

External Trade

December, 2014

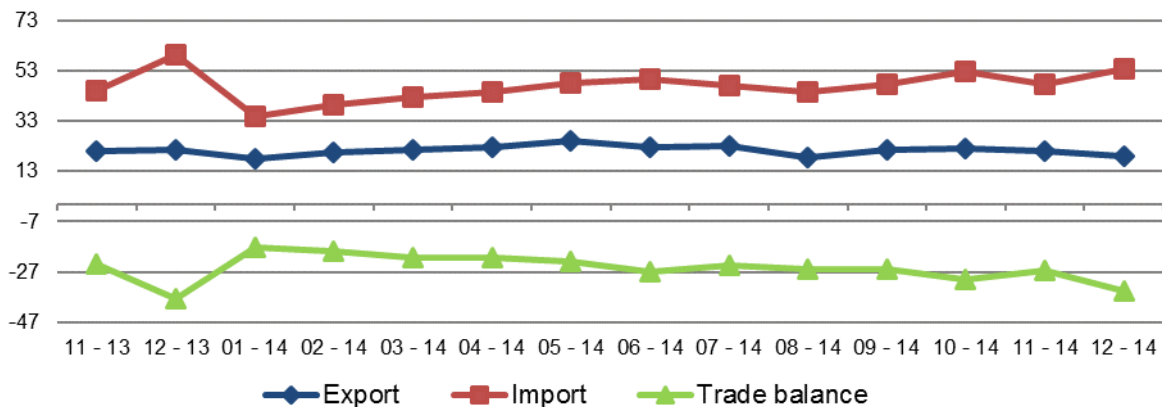
Tirana, January 28, 2015: On December 2014 the value of exports was 19 billion lekë, decreasing by 10.5 % comparing with December 2013 and 10.4 % comparing with November 2014. The main group of goods decreasing compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” by 29.6 %, “Construction materials and metals” by 26.1 % and “Wood manufactures and article of paper” by 19.9 %. Exports of groups: “Machineries, equipments and spare parts”, “Chemical and plastical products” and “Leather and leather manufactures” increased respectively by 89.7 %, 30.9 % and 28.7 % compare with the same period of the previous year.

On December 2014 the value of imports was 54 billion lekë, decreasing by 8.8 % compared with December 2013 and increasing by 12.0 % compared with November 2014. The main groups of goods decreasing compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” by 29.9 %, “Machineries, equipments and spare parts” by 20.5 % and “Food, beverages, tobacco” by 10.9 %. Imports of groups: “Wood manufactures and article of paper”, “Chemical and plastical products” and “Construction materials and metals” increased respectively by 21.7 %, 17.7 % and 9.8 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 35 billion lekë signing an decrease by 7.9 % compared with December 2013 and increasing 29.8 % compared with November 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 65.1 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.9 %), Turkey (7.0 %), China (6.8 %) and Greece (6.5 %).

Fig. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, November 2013 – December 2014 (billionALL)



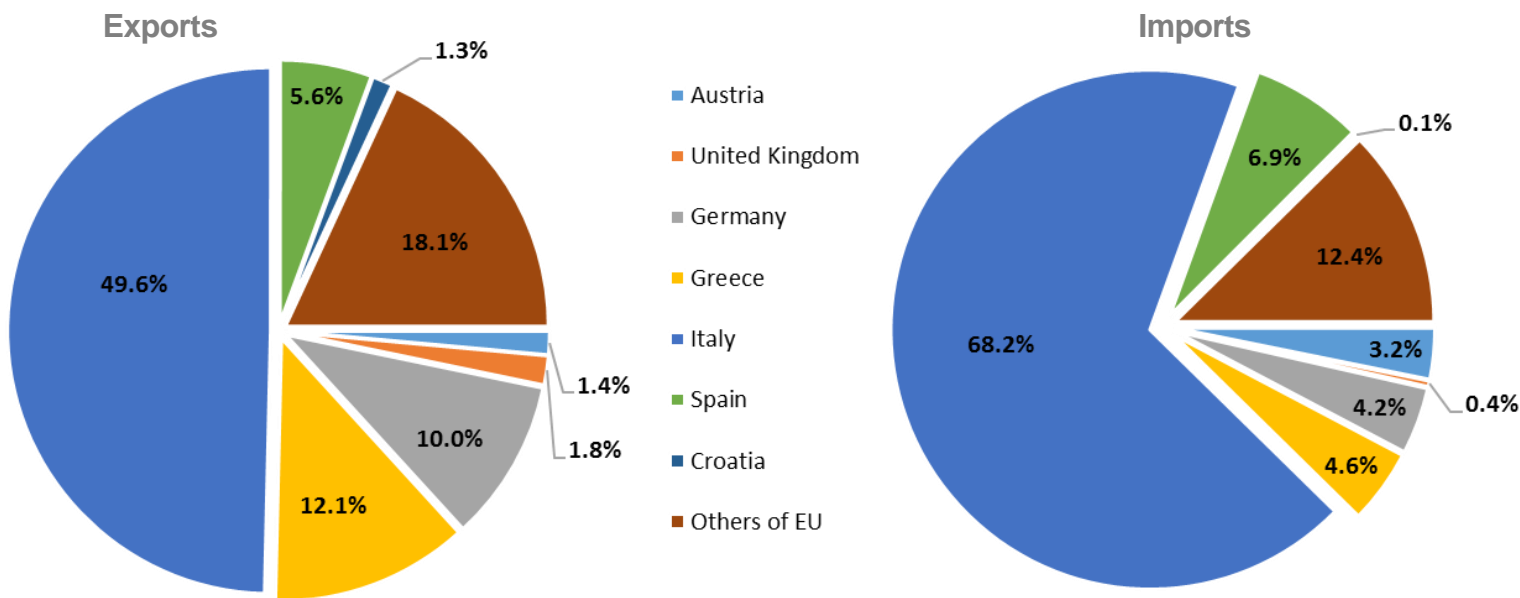
Tab. 1 Flow of goods in foreign trade (million ALL)

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		255,634	551,982	-296,348	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	34,921	-17,052	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,890	51.8
	03 - 14	21,302	42,479	-21,177	50.1
	04 - 14	22,720	44,308	-21,588	51.3
	05 - 14	25,318	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	52,423	-30,154	42.5
	11 - 14	21,380	48,079	-26,699	44.5
	12 - 14	19,165	53,825	-34,660	35.6

Tab.2 Foreign trade by countries (million ALL)

	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-13	Dec-14	Jan-Dec. 2013	Jan.-Dec. 2014	Dec-13	Dec-14	Jan.-Dec. 2013	Jan.-Dec. 2014
EU countries	15,516	13,985	189,037	197,807	38,697	33,546	332,876	337,362
Austria	150	444	1,253	1,962	615	485	6,185	6,409
United Kingdom	19	51	1,45	441	640	605	4,154	5,501
Germany	366	582	9,461	7,091	3,247	3,346	30,007	32,966
Greece	728	649	7,776	8,847	3,943	4,074	45,699	52,044
Italy	11,148	9,54	114,153	133,038	17,022	16,653	170,438	164,399
Spain	1,15	970	24,088	16,684	702	1,892	8,026	9,546
Croatia	32	19	380	342	557	424	5,818	6,144
Others of EU	1,922	1,73	30,476	29,528	11,972	6,068	62,549	60,353
China	1,137	590	11,455	8,738	3,841	4,402	34,983	40,321
Kosovo	927	1,945	16,292	18,774	564	574	6,013	5,975
Macedonia	247	339	4,397	5,3	754	795	8,606	8,344
Russia	0	65	197	457	1,21	840	10,14	11,615
USA	102	156	1,129	1,464	1,778	716	12,444	13,344
Turkey	2,119	1,061	9,223	10,094	3,388	4,061	32,89	38,985
Ukraine	-	-	31	19	343	356	4,544	3,7
Switzerland	295	285	4,361	1,937	1,297	1,188	8,177	16,855
Others	1,068	740	10,269	10,919	7,173	7,348	66,705	75,482
Total	21,411	19,165	246,391	255,634	59,045	53,825	517,378	551,982

Fig.2 External Trade in December 2014 by EU countries



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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-13	Dec-14	Jan.-Dec. 2013	Jan.-Dec. 2014	Dec-13	Dec-14	Jan.-Dec. 2013	Jan.-Dec. 2014
Total	21,411	19,165	246,391	255,634	59,045	53,825	517,378	551,982
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,265	1,461	14,651	16,747	9,559	8,513	93,424	93,858
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,23	5,791	99,418	85,885	10,385	7,282	92,657	90,211
Chemical and plastical products	216	283	2,887	3,392	5,504	6,48	68,255	72,899
Leather and leather manuf.	197	254	3,195	3,077	1,206	1,293	11,395	14,32
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	848	679	8	9,181	1,723	2,097	20,3	22,92
Textile and footwear	5,563	6,457	69,367	85,927	5,502	5,679	54,13	62,995
Construct. materials and metals	3,976	2,938	36,191	37,064	5,944	6,528	63,323	70,69
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	471	894	8,246	9,158	17,221	13,694	98,519	105,668
Others	645	409	4,436	5,203	2,001	2,258	15,374	18,421

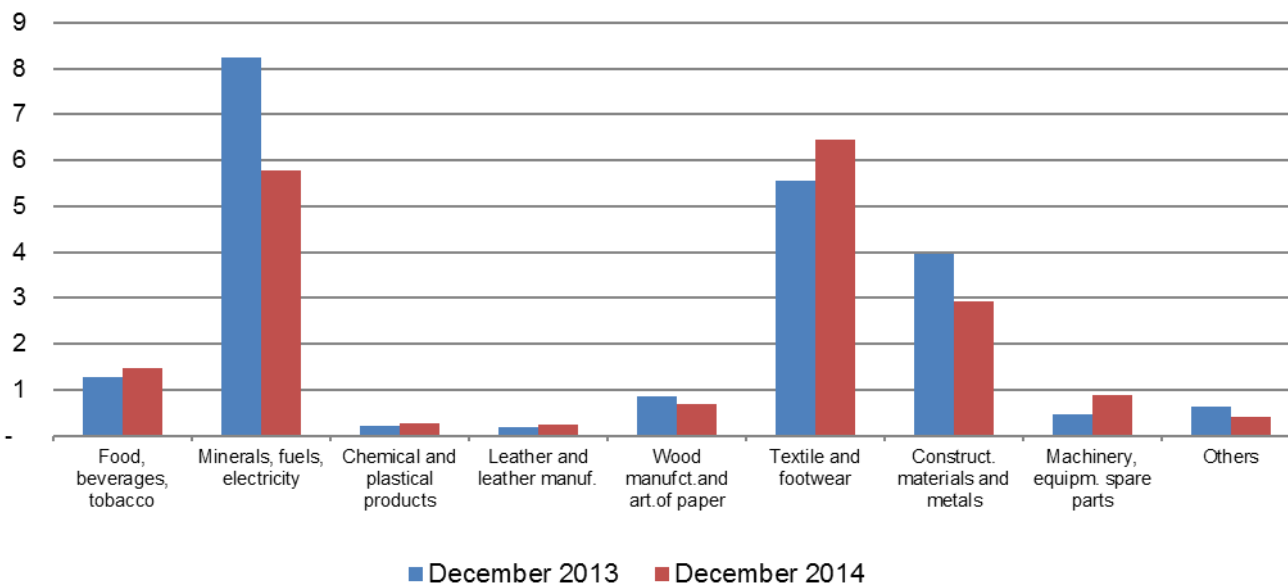
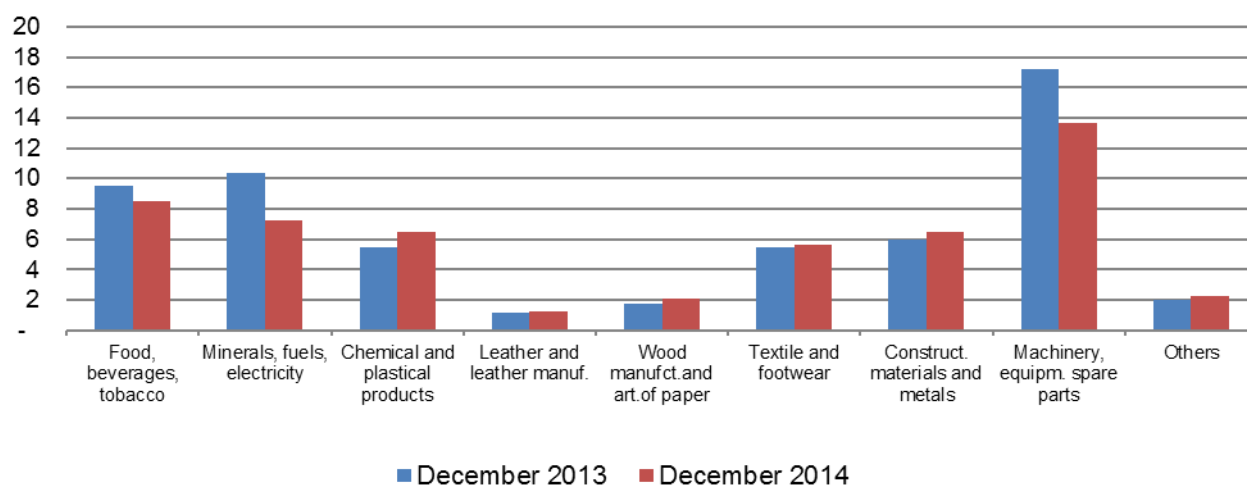
Fig.3 Export - Foreign trade by group of goods (Billion ALL)

Fig.4 Import - Foreign trade by group of goods (Billion ALL)



Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners, January – December 2014 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	Kosovo	Spain	Turkey	Others
Total	133,038	18,774	16,684	10,094	77,043
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,759	1,507	454	403	8,624
Minerals, fuels, electricity	25,589	7,849	14,125	1,091	37,230
Chemical and plastical products	1,229	878	17	186	1,082
Leather and leather manuf.	2,573	4	48	126	326
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	6,638	448	7	64	2,024
Textile and footwear	71,604	97	1,099	38	13,089
Construct. materials and metals	11,261	6,794	918	7,709	10,382
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	5,837	581	1	423	2,316
Others	2,549	616	15	54	1,969

Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners, January – December 2014 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	China	Turkey	Others
Total	164,399	52,044	40,321	38,985	256,233
Food, beverages, tobacco	15,170	13,914	555	4,485	59,734
Minerals, fuels, electricity	29,289	14,126	12	662	46,122
Chemical and plastical products	15,033	7,298	3,795	6,020	40,753
Leather and leather manuf.	11,835	70	618	177	1,620
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	8,341	2,908	1,094	2,978	7,600
Textile and footwear	34,614	2,344	7,797	10,258	7,983
Construct. materials and metals	17,661	7,381	9,138	7,510	29,000
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	28,002	2,837	13,713	5,192	55,924
Others	4,455	1,166	3,599	1,704	7,497

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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