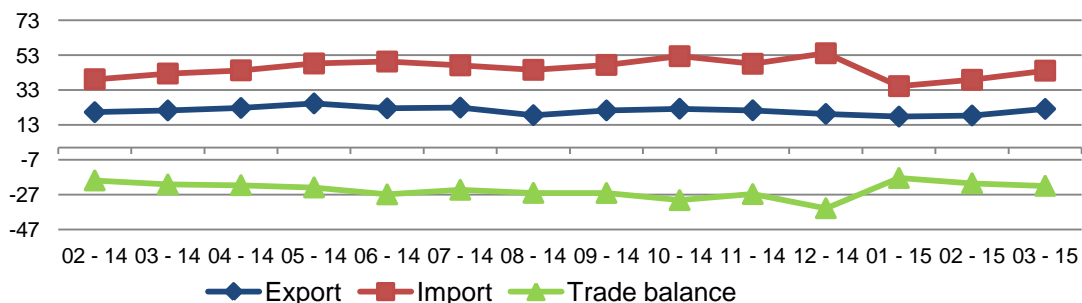


# International Trade in Goods

## March, 2015

**Tirana, April 28, 2015:** On March 2015 the value of exports was 22 billion lekë, increasing by 4.0 % compared with March 2014 and 20.5 % compared with February 2015. On March 2015 the value of imports was 44 billion lekë, increasing by 3.9 % compared with March 2014 and 13.5 % compared with February 2015. This month the trade deficit is 22 billion lekë signing an increase by 3.7 % compared with March 2014 and 7.2 % compared with February 2015.

Fig.1 Flow of goods, February 2014– March 2015 (billionALL)



Trade with the EU countries is 63.9 % of total trade. The main trade partners remain Italy (35.1 %), China (8.4 %), Turkey (7.2 %) and Greece (6.7 %).

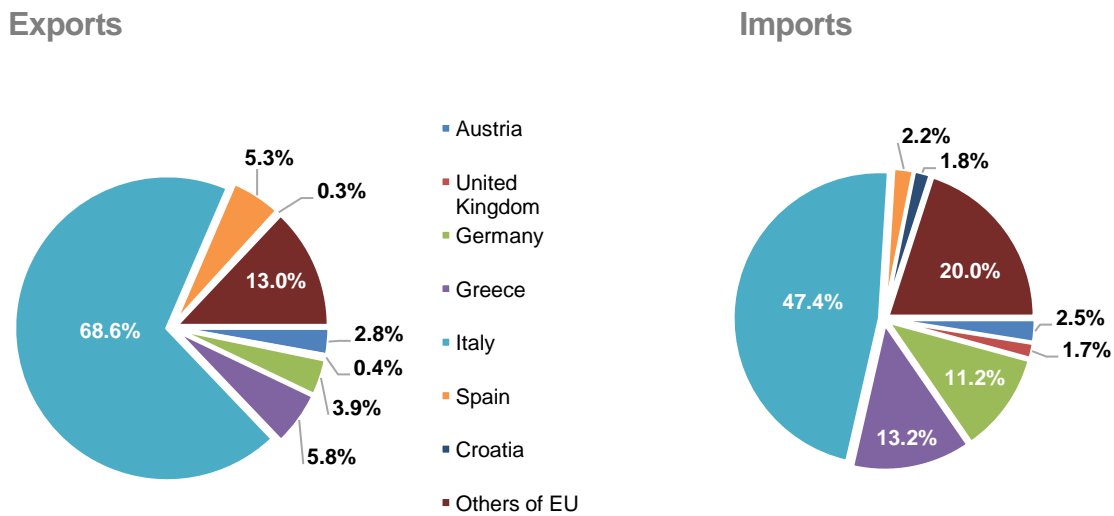
On March 2015 exports to EU countries decreased by 15.2 %, compared with previous year, occupying 67.5 % of total export. Partner with the largest weight in exports to EU countries is Italy that occupies 68.6 %, Greece with 5.8 % and Spain with 5.3 % of total export. EU countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared with March 2014 are: United Kingdom, Austria and Germany. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain, Croatia and Italy.

Exports to Kosovo and Turkey, in March 2015, compared with previous year, increased occupying respectively 9.1 % and 7.1 % of total export, while exports to China decreased occupying 2.4 % of total export.

On March 2015 imports from EU countries increased by 6.3 %, compared with March 2014, occupying 62.0 % of total import. Partner with the largest weight in imports from EU countries is Italy that occupies 47.4 %, Greece with 13.2 % and Germany with 11.2 %. EU countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared with March 2014 are: Germany, Italy and Austria. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain, Greece and Croatia.

Imports from China and Turkey, in March 2015, compared with previous year, increased occupying respectively 11.4 % and 7.2 % of total import, while imports from Kosovo decreased occupying 1.0 % of total import.

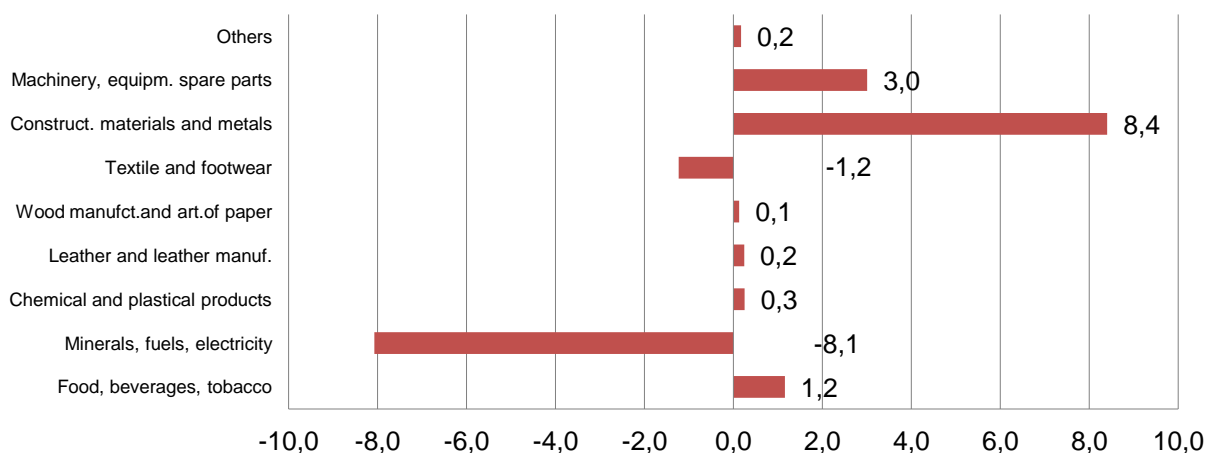
**Fig.2 International Trade in Goods by EU countries, March 2015**



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

Annual growth in March 2015 is influenced by groups: “Construction materials and metals” contributed with +8.4 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” contributed with +3.0 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” contributed with +1.2 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” contributed with -8.1 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” contributed with -1.2 percentage point.

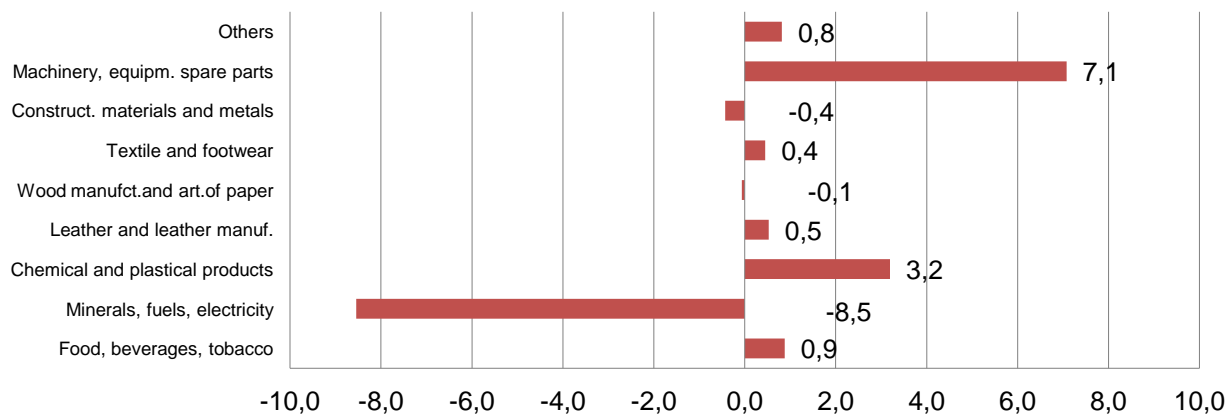
**Fig.3 Annual impact of groups in Exports**



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

Annual growth in March 2015 is influenced by groups: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” contributed with +7.1 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” contributed with +3.2 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” contributed with +0.9 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” contributed with -8.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” contributed with -0.4 percentage point.

**Fig.4 Annual impact of groups in Imports**



**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	-162,877	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		213,030	528,490	-315,460	40.3
2013		246,391	517,378	-270,987	47.6
2014		255,759	552,264	-296,505	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	34,922	-17,053	51.2
	02 - 14	20,304	39,193	-18,890	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	-26,020	41.7
	09 - 14	21,324	47,402	-26,078	45.0
	10 - 14	22,269	52,424	-30,155	42.5
	11 - 14	21,380	48,080	-26,700	44.5
	12 - 14	19,290	54,106	-34,816	35.7
2015	01 - 15	17,763	35,231	-17,468	50.4
	02 - 15	18,392	38,883	-20,491	47.3
	03 - 15	22,163	44,133	-21,970	50.2

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March-14	March-15	Jan-March 2014	Jan-March 2015	March-14	March-15	Jan-March 2014	Jan-March 2015
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>17,642</b>	<b>14,961</b>	<b>49,722</b>	<b>42,461</b>	<b>25,753</b>	<b>27,380</b>	<b>68,757</b>	<b>69,381</b>
Austria	99	424	351	1,523	650	692	1,353	1,198
United Kingdom	7	61	39	176	443	469	1,213	1,112
Germany	435	576	1,427	1,743	2,447	3,057	7,027	7,839
Greece	758	865	2,178	2,200	4,570	3,608	10,640	9,132
Italy	10,996	10,264	35,418	29,934	12,161	12,975	34,147	34,561
Spain	2,338	791	5,209	2,479	824	603	1,842	1,479
Croatia	48	40	92	106	548	495	1,195	1,023
Others of EU	2,961	1,940	5,007	4,300	4,109	5,481	11,339	13,036
China	934	530	2,231	1,727	2,637	5,022	8,208	12,283
Kosovo	1,245	2,024	2,859	4,381	428	426	1,271	1,192
Macedonia	385	656	904	1,174	550	665	1,575	1,796
Russia	-	-	3	-	625	681	2,067	2,466
USA	97	221	314	1,139	919	794	3,132	2,488
Turkey	176	1,580	1,063	3,478	3,006	3,194	8,080	8,641
Ukraine	5	2	15	6	302	228	1,043	852
Switzerland	48	482	470	554	1,584	601	5,672	2,636
Others	770	1,707	1,895	3,399	6,675	5,142	16,789	16,512
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,302</b>	<b>22,163</b>	<b>59,474</b>	<b>58,318</b>	<b>42,478</b>	<b>44,133</b>	<b>116,593</b>	<b>118,247</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	March-14	March-15	Jan-March 2014	Jan-March 2015	March-14	March-15	Jan-March 2014	Jan-March 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,302</b>	<b>22,163</b>	<b>59,474</b>	<b>58,318</b>	<b>42,478</b>	<b>44,133</b>	<b>116,593</b>	<b>118,247</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,079	1,325	3,210	3,586	7,588	7,961	19,362	21,384
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,668	5,948	20,628	14,304	7,858	4,226	22,079	13,401
Chemical and plastical products	278	332	701	896	4,782	6,140	13,731	16,508
Leather and leather manuf.	257	308	686	654	960	1,184	2,832	3,036
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	834	862	2,372	2,182	1,592	1,564	4,701	4,534
Textile and footwear	7,603	7,341	21,579	21,860	5,317	5,508	14,380	14,731
Construct. materials and metals	2,484	4,274	7,367	10,037	5,482	5,298	14,828	14,921
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	683	1,323	1,981	3,624	7,286	10,293	20,803	25,441
Others	415	451	950	1,174	1,613	1,959	3,878	4,292

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

Group of goods	Italy	Kosovo	Turkey	Spain	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,934</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>3,478</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>18,047</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,410	252	51	168	1,704
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,186	2,596	548	1,904	7,069
Chemical and plastical products	349	205	39	0	304
Leather and leather manuf.	527	0	29	1	98
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,721	56	37	1	368
Textile and footwear	18,279	13	10	154	3,404
Construct. materials and metals	3,413	966	2,723	251	2,684
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	1,462	103	13	0	2,046
Others	588	189	27	-	369

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

Group of goods	Italy	China	Greece	Turkey	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,561</b>	<b>12,283</b>	<b>9,132</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>53,629</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,048	168	3,073	941	13,153
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,373	7	1,222	87	7,712
Chemical and plastical products	2,888	1,075	1,503	1,388	9,653
Leather and leather manuf.	2,450	160	23	63	339
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	1,724	224	502	436	1,648
Textile and footwear	7,737	2,019	699	2,412	1,863
Construct. materials and metals	4,281	2,714	1,200	1,778	4,947
Machinery, equipm. spare parts	6,065	5,040	621	1,020	12,695
Others	994	875	290	515	1,618

# 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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