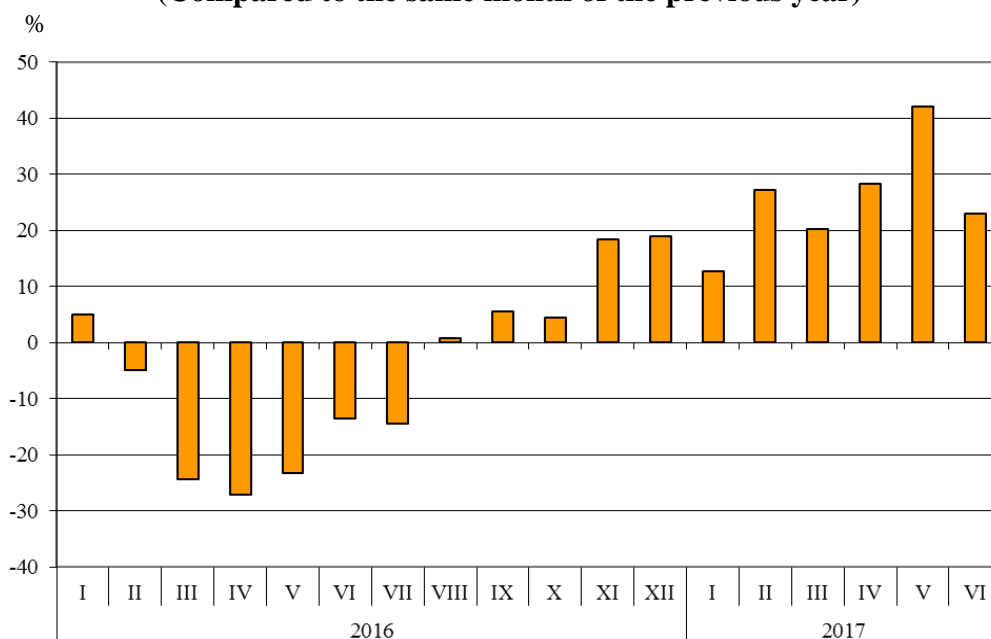


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 25.4% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 8 798.8 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Egypt and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which accounted for 51.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In June 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 23.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 554.4 Billion BGN.

**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 the period **January - June 2017** compared to the same period 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 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (55.6%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (47.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Food and live animals' (7.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

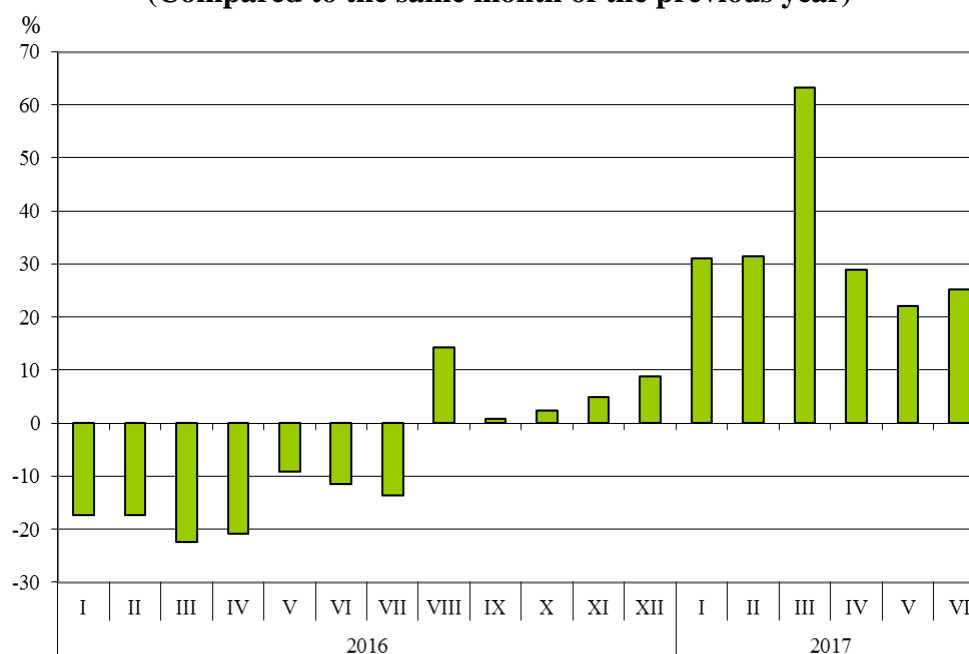
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - June 2017** increased by 33.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 10 412.1 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In June 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 25.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 764.2 Billion BGN.

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 the period **January - June 2017** compared to the same period 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 (86.4%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (46.0%) (Annex, Table 4).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - June 2017 was negative and added up to 1 613.3 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 1 100.2 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.



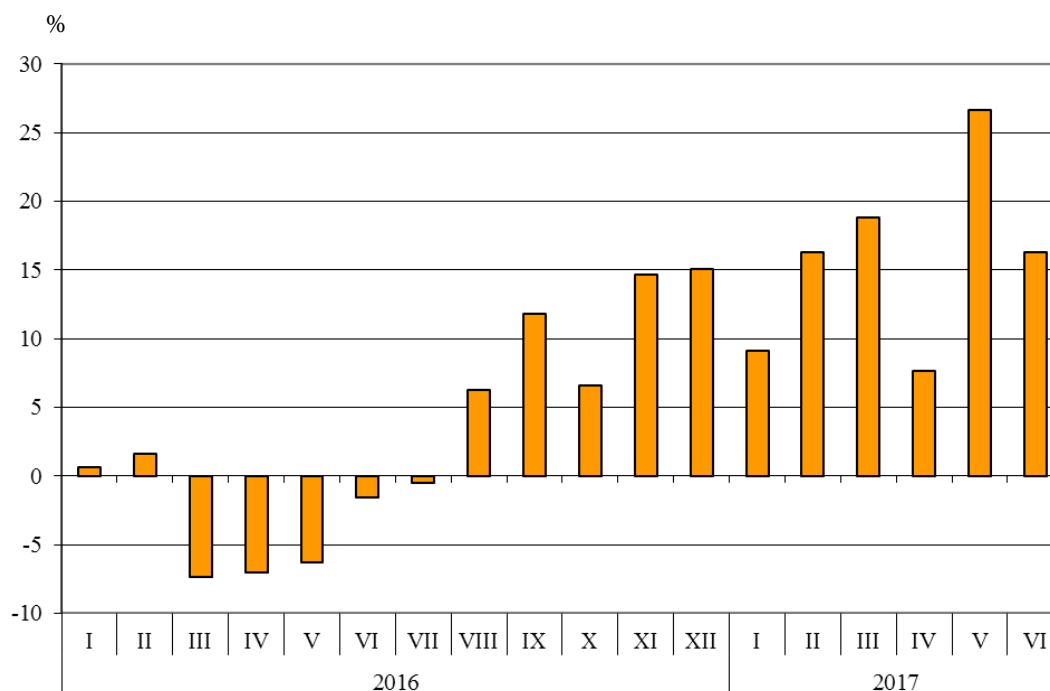
In **June 2017** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 209.8 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - June 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 25 131.3 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 15.8% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **June 2017** the total exports added up to 4 603.9 Billion BGN and grew by 16.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



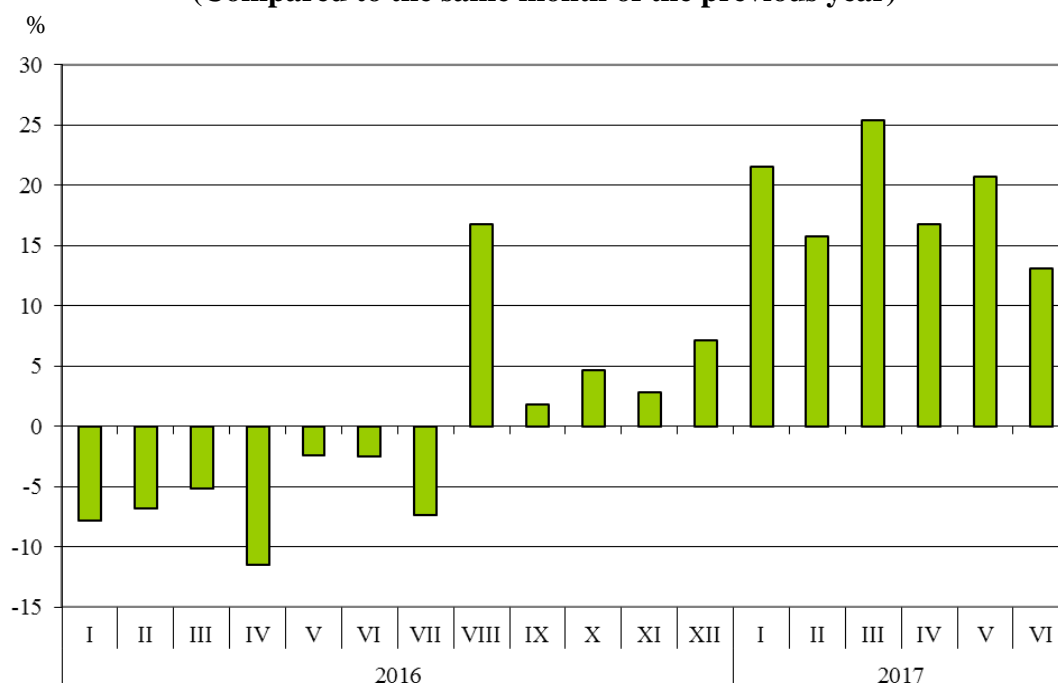
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - June 2017** amounted to 28 437.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 18.8% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



In **June 2017** the total imports increased by 13.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 876.7 Billion BGN.

**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 the period January - June 2017 and amounted to 3 306.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - June 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 921.8 Million BGN.

In **June 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 272.8 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 32.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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
II.2016	3481.7	2286.3	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.3	1163.5	-343.0	-315.2	-27.8	-163.1	-195.0	31.9
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.0	3005.6	1211.4	4021.0	2864.8	1156.2	-536.5	-498.2	-38.3	-340.5	-357.4	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.6	7874.8	3638.8	10966.9	7500.9	3466.0	-924.1	-818.1	-106.0	-377.4	-444.2	66.8
IV.2016	3635.5	2536.7	1098.8	4017.5	2694.4	1323.1	3832.2	2573.9	1258.3	-382.0	-157.7	-224.3	-196.7	-37.2	-159.5
V.2016	3517.6	2397.4	1120.2	4084.3	2628.6	1455.7	3887.8	2505.8	1382.0	-566.7	-231.2	-335.5	-370.2	-108.4	-261.8
VI.2016	3958.2	2695.2	1263.0	4312.9	2902.9	1410.0	4109.8	2767.6	1342.2	-354.7	-207.7	-147.0	-151.6	-72.4	-79.2
IV - VI.2016	11111.3	7629.3	3482.0	12414.7	8225.9	4188.8	11829.8	7847.3	3982.5	-1303.4	-596.6	-706.8	-718.5	-218.0	-500.5
I - VI.2016	21700.8	14686.0	7014.8	23928.3	16100.7	7827.6	22796.7	15348.2	7448.5	-2227.5	-1414.7	-812.8	-1095.9	-662.2	-433.7
I.2017	3738.7	2426.5	1312.2	4220.8	2642.9	1577.9	4008.6	2510.4	1498.2	-482.1	-216.4	-265.7	-269.9	-83.9	-186.0
II.2017	4048.3	2528.1	1520.2	4428.6	2820.5	1608.1	4209.7	2682.2	1527.5	-380.3	-292.4	-87.9	-161.4	-154.1	-7.3
III.2017	4371.8	2960.6	1411.2	5287.3	3309.6	1977.7	5032.4	3156.2	1876.2	-915.5	-349.0	-566.5	-660.6	-195.6	-465.0
I - III.2017	12158.8	7915.2	4243.6	13936.7	8773.0	5163.7	13250.7	8348.8	4901.9	-1777.9	-857.8	-920.1	-1091.9	-433.6	-658.3
IV.2017	3913.0	2503.4	1409.6	4692.3	2985.5	1706.8	4466.8	2842.6	1624.2	-779.3	-482.1	-297.2	-553.8	-339.2	-214.6
V.2017	4455.6	2864.4	1591.2	4931.6	3154.2	1777.4	4699.0	3005.8	1693.2	-476.0	-289.8	-186.2	-243.4	-141.4	-102.0
VI.2017	4603.9	3049.5	1554.4	4876.7	3112.5	1764.2	4636.6	2956.9	1679.7	-272.8	-63.0	-209.8	-32.7	92.6	-125.3
IV - VI.2017	12972.5	8417.3	4555.2	14500.6	9252.2	5248.4	13802.4	8805.3	4997.1	-1528.1	-834.9	-693.2	-829.9	-388.0	-441.9
I - VI.2017	25131.3	16332.5	8798.8	28437.3	18025.2	10412.1	27053.1	17154.1	9899.0	-3306.0	-1692.7	-1613.3	-1921.8	-821.6	-1100.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2017¹ 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	9.1	7.2	12.7	21.6	16.5	31.0	21.4	16.5	30.7
II	16.3	10.6	27.2	15.8	8.4	31.5	15.5	8.1	31.3
III	18.8	18.1	20.3	25.4	10.1	63.3	25.2	10.2	62.3
I - III	14.8	12.2	20.1	21.0	11.4	41.9	20.8	11.3	41.4
IV	7.6	-1.3	28.3	16.8	10.8	29.0	16.6	10.4	29.1
V	26.7	19.5	42.0	20.7	20.0	22.1	20.9	20.0	22.5
VI	16.3	13.1	23.1	13.1	7.2	25.1	12.8	6.8	25.1
IV - VI	16.8	10.3	30.8	16.8	12.5	25.3	16.7	12.2	25.5
I - VI	15.8	11.2	25.4	18.8	12.0	33.0	18.7	11.8	32.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - June 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	7014.8	8798.8	25.4	7827.6	10412.1	33.0	-812.8	-1613.3
of which:								
Albania	47.7	69.3	45.3	10.7	16.3	52.3	37.0	53.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	64.8	70.2	8.3	32.1	40.0	24.6	32.7	30.2
Brazil	32.4	28.2	-13.0	30.8	20.4	-33.8	1.6	7.8
Canada	38.3	39.0	1.8	36.4	56.8	56.0	1.9	-17.8
China	406.0	609.1	50.0	939.9	1086.1	15.6	-533.9	-477.0
Egypt	179.8	400.5	122.7	217.8	561.8	157.9	-38.0	-161.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	386.2	372.9	-3.4	218.0	291.4	33.7	168.2	81.5
Georgia	126.3	141.4	12.0	100.4	286.1	185.0	25.9	-144.7
Gibraltar	0.4	54.0	13400.0	0.1	0.0	x	0.3	54.0
India	55.2	120.1	117.6	113.3	135.2	19.3	-58.1	-15.1
Indonesia	24.3	24.0	-1.2	31.3	41.8	33.5	-7.0	-17.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	49.4	70.0	41.7	26.4	74.8	183.3	23.0	-4.8
Israel	56.7	64.0	12.9	57.2	43.5	-24.0	-0.5	20.5
Japan	32.7	33.3	1.8	95.5	96.7	1.3	-62.8	-63.4
Kazakhstan	16.3	20.2	23.9	17.1	18.9	10.5	-0.8	1.3
Korea, Republic of	57.2	33.6	-41.3	118.2	102.9	-12.9	-61.0	-69.3
Libya	118.0	53.6	-54.6	2.6	7.1	173.1	115.4	46.5
Morocco	48.6	88.4	81.9	70.0	90.9	29.9	-21.4	-2.5
Namibia	40.7	91.2	124.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	91.2
Norway	19.3	31.8	64.8	25.2	35.3	40.1	-5.9	-3.5
Peru	5.0	10.8	116.0	20.7	23.5	13.5	-15.7	-12.7
Russian Federation	298.1	585.2	96.3	2155.4	2858.8	32.6	-1857.3	-2273.6
Serbia	355.7	417.4	17.3	340.0	576.6	69.6	15.7	-159.2
Singapore	119.5	179.3	50.0	24.4	32.3	32.4	95.1	147.0
South Africa	55.2	39.5	-28.4	17.4	39.4	126.4	37.8	0.1
Switzerland	85.1	115.9	36.2	184.1	192.5	4.6	-99.0	-76.6
Syrian Arab Republic	20.5	28.5	39.0	1.4	0.1	-92.9	19.1	28.4
Taiwan	14.7	22.2	51.0	96.9	101.7	5.0	-82.2	-79.5
Turkey	1847.7	2141.2	15.9	1454.6	1792.6	23.2	393.1	348.6
Ukraine	73.1	119.1	62.9	385.3	379.9	-1.4	-312.2	-260.8
United Arab Emirates	162.9	180.1	10.6	21.0	29.0	38.1	141.9	151.1
United States	294.8	309.9	5.1	215.4	253.0	17.5	79.4	56.9
Viet-Nam	35.5	24.6	-30.7	36.7	42.9	16.9	-1.2	-18.3

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 August 2017.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - June 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	7014.8	8798.8	25.4	7827.6	10412.1	33.0	-812.8	-1613.3
Food and live animals	713.6	658.3	-7.7	411.4	472.0	14.7	302.2	186.3
Beverages and tobacco	167.1	211.9	26.8	71.8	83.3	16.0	95.3	128.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	544.7	521.1	-4.3	603.7	1125.4	86.4	-59.0	-604.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1239.3	1509.8	21.8	2215.6	3235.6	46.0	-976.3	-1725.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	76.9	91.5	19.0	23.3	29.8	27.9	53.6	61.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	761.4	889.5	16.8	795.1	829.6	4.3	-33.7	59.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1309.9	2038.0	55.6	1596.4	2048.7	28.3	-286.5	-10.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1242.2	1478.8	19.0	1470.0	1815.4	23.5	-227.8	-336.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	940.8	1382.9	47.0	615.4	755.4	22.7	325.4	627.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	18.9	17.0	-10.1	24.9	16.9	-32.1	-6.0	0.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.