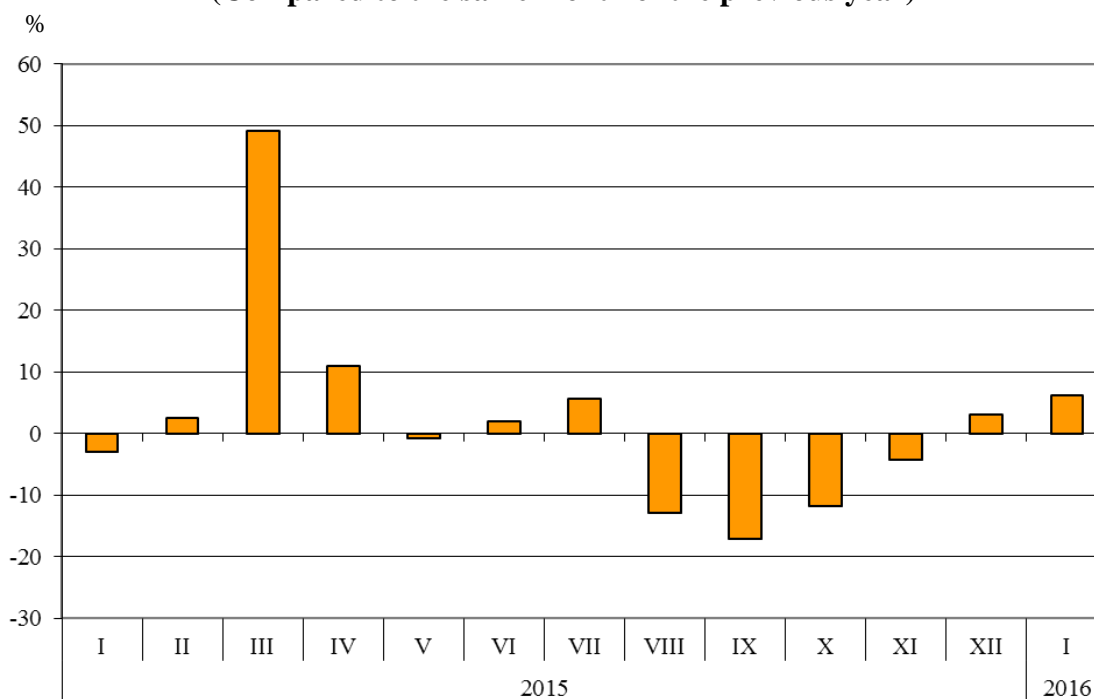




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 6.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2015 and amounted to 1.164 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Egypt, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, USA and Russian Federation, which accounted for 56.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries
in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

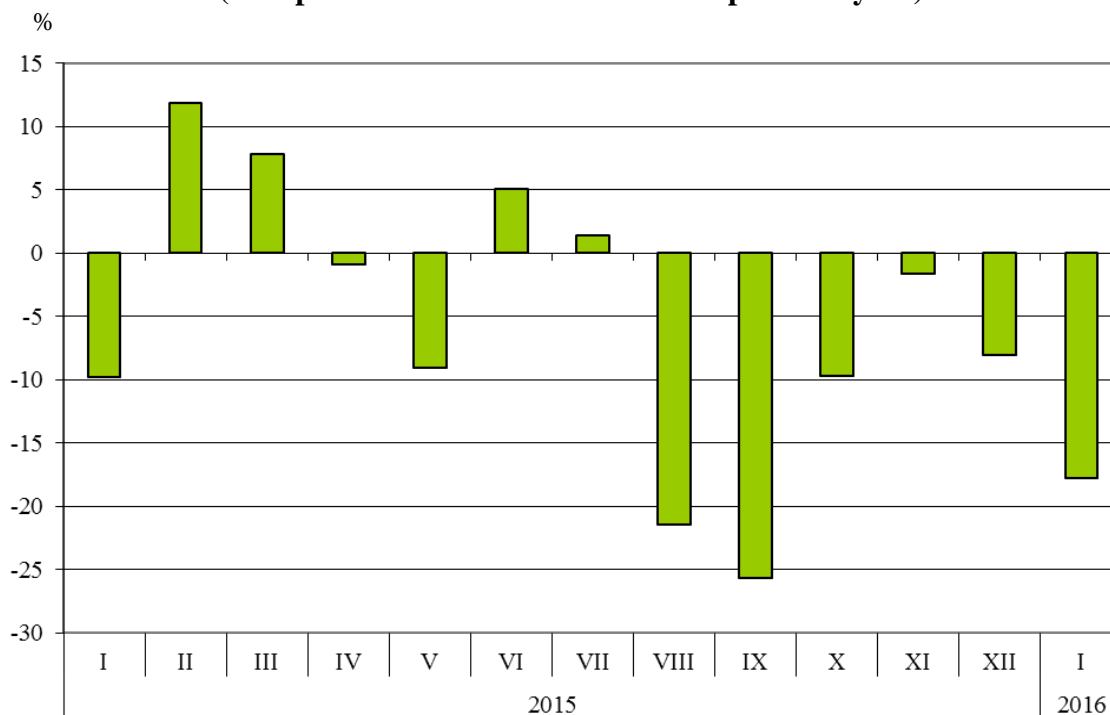


Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2016 decreased by 17.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2015 and added up to 1.203 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries
 in the period 2015 - 2016**
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in January 2016 was negative and added up to 39.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was positive and amounted to 39.7 Million BGN.

In January 2016 compared to the corresponding month of 2015 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 (166.6%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (54.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Food and live animals’ (27.5%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (23.1%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (20.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (64.7%).

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.

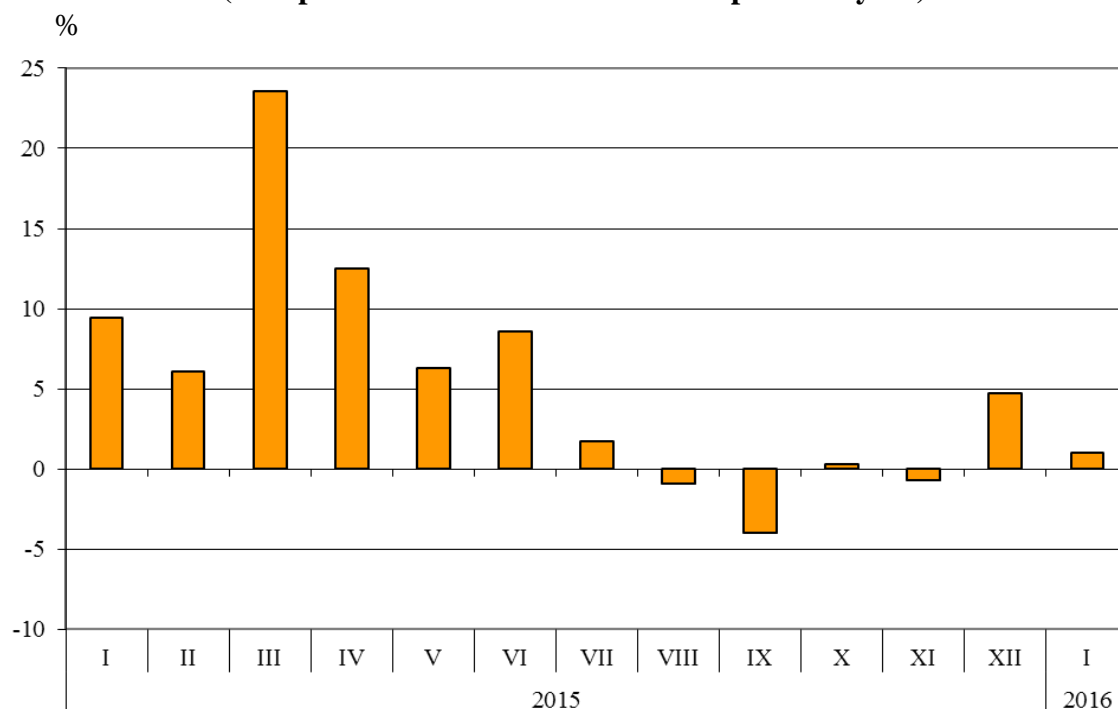
³ The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2016 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 3.424 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the exports increased by 1.0% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

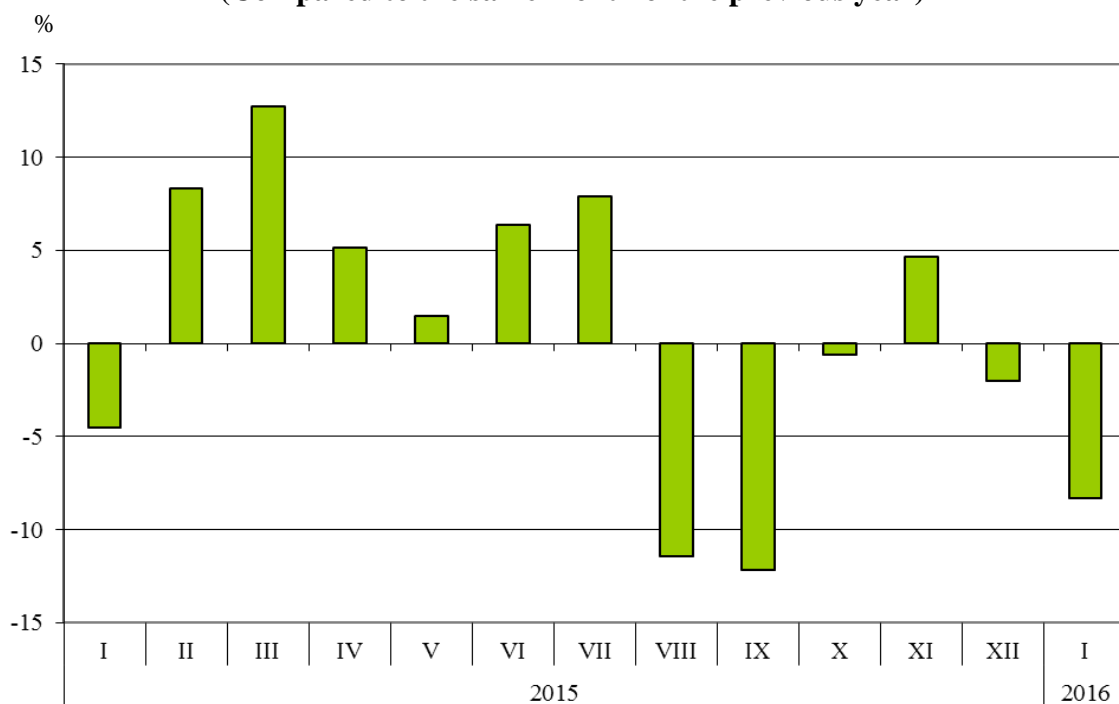


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **January 2016** amounted to 3.464 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 8.3% less than the corresponding month of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **January 2016** and amounted to 39.8 Million BGN which was 345.7 Million BGN less than the balance in the first month of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in January 2016 the total foreign trade balance was positive and amounted to 152.0 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2015¹ and 2016¹ 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.2015	3390.5	2294.9	1095.6	3776.0	2312.1	1463.9	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.5	-17.2	-368.3	-108.5	147.3	-255.8
I.2016	3424.0	2259.7	1164.3	3463.8	2260.4	1203.4	3272.0	2147.4	1124.6	-39.8	-0.7	-39.1	152.0	112.3	39.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th March 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2016¹ compared to the same month 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	1.0	-1.5	6.3	-8.3	-2.2	-17.8	-6.5	0.0	-16.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th March 2016.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in
January 2015² and 2016²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1095.6	1164.3	6.3	1463.9	1203.4	-17.8	-368.3	-39.1
of which:								
Albania	8.0	6.3	-21.3	3.4	1.2	-64.7	4.6	5.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.6	8.8	-17.0	6.7	3.7	-44.8	3.9	5.1
Brazil	2.8	1.7	-39.3	8.6	2.6	-69.8	-5.8	-0.9
Canada	4.9	6.4	30.6	2.6	8.8	238.5	2.3	-2.4
China	65.0	99.3	52.8	183.5	168.0	-8.4	-118.5	-68.7
Egypt	30.0	62.3	107.7	15.5	18.3	18.1	14.5	44.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	52.1	61.5	18.0	41.7	27.6	-33.8	10.4	33.9
Georgia	15.6	12.4	-20.5	33.9	16.1	-52.5	-18.3	-3.7
Gibraltar	23.5	0.2	-99.1	0.0	-	x	23.5	0.2
India	7.4	5.8	-21.6	27.1	21.8	-19.6	-19.7	-16.0
Indonesia	5.5	3.4	-38.2	6.1	5.6	-8.2	-0.6	-2.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	29.2	24.8	-15.1	0.4	3.2	700.0	28.8	21.6
Israel	8.5	9.4	10.6	5.3	26.9	407.5	3.2	-17.5
Japan	5.0	5.6	12.0	14.0	12.2	-12.9	-9.0	-6.6
Kazakhstan	1.5	1.6	6.7	3.7	2.6	-29.7	-2.2	-1.0
Korea, Republic of	3.5	5.3	51.4	13.5	18.2	34.8	-10.0	-12.9
Libya	23.0	12.5	-45.7	0.4	0.0	x	22.6	12.5
Morocco	5.1	8.8	72.5	0.1	6.3	6200.0	5.0	2.5
Namibia	19.2	-	x	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.2	0.0
Norway	4.9	5.6	14.3	1.6	5.6	250.0	3.3	0.0
Peru	0.3	0.6	100.0	3.4	6.0	76.5	-3.1	-5.4
Russian Federation	36.5	44.0	20.5	449.5	386.7	-14.0	-413.0	-342.7
Serbia	58.0	51.0	-12.1	34.7	35.6	2.6	23.3	15.4
Singapore	59.6	25.4	-57.4	4.3	5.7	32.6	55.3	19.7
South Africa	2.4	2.4	0.0	2.6	4.3	65.4	-0.2	-1.9
Switzerland	18.3	21.8	19.1	28.6	21.6	-24.5	-10.3	0.2
Syrian Arab Republic	2.3	4.6	100.0	1.5	0.5	-66.7	0.8	4.1
Taiwan	2.8	2.1	-25.0	29.6	15.6	-47.3	-26.8	-13.5
Turkey	316.1	286.6	-9.3	190.6	203.1	6.6	125.5	83.5
Ukraine	14.7	14.4	-2.0	66.6	50.0	-24.9	-51.9	-35.6
United Arab Emirates	51.2	28.8	-43.8	35.9	4.4	-87.7	15.3	24.4
United States	51.6	48.4	-6.2	41.0	30.4	-25.9	10.6	18.0
Viet-Nam	3.3	2.9	-12.1	6.6	3.7	-43.9	-3.3	-0.8

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 11-th March 2016.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" - no case.

"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 January 2015¹ and 2016¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1095.6	1164.3	6.3	1463.9	1203.4	-17.8	-368.3	-39.1
Food and live animals	127.8	92.7	-27.5	74.5	59.2	-20.5	53.3	33.5
Beverages and tobacco	46.8	43.8	-6.4	11.7	5.4	-53.8	35.1	38.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	86.3	88.8	2.9	242.9	85.7	-64.7	-156.6	3.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	253.0	236.4	-6.6	439.1	384.2	-12.5	-186.1	-147.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6.4	9.9	54.7	2.6	3.2	23.1	3.8	6.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	122.7	116.3	-5.2	127.8	123.3	-3.5	-5.1	-7.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	217.2	206.8	-4.8	263.9	224.9	-14.8	-46.7	-18.1
Machinery and transport equipment	161.6	178.9	10.7	222.1	223.4	0.6	-60.5	-44.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	70.7	188.5	166.6	76.4	91.9	20.3	-5.7	96.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	3.1	2.2	-29.0	2.9	2.2	-24.1	0.2	0.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th March 2016.