

# External Trade

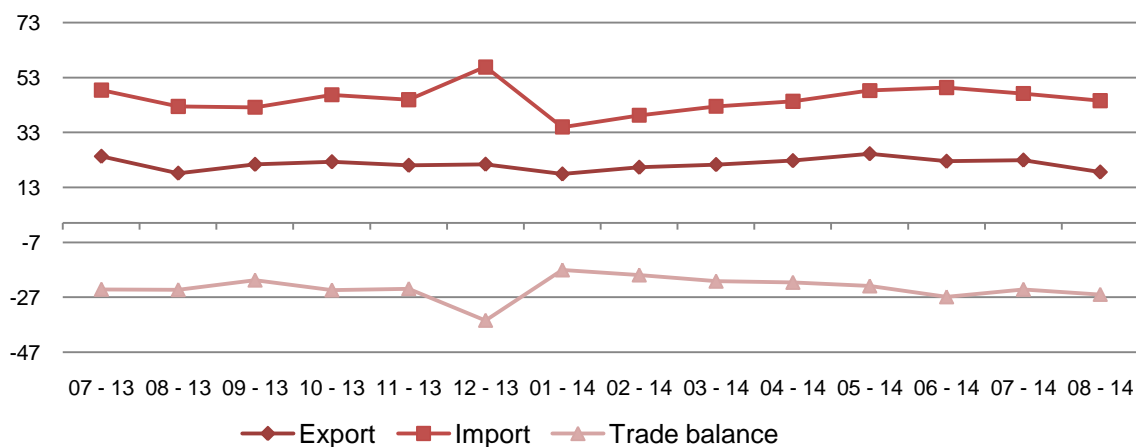
## August, 2014

**Tirana, September 29, 2014:** On August 2014 the value of exports was 19 billion lekë, increasing by 2.3 % comparing with August 2013 and decreasing 18.9 % comparing with July 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Machineries, equipments and spare parts " by 34.0 %, "Textile and footwear" by 23.6 % and "Construction materials and metals" by 20.6 %. Export of group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" decreased by 15.5 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

On August 2014 the value of imports was 45 billion lekë, increasing by 5.1% compared with August 2013 and decreased 5.5 % compared with July 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Leather and leather manufactures" by 29.9 %, "Textile and footwear" by 12.8% and "Minerals, fuels, electricity" by 12.5 %. Import of group: "Wood manufactures and articles of paper" decreased by 13.5 %, compare with the same period of the previous year. This month the trade deficit is 26 billion lekë signing an increase by 7.1 % compared with August 2013 and decreasing 7.2 % compared with July 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 64.2% of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (29.5 %), Greece (9.3 %), China (6.7 %) and Germany (6.7 %).

**Chart. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, July 2013 – August 2014 (billion lekë)**



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	-347,108	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	-16,031	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	-20,899	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	21,008	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	42,479	-21,178	50.1
	04 - 14	22,720	44,309	-21,589	51.3
	05 - 14	25,318	48,235	-22,917	52.5
	06 - 14	22,483	49,350	-26,867	45.6
	07 - 14	22,911	47,152	-24,241	48.6
	08 - 14	18,575	44,551	-25,976	41.7

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

	Import				Export			
	August 2013	August 2014	Jan.- Aug '13	Jan.- Aug '14	August 2013	August 2014	Jan.- Aug '13	Jan.- Aug '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,403</b>	<b>44,551</b>	<b>324,653</b>	<b>350,189</b>	<b>18,155</b>	<b>18,575</b>	<b>160,310</b>	<b>171,480</b>
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>25,472</b>	<b>26,502</b>	<b>212,018</b>	<b>211,316</b>	<b>13,843</b>	<b>14,026</b>	<b>123,338</b>	<b>134,551</b>
Austria	589	511	4,232	4,081	156	99	836	1,043
United Kingdom	319	479	2,480	3,384	12	60	211	176
Germany	2,405	2,770	18,739	20,838	1,935	1,434	7,302	4,919
Greece	4,110	5,330	30,954	35,193	593	560	5,069	5,881
Italy	11,868	11,168	109,858	101,505	6,502	7,463	73,985	88,643
Spain	784	665	5,245	5,349	1,457	1,492	18,954	12,096
Croatia	390	494	4,332	4,334	19	20	257	206
Others of EU	5,008	5,085	36,178	36,704	3,168	2,899	16,723	21,586
China	3,259	3,600	21,574	24,532	1,039	607	7,786	6,825
Kosovo	508	522	3,859	3,835	1,516	1,577	11,194	10,889
Macedonia	688	669	5,578	5,127	396	559	3,050	3,339
Russia	723	1,115	5,705	7,752	8	41	180	50
USA	1,635	1,018	7,451	10,438	98	237	553	919
Turkey	2,721	2,772	20,121	24,562	370	523	3,843	6,582
Ukraine	107	479	2,949	2,722	4	2	12	19
Switzerland	491	1,752	3,086	12,440	229	27	3,348	1,095
Others	6,800	6,122	42,311	47,393	653	976	7,005	7,214

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

Group of goods	Import				Export			
	August 2013	August 2014	Jan.- Aug '13	Jan.- Aug '14	August 2013	August 2014	Jan.- Aug '13	Jan.- Aug '14
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,403</b>	<b>44,551</b>	<b>324,653</b>	<b>350,189</b>	<b>18,155</b>	<b>18,575</b>	<b>160,310</b>	<b>171,480</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	8,700	8,557	60,816	60,336	1,053	1,013	8,593	9,532
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,398	9,446	57,002	60,595	8,908	7,529	67,316	61,890
Chemical and plastical products	5,654	6,087	46,248	47,810	227	273	1,875	2,256
Leather and leather manuf.	547	711	7,166	9,510	167	148	2,149	1,994
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	2,157	1,866	13,082	14,603	506	585	4,553	5,715
Textile and footwear	3,146	3,548	33,585	40,113	4,405	5,446	45,655	57,184
Construct. materials and metals	5,703	5,457	39,950	43,675	2,158	2,602	21,808	24,196
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	6,858	7,597	57,395	62,140	412	551	5,599	5,443
Others	1,240	1,282	9,410	11,407	319	426	2,761	3,270

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

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	China	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,643</b>	<b>12,096</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>53,028</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,044	327	1,079	0	5,082
Minerals, fuels, electricity	18,156	10,312	3,697	6,764	22,961
Chemical and plastical products	731	5	596	41	883
Leather and leather manuf.	1,661	36	4	0	294
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	4,035	6	344	0	1,330
Textile and footwear	48,122	630	48	0	8,384
Construct. materials and metals	7,397	776	4,370	0	11,652
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	3,840	0	399	15	1,188
Others	1,656	4	353	3	1,254

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

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	Turkey	China	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,505</b>	<b>35,193</b>	<b>24,562</b>	<b>24,532</b>	<b>164,397</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	9,641	9,159	2,987	369	38,180
Minerals, fuels, electricity	15,665	10,523	482	7	33,918
Chemical and plastical products	9,541	4,803	3,933	2,245	27,288
Leather and leather manuf.	7,960	40	89	412	1,010
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	5,125	1,973	1,990	750	4,766
Textile and footwear	22,697	1,580	6,305	4,626	4,905
Construct. materials and metals	10,697	4,640	4,799	5,749	17,791
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	17,438	1,745	2,836	8,201	31,920
Others	2,742	731	1,140	2,174	4,620

# 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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