “Construction materials and metals” , according to the weight that occupied each group in total exports , decreased respectively by 5.0 %, 39.3 % and 0.1 % , compare with the same period of the previous year.

On February 2015 the value of imports was 39 billion lekë, decreasing by 1.1 % compared with February 2014 and increasing with 10.0 % compared with January 2015. The main groups of goods increasing, according to the weight that occupied each group in total imports, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” by 15.8 %, “Food, beverages, tobacco” by 15.4 % and “Chemical and plastical products” by 10.6 %. Imports of group: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” and “Construction materials and metals”, according to the weight that occupied each group in total imports, decreased respectively by 37.3 % and 8.9 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 21 billion lekë signing an increase by 10.9 % compared with February 2014 and 20.0 % compared with January 2015.

Trade with the EU countries is 64.1 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (39.1 %), China (7.6 %), Greece and (6.3 %) Germany (5.6 %).

Fig.1 Flow of goods, January 2014– February 2015 (billionALL)



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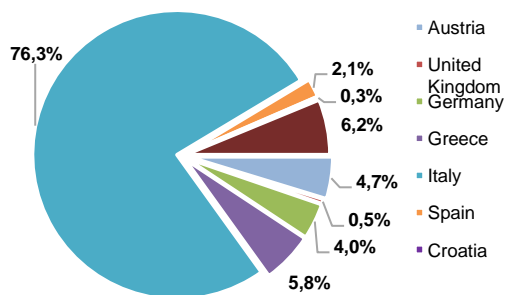
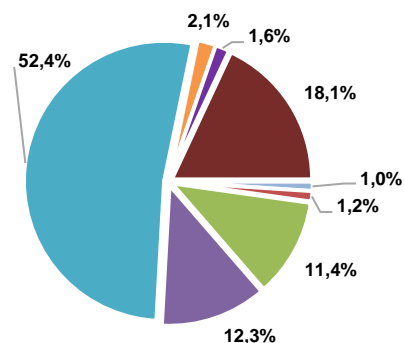
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**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (million ALL)**

Years	Months	Exports	Imports	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	-347,108	36.2
2012		213,030	528,490	-315,460	40.3
2013		246,391	517,378	-270,987	47.6
2014		255,759	552,264	-296,505	46.3
2013	01 - 13	18,128	34,159	-16,031	53.1
	02 - 13	15,876	33,351	-17,475	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	45,130	-21,929	51.4
	06 - 13	20,761	41,500	-20,739	50.0
	07 - 13	24,288	48,385	-24,097	50.2
	08 - 13	18,155	42,402	-24,247	42.8
	09 - 13	21,360	42,121	-20,761	50.7
	10 - 13	22,301	46,679	-24,378	47.8
	11 - 13	21,008	44,876	-23,868	46.8
	12 - 13	21,411	59,045	-37,634	36.3
2014	01 - 14	17,869	34,922	-17,053	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,890	51.8
	03 - 14	21,302	42,478	-21,176	50.1
	04 - 14	22,720	44,308	-21,588	51.3
	05 - 14	25,317	48,241	-22,924	52.5
	06 - 14	22,490	49,351	-26,860	45.6
	07 - 14	22,911	47,158	-24,247	48.6
	08 - 14	18,582	44,601	-26,020	41.7
	09 - 14	21,324	47,402	-26,078	45.0
	10 - 14	22,269	52,423	-30,154	42.5
	11 - 14	21,380	48,080	-26,700	44.5
	12 - 14	19,290	54,105	-34,815	35.7
2015	01 - 15	17,763	35,225	-17,462	50.4
	02 - 15	17,815	38,762	-20,947	46.0

**Tab.2 Foreign trade by partner countries (million ALL)**

	Exports				Imports			
	Feb-14	Feb-15	Jan-Feb. 2014	Jan.-Feb. 2015	Feb-14	Feb-15	Jan-Feb. 2014	Jan.-Feb. 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>16,651</b>	<b>13,202</b>	<b>32,079</b>	<b>26,923</b>	<b>22,960</b>	<b>23,052</b>	<b>43,004</b>	<b>41,950</b>
Austria	113	623	252	1,099	295	240	703	504
United Kingdom	14	70	32	115	439	273	770	633
Germany	488	534	992	1,166	2,563	2,628	4,580	4,775
Greece	825	763	1,421	1,335	3,260	2,825	6,070	5,521
Italy	12,674	10,077	24,422	19,670	11,542	12,070	21,986	21,571
Spain	1,605	277	2,872	1,688	630	482	1,018	865
Croatia	20	37	44	66	411	372	647	528
Others of EU	913	821	2,046	1,783	3,819	4,161	7,230	7,552
China	764	622	1,297	1,196	3,066	3,663	5,570	7,210
Kosovo	813	1,584	1,614	2,357	458	427	843	765
Macedonia	313	332	519	518	553	676	1,025	1,129
Russia	3	-	3	-	684	772	1,443	1,786
USA	110	714	218	918	1,209	877	2,213	1,694
Turkey	733	577	887	1,898	2,635	2,474	5,074	5,431
Ukraine	1	-	9	3	243	213	741	624
Switzerland	313	43	422	72	2,541	886	4,088	2,030
Others	603	740	1,125	1,693	4,844	5,721	10,114	11,368
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>17,815</b>	<b>38,173</b>	<b>35,578</b>	<b>39,193</b>	<b>38,762</b>	<b>74,115</b>	<b>73,987</b>

**Fig.2 Foreign Trade by EU countries, February 2015****Exports****Imports**

**Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Feb-14	Feb-15	Jan-Feb. 2014	Jan.-Feb. 2015	Feb-14	Feb-15	Jan-Feb. 2014	Jan.-Feb. 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>17,815</b>	<b>38,173</b>	<b>35,578</b>	<b>39,193</b>	<b>38,762</b>	<b>74,115</b>	<b>73,987</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,096	1,146	2,132	2,261	6,050	6,981	11,774	13,416
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,810	4,132	12,960	7,779	7,741	4,853	14,221	9,171
Chemical and plastical products	233	320	423	564	4,823	5,336	8,948	10,343
Leather and leather manuf.	247	177	428	346	939	981	1,872	1,847
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	794	665	1,538	1,321	1,483	1,755	3,109	2,969
Textile and footwear	7,523	7,146	13,975	14,519	4,780	4,799	9,063	9,188
Construct. materials and metals	2,610	2,607	4,883	5,763	5,103	4,647	9,346	9,605
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	716	1,259	1,299	2,301	7,025	8,135	13,516	15,123
Others	274	362	534	722	1,248	1,275	2,265	2,324

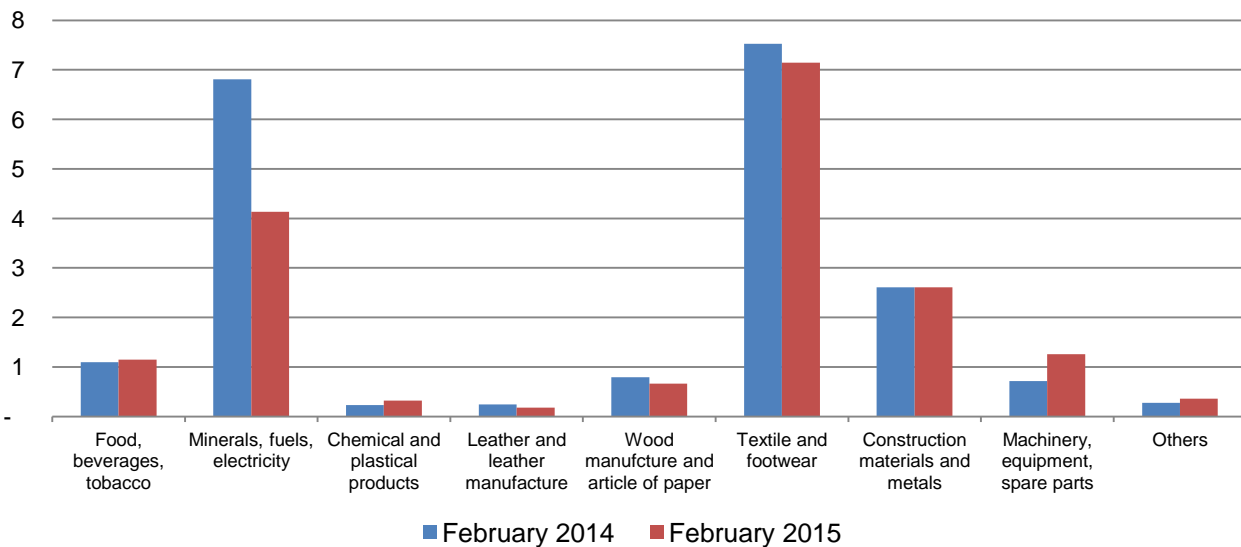
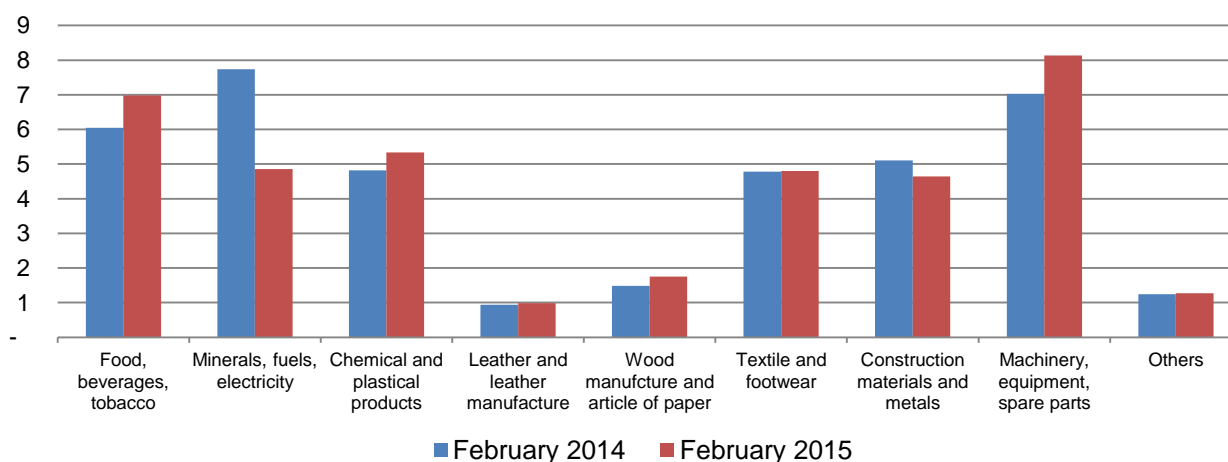
**Fig.3 Export - Foreign trade by group of goods (Billion ALL)**

Fig.4 Import - Foreign trade by group of goods (Billion ALL)



Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners, January - February 2015 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	Kosovo	Turkey	Spain	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,670</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>9,966</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	910	147	30	135	1,039
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,501	1,470	531	1,189	3,088
Chemical and plastical products	255	80	31	0	199
Leather and leather manuf.	302	-	7	-	37
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,070	32	3	-	216
Textile and footwear	12,168	9	6	117	2,219
Construct. materials and metals	2,137	451	1,251	246	1,679
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	951	62	13	-	1,276
Others	375	105	27	-	214

Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners, January - February 2015 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	China	Greece	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,571</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>34,254</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,424	120	1,893	544	8,434
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,944	6	549	73	5,599
Chemical and plastical products	1,763	649	885	868	6,179
Leather and leather manuf.	1,499	99	7	33	209
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,093	150	318	322	1,087
Textile and footwear	5,062	1,078	394	1,523	1,131
Construct. materials and metals	2,744	1,509	879	1,187	3,287
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,461	1,537	236	147	3,591
Others	234	288	133	87	304

# DEFINITIONS

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

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

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.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to a resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

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## **Explanation of Symbols**

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