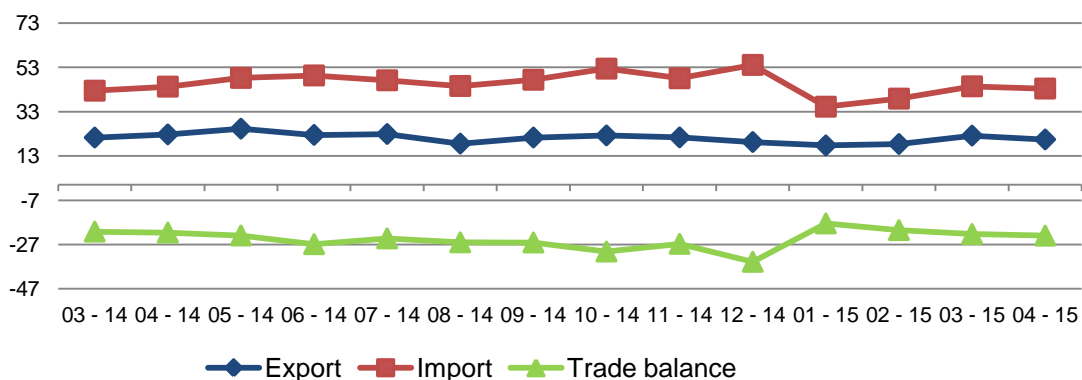


# International Trade in Goods

## April, 2015

**Tirana, May 28, 2015:** On April 2015 the value of exports was 20 billion lekë, decreasing by 10.0 % compared with April 2014 and 7.8 % compared with March 2015. On April 2015 the value of imports was 43 billion lekë, decreasing by 2.0 % compared with April 2014 and 2.2 % compared with March 2015. This month the trade deficit is 23 billion lekë signing an increase by 6.5 % compared with April 2014 and 3.3 % compared with March 2015.

Fig.1 Flow of goods, March 2014– April 2015 (billionALL)



Trade with the EU countries is 64.7 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.0 %), Greece (7.9 %), Turkey (6.6 %) and China (6.6 %),

On April 2015 exports to EU countries decreased by 25.3 %, compared with previous year, occupying 66.9 % of total export. Partner with the largest weight in exports to EU countries is Italy that occupies 67.9 %, Spain with 6.3 % and Greece with 5.6 % of total export. EU countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared with April 2014 are: Austria, United Kingdom and Germany. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain, Croatia and Italy.

Exports to Kosovo and China, in April 2015, compared with previous year, increased occupying respectively 13.4 % and 4.0 % of total export, while exports to Turkey decreased occupying 2.7 % of total export.

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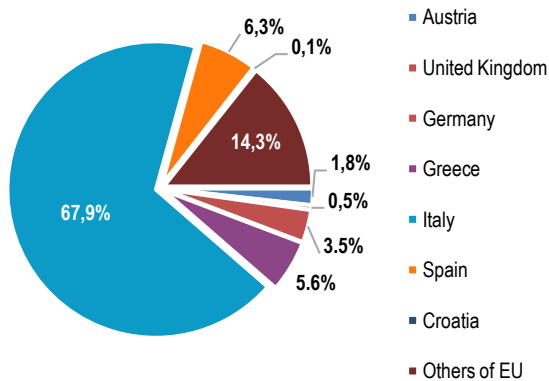
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On April 2015 imports from EU countries increased by 3.7 %, compared with April 2014, occupying 63.6 % of total import. Partner with the largest weight in imports from EU countries is Italy that occupies 49.6 %, Greece with 15.5 % and Germany with 9.5 %. EU countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared with April 2014 are: Spain and Italy. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Greece, Austria and United Kingdom.

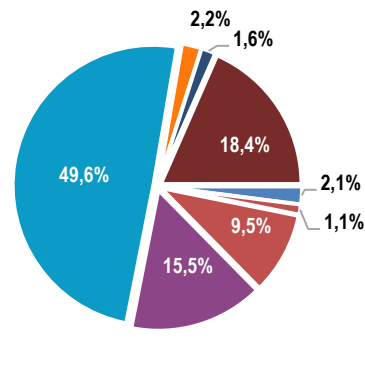
Imports from Turkey and China, in April 2015, compared with previous year, increased occupying respectively 8.5 % and 7.8 % of total import, while imports from Kosovo decreased occupying 1.2 % of total import.

Fig.2 Foreign Trade in Goods by EU countries, April 2015

### Exports



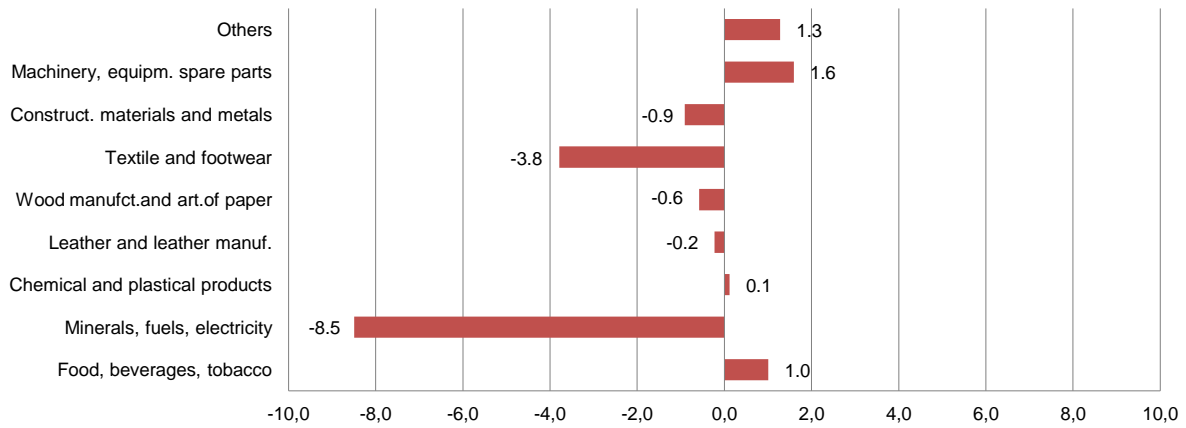
### Imports



### The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

Annual decrease in April 2015 is influenced by groups: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" contributed with +1.6 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" contributed with +1.0 percentage point, "Chemical and plactical products" contributed with +0.1 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" contributed with -8.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" contributed with -3.8 percentage point.

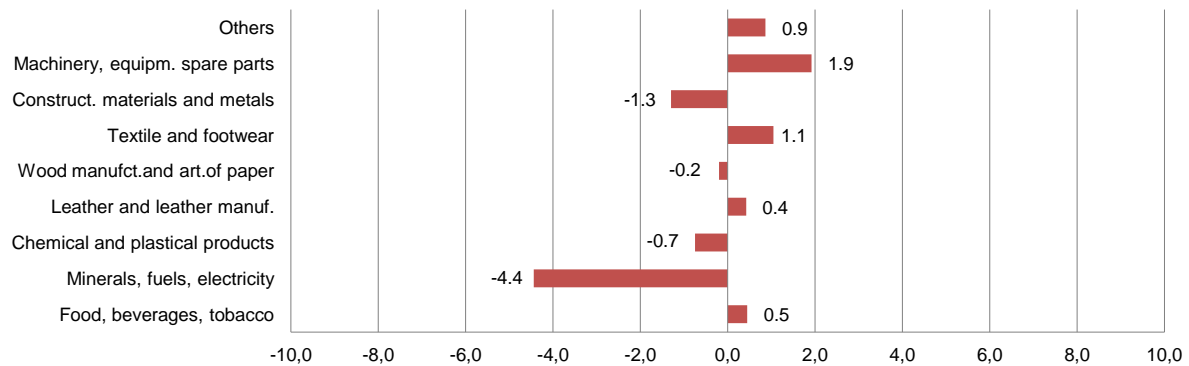
**Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in exports**



**The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:**

Annual decrease in April 2015 is influenced by groups: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” contributed with +1.9 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” contributed with +1.1 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” contributed with +0.5 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” contributed with -4.4 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” contributed with -1.3 percentage point.

**Fig.4 Annual impact of groups in imports**



**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	552,274	-296,515	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	52,434	-30,165	42.5
	11 - 14	21,380	48,080	-26,700	44.5
	12 - 14	19,290	54,106	-34,815	35.7
2015	01 - 15	17,763	35,237	-17,474	50.4
	02 - 15	18,392	38,884	-20,492	47.3
	03 - 15	22,179	44,436	-22,257	49.9
	04 - 15	20,449	43,440	-22,991	47.1

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April-14	April-15	Jan-April 2014	Jan-April 2015	April-14	April-15	Jan-April 2014	Jan-April 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>18,325</b>	<b>13,684</b>	<b>68,046</b>	<b>56,156</b>	<b>26,669</b>	<b>27,643</b>	<b>95,426</b>	<b>97,145</b>
Austria	63	243	413	1,766	657	561	2,010	1,759
United Kingdom	28	64	68	241	355	316	1,568	1,433
Germany	436	483	1,864	2,226	2,697	2,614	9,724	10,508
Greece	779	769	2,957	2,970	5,199	4,274	15,839	13,407
Italy	12,450	9,290	47,868	39,233	11,917	13,711	46,065	48,297
Spain	1,194	857	6,403	3,338	535	622	2,378	2,104
Croatia	24	17	116	123	485	450	1,681	1,474
Others of EU	3,351	1,959	8,357	6,259	4,822	5,096	16,161	18,162
China	443	821	2,674	2,547	2,444	3,403	10,651	15,771
Kosovo	1,557	2,738	4,415	7,121	564	512	1,835	1,703
Macedonia	452	757	1,356	1,931	688	672	2,263	2,468
Russia	-	2	3	2	1,069	565	3,137	3,031
USA	111	120	425	1,258	1,131	1,160	4,263	3,648
Turkey	898	560	1,961	4,038	3,172	3,675	11,252	12,406
Ukraine	1	1	15	6	313	253	1,355	1,105
Switzerland	30	179	500	734	2,001	589	7,673	3,224
Others	903	1,588	2,799	4,990	6,258	4,970	23,047	21,495
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>82,195</b>	<b>78,783</b>	<b>44,309</b>	<b>43,440</b>	<b>160,902</b>	<b>161,997</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April-14	April-15	Jan-April 2014	Jan-April 2015	April-14	April-15	Jan-April 2014	Jan-April 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>82,195</b>	<b>78,783</b>	<b>44,308</b>	<b>43,440</b>	<b>160,901</b>	<b>161,997</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,197	1,427	4,408	5,012	7,364	7,564	26,726	28,960
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,376	6,445	29,004	20,750	6,892	4,924	28,970	18,332
Chemical and plastical products	316	344	1,017	1,240	7,093	6,764	20,824	23,377
Leather and leather manuf.	290	238	976	892	1,191	1,379	4,024	4,416
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	737	606	3,108	2,788	1,703	1,616	6,403	6,163
Textile and footwear	7,323	6,463	28,902	28,332	4,996	5,462	19,376	20,207
Construct. materials and metals	3,373	3,166	10,740	13,206	6,010	5,435	20,837	20,471
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	728	1,090	2,709	4,716	7,798	8,649	28,600	34,125
Others	381	671	1,330	1,847	1,262	1,647	5,140	5,947

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

Group of goods	Italy	Kosovo	Turkey	Spain	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,233</b>	<b>7,121</b>	<b>4,038</b>	<b>3,338</b>	<b>25,053</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,843	419	73	233	2,445
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,050	4,039	623	2,641	10,397
Chemical and plastical products	433	336	60	1	410
Leather and leather manuf.	755	0	34	1	103
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,201	78	42	1	466
Textile and footwear	23,581	26	14	205	4,505
Construct. materials and metals	4,551	1,718	3,134	255	3,548
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,989	147	27	2	2,550
Others	829	358	32	0	628

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

Group of goods	Italy	China	Greece	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,297</b>	<b>15,771</b>	<b>13,407</b>	<b>12,406</b>	<b>72,116</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,498	202	4,268	1,395	17,597
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,554	8	2,298	199	9,274
Chemical and plastical products	4,068	1,444	2,119	1,836	13,909
Leather and leather manuf.	3,564	211	34	88	520
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,325	268	690	717	2,163
Textile and footwear	10,653	2,482	943	3,414	2,715
Construct. materials and metals	5,790	3,651	1,702	2,550	6,778
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	8,426	6,381	950	1,549	16,819
Others	1,420	1,124	403	659	2,341

# 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.

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## **Explanation of Symbols**

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