

# Foreign Trade

## May, 2014

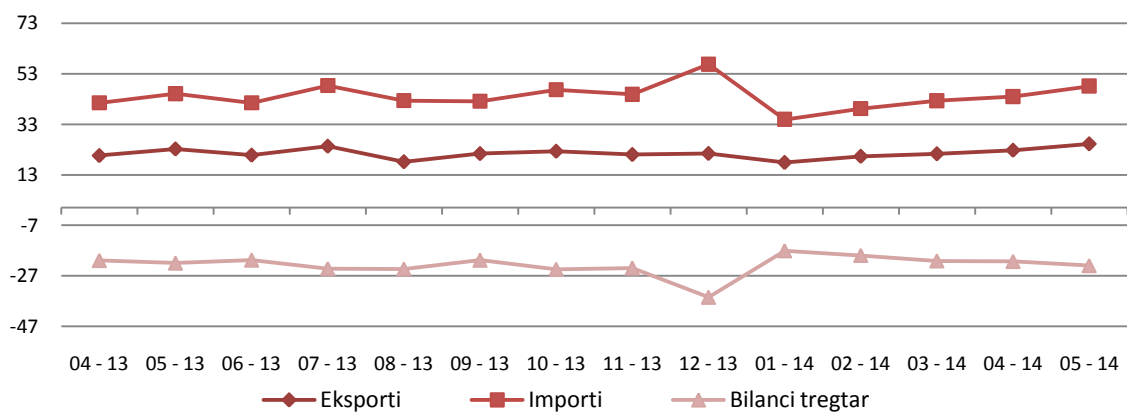
**Tirana, June 30, 2014:** On May 2014 the value of exports was 25 billion lekë, increasing by 8.7 % comparing with May 2013 and 11 % comparing with April 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Construction materials and metals" by 58.7 %, "Textile and footwear" by 24 % and "Chemical and plastical products" by 19.6 %. Export of group "Minerals, fuels and electricity" decreased by 12.6 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

On May 2014 the value of imports was 48 billion lekë, increasing by 6.7 % compared with May 2013 and 8.7 % compared with April 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Leather and leather manufactures" by 31.8 %, "Machinery, equipment and metals" by 15.7 % and "Construction materials and metals" by 14.8 %. Import of group: "Chemical and plastical products" decreased by 10.3 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 23 billion lekë signing an increase by 4.5 % compared with May 2013 and 6.2 % compared with April 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 63.6 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (34.1 %), Greece (8.5 %), Turkey (8.1 %) and China (6.8 %).

**Chart. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, April 2013 – May 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	-16,032	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	-20,898	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	44,879	-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	22,718	44,308	-21,590	51.3
	05 - 14	25,218	48,145	-22,927	52.4

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

	Import				Export			
	May-13	May-14	Jan-May '13	Jan-May '14	May-13	May-14	Jan-May '13	Jan-May '14
<b>Gjithsej</b>	<b>45.131</b>	<b>48.145</b>	<b>192.368</b>	<b>209.027</b>	<b>23.201</b>	<b>25.218</b>	<b>97.106</b>	<b>107.409</b>
<b>Vendet e BE-së</b>	<b>28.509</b>	<b>29.181</b>	<b>127.591</b>	<b>124.591</b>	<b>17.109</b>	<b>17.468</b>	<b>75.088</b>	<b>85.513</b>
Austri	575	598	2.725	2.609	166	193	440	607
Mbretëri e Bashkuar	336	421	1.481	1.989	20	17	158	84
Gjermani	2.473	2.705	11.012	12.432	1.505	461	4.38	2.324
Greqi	3.828	5.457	18.338	21.296	680	756	2.783	3.711
Itali	15.305	13.653	66.439	59.697	10.242	11.37	46.741	59.238
Spanjë	693	707	2.884	3.085	2.421	1.315	13.575	7.718
Kroaci	885	478	3.034	2.16	24	22	142	137
Të tjera të BE-së	4.414	5.161	21.677	21.323	2.051	3.336	6.869	11.693
Kinë	3.012	3.556	12.862	14.208	1.181	1.449	4.817	4.122
Kosovë	572	421	2.371	2.256	1.814	1.611	6.484	6.026
Maqedonia	893	770	3.406	3.033	524	503	1.879	1.858
Rusi	974	1.221	3.238	4.357	22	-	47	3
SHBA	1.246	1.717	4.12	5.983	30	175	325	600
Turqi	2.764	3.557	11.616	14.807	141	2.392	2.581	4.353
Ukrainë	729	375	2.281	1.731	2	1	8	16
Zvicër	214	1.168	1.975	8.842	879	265	1.45	765
Të tjera	6.217	6.179	22.909	29.219	1.499	1.355	4.428	4.153

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

Group of goods	Import				Export			
	May-'13	May-'14	Jan-May '13	Jan-May '14	May-'13	14-May	Jan-May '13	Jan-May '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,131</b>	<b>48,145</b>	<b>192,368</b>	<b>209,027</b>	<b>23,201</b>	<b>25,218</b>	<b>97,106</b>	<b>107,409</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,286	8,282	36,396	35,008	1,394	1,481	4,949	5,886
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,469	7,828	33,666	36,798	11,135	9,735	40,147	38,739
Chemical and plastical products	7,270	6,523	27,358	27,339	281	337	1,087	1,354
Leather and leather manuf.	1,234	1,626	4,240	5,649	277	326	1,401	1,302
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,994	1,982	7,228	8,386	525	607	2,525	3,715
Textile and footwear	5,257	5,986	20,671	25,349	5,633	6,984	27,787	35,886
Construct. materials and metals	5,000	5,743	22,495	26,580	2,808	4,458	14,341	15,198
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	7,242	8,379	34,735	36,979	764	788	3,245	3,497
Others	1,379	1,796	5,579	6,938	383	502	1,624	1,832

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

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,238</b>	<b>7,718</b>	<b>6,026</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>30,074</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,778	218	564	72	3,254
Minerals, fuels, electricity	14,456	6,831	1,898	880	14,674
Chemical and plastical products	430	3	360	75	486
Leather and leather manuf.	1,097	16	3	60	126
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,577	4	205	43	887
Textile and footwear	30,287	282	17	13	5,287
Construct. materials and metals	5,034	360	2,531	3,181	4,093
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	2,555	0	268	14	660
Others	1,026	4	181	15	607

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

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	Turkey	China	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,697</b>	<b>21,296</b>	<b>14,807</b>	<b>14,208</b>	<b>99,019</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,788	5,473	1,856	236	21,656
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,763	6,339	339	1	22,356
Chemical and plastical products	5,255	2,796	2,268	1,302	15,718
Leather and leather manuf.	4,904	6	37	245	458
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,159	1,138	1,212	419	2,457
Textile and footwear	14,512	1,037	3,792	2,892	3,116
Construct. materials and metals	6,297	2,916	2,922	3,012	11,434
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	10,462	1,163	1,737	4,881	18,737
Others	1,557	429	643	1,220	3,088

# 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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