

# External Trade

## February, 2014

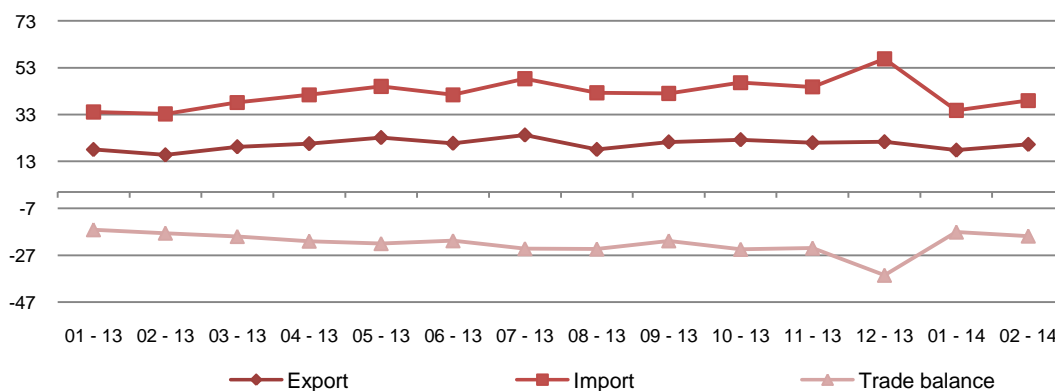
**Tirana, March 28, 2014:** On February 2014 the value of exports was 20 billion lekë, increasing by 27.8% comparing with February 2013. The main groups of goods increasing were: "Wood manufactures and article of paper" by 53.6 %, "Food, beverages, tobacco" by 38.0 % and "Minerals, fuels, electricity" by 33.5%. Export of group "Leather and leather manufacture" decreased by 4.1%.

On February 2014 the value of imports was 39 billion lekë, increasing by 17.0 % compared with February 2013 and 11.8 % compared with January 2014. The main groups of goods decreasing were: "Leather and leather manufacture" by 59.0 %, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" by 57.0% and "Textile and footwear" by 29.4 %. Import of groups "Food, beverages, tobacco" decreased by 7.1%.

This month the trade deficit is about 19 billion lekë signing an increase by 7.2 % compared with February 2013 and 10% compared with January 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 66.6% of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (40.7%), Greece (6.9%), China (6.4%) and Turkey (5.7%).

**Chart 1. Flow of goods in external trade, January 2013 – February 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 | 515,153 | -268,764      | 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 | 19,214  | 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  | 38,212  | -18,911       | 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  | 44,877  | -23,868       | 46.8                |
|       | 12 - 13 | 21,411  | 56,838  | -35,427       | 37.7                |
| 2014  | 01 - 14 | 17,869  | 34,909  | -17,040       | 51.2                |
|       | 02 - 14 | 20,294  | 39,032  | -18,738       | 52.0                |

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

|                     | Import        |               |               |               | Export        |               |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | Feb. '13      | Feb. '14      | Jan.-Feb. '13 | Jan.-Feb. '14 | Feb. '13      | Feb. '14      | Jan.-Feb. '13 | Jan.Feb. '14  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>33,350</b> | <b>39,032</b> | <b>67,509</b> | <b>73,942</b> | <b>15,876</b> | <b>20,294</b> | <b>34,004</b> | <b>38,163</b> |
| <b>EU countries</b> | <b>23,255</b> | <b>22,870</b> | <b>46,025</b> | <b>42,912</b> | <b>12,790</b> | <b>16,647</b> | <b>27,714</b> | <b>32,074</b> |
| Austria             | 540           | 295           | 992           | 704           | 91            | 113           | 136           | 252           |
| United Kingdom      | 261           | 433           | 590           | 764           | 53            | 14            | 93            | 32            |
| Germany             | 2,141         | 2,561         | 3,798         | 4,575         | 407           | 488           | 927           | 992           |
| Greece              | 3,784         | 3,260         | 7,377         | 6,069         | 451           | 825           | 1,004         | 1,420         |
| Italy               | 12,002        | 11,503        | 23,814        | 21,947        | 8,264         | 12,671        | 16,212        | 24,419        |
| Spain               | 535           | 600           | 1,202         | 988           | 2,886         | 1,605         | 8,084         | 2,872         |
| Croatia             | 228           | 411           | 439           | 648           | 22            | 20            | 41            | 43            |
| Others of EU        | 3,764         | 3,807         | 7,813         | 7,217         | 616           | 911           | 1,217         | 2,044         |
| China               | 2,254         | 3,044         | 4,865         | 5,548         | 770           | 764           | 1,950         | 1,297         |
| Kosovo              | 355           | 458           | 734           | 843           | 939           | 809           | 1,683         | 1,610         |
| FYROM               | 629           | 553           | 1,167         | 1,024         | 271           | 313           | 460           | 519           |
| Russia              | 592           | 684           | 1,217         | 1,442         | 1             | 3             | 8             | 3             |
| USA                 | 587           | 1,210         | 1,258         | 2,214         | 151           | 110           | 220           | 218           |
| Turkey              | 1,988         | 2,633         | 3,854         | 5,062         | 304           | 733           | 714           | 886           |
| Ukraine             | 127           | 243           | 782           | 741           | -             | 1             | -             | 9             |
| Switzerland         | 320           | 2,534         | 588           | 4,081         | 92            | 313           | 295           | 422           |
| Others              | 3,243         | 4,804         | 7,019         | 10,075        | 558           | 601           | 960           | 1,125         |

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

| Group of goods                  | Import        |               |               |               | Export        |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                 | Feb. '13      | Feb. '14      | Jan.-Feb. '13 | Jan.-Feb. '14 | Feb. '13      | Feb. '14      | Jan.-Feb. '13 | Jan.-Feb. '14 |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>33,350</b> | <b>39,032</b> | <b>67,509</b> | <b>73,942</b> | <b>15,876</b> | <b>20,294</b> | <b>34,004</b> | <b>38,163</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 6,487         | 6,025         | 12,407        | 11,747        | 794           | 1,095         | 1,641         | 2,131         |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 4,916         | 7,724         | 12,033        | 14,204        | 5,098         | 6,805         | 12,580        | 12,955        |
| Chemical and plastical products | 4,674         | 4,802         | 8,849         | 8,927         | 213           | 233           | 383           | 423           |
| Leather and leather manuf.      | 590           | 939           | 1,325         | 1,872         | 257           | 247           | 484           | 428           |
| Wood manufct.and art. of paper  | 1,301         | 1,482         | 2,519         | 3,107         | 517           | 794           | 1,018         | 1,538         |
| Textile and footwear            | 3,685         | 4,769         | 7,221         | 9,051         | 5,638         | 7,523         | 11,093        | 13,975        |
| Construct. materials and metals | 4,172         | 5,058         | 8,521         | 9,291         | 2,434         | 2,608         | 5,001         | 4,880         |
| Machinery, equipm. spare parts  | 6,307         | 6,992         | 12,533        | 13,484        | 688           | 716           | 1,262         | 1,298         |
| Others                          | 1,217         | 1,241         | 2,102         | 2,258         | 237           | 274           | 543           | 534           |

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

| Group of goods                  | Italy         | Spain        | Kosovo       | Greece       | Others       |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>24,419</b> | <b>2,872</b> | <b>1,610</b> | <b>1,420</b> | <b>7,843</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 699           | 93           | 146          | 284          | 908          |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 7,169         | 2,500        | 438          | 39           | 2,810        |
| Chemical and plastical products | 178           | 2            | 85           | 43           | 114          |
| Leather and leather manuf.      | 378           | 0            | 2            | 10           | 39           |
| Wood manufct.and art. of paper  | 1,104         | 3            | 64           | 131          | 237          |
| Textile and footwear            | 11,936        | 129          | 3            | 537          | 1,370        |
| Construct. materials and metals | 1,752         | 144          | 717          | 337          | 1,931        |
| Machinery, equipm. spare parts  | 842           | 0            | 114          | 11           | 331          |
| Others                          | 362           | 1            | 41           | 27           | 104          |

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

| Group of goods                  | Italy         | Greece       | China        | Turkey       | Others        |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>21,947</b> | <b>6,069</b> | <b>5,548</b> | <b>5,062</b> | <b>35,316</b> |
| Food, beverages, tobacco        | 2,024         | 1,881        | 80           | 580          | 7,182         |
| Minerals, fuels, electricity    | 3,924         | 810          | 0            | 151          | 9,319         |
| Chemical and plastical products | 1,723         | 874          | 494          | 719          | 5,118         |
| Leather and leather manuf.      | 1,610         | 2            | 85           | 8            | 167           |
| Wood manufct.and art. of paper  | 1,183         | 474          | 157          | 439          | 855           |
| Textile and footwear            | 5,235         | 351          | 1,089        | 1,366        | 1,011         |
| Construct. materials and metals | 2,171         | 1,032        | 1,204        | 941          | 3,943         |
| Machinery, equipm. spare parts  | 3,564         | 480          | 2,001        | 656          | 6,784         |
| Others                          | 513           | 167          | 439          | 202          | 938           |

# 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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