

External Trade

January, 2014

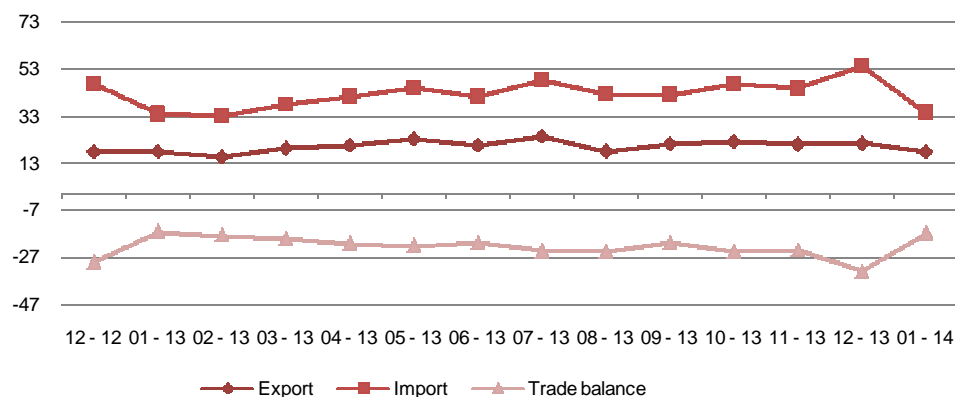
Tirana, February 28, 2014: On January 2014 the value of exports was 18 billion lekë, decreasing by 1.5 % comparing with January 2013 and decreasing by 16.6% comparing with December 2013. The main group of goods increasing, compared with January 2013, were: "Leather and leather manufacture" by 19.8 %, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" by 17.8 %, and "Construction materials and metals" by 11.5 %. Export of group "Wood manufactures and article of paper" increased by 48.4 % and "Food, beverages, tobacco" increased by 22.2%, compared with the same period of previous year.

On January 2014 the value of imports was 34 billion leke, increasing by 0.9 % compared with January 2013 and decreasing by 39.4 % comparing with December 2013 . The main group of goods increasing, compared with January 2013, were: "Wood manufactures and article of paper" by 32.8 %, "Leather and leather manufacture" by 26.8 % and "Textile and footwear" by 20.4 %. Import of groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" decreased by 8.9 % and "Construction materials and metals" decreased by 4.6 %, compared with the same period of previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 17 billion leke signing an increase by 3.6 % compared with January 2013 and a decrease by 53.1% compared with December 2013.

Trade with the EU countries is 67.3 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (42.2%), Greece (6.5%), China (5.6%) and Turkey (4.9%).

Chart 1. Flow of goods in external trade, December 2013 – January 2014 (billion lekë)



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Tab. 1 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		213,023	528,491	-315,468	40.3
2013		246,375	515,150	-268,775	47.8
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	19,207	46,512	-27,304	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	38,212	-18,911	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	21,007	44,877	-23,869	46.8
	12 - 13	21,397	56,834	-35,437	37.6
2014	01 - 14	17,850	34,462	-16,612	51.8

Tab. 2 Foreign trade by countries (mln lekë)

	Import		Export	
	January 2013	January 2014	January 2013	January 2014
Total	34.159	34.462	18.128	17.850
EU countries	22.770	19.776	14.924	15.408
Austria	452	403	45	139
United Kingdom	329	302	40	18
Germany	1.657	1.974	520	504
Greece	3.593	2.806	553	592
Italy	11.812	10.351	7.948	11.746
Spain	667	381	5.198	1.253
Croatia	211	235	19	23
Others of EU	4.049	3.324	601	1.133
China	2.611	2.409	1.180	533
Kosovo	379	384	744	801
Macedonia	538	465	189	206
Russia	625	755	7	0
USA	671	983	69	108
Turkey	1.866	2.412	410	153
Ukraine	655	498	-	8
Switzerland	268	1.541	203	109
Others	3.776	5.239	402	524

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

Group of goods	Import		Export	
	January 2013	January 2014	January 2013	January 2014
Total	34.159	34.462	18.128	17.850
Food, beverages, tobacco	5.920	5.673	848	1.036
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7.116	6.480	7.481	6.151
Chemical and plasical products	4.175	4.036	169	190
Leather and leather manuf.	735	932	226	181
Wood manufactand art of paper	1.218	1.618	501	743
Textile and footwear	3.536	4.257	5.455	6.437
Construct. materials and metals	4.349	4.150	2.568	2.273
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	6.226	6.329	574	579
Others	884	987	306	260

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

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	China	Others
Total	11.746	1.253	801	592	3.458
Food, beverages, tobacco	336	27	72	107	493
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3.756	1.083	232	11	1.069
Chemical and plasfical products	79	0	34	18	59
Leather and leather manuf.	166	-	0	2	13
Wood manufactand art of paper	525	1	29	59	128
Textile and footwear	5.476	50	0	214	697
Construct. materials and metals	838	91	328	171	845
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	396	0	87	2	95
Others	173	-	18	10	59

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

Group of goods	Italy	Grece	Turkey	China	Others
Total	10.351	2.806	2.412	2.409	16.484
Food, beverages, tobacco	927	801	269	49	3.626
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1.966	299	90	0	4.125
Chemical and plasfical products	722	341	363	253	2.356
Leather and leather manuf.	802	1	3	35	90
Wood manufactand art of paper	557	231	321	82	427
Textile and footwear	2.504	164	649	415	525
Construct. materials and metals	958	609	358	478	1.747
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1.669	277	300	879	3.204
Others	245	83	58	217	384

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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Explanation of Symbols

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