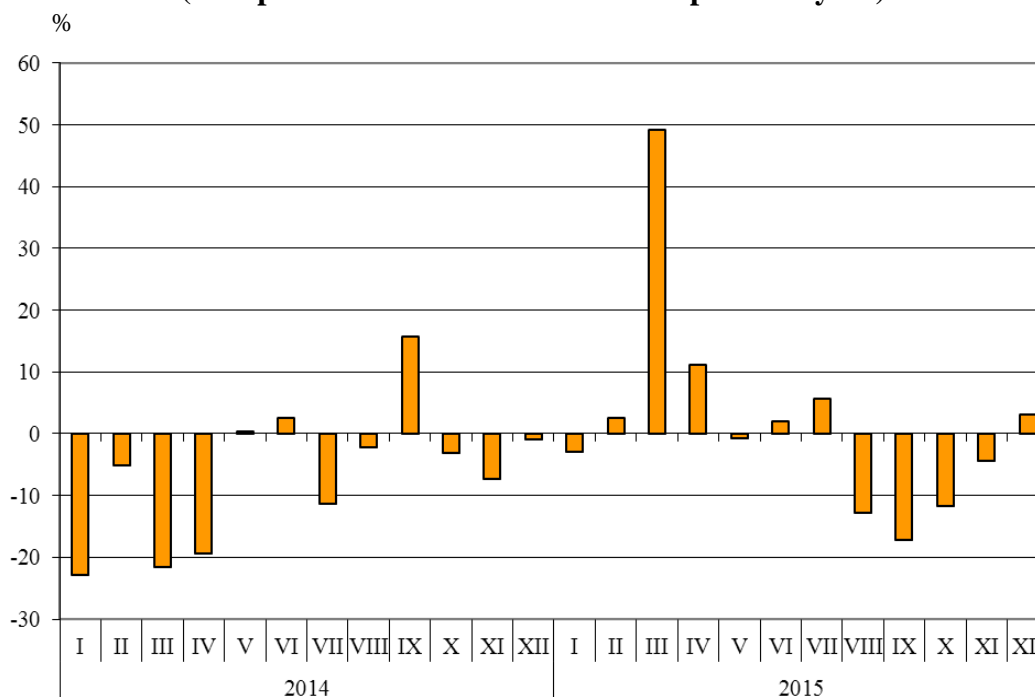


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 0.6% compared to 2014 and amounted to 16.4 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, Russian Federation, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, USA and Egypt, which accounted for 53.9% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 3.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.413 Billion BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



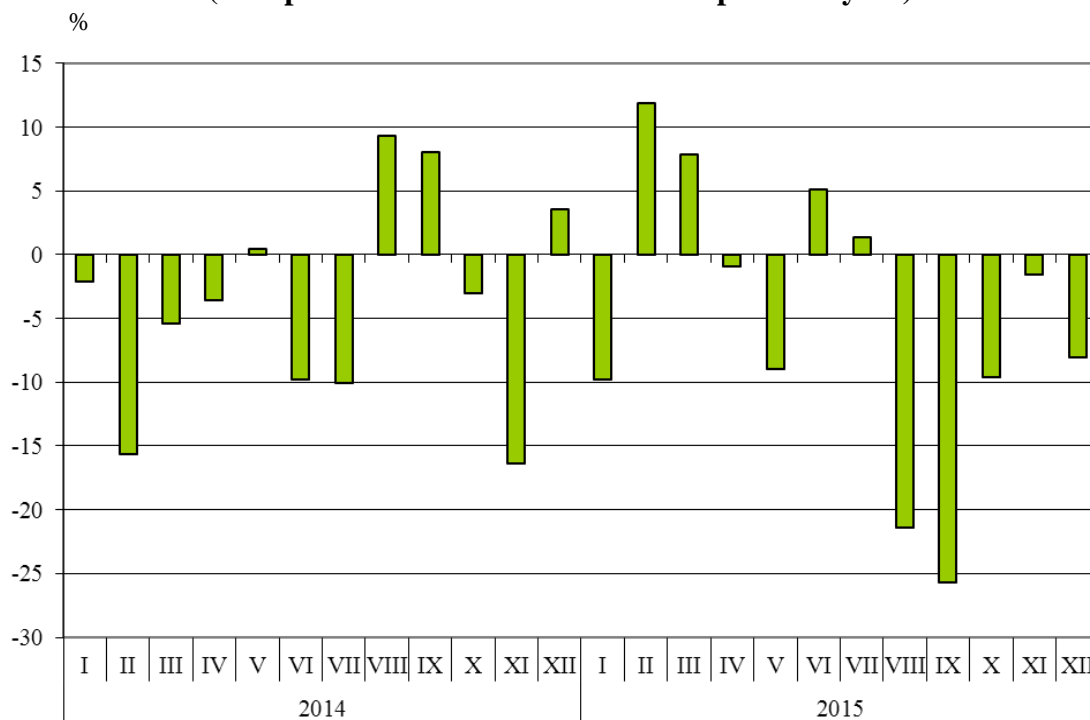
Bulgarian imports from third countries in 2015 decreased by 5.9% compared to 2014 and added up to 18.4 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2015** Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 8.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.436 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries
 in the period 2014 - 2015**
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in 2015 was negative and added up to 2 013.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 698.8 Million BGN.

In December 2015 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 23.2 Million BGN.

In 2015 compared to 2014 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (41.3%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (20.3%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (33.5%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (27.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (26.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

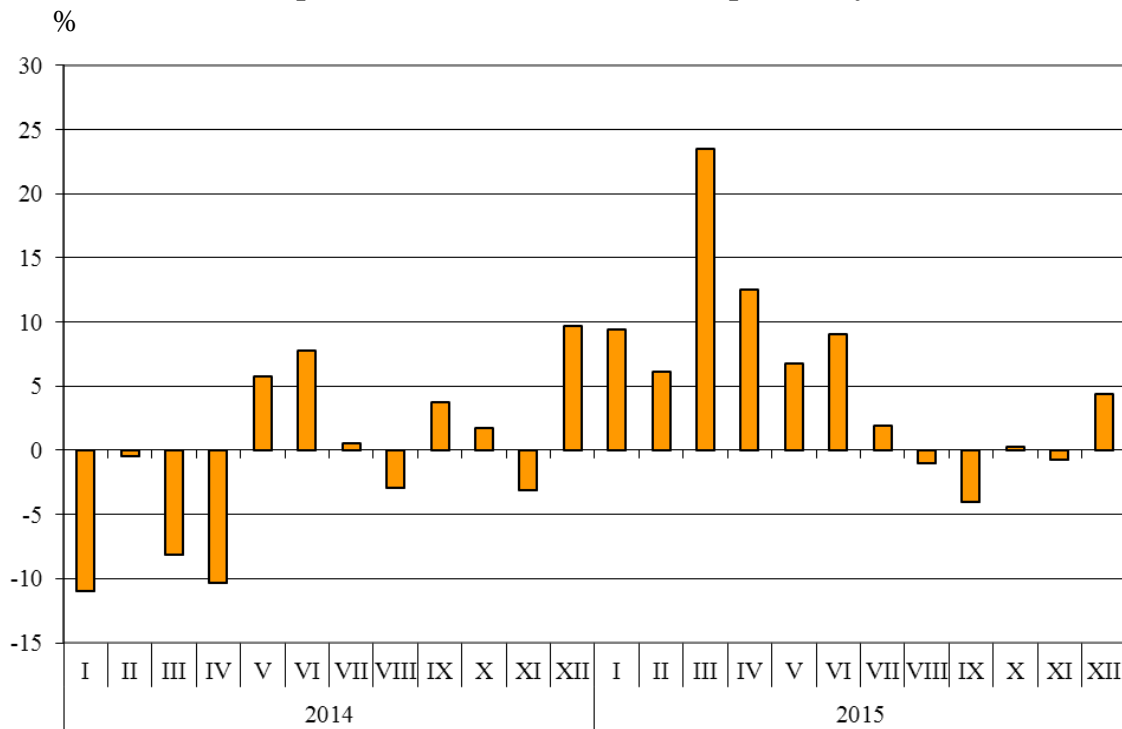


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In 2015 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 45.5 Billion BGN and compared to 2014 the exports increased by 5.2% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In December 2015 the total exports added up to 3.574 Billion BGN and increased by 4.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



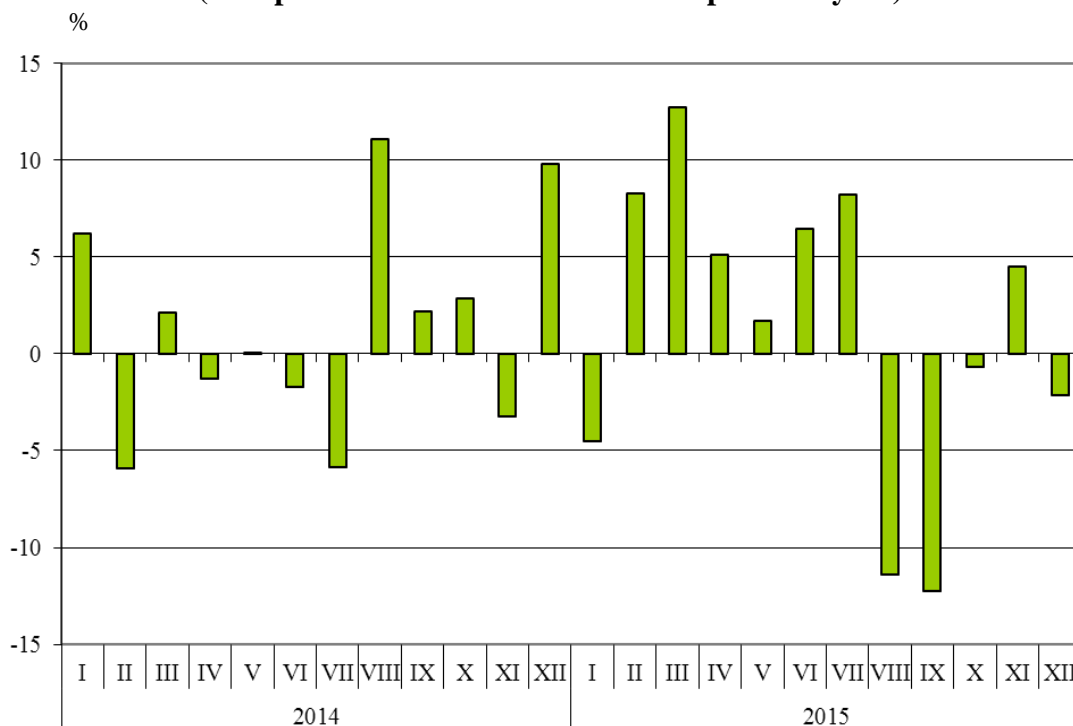
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in 2015 amounted to 51.7 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.1% more than 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In December 2015 the total imports decreased by 2.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4.292 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in 2015 and amounted to 6 175.3 Million BGN which was 1 688.6 Million BGN less than the balance in 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 2 683.4 Million BGN.

In December 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 718.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was negative and amounted to 458.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2014 and 2015¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2014	3099.1	1970.5	1128.6	3955.8	2333.1	1622.7	3677.7	2172.5	1505.2	-856.7	-362.6	-494.1	-578.6	-202.0	-376.6
II.2014	3226.8	2001.1	1225.7	3795.4	2466.6	1328.8	3535.1	2306.6	1228.5	-568.6	-465.5	-103.1	-308.3	-305.5	-2.8
III.2014	3193.6	2171.8	1021.8	3935.8	2497.8	1438.0	3687.1	2341.3	1345.8	-742.2	-326.0	-416.2	-493.5	-169.5	-324.0
I - III.2014	9519.5	6143.4	3376.1	11687.0	7297.5	4389.5	10899.9	6820.4	4079.5	-2167.5	-1154.1	-1013.4	-1380.4	-677.0	-703.4
IV.2014	3468.6	2117.6	1351.0	4303.1	2630.3	1672.8	4017.5	2455.1	1562.4	-834.5	-512.7	-321.8	-548.9	-337.5	-211.4
V.2014	3499.0	2065.0	1434.0	4132.0	2366.2	1765.8	3856.8	2213.1	1643.7	-633.0	-301.2	-331.8	-357.8	-148.1	-209.7
VI.2014	3704.8	2271.5	1433.3	4168.0	2641.9	1526.1	3881.1	2464.1	1417.0	-463.2	-370.4	-92.8	-176.3	-192.6	16.3
IV - VI.2014	10672.4	6454.1	4218.3	12603.1	7638.4	4964.7	11755.4	7132.3	4623.1	-1930.7	-1184.3	-746.4	-1083.0	-678.2	-404.8
I - VI.2014	20191.9	12597.5	7594.4	24290.1	14935.9	9354.2	22655.3	13952.7	8702.6	-4098.2	-2338.4	-1759.8	-2463.4	-1355.2	-1108.2
VII.2014	4016.0	2636.7	1379.3	4397.0	2760.6	1636.4	4100.4	2576.8	1523.6	-381.0	-123.9	-257.1	-84.4	59.9	-144.3
VIII.2014	3801.9	2302.9	1499.0	4309.1	2465.1	1844.0	4002.5	2291.9	1710.6	-507.2	-162.2	-345.0	-200.6	11.0	-211.6
IX.2014	3919.0	2378.5	1540.5	4671.3	2752.6	1918.7	4335.2	2564.5	1770.7	-752.3	-374.1	-378.2	-416.2	-186.0	-230.2
VII - IX.2014	11736.9	7318.1	4418.8	13377.4	7978.3	5399.1	12438.1	7433.2	5004.9	-1640.5	-660.2	-980.3	-701.2	-115.1	-586.1
I - IX.2014	31928.8	19915.6	12013.2	37667.5	22914.2	14753.3	35093.4	21385.9	13707.5	-5738.7	-2998.6	-2740.1	-3164.6	-1470.3	-1694.3
X.2014	4031.0	2509.1	1521.9	4666.1	2948.9	1717.2	4339.5	2746.5	1593.0	-635.1	-439.8	-195.3	-308.5	-237.4	-71.1
XI.2014	3849.1	2441.0	1408.1	4379.3	2826.2	1553.1	4082.5	2633.6	1448.9	-530.2	-385.2	-145.0	-233.4	-192.6	-40.8
XII.2014	3424.6	2055.4	1369.2	4384.5	2823.0	1561.5	4079.1	2625.7	1453.4	-959.9	-767.6	-192.3	-654.5	-570.3	-84.2
X - XII.2014	11304.7	7005.5	4299.2	13429.9	8598.1	4831.8	12501.1	8005.8	4495.3	-2125.2	-1592.6	-532.6	-1196.4	-1000.3	-196.1
I - XII.2014	43233.5	26921.1	16312.4	51097.4	31512.3	19585.1	47594.5	29391.7	18202.8	-7863.9	-4591.2	-3272.7	-4361.0	-2470.6	-1890.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of February 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2014 and 2015¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2015	3390.3	2294.6	1095.7	3776.2	2312.2	1464.0	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.9	-17.6	-368.3	-108.7	147.0	-255.7
II.2015	3423.2	2166.6	1256.6	4110.8	2624.6	1486.2	3825.0	2447.5	1377.5	-687.6	-458.0	-229.6	-401.8	-280.9	-120.9
III.2015	3945.4	2421.5	1523.9	4436.4	2885.4	1551.0	4145.9	2697.0	1448.9	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.5	-275.5	75.0
I - III.2015	10758.9	6882.7	3876.2	12323.4	7822.2	4501.2	11469.9	7292.1	4177.8	-1564.5	-939.5	-625.0	-711.0	-409.4	-301.6
IV.2015	3902.8	2402.3	1500.5	4524.4	2866.3	1658.1	4204.8	2664.1	1540.7	-621.6	-464.0	-157.6	-302.0	-261.8	-40.2
V.2015	3735.4	2311.5	1423.9	4201.9	2594.5	1607.4	3923.7	2425.8	1497.9	-466.5	-283.0	-183.5	-188.3	-114.3	-74.0
VI.2015	4040.5	2577.2	1463.3	4436.8	2832.6	1604.2	4146.7	2649.6	1497.1	-396.3	-255.4	-140.9	-106.2	-72.4	-33.8
IV - VI.2015	11678.7	7291.0	4387.7	13163.1	8293.4	4869.7	12275.2	7739.5	4535.7	-1484.4	-1002.4	-482.0	-596.5	-448.5	-148.0
I - VI.2015	22437.6	14173.7	8263.9	25486.5	16115.6	9370.9	23745.1	15031.6	8713.5	-3048.9	-1941.9	-1107.0	-1307.5	-857.9	-449.6
VII.2015	4091.7	2633.7	1458.0	4758.0	3099.3	1658.7	4422.7	2882.0	1540.7	-666.3	-465.6	-200.7	-331.0	-248.3	-82.7
VIII.2015	3763.3	2456.8	1306.5	3817.9	2369.0	1448.9	3559.5	2215.3	1344.2	-54.6	87.8	-142.4	203.8	241.5	-37.7
IX.2015	3762.0	2485.0	1277.0	4099.3	2673.2	1426.1	3831.3	2500.2	1331.1	-337.3	-188.2	-149.1	-69.3	-15.2	-54.1
VII - IX.2015	11617.0	7575.5	4041.5	12675.2	8141.5	4533.7	11813.5	7597.5	4216.0	-1058.2	-566.0	-492.2	-196.5	-22.0	-174.5
I - IX.2015	34054.6	21749.2	12305.4	38161.7	24257.1	13904.6	35558.6	22629.1	12929.5	-4107.1	-2507.9	-1599.2	-1504.0	-879.9	-624.1
X.2015	4040.4	2697.5	1342.9	4634.2	3082.3	1551.9	4325.3	2873.9	1451.4	-593.8	-384.8	-209.0	-284.9	-176.4	-108.5
XI.2015	3821.0	2473.6	1347.4	4576.9	3047.9	1529.0	4257.0	2849.4	1407.6	-755.9	-574.3	-181.6	-436.0	-375.8	-60.2
XII.2015	3573.6	2160.6	1413.0	4292.1	2855.9	1436.2	4032.1	2713.1	1319.0	-718.5	-695.3	-23.2	-458.5	-552.5	94.0
X - XII.2015	11435.0	7331.7	4103.3	13503.2	8986.1	4517.1	12614.4	8436.4	4178.0	-2068.2	-1654.4	-413.8	-1179.4	-1104.7	-74.7
I - XII.2015	45489.6	29080.9	16408.7	51664.9	33243.2	18421.7	48173.0	31065.5	17107.5	-6175.3	-4162.3	-2013.0	-2683.4	-1984.6	-698.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of February 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2015¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	9.4	16.4	-2.9	-4.5	-0.9	-9.8	-4.9	-1.1	-10.2
II	6.1	8.3	2.5	8.3	6.4	11.8	8.2	6.1	12.1
III	23.5	11.5	49.1	12.7	15.5	7.9	12.4	15.2	7.7
I - III	13.0	12.0	14.8	5.4	7.2	2.5	5.2	6.9	2.4
IV	12.5	13.4	11.1	5.1	9.0	-0.9	4.7	8.5	-1.4
V	6.8	11.9	-0.7	1.7	9.6	-9.0	1.7	9.6	-8.9
VI	9.1	13.5	2.1	6.4	7.2	5.1	6.8	7.5	5.7
IV - VI	9.4	13.0	4.0	4.4	8.6	-1.9	4.4	8.5	-1.9
I - VI	11.1	12.5	8.8	4.9	7.9	0.2	4.8	7.7	0.1
VII	1.9	-0.1	5.7	8.2	12.3	1.4	7.9	11.8	1.1
VIII	-1.0	6.7	-12.8	-11.4	-3.9	-21.4	-11.1	-3.3	-21.4
IX	-4.0	4.5	-17.1	-12.2	-2.9	-25.7	-11.6	-2.5	-24.8
VII - IX	-1.0	3.5	-8.5	-5.2	2.0	-16.0	-5.0	2.2	-15.8
I - IX	6.7	9.2	2.4	1.3	5.9	-5.8	1.3	5.8	-5.7
X	0.2	7.5	-11.8	-0.7	4.5	-9.6	-0.3	4.6	-8.9
XI	-0.7	1.3	-4.3	4.5	7.8	-1.6	4.3	8.2	-2.9
XII	4.4	5.1	3.2	-2.1	1.2	-8.0	-1.2	3.3	-9.2
X - XII	1.2	4.7	-4.6	0.5	4.5	-6.5	0.9	5.4	-7.1
I - XII	5.2	8.0	0.6	1.1	5.5	-5.9	1.2	5.7	-6.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2016.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹
in 2014 and 2015²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	16312.4	16408.7	0.6	19585.1	18421.7	-5.9	-3272.7	-2013.0
of which:								
Albania	118.9	122.1	2.7	37.0	38.0	2.7	81.9	84.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	82.5	118.4	43.5	84.8	58.4	-31.1	-2.3	60.0
Brazil	29.7	48.9	64.6	104.1	59.3	-43.0	-74.4	-10.4
Canada	78.0	97.3	24.7	60.7	54.5	-10.2	17.3	42.8
China	1043.2	1077.2	3.3	1691.9	1890.2	11.7	-648.7	-813.0
Egypt	360.7	741.7	105.6	300.3	202.8	-32.5	60.4	538.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	701.7	758.1	8.0	523.5	512.0	-2.2	178.2	246.1
Georgia	360.5	315.7	-12.4	420.7	459.2	9.2	-60.2	-143.5
Gibraltar	319.4	49.0	-84.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	319.4	49.0
India	95.1	122.1	28.4	224.6	275.4	22.6	-129.5	-153.3
Indonesia	54.8	108.7	98.4	64.5	71.3	10.5	-9.7	37.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	182.8	244.7	33.9	64.4	28.1	-56.4	118.4	216.6
Israel	184.4	203.4	10.3	133.0	71.4	-46.3	51.4	132.0
Japan	55.7	78.9	41.7	164.0	165.1	0.7	-108.3	-86.2
Kazakhstan	67.9	46.8	-31.1	70.2	48.8	-30.5	-2.3	-2.0
Korea, Republic of	139.1	107.6	-22.6	159.3	165.9	4.1	-20.2	-58.3
Libya	267.7	152.0	-43.2	129.9	179.8	38.4	137.8	-27.8
Morocco	133.9	88.4	-34.0	85.5	140.3	64.1	48.4	-51.9
Namibia	141.6	167.1	18.0	0.0	0.1	x	141.6	167.0
Norway	69.8	66.6	-4.6	32.1	32.5	1.2	37.7	34.1
Peru	7.2	6.1	-15.3	50.9	44.0	-13.6	-43.7	-37.9
Russian Federation	1030.4	776.1	-24.7	7751.2	6176.8	-20.3	-6720.8	-5400.7
Serbia	711.4	820.7	15.4	589.8	692.5	17.4	121.6	128.2
Singapore	1109.6	667.5	-39.8	41.2	54.7	32.8	1068.4	612.8
South Africa	81.9	115.5	41.0	43.5	24.4	-43.9	38.4	91.1
Switzerland	237.7	255.2	7.4	341.9	371.0	8.5	-104.2	-115.8
Syrian Arab Republic	158.0	46.2	-70.8	35.4	14.7	-58.5	122.6	31.5
Taiwan	38.7	50.8	31.3	213.6	216.0	1.1	-174.9	-165.2
Turkey	4061.5	3926.5	-3.3	2871.4	2929.1	2.0	1190.1	997.4
Ukraine	372.3	367.2	-1.4	1038.3	916.2	-11.8	-666.0	-549.0
United Arab Emirates	529.4	429.8	-18.8	98.3	138.1	40.5	431.1	291.7
United States	607.1	742.3	22.3	546.3	472.5	-13.5	60.8	269.8
Viet-Nam	36.4	75.4	107.1	100.0	88.7	-11.3	-63.6	-13.3

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2016.

"x"- category not applicable.

"0"- figure less than half the unit used.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2014 and 2015¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	16312.4	16408.7	0.6	19585.1	18421.7	-5.9	-3272.7	-2013.0
Food and live animals	1510.7	1605.3	6.3	593.8	793.0	33.5	916.9	812.3
Beverages and tobacco	572.8	549.5	-4.1	199.3	146.7	-26.4	373.5	402.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1231.5	1113.7	-9.6	1609.2	1847.2	14.8	-377.7	-733.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4376.1	3489.9	-20.3	8309.2	6612.3	-20.4	-3933.1	-3122.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	106.9	150.1	40.4	43.9	55.8	27.1	63.0	94.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1842.4	1896.4	2.9	1527.4	1702.8	11.5	315.0	193.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3206.4	3211.5	0.2	3439.5	3234.8	-6.0	-233.1	-23.3
Machinery and transport equipment	2254.6	2702.4	19.9	2874.3	2857.5	-0.6	-619.7	-155.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1173.1	1658.0	41.3	953.8	1141.5	19.7	219.3	516.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	37.9	31.9	-15.8	34.7	30.1	-13.3	3.2	1.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2016.