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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Indicators	1991	1992	1993	1994 ¹	1992 1993 1994 ¹ (real growth index ² , previous year = 100)
	(million BGL – at current prices)				
GDP	135711	200832	298934	543474	92.7
Industry and construction	63459	90508	117133	195670	91.8
Agriculture	20988	23533	29910	61117	85.5
Services	63873	90475	147525	251414	79.3
Adjustment ³	-12609	-3684	4366	35273	
FINAL DEMAND	135708	200823	298924	549568	
Final consumption	99254	172642	278493	493919	96.9
Public	75848	131930	221632	401967	97.7
Government spending	23406	40712	56861	91952	94.0
Gross investment	30662	39937	42427	46157	105.9
Fixed investment	24635	32577	35428	53000	113.7
Inventory investment	6027	7360	6999	-6843	74.1
Foreign trade balance	5792	-11756	-21996	9492 ⁴	
Losses and statistical discrepancy	3	9	10	-6054	

¹ Preliminary data.

² Rates are calculated according to methodologically comparable volumes.

³ Incl. conditional value added of financial intermediaries, value added tax and import duties.

⁴ Net export of goods only.

Source: NSI.

EMPLOYMENT BY ECONOMIC BRANCH

Indicators	(thousand of persons)					Indices, 1989 = 100 (%)					Employment rate (%)						
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994*	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Total	4366	4097	3564	3274	3222	3158	93.8	81.6	75.0	73.8	72.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Industry	1646	1498	1230	1067	979	935	91.0	74.7	64.8	59.5	56.8	37.7	36.6	34.5	32.6	30.4	29.6
Agriculture and forestry	814	758	696	694	712	698	93.1	85.5	85.3	87.5	85.7	18.6	18.5	19.5	21.2	22.1	22.1
Construction	361	337	253	204	209	186	93.4	70.1	56.5	57.9	51.5	8.3	8.2	7.1	6.2	6.5	5.9
Services	1504	1462	1346	1275	1283	1305	97.2	89.5	84.8	85.3	86.8	34.4	35.7	37.8	38.9	39.8	41.3
Transport	247	242	223	193	197	186	98.0	90.3	78.1	79.8	75.3	5.7	5.9	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.9
Trade	395	372	342	329	332	369	94.2	86.6	83.3	84.1	93.4	9.0	9.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	11.7
Communications	44	45	44	44	44	45	102.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Other services	818	803	737	709	710	705	98.2	90.1	86.7	86.8	86.2	18.7	19.6	20.7	21.7	22.0	22.3
Public utilities	97	92	80	68	66	66	94.8	82.5	70.1	68.0	68.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1
Science	97	91	67	53	36	32	93.8	69.1	54.6	37.1	33.0	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.0
Education	277	273	268	263	263	258	98.6	96.8	94.9	94.9	93.1	6.3	6.7	7.5	8.0	8.2	8.2
Arts, culture	46	47	38	34	41	40	102.2	82.6	73.9	89.1	87.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.3
Health care	214	221	207	204	200	200	103.3	96.7	93.3	93.5	93.5	4.9	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.3
Finance, credit, insurance	26	25	27	35	37	41	96.2	103.8	134.6	142.3	157.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3
Management	61	54	50	52	67	68	88.5	82.0	85.2	109.8	111.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.1	2.2
Other branches	41	43	37	33	38	35	104.9	90.2	80.5	92.7	85.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1

* Preliminary data.

Source: NSI.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Branches	1993						1994					
	Registered number of employed (persons)*		Wage fund (thousand BGL)		Average monthly wage (BGL)		Registered number of employed (persons)*		Wage fund (thousand BGL)		Average monthly wage (BGL)	
	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.	Jan. - June	Jan. - Dec.
Total	2215920	2188767	36416123	83976110	2739	3197	1989644	1974426	49397715	114259998	4138	4822
Industry	853817	843724	15715268	35205002	3068	3477	783390	779090	21474782	48982940	4569	5239
Construction	136091	133307	2337760	5496899	2863	3436	112145	109630	2756707	6393862	4097	4860
Agriculture	221975	217043	2481393	5826368	1863	2237	138942	137443	2363371	5654899	2835	3429
Forestry	17947	14375	158612	379383	1473	2199	15631	13248	213797	481624	2280	3030
Other industries	12656	12558	260036	545915	3425	3623	10612	10452	308219	692001	4841	5517
Services	973435	967761	15463054	36522543	2648	3145	928923	924566	22280839	51863106	3998	4692
Transport	158690	156591	3265548	7238670	3430	3852	145402	143967	4497028	10073345	5155	5831
Communications	43150	43262	782568	1752107	3023	3375	43392	43517	1159112	2771891	4452	5308
Trade	134884	132607	2134239	4973214	2637	3125	113914	112426	2699616	6172103	3950	4575
Other services	636711	635301	9280699	22558552	2429	2959	626215	624656	13925083	32845767	3706	4382
Public utilities	48178	48193	805473	1911682	2786	3306	49744	49511	1193838	2812648	4000	4734
Science	39111	37963	602395	1263776	2567	2774	30296	29906	739827	1708082	4070	4760
Education	253468	251635	3319172	7923768	2183	2624	247084	245330	4749723	11102031	3204	3771
Culture and arts	27317	27536	333777	849015	2036	2569	27537	27308	512813	1200433	3104	3663
Health care	187671	188326	2524228	6294536	2242	2785	185053	185179	3857834	8903380	3475	4007
Finance, credit, insurance	26622	26754	796786	1859460	4988	5792	29395	29917	1380282	3273993	7826	9120
Management	51777	52312	854371	2423092	2750	3860	54662	55027	1423540	3680138	4340	5573
Other sectors in services	2567	2583	44497	33223	2889	3507	2443	2479	67226	165062	4586	5550

* Women on maternity leave excluded.
Source: NSI.

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN 1994
(previous month = 100)

Commodity (services) groups	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Consumer price index	103.8	104.6	107.5	121.7	107.9	104.1	100.6	105.2	111.0	106.9	105.5	105.0
Food	102.6	105.8	108.0	126.3	107.9	103.9	96.1	107.7	114.6	107.4	106.3	106.6
Nonfood	104.8	104.0	109.0	119.0	108.5	103.9	104.8	103.2	108.7	107.3	104.9	103.5
Services	104.9	101.1	101.7	115.8	105.1	105.1	104.0	101.7	103.4	101.7	102.3	102.2
Food*	102.6	105.8	107.7	125.6	108.3	103.8	96.5	107.8	114.8	107.7	106.5	106.7
Drink	105.4	103.0	104.4	119.1	104.7	106.0	105.6	102.6	104.0	104.0	103.9	102.9
Tobacco products	103.8	103.7	123.7	115.2	106.3	100.3	103.0	99.2	103.6	100.7	100.7	100.4
Housing, heating, electricity	108.7	101.8	104.8	122.4	106.0	104.7	103.9	103.7	106.5	104.7	105.3	104.0
Energy for households	100.1	100.0	100.6	125.5	106.8	100.0	115.2	100.9	100.9	106.8	103.0	101.2
Home furniture	106.7	103.4	105.5	116.2	109.0	104.6	104.4	105.1	108.3	109.1	106.1	103.6
Clothing and footwear	105.9	101.5	105.0	114.3	107.9	105.8	103.1	103.0	110.6	109.9	107.9	104.7
Hygiene and health care	106.6	105.0	108.3	112.7	104.9	104.9	104.2	104.5	108.8	104.8	109.7	103.5
Education and leisure	106.7	109.8	110.2	114.9	102.3	104.4	102.8	100.9	111.7	105.7	105.7	102.7
Transport and communications	102.8	105.1	110.1	121.8	111.2	103.3	102.6	103.6	107.1	103.5	99.6	103.0
Other	102.2	102.4	101.7	108.8	101.2	164.7	112.4	103.8	103.8	101.5	103.1	101.1

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN 1994
(December 1993 = 100)

Commodity (services) groups	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Consumer price index	103.8	108.5	116.6	141.9	153.1	159.4	160.4	168.7	187.3	200.3	211.4	221.9
Food	102.6	108.5	117.2	148.0	159.8	166.0	159.4	171.7	196.8	211.2	224.6	239.5
Nonfood	104.8	109.0	118.8	141.3	153.3	159.2	166.8	172.1	187.0	200.7	210.7	218.0
Services	104.9	106.1	107.9	124.9	131.2	137.9	143.5	146.0	151.0	153.5	157.0	160.6
Food*	102.6	108.5	116.9	146.8	159.0	165.0	159.2	171.5	196.9	212.0	225.9	241.0
Drink	105.4	108.5	113.3	135.0	141.4	149.9	158.2	162.3	168.8	175.5	182.4	187.6
Tobacco products	103.8	107.7	133.2	153.4	163.1	163.6	168.6	167.1	173.1	174.3	175.4	176.1
Housing, heating, electricity	108.7	110.6	115.9	141.9	150.4	157.4	163.5	169.6	180.7	189.2	199.2	207.3
Energy for households	100.1	100.2	100.8	126.5	135.2	135.1	155.7	157.1	158.8	169.3	174.4	176.6
Home furniture	106.7	110.3	116.4	135.2	147.3	154.2	161.0	169.2	183.3	199.9	212.1	219.7
Clothing and footwear	105.9	107.5	112.9	129.0	139.2	147.3	151.9	156.5	173.0	190.1	205.1	214.8
Hygiene and health care	106.6	112.0	121.3	136.8	143.5	150.5	156.9	163.9	178.4	186.9	204.9	212.0
Education and leisure	106.7	117.1	129.1	148.4	151.7	158.4	162.8	164.2	183.5	193.9	204.9	210.4
Transport and communications	102.8	108.1	118.9	144.9	161.1	166.4	170.8	176.9	189.6	196.1	195.3	201.1
Other	102.2	104.6	106.4	115.8	117.1	192.9	216.9	225.0	233.6	237.0	244.3	247.0

* Incl. prices in catering establishments.
Source: NSI.

COMMODITY STRUCTURE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Commodity groups	(%)			
	Exports		Imports	
	1993	1994	1993	1994
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Animal and vegetable products, food, drink and tobacco products (01, 02, 03, 04)*	21.0	21.9	9.4	10.8
Mineral products and fuels (05)	10.1	9.3	37.6	30.1
Chemical products, plastics and rubber (06, 07)	16.9	16.9	12.3	12.3
Base metals and their products (15)	18.5	19.7	6.0	6.8
Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools (16, 17, 18, 19)	15.2	12.8	22.0	23.6
Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear, furniture and other industrial consumer goods (08, 11, 12, 14, 20, 21)	13.6	14.0	9.1	11.6
Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products (09, 10, 13)	4.7	5.4	3.6	4.7

* Codes in brackets show the respective sections in the Customs' Tariff.

Source: NSI, Ministry of Trade and International Economic Cooperation, BNB.

EXPORTS BY GROUP OF COUNTRIES

Countries	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
		(million BGL – current prices)							(%)				
Total	13672.9	10559.5	57368.3	91532.9	102877.4	225468.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Central and Eastern European countries ¹	11413.5	8466.4	33118.8	35898.5	36149.7	80484.8	83.5	80.2	57.7	39.2	35.1	35.7	
Countries from the former USSR	8917.9	6762.9	28552.4	20530.0	19856.5	39110.2	65.2	64.0	49.8	22.4	19.3	17.3	
Countries from the former Yugoslavia	135.0	104.3	1585.3	9478.5	10717.8	30983.2	1.0	1.0	2.8	10.4	10.4	13.7	
Other Central and Eastern European countries ¹	2360.6	1599.2	2981.1	5890.0	5575.4	10391.4	17.3	15.1	5.2	6.4	5.4	4.6	
OECD countries ²	1105.3	948.5	15078.9	38623.2	44415.6	105237.0	8.1	9.0	26.3	42.2	43.2	46.7	
EU countries ²	758.4	525.7	8981.3	26896.7	29006.1	75629.9	5.5	5.0	15.7	29.4	28.2	33.5	
EFTA countries	207.7	163.0	1936.2	3358.8	3093.1	5764.3	1.5	1.5	3.4	3.7	3.0	2.6	
Other OECD countries	139.2	259.8	4161.4	8367.7	12316.4	23842.8	1.0	2.5	7.3	9.1	12.0	10.6	
Arab countries	571.1	643.4	4746.3	7842.2	7404.0	12023.4	4.2	6.1	8.3	8.6	7.2	5.3	
Other countries	583.0	501.2	4424.3	9169.0	14908.1	27722.8	4.3	4.7	7.7	10.0	14.5	12.3	

¹ 1989 and 1990 data include exports to the former GDR (respectively BGL 752.4 million, or 5.5%, and BGL 304.6 million, or 2.9%).

² 1989 and 1990 data do not include exports to the former GDR (respectively BGL 752.4 million, or 5.5%, and BGL 304.6 million, or 2.9%).

Source: NSI, BNB.

IMPORTS BY GROUP OF COUNTRIES

Countries	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
	(million BGL – current prices)						(%)					
Total	12795.8	10314.9	45132.4	104281.2	139831.1	234120.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Central and Eastern European countries ¹	9266.6	7824.3	21879.6	37835.2	51233.2	94358.6	72.4	75.9	48.5	36.3	36.6	40.3
Countries from the former USSR	6767.0	5826.7	19508.5	29818.5	42581.5	73948.7	52.9	56.5	43.2	28.6	30.5	31.6
Countries from the former Yugoslavia	112.4	87.8	880.3	2413.5	2690.9	7740.8	0.9	0.9	2.0	2.3	1.9	3.3
Other Central and Eastern European countries ¹	2387.2	1909.8	1490.8	5603.2	5960.8	12669.1	18.7	18.5	3.3	5.4	4.3	5.4
OECD countries ²	2206.1	1538.8	14812.0	45666.4	62644.3	108924.5	17.2	14.9	32.8	43.8	44.8	46.5
EU countries ²	1323.7	993.6	9322.6	32398.1	41655.3	79755.0	10.3	9.6	20.7	31.1	29.8	34.1
EFTA countries	495.6	333.3	3523.8	6262.2	11424.0	14535.1	3.9	3.2	7.8	6.0	8.2	6.2
Other OECD countries	386.8	211.9	1965.6	7006.1	9565.0	14634.4	3.0	2.1	4.4	6.7	6.8	6.3
Arab countries	616.2	439.7	2048.1	8964.8	6231.0	3988.1	4.8	4.3	4.5	8.6	4.5	1.7
Other countries	706.9	512.1	6392.7	11814.8	19722.6	26848.8	5.5	5.0	14.2	11.3	14.1	11.5

¹ 1989 and 1990 data include imports from the former GDR (respectively BGL 738 million, or 5.8%, and BGL 686 million, or 6.7%).

² 1989 and 1990 data do not include imports from the former GDR (respectively BGL 738 million, or 5.8%, and BGL 686 million, or 6.7%).

Source: NSI, BNB.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(million USD)

Indicators	1991		1992		1993				1994					
				Total	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total
CURRENT ACCOUNT														
Trade balance ^{1, 2, 3}	-76.9	-360.5	-14.3	-1098.0	-527.3	80.0	-636.4	-134.1	126.7	146.5	6.6	145.7		
Export of goods, FOB	-32.0	-212.4	73.7	-885.4	-461.3	22.7	-520.5	-101.2	133.8	82.7	36.3	151.6		
Import of goods, FOB	3737.0	3956.4	886.6	3726.5	968.4	932.9	918.6	718.9	846.4	1090.9	1503.0	4159.2		
Services, net	3769.0	4168.8	812.9	4611.9	1429.7	930.2	1439.1	820.1	712.6	1008.2	1466.7	4007.6		
Receipts, of which:	-114.0	-191.0	-87.5	-249.5	-71.8	42.9	-133.1	-67.8	-60.7	22.0	-63.5	-170.0		
Shipments ⁴	455.5	1194.9	175.5	1264.2	293.0	557.9	237.8	274.4	240.2	460.3	372.7	1347.6		
Travel ⁵	199.4	507.5	63.5	432.3	97.0	59.7	17.2	57.3	76.7	135.9	115.5	385.4		
Interest ⁶	43.7	214.5	23.9	307.4	60.7	205.6	17.2	31.4	70.9	184.0	72.1	358.4		
Other	55.6	125.1	27.4	92.6	19.8	22.6	22.8	19.8	16.1	22.4	25.9	84.2		
Payments, of which:	156.8	347.8	60.7	431.9	115.5	117.6	138.1	165.9	76.5	118.0	159.2	519.6		
Shipments ⁴	569.5	1385.9	263.0	1513.7	364.8	515.0	370.9	342.2	300.9	438.3	436.2	1517.6		
Travel ⁵	213.2	510.0	81.1	504.5	143.0	142.7	137.7	78.7	94.0	130.5	158.7	461.9		
Interest ⁶	127.9	313.2	25.7	256.9	46.2	154.1	30.9	30.2	67.8	82.0	61.8	241.8		
Other	83.7	220.7	93.4	284.9	53.6	67.0	70.9	92.1	34.9	104.0	46.1	277.1		
Transfers, net (private)	144.7	342.0	62.8	467.4	122.0	151.2	131.4	141.2	104.2	121.8	169.6	536.8		
Receipts	50.1	39.8	-0.5	36.9	5.8	14.4	17.2	34.9	53.6	41.8	33.8	164.1		
Payments	104.4	111.0	49.0	285.9	52.7	76.4	107.8	83.7	104.0	86.1	73.7	347.5		
	54.3	71.2	49.5	249.0	46.9	62.0	90.6	48.8	50.4	44.3	39.9	183.4		
Interofficial unrequited transfers	19.0	3.1												
CAPITAL ACCOUNT														
Direct investments in Bulgaria ⁷ , net	23.2	869.7	-69.8	786.5	546.6	-184.1	493.8	273.1	6.4	-670.7	247.5	-143.7		
Portfolio investments, net	55.9	41.5	10.7	55.4	11.3	13.5	19.9	17.2	13.9	13.2	61.1	105.4		
Liabilities														
Medium- and long-term loans received, net	144.4	214.3	54.1	-14.3	3.5	-20.0	-51.9	-7.2	67.7	40.0	219.0	319.5		
Drawings, of which:	300.5	404.6	67.6	129.2	54.0	7.0	0.6	17.9	82.8	57.3	241.9	399.9		
EU loans	192.5	172.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.8	85.8		
EFTA loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	17.9	17.0	0.0	23.0	57.9		
Repayments	156.1	190.3	13.5	143.5	50.5	27.0	52.5	25.1	15.1	17.3	22.9	80.4		
Loans extended, net	294.9	307.6	77.2	285.5	60.6	77.2	70.5	101.0	73.7	52.7	35.8	263.2		
of which:														
Developing countries, net	92.4	23.4	14.6	35.0	0.2	19.3	0.9	7.8	1.3	8.2	0.4	17.7		
Drawings	12.1	3.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Repayments	104.5	27.1	14.6	36.6	0.2	20.9	0.9	7.8	1.3	8.2	0.4	17.7		
Yamburg pipeline ⁸	202.5	284.2	62.6	250.5	60.4	57.9	69.6	93.2	72.4	44.5	35.4	245.5		

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Indicators	1991		1992		1993				1994					
					I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total
Short-term debt, net	-187.7	-147.6	-24.9	8.9	-8.5	24.4	-0.1	31.0	-2.7	3.5	-17.5	14.3		
Deposits and loans, net	-85.2	53.0	-24.8	-4.7	-24.8	-13.8	-68.1	32.0	-2.4	6.3	-13.0	22.9		
Clearing accounts, net	-102.5	-200.6	-0.1	13.6	16.3	38.2	68.0	-1.0	-0.3	-2.8	-4.5	-8.6		
Other capital	-284.3	453.9	-186.9	462.3	-246.3	430.9	460	131.1	-146.2	-64.1	-41.1	-120.3		
Commercial banks reserves	-284.3	-63.4	50.7	88.6	-110.2	23.8	52.9	13.3	-233.2	-229.1	165.8	-283.2		
Nonclassified capital	0.0	517.3	-237.6	373.7	-136.1	407.1	407.1	117.8	87.0	165.0	-206.9	162.9		
Expenditures on the agreement with the London club ⁶										-716.0			-716.0	
Errors and omissions	-21.3	-135.0	-18.1	107.0	-20.1	-48.1	20.7	-158.7	176.8	28.9	38.0	85.0		
OVERALL BALANCE	-75.0	374.2	-102.2	126.3	-124.2	-190.7	-290.8	-19.7	309.9	-495.3	292.1	87.0		
Change in reserves (increments:-)	75.0	-374.2	102.2	-126.3	124.2	190.7	290.8	19.7	-309.9	495.3	-292.1	-87.0		
Gross BNB reserves,	-310.6	-591.4	58.1	-126.3	124.2	190.7	246.7	19.7	-493.2	382.2	-259.6	-350.9		
of which:														
Monetary gold (USD 300 per oz.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.4	0.0	0.0	-4.4		
Holdings in SDR	-8.4	8.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.4	-41.8	18.1	10.1	-14.0		
Reserve position with the IMF	0.0	-53.0	-0.8	-0.2	7.7	1.4	8.1	-1.2	-1.2	-0.6	0.3	-2.7		
Use of IMF credit, net	385.6	217.2	44.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.1	0.0	183.3	113.1	-32.5	263.9		
Trade balance, million USD	-32.0	484.5	-5.7	60.4	164.1	-85.3	133.5	20.1	242.8	286.4	-105.8	443.5		
Exports, FOB	3737.0	5093.0	861.5	1053.1	1217.7	1568.3	4700.6	1928.4	2254.3	2475.5	2522.9	9181.1		
Imports, FOB	3769.0	4608.5	867.2	992.7	1053.6	1653.6	4567.1	1908.3	2011.5	2189.1	2628.7	8737.6		

¹ Data for 1994 is preliminary.² Customs data (excluding 1991) is obtained from the NSI and analyzed at the BNB.³ Data received from commercial banks:

Trade balance, million USD

Exports, FOB

Imports, FOB

⁴ Incl. passenger transport – NSI data and BNB estimates.⁵ NSI data, analyzed at BNB.⁶ Actually paid interest.⁷ Ministry of Finance data for 1994.⁸ Repayments in gas under the Yamburg pipeline agreement from Russia included.⁹ One-off expenditures on the agreement with the London club.

Source: BNB.

CONSOLIDATED STATE BUDGET

(million BGL)

Indicators	Consolidated State budget			Government budget ³			Legal institutions					
	31 December 1993		31 December 1994	31 December 1993		31 December 1994	31 December 1993		31 December 1994			
	Reporting	% of GDP ¹	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ¹	Reporting	Relative share	Reporting	Relative share			
Net revenue	117696.3	39.4	219777.8	46.9	18.5	133157.9	60.6	1176.1	1.0	1740.3	0.8	0.3
Net expenditure	150233.2	50.3	249930.2	46.0	22.7	135047.2	54.0	572.8	0.4	955.4	0.4	0.2
Changes in balances on extrabudgetary accounts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Government transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	32154.3	603.3	603.3	0.2	784.9	0.1	0.1
Budget deficit	-32536.9	10.9	-30152.4	5.5	11.0	-34043.6	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing, net	32536.9	10.9	30152.4	5.5	11.0	34043.6	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign financing, net	-3665.7	1.2	-2749.9	0.5	1.2	-2749.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Domestic financing, net including:	36202.6	12.1	32902.3	6.1	12.3	36793.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operations in government securities, net	28277.5	9.5	37143.5	6.8	9.5	37143.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bank, net	7957.9	2.7	-4581.0	0.8	2.8	-350.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BNB, net	10303.6	3.4	-4366.4	0.8	3.5	123.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term loans	12273.7	4.1	14700.0	2.7	4.1	14700.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayments	-1746.0	0.6	-6822.2	1.3	0.6	-6822.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Temporary loans	1800.0	0.6	1000.0	0.2	0.6	1000.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayments	-1800.0	0.6	-1000.0	0.2	0.6	-1000.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Resources on accounts, net	-224.1	0.1	-12244.2	2.3	0.0	-7754.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balances from past periods	2400.2	0.8	2624.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balances on accounts	-2624.3	0.9	-14868.5	2.7	0.0	-7754.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other banks and financial institutions, net	-2345.7	0.8	-214.6	0.0	0.7	-473.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Credits extended	30.7	0.0	683.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayments	-2325.4	0.8	-933.6	0.2	0.7	-473.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loans repaid by municipal councils	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Resources on accounts, net	-51.0	0.0	35.6	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balances from past periods	139.7	0.0	192.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balances on accounts	-190.7	0.1	-157.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financing	-32.8	0.0	141.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Issue of municipal securities			198.6									

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Indicators	Social security						Municipal councils						Extrabudgetary accounts						
	31 December 1993			31 December 1994			31 December 1993			31 December 1994			31 December 1993			31 December 1994			
	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ¹	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ²	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ¹	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ²	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ¹	Reporting	Relative share	% of GDP ²	
Net revenue	32136.1	0.0	10.8	49874.8	0.0	9.2	18654.6	0.0	6.2	25385.9	0.0	4.7	10523.7	0.0	3.5	9618.9	0.0	1.8	
Net expenditure	38979.7	0.0	13.0	59650.9	0.0	11.0	33695.1	0.0	11.3	48140.9	0.0	8.9	8997.8	0.0	3.0	6135.8	0.0	1.1	
Changes in balances on extrabudgetary accounts	-1291.7		0.4	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	1291.7		0.4			0.0	
Government transfers	-5541.8		1.9	-10055.7		1.9	-15298.6		5.1	-22156.8		4.1	0.0		0.0		-726.7		-0.1
Budget deficit	-10.1		0.0	279.6		0.1	258.1		-0.1	-598.2		0.1	234.2		0.1	4209.8		0.8	
Financing, net	10.1		0.0	-279.6		0.1	-258.1		0.1	598.2		0.1	-234.2		0.1	-4209.8		0.8	
Foreign financing, net	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Domestic financing, net including:	10.1		0.0	-279.6		0.1	-258.1		0.1	598.2		0.1	-234.2		0.1	-4209.8		0.8	
Operations in government securities, net	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Bank, net	10.1		0.0	-279.6		0.1	-225.3		0.1	258.4		0.0	-234.2		0.1	-4209.8		0.8	
BNB, net	10.1		0.0	-279.6		0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-234.2		0.1	-4209.8		0.8	
Long-term loans	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Repayments	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Temporary loans	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Repayments	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Resources on accounts, net	10.1		0.0	-279.6		0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-234.2		0.1	-4209.8		0.8	
Balances from past periods	16.1		0.0	6.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	2384.1		0.8	2618.3		0.5	
Balances on accounts	-6.0		0.0	-285.6		0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-2618.3		0.9	-6828.1		1.3	
Other banks and financial institutions	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-225.3		0.1	258.4		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Credits extended	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	30.7		0.0	683.4		0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Repayments	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-200.0		0.1	-460.6		0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Loans repaid by municipal councils	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-5.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Resources on accounts, net	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-51.0		0.0	35.6		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Balances from past periods	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	139.7		0.0	192.6		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Balances on accounts	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-190.7		0.1	-157.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Other financing	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	-32.8		0.0	141.2		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	
Issue of municipal securities							198.6												

¹ GDP for 1993 used in the table is BGL 298.9 billion.² GDP for 1994 used in the table is BGL 543.5 billion.³ Government budget includes central government budget, budgets of ministries and agencies, and budgets of regional municipal councils.

Source: MF, BNB.

CASH BASIS REPORTING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

(million BGL)

Indicators	1993			1994		
	State Budget Law	Reporting 31 Dec.	% of the Law	State Budget Law	Reporting 31 Dec.	% of the Law
I. Total revenue	71349.7	55139.7	77.3	100167.0	133111.8	132.9
1. Tax revenue	54840.5	41013.2	74.8	80153.5	102308.1	127.6
including:						
corporate tax from financial institutions	5300.0	767.2	14.5	3000.0	538.0	17.9
corporate tax from nonfinancial institutions	5065.0	4124.7	81.4	6920.0	14403.1	208.1
turnover tax (VAT)	8496.0	6493.1	76.4	26854.8	38230.9	142.4
duties and fees	12324.0	9108.4	73.9	13050.0	14801.8	113.4
2. Nontax revenue	16509.2	14126.5	85.6	20013.5	30803.8	153.9
including:						
BNB – excess of revenue over expenditure	9000.0	9456.8	105.1	11500.0	19984.9	173.8
interest revenue	832.5	619.7	74.4	782.5	1668.7	213.3
other nontax revenue	4955.3	1640.2	33.1	5165.5	3903.6	75.6
II. Total expenditure	104404.1	88159.9	84.4	133836.6	167155.5	124.9
1. Current expenditure	47937.0	37875.7	79.0	58018.3	86526.8	149.1
including:						
other expenditure	5151.7	1493.8	29.0	4176.3	4841.6	115.9
subsidies – total	6550.0	5797.8	88.5	6220.6	6138.0	98.7
interest – total	32838.4	27802.8	84.7	42734.6	70674.4	165.4
interest on external loans	4943.0	3126.3	63.2	9128.0	6562.1	71.9
interest on internal loans	27895.4	24676.5	88.5	33606.6	64112.3	190.8
2. Capital investments	681.6	385.3	56.5	780.1	692.6	88.8
3. Transfers – total	55785.2	49898.9	89.4	75038.2	79936.1	106.5
3.1. Subsidies	56496.4	52351.0	92.7	75524.8	80848.5	107.0
3.2. Temporary loans from central government budget to municipal councils		10.0				
to regional municipal councils						
to ministries and other agencies		10.0				
to Social Security						
3.3. Social security loans repaid from previous years		-1758.2	-0.6			
3.4. Central government budget contributions	-711.2	-703.9	99.0	-486.6	-912.4	187.5
III. Deficit(-) / Surplus(+)						
1. Primary deficit/surplus	-216.0	-5217.4	1.8	9065.0	36630.7	404.1
Interest paid on internal loans	27895.4	24676.5	88.5	33606.6	64112.3	190.8
2. Internal deficit	-28111.4	-29893.9	106.3	-24541.6	-27481.6	112.0
Interest paid on external loans	4943.0	3126.3	63.2	9128.0	6562.1	71.9
3. Cash deficit	-33054.4	-33020.2	99.9	-33669.6	-34043.7	101.1
4. Overall demand for credit resources	-46870.6	-68832.8	146.9	-85479.7	-107233.2	125.4

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MONEY SUPPLY IN 1994

(million BGL)

Indicators	Dec.'93	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Exchange rate, BGL/1 USD	32.711	36.323	37.366	64.942	56.883	55.593	53.658	53.309	57.187	61.201	64.922	65.035	66.015
Broad money	234072	243286	249807	299954	297583	305331	315204	327568	352111	375983	393453	394026	418009
BGL	186468	187560	192127	199402	204690	210542	221409	232581	238282	242900	247521	255138	281612
convertible currency	46295	54376	56541	98946	91329	93145	91480	93641	111843	130828	142849	137091	133023
nonconvertible currency	1309	1350	1139	1606	1564	1644	2315	1346	1986	2255	3083	1797	3374
Money (M2)	229922	238236	245112	291823	291909	298210	309728	321582	344016	366729	383761	386356	409109
Money (M1)	48303	44127	43920	50148	50558	51597	54995	59381	62771	63688	63655	65501	75131
Currency outside banks	25151	23707	23931	26801	28126	28911	30259	33133	33763	33260	33875	34091	38498
Demand deposits	23152	20420	19989	23347	22432	22686	24736	26248	29008	30428	29780	31410	36633
Near (quasi) money	181619	194109	201192	241675	241351	246613	254733	262201	281245	303041	320106	320855	333978
Time deposits	109966	115152	119602	120807	125090	129472	136025	142108	144045	147748	151996	156683	164954
Savings deposits	28049	28136	28278	28132	28640	29093	29970	30692	31017	31220	31608	32613	40851
Foreign currency deposits	43604	50821	53312	92736	87621	88048	88738	89401	106183	124073	136502	131559	128173
convertible currency	42295	49471	52173	91130	86057	86293	86316	87948	104197	121818	133419	129762	124799
nonconvertible currency	1309	1350	1139	1606	1564	1644	2315	1346	1986	2255	3083	1797	3374
Import and restricted deposits	4150	5050	4695	8131	5674	7121	5476	5986	8095	9254	9692	7670	8900
BGL	150	145	327	315	402	269	312	293	449	244	262	341	676
convertible currency	4000	4905	4368	7816	5272	6852	5164	5693	7646	9010	9430	7329	8224

Source: BNB.

DOMESTIC CREDIT

(million BGL)

Indicators	Dec.'93	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Exchange rate BGL/1 USD	32.711	36.323	37.366	64.942	56.883	55.593	53.658	53.309	57.187	61.201	64.922	65.035	66.015
Net domestic credit	396278	434276	451278	621041	568424	563904	555851	575142	626505	665365	679755	517212	543224
BGL	204227	218343	224919	222185	223835	224868	225898	234879	246709	250428	254766	260585	269213
convertible currency	192051	215933	226359	398856	344389	339036	329953	340263	379796	414937	424989	256627	274011
Claims on government, net	193579	180549	187291	296843	270928	267980	291295	337609	401359	429194	430589	264200	276727
BGL	103137	78911	80651	111356	111104	110569	110044	113223	114814	114894	114289	116096	119963
convertible currency	90442	101638	106640	185487	159824	157411	181251	224386	286545	314300	316300	148104	156764
State budget	210552	202087	208897	329517	304491	302433	324449	372661	423361	452623	466306	301584	322417
BGL	106419	84638	86115	115962	115207	115006	113868	117745	119555	119968	121075	124935	130470
convertible currency	104133	117449	122782	213555	189284	187427	210581	254916	303806	332655	345231	176649	191947
Extrabudgetary accounts	-16973	-21538	-21606	-32674	-33563	-34453	-33154	-35052	-22002	-23429	-35717	-37384	-45690
Claims on nongovernment sector	202699	253727	263987	324198	297496	295924	264556	237533	225146	236171	249166	253012	266497
BGL	101090	139432	144268	110829	112731	114299	115854	121656	131895	135534	140477	144489	149250
convertible currency	101609	114295	119719	213369	184765	181625	148702	115877	93251	100637	108689	108523	117247
Claims on nonfinancial public enterprises	166735	203111	223296	276757	248702	245082	208860	179209	162691	165259	177315	178079	189884
BGL	75682	100988	116836	82441	83194	84791	85112	89098	97964	96470	101896	103636	111725
convertible currency	91053	102123	106460	194316	165508	160291	123748	90111	64727	68789	75419	74443	78159
Claims on private sector	35964	50616	40691	47441	48794	50842	55696	58324	62455	70912	71851	74933	76613
BGL	25408	38444	27432	28388	29537	29508	30742	32558	33931	39064	38581	40853	37525
convertible currency	10556	12172	13259	19053	19257	21334	24954	25766	28524	31848	33270	34080	39088

Source: BNB.

NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON ONE-MONTH DEPOSITS IN 1994

Months	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
January	3.78											
February	7.82	3.89										
March	12.17	8.09	4.04									
April	16.88	12.63	8.41	4.20								
May	21.80	17.37	12.97	8.59	4.21							
June	26.93	22.31	17.73	13.16	8.60	4.21						
July	32.28	27.46	22.69	17.92	13.17	8.60	4.21					
August	37.85	32.82	27.85	22.89	17.93	13.17	8.60	4.21				
September	44.01	38.76	33.57	28.38	23.21	18.23	13.45	8.87	4.47			
October	50.67	45.19	39.75	34.32	28.91	23.70	18.70	13.91	9.31	4.63		
November	57.67	51.92	46.23	40.56	34.89	29.44	24.21	19.19	14.38	9.48	4.64	
December	64.98	58.97	53.02	47.08	41.15	35.45	29.98	24.72	19.69	14.56	9.50	4.64

REAL INTEREST RATES ON ONE-MONTH DEPOSITS IN 1994

Months	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
January	-0.02											
February	-0.66	-0.64										
March	-3.81	-3.79	-3.17									
April	-17.63	-17.62	-17.08	-14.37								
May	-20.43	-20.42	-19.90	-17.28	-3.40							
June	-20.36	-20.34	-19.83	-17.21	-3.31	0.09						
July	-17.53	-17.51	-16.98	-14.26	0.13	3.65	3.56					
August	-18.32	-18.30	-17.77	-15.08	-0.83	2.66	2.57	-0.96				
September	-23.13	-23.11	-22.62	-20.08	-6.67	-3.39	-3.48	-6.79	-5.89			
October	-24.77	-24.76	-24.27	-21.79	-8.67	-5.46	-5.54	-8.79	-7.90	-2.14		
November	-25.41	-25.40	-24.92	-22.46	-9.45	-6.26	-6.34	-9.56	-8.69	-2.97	-0.85	
December	-25.67	-25.65	-25.17	-22.72	-9.75	-6.58	-6.66	-9.87	-9.00	-3.30	-1.19	-0.34

* Interest rates are deflated by the consumer price index for the corresponding year.

Source: BNB.

NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON SHORT-TERM CREDITS IN 1994

Months	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
January	5.43											
February	11.11	5.39										
March	17.48	11.43	5.73									
April	24.38	17.97	11.94	5.87								
May	31.76	24.98	18.59	12.16	5.94							
June	39.59	32.40	25.63	18.82	12.23	5.94						
July	47.80	40.19	33.02	25.81	18.83	12.17	5.88					
August	56.44	48.39	40.80	33.17	25.78	18.73	12.07	5.85				
September	66.49	57.91	49.84	41.72	33.86	26.35	19.27	12.65	6.42			
October	77.63	68.48	59.86	51.20	42.81	34.81	27.25	20.18	13.54	6.69		
November	89.60	79.83	70.64	61.39	52.44	43.89	35.82	28.28	21.19	13.88	6.74	
December	102.30	91.88	82.07	72.20	62.65	53.53	44.93	36.88	29.31	21.51	13.89	6.70

REAL INTEREST RATES ON SHORT-TERM CREDITS IN 1994

Months	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
January	1.57											
February	2.38	0.79										
March	0.74	-0.82	-1.60									
April	-12.36	-13.71	-14.39	-13.00								
May	-13.93	-15.27	-15.93	-14.56	-1.80							
June	-12.43	-13.78	-14.46	-13.07	-0.08	1.75						
July	-7.86	-9.28	-10.00	-8.53	5.13	7.06	5.22					
August	-7.31	-8.74	-9.46	-7.98	5.76	7.70	5.85	0.60				
September	-11.13	-12.51	-13.20	-11.79	1.40	3.25	1.48	-3.55	-4.13			
October	-11.33	-12.70	-13.39	-11.98	1.17	3.03	1.26	-3.77	-4.34	-0.22		
November	-10.32	-11.71	-12.40	-10.98	2.33	4.20	2.41	-2.67	-3.25	0.92	1.14	
December	-8.87	-10.28	-10.98	-9.53	3.98	5.89	4.07	-1.09	-1.68	2.55	2.78	1.62

* Interest rates are deflated by the consumer price index for the corresponding year.

Source: BNB.

DENOMINATION COMPOSITION IN NOTES AND COINS

(BGL)

	31 December 1993	30 June 1994	31 December 1994
Notes, total	37 989 011 785	43 956 657 062	68 869 203 034
2000 levs			3 460 000 000
1000 levs			5 280 000 000
500 levs	6 500 000 000	9 999 900 000	22 998 698 500
200 levs	11 878 210 900	14 314 972 300	16 305 526 700
100 levs	9 959 387 550	11 117 253 300	12 189 081 300
50 levs	4 257 221 425	4 185 920 750	4 423 956 100
20 levs	2 405 244 152	1 991 118 902	2 184 994 022
10 levs	2 047 250 917	1 568 193 567	1 288 895 897
5 levs	740 651 424	593 976 667	558 229 164
2 levs	107 039 150	96 137 413	92 457 219
1 lev	94 006 267	89 184 163	87 364 132
Coins, total	358 038 083	453 655 263	656 030 567
50 levs	15 000 000	15 000 000	11 260 000
20 levs	5 999 980	5 999 980	4 714 960
10 levs	8 310 000	14 610 000	21 300 000
5 levs	50 075 000	91 075 000	124 720 000
2 levs	10 000 000	20 760 000	41 000 000
1 lev	17 417 544	18 104 544	27 859 651
50 stotinkas	44 605 845	44 605 845	55 588 358
20 stotinkas	42 155 279	48 184 079	47 632 861
10 stotinkas	33 337 158	33 337 158	33 336 493
5 stotinkas	12 559 503	12 148 103	12 083 009
2 stotinkas	10 971 502	10 941 622	10 862 659
1 stotinka	8 984 869	8 786 029	8 644 520
Jubilee	98 621 403	130 102 903	257 028 056
Notes and coins, total	38 347 049 868	44 410 312 325	69 525 233 601

Source: BNB.

CENTRAL EXCHANGE RATE, VOLUME OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET AND GROSS FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES IN 1994

Indicators	Dec.'93	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average monthly exchange rate, BGL/1 USD	31.983	35.678	36.851	47.201	55.178	55.584	54.362	53.684	55.079	61.316	64.055	65.096	65.526
End of month exchange rate													
BGL/1 USD	32.711	36.323	37.366	64.942	56.883	55.593	53.658	53.309	57.187	61.201	64.922	65.035	66.015
BGL/1 DEM	18.985	21.057	21.890	38.711	34.027	33.785	33.978	33.952	36.323	39.536	43.455	41.620	42.453
BGL/1 CHF	22.192	24.802	26.090	45.605	39.778	39.647	40.405	40.112	42.821	47.702	52.063	49.195	50.155
Monthly volume of forex bought (million USD)	294.5	251.1	158.0	195.8	205.7	288.5	395.6	388.8	292.7	271.7	291.0	348.2	308.3
Monthly volume of forex sold (million USD)	328.4	326.3	186.7	208.4	213.1	285.3	332.3	336.0	381.6	290.7	307.1	316.4	322.5
Gross foreign exchange reserves (million USD)*	655.3	610.1	584.7	635.6	918.3	1000.2	1124.4	572.0	529.8	742.2	891.0	942.7	1001.8

* Gross foreign exchange reserves include BNB foreign exchange assets on current accounts and deposits with banks abroad, holdings in SDR and Bulgaria's reserve position with the IMF.
Source: BNB.

SOME CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIOS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS
(as per Regulations No. 8 of the BNB)

Indicators	December 1993	December 1994 ¹	Change
TOTAL FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM			
1. Capital base [thousand BGL]	30617627	29520596	-1022582
2. Primary capital [thousand BGL]	24840634	37488133	11725133
3. Total assets [thousand BGL]	658549206	799882385	91264335
4. General risk component [thousand BGL]	403412914	369254816	-65961799
5. General capital adequacy [%] (1:4)	7.59	7.99	0.40
6. Primary capital adequacy [%] (2:4)	6.16	10.15	3.99
7. Degree of assets risk [%] (4:3)	61.26	46.16	-15.09
8. Degree of assets coverage [%] (1:3)	4.65	3.69	-0.96
BULBANK, LTD. EXCLUDED²			
1. Capital base [thousand BGL]	12686776	6708268	-5904059
2. Primary capital [thousand BGL]	13530248	14350324	-102290
3. Total assets [thousand BGL]	247415990	490624728	193139894
4. General risk component [thousand BGL]	149625226	215132197	33703270
5. General capital adequacy [%] (1:4)	8.48	3.12	-5.36
6. Primary capital adequacy [%] (2:4)	9.04	6.67	-2.37
7. Degree of assets risk [%] (4:3)	60.48	43.85	-16.63
8. Degree of assets coverage [%] (1:3)	5.13	1.37	-3.76

1. Based on summary data from preliminary balance sheets and reports of commercial banks.

2. The results, several times higher than those banks actually reported by this bank, and the considerable changes as compared to 1993, mainly due to the country's debt being written off its balance sheet, resulted in inaccurate judgements about the banking system as a whole.

Source: BNB.

LOAN CLASSIFICATION AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS
(as per Regulations No. 9 of the BNB)

(thousand BGL)

Indicators	Loans		Change (+/-)	Statutory provisions					
	Dec.'93	Dec.'94 ¹		Required			Reported		
				Dec.'93	Dec.'94 ¹	Change	Dec.'93	Dec.'94 ¹	Change
TOTAL FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM									
Standard loans	41645703	65752433	24106730	90543610	44284908	-46258702	1055734	15028927	13973193
Doubtful loans – Group A	452718052	221424543	-231293509	5999201	6925601	926400	604605	704607	100002
Doubtful loans – Group B	11998403	13851201	1852798	40737976	38664852	-2073124	8193335	8605125	411790
Uncollectible loans	40737976	38664851	-2073125	137280787	89875361	-47405426	9853674	24338659	14484985
Total	547100134	339693028	-207407106						
BULBANK, LTD. EXCLUDED²									
Standard loans	38637453	60802310	22164857	13361886	27617426	14255540	1055734	3060273	2004539
Doubtful loans – Group A	84655847	138087130	53431283	5675666	6658903	983237	604605	437909	-166696
Doubtful loans – Group B	11351332	13317804	1966472	26904933	36803720	9898787	6336533	6743993	407460
Uncollectible loans	26904933	36803719	9898786	45942485	71080049	25137564	7996872	10242175	22455303
Total	161549565	249010963	87461398						

1. Based on summary data from preliminary balance sheets and reports of commercial banks.

2. The results, several times higher than those banks actually reported by this bank, and the considerable changes as compared to 1993, mainly due to the country's debt being written off its balance sheet, resulted in inaccurate judgements about the banking system as a whole.

Source: BNB.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS AND THE SSB

(thousand BGL)

ASSETS	31 December 1993	31 December 1994
A. FINANCIAL ASSETS	747109810	926612877
Reserves	53105389	112164893
Government securities	72274813	212331095
Claims on banks and financial institutions	334816342	137756303
Claims on nonfinancial institutions and other clients	282031317	451233685
Bonds and other securities with fixed yield in trading portfolio	1441516	4260054
Shares and other securities with variable yield in trading portfolio	329609	917123
Long-term financial assets	3110824	7949724
B. NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	7287995	20109983
C. FUTURE EXPENDITURE	1277518	3400004
D. RIGHTS TO EQUITY SUBSCRIPTION	201228	688974
E. OTHER ASSETS	49473118	102969159
F. REPORTED LOSSES	4216522	17977680
TOTAL ASSETS	809566191	1071758677
G. OFF-BALANCE ASSETS	93197939	216969346
LIABILITIES		
A. ATTRACTED RESOURCES	697073906	809620320
Attracted resources from banks and other financial institutions	475200365	386872566
Attracted resources from nonfinancial institutions and other clients	221873541	422747754
B. FUTURE REVENUES	36012667	57458938
C. OTHER LIABILITIES	36626158	113982639
D. FIXED CAPITAL	39853460	90696780
Profit	1895881	9519527
Capital	27782100	51925943
Reserves	10175479	29251310
TOTAL LIABILITIES	809566191	1071758677
E. OFF-BALANCE LIABILITIES	93197939	216969346

Source: BNB.

Major Economic and Political Events in 1994

- 18 January** The Council of Ministers passed Decree No. 3 on assuming as government debt of the principals of loans overdue as of 31 December 1992. Payments on redemption of bonds and servicing of interest were made by finances allocated from the state budget.
- 3 February** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 21 on fulfilment during 1994 by the Republic of Bulgaria of its obligations under trade agreements with the European Union. The so-called basic tariffs were set out, exemptions from customs duties established, and reductions in duties levied, compliance with quantitative limits (quotas), minimum export prices, as well as the conditions for tariff preferences were all established as well.
- 3 February** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 22 on fulfilment during 1994 of the obligations of the Republic of Bulgaria under its trade agreements with the European Free Trade Association. The decree determines basic tariffs and regulates cases of customs duties exemption and conditions for tariff preferences.
- 7 February** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 27 setting the country's minimum wage, the pension rate and welfare compensation to low-income segments of the population.
- 14 February** The Council of Ministers passed Decree No. 33 adopting the Regulation on the procedure and conditions for acquisition, servicing and redemption of long-term government bonds issued under the LSNC. In pursuance thereof, the Bulgarian National Bank shall organize servicing of long-term government bonds on behalf of the state. The long-term government bonds are a one-time issue of the Ministry of Finance in exchange for loans under Article 1 of the LSNC.
- 15 February** The 36th National Assembly passed a law on excise duties, by which the law on turnover tax and excise duties adopted in 1951 and subsequently amended, was repealed. The law determines excise duties and stipulates the amount of excise duty levied on goods, services and games of chance.
- 28 February** The National Assembly passed the 1994 SBL of the Republic of Bulgaria. A government budget deficit of BGL 33,669.6 million was approved, as was net direct financing by the BNB in the amount of BGL 7,544.3 million.
- 11 March** The Council of Ministers passed Decree No. 47 adopting the Regulation on the procedure for transit land transportation through the territories of Serbia and Montenegro, by the permission of the UN Sanctions Committee. The Regulation is in compliance with Resolution No. 820 of 17 April 1993 of the UN Security Council.

- 17 March** The National Assembly passed the law governing amendments and additions to the law on financing autumn and spring agricultural activities for the 1993 – 1994 agricultural season.
- 30 March** The Council of Ministers passed Decree No. 63, an amendment and addition to Decree No. 241 of 1993, on the export and import methods and temporary prohibitions on the export of live female cattle, sheep and goats. Consequently, throughout the year, another eleven amendments and/or additions to the 1993 Decree concerning export and import of these livestock, were introduced.
- 20 July** The National Assembly adopted the law on the ratification and amendment of the Provisional Agreement on Trade and Related Issues between the EEC and the European Coal and Steel Association, as the one party, and the Republic of Bulgaria as the other.
- 27 July** The National Assembly passed the law on the ratification of agreements for swapping the debt of the Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank Ltd., Sofia, to foreign commercial bank creditors for an issue of government bonds and their buy-back. The agreements were concluded on 29 June 1994 in Sofia between the Republic of Bulgaria and Deutchebank as a closing agent and Citibank as a fiscal agent. The swap of USD 8,124,933,263 debt for USD 5,137,314,557 of government bonds and the buy-back of USD 257,327,565 was approved.
- 14 October** The National Assembly revised the 1994 SBL. In pursuance thereof, if the amount of payments under paragraph 1 is not available in the budget, the central government budget deficit shall be increased up to BGL 10 billion, and the latter increase shall be financed by request of the Council of Ministers by an additional loan from the BNB.
- 17 October** In pursuance of Article 99, paragraph 5 of the Constitution, the President of the Republic of Bulgaria passed Decree No. 209 dissolving the 36th National Assembly and setting the date of parliamentary elections for 18 December 1994.
- Simultaneously, a caretaker cabinet was appointed.
- 20 December** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 307 on the export and import regime and Regulation on the procedure and conditions for registration and permission of imports and exports. It specifies the goods whose export and import is subject to a registration or permission regime, goods subject to quotas or ceilings, goods temporarily exempt from duty, goods with quotas for duty-free or reduced-duty import, export-duty-taxable goods, and goods temporarily banned for export.

Major Resolutions of the Managing Board of the Bulgarian National Bank in 1994

- 7 January** The BNB fixed a 56% basic interest rate per annum, beginning 10 January 1994.
- 21 January** The BNB granted a permit (licence) to Corporate Commercial Bank Ltd., Sofia, to conduct bank activity domestically and abroad.
- 28 January** Commercial banks are permitted to transfer in foreign currency 25% of the minimum reserve requirements on attracted forex funds.
- 10 February** The BNB adopted the following Bank Unified Standards (BUS):
BUS 5194 Payment by Direct Transfer;
BUS 5294 Payment by Letter of Credit;
BUS 5494 Payment by Cheque;
BUS 5594 Bulk Payments;
BUS 9094 Electronic Access and Data Transfer through BISERA.
- The BNB granted permits (licences) for conducting bank transactions to 21 financial houses as per Article 1, para. 2, items 3, 4 (precious metals transactions excluded), 6, 7, 9 and 10; and to 7 brokers as per Article 1, para. 2, items 4 (precious metals transactions excluded), 6 and 9 of the LBCA.
- 24 February** Regulations No. 2 of 1993 of the BNB on the Permits (Licences) Granted by the BNB were amended.
- Regulations No. 8 of 1993 of the BNB on the Capital Adequacy of Banks were amended.
- 2 March** The BNB granted permits (licences) for conducting bank transactions to 27 financial houses as per Article 1, para. 2, items 3, 4 (precious metals transactions excluded), 6, 7, 9 and 10; and to 6 brokers as per Article 1, para. 2, items 4 (precious metals transactions excluded), 6 and 9 of the LBCA.
- 10 March** Regulations No. 4 of 1991 for Holding Auctions of Interbank Deposits in Levs were amended.
- The BNB fixed a 62% basic interest rate per annum, beginning 14 March 1994.
- 22 March** The minimum reserve requirements of commercial banks are raised from 7% to 8% as of April 1994.
- 24 March** The BNB Board adopted Regulations No. 12 on the terms and procedures for commercial bank lending to state enterprises, companies and commercial companies, whose state debt is written off in compliance with the LSNC.

31 March The Bulgarian National Bank and the Central Bank of the Russian Federation signed an Agreement on the use of national currencies for payments and clearing in international economic relations.

The interim loan (advance) granted to the MF in the amount of BGL 5 billion, value date 3 January 1994, maturing 3 April 1994, shall be transformed into a long-term loan to fund the budget deficit, value date 1 April 1994, repayable within 10 years, effective as of 1 January 1995. Interest on the loan will be accrued at the basic interest rate operative during the respective period.

7 April Commercial banks may transfer in foreign exchange up to 100% of minimum reserve requirements on attracted resources in foreign currency.

12 April Regulations No. 14 of the BNB on the sanctions imposed on commercial banks for losses incurred by the sale of long-term government securities below their market price were adopted.

Credit ceiling growth of commercial banks for business lending (in levs) in the second 1994 quarter compared with the base of 31 December 1993, was fixed as follows: April – 105%, May – 106.5%, June – 108%.

18 April Interim Rules on BNB open market operations were adopted.

21 April BNB gold reserves rose from 1,017,041 troy ounces to 1,031,222 troy ounces due to processed circulating gold of standard type.

29 April Pursuant to Article 17, para. 2, item 4 of the LBCA, a permit was granted to Commercial Bank Purvomay Ltd. to effect a merger with Commercial Bank Hebros Ltd., Plovdiv.

4 May Bankservice Ltd. was authorized to introduce interbank information system for commercial bank borrowers in the region of Haskovo.

Regulations No. 15 on the Procedure for Auction Sale of Movables, Placed as Bank Security were adopted.

The BNB Board, considering the issue of 572 traders owning 702 exchange bureaus, who had not submitted information relating to the type, quantity and the exchange rate of the forex purchased and sold, thereby violating Article 16, item 3 of Regulations No. 2 of 1993 of the BNB Board on the Permits (Licences) Granted by the BNB, pursuant to Article 56, para. 1, item 7 and Article 19, para. 1, item 4 in compliance with Article 1, para. 4 of the LBCA, rescinded their licences for conducting banking operations in foreign instruments of payment.

The Resolution of the BNB Board of 12 April was amended in the following way: “Credit ceiling growth of commercial bank lending in levs for economic activity in the second 1994 quarter, against the base of 31 December 1993, was fixed as follows: April – 105%; May – 105.5%; June – 106%.”

9 May On 17 May 1994 the BNB was to hold the first auction for open market repo-agreements, pursuant to the Interim Rules on BNB Open Market Operations. The BNB fixed the interest rate on Lombard credits extended by the BNB to be equal to the average interest rate attained at the last auction for repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, plus 1% annual interest. Provided that the Open Market Supervising Commission has decided to cancel the auction as per Article 20, para. 2, item 3 of the Interim Rules on BNB Open Market Operations, Lombard credits shall be extended at the BNB basic interest rate, operative at that moment, plus 2 percentage points.

26 May The BNB granted permits for conducting bank transactions to 5 financial houses as per Article 1, para. 2, items 3, 4 (precious metals operations excluded), 6, 7 and 10 of the LBCA; and to 2 brokers as per Article 1, para. 2, items 4 (precious metals operations excluded), 6 and 9 of the LBCA.

2 June The BNB put into circulation as of 3 June 1994 a silver commemorative coin, issue 1994, on football subject.

The BNB was to finally sell from its portfolio, as an exception and at their nominal value, long-term government securities issued to transform nonperforming credits into a government debt. In view with monitoring liquidity, the Lev Operations Department shall make reverse repurchase transactions in compliance with the BNB effective interest rate policy.

16 June Commercial banks are allowed to exceed their credit ceilings by the amount of the long-term government securities issued in levs under the LSNC, sold to nonbank companies and/or to physical persons and accounted for at their nominal value.

The BNB Board approved the commercial bank cash holdings in levs up to the amount of 60% of the actual cash holdings at a 10% monthly rate of increase to be recognized as minimum noninterest-bearing reserves, effective as of July until December 1994.

Raiffeisenbank, Ltd., Bulgaria, headquartered in Sofia and with a registered capital of BGL 500 million, was authorized to make all bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA domestically and abroad.

The BNB Board gave a permit to ING Bank, the Netherlands, to make bank transactions through opening its own branch in Sofia.

23 June Under the terms and procedures of Regulations No. 6 on Refinancing against Collateral and through Rediscounting (Discounting) Marketable Securities, the BNB is to lend credits to the commercial banks against collateral of the long-term government bonds, denominated in US dollars, received in compliance with the LSNC, up to 40% of the lev equivalent of the collateralized bonds, using the BNB central exchange rate of the US dollar effective on the particular day the credit has been extended. The credits shall be granted for a term of up to one month at an interest rate equal to the BNB average interest rate of the last government securities repo-auction, plus 1 percentage point.

21 July As of July 1994, the use of credit ceilings as a monetary policy instrument is phased out. With regard to this, as well as due to the money supply growth in June, compensatory measures shall be taken and management of the reserve money and liquidity of the banking system shall be improved in the following way:

- the minimum reserve requirements on attracted deposits of commercial banks and the SSB with the BNB are raised from 8% to 9% in July 1994, and fixed at 10% in August 1994, a 12% annual interest is to be accrued on the paid-in minimum reserve requirements in levs at the BNB as of 1 August 1994;
- commercial bank refinancing in levs is retained to the extent that the projected low level of reserve money is preserved; initially it will be undertaken in cases of overdraft used by the respective commercial banks;
- extension of advances in levs against bank (nonmarketable) promissory notes is discontinued, except for those relating to refinancing under the Law on Financial Provision of Agricultural Activity in 1993 – 1994. Only as an exception, advances, two times smaller than those currently used, may be granted one-off;
- rediscount operations in levs shall be effected against commercial bills only under the terms of code 1820 of the interest rate tariff (for nonprime-rate credit borrowers);

- as of October until their cessation unsecured deposits as per Resolution No. 273 of the BNB Board shall be extended only if unpaid documents of the respective commercial bank have remained after settlement at the BNB;
- Lev Operations Department must duly sterilize BNB purchases in the domestic forex market through open market operations;
- total amount of foreign exchange refinancing of commercial banks shall be reduced by at least USD 10 million in the third quarter;
- to encourage commercial banks' participation in repo-auctions, spreads on Lombard and discount loans applied by the BNB are raised from 1 to 2 percentage points;
- the annual interest rate on one-week deposits with the BNB is decreased from 57% to 51% (code 2220);
- expansion of the credit to the government is discontinued. The government may borrow directly within the limits set, provided the amount of the credit is being compensated through net government securities sale from the BNB portfolio.

28 July The BNB is to buy up at their nominal value the lev bonds of the Economic Bank in compliance with the LSNC, using their equivalent amount to reduce the BNB refinancing of the Economic Bank. The operation shall be effected on 1 August 1994. Until 15 September 1994, the Board of the Economic Bank is to submit to the BNB a rehabilitation program of the bank, including the following measures: to limit active operations of the bank; to collect receivables from unfair debtors (bankruptcy included); to reduce operation and investment expenditures; to restructure branches.

As of August 1994, the central bank is to accrue interest on the lev minimum reserve requirements, equal to the amount of the government securities sold, plus 7 percentage points over the interest rate applied on reserves, as per the interest rate tariff.

5 August As of 8 August 1994, the annual interest rate on one-week deposits with the BNB is cut from 51% (66% compounded) to 48% (61.3% compounded). The Lev Operations Department is authorized to conclude repo-agreements, including sale of government securities from the BNB portfolio; the government securities are issued under the LSNC and ensure annual yield equal to the yield of the basic interest rate on a compounded quarterly basis. The Head of the Lev Operations Department may decide on a deviation from this yield of no more than 5 percentage points, taking into account the state of reserve money and liquidity. The Lev Operations Department is authorized to effect final sales of long-term government securities from the BNB portfolio, which have been issued in compliance with the LSNC, at demand-determined prices but not lower than the minimum prices fixed under the terms of Regulations No. 14 of 12 April 1994 of the BNB.

As of 1 September 1994, the BNB branch in Haskovo starts making bank transactions.

11 August With a view to improving forex liquidity, commercial banks shall not hold more than 80% of the minimum reserve requirements on attracted forex resources with the BNB, for implementation after 19 August 1994.

The BNB printing office must be established as a separate unit within the structure of the BNB, excluding external participation.

17 August As of 18 August 1994, the BNB will temporarily refinance the commercial banks only when settlement of a particular bank is pending, up to the amount of the settlement at the beginning of the respective day. The BNB will continue to conclude open market operations in short- and medium-term government securities, effecting purchases (final or repo-agreements) up to the amount of the overdraft of the respective commercial bank at the beginning of the day. As of 18 August 1994, the annual interest rate on commercial bank overdraft with the BNB is set at 160%.

As of 1 September 1994, the BNB announced legal tender and put into circulation a golden commemorative coin, St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral, of historical subject, issue 1994.

- 26 August** Commercial banks are not allowed to hold more than 20% of their minimum reserve requirements in foreign currency on attracted forex resources with the BNB, for implementation after 31 August 1994. As of 29 August 1994, the annual interest rate on commercial bank overdraft with the BNB is set at 220%.
- 5 September** The basic interest rate was set at 72%, beginning 7 September 1994.
- As of September 1994, the BNB is to accrue interest at half the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period on the minimum reserve requirements paid in lev by commercial banks, up to the amount equivalent to the book-entry government securities sold to physical or legal persons – nonbank institutions.
- 15 September** The BNB extended a BGL 2,000 million long-term loan to the MF. The maturity date of the loan is 22 September 1994, repayable within 10 years, beginning 1 January 1995. Interest on the loan will be equal to the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period.
- 19 September** As of 27 September commercial bank limit on overdraft is set at 50% of the minimum reserve requirements in levs. As of 1 October 1994, the BNB stopped depositing funds at commercial banks. Through 1994 year-end, medium-term discount loans are to be phased out; bills of exchange and promissory notes may be used as collateral in short-term lending.
- 22 September** The BNB fixed a 120% interest rate per annum on overdraft of commercial banks at the BNB, beginning 23 September 1994.
- 26 September** A Committee on BNB monetary policy was established.
- 29 September** The BNB extended a long-term loan totaling BGL 3,000 million, value date 3 October 1994. The loan is repayable within 10 years, beginning 1 January 1995. The effective basic interest rate will be accrued on the loan.
- Short-term credits will be extended against a pledge of commercial securities (bills of exchange and promissory notes) up to 70% of the nominal value of the collateralized securities with at least one of the debtors being a faultless payer within the meaning of § 1 of the Additional provisions of Regulations No. 9 on the Loan classification and the formation of mandatory special reserves (statutory provisions) by banks, and the document is guaranteed by a commercial bank.
- A permit was granted to Stara Zagora Commercial Bank Ltd. and Bourgas Commercial Bank Ltd. to effect a merger with Bulbank Ltd.
- 6 October** As of 10 October 1994, the BNB is to extend loans at an annual interest rate equal to the average interest rate of the last auction for reverse repurchase agreements, plus 3 percentage points on Lombard loans and 4 percentage points on discount loans.
- 13 October** A proposition was made for a joint committee to be established, including representatives from the MF, with the purpose of coordinating BNB monetary policy and MF fiscal policy.
- The BNB extended a long-term loan totaling BGL 2,200 million, repayable within 10 years, beginning 1 January 1995. The effective basic interest rate will be accrued on the loan.

- 20 October** As of 1 November 1994, a banknote with a face value of BGL 1,000, issue 1994, was put into circulation.
- Regulations No. 2 on the Permits (Licences) Granted by the BNB were amended.
- Latest 30 October 1994, the Board of Directors of Businessbank, Ltd., Petrich, is obliged to submit to the BNB a program for financial strengthening of the bank, containing concrete measures and terms. The bank is exempt from the right to conclude bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2, items 3, 7 and 10 of the LBCA within a period of two months. Until the repayment of a large loan extended by this bank in violation of Article 28, para. 2 of the LBCA and BNB Regulations No. 7 of 1993 on Big and Internal Loans of Banks, the chairman of the Board of Directors is exempt from the right to manage and represent this bank.
- The financial brokerage house “Sofia” (renamed “Unionbank,” based in Sofia, with an equity capital of BGL 200 million) was authorized to conduct all types of bank transactions provided for in Article 1, paragraph 2 of the LBCA.
- 27 October** From October to December 1994, absolute surplus of minimum reserves required of commercial banks over paid-in reserves in September 1994 may be accounted for in government securities as well (issued after 1 October 1994) at the auctions’ average selling prices.
- 2 November** The BNB authorized Bulgarian Investment Bank Ltd., Sofia, with a capital base of BGL 200 million to conduct bank transactions in the country in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA.
- The BNB extended a long-term loan to the MF totaling BGL 2,200 million, value date 7 November 1994, repayable within 10 years, beginning 1 January 1995. The effective basic interest rate will be accrued on loan.
- The BNB extended an interim loan to the MF totaling BGL 2,800 million, value date 7 November 1994, repayable by 31 December 1994. The effective basic interest rate will be accrued on the loan.
- 10 November** The BNB extended an interim loan to the MF totaling BGL 2,200 million, value date 11 November 1994, repayable by 31 December 1994. The effective basic interest rate will be accrued on the loan.
- 14 November** The BNB Board fixed the interest rate on overdraft of commercial banks with the BNB at 90% per annum, beginning 15 November 1994.
- The BNB authorized BNP-Dresdner Bank (Bulgaria) Ltd., Sofia, with a capital base of BGL 500 million to conduct bank transactions in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA domestically and abroad.
- Commercial banks not involved in servicing the state budget shall introduce the National Chart of Accounts of Banks until 1 April 1995; commercial banks servicing the state budget shall introduce the National Chart of Accounts of Banks until 1 May 1995; as of 1 May 1995, BUS 9094 “Electronic access and data exchange through BISERA” will be introduced; as of 1 January 1995, Information Technology Department and Bankservice Ltd. will accept applications for opening branches of commercial banks provided the applicants have declared that newly opened branches will apply the National Chart of Accounts of Banks.

- 1 December** The International Orthodox Bank “St. Nicolas,” Sofia, with a capital base of BGL 500 million was authorized to conduct bank transactions in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA domestically and abroad.
- Credit Express Commercial Bank Ltd., Varna, with a capital base of BGL 200 million was authorized to conduct bank transactions in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA in the country.
- Sirbank Ltd., Sredetz Commercial Bank Ltd., Karlovo Commercial Bank Ltd., Elin Pelin Commercial Bank Ltd. were authorized to merge establishing Universalbank Ltd. The consolidated bank with a registered office in Sofia was authorized to conduct bank transactions in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA domestically and abroad.
- 8 December** Commercial banks were permitted to hold in foreign exchange up to 50% of their minimum reserve requirements on attracted forex resources.
- 15 December** As of 21 December 1994, a banknote with a face value of BGL 2,000, issue 1994, was put into circulation.
- 22 December** Regulations No. 8 of the BNB on the Capital Adequacy of Banks were amended.
- The BNB Board set at 48% the annual interest rate on outstanding credits, as specified in Article 1, para. 1, item 1 of the LSNC.
- 29 December** Requirements relating to commercial bank correspondent rights on the cash basis reporting of the budget and the procedure for bank service of budget accounts for 1996 were adopted.
- A consent to sign a loan agreement with the MF totaling BGL 4 billion, value date 30 December 1994, repayable within 10 years, effective as of 1 January 1995, was granted; under this agreement the remainder of the MF debt (BGL 4 billion), resulting from extension of BNB interim loans, was renegotiated. The effective basic interest rate is to be accrued on the loan.