

# External Trade

## January, 2015

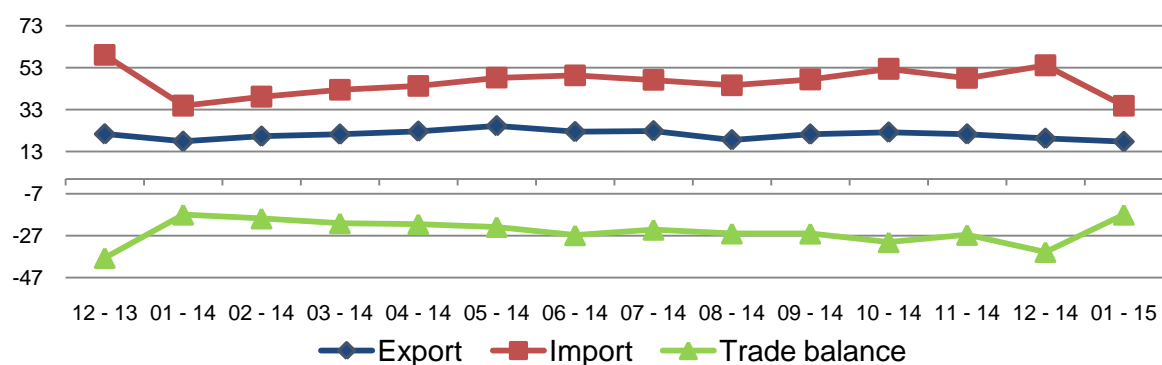
**Tirana, February 27, 2015:** On January 2015 the value of exports was 18 billion lekë, decreasing by 0.6 % comparing with January 2014 and 8.0 % comparing with December 2014. The main group of goods increasing, according to the weight that occupied each group in total exports, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Textile and footwear" by 14.2 %, "Construction materials and metals" by 38.9 % and "Food, beverages, tobacco" by 7.6%. Exports of group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity", "Wood manufactures and article of paper" and "Leather and leather manufactures", according to the weight that occupied each group in total exports , decreased respectively by 40.7 %, 11.9 % and 7.1 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

On January 2015 the value of imports was 35 billion lekë, decreasing by 0.6 % compared with January 2014 and 35.6 % compared with December 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, according to the weight that occupied each group in total imports, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" by 7.4 %, "Food, beverages, tobacco" by 11.0 % and "Chemical and plastical products" by 20.5 %. Imports of group: "Minerals, fuels, electricity", "Wood manufactures and article of paper" and "Leather and leather manufactures", according to the weight that occupied each group in total imports, decreased respectively by 34.1 %, 25.6 % and 7.6 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 17 billion lekë signing an increase by 0.3 % compared with January 2014 and decreasing 50.9 % compared with December 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 61.8 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.2 %), Turkey (7.9 %), China (7.8 %) and Greece (6.2 %).

**Fig.1 Flow of goods in external trade, December 2013– January 2015 (billionALL)**



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

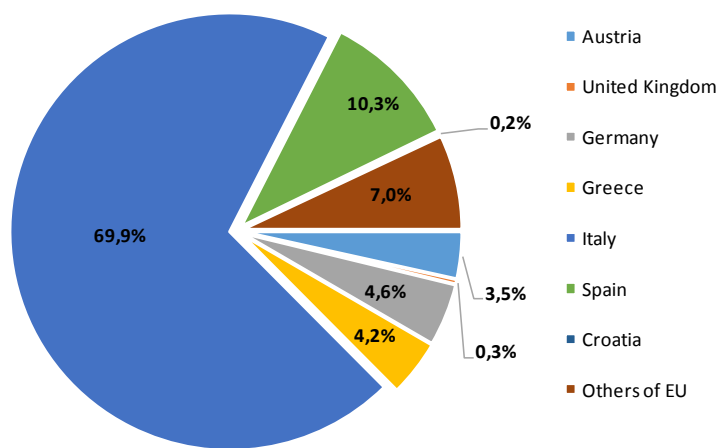
Years	Months	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37,037	157,109	-120,072	23.6
2001		44,096	190,155	-146,059	23.2
2002		47,490	210,368	-162,877	22.6
2003		54,487	225,983	-171,496	24.1
2004		62,121	236,072	-173,951	26.3
2005		65,818	262,191	-196,373	25.1
2006		77,405	299,147	-221,742	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		255,759	552,263	-296,504	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	42,478	-21,177	50.1
	04 - 14	22,720	44,308	-21,588	51.3
	05 - 14	25,317	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	48,080	-26,700	44.5
	12 - 14	19,290	54,104	-34,814	35.7
2015	01 - 15	17,754	34,851	-17,097	50.9

**Tab.2 Foreign trade by countries (million ALL)**

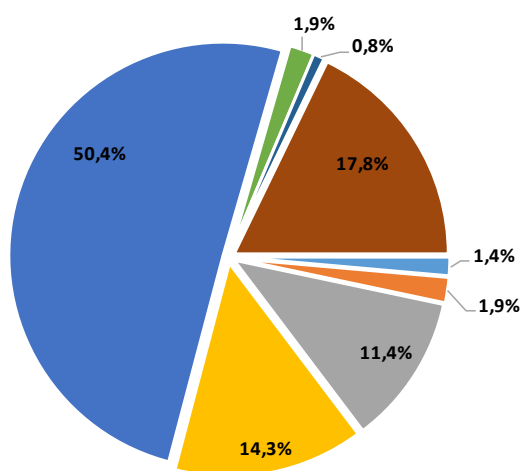
	Export		Import	
	January 2014	January 2015	January 2014	January 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>15,428</b>	<b>13,713</b>	<b>20,045</b>	<b>18,775</b>
Austria	139	476	409	264
United Kingdom	18	45	331	361
Germany	504	631	2,016	2,143
Greece	596	572	2,809	2,693
Italy	11,748	9,588	10,445	9,457
Spain	1,267	1,411	388	351
Croatia	23	29	236	156
Others of EU	1,133	962	3,411	3,350
China	533	574	2,504	3,529
Kosovo	801	773	385	338
Macedonia	206	186	472	451
Russia	0	-	758	1,003
USA	108	204	1,004	818
Turkey	153	1,321	2,439	2,814
Ukraine	8	3	498	411
Switzerland	109	29	1,548	1,144
Others	522	951	5,270	5,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,869</b>	<b>17,754</b>	<b>34,922</b>	<b>34,851</b>

**Fig.2 External Trade in January 2015 by EU countries**

**Exports**



**Imports**



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

Group of goods	Export		Import	
	January 2014	January 2015	January 2014	January 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,869</b>	<b>17,754</b>	<b>34,922</b>	<b>34,851</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,036	1,115	5,724	6,355
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,151	3,646	6,480	4,273
Chemical and plastical products	190	244	4,125	4,972
Leather and leather manuf.	181	169	933	862
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	744	655	1,625	1,209
Textile and footwear	6,452	7,368	4,282	4,383
Construct. materials and metals	2,273	3,156	4,242	4,779
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	583	1,041	6,492	6,971
Others	260	361	1,017	1,046

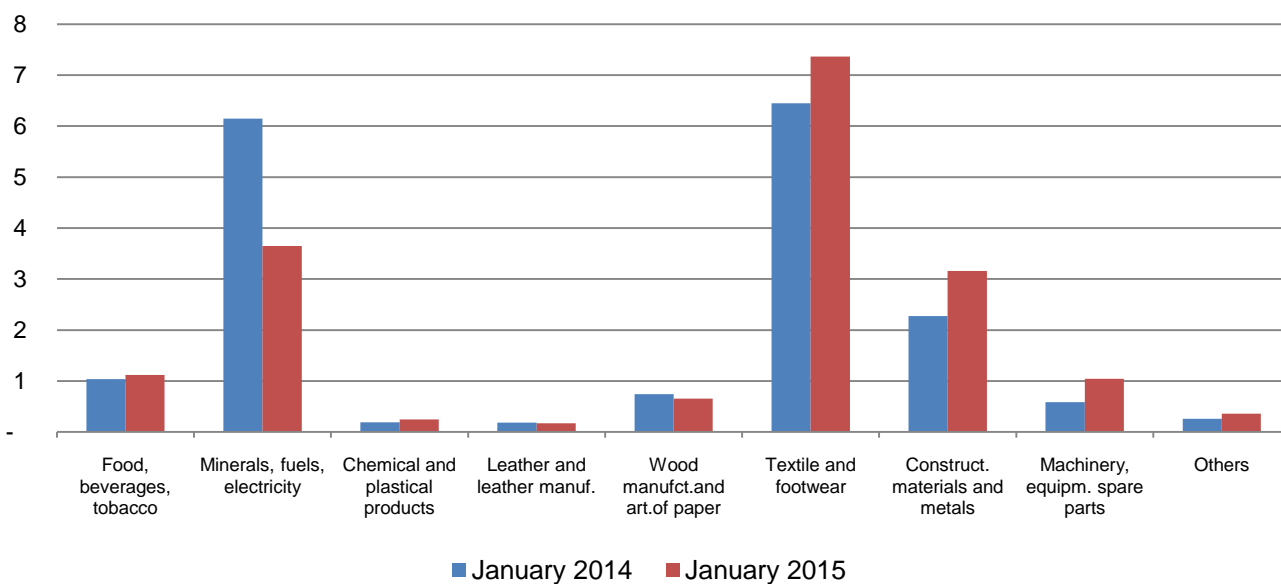
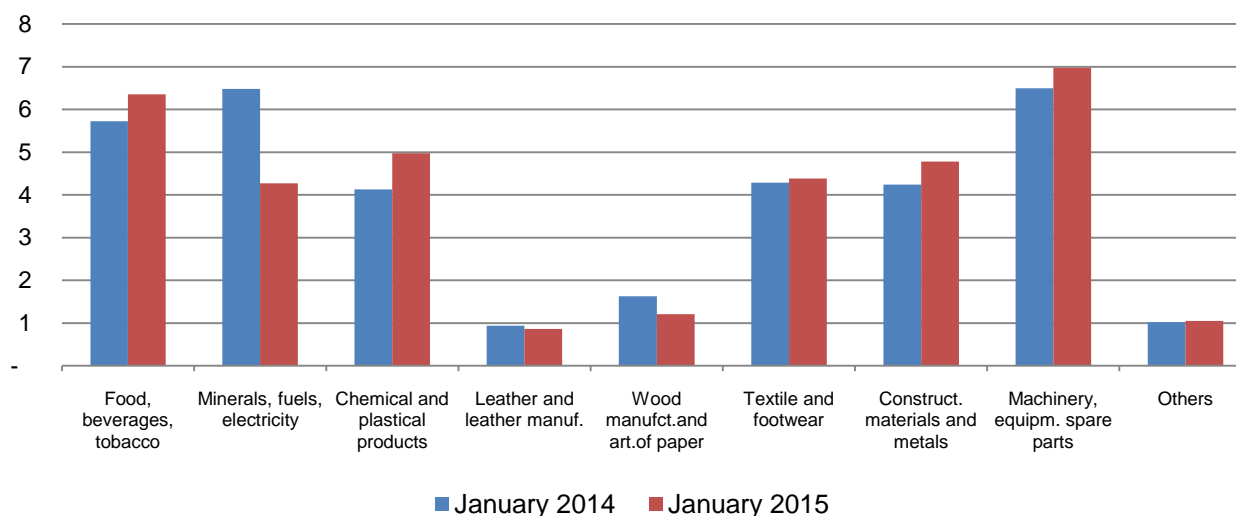
**Fig.3 Export - Foreign trade by group of goods (Billion ALL)**

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



Tab. 4 Exports of group of goods and main partners, January 2015 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Turkey	Kosovo	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,588</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>4,662</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	439	56	13	72	534
Minerals, fuels, electricity	540	1,186	204	479	1,237
Chemical and plastic products	71	0	14	34	125
Leather and leather manufacturing	160	-	3	-	6
Wood manufacturing and art of paper	528	-	3	17	107
Textile and footwear	6,128	79	1	3	1,156
Construct. materials and metals	1,039	90	1,077	96	855
Machinery, equipment, spare parts	471	-	6	26	538
Others	210	-	-	46	104

Tab. 5 Imports of group of goods and main partners, January 2015 (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy	China	Turkey	Greece	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,457</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>16,360</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,138	82	250	912	3,974
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,044	0	54	417	2,758
Chemical and plastic products	762	368	388	372	3,081
Leather and leather manufacturing	721	32	21	1	87
Wood manufacturing and art of paper	484	69	84	162	411
Textile and footwear	2,430	479	805	177	492
Construct. materials and metals	1,183	672	842	419	1,663
Machinery, equipment, spare parts	1,461	1,537	236	147	3,591
Others	234	288	133	87	304

# 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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