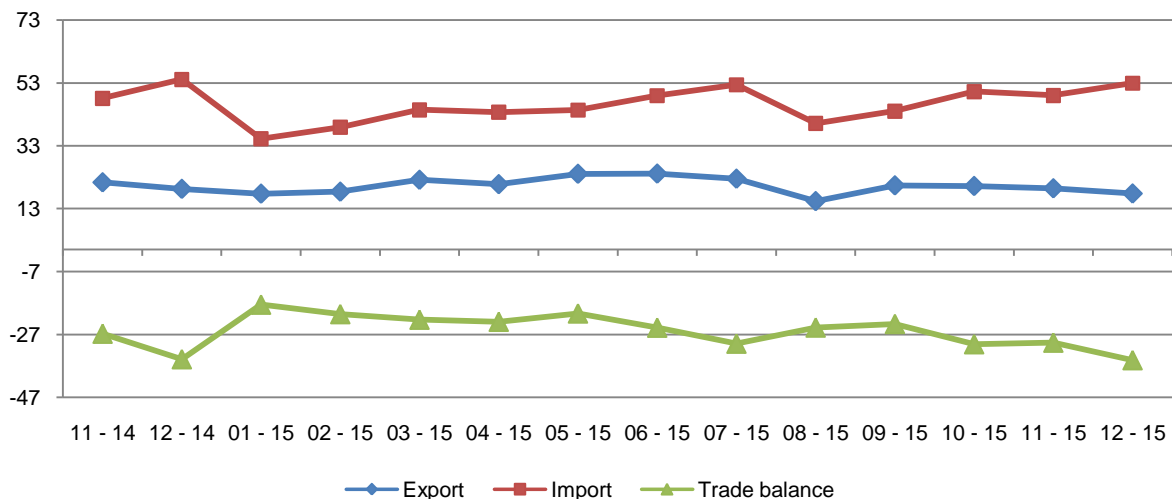


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## December, 2015

**Tirana, January 28, 2016:** On December 2015 the value of exports was 18 billion lekë, decreasing by 7.7 % compared with December 2014 and 8.5 % compared with November 2015. The value of imports in December 2015, was 53 billion lekë, decreasing by 2.2 % compared with December 2014 and increasing by 8.0 % compared with November 2015. This month the trade deficit is 35 billion lekë signing an increase by 0.9 % compared with December 2014 and 18.9 % compared with November 2015.

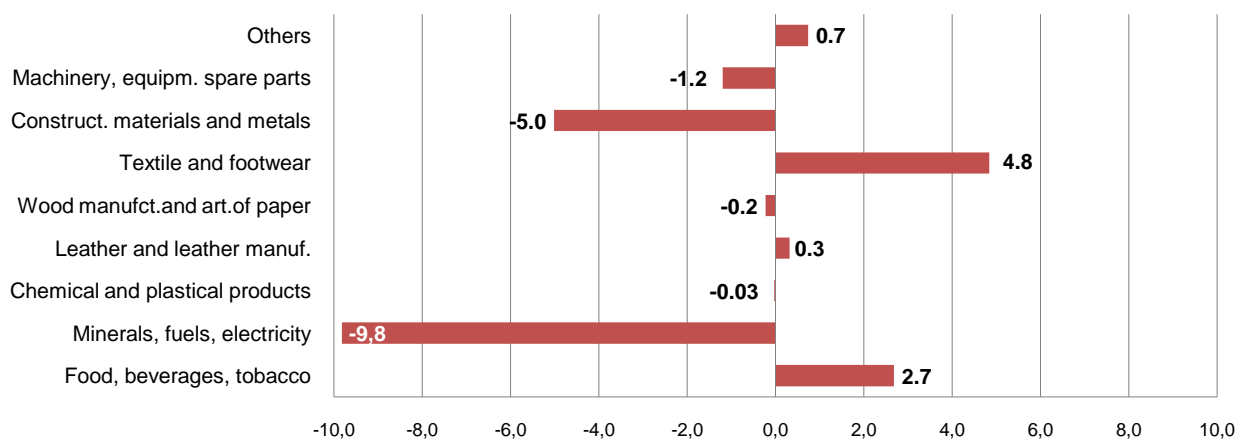
**Fig.1 Flow of goods, November 2014– December 2015 (billionALL)**



### The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual decrease of exports by 7.7 % this month a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -9.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -5.0 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -1.2 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with +4.8 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +2.7 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufacture" with +0.3 percentage point.

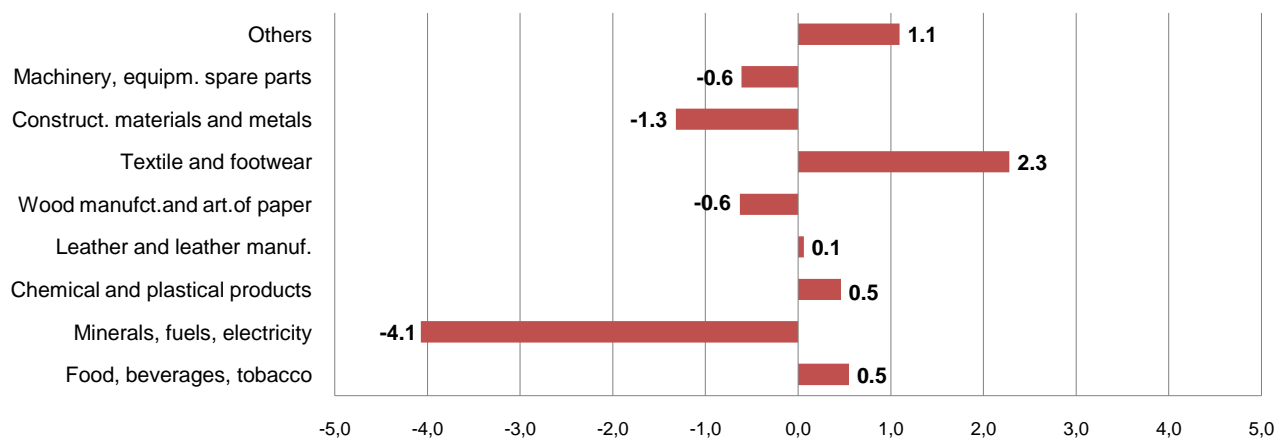
**Fig.2 Annual impact of groups in exports**



**The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:**

In annual decrease of imports by 2.2 % in December 2015 a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.1 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.3 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.6 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with +2.3 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.5 percentage point and “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.5 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in imports**

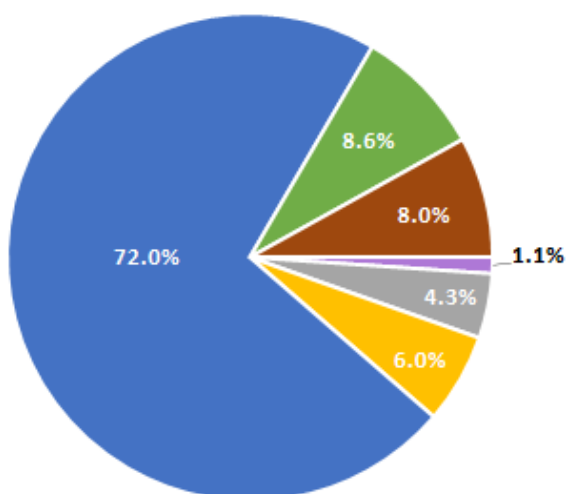


In December 2015, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to December 2014 are: Italy with 7.9 %, Spain with 26.3 % and Greece with 32.2 %. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo with 29.6 %, Germany with 11.9 % and China with 25.4 %.

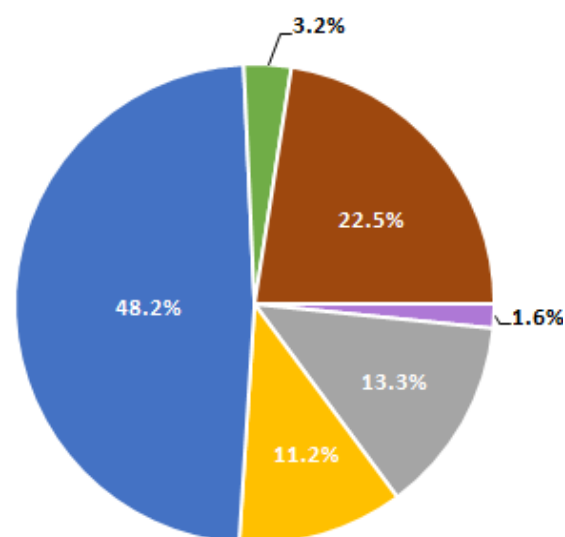
In December 2015, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to December 2014 are: Turkey with 22.9 %, China with 5.5 % and Germany with 30.0 %. While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy with 4.9 %, Greece with 10.2 % and Spain with 45.9 %.

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, December 2015**

**Exports**



**Imports**



Trade with the EU countries is 66.6 % of total trade. In December 2015, exports to EU countries occupied 80.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.0 % of total import.

The main trade partners remain Italy (36.9 %), Turkey (7.4 %), China (7.2%) and Germany (7.0 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (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	-162,878	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		246,397	517,378	-270,981	47.6
2014		255,759	552,279	-296,520	46.3
2015		243,172	544,357	-301,185	44.7
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	22,308	46,679	-24,371	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	34,922	-17,053	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,889	51.8
	03 - 14	21,302	42,478	-21,176	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	-26,019	41.7
	09 - 14	21,324	47,402	-26,078	45.0
	10 - 14	22,269	52,436	-30,167	42.5
	11 - 14	21,380	48,080	-26,700	44.5
	12 - 14	19,290	54,108	-34,818	35.7
2015	01 - 15	17,763	35,245	-17,482	50.4
	02 - 15	18,392	38,889	-20,497	47.3
	03 - 15	22,179	44,437	-22,258	49.9
	04 - 15	20,783	43,696	-22,913	47.6
	05 - 15	24,098	44,382	-20,284	54.3
	06 - 15	24,158	48,952	-24,794	49.4
	07 - 15	22,540	52,410	-29,870	43.0
	08 - 15	15,376	40,126	-24,750	38.3
	09 - 15	20,403	44,027	-23,624	46.3
	10 - 15	20,204	50,249	-30,045	40.2
	11 - 15	19,468	49,017	-29,549	39.7
	12 - 15	17,806	52,927	-35,121	33.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-14	Dec-15	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015	Dec-14	Dec-15	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>14,303</b>	<b>198,060</b>	<b>183,012</b>	<b>33,603</b>	<b>32,829</b>	<b>337,435</b>	<b>335,941</b>
Austria	444	153	1,962	2,976	485	528	6,408	7,308
United Kingdom	51	9	442	454	605	523	5,500	5,035
Germany	699	615	7,209	7,568	3,347	4,350	32,964	36,342
Greece	649	858	8,848	9,511	4,086	3,671	52,058	42,718
Italy	9,548	10,300	133,046	123,696	16,654	15,835	164,412	164,953
Spain	970	1,225	16,684	12,607	1,933	1,047	9,588	8,677
Croatia	19	37	342	488	424	500	6,144	7,451
Others of EU	1,730	1,105	29,527	25,713	6,069	6,376	60,361	63,458
China	590	440	8,738	6,570	4,413	4,653	40,335	46,559
Kosovo	1,945	1,368	18,774	20,920	574	423	5,976	5,483
Macedonia	339	338	5,301	6,414	794	852	8,349	8,578
Russia	65	2	457	52	904	1,070	11,680	12,027
USA	156	133	1,463	2,144	718	800	13,344	8,595
Turkey	1,061	205	10,094	6,943	4,087	5,021	39,011	43,707
Ukraine	-	5	19	171	430	326	3,774	3,561
Switzerland	285	14	1,937	2,405	1,191	817	16,858	8,264
Others	740	998	10,917	14,541	7,394	6,135	75,518	71,641
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,290</b>	<b>17,806</b>	<b>255,759</b>	<b>243,172</b>	<b>54,108</b>	<b>52,927</b>	<b>552,279</b>	<b>544,357</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Dec-14	Dec-15	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015	Dec-14	Dec-15	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,290</b>	<b>17,806</b>	<b>255,759</b>	<b>243,172</b>	<b>54,108</b>	<b>52,927</b>	<b>552,279</b>	<b>544,357</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,461	1,978	16,747	21,065	8,625	8,922	93,971	96,799
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,791	3,897	85,884	64,505	7,296	5,094	90,225	60,145
Chemical and plastical products	284	279	3,394	3,961	6,500	6,749	72,919	74,887
Leather and leather manuf.	254	315	3,076	2,897	1,294	1,327	14,320	15,916
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	679	636	9,181	8,336	2,098	1,758	22,922	21,736
Textile and footwear	6,466	7,400	85,936	90,084	5,684	6,918	63,003	69,300
Construct. materials and metals	2,977	2,010	37,103	35,279	6,638	5,924	70,805	67,466
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	970	740	9,235	10,789	13,715	13,384	105,692	117,263
Others	409	551	5,204	6,255	2,259	2,852	18,421	20,845

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

Group of goods	Italy	Kosovo	Spain	Greece	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,696</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>12,607</b>	<b>9,511</b>	<b>76,438</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,883	2,300	641	2,187	9,053
Minerals, fuels, electricity	12,281	8,558	9,822	703	33,141
Chemical and plastical products	1,227	1,130	2	340	1,262
Leather and leather manuf.	2,586	2	19	28	262
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	6,320	317	7	810	883
Textile and footwear	72,728	81	1,655	3,823	11,796
Construct. materials and metals	12,941	6,834	450	1,252	13,802
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	6,036	565	4	68	4,117
Others	2,694	1,133	7	299	2,123

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

Group of goods	Italy	China	Turkey	Greece	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,953</b>	<b>46,559</b>	<b>43,707</b>	<b>42,718</b>	<b>246,419</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	17,105	579	4,213	13,090	61,812
Minerals, fuels, electricity	25,919	45	842	6,298	27,041
Chemical and plastical products	15,028	3,928	6,052	7,067	42,812
Leather and leather manuf.	12,556	783	268	95	2,213
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	6,940	837	2,757	2,579	8,623
Textile and footwear	35,309	9,053	12,495	3,023	9,420
Construct. materials and metals	18,656	8,552	8,386	6,369	25,503
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	28,098	18,832	6,663	2,824	60,846
Others	5,342	3,949	2,030	1,374	8,149

# DEFINITIONS

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

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.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to a resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

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## **Explanation of Symbols**

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