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The international trade of goods in March and Quarter I 2010
- estimated data -

For the interpretation of the indicators, kindly see the methodological note

March 2010

In March 2010, according to preliminary estimations of the National Institute of Statistics, FOB exports amounted to 12223.7 million lei (2983.9 million euro) and CIF imports amounted to 15731.8 million lei (3840.5 million euro). Compared to March 2009, exports increased by 10.1% at values expressed in lei (15.1% at values expressed in euro) and imports increased by 12.6% at values expressed in lei (17.8% at values expressed in euro). Compared to February 2010, in March 2010, exports increased by 15.6% at values expressed in lei (16.2% at values expressed in euro) and imports increased by 19.7% at values expressed in lei (20.3% at values expressed in euro). In March 2010, the FOB-CIF commercial deficit was of 3508.1 million lei (856.6 million euro), 641.3 million lei (187.4 million euro) more than in March 2009.

Quarter I 2010

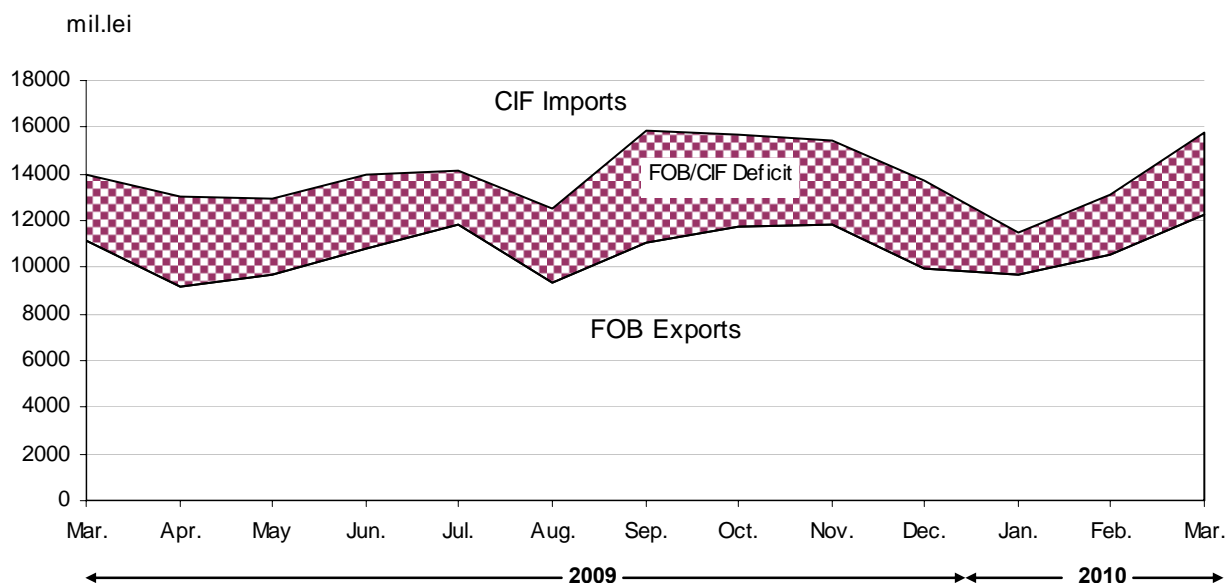
In the first quarter of 2010, FOB exports amounted to 32472.8 million lei (7879.3 million euro) and CIF imports amounted to 40398.9 million lei (9802.4 million euro). Compared to the first quarter of 2009, exports increased by 15.4% at values expressed in lei (19.4% at values expressed in euro) and imports increased by 7.4% at values expressed in lei (11.0% at values expressed in euro).

In the first quarter of 2010, the FOB-CIF commercial deficit was of 7926.1 million lei (1923.1 million euro), 1536.1 million lei (302.7 million euro) less than in the first quarter of 2009.

In the first quarter of 2010 the trade of goods between Member States amounted to 24125.9 million lei (5864.8 million euro) for dispatches and to 29094.3 million lei (7075.0 million euro) for arrivals, representing 74.3% of total exports and 72.0% of total imports.

The difference between the dynamics determined based on the values expressed in lei and that determined based on the value expressed in euro is a consequence of the appreciation of the national currency by 2.2% to 4.5% during January - March 2010 as compared to the corresponding months of 2009.

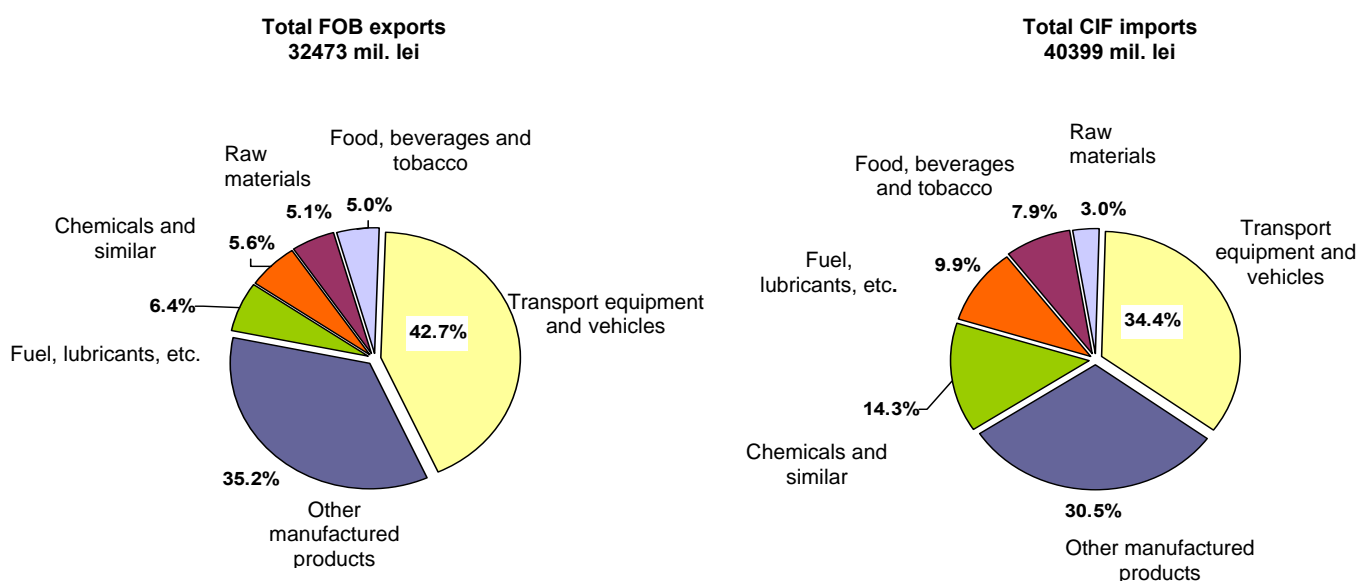
EXPORTS (FOB), IMPORTS (CIF) AND FOB/CIF BALANCE during March 2009 - March 2010



	FOB-CIF Balance 2009 ^{p)}										FOB-CIF Balance 2010		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. ^{r)}	Feb. ^{r)}	Mar. ^{e)}
Billion lei	-2.87	-3.87	-3.28	-3.18	-2.33	-3.19	-4.83	-3.91	-3.61	-3.78	-1.84	-2.58	-3.51
Billion euro	-0.67	-0.92	-0.78	-0.76	-0.55	-0.75	-1.14	-0.92	-0.84	-0.89	-0.44	-0.63	-0.86

In the first quarter of 2010, important weights in the structure of exports and imports are represented by the following groups of goods: transport equipment and vehicles (42.7% for export and 34.4% for import) and other manufactured goods^{*)} (35.2% for export and 30.5% for import, respectively).

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE STRUCTURE BY PRODUCT GROUPS IN QUARTER I 2010



^{*)} goods manufactured and mainly grouped by the raw material (iron, steel, rubber, metal, etc.) and various manufactured goods (cloths and accessories, foot wear, etc.)

**EXPORTS (FOB), IMPORTS (CIF) AND FOB/CIF BALANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF GOODS**

JANUARY									
		FOB Exports			CIF Imports			FOB/CIF Balance	
		2009	2010 ^{f)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{f)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{f)}
Intra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	6313.3	7312.3	115.8	8235.3	8120.9	98.6	-1922.0	-808.6
	Mil.euro	1491.6	1765.9	118.4	1945.6	1961.2	100.8	-454.0	-195.3
Extra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	1783.5	2364.0	132.5	2748.4	3398.4	123.7	-964.9	-1034.4
	Mil.euro	432.5	562.2	130.0	671.1	808.2	120.4	-238.6	-246.0
TOTAL	Mil.lei	8096.8	9676.3	119.5	10983.7	11519.3	104.9	-2886.9	-1843.0
	Mil.euro	1924.1	2328.1	121.0	2616.7	2769.4	105.8	-692.6	-441.3

FEBRUARY									
		FOB Exports			CIF Imports			FOB/CIF Balance	
		2009	2010 ^{f)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{f)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{f)}
Intra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	6848.8	7924.0	115.7	9332.1	9422.4	101.0	-2483.3	-1498.4
	Mil.euro	1598.7	1924.3	120.4	2178.4	2288.2	105.0	-579.7	-363.9
Extra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	2099.2	2648.8	126.2	3324.4	3725.4	112.1	-1225.2	-1076.6
	Mil.euro	487.1	643.0	132.0	771.4	904.3	117.2	-284.3	-261.3
TOTAL	Mil.lei	8948.0	10572.8	118.2	12656.5	13147.8	103.9	-3708.5	-2575.0
	Mil.euro	2085.8	2567.3	123.1	2949.8	3192.5	108.2	-864.0	-625.2

MARCH									
		FOB Exports			CIF Imports			FOB/CIF Balance	
		2009	2010 ^{e)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{e)}	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010 ^{e)}
Intra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	8060.0	8889.6	110.3	10481.8	11551.0	110.2	-2421.8	-2661.4
	Mil.euro	1882.2	2174.6	115.5	2447.8	2825.6	115.4	-565.6	-651.0
Extra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	3046.1	3334.1	109.5	3491.1	4180.8	119.8	-445.0	-846.7
	Mil.euro	709.3	809.3	114.1	812.9	1014.9	124.8	-103.6	-205.6
TOTAL	Mil.lei	11106.1	12223.7	110.1	13972.9	15731.8	112.6	-2866.8	-3508.1
	Mil.euro	2591.5	2983.9	115.1	3260.7	3840.5	117.8	-669.2	-856.6

QUARTER I									
		FOB Exports			CIF Imports			FOB/CIF Balance	
		2009	2010	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010	2010/2009 - % -	2009	2010
Intra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	21222.1	24125.9	113.7	28049.2	29094.3	103.7	-6827.1	-4968.4
	Mil.euro	4972.5	5864.8	117.9	6571.8	7075.0	107.7	-1599.3	-1210.2
Extra-community Trade (EU27)	Mil.lei	6928.8	8346.9	120.5	9563.9	11304.6	118.2	-2635.1	-2957.7
	Mil.euro	1628.9	2014.5	123.7	2255.4	2727.4	120.9	-626.5	-712.9
TOTAL	Mil.lei	28150.9	32472.8	115.4	37613.1	40398.9	107.4	-9462.2	-7926.1
	Mil.euro	6601.4	7879.3	119.4	8827.2	9802.4	111.0	-2225.8	-1923.1

NOTE:

r) – Revised data for January-February 2010.

e) – Intra-community trade estimated data for March 2010.

The data for 2009 are provisional.

Methodological Note

Data source:

- For the intra-community trade, the statistical results consist of:
 - ✓ Data from the Intrastat statistical declarations collected monthly by NIS from the economic operators that carried out intra-community trade of goods in accordance with the provisions of Law no.422/2006;
 - ✓ Data from the customs declarations for intra-community trade of goods, not fully covered by Intrastat statistical declarations, monthly provided by the National Customs Authority;
 - ✓ Estimated data for the trade value of the economic operators under the Intrastat statistical thresholds and of economic operators registered as non-respondents within the Intrastat statistical survey (about 3%).
- For the extra-community trade, the statistical results consist of data provided monthly by the National Customs Authority that collects and processes the export and import customs declarations.

Details regarding the international trade of goods for the period 1.I-28.II 2010 will be given in the Statistical Bulletin of International Trade no.2/2010, date of issue May 19, 2010, while the details for the first quarter 2010 will be given in the Statistical Bulletin of International Trade no.3/2010, date of issue June 21, 2010.

For international comparison, kindly see the Eurostat press release, which will appear on Tuesday May 18, 2010 (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>).