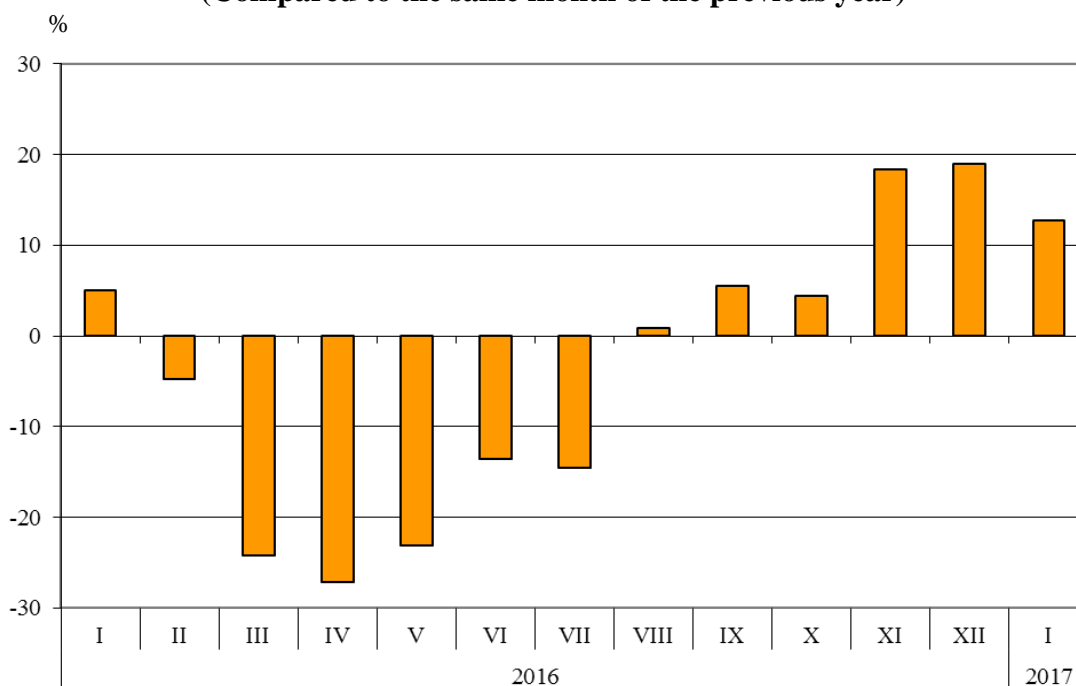


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 12.7% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 1 312.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Egypt, China, Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which accounted for 52.7% 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 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In January 2017 compared to the same month of 2016 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (73.8%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (24.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (36.3%).

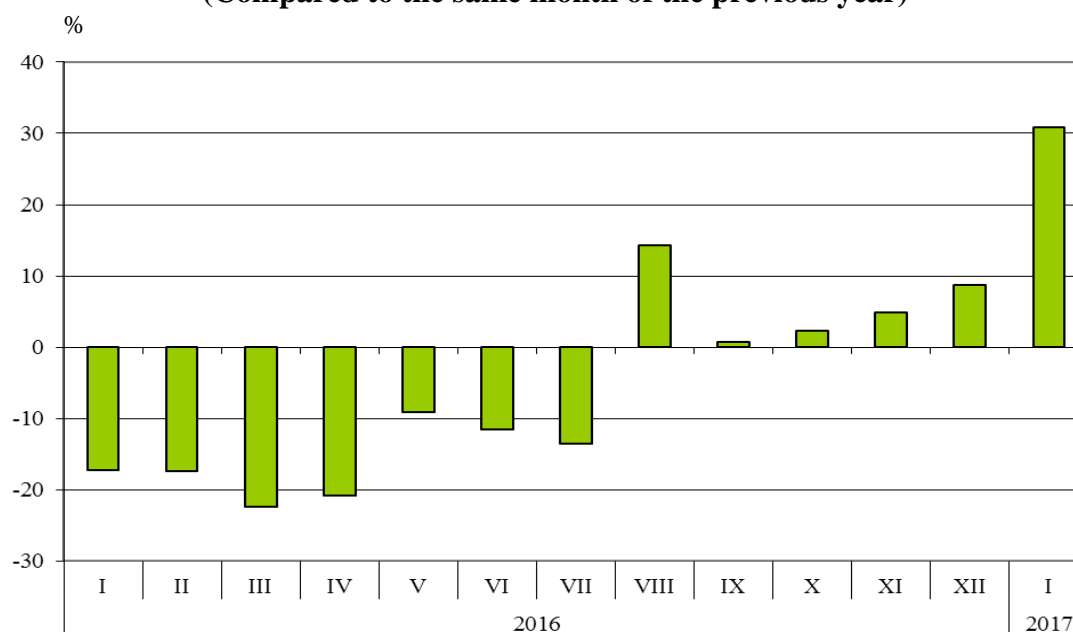
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 imports from third countries in January 2017 increased by 30.8% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 1 574.9 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In January 2017 compared to the same month of 2016 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (89.5%) and “Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” (68.8%). Fall was not observed in none of the sectors.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in January 2017 was negative and added up to 262.8 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 183.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

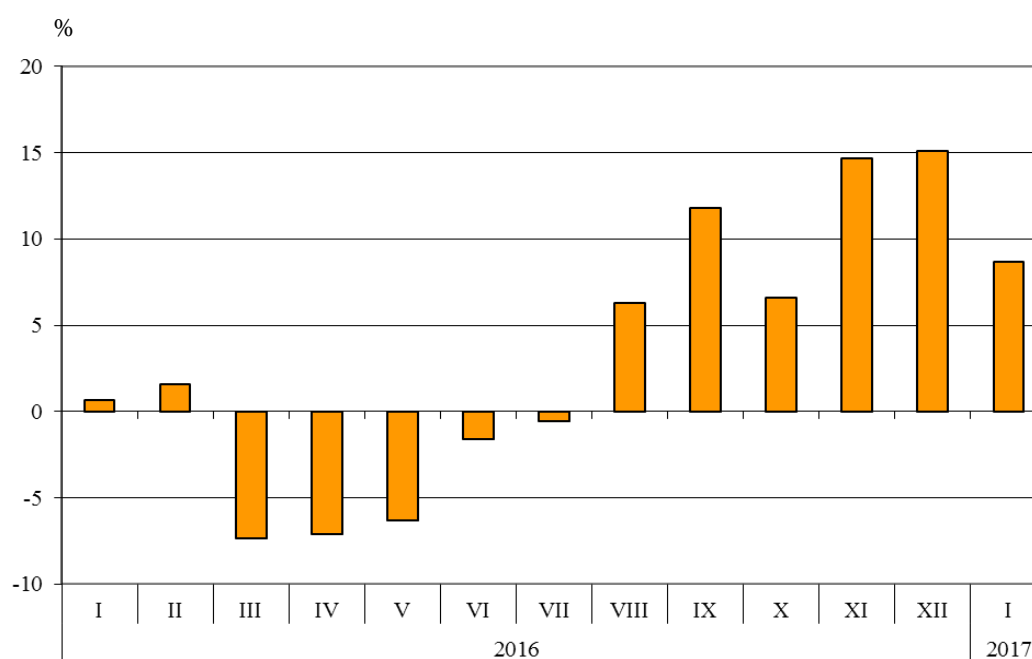
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2017 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 3 724.0 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 8.7% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

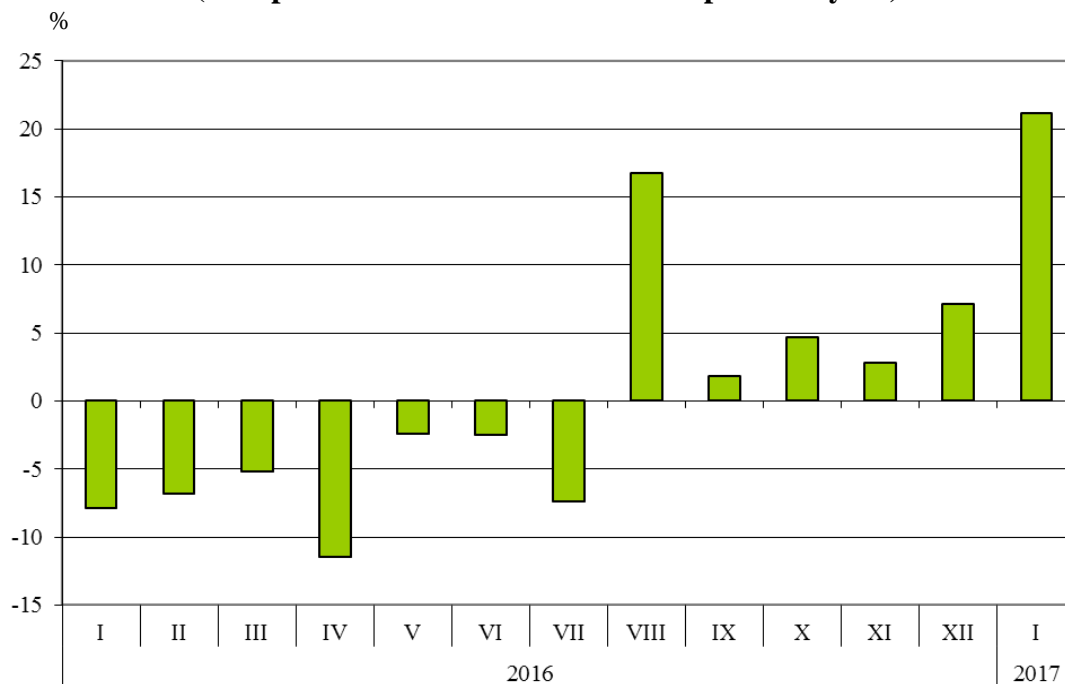


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in January 2017 amounted to 4 206.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 21.2% more than the same month of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in January 2017 and amounted to 482.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in January 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 271.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2016¹ and 2017¹ 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.2016	3427.3	2263.0	1164.3	3471.9	2267.7	1204.2	3301.1	2154.8	1146.3	-44.6	-4.7	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
I.2017	3724.0	2411.9	1312.1	4206.9	2632.0	1574.9	3995.7	2500.4	1495.3	482.9	-220.1	-262.8	-271.7	-88.5	-183.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2017¹ 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	8.7	6.6	12.7	21.2	16.1	30.8	21.0	16.0	30.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2017.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹
in January 2016² and 2017²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1164.3	1312.1	12.7	1204.2	1574.9	30.8	-39.9	-262.8
of which:								
Albania	6.3	6.4	1.6	1.2	3.0	150.0	5.1	3.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8.8	8.5	-3.4	3.7	5.0	35.1	5.1	3.5
Brazil	1.7	1.6	-5.9	2.6	3.5	34.6	-0.9	-1.9
Canada	6.4	4.9	-23.4	8.8	5.5	-37.5	-2.4	-0.6
China	99.3	102.4	3.1	168.1	168.5	0.2	-68.8	-66.1
Egypt	62.3	131.1	110.4	18.3	20.8	13.7	44.0	110.3
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	61.6	51.8	-15.9	27.6	41.9	51.8	34.0	9.9
Georgia	12.4	12.3	-0.8	16.1	31.3	94.4	-3.7	-19.0
Gibraltar	0.2	27.0	13400.0	-	-	-	0.2	27.0
India	5.8	42.3	629.3	21.7	22.4	3.2	-15.9	19.9
Indonesia	3.4	5.0	47.1	5.6	8.0	42.9	-2.2	-3.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	24.8	8.4	-66.1	3.2	59.7	1765.6	21.6	-51.3
Israel	9.4	8.2	-12.8	26.9	7.9	-70.6	-17.5	0.3
Japan	5.6	4.1	-26.8	12.2	12.8	4.9	-6.6	-8.7
Kazakhstan	1.6	1.4	-12.5	2.6	4.2	61.5	-1.0	-2.8
Korea, Republic of	5.3	3.8	-28.3	18.5	16.8	-9.2	-13.2	-13.0
Libya	12.5	0.2	-98.4	0.0	2.6	x	12.5	-2.4
Morocco	8.8	11.0	25.0	6.3	12.5	98.4	2.5	-1.5
Namibia	-	25.8	x	0.0	-	x	0.0	25.8
Norway	5.6	1.2	-78.6	5.6	3.2	-42.9	0.0	-2.0
Peru	0.6	0.4	-33.3	6.0	7.0	16.7	-5.4	-6.6
Russian Federation	44.0	40.9	-7.0	386.7	513.6	32.8	-342.7	-472.7
Serbia	51.0	57.9	13.5	35.7	77.1	116.0	15.3	-19.2
Singapore	25.4	38.9	53.1	5.7	6.0	5.3	19.7	32.9
South Africa	2.4	3.5	45.8	4.3	1.7	-60.5	-1.9	1.8
Switzerland	21.8	8.1	-62.8	21.6	24.5	13.4	0.2	-16.4
Syrian Arab Republic	4.6	9.9	115.2	0.5	-	x	4.1	9.9
Taiwan	2.1	1.8	-14.3	15.6	18.5	18.6	-13.5	-16.7
Turkey	286.6	348.4	21.6	203.7	280.7	37.8	82.9	67.7
Ukraine	14.4	4.2	-70.8	50.0	41.8	-16.4	-35.6	-37.6
United Arab Emirates	28.8	40.0	38.9	4.4	6.7	52.3	24.4	33.3
United States	48.4	36.9	-23.8	30.0	29.7	-1.0	18.4	7.2
Viet-Nam	2.9	2.1	-27.6	3.7	7.0	89.2	-0.8	-4.9

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 13-th March 2017.

"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 2016¹ and 2017¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	1164.3	1312.1	12.7	1204.2	1574.9	30.8	-39.9	-262.8
Food and live animals	92.7	104.6	12.8	59.2	62.1	4.9	33.5	42.5
Beverages and tobacco	43.8	39.2	-10.5	5.4	8.7	61.1	38.4	30.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	88.8	80.9	-8.9	85.7	162.4	89.5	3.1	-81.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	236.4	410.8	73.8	384.3	598.2	55.7	-147.9	-187.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9.9	12.3	24.2	3.2	5.4	68.8	6.7	6.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	116.3	112.4	-3.4	123.6	129.6	4.9	-7.3	-17.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	206.8	240.5	16.3	225.6	268.8	19.1	-18.8	-28.3
Machinery and transport equipment	179.0	189.5	5.9	223.1	237.3	6.4	-44.1	-47.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	188.4	120.0	-36.3	91.9	100.0	8.8	96.5	20.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.2	1.9	-13.6	2.2	2.4	9.1	0.0	-0.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2017.