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## GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Indicators	1991	1992	1993	1994 <sup>1</sup>	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1992	1993	1994 <sup>1</sup>	1995 <sup>1</sup>
	(million BGL)			(real growth index, previous year, % <sup>2</sup> )					
GDP	135711	200832	298934	522234	871397	-7.3	-2.4	1.4	2.6
Industry and construction	63459	90508	117133	157164	272699	-8.2	-2.2	2.9	1.7
Agriculture	20988	23533	29910	60184	111041	-14.5	-30.3	10.8	16.3
Services	63873	90475	147525	266513	401263	-20.7	-2.6	-3.1	-5.8
Adjustment <sup>3</sup>	-12609	-3684	4366	38373	86394				
FINAL DEMAND	135708	200823	298924	522234	871397				
Final consumption	99254	172642	278493	476499	740105	-3.1	-2.7	-2.7	-3.2
Public	75848	131930	221632	389130	613588	-2.3	0.0	-0.2	-1.9
Government spending	23406	40712	56861	87369	126517	-6.0	-11.4	-12.1	-9.4
Gross investment	30662	39937	42427	49020	127292	5.9	-25.9	-35.7	-
Fixed investment	24635	32577	35428	74319	133262	13.7	-24.5	-	-
Inventory investment	6027	7360	6999	-25299	-5970	-25.9	-32.1	-	-
Foreign trade balance <sup>4</sup>	5792	-11756	-21996	-3285	4000				
Statistical discrepancy	3	9	10	0	0				

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data of the NSI after eliminating the holding profit.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are calculated according to methodologically comparable volumes.

<sup>3</sup> Including conditional value added of financial intermediaries, value added tax and import duties.

<sup>4</sup> Net exports of goods and services, tourist services excluded.

Source: NSI.

**EMPLOYMENT BY ECONOMIC BRANCH**

Indicators	(thousands of persons)										Indices, 1989 = 100 (%)					Employment rate (%)				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995*	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Total	4366	4097	3564	3274	3222	3242	3311	93.8	81.6	75.0	73.8	74.2	75.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Industry	1646	1498	1230	1067	979	943	932	91.0	74.7	64.8	59.5	57.3	56.6	37.7	36.6	34.5	32.6	30.4	29.1	28.2
Agriculture and forestry	814	758	696	694	712	752	802	93.1	85.5	85.3	87.5	92.3	98.5	18.6	18.5	19.5	21.2	22.1	23.2	24.2
Construction	361	337	253	204	209	192	192	93.4	70.1	56.5	57.9	53.2	53.1	8.3	8.2	7.1	6.2	6.5	5.9	5.8
Services	1504	1462	1346	1275	1283	1318	1349	97.2	89.5	84.8	85.3	87.6	89.7	34.4	35.7	37.8	38.9	39.8	40.7	40.8
Transport	247	242	223	193	197	188	188	98.0	90.3	78.1	79.8	76.3	76.0	5.7	5.9	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.7
Trade	395	372	342	329	332	369	377	94.2	86.6	83.3	84.1	93.4	95.4	9.0	9.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	11.4	11.4
Communications	44	45	44	44	44	44	46	102.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.3	103.5	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Other services	818	803	737	709	710	716	739	98.2	90.1	86.7	86.8	87.6	90.4	18.7	19.6	20.7	21.7	22.0	22.1	22.3
Public utilities	97	92	80	68	66	75	79	94.8	82.5	70.1	68.0	77.8	81.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.4
Science	97	91	67	53	36	30	28	93.8	69.1	54.6	37.1	31.2	29.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.9
Education	277	273	268	263	263	255	254	98.6	96.8	94.9	94.9	92.0	91.5	6.3	6.7	7.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	7.7
Arts, culture	46	47	38	34	41	41	42	102.2	82.6	73.9	89.1	89.5	90.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Health care	214	221	207	204	200	195	200	103.3	96.7	95.3	93.5	91.2	93.3	4.9	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.0
Finance, credit and insurance	26	25	27	35	37	44	48	96.2	103.8	134.6	142.3	169.4	183.0	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4
Management	61	54	50	52	67	75	89	88.5	82.0	85.2	109.8	123.4	146.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.7
Other branches	41	43	37	33	38	37	36	104.9	90.2	80.5	92.7	90.7	87.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1

\* Preliminary data.

Source: NSI.

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

Indicators	1994						1995					
	Registered number of employed (thousands of persons)*		Wage fund (million BGL)		Average monthly wage (BGL)		Registered number of employed (thousands of persons)*		Wage fund (million 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	1989.6	1974.4	49398	114260	4138	4822	1850.8	1846.6	73942	165306	6659	7460
Industry	783.4	779.1	21475	48983	4569	5239	737.1	733.3	33160	72883	7498	8282
Construction	112.1	109.6	2757	6394	4097	4860	94.4	93.7	3719	8960	6567	7968
Agriculture	138.9	137.4	2363	5655	2835	3429	104.0	108.1	2897	6860	4643	5287
Forestry	15.6	13.2	214	482	2280	3030	12.5	12.8	300	731	4000	4749
Other industries	10.6	10.5	308	692	4841	5517	10.5	9.9	478	955	7595	8031
Services	928.9	924.6	22281	51863	3998	4692	892.4	888.7	33388	74916	6236	7025
Transport	145.4	144.0	4497	10073	5155	5831	134.5	132.6	6515	14105	8074	8863
Communications	43.4	43.5	1159	2772	4452	5308	43.5	43.8	1929	3998	7389	7614
Trade	113.9	112.4	2700	6172	3950	4575	97.1	95.3	3747	8415	6428	7356
Other services	626.2	624.7	13925	32846	3706	4382	617.3	617.0	21198	48399	5724	6537
Public utilities	49.7	49.5	1194	2813	4000	4734	51.3	53.3	2043	4603	6634	7197
Science	30.3	29.9	740	1708	4070	4760	26.8	26.7	1014	2356	6302	7353
Education	247.1	245.3	4750	11102	3204	3771	243.5	243.0	7261	16435	4970	5637
Arts, culture	27.5	27.3	513	1200	3104	3663	27.1	26.9	782	1896	4819	5865
Health care	185.1	185.2	3858	8903	3475	4007	182.1	181.4	5601	12600	5127	5788
Finance, credit and insurance	29.4	29.9	1380	3274	7826	9120	28.2	26.8	2176	4546	12862	14138
Management	54.7	55.0	1424	3680	4340	5573	57.1	58.7	2269	5948	6627	8442
Other	2.4	2.5	67	165	4586	5550	1.3	0.1	53	14	6743	8048

\* Women on maternity leave excluded.  
Source: NSI.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN 1995**  
(previous month = 100)

Commodity (services) groups	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Consumer price index	103.9	103.8	103.4	101.0	101.9	100.5	101.5	100.5	104.8	102.5	102.6	102.6
Food	103.8	104.3	99.7	99.9	101.4	98.0	100.4	99.5	104.7	102.9	103.5	103.5
Nonfood	103.0	103.3	103.3	102.0	102.7	102.9	102.9	101.5	103.4	102.2	102.1	102.1
Services	105.6	101.9	119.9	101.4	101.0	102.1	101.7	100.9	109.7	100.8	101.2	101.5
Food*	104.2	104.5	99.6	99.8	101.4	97.9	99.9	99.3	104.6	103.4	103.3	103.4
Drink	101.0	103.2	105.7	107.4	101.4	102.4	105.4	103.9	103.8	101.4	104.4	102.3
Tobacco products	107.9	101.8	99.2	101.0	103.5	103.5	117.4	102.0	100.9	100.1	101.4	100.4
Housing	106.2	105.4	106.4	103.4	102.1	103.3	102.4	102.0	104.4	101.1	101.9	102.0
Energy for households	99.9	101.5	134.8	98.4	100.0	100.3	100.5	100.1	117.3	100.2	100.1	100.7
Home furniture	105.1	104.2	105.2	102.8	102.5	101.3	102.5	102.0	103.2	102.0	102.0	102.8
Clothing and footwear	102.7	102.3	103.6	103.5	104.2	103.2	101.2	101.9	104.6	104.8	103.7	103.0
Hygiene and health care	106.7	103.7	104.9	103.6	105.4	103.1	102.0	102.9	102.5	101.4	102.3	101.2
Education and leisure	112.1	104.5	103.7	100.6	101.8	101.4	102.3	101.3	103.6	101.8	101.7	102.3
Transport and communications	99.7	102.5	101.6	101.6	101.6	104.6	102.1	100.6	101.2	100.8	101.0	101.2
Other	99.7	105.4	101.4	100.0	101.5	105.7	112.5	101.7	102.1	100.5	101.4	101.9

**CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN 1995**  
(December 1994 = 100)

Commodity (services) groups	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Consumer price index	103.9	107.8	111.4	112.5	114.6	115.2	117.0	117.6	123.2	126.3	129.5	132.9
Food	103.8	108.3	108.0	107.9	109.4	107.2	107.6	107.1	112.2	115.4	119.4	123.6
Nonfood	103.0	106.4	109.9	112.1	115.2	118.5	121.9	123.8	128.0	130.9	133.6	136.4
Services	105.6	107.5	128.9	130.7	132.0	134.7	137.0	138.3	151.7	152.9	154.8	157.1
Food*	104.2	108.8	108.4	108.2	109.7	107.4	107.4	106.7	111.5	115.3	119.0	123.1
Drink	101.0	104.3	110.3	118.4	120.0	122.8	129.5	134.5	139.6	141.5	147.7	151.2
Tobacco products	107.9	109.8	108.9	110.0	111.0	114.9	134.9	137.5	138.7	138.8	140.7	141.2
Housing	106.2	112.0	119.1	123.1	125.7	129.8	132.9	135.6	141.6	143.2	146.0	148.9
Energy for households	99.9	101.4	136.7	134.5	134.6	134.9	135.5	135.6	159.1	159.4	159.7	160.8
Home furniture	105.1	109.5	115.1	118.3	121.3	122.9	126.0	128.5	132.7	135.3	138.0	141.9
Clothing and footwear	102.7	105.1	108.9	112.8	117.5	121.3	122.8	125.2	131.0	137.2	142.2	146.5
Hygiene and health care	106.7	110.7	116.2	120.3	126.7	130.7	133.3	137.2	140.7	142.6	145.8	147.6
Education and leisure	112.1	117.1	121.4	122.2	124.4	126.1	129.0	130.6	135.3	137.8	140.1	143.4
Transport and communications	99.7	102.2	103.9	105.5	107.2	112.1	114.4	115.1	116.5	117.4	118.6	120.1
Other	99.7	105.1	106.6	106.6	108.2	114.4	128.7	130.9	133.6	134.2	136.0	138.7

\* Including prices in catering establishments.  
Source: NSI.

**COMMODITY AND GEOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS**

Regions	(thousand USD)															
	Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products		Machines and equipment		Mineral products and fuels		Base metals		Vegetable and animal products, food, drink and tobacco		Products of food industry		Chemical products		Total	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
OECD countries	92844	136387	172677	236407	135177	113892	492255	705376	230048	386134	380398	517157	297066	457330	1800465	2552683
Imports, FOB	125029	189432	744467	818700	72557	54458	95698	123851	193695	190815	354385	461552	324163	450143	1909994	2288951
Exports, FOB	81329	120005	150470	200152	89301	60449	328992	496541	183236	255290	315751	431702	202509	324850	1351588	1888989
Imports, CIF	88015	127602	604703	656800	34883	35050	85634	111010	130810	133015	321976	420609	269060	373692	1535081	1857778
EFTA countries	2340	1239	3439	3776	2289	8277	2422	51608	9204	14224	8651	13014	5316	1610	33661	93748
Imports, CIF	26785	47638	36562	45379	1230	185	3096	4307	2755	2213	5977	8154	29184	39240	105589	147116
Other OECD countries	9175	15143	18768	32479	43587	45166	160841	157227	37608	116620	55996	72441	89241	130870	415216	569946
Imports, CIF	10229	14192	103202	116521	36444	19223	6968	8534	60130	55587	26432	32789	25919	37211	269324	284057
Central and eastern European countries	73242	87805	229893	216800	157508	195191	81492	120261	503098	595222	97153	92244	237887	344360	1380273	1651883
Imports, CIF	57990	98749	138590	165921	1009139	1206755	181395	234559	99682	55926	65919	84464	135188	231989	1687903	2078363
Balkan countries*	45405	48916	40431	47831	131318	150475	62872	88303	176010	139067	51067	45874	129850	178131	636953	698597
Imports, CIF	17927	19021	16427	20317	54051	27500	57935	105325	29134	14948	20846	20701	22923	36266	219243	244078
Former USSR countries	26547	37063	168142	143439	21045	43867	11821	22359	315414	441198	39267	42360	97642	151692	679878	881978
Imports, CIF	31795	67464	82150	101032	939133	1175111	112906	108513	45046	35311	34569	45171	81123	147809	1326722	1680411
Visegrad countries	1290	1826	21320	25530	5145	849	6799	9599	11674	14957	6819	4010	10395	14537	63442	71308
Imports, CIF	8268	12264	40013	44572	15955	4144	10554	20721	25502	5667	10504	18592	31142	47914	141938	153874
Arab countries	16292	16091	46884	60835	21169	70704	44737	60378	55291	84257	5262	7042	23517	34670	213152	333977
Imports, CIF	212	392	1223	13194	194206	149713	80	1788	9497	5988	4638	3418	1152	1140	211008	1756633
Other countries	7510	7745	72256	92109	56633	43496	162193	112451	21449	48325	14046	25458	53216	116403	387303	445987
Imports, CIF	1782	2981	56245	76773	29547	40684	4847	10940	150883	145915	23135	28425	21643	29959	288082	335677
Exports, total	189888	248028	521710	606151	370487	423283	780677	998466	809886	1113938	496859	641901	611686	952763	3781193	4984530
Imports, total	185013	291554	940525	1074588	1305449	1451610	282020	371138	453757	398644	448077	577859	482146	713231	4096987	4878624

\* This group includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Yugoslavia and Croatia. Greece is included in the EU countries and Turkey in the OECD countries. Source: NSI, customs declarations. Data for 1995 is preliminary.

**COMMODITY AND GEOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS  
(share of countries' exports and imports in commodity groups)**

Regions	(%)															
	Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products		Machines and equipment		Mineral products and fuels		Base metals		Vegetable and animal products, food, drink and tobacco		Products of food industry		Chemical products		Total	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
OECD countries	48.9	55.0	33.1	39.0	36.5	26.9	70.6	63.1	70.6	28.4	34.7	76.6	80.6	48.6	48.0	51.2
Imports, CIF	67.6	65.0	79.2	76.2	5.6	3.8	33.4	33.9	33.4	42.7	47.9	79.1	79.9	67.2	63.1	46.9
EU countries	42.8	48.4	28.8	33.0	24.1	14.3	49.7	42.1	49.7	22.6	22.9	63.5	67.3	33.1	34.1	37.9
Imports, CIF	47.6	43.8	64.3	61.1	2.7	2.4	29.9	30.4	29.9	28.8	33.4	71.9	72.8	55.8	52.4	38.1
EFTA countries	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.0	5.2	0.3	5.2	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	0.9	0.2	1.9
Imports, CIF	14.5	16.3	3.9	4.2	0.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.4	6.1	5.5	3.0
Other OECD countries	4.8	6.1	3.6	5.4	11.8	10.7	15.7	20.6	15.7	4.6	10.5	11.3	11.3	14.6	13.7	11.4
Imports, CIF	5.5	4.9	11.0	10.8	2.8	1.3	2.5	2.5	2.3	13.3	13.9	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.8
Central and eastern European countries	38.6	35.4	44.1	35.8	42.5	46.1	12.0	10.4	12.0	62.1	53.4	19.6	14.4	38.9	36.1	33.1
Imports, CIF	31.3	33.9	14.7	15.4	77.3	83.1	63.2	64.3	63.2	22.0	14.0	14.7	14.6	28.0	32.5	41.2
Balkan countries*	23.9	19.7	7.7	7.9	35.4	35.5	8.8	8.1	8.8	21.7	12.5	10.3	7.1	21.2	18.7	14.0
Imports, CIF	9.7	6.5	1.7	1.9	4.1	1.9	20.5	20.5	28.4	6.4	3.7	4.7	3.6	4.8	5.1	5.0
Former USSR countries	14.0	14.9	32.2	23.7	5.7	10.4	2.2	1.5	2.2	38.9	39.6	7.9	6.6	16.0	15.9	17.7
Imports, CIF	17.2	23.1	8.7	9.4	71.9	81.0	29.2	40.0	29.2	9.9	8.9	7.7	7.8	16.8	20.7	34.4
Visegrad countries	0.7	0.7	4.1	4.2	1.4	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.6	1.7	1.5	1.4
Imports, CIF	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	1.2	0.3	3.7	3.7	5.6	5.6	1.4	2.3	3.2	6.5	6.7	3.2
Arab countries	8.6	6.5	9.0	10.0	5.7	16.7	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.8	7.6	1.1	1.1	3.8	3.6	6.7
Imports, CIF	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2	14.9	10.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	3.6
Other countries	4.0	3.1	13.8	15.2	15.3	10.3	11.3	20.8	11.3	2.6	4.3	2.8	4.0	8.7	12.2	10.2
Imports, CIF	1.0	1.0	6.0	7.1	2.3	2.8	2.9	1.7	2.9	33.3	36.6	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.2	6.9
Exports, total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Imports, total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* This group includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Yugoslavia and Croatia. Greece is included in the EU countries and Turkey in the OECD countries. Source: NSI, customs declarations. Data for 1995 is preliminary.



**COMMODITY AND GEOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS  
(share of commodity groups' exports and imports in group of countries)**

Regions	(%)																
	Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products		Machines and equipment		Mineral products and fuels		Base metals		Vegetable and animal products, food, drink and tobacco		Products of food industry		Chemical products		Total		
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
OECD countries	Exports, FOB	5.2	5.3	9.6	9.3	7.5	4.5	27.6	27.6	12.8	15.1	21.1	20.3	16.5	17.9	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	6.5	8.3	39.0	35.8	3.8	2.4	5.0	5.4	10.1	8.3	18.6	20.2	17.0	19.7	100.0	100.0
EU countries	Exports, FOB	6.0	6.4	11.1	10.6	6.6	3.2	24.3	26.3	13.6	13.5	23.4	22.9	15.0	17.2	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	5.7	6.9	39.4	35.4	2.3	1.9	5.6	6.0	8.5	7.2	21.0	22.6	17.5	20.1	100.0	100.0
EFTA countries	Exports, FOB	7.0	1.3	10.2	4.0	6.8	8.8	7.2	55.0	27.3	15.2	25.7	13.9	15.8	1.7	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	25.4	32.4	34.6	30.8	1.2	0.1	2.9	2.9	2.6	1.5	5.7	5.5	27.6	26.7	100.0	100.0
Other OECD countries	Exports, FOB	2.2	2.7	4.5	5.7	10.5	7.9	38.7	27.6	9.1	20.5	13.5	12.7	21.5	23.0	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	3.8	5.0	38.3	41.0	13.5	6.8	2.6	3.0	22.3	19.6	9.8	11.5	9.6	13.1	100.0	100.0
Central and eastern European countries	Exports, FOB	5.3	5.3	16.7	13.1	11.4	11.8	5.9	7.3	36.4	36.0	7.0	5.6	17.2	20.8	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	3.4	4.8	8.2	8.0	59.8	58.1	10.7	11.3	5.9	2.7	3.9	4.1	8.0	11.2	100.0	100.0
Balkan countries*	Exports, FOB	7.1	7.0	6.3	6.8	20.6	21.5	9.9	12.6	27.6	19.9	8.0	6.6	20.4	25.5	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	8.2	7.8	7.5	8.3	24.7	11.3	26.4	43.2	13.3	6.1	9.5	8.5	10.5	14.9	100.0	100.0
Former USSR countries	Exports, FOB	3.9	4.2	24.7	16.3	3.1	5.0	1.7	2.5	46.4	50.0	5.8	4.8	14.4	17.2	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	2.4	4.0	6.2	6.0	70.8	69.9	8.5	6.5	3.4	2.1	2.6	2.7	6.1	8.8	100.0	100.0
Visegrad countries	Exports, FOB	2.0	2.6	33.6	35.8	8.1	1.2	10.7	13.5	18.4	21.0	10.7	5.6	16.4	20.4	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	5.8	8.0	28.2	29.0	11.2	2.7	7.4	13.5	18.0	3.7	7.4	12.1	21.9	31.1	100.0	100.0
Arab countries	Exports, FOB	7.6	4.8	22.0	18.2	9.9	21.2	21.0	18.1	25.9	25.2	2.5	2.1	11.0	10.4	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	0.1	0.2	0.6	7.5	92.0	85.2	0.0	1.0	4.5	3.4	2.2	1.9	0.5	0.6	100.0	100.0
Other countries	Exports, FOB	1.9	1.7	18.7	20.7	14.6	9.8	41.9	25.2	5.5	10.8	3.6	5.7	13.7	26.1	100.0	100.0
	Imports, CIF	0.6	0.9	19.5	22.9	10.3	12.1	1.7	3.3	52.4	43.5	8.0	8.5	7.5	8.9	100.0	100.0
Exports, total		5.0	5.0	13.8	12.2	9.8	8.5	20.6	20.0	21.4	22.3	13.1	12.9	16.2	19.1	100.0	100.0
Imports, total		4.5	6.0	23.0	22.0	31.9	29.8	6.9	7.6	11.1	8.2	10.9	11.8	11.8	14.6	100.0	100.0

\* This group includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Yugoslavia and Croatia. Greece is included in the EU countries and Turkey in the OECD countries. Source: NSI, customs declarations. Data for 1995 is preliminary.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(million USD)

Indicators	1994					1995				
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT<sup>1</sup></b>										
Trade balance <sup>2, 13</sup>	-321.9	88.3	126.6	82.2	-24.8	-78.5	77.1	251.1	84.1	333.8
Exports, FOB	-273.2	105.1	62.0	89.3	-16.9	51.0	83.5	243.3	50.1	427.8
Imports, FOB	867.9	1011.4	1034.1	1021.7	3935.1	1159.7	1316.6	1420.5	1213.4	5110.3
Services, net	1141.1	906.3	972.1	932.4	3952.0	1108.8	1233.1	1177.3	1163.4	4682.5
Receipts	-86.8	-72.6	20.6	-42.8	-181.6	-163.2	-26.7	-39.3	3.2	-226.0
Transport <sup>3</sup>	300.1	235.0	457.6	348.7	1341.4	393.7	321.6	484.9	369.3	1569.5
Travel <sup>4</sup>	70.0	81.1	133.1	91.5	375.7	100.1	115.6	152.0	114.3	482.0
Interest paid <sup>5</sup>	44.4	61.1	184.0	72.1	361.5	85.0	102.5	179.5	105.9	472.9
Other	19.8	16.3	22.6	25.9	84.6	44.2	33.9	36.8	34.9	149.8
Payments	165.9	76.5	118.0	159.2	519.6	164.4	69.5	116.7	114.2	464.8
Transport <sup>3</sup>	386.8	307.6	437.0	391.6	1523.1	556.9	348.3	524.2	366.1	1795.5
Travel <sup>4</sup>	114.1	108.2	129.2	114.1	465.5	119.1	128.7	119.9	76.0	443.8
Interest paid <sup>5</sup>	39.5	60.4	82.0	61.8	243.7	52.4	51.9	47.5	43.3	195.1
Other	141.2	104.2	121.8	169.6	536.7	149.3	108.6	121.0	173.0	604.7
Transfers net (private)	34.9	53.6	41.9	33.8	164.1	25.8	20.3	45.7	25.2	117.0
Receipts	83.7	104.0	86.1	73.7	347.5	60.1	50.6	84.5	46.7	241.9
Payments	48.8	50.4	44.3	39.9	183.4	34.3	30.3	38.8	21.5	124.9
Unrequited transfers <sup>6</sup>	3.2	2.3	2.2	1.9	9.6	7.9	0.0	1.4	5.6	15.0
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT<sup>1, 7</sup></b>										
Direct investment in Bulgaria <sup>8</sup>	428.7	42.3	-664.7	225.4	31.8	168.5	271.7	-363.1	-172.0	-94.9
Direct investment abroad	17.2	13.9	13.2	61.1	105.4	66.6	10.0	8.8	5.0	90.4
Portfolio investment, net										
Assets										
Liabilities										
Medium- and long-term loans, net										
Drawings:	-25.2	50.7	71.1	124.1	220.8	16.9	-22.2	-31.3	-57.3	-93.9
official	0.0	65.8	88.4	147.1	301.3	51.9	8.5	5.8	0.3	66.5
private	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.4	4.1	0.3	64.4
Repayments	25.2	15.1	17.3	22.9	80.5	34.9	30.7	37.2	57.7	160.4
Balance of payments support	17.8	17.0	0.0	108.8	143.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EU loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.8	85.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EFTA loans	17.8	17.0	0.0	23.0	57.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loans extended, net, of which:	101.0	73.6	52.7	35.8	263.1	63.9	72.0	76.4	80.3	292.6
Drawings	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.6
Repayments <sup>9</sup>	101.0	73.7	52.7	35.8	263.2	65.4	72.0	77.5	80.3	295.2

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(million USD)

Indicators	1994					1995				
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	Total
Short-term debt, net	31.0	-1.9	5.4	-17.5	17.0	-16.5	7.1	-54.6	-54.5	-118.4
Deposits and loans, net	32.0	-1.8	6.0	-13.0	23.2	-11.9	8.1	-54.3	-54.5	-112.6
Deposits						-5.6	15.1	-47.4	-45.9	-83.8
Loans						-6.3	-7.0	-6.9	-8.6	-28.8
Clearing accounts, net <sup>10</sup>	-1.0	-0.1	-0.6	-4.5	-6.2	-4.5	-1.0	-0.3	0.0	-5.9
Other capital	287.0	-111.0	-91.1	-77.1	7.8	50.9	221.8	-360.5	-144.3	-232.1
Domestic money banks forex deposits	-17.5	-216.5	-270.5	205.2	-299.3	11.9	151.6	-136.1	144.0	171.4
Other short-term capital, net <sup>11</sup>	304.5	105.5	179.4	-282.3	307.1	39.0	70.2	-224.4	-288.3	-403.5
Cost of DDSR			-716.0		-716.0					
Errors and omissions	-126.5	178.9	43.0	-15.5	79.8	61.5	71.0	97.1	-57.0	172.5
OVERALL BALANCE	-19.7	309.5	-495.1	292.1	86.8	151.4	419.8	-15.0	-144.8	411.4
Financing (incr:-) <sup>12</sup>	19.7	-309.5	495.1	-292.1	-86.8	-151.4	-419.8	15.0	144.8	-411.4
Gross BNB reserves, of which:	19.7	-493.2	382.0	-259.6	-351.1	-125.6	-372.1	65.8	197.3	-234.6
Holdings of SDR	-0.4	-41.8	18.1	10.1	-14.0	11.2	-0.4	-3.0	-22.5	-14.7
Reserve position with the IMF	-1.2	-1.2	-0.6	0.3	-2.7	3.3	-0.3	2.0	0.7	5.7
Use of Fund credit, net	0.0	183.7	113.1	-32.5	264.3	-42.0	-60.8	-65.3	-72.1	-240.1
Purchases	0.0	197.4	136.6	0.0	334.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repurchases	0.0	13.7	23.5	32.5	69.7	42.0	60.8	65.3	72.1	240.1
Preliminary data.										
Customs data is provided by the NSI.										
Includes Other Transportation (Passenger Services), estimated by the BNB.										
Tourist data provided by the NSI and BNB estimations.										
Interest data is on a cash basis. For 1995 interest payments are on a due basis.										
Based on data provided by the Agency for Foreign Aid.										
For assets, a minus sign shows an increase and a negative figure represents a decrease. For liabilities, a positive sign shows an increase and a negative figure shows a decrease.										
Ministry of Finance data.										
Includes gas deliveries under the Yamburg agreement.										
Includes clearing account repayment to former COMECON countries.										
Includes unclassified capital and other short-term capital.										
For 1995, including rescheduled payments and arrears of commercial banks.										
The differences between the NSI data and settlement data are due to different principle of reporting. The NSI trade data is based on the customs declarations and include goods that have physically crossed the border while commercial banks report only trade related incoming and outgoing payments. Probably there are problems with the accurate reporting of trade flows.										
Settlement data reported by the commercial banks:										
Trade balance, million USD	20.1	242.8	286.4	-105.8	443.5	78.8	82.7	140.4	-119.8	182.1
Exports, FOB	1928.4	2254.3	2475.5	2522.9	9181.1	2022.2	2238.8	2127.9	2102.5	8491.4
Imports, FOB	1908.3	2011.5	2189.1	2628.7	8737.6	1943.4	2156.1	1987.5	2222.3	8309.3

Source: BNB.

**CONSOLIDATED STATE BUDGET**

Indicators	Consolidated state budget				Government budget <sup>3</sup>				Legal institutions				
	31 December 1994		31 December 1995		31 December 1994		31 December 1995		31 December 1994		31 December 1995		
	Reporting, million BGL	% of GDP <sup>1</sup>	Reporting, million BGL	% of GDP <sup>2</sup>	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	% of GDP <sup>1</sup>	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	% of GDP <sup>1</sup>	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	% of GDP <sup>2</sup>
Net revenue	219777.8	42.1	328328.7	37.7	133157.9	60.6	25.5	197407.4	60.1	23.2	1740.3	0.8	0.3
Net expenditure	249930.2	47.9	377923.3	43.4	135047.2	54.0	25.9	217582.6	57.6	25.5	955.4	0.4	0.2
Government transfers	0.0		0.0		32154.3		6.2	37752.1		4.3	784.9		0.2
Budget deficit	-30152.4	5.8	-49594.5	5.7	-34043.6		6.5	-57927.3		6.6	0.0		0.0
Financing, net	30152.4	5.8	49594.5	5.7	34043.6		6.5	57927.3		6.6	0.0		0.0
Foreign financing, net	-2749.9	0.5	-11713.4	1.3	-2749.9		0.5	-11713.4		1.3	0.0		0.0
Domestic financing, net including:	32902.3	6.3	61307.8	7.0	36793.5		7.0	69640.6		8.0	0.0		0.0
Operations in government securities, net	37143.5		69938.6		37143.5			69938.6					
Direct financing from financial institutions, net	-4581.0		-8996.2		-350.0			-298.0			0.0		-184.1
BNB, net	-4366.4		-3832.1		123.0			28.8			0.0		-184.1
Long-term loans	14700.0		0.0		14700.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Repayments	-6822.2		-4013.3		-6822.2			-4013.3			0.0		0.0
Temporary loans	1000.0		19000.0		1000.0			19000.0			0.0		0.0
Repayments	-1000.0		-19000.0		-1000.0			-19000.0			0.0		0.0
Resources on accounts	-14868.5		-8899.7		-7754.8			-3712.7			0.0		-184.1
Resources on deposits accounts	0.0		0.0		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Balances from past periods	2624.3		9080.9		0.0			7754.8			0.0		0.0
Other banks and financial institutions, net	-214.6		-5164.1		-473.0			-326.8			0.0		0.0
Credits extended	683.4		3.8		0.0			2.4			0.0		0.0
Repayments	-933.6		-787.4		-473.0			-473.0			0.0		0.0
Loans repaid by municipal councils	0.0		143.8		0.0			143.8			0.0		0.0
Resources on accounts, net	35.6		-4524.3		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Balances on past periods	192.6		5944.3		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Balances on accounts	-157.0		-10468.6		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Other financing	141.2		239.3		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0
Issue of municipal securities	198.6		126.1		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0

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Indicators	Social security						Municipal councils						Extrabudgetary accounts					
	31 December 1994		31 December 1995		31 December 1994		31 December 1995		31 December 1994		31 December 1995		31 December 1994		31 December 1995			
	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share	Reporting, million BGL	Perc. share		
Net revenue	49874.8	22.7	9.6	73805.4	22.5	8.5	25385.9	11.6	4.9	38456.0	11.7	4.5	9618.9	4.4	1.8	16453.4	5.0	
Net expenditure	59650.9	23.9	11.4	81641.6	21.6	9.4	48140.9	19.3	9.2	66925.6	17.7	7.9	6135.8	2.5	1.2	9167.9	2.4	
Government transfers	-10055.7		1.9	-8587.0		1.0	-22156.8		4.2	-28581.9		3.3	-726.7		0.1	0.0		
Budget deficit	279.6		0.1	750.9		0.1	-598.2		0.1	112.3		0.0	4209.8		0.8	7285.5		
Financing, net	-279.6		0.1	-750.9		0.1	598.2		0.1	-112.3		0.0	-4209.8		0.8	-7285.5		
Foreign financing, net																		
Domestic financing, net including:	-279.6		0.1	-750.9		0.1	598.2		0.1	-112.3		0.0	-4209.8		0.8	-7285.5		
Operations in government securities, net																		
Direct financing from financial institutions, net	-279.6			-750.9			258.4			-477.7			-4209.8			-7285.5		
BNB, net	-279.6			-750.9			0.0			0.0			-4209.8			-2925.9		
Long-term loans	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		
Temporary loans	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		
Resources on accounts	-285.6			-1036.4			0.0			0.0			-6828.1			-3966.5		
Resources on deposits accounts	0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0		
Balances from past periods	6.0			285.5			0.0			0.0			2618.3			1040.6		
Other banks and financial institutions, net	0.0			0.0			258.4			-477.7			0.0			-4359.6		
Credits extended	0.0			0.0			683.4			1.4			0.0			0.0		
Repayments	0.0			0.0			-460.6			-314.4			0.0			0.0		
Loans repaid by municipal councils	0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0		
Resources on accounts, net	0.0			0.0			35.6			-164.7			0.0			-4359.6		
Balances from past periods	0.0			0.0			192.6			157.0			0.0			5787.3		
Balances on accounts	0.0			0.0			-157.0			-321.7			0.0			-10146.9		
Other financing	0.0			0.0			141.2			239.3			0.0			0.0		
Issue of municipal securities	0.0			0.0			198.6			126.1			0.0			0.0		

<sup>1</sup> GDP for 1994 used in the table is BGL 522.2 billion.<sup>2</sup> GDP for 1995 used in the table is BGL 871.4 billion.<sup>3</sup> 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

Indicators	1994			1995			
	State Budget Law, million BGL	Reporting 31 Dec., million BGL	% of the Law	State Budget Law, million BGL	Reporting 31 Dec., million BGL	% of the Law	% of GDP
I. Total revenue	100167.0	133111.8	132.9	215491.3	197294.1	91.6	22.6
1. Tax revenue	80153.5	102308.1	127.6	170698.7	160107.8	93.8	18.4
including:							
corporate tax from financial institutions	3000.0	538.0	17.9	1063.2	3392.6	319.1	0.4
corporate tax from nonfinancial institutions	6920.0	14403.1	208.1	18105.6	22609.7	124.9	2.6
duties and fees	13050.0	14801.8	113.4	23554.9	21425.0	91.0	2.5
VAT	26854.8	38230.9	142.4	77009.0	59283.3	77.0	6.8
VAT	20013.5	30803.8	153.9	44792.6	37186.3	83.0	4.3
2. Nontax revenue							
including:							
BNB – excess of revenue over expenditure	11500.0	19984.9	173.8	25000.0	15906.2	63.6	1.8
interest revenue	782.5	1668.7	213.3	1830.0	3012.4	164.6	0.3
other nontax revenue	5165.5	3903.6	75.6	10791.1	9726.7	90.1	1.1
II. Total expenditure	133836.6	167155.5	124.9	273442.0	255219.0	93.3	29.3
1. Current expenditure	58018.3	86526.8	149.1	148807.6	140744.6	94.6	16.2
including:							
other expenditure	4176.3	4841.6	115.9	6852.6	3399.3	49.6	0.4
subsidies – total	6220.6	6138.0	98.7	8464.1	7833.4	92.5	0.9
interest – total	42734.6	70674.4	165.4	122765.8	123927.3	100.9	14.2
interest on external loans	9128.0	6562.1	71.9	27356.0	24640.8	90.1	2.8
interest on internal loans	33606.6	64112.3	190.8	95409.8	99286.5	104.1	11.4
including:							
- discounts, interest and commissions							
- on government treasury bills	11375.6	18070.0	158.8	25914.5	29820.8	115.1	3.4
- government bonds issued to assume companies' debt to banks	7956.3	10825.5	136.1	16947.2	14317.7	84.5	1.6
- on government treasury bonds	3046.0	8357.0	274.4	28035.3	35059.6	125.1	4.0
- on loans from BNB	10013.0	24442.7	244.1	21210.4	18443.4	87.0	2.1
- Capital investments	780.1	692.6	88.8	915.0	837.3	91.5	0.1
3. Transfers – total	75038.2	79936.1	106.5	123719.4	113637.0	91.9	13.0
3.1. Subsidies	75524.8	80848.5	107.0	123977.5	113863.5	91.8	13.1
3.2. Temporary loans from central government budget to municipal councils		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
to regional municipal councils		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
to ministries and agencies		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
to Social Security		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
to legal institutions		0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0
3.3. Central government budget contributions	-486.6	-912.4	187.5	-258.1	-226.5	87.8	0.0
III. Deficit (-) / Surplus (+)							
1. Primary deficit/surplus	9065.0	36630.7	404.1	64815.1	66002.4	101.8	7.6
Interest paid on internal loans	33606.6	64112.3	190.8	95409.8	99286.5	104.1	11.4
2. Internal deficit	-24541.6	-27481.6	112.0	-30594.7	-33284.1	108.8	3.8
Interest paid on external loans	9128.0	6562.1	71.9	27356.0	24640.8	90.1	2.8
3. Cash deficit	-33669.6	-34043.7	101.1	-57950.7	-57924.9	100.0	6.6

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Indicators	1994			1995				
	State Budget Law, million BGL	Reporting 31 Dec., million BGL	% of the Law	% of GDP	State Budget Law, million BGL	Reporting 31 Dec., million BGL	% of the Law	% of GDP
IV. Cash deficit financing	33669.6	34043.7	101.1	6.5	57950.7	57924.9	100.0	6.6
1. Foreign financing (operations abroad)	-3766.1	-2749.8	73.0	0.5	-11628.3	-11713.4	100.7	1.3
1.1. Repayments on extended credits to other countries	38.0	51.0	134.2		133.0	112.9	84.9	
1.2. Repayments on clearing account balances for 1991	-870.1	-870.1	100.0					
1.3. Repayments on external loans	-1225.0	-1370.1	111.8		-7400.7	-7176.5	97.0	
1.4. Overdue payments	-612.5	-7.0	1.1		-2769.8	-3385.0	122.2	
1.5. Repayments of trade deficit in transferable roubles with the former COMECON member countries	-1096.5	-553.6	50.5		-1590.8	-1264.9	79.5	
2. Domestic financing	37435.7	36793.6	98.3	7.0	69579.0	69638.3	100.1	8.0
2.1. Operations in government securities, net	30364.4	37143.6	122.3		66310.5	69938.6	105.5	
2.1.1. Issue of government securities in the current year, net	53283.8	70685.2	132.7		121076.4	124704.6	103.0	
issue of treasury bills	21403.1	20797.1	97.2			115029.6		
issue of treasury bonds	-44322.5	-54338.7	122.6			39497.0		
Repayments of government securities in the current year – total		-25997.9				-84588.0		
repayments of government securities issued in the current year		-28340.8				-29822.0		
repayments of government securities issued in previous years		7404.8				-54766.0		
2.2. Direct financing from financial institutions, net	7071.3	7877.8	104.7		-54765.9	-4486.3	100.0	
2.2.1. BNB	7544.3	7877.8	104.4		-4013.3	-4013.3	100.0	
long-term loans	10754.8	14700.0	136.7			0.0		
repayments on long-term loans	-3210.5	-6822.2	212.5		-4013.3	-4013.3	100.0	
temporary loans		1000.0				19000.0		
repayments on temporary loans		-1000.0				-19000.0		
2.2.2. Other banks and financial institutions (SSB and SII)	-473.0	-473.0	100.0		-473.0	-473.0	100.0	
repayments on SSB credits	0.0	-253.0				-253.0		
repayments on SII credits	0.0	-220.0				-220.0		
2.3. Loans repaid by municipal councils from previous years	0.0					143.8		
2.4. Budget deposit	0.0	-7754.8				-3712.7		
2.5. Budget balances from the previous year		0.0			7754.8	7754.8	100.0	
2.6. Temporary noninterest-bearing loans extended to the central government budget from other extrabudgetary financial resources	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		

Notes:

1. The information on cash basis reporting of the central government budget is based on the cable accountability received by commercial banks and is classified according to the method applied by the MF.

2. Allocation of expenditures projected by the Law is based on MF data.

Source: BNB.

**MONEY SUPPLY IN 1995**

(million BGL)

Indicators	Dec. '94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Exchange rate, BGL/1 USD	66.015	66.653	65.641	66.156	65.237	65.953	66.060	66.224	67.979	68.019	68.641	69.812	70.704
Broad money <sup>1</sup>	418009	421707	433886	447764	456785	479815	497874	515282	529570	542901	547984	552710	583663
BGL	281612	283008	297946	313834	327836	343135	362093	375290	378455	388728	392370	393304	424899
convertible currency	136397	138699	135940	133930	128949	136680	135781	139992	151115	154173	155614	159406	158764
Money (M2) <sup>2</sup>	409109	413450	424793	439277	448656	470127	486889	503368	517135	530064	535663	539678	571305
Money (M1)	75131	65146	69163	70949	74867	79208	76099	82908	86652	89767	92149	91335	107886
Currency outside banks	38498	34697	36414	36487	40094	42633	46589	51454	52471	54256	55620	55110	61615
Demand deposits	36633	30449	32749	34462	34773	36575	29510	31454	34181	35511	36529	36225	46271
Near (quasi) money	333978	348264	355630	368328	373789	390919	410790	420460	430483	440297	443514	448343	463419
Time deposits	164954	175782	185900	199048	208273	216842	242922	247483	246512	252101	253294	254318	255570
Savings deposits	40851	41575	42265	43455	44347	46482	40190	41814	42113	42894	42865	43626	57819
Foreign currency deposits	128173	130907	127465	125825	121169	127595	127678	131163	141858	145302	147355	150399	150030
Import and restricted deposits	8900	8297	9093	8487	8129	9688	10985	11914	12435	12837	12321	13032	12358
BGL	676	505	618	382	349	603	2882	3085	3178	3966	4019	4025	3624
convertible currency	8224	7792	8475	8105	7780	9085	8103	8829	9257	8871	8302	9007	8734

<sup>1</sup> Money (M2) and import and restricted deposits included.

<sup>2</sup> Money (M1) and near (quasi) money included.

Source: BNB.



## DOMESTIC CREDIT

(million BGL)

Indicators	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Exchange rate, BGL/1 USD	66.015	66.653	65.641	66.156	65.237	65.953	66.060	66.224	67.979	68.019	68.641	69.812	70.704
Net domestic credit	543224	563228	569725	576262	579714	588852	583091	605913	587528	596741	601228	614515	628485
BGL	264400	278122	283527	288458	292162	298923	361578	374388	377184	385059	384052	401253	411077
convertible currency	278824	285106	286198	287804	287552	289929	221513	231525	210344	211682	217176	213262	217408
Claims on government, net	276727	290542	292936	292329	291377	283662	279269	292236	264307	262002	255152	263036	269378
BGL	119963	131295	133784	134860	134015	135201	194271	202325	197497	197914	191438	206068	207108
convertible currency	156764	159247	159152	157469	157362	148461	84998	89911	66810	64088	63714	56968	62270
State budget	322417	337906	339517	343376	344174	336994	340263	353319	325976	327588	325431	333889	344174
BGL	130470	142103	143968	146006	146568	147857	215416	224953	221893	225198	221264	234753	239461
convertible currency	191947	195803	195549	197370	197606	189137	124847	128366	104083	102390	104167	99136	104713
Extrabudgetary accounts	-45690	-47364	-46581	-51047	-52797	-53332	-60994	-61083	-61669	-65586	-70279	-70853	-74796
Claims on nongovernment sector	266497	272686	276789	283933	288337	305190	303825	313673	323221	334739	346076	351479	359107
BGL	149250	151651	154645	159261	164008	189975	167311	172059	179687	187145	192614	195185	203969
convertible currency	117247	121035	122144	124672	124329	115215	136514	141614	143534	147594	153462	156294	155138
Claims on nonfinancial public enterprises	189884	190575	189339	193078	198168	210534	148974	154487	154985	160269	168599	169252	169023
BGL	111725	109980	110832	113942	118244	143368	84303	88025	89967	93118	96756	96909	97576
convertible currency	78159	80595	78507	79136	79924	67166	64671	66462	65018	67151	71843	72343	71447
Claims on private sector	76613	82111	87450	90855	90169	94656	154851	159186	168236	174470	177477	182227	190084
BGL	37525	41671	43813	45319	45764	46607	83008	84034	89720	94027	95858	98276	106393
convertible currency	39088	40440	43637	45536	44405	48049	71843	75152	78516	80443	81619	83951	83691

Source: BNB.

**NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON ONE-MONTH DEPOSITS IN 1995**

Months	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
January	4.65											
February	9.52	4.65										
March	14.62	9.52	4.66									
April	19.25	13.95	8.89	4.04								
May	23.01	17.54	12.32	7.32	3.15							
June	26.61	20.98	15.60	10.46	6.17	2.93						
July	29.62	23.86	18.36	13.09	8.69	5.38	2.38					
August	32.08	26.21	20.60	15.24	10.76	7.37	4.32	1.90				
September	34.59	28.61	22.89	17.42	12.86	9.41	6.30	3.83	1.90			
October	37.14	31.05	25.22	19.65	15.00	11.49	8.32	5.80	3.83	1.90		
November	39.74	33.53	27.60	21.92	17.18	13.60	10.37	7.81	5.80	3.83	1.90	
December	42.39	36.06	30.02	24.23	19.40	15.76	12.47	9.85	7.81	5.80	3.83	1.90

**REAL INTEREST RATES ON ONE-MONTH DEPOSITS IN 1995**

Months	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
January	0.77											
February	1.62	0.84										
March	2.86	2.07	1.22									
April	5.95	5.14	4.27	3.00								
May	7.29	6.47	5.58	4.31	1.27							
June	9.88	9.04	8.13	6.83	3.71	2.41						
July	10.82	9.98	9.06	7.74	4.60	3.29	0.86					
August	12.32	11.46	10.54	9.20	6.01	4.69	2.22	1.35				
September	9.25	8.42	7.51	6.21	3.11	1.83	-0.57	-1.42	-2.73			
October	8.58	7.75	6.85	5.56	2.48	1.20	-1.18	-2.03	-3.33	-0.62		
November	7.88	7.05	6.16	4.87	1.82	0.54	-1.82	-2.66	-3.96	-1.26	-0.65	
December	7.14	6.32	5.43	4.16	1.12	-0.15	-2.50	-3.33	-4.62	-1.94	-1.33	-0.69

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

Source: BNB.

**NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON SHORT-TERM CREDITS IN 1995**

Months	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
January	6.79											
February	13.99	6.75										
March	21.71	13.98	6.77									
April	29.27	21.05	13.40	6.21								
May	36.21	27.55	19.49	11.91	5.37							
June	43.13	34.03	25.56	17.60	10.73	5.08						
July	49.20	39.72	30.89	22.59	15.42	9.54	4.24					
August	54.51	44.69	35.54	26.94	19.53	13.44	7.95	3.56				
September	60.10	49.92	40.44	31.53	23.85	17.54	11.85	7.30	3.62			
October	65.74	55.21	45.40	36.17	28.22	21.68	15.80	11.08	7.27	3.53		
November	71.63	60.72	50.56	41.01	32.77	26.01	19.91	15.03	11.08	7.20	3.55	
December	77.67	66.38	55.86	45.97	37.44	30.44	24.13	19.08	14.99	10.98	7.20	3.52

**REAL INTEREST RATES ON SHORT-TERM CREDITS IN 1995**

Months	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
January	2.83											
February	5.77	2.86										
March	9.23	6.23	3.27									
April	14.85	11.69	8.58	5.14								
May	18.80	15.54	12.32	8.77	3.44							
June	24.22	20.81	17.45	13.73	8.16	4.56						
July	27.57	24.06	20.61	16.79	11.07	7.38	2.69					
August	31.39	27.78	24.23	20.29	14.41	10.60	5.77	3.00				
September	29.96	26.38	22.87	18.98	13.16	9.39	4.62	1.87	-1.09			
October	31.22	27.61	24.06	20.13	14.26	10.45	5.63	2.86	-0.13	0.97		
November	32.49	28.85	25.27	21.30	15.36	11.52	6.66	3.86	0.84	1.95	0.97	
December	33.68	30.00	26.38	22.38	16.40	12.52	7.61	4.79	1.74	2.86	1.87	0.90

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

Source: BNB.

**DENOMINATION COMPOSITION IN NOTES AND COINS**

(BGL)

	31 December 1994	30 June 1995	31 December 1995
Notes, total	68 869 203 034	74 401 546 724	125 995 004 860
2000 levs	3 460 000 000	3 460 000 000	39 868 000 000
1000 levs	5 280 000 000	5 280 000 000	10 279 995 500
500 levs	22 998 698 500	30 480 787 500	38 447 263 250
200 levs	16 305 526 700	16 773 009 300	19 539 929 900
100 levs	12 189 081 300	11 170 463 500	10 893 743 800
50 levs	4 423 956 100	3 728 645 600	3 912 655 350
20 levs	2 184 994 022	1 823 887 552	1 743 930 052
10 levs	1 288 895 897	1 011 046 547	755 250 442
5 levs	558 229 164	500 265 374	387 026 302
2 levs	92 457 219	87 217 219	82 931 159
1 lev	87 364 132	86 224 132	84 279 105
Coins, total	656 030 567	784 160 317	1 162 066 417
50 levs	11 260 000	11 260 000	11 260 000
20 levs	4 714 960	4 714 960	4 714 960
10 levs	21 300 000	25 500 000	171 465 000
5 levs	124 720 000	124 720 000	198 660 000
2 levs	41 000 000	41 330 000	100 525 000
1 lev	27 859 651	67 069 651	67 072 651
50 stotinkas	55 588 358	55 588 358	55 588 358
20 stotinkas	47 632 861	47 632 861	47 632 861
10 stotinkas	33 336 493	33 336 493	33 336 493
5 stotinkas	12 083 009	12 083 009	12 083 009
2 stotinkas	10 862 659	10 862 659	10 862 659
1 stotinka	8 644 520	8 644 520	8 644 520
Jubilee	257 028 056	341 417 806	440 220 906
Notes and coins, total	69 525 233 601	75 185 707 041	127 157 071 277

Source: BNB.

**CENTRAL EXCHANGE RATE, VOLUME OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET AND GROSS FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES IN 1995**

Indicators	Dec.'94	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Average monthly exchange rate													
BGL/1 USD	65.526	66.823	66.357	65.986	65.648	65.641	66.123	66.105	67.718	68.040	68.241	69.106	70.263
BGL/1 DEM	41.661	43.572	44.131	46.905	47.517	46.659	47.207	47.585	46.945	46.492	48.213	48.839	48.870
BGL/1 CHF	49.277	51.818	52.169	56.313	57.688	56.298	57.135	57.188	56.741	57.109	59.561	60.560	60.365
End of month exchange rate													
BGL/1 USD	66.015	66.653	65.641	66.156	65.237	65.953	66.060	66.224	67.979	68.019	68.641	69.812	70.704
BGL/1 DEM	42.453	44.057	45.038	46.905	47.428	47.537	47.429	47.801	45.972	47.867	48.716	48.609	49.354
BGL/1 CHF	50.155	52.297	53.129	56.313	57.478	57.681	57.027	57.521	55.895	59.312	60.328	60.069	61.290
Monthly volume of forex bought (million USD)	308.30	383.90	540.60	668.00	622.90	614.00	576.90	584.03	576.30	515.60	622.60	567.80	535.10
Monthly volume of forex sold (million USD)	322.50	513.80	461.20	629.20	482.90	547.70	486.90	635.80	577.30	522.00	657.60	673.60	569.40
Gross foreign exchange reserves (million USD)*	1001.8	899.00	977.30	1127.4	1304.3	1421.6	1499.5	1465.6	1450.6	1433.7	1465.4	1362.6	1236.4

\* 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.

**TRANSFERS IN THE BANKING SYSTEM IN 1995**

Month	Number of branches	Monthly		Daily			
		Number	Amount, BGL	Average number	Maximum number	Average amount	Maximum amount
January	752	678 423	140 361 284 706	30 837	51 140	6 380 058 396	8 204 180 690
February	759	769 507	142 886 098 627	38 475	60 286	7 144 304 931	8 475 841 710
March	768	885 929	166 960 585 865	40 270	61 249	7 589 117 539	9 841 601 322
April	781	846 330	173 518 730 810	44 544	64 992	9 132 564 779	11 102 395 939
May	805	835 729	171 244 128 511	39 797	65 834	8 154 482 310	12 023 011 450
June	810	702 874	144 637 949 866	31 949	95 571	6 574 452 267	11 154 437 679
July	824	863 157	180 974 771 371	41 103	68 427	8 617 846 256	12 026 562 566
August	831	778 665	187 978 047 460	33 855	56 603	8 172 958 585	12 154 973 379
September	842	876 509	187 876 310 082	41 739	62 224	8 946 490 956	12 601 746 102
October	861	881 898	209 047 941 349	40 086	73 406	9 502 179 152	13 184 607 153
November	879	900 523	207 708 988 043	40 933	67 368	9 441 317 638	12 491 311 360
December	883	1 083 681	237 160 004 384	57 036	80 472	12 482 105 494	17 683 522 400
Year, total		10 103 225	2 150 354 841 074	39 776	95 571	8 465 963 941	17 683 522 400

Source: BNB.

**CAPITAL ADEQUACY OF COMMERCIAL BANKS (SSB EXCLUDED)  
AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1995**

Indicators	Code	1994	1995	Change
<b>TOTAL FOR THE BANKING SYSTEM</b>				
1. Capital base, thousand BGL	1000	33 651 000	21 374 481	-12 276 519
2. Primary capital, thousand BGL	1100	41 311 128	57 387 190	16 076 062
3. Total assets, thousand BGL (2000.2)	5000	797 544 891	840 346 358	42 801 467
4. Total risk component, thousand BGL (2000.2+3000.2+4000.2)	5100	390 672 589	462 446 930	71 774 341
5. Total capital adequacy, % (1000/5100)	5200	8.61	4.62	-3.99
6. Primary capital adequacy, % (1100/5100)	5210	10.57	12.41	1.84
7. Degree of assets risk, % (5100/5000)	5300	48.98	55.03	6.05
8. Degree of assets coverage, % (1000/5000)	5400	4.22	2.54	-1.68
<b>GROUP I</b>				
1. Capital base, thousand BGL	1000	27 404 927	11 073 452	-16 331 475
2. Primary capital, thousand BGL	1100	33 876 238	38 326 005	4 449 767
3. Total assets, thousand BGL (2000.2)	5000	664 967 193	625 691 326	-39 275 867
4. Total risk component, thousand BGL (2000.2+3000.2+4000.2)	5100	320 684 688	333 225 468	12 540 780
5. Total capital adequacy, % (1000/5100)	5200	8.55	3.32	-5.22
6. Primary capital adequacy, % (1100/5100)	5210	10.56	11.50	0.94
7. Degree of assets risk, % (5100/5000)	5300	48.23	53.26	5.03
8. Degree of assets coverage, % (1000/5000)	5400	4.12	1.77	-2.35
<b>GROUP II</b>				
1. Capital base, thousand BGL	1000	6 246 073	10 301 029	4 054 956
2. Primary capital, thousand BGL	1100	7 434 890	19 061 185	11 626 295
3. Total assets, thousand BGL (2000.2)	5000	132 577 698	214 655 032	82 077 334
4. Total risk component, thousand BGL (2000.2+3000.2+4000.2)	5100	69 987 901	129 221 462	59 233 561
5. Total capital adequacy, % (1000/5100)	5200	8.92	7.97	-0.95
6. Primary capital adequacy, % (1100/5100)	5210	10.62	14.75	4.13
7. Degree of assets risk, % (5100/5000)	5300	52.79	60.20	7.41
8. Degree of assets coverage, % (1000/5000)	5400	4.71	4.80	0.09

Source: BNB.

**BIG LOANS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1995**  
(as per Regulations No. 7 of the BNB)

(thousand BGL)

Indicators	1994			1995		
	Big loans	Capital base	Excess (times)	Big loans	Capital base	Excess (times)
Total for the banking system	71882233	33651000	2.14	164977350	21374481	7.72
Group I	33921506	27404927	1.24	88349722	11073452	7.98
Group II	37960727	6246073	6.08	76627628	10301029	7.44

**LOAN CLASSIFICATION AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1995**  
(as per Regulations No. 9 of the BNB)

(thousand BGL)

Loans	Standard loans		Doubtful loans – group A		Doubtful loans – group B		Uncollectible loans		Total	
	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95
Total for the banking system	69155288	119857434	261415858	252319029	13507635	19357036	46773679	71017329	390852460	462550828
Group I	37041120	58111631	235433116	216335136	8177787	13298901	33016383	48797530	313668406	336543198
Group II	32114168	61745803	25982742	35983893	5329848	6058135	13757296	22219799	77184054	126007630

  

Statutory provisions	Required		Reported		Required/Reported, %	
	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95	1994	Dec.'95
Total for the banking system	105687351	131118679	24919477	31125937	23.58	23.74
Group I	84192110	98626273	21033000	26371899	24.98	26.74
Group II	21495241	32492406	3886477	4754038	18.08	14.63

Source: BNB.



**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL  
BANKS (SSB EXCLUDED) AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1995**

(billion BGL)

Indicators	Group I		Group II		Total for the banking system	
	Dec.'94	Dec.'95	Dec.'94	Dec.'95	Dec.'94	Dec.'95
<b>ASSETS</b>	710.523	681.903	140.332	228.806	850.855	910.709
A. FINANCIAL ASSETS	644.193	609.977	121.845	182.455	766.038	792.432
Reserves	75.380	61.794	19.154	23.379	94.534	85.173
Government securities	148.955	111.217	2.886	8.793	151.841	120.010
Claims on banks and other financial institutions	61.889	83.890	24.938	23.254	86.827	107.144
Claims on nonfinancial institutions and other clients	349.308	344.186	71.521	114.975	420.829	459.161
Bonds and other securities with fixed yield in trading portfolio	3.260	3.265	1.462	4.088	4.722	7.353
Bonds and other securities with variable yield in trading portfolio	0.013	0.158	0.159	0.668	0.171	0.826
Long-term financial assets	5.389	5.467	1.725	7.299	7.114	12.766
B. NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	12.940	19.121	7.274	15.987	20.214	35.108
C. FUTURE EXPENDITURE	4.418	7.743	1.984	5.893	6.402	13.636
D. RIGHTS TO EQUITY SUBSCRIPTION	0.000	0.022	1.155	5.985	1.155	6.007
E. OTHER ASSETS	42.021	24.723	5.492	9.621	47.513	34.344
F. REPORTED LOSSES	6.951	20.316	2.581	8.865	9.532	29.181
G. OFF-BALANCE ASSETS	137.738	427.448	25.671	126.560	163.409	554.008
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	710.523	681.903	140.332	228.806	850.855	910.709
A. ATTRACTED RESOURCES	551.551	522.319	107.811	160.362	659.362	682.682
Attracted resources from banks and other financial institutions	336.663	236.952	42.193	53.962	378.857	290.913
Attracted resources from nonfinancial institutions and other clients	214.888	285.368	65.618	106.401	280.506	391.768
B. FUTURE REVENUES	44.177	62.174	13.320	25.570	57.497	87.743
C. OTHER LIABILITIES	50.056	21.351	5.664	12.064	55.720	33.415
D. FIXED CAPITAL	64.738	76.058	13.537	30.810	78.276	106.868
Profit	1.284	3.532	0.968	1.091	2.251	4.623
Capital	35.980	39.355	8.657	24.900	44.637	64.255
Reserves	27.475	33.171	3.913	4.819	31.388	37.990
E. OFF-BALANCE LIABILITIES	137.738	427.448	25.671	126.560	163.409	554.008

Source: BNB.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF  
COMMERCIAL BANKS (SSB EXCLUDED) AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1995**

(billion BGL)

Indicators	Group I		Group II		Total for the banking system	
	Dec.'94	Dec.'95	Dec.'94	Dec.'95	Dec.'94	Dec.'95
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	172.367	288.109	52.754	100.425	225.122	388.534
A. Financial expenditure	147.083	267.428	45.923	89.969	193.006	357.397
1. Interest expenditure	92.821	85.705	33.116	56.146	125.937	141.851
2. Expenditure for other activities	54.262	181.722	12.808	33.823	67.069	215.545
B. Extra expenditure	1.789	2.156	0.110	0.310	1.899	2.466
C. Expenditure on economic elements	8.111	12.675	3.891	8.845	12.002	21.520
D. Statutory provisions	14.535	5.421	2.759	1.185	17.294	6.606
E. Taxes	0.849	0.429	0.072	0.116	0.921	0.545
F. Result from the reported period – profit	1.284	3.532	0.968	1.038	2.251	4.571
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (A+B+C+D+E)	173.651	291.641	53.722	101.463	227.373	393.105
TOTAL REVENUE (A+B+C)	169.001	270.081	52.148	95.233	221.149	365.315
A. Financial revenue	159.909	267.709	51.951	94.041	211.859	361.750
1. Interest revenue	71.873	72.306	32.147	53.656	104.021	125.961
2. Revenue from other activities	88.035	195.403	19.803	40.386	107.839	235.789
B. Extra revenue	9.025	2.173	0.150	1.083	9.175	3.256
C. Revenue from nonfinancial services	0.068	0.200	0.047	0.109	0.115	0.309
D. Result from the reported period – losses	4.650	21.560	1.574	6.230	6.223	27.790
TOTAL REVENUE (A+B+C+D)	173.651	291.641	53.722	101.463	227.373	393.105

Source: BNB.

## Major Economic and Political Events in 1995

- 23 January** The Council of Ministers passed Decree No. 22 on the adoption of Regulation on the procedure for utilization of long-term government bonds, issued under the Law on settlement of nonperforming credits negotiated prior to 31 December 1990, for repayment of debts to the government made under the terms of the same law.
- 23 February** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 46 on financing the spring agricultural activities in 1995.
- 24 March** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 67 on the enactment of wage bill regulation.
- 19 April** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 89 on the enactment of stabilization measures for the Economic Bank, Ltd., and Mineralbank, Ltd.
- 5 May** The National Assembly adopted the 1995 State Budget Law of the Republic of Bulgaria.
- 10 May** The National Assembly adopted amendments to the Law on land ownership and tenure.
- 29 June** The National Assembly adopted Law on securities, stock exchanges and investment companies.
- 27 July** The National Assembly adopted Law on the National Audit Chamber.
- 24 August** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 170 on the enactment of Regulation on the procedure for issuance, design, supply and registration of voucher books for participation of individuals in voucher privatization.
- The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 171 on the enactment of Regulation on the procedure for organization and conduct of centralized auctions for sale of enterprises' shares included in the list for voucher privatization.
- 14 September** The National Assembly adopted Law on prices.
- 5 October** The National Assembly adopted Law on concessions.
- 15 November** The National Assembly adopted Law on the Social Security Fund.
- 22 November** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 221 on the enactment of Regulation on the procedure for participation in privatization of holders of long-term government bonds, issued under the Law on settlement of nonperforming credits negotiated prior to 31 December 1990.
- 1 December** The National Assembly adopted amendments to the Law on reorganization and privatization of government and municipal enterprises.
- 12 December** The Council of Ministers adopted Decree No. 237 on the enactment of the Customs Tariff.
- 19 December** The National Assembly adopted Law on privatization funds.

## Major Resolutions of the Managing Board of the Bulgarian National Bank in 1995

**20 January** Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, the BNB extended to the MF an interim loan, totaling BGL 7 billion, value date 25 January 1995. The loan was drawn for interest payments on Bulgaria's foreign debt, repayable until 25 April 1995. Interest accrued on the loan was equal to the basic interest rate operative during the respective period.

**27 January** As of January 1995, commercial banks were permitted to hold in foreign currency up to 50% of their reserves on attracted foreign funds in accordance with regulations on the minimum reserve requirements. The permit to increase holdings in foreign exchange reserves from 20% to 50% was granted under the condition that on the day of depositing the foreign currency with the BNB accounts the respective bank had bought government securities from the BNB (issued under Regulations No. 5), blocking the latter securities at their nominal value on the BNB register until the date of the next regulation.

Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, the central bank extended an interim loan of up to BGL 2 billion to the MF. The effective basic interest rate was to be accrued on the loan.

The Bulgarian-Russian Investment Bank Ltd., Sofia, with capital base of BGL 625.620 million, was authorized to conduct bank transactions domestically and abroad in compliance with Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA.

**2 February** As of January – December 1995, up to 60% of actual cash holdings in lev of commercial banks and the SSB were to be accepted as minimum reserve requirements. As of January – December 1995, up to 15% of actual cash holdings of commercial banks in foreign exchange were to be accepted as minimum reserve requirements.

As of 15 February 1995, the BNB put into circulation a copper-nickel commemorative coin "100 Years Gymnastics in Bulgaria," issue 1994.

The Ionian and Popular Bank of Greece was authorized to make bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA in this country through a branch located in Sofia.

**16 February** As of 20 February 1995, an annual interest equal to the average interest rate attained at the last auction under agreements to resale government securities, plus 1 percentage point, was to be accrued on Lombard loans granted by the BNB.

Under the terms of Regulations No. 6 on refinancing against collateral and through rediscounting (discounting) commercial paper, the BNB was to make credits to commercial banks against collateral of long-term government bonds, denominated in US dollars, received in compliance with Article 5 of the LSNC, for 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 had been extended. The

credits were for a term of up to three months at an interest rate equal to the BNB average interest rate of the last government securities repo-auction, plus 1 percentage point.

- 2 March** Regulations No. 16 on payments initiated by bank cards, and the Banking Unified Standards – BUS 10094 “Numbering, design, physical and technical characteristics of bank cards” and BUS 11094 “Interbank and intrabank payments by bank cards through the national operator” – were adopted.

BORICA Ltd. was authorized to be the national operator to maintain and develop the national system for payments initiated by bank cards, and to make authorization of bank card payments.

The Agricultural and Industrial Bank Ltd., Sofia, with capital base of BGL 200 million, was authorized to make bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA in this country.

- 9 March** Regulations No. 7 of 1993 of the BNB on the big and internal loans of banks were amended.

- 13 March** The United Private Commercial Bank Trakia Ltd., Plovdiv, with capital base of BGL 200 million, was authorized to make bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA in this country.

The National Bank of Greece was authorized to make bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA in this country through its Sofia-based branch.

- 6 April** As of 10 April 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 65% per annum.

Under March regulation, commercial bank minimum reserve requirements with the BNB were raised by one percentage point (from 10%), and by another percentage point as of April 1995.

As of 25 April, commercial banks' cash holdings in foreign exchange ceased being eligible to meet the minimum reserve requirements.

Where a shortfall in the provision of credit resources for the 1995 spring sowing occurred, the BNB was to provide refinancing against collateral, including advances on promissory notes issued to solvent banks and guaranteed by at least one solvent bank. The advances were to be made at an interest rate equal to the average interest rate attained at the last auction for the conclusion of resale government securities agreements, plus 1.5 percentage points per annum.

- 20 April** As of 25 April 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 60% per annum.

Regulations No. 6 of 1992 of the BNB on refinancing against collateral and through rediscounting (discounting) commercial paper were amended.

- 4 May** As of 8 May 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 54% per annum.

The interest rate on minimum reserve requirements in levs of commercial banks and the SSB with the BNB was set at 10% per annum; the interest rate on commercial banks' current accounts with the BNB was set at 14% per annum.

The interest rate on current account overdraft of up to 3 days was fixed at the basic interest rate, plus 7% per annum.

- 1 June** The BNB Board adopted amendments to Regulations No. 8 on the capital adequacy of banks.
- 15 June** As of 21 June 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 48% per annum.
- 26 June** Pursuant to Article 56, para. 1, item 7 and Article 19, para. 1, item 4, and in connection with Article 1, para. 4 of the LBCA, the BNB Board revoked the licenses for making bank transactions of six financial houses. This measure was in response to the conducted bank transactions without BNB written confirmation for compliance with legal provisions, which was a violation of Article 12, paras. 1 and 3 of Regulations No. 2 of the BNB on the permits (licenses) granted by the BNB.
- 29 June** As of 3 July 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 44% per annum.
- Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, an interim loan, totaling BGL 8 billion, repayable within 3 months, was extended to the MF. Interest accrued on the loan was equal to the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period.
- 13 July** As of 17 July 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 39% per annum.
- As of 17 July 1995, the interest rate on minimum reserves required to be held in levs by commercial banks and the SSB with the BNB was set at 8% per annum.
- The BNB Managing Board, upon ascertaining the fact that eight financial houses and four brokers have not filed applications for the renewal of their permits (licenses), whereby their permits (licenses) for making bank operations had been rescinded as per § 1, para. 3 of the amended Regulations No. 2 on the permits (licenses) granted by the BNB, assigned the Bank Supervision Department to notify the public and competent authorities of that circumstance.
- 19 July** As of 20 July 1995, the level of minimum reserve requirements held by commercial banks with the BNB was set at 11%. Operative from that date, commercial banks were permitted to make adjustments to paid-in reserves with the BNB.
- 27 July** As of 1 August 1995, the basic interest rate was set at 34% per annum.
- 3 August** The interest rate under code 2100 – Interest rate on current accounts with the BNB – was set at 9% per annum, effective as of 7 August 1995.
- 10 August** The BNB, on a motion by the Monetary Policy Committee, was to extend credits with a term of up to 3 months against promissory notes, issued by the borrowing bank and guaranteed by at least one prime-rate bank. The credits may be used to refinance those banks which had extended credits for the purchase of wheat (1995 crop) in the amount of up to 40% of these credits. An interest rate equal to the basic interest rate, plus 1.5 percentage points per annum, was accrued on BNB credits.
- 17 August** The BNB ceased extending loans collateralized against foreign exchange to commercial banks.
- 4 September** Pursuant to Article 17, para. 2, item 4 of the LBCA, Biochim Ltd., Sofia, Serdica Ltd., Sofia, and Sofiabank Ltd., Sofia, were authorized to merge into Biochim Commercial Bank Ltd., Sofia. The new bank was granted a license to make all bank transactions under Article 1, para. 2 of the LBCA domestically and abroad.
- 11 September** As of 18 September 1995, the BNB put into circulation a silver commemorative coin “100 Years Olympic Games” and a silver commemorative coin of the ECU series “Rozhen Peak Astronomical Observatory,” issue 1995.

**21 September** In compliance with § 8 of the transitional and final provisions of the Law on securities, stock exchanges and investment companies, the BNB, jointly with the MF and other participants in the capital market, were authorized to participate in the incorporation of a Central Depository within the meaning of Article 91 of this Law. The BNB and MF hold a total of 20% in the joint-stock company, or 10% for each institution.

Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, the central bank granted an interim loan to the MF, totaling BGL 6 billion, value date 2 October 1995 and a redemption term 31 December 1995. The effective basic interest rate was accrued on the loan.

Pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of the LBCA and Article 6, para. 1 in compliance with Article 5, para. 3 of the Law on Foreign Investments, Beirische-Bulgarien Commercial Bank Ltd., Munich, Germany, was authorized to conduct bank transactions in the country through a branch in Sofia under Article 1, para. 2, items 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 of the LBCA. Pursuant to Article 5 of Regulations No. 8 of the BNB on the capital adequacy of banks, Beirische-Bulgarien Commercial Bank Ltd., Sofia, was exempt from capital adequacy requirements.

**28 September** Regulations No. 4 of 1991 of the BNB for holding auctions of interbank deposits in levs were repealed.

**12 October** As of 1 November 1995, the BNB put into circulation the following silver commemorative coins: “110 Years of the Union of Eastern Rumelia with the Bulgarian Principality” and “50 Years FAO,” issue 1995.

**27 October** As of 1 November 1995, foreign currency deposits made to commercial banks by the BNB were phased out.  
Unsecured credits under Article 30, para. 3 of the Law on the BNB were to be granted only in national currency and be accompanied by the measures provided for under Article 56, para. 1 of the LBCA until their liquidity deficiency was overcome and the credit was repaid.

**8 November** Regulations No. 17 on the enactment of Article 29 of the LBCA were adopted.

**23 November** The BNB Board adopted amendments to Regulations No. 9 of 1993 on the loan classification and the formation of mandatory special reserves (statutory provisions) by banks.

Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, the central bank extended an interim loan to the MF, totaling BGL 5 billion, value date 29 November 1995, repayable until 31 December 1995. Interest accrued on the loan was equal to the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period.

**30 November** The Bulgarian National Bank acquired for BGL 1 at least 90% of the voting shares and at first opportunity may acquire all preference shares of Agrobusinessbank Ltd., Plovdiv.

The Bulgarian National Bank decided not to grant permits (licenses) to make bank transactions to newly established joint-stock companies whose capital is set up with a bank's equity capital where:

1. The ratio of total capital adequacy of the participating bank is under 8%, or as a result of the bank's equity capital this ratio has fallen under 8%;
2. The participating bank has not published three consecutive annual balance sheets and income statements since the year of its establishment.

**21 December** Regulation of minimum reserve requirements must be based on balance-sheet data for the month prior to the current regulation period. The new regulation goes into effect on the 15th day of the current month until the 15th day of the next month. Banks' minimum reserve requirements in lev terms must be held on their current (settlement) accounts with the BNB, to go into effect under January 1996 Regulation of minimum reserve requirements. Banks were allowed to use up to 50% of the monthly minimum reserve requirements; their average daily balances on actual minimum reserves must not fall below the normative required minimum reserves operative over the same period. To go into effect under March 1996 Regulation of minimum reserve requirements, commercial banks were allowed to hold in foreign currency up to 25% of reserves attracted in foreign currency; under June 1996 Regulation, minimum reserve requirements on all attracted funds in national and foreign currencies were to be maintained in levs. The banks which failed to meet the requirement for maintenance of an average daily reserve balance were to be sanctioned by a ten percentage point reduction in reserve limit admissible for use by banks. In the case where the amount of reserves used by one bank exceed 50% of the admissible reserve limit over the first 15 days of the regulation, the Monetary Policy Committee may decide on a limited use of reserves by this bank until the next regulation period. In failing to meet the minimum reserve requirements, banks would assess penalty annual interest on the deficits, equal to the operative basic interest rate, plus 18% per annum. With respect to the above, the use of overdraft on commercial banks' current accounts was phased out.

Regulations No. 1 on bank deposit insurance were adopted.

Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, an interim loan, totaling BGL 10 billion, repayable within 3 months, was extended to the MF. The loan was to be made after 1 January 1996 in tranches at a written request of the MF indicating the amount and the value date, which would be sent a day in advance. Interest accrued on the loan was equal to the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period.

**27 December** Pursuant to Article 46 of the Law on the BNB, an interim loan, totaling BGL 13.380 billion, value date 28 December 1995, repayable until 31 December 1995, was extended to the MF. Interest accrued on the loan was equal to the basic interest rate operative throughout the respective period.