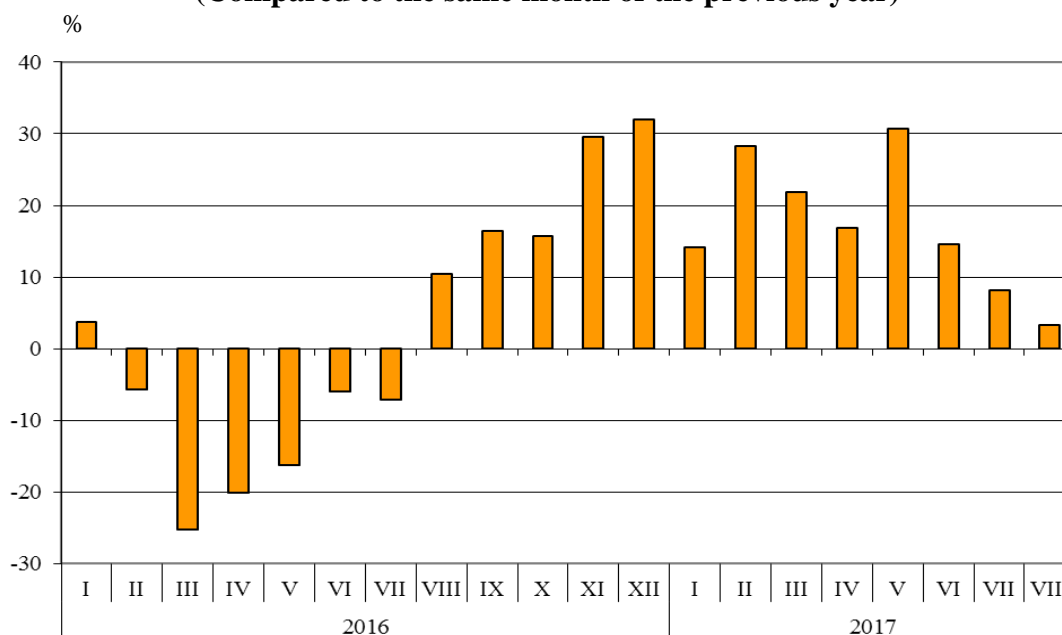


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 16.8% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 11 693.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Egypt which accounted for 51.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In August 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 3.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 389.2 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - August 2017** in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2016 were recorded in the sections 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (50.7%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'<sup>2</sup> (34.7%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in section 'Food and live animals' (9.4%).

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

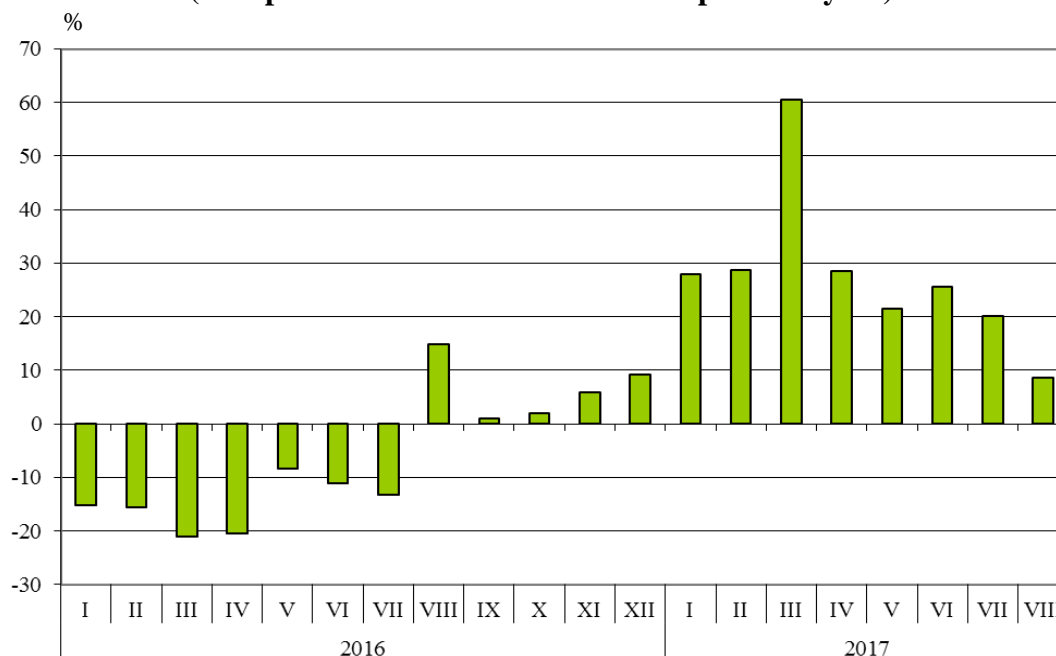
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, 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 - August 2017** increased by 26.7% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 13 932.8 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 August 2017** Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 8.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 797.1 Billion BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - August 2017** in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2016 were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>2</sup> (66.9%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (40.9%) (Annex, Table 4).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - August 2017 was negative and added up to 2 239.1 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 1 557.9 Million BGN.

<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.



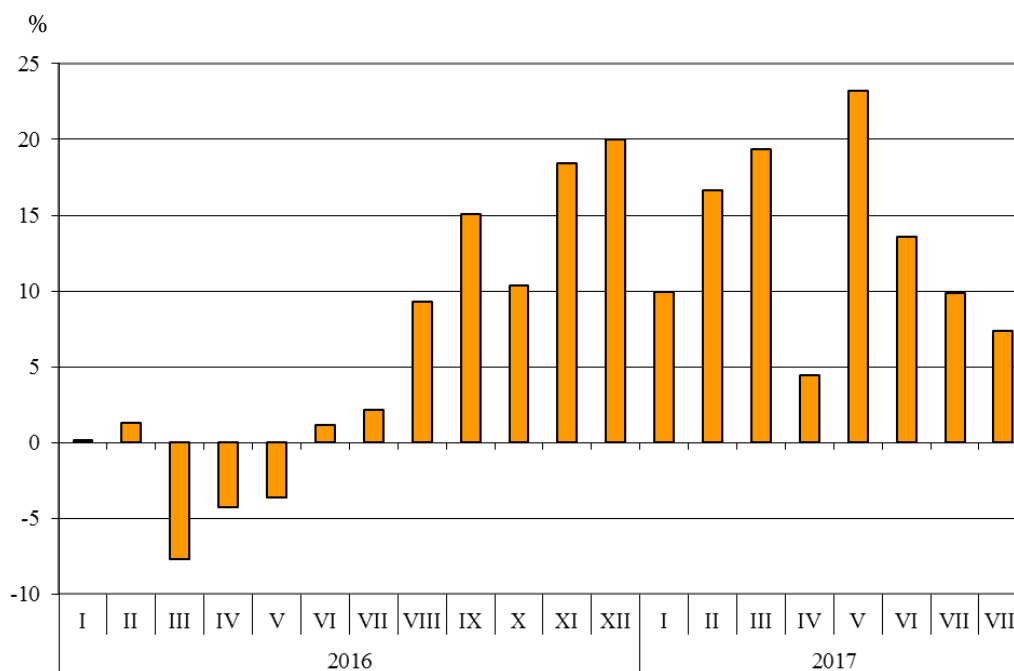
In **August 2017** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 407.9 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - August 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 34 093.2 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 12.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **August 2017** the total exports added up to 4 320.0 Billion BGN and grew by 7.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



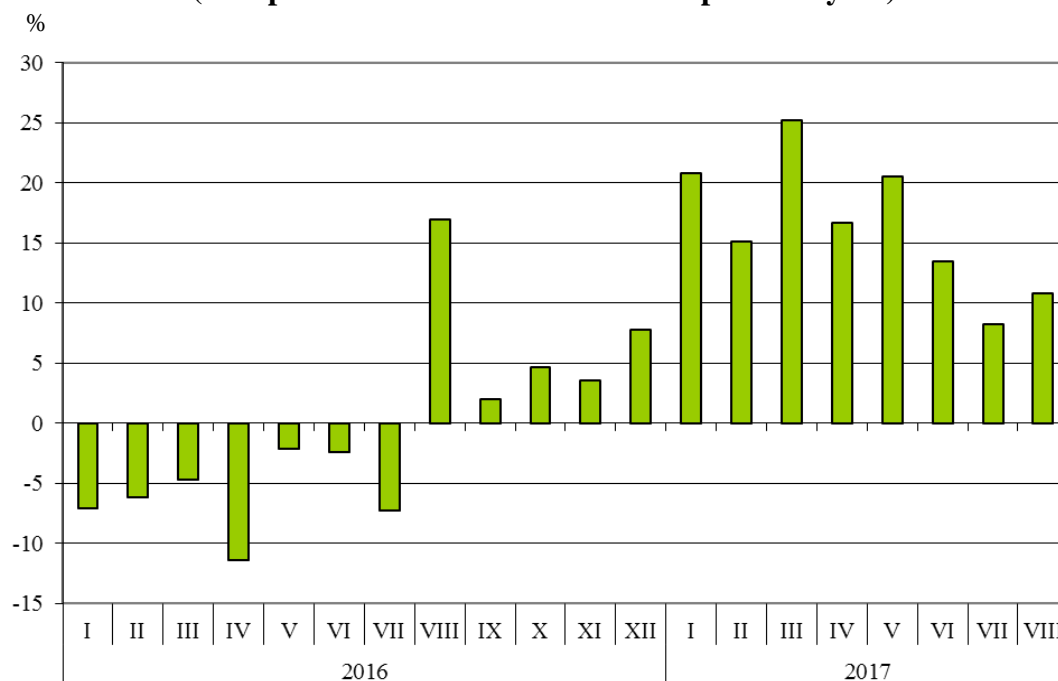
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2017** amounted to 38 122.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 16.2% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

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



In **August 2017** the total imports increased by 10.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 922.5 Billion BGN.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - August 2017 and amounted to 4 029.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - August 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 187.6 Million BGN.

In **August 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 602.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 357.4 Million BGN.

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

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2016 and 2017<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.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10548.6</b>	<b>7055.8</b>	<b>3492.8</b>	<b>11588.8</b>	<b>7874.9</b>	<b>3713.9</b>	<b>10856.6</b>	<b>7401.4</b>	<b>3455.2</b>	<b>-1040.2</b>	<b>-819.1</b>	<b>-221.1</b>	<b>-308.0</b>	<b>-345.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
<b>IV - VI.2016</b>	<b>11431.3</b>	<b>7630.3</b>	<b>3801.0</b>	<b>12437.4</b>	<b>8225.8</b>	<b>4211.6</b>	<b>11677.5</b>	<b>7762.0</b>	<b>3915.5</b>	<b>-1006.1</b>	<b>-595.5</b>	<b>-410.6</b>	<b>-246.2</b>	<b>-131.7</b>	<b>-114.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2016</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>7293.8</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>7925.5</b>	<b>22534.1</b>	<b>15163.4</b>	<b>7370.7</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-631.7</b>	<b>-554.2</b>	<b>-477.3</b>	<b>-76.9</b>
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
VIII.2016	4024.8	2679.7	1345.1	4442.1	2787.3	1654.8	4140.6	2613.3	1527.3	-417.3	-107.6	-309.7	-115.8	66.4	-182.2
<b>I - VIII.2016</b>	<b>30197.2</b>	<b>20187.1</b>	<b>10010.1</b>	<b>32812.5</b>	<b>21812.1</b>	<b>11000.4</b>	<b>30737.5</b>	<b>20523.4</b>	<b>10214.1</b>	<b>-2615.3</b>	<b>-1625.0</b>	<b>-990.3</b>	<b>-540.3</b>	<b>-336.3</b>	<b>-204.0</b>
I.2017	3750.6	2438.5	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	4016.9	2518.7	1498.2	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-266.3	-80.2	-186.1
II.2017	4050.5	2530.3	1520.2	4432.6	2824.5	1608.1	4213.6	2686.1	1527.5	-382.1	-294.2	-87.9	-163.1	-155.8	-7.3
III.2017	4374.1	2962.9	1411.2	5304.1	3327.8	1976.3	5048.2	3173.5	1874.7	-930.0	-364.9	-565.1	-674.1	-210.6	-463.5
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12175.2</b>	<b>7931.7</b>	<b>4243.5</b>	<b>13966.6</b>	<b>8804.4</b>	<b>5162.2</b>	<b>13278.7</b>	<b>8378.3</b>	<b>4900.4</b>	<b>-1791.4</b>	<b>-872.7</b>	<b>-918.7</b>	<b>-1103.5</b>	<b>-446.6</b>	<b>-656.9</b>
IV.2017	3911.6	2501.5	1410.1	4691.8	2985.1	1706.7	4466.5	2842.3	1624.2	-780.2	-483.6	-296.6	-554.9	-340.8	-214.1
V.2017	4460.0	2863.9	1596.1	4937.6	3155.5	1782.1	4705.0	3007.0	1698.0	-477.6	-291.6	-186.0	-245.0	-143.1	-101.9
VI.2017	4621.0	3048.5	1572.5	4901.4	3122.5	1778.9	4670.3	2975.9	1694.4	-280.4	-74.0	-206.4	-49.3	72.6	-121.9
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>12992.6</b>	<b>8413.9</b>	<b>4578.7</b>	<b>14530.8</b>	<b>9263.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>13841.8</b>	<b>8825.2</b>	<b>5016.6</b>	<b>-1538.2</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-689.0</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-411.3</b>	<b>-437.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>8822.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>10429.9</b>	<b>27120.5</b>	<b>17203.5</b>	<b>9917.0</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>	<b>-1607.7</b>	<b>-1952.7</b>	<b>-857.9</b>	<b>-1094.8</b>
VII.2017	4605.4	3123.1	1482.3	4702.4	2996.6	1705.8	4482.9	2856.6	1626.3	-97.0	126.5	-223.5	122.5	266.5	-144.0
VIII.2017	4320.0	2930.8	1389.2	4922.5	3125.4	1797.1	4677.4	2969.1	1708.3	-602.5	-194.6	-407.9	-357.4	-38.3	-319.1
<b>I - VIII.2017</b>	<b>34093.2</b>	<b>22399.5</b>	<b>11693.7</b>	<b>38122.3</b>	<b>24189.5</b>	<b>13932.8</b>	<b>36280.8</b>	<b>23029.2</b>	<b>13251.6</b>	<b>-4029.1</b>	<b>-1790.0</b>	<b>-2239.1</b>	<b>-2187.6</b>	<b>-629.7</b>	<b>-1557.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2017.

<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 - August  
2017<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	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	22.8	18.7	30.3
II	16.7	10.6	28.3	15.1	8.6	28.8	16.6	9.5	31.7
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.7	60.5	27.1	12.3	63.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>
IV	4.5	-1.4	16.9	16.7	10.8	28.6	18.1	11.6	31.5
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.0	21.4	22.4	21.2	24.6
VI	13.6	13.1	14.5	13.5	7.6	25.6	15.3	8.9	28.6
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.2	2.5	20.1	10.3	4.0	23.6
VIII	7.3	9.4	3.3	10.8	12.1	8.6	13.0	13.6	11.9
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>29.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2017.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - August 2016 and 2017<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>10010.1</b>	<b>11693.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>11000.4</b>	<b>13932.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>-990.3</b>	<b>-2239.1</b>
of which:								
Albania	75.6	96.3	27.4	16.5	20.6	24.8	59.1	75.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	85.8	87.2	1.6	53.8	52.1	-3.2	32.0	35.1
Brazil	39.9	36.1	-9.5	36.0	24.4	-32.2	3.9	11.7
Canada	64.7	51.9	-19.8	49.2	74.9	52.2	15.5	-23.0
China	512.6	796.7	55.4	1346.1	1457.9	8.3	-833.5	-661.2
Egypt	231.4	436.6	88.7	365.9	767.1	109.6	-134.5	-330.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	504.2	513.4	1.8	328.2	400.1	21.9	176.0	113.3
Georgia	184.9	184.1	-0.4	162.0	364.6	125.1	22.9	-180.5
Gibraltar	43.3	64.5	49.0	0.1	0.0	x	43.2	64.5
India	99.1	144.1	45.4	150.7	180.2	19.6	-51.6	-36.1
Indonesia	42.9	32.3	-24.7	42.3	58.5	38.3	0.6	-26.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	90.4	81.7	-9.6	33.5	83.7	149.9	56.9	-2.0
Israel	89.9	78.2	-13.0	71.5	58.6	-18.0	18.4	19.6
Japan	51.7	45.9	-11.2	126.3	131.4	4.0	-74.6	-85.5
Kazakhstan	22.9	32.3	41.0	20.9	21.6	3.3	2.0	10.7
Korea, Republic of	79.9	52.4	-34.4	155.6	144.9	-6.9	-75.7	-92.5
Libya	123.5	70.8	-42.7	4.6	10.0	117.4	118.9	60.8
Morocco	58.2	97.0	66.7	115.9	161.5	39.3	-57.7	-64.5
Namibia	76.8	123.9	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.8	123.9
Norway	45.2	42.0	-7.1	32.9	46.4	41.0	12.3	-4.4
Peru	8.9	14.4	61.8	31.8	25.6	-19.5	-22.9	-11.2
Russian Federation	484.4	987.0	103.8	3006.3	3827.1	27.3	-2521.9	-2840.1
Serbia	479.1	588.5	22.8	482.6	768.7	59.3	-3.5	-180.2
Singapore	210.7	231.8	10.0	32.1	40.4	25.9	178.6	191.4
South Africa	67.4	70.5	4.6	27.0	45.4	68.1	40.4	25.1
Switzerland	174.7	169.4	-3.0	257.7	254.5	-1.2	-83.0	-85.1
Syrian Arab Republic	23.4	31.1	32.9	1.5	0.1	-93.3	21.9	31.0
Taiwan	34.0	34.2	0.6	136.6	135.3	-1.0	-102.6	-101.1
Turkey	2402.3	2708.6	12.8	1957.7	2469.2	26.1	444.6	239.4
Ukraine	154.3	166.5	7.9	508.9	547.2	7.5	-354.6	-380.7
United Arab Emirates	251.5	238.7	-5.1	27.1	35.1	29.5	224.4	203.6
United States	453.6	435.0	-4.1	284.6	313.5	10.2	169.0	121.5
Viet-Nam	86.4	32.3	-62.6	54.7	57.0	4.2	31.7	-24.7

<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 10-th October 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 the period January - August 2016 and 2017<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>10010.1</b>	<b>11693.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>11000.4</b>	<b>13932.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>-990.3</b>	<b>-2239.1</b>
Food and live animals	997.2	903.5	-9.4	546.5	568.8	4.1	450.7	334.7
Beverages and tobacco	267.1	281.6	5.4	105.2	113.1	7.5	161.9	168.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	686.8	694.1	1.1	878.2	1466.0	66.9	-191.4	-771.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1816.8	1864.0	2.6	3174.8	4332.9	36.5	-1358.0	-2468.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92.5	107.4	16.1	31.3	44.1	40.9	61.2	63.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1022.2	1194.1	16.8	1070.5	1187.1	10.9	-48.3	7.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1893.3	2852.3	50.7	2189.3	2796.0	27.7	-296.0	56.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1834.0	1925.8	5.0	2107.4	2378.6	12.9	-273.4	-452.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1373.3	1849.6	34.7	865.3	1023.0	18.2	508.0	826.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	26.9	21.3	-20.8	31.9	23.2	-27.3	-5.0	-1.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2017.