

XVI. FOREIGN TRADE

Variables characterising exports and imports of Republic of Bulgaria till 1991 incl. are formulated on the basis of statistical records of the companies exercising foreign trade activity. Information for 1992 is based on summarised data from customs' declarations. Information for foreign trade activities, for which customs' declaration is fulfilled, but which are subject of recording of foreign trade statistics are also included. For these activities statistical records are organised.

Imports and Exports refer to the movement of all goods that have passed the state boundary. Re-export is included in the corresponding Export or Import.

Re-export refers to all external goods that our country has bought from one country and sold to another, dependless on the fact whether these goods pass the boundary of the country or not.

The following changes in methodology of recording exports and imports in 1992 compared with this applied till the end of 1991 should be taken in consideration:

- Since the 1th of January 1992 the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of the former member-countries of CMEA is changed by the Custom's Tariff, based on the Harmonised System.

- Till the end of 1991 the value of exported and imported goods is at prices - f.o.b., while for 1992 the imports are measured at prices - c.i.f.

- Till 1991 the value variables are at currency price and are calculated according to the official exchange rate of Bulgarian National Bank (BNB). For 1991 is used the official exchange rate of leva towards the foreign currency till 19th of February.

After this date is applied the official exchange rate, published every day by BNB. Since the beginning of 1992 evaluation of exports and imports is based on the official exchange rate of BNB, published in the beginning of every week.

Since the beginning of 1992 the evaluation of Exports and Imports is based on the official exchange rate of BNB, published every Monday and valid throughout the year.

- Data for Imports and Exports for 1992 includes the value of goods subject to processing and turned back to the country. Till 1991 only the value of the service was included.

- Since 1992 export and import of goods, delivered free of charge are included.

- Quantum of Exports and Imports are given at net weights in the corresponding measure unit and commodity groups for 1992 - at th. tons.

Export and Import do not include:

- exported and imported goods, sold on consignment basis;

- temporary export and temporary import of goods that come back in the country without undergoing any changes;

- entries and goods in transit;

- household goods and means of transportation of emigrants and travellers according to the Customs' rules;

- luggage and goods (personal and business) designed for our and foreign embassies, legations and consulates;

- goods received by parcel post;

- provisions and fuel that our ships have taken on board from our ports;

- haulage of fish by Bulgarian fish enterprises;

- delivered projects, Know How and other documentation concerning scientific and technical co-operation.

Data concerning export is given by countries - importers of the goods, while import' data is given by countries - producers of the goods.

Data for FRG, DDR and West Berlin are published separately till 1990. Since 1991 data are published as total for Germany.

Data for FSU republics for 1992 are published by countries. Variables for CIS include data for Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan.