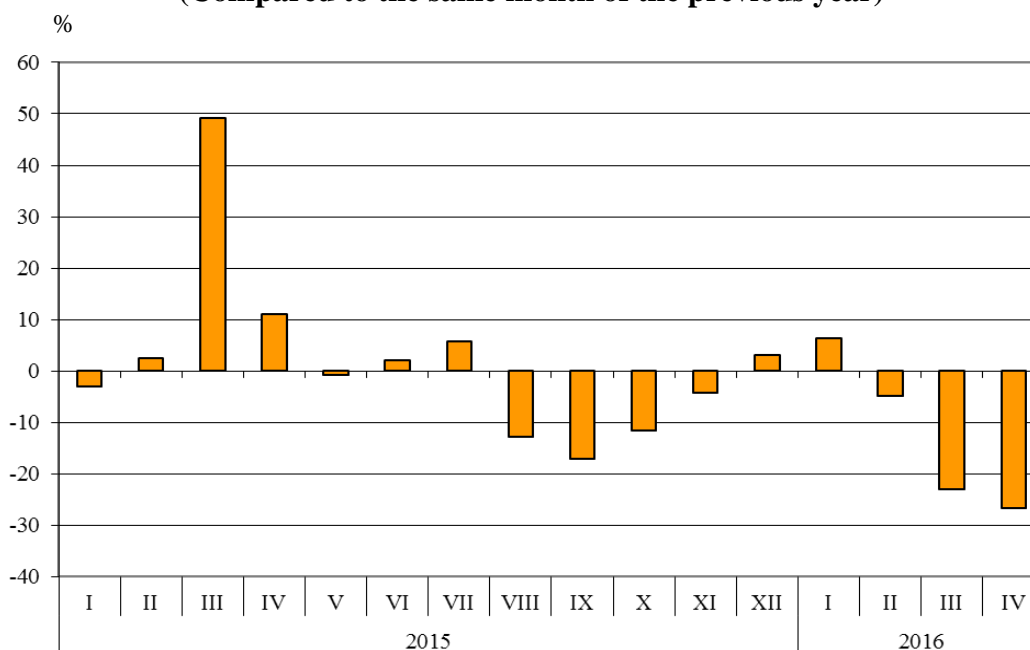


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 13.8% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 4 632.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, USA and Russian Federation, which accounted for 50.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In April 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** dropped by 26.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 1 098.8 Million BGN.

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



In the first four months of 2016 compared to the same period of 2015 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** growths were recorded in the sections 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'<sup>2</sup> (49.0%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (2.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.5%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

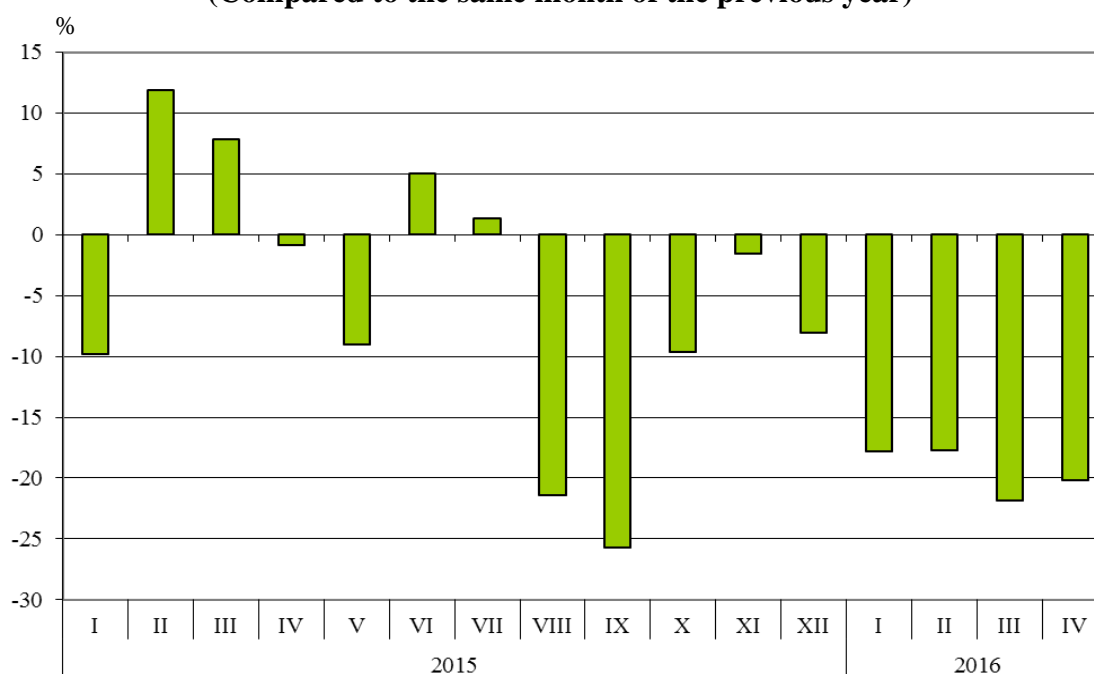
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, 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 imports from third countries** in the period **January - April 2016** decreased by 19.4% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and added up to 4 961.6 Million 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 April 2016** Bulgarian imports from third countries dropped by 20.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 323.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the first four months of 2016 compared to the corresponding period of 2015 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (16.4%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (16.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>2</sup> (45.0%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period **January - April 2016** was negative and added up to 329.6 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 1.9 Million BGN.

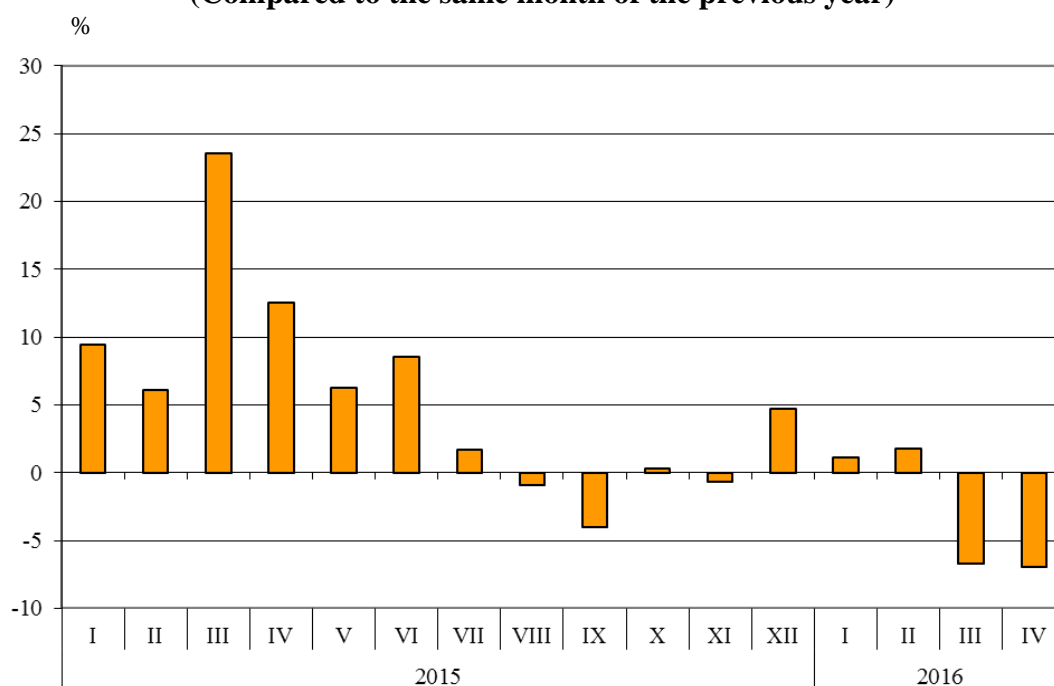
**In April 2016** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and added up to 224.7 Million BGN.

### Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2016** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 14 226.1 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 the exports decreased by 3.0% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

**In April 2016** the **total exports** added up to 3 633.0 Million BGN or by 6.9% less than the same month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



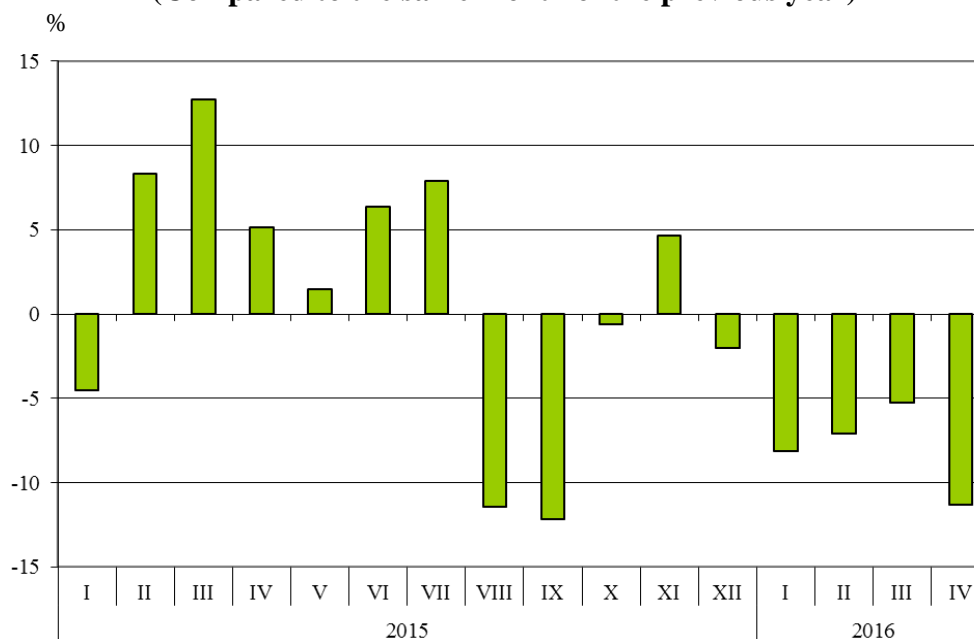
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2016** amounted to 15 504.4 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 8.0% less than the corresponding period of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **April 2016** the **total imports** decreased by 11.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 012.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 the period **January - April 2016** and amounted to 1 278.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2016 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up 277.2 Million BGN.

In **April 2016** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and amounted to 379.6 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and added up 156.8 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2015<sup>1</sup> and 2016<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
II.2015	3423.7	2167.1	1256.6	4110.9	2624.6	1486.3	3825.0	2447.4	1377.6	-687.2	-457.5	-229.7	-401.3	-280.3	-121.0
III.2015	3945.3	2421.5	1523.8	4436.3	2885.4	1550.9	4145.7	2697.0	1448.7	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.4	-275.5	75.1
<b>I - III.2015</b>	<b>10759.5</b>	<b>6883.5</b>	<b>3876.0</b>	<b>12323.2</b>	<b>7822.1</b>	<b>4501.1</b>	<b>11469.7</b>	<b>7292.0</b>	<b>4177.7</b>	<b>-1563.7</b>	<b>-938.6</b>	<b>-625.1</b>	<b>-710.2</b>	<b>-408.5</b>	<b>-301.7</b>
IV.2015	3903.1	2402.6	1500.5	4524.5	2866.3	1658.2	4204.8	2664.1	1540.7	-621.4	-463.7	-157.7	-301.7	-261.5	-40.2
<b>I - IV.2015</b>	<b>14662.6</b>	<b>9286.1</b>	<b>5376.5</b>	<b>16847.7</b>	<b>10688.4</b>	<b>6159.3</b>	<b>15674.5</b>	<b>9956.1</b>	<b>5718.4</b>	<b>-2185.1</b>	<b>-1402.3</b>	<b>-782.8</b>	<b>-1011.9</b>	<b>-670.0</b>	<b>-341.9</b>
I.2016	3427.5	2263.2	1164.3	3469.1	2265.7	1203.4	3227.7	2103.1	1124.6	-41.6	-2.5	-39.1	199.8	160.1	39.7
II.2016	3485.1	2289.7	1195.4	3820.5	2597.3	1223.2	3567.8	2429.2	1138.6	-335.4	-307.6	-27.8	-82.7	-139.5	56.8
III.2016	3680.5	2507.0	1173.5	4202.2	2990.7	1211.5	3918.0	2786.3	1131.7	-521.7	-483.7	-38.0	-237.5	-279.3	41.8
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10593.1</b>	<b>7059.9</b>	<b>3533.2</b>	<b>11491.8</b>	<b>7853.7</b>	<b>3638.1</b>	<b>10713.5</b>	<b>7318.6</b>	<b>3394.9</b>	<b>-898.7</b>	<b>-793.8</b>	<b>-104.9</b>	<b>-120.4</b>	<b>-258.7</b>	<b>138.3</b>
IV.2016	3633.0	2534.2	1098.8	4012.6	2689.1	1323.5	3789.8	2554.6	1235.2	-379.6	-154.9	-224.7	-156.8	-20.4	-136.4
<b>I - IV.2016</b>	<b>14226.1</b>	<b>9594.1</b>	<b>4632.0</b>	<b>15504.4</b>	<b>10542.8</b>	<b>4961.6</b>	<b>14503.3</b>	<b>9873.2</b>	<b>4630.1</b>	<b>-1278.3</b>	<b>-948.7</b>	<b>-329.6</b>	<b>-277.2</b>	<b>-279.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2016<sup>1</sup> 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	1.1	-1.4	6.3	-8.1	-2.0	-17.8	-7.8	-2.1	-16.8
II	1.8	5.7	-4.9	-7.1	-1.0	-17.7	-6.7	-0.7	-17.3
III	-6.7	3.5	-23.0	-5.3	3.6	-21.9	-5.5	3.3	-21.9
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-19.2</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-18.7</b>
IV	-6.9	5.5	-26.8	-11.3	-6.2	-20.2	-9.9	-4.1	-19.8
<b>I - IV</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-19.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.



**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - April 2015<sup>2</sup> and 2016<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>5376.5</b>	<b>4632.0</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>6159.3</b>	<b>4961.6</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>-782.8</b>	<b>-329.6</b>
of which:								
Albania	36.9	31.1	-15.7	11.8	5.4	-54.2	25.1	25.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43.7	42.0	-3.9	22.2	23.3	5.0	21.5	18.7
Brazil	11.3	16.7	47.8	34.2	13.4	-60.8	-22.9	3.3
Canada	27.2	28.5	4.8	17.0	23.2	36.5	10.2	5.3
China	351.3	276.7	-21.2	673.0	628.9	-6.6	-321.7	-352.2
Egypt	139.4	120.6	-13.5	32.6	117.4	260.1	106.8	3.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	233.0	256.2	10.0	167.6	137.2	-18.1	65.4	119.0
Georgia	85.8	66.7	-22.3	156.6	74.1	-52.7	-70.8	-7.4
Gibraltar	24.4	0.4	-98.4	0.0	0.1	x	24.4	0.3
India	35.4	37.9	7.1	95.9	77.3	-19.4	-60.5	-39.4
Indonesia	17.9	18.9	5.6	21.5	21.7	0.9	-3.6	-2.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	129.8	41.9	-67.7	3.1	16.6	435.5	126.7	25.3
Israel	36.9	43.1	16.8	25.6	47.0	83.6	11.3	-3.9
Japan	21.9	20.1	-8.2	52.0	62.3	19.8	-30.1	-42.2
Kazakhstan	11.5	11.1	-3.5	18.2	11.7	-35.7	-6.7	-0.6
Korea, Republic of	36.2	44.8	23.8	51.3	77.0	50.1	-15.1	-32.2
Libya	68.1	54.1	-20.6	0.4	2.5	525.0	67.7	51.6
Morocco	38.4	30.9	-19.5	42.3	41.5	-1.9	-3.9	-10.6
Namibia	82.5	40.4	-51.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.5	40.4
Norway	18.2	18.1	-0.5	10.4	18.2	75.0	7.8	-0.1
Peru	2.0	2.7	35.0	10.0	17.7	77.0	-8.0	-15.0
Russian Federation	237.5	199.1	-16.2	2018.3	1319.1	-34.6	-1780.8	-1120.0
Serbia	267.9	233.6	-12.8	208.2	213.7	2.6	59.7	19.9
Singapore	258.4	68.9	-73.3	16.4	18.1	10.4	242.0	50.8
South Africa	49.2	48.5	-1.4	7.9	13.5	70.9	41.3	35.0
Switzerland	76.5	72.7	-5.0	117.2	113.8	-2.9	-40.7	-41.1
Syrian Arab Republic	34.1	18.2	-46.6	11.2	1.3	-88.4	22.9	16.9
Taiwan	17.5	9.0	-48.6	78.1	62.2	-20.4	-60.6	-53.2
Turkey	1363.1	1137.5	-16.6	953.6	934.1	-2.0	409.5	203.4
Ukraine	122.0	62.7	-48.6	297.5	243.6	-18.1	-175.5	-180.9
United Arab Emirates	156.1	129.4	-17.1	96.6	14.7	-84.8	59.5	114.7
United States	256.0	217.6	-15.0	156.3	134.9	-13.7	99.7	82.7
Viet-Nam	14.5	15.9	9.7	37.4	23.1	-38.2	-22.9	-7.2

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.

„x” - category not applicable.

„-” - no case.



**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - April 2015<sup>1</sup> and 2016<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>5376.5</b>	<b>4632.0</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>6159.3</b>	<b>4961.6</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>-782.8</b>	<b>-329.6</b>
Food and live animals	580.1	459.4	-20.8	267.9	270.5	1.0	312.2	188.9
Beverages and tobacco	186.0	128.0	-31.2	53.8	43.6	-19.0	132.2	84.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	409.3	363.9	-11.1	782.4	430.0	-45.0	-373.1	-66.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1106.8	681.1	-38.5	2126.2	1314.3	-38.2	-1019.4	-633.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	65.2	63.5	-2.6	14.0	16.3	16.4	51.2	47.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	670.1	504.6	-24.7	543.7	544.0	0.1	126.4	-39.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1051.5	877.1	-16.6	1054.8	1032.2	-2.1	-3.3	-155.1
Machinery and transport equipment	825.8	843.0	2.1	959.7	897.4	-6.5	-133.9	-54.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	468.9	698.7	49.0	347.2	403.7	16.3	121.7	295.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	12.8	12.7	-0.8	9.6	9.6	0.0	3.2	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.