

External Trade

March, 2014

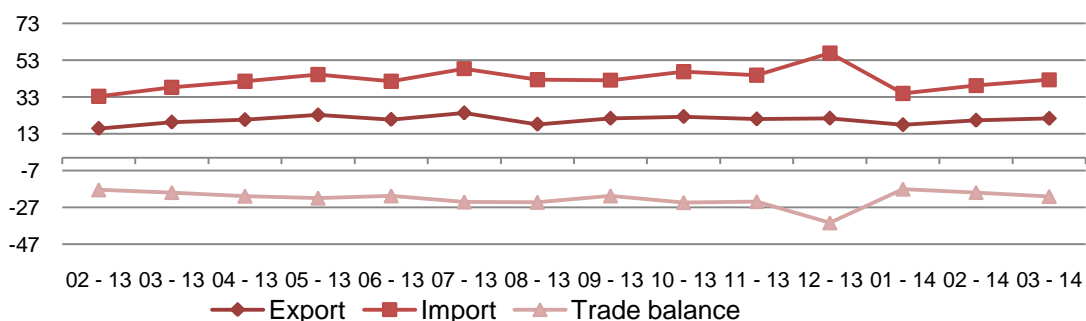
Tirana, April 28, 2014: On March 2014 the value of exports was 21 billion lekë, increasing by 10.3 % comparing with March 2013 and 4.9% comparing with February 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Wood manufactures and article of paper” by 74.5 %, “Chemical and plastical products” by 48.9 % and “Textile and footwear” by 41.3 %. Export of group “Leather and leather manufacture” decreased by 15 %, compare with the same period of the previous year.

On March 2014 the value of imports was 42 billion lekë, increasing by 10.7% compared with March 2013 and 8 % compared with February 2014. The main groups of goods increasing, compare with the same period of the previous year, were: “Textile and footwear” by 26.2%, “Wood manufactures and article of paper” by 21% and “Construction materials and metals” by 18.2%. Import of group: “Chemical and plastical products” decreased by 2.7%, compare with the same period of the previous year.

This month the trade deficit is 21 billion lekë signing an increase by 11.2 % compared with March 2013 and 11.4% compared with February 2014.

Trade with the EU countries is 68.1% of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.8%), Greece (8.4%), China (5.6%) and Turkey (5%).

Chart. 1 Flow of goods in external trade, February 2013 – March 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	515,173	-268,784	47.8
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	15,864	33,350	-17,486	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	56,838	-35,427	37.7
2014	01 - 14	17,869	34,921	-17,052	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,890	51.8
	03 - 14	21,289	42,334	-21,045	50.3

Tab.2 Foreign trade by countries (mln lekë)

	Import				Export			
	March 2013	March 2014	Jan.-March '13	Jan.-March '14	March 2013	March 2014	Jan.-March '13	Jan.-March '14
Total	38,229	42,334	105,739	116,449	19,301	21,289	53,305	59,462
EU countries	25,798	25,672	71,823	68,681	15,442	17,632	43,156	49,710
Austria	382	650	1,374	1,354	94	99	230	351
United Kingdom	280	443	870	1,213	33	7	126	39
Germany	2,412	2,438	6,210	7,022	1,633	435	2,560	1,427
Greece	3,601	4,567	10,978	10,636	486	758	1,490	2,178
Italy	13,873	12,120	37,687	34,104	9,675	10,986	25,887	35,408
Spain	313	824	1,515	1,842	1,875	2,338	9,959	5,210
Croatia	684	544	1,123	1,192	28	48	69	92
Others of EU	4,254	4,086	12,067	11,317	1,618	2,961	2,835	5,007
China	2,735	2,606	7,600	8,176	1,040	934	2,990	2,230
Kosovo	495	428	1,229	1,271	1,365	1,245	3,048	2,859
FYROM	605	550	1,772	1,575	373	385	833	903
Russia	401	621	1,618	2,063	11	-	19	3
USA	642	913	1,900	3,127	31	97	251	314
Turkey	2,630	2,999	6,484	8,073	174	176	888	1,062
Ukraine	172	302	954	1,043	4	5	4	14
Switzerland	671	1,584	1,259	5,673	20	48	315	470
Others	4,081	6,660	11,100	16,768	840	768	1,801	1,894

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

Group of goods	Import				Export			
	March 2013	March 2014	Jan.-March '13	Jan.-March '14	March 2013	March 2014	Jan.-March '13	Jan.-March '14
Total	38,229	42,334	105,739	116,449	19,301	21,289	53,305	59,462
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,143	7,573	19,550	19,348	877	1,078	2,519	3,210
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,822	7,840	18,855	22,061	8,806	7,667	21,386	20,628
Chemical and plastical products	4,896	4,763	13,745	13,711	187	278	569	701
Leather and leather manuf.	815	960	2,140	2,832	303	257	786	686
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	1,315	1,591	3,834	4,700	478	834	1,496	2,372
Textile and footwear	4,199	5,299	11,420	14,362	5,380	7,599	16,472	21,574
Construct. materials and metals	4,634	5,475	13,155	14,821	2,337	2,477	7,339	7,360
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	7,419	7,233	19,952	20,750	594	683	1,855	1,981
Others	986	1,600	3,088	3,865	340	415	883	950

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

Group of goods	Italy	Spain	Kosovo	China	Others
Total	35,408	5,210	2,859	2,230	13,755
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,038	136	235	0	1,801
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,530	4,629	773	2,205	4,490
Chemical and plastical products	270	2	168	10	251
Leather and leather manuf.	609	-	2	-	74
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,684	3	99	-	586
Textile and footwear	18,458	188	7	-	2,920
Construct. materials and metals	2,793	249	1,342	12	2,964
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,421	0	143	3	413
Others	604	1	89	-	256

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

Group of goods	Italy	Greece	China	Turkey	Others
Total	34,104	10,636	8,176	8,073	55,459
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,272	3,089	139	1,016	11,831
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,322	2,206	0	217	14,316
Chemical and plastical products	2,848	1,381	680	1,152	7,650
Leather and leather manuf.	2,447	4	138	18	226
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,841	698	207	660	1,294
Textile and footwear	8,273	599	1,717	2,093	1,680
Construct. materials and metals	3,607	1,675	1,807	1,461	6,270
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	5,678	727	2,856	1,107	10,381
Others	816	257	632	349	1,811

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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