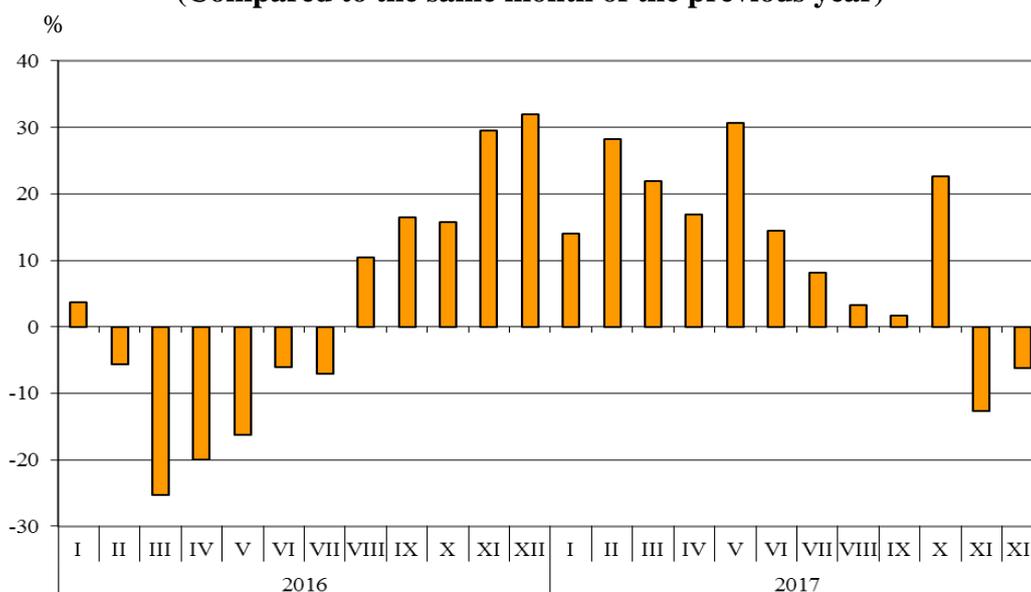


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 10.7% in comparison with the previous year and added up to 17 744.6 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 December 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 596.5 Million 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 2017 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to 2016 were recorded in the sections 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (42.1%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'³ (23.2%) (Annex,

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

³ 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.

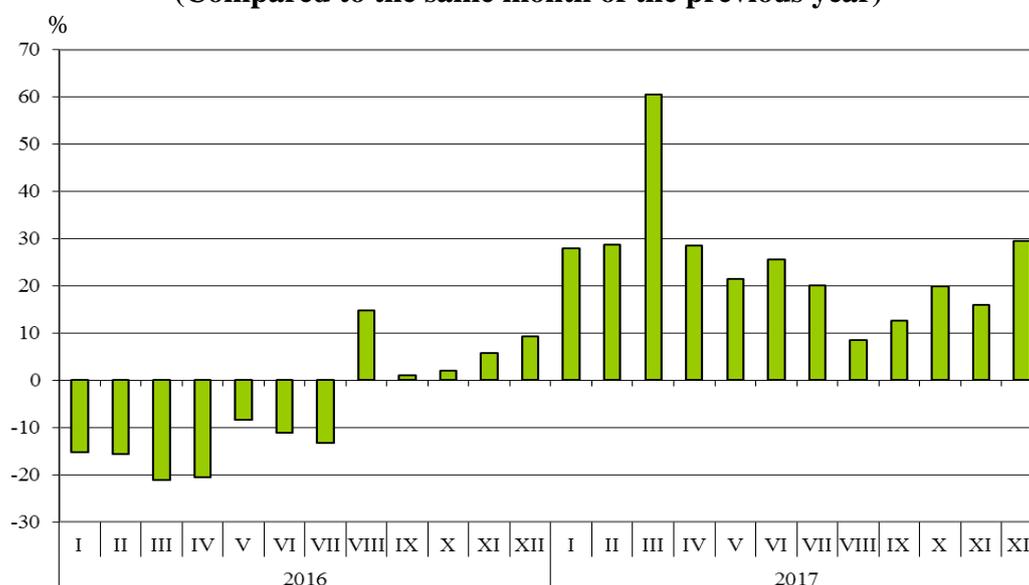


Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (16.7%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (11.9%).

Bulgarian imports from third countries in 2017 increased by 24.1% in comparison with the previous year and added up to 21 368.3 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 December 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 29.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 045.8 Million 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 2017 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to 2016 were recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (42.3%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.1%) (Annex, Table 4).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in 2017 was negative and added up to 3 623.7 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 2 115.6 Million BGN.

In December 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 449.3 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.

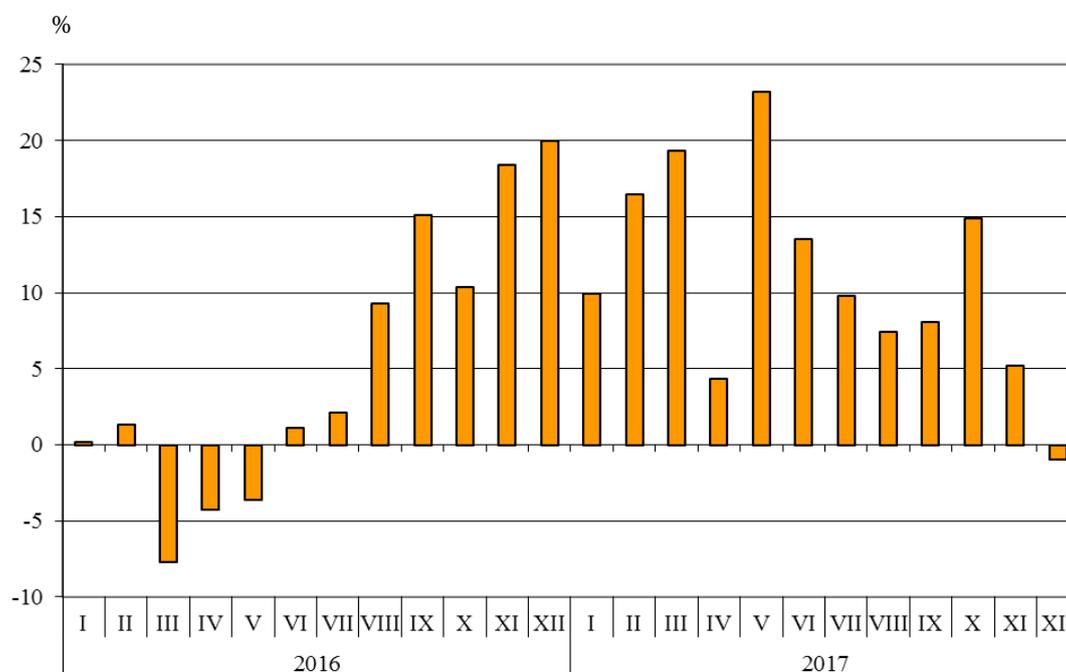


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In 2017 the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 52 233.0 Million BGN and in comparison with the previous year the exports increased by 10.7% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **December 2017** the total exports added up to 4 105.0 Million BGN and decreased by 0.9% 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)**



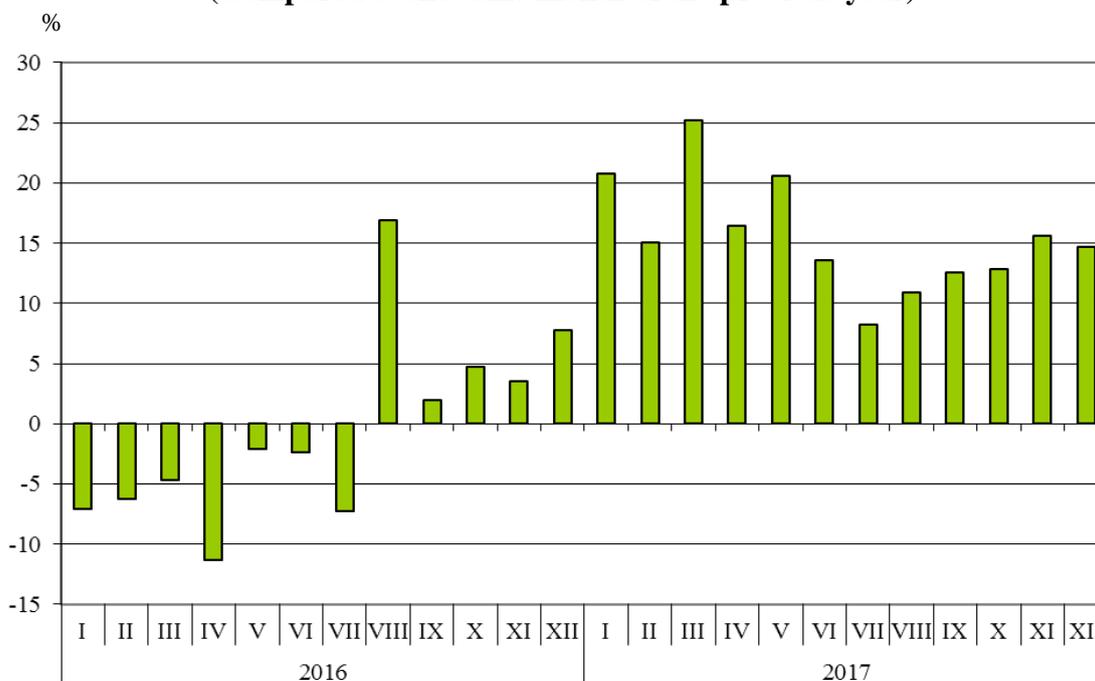
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in 2017 amounted to 59 085.4 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 15.4% more than 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **December 2017** the total imports increased by 14.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 326.3 Million BGN.

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 2017 and amounted to 6 852.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 3 072.5 Million BGN.

In **December 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 1 221.3 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 911.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2016 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	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
I - III.2016	10548.6	7055.8	3492.8	11588.8	7874.9	3713.9	10856.6	7401.4	3455.2	-1040.2	-819.1	-221.1	-308.0	-345.6	37.6
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
IV - VI.2016	11431.3	7630.3	3801.0	12437.4	8225.8	4211.6	11677.5	7762.0	3915.5	-1006.1	-595.5	-410.6	-246.2	-131.7	-114.5
I - VI.2016	21979.9	14686.1	7293.8	24026.2	16100.7	7925.5	22534.1	15163.4	7370.7	-2046.3	-1414.6	-631.7	-554.2	-477.3	-76.9
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
IX.2016	4170.7	2843.7	1327.0	4180.3	2742.0	1438.3	3917.9	2587.1	1330.8	-9.6	101.7	-111.3	252.8	256.6	-3.8
VII - IX.2016	12388.0	8344.7	4043.3	12966.6	8453.4	4513.2	12121.3	7947.1	4174.2	-578.6	-108.7	-469.9	266.7	397.6	-130.9
I - IX.2016	34367.9	23030.8	11337.1	36992.8	24554.1	12438.7	34655.4	23110.5	11544.9	-2624.9	-1523.3	-1101.6	-287.5	-79.7	-207.8
X.2016	4303.9	2901.8	1402.1	4831.3	3252.1	1579.2	4517.7	3042.3	1475.4	-527.4	-350.3	-177.1	-213.8	-140.5	-73.3
XI.2016	4370.5	2783.9	1586.6	4737.6	3117.7	1619.9	4439.2	2937.4	1501.8	-367.1	-333.8	-33.3	-68.7	-153.5	84.8
XII.2016	4144.0	2441.1	1702.9	4644.5	3065.4	1579.1	4356.7	2882.3	1474.4	-500.5	-624.3	123.8	-212.7	-441.2	228.5
X - XII.2016	12818.4	8126.8	4691.6	14213.4	9435.2	4778.2	13313.6	8862.0	4451.6	-1395.0	-1308.4	-86.6	-495.2	-735.2	240.0
I - XII.2016	47186.3	31157.6	16028.7	51206.2	33989.3	17216.9	47969.0	31972.5	15996.5	-4019.9	-2831.7	-1188.2	-782.7	-814.9	32.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2016 and 2017¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.8	2652.0	1577.8	3944.2	2480.4	1463.8	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-193.7	-42.0	-151.7
II.2017	4044.5	2524.3	1520.2	4428.3	2820.2	1608.1	4134.9	2646.6	1488.3	-383.8	-295.9	-87.9	-90.4	-122.3	31.9
III.2017	4373.6	2962.3	1411.3	5306.0	3329.7	1976.3	4973.5	3135.8	1837.7	-932.4	-367.4	-565.0	-599.9	-173.5	-426.4
I - III.2017	12168.6	7925.0	4243.6	13964.1	8801.9	5162.2	13052.6	8262.8	4789.8	-1795.5	-876.9	-918.6	-884.0	-337.8	-546.2
IV.2017	3906.5	2496.4	1410.1	4684.7	2978.0	1706.7	4385.8	2792.5	1593.3	-778.2	-481.6	-296.6	-479.3	-296.1	-183.2
V.2017	4458.5	2862.4	1596.1	4938.8	3156.6	1782.2	4628.3	2968.5	1659.8	-480.3	-294.2	-186.1	-169.8	-106.1	-63.7
VI.2017	4619.5	3047.0	1572.5	4906.4	3127.5	1778.9	4598.3	2942.7	1655.6	-286.9	-80.5	-206.4	21.2	104.3	-83.1
IV - VI.2017	12984.5	8405.8	4578.7	14529.9	9262.1	5267.8	13612.4	8703.7	4908.7	-1545.4	-856.3	-689.1	-627.9	-297.9	-330.0
I - VI.2017	25153.1	16330.8	8822.3	28494.0	18064.0	10430.0	26665.0	16966.5	9698.5	-3340.9	-1733.2	-1607.7	-1511.9	-635.7	-876.2
VII.2017	4604.1	3121.8	1482.3	4703.6	2997.8	1705.8	4414.7	2823.1	1591.6	-99.5	124.0	-223.5	189.4	298.7	-109.3
VIII.2017	4322.5	2933.3	1389.2	4925.3	3128.4	1796.9	4589.1	2918.8	1670.3	-602.8	-195.1	-407.7	-266.6	14.5	-281.1
IX.2017	4506.1	3156.9	1349.2	4707.2	3087.9	1619.3	4401.1	2907.2	1493.9	-201.1	69.0	-270.1	105.0	249.7	-144.7
VII - IX.2017	13432.7	9212.0	4220.7	14336.1	9214.1	5122.0	13404.9	8649.1	4755.8	-903.4	-2.1	-901.3	27.8	562.9	-535.1
I - IX.2017	38585.8	25542.8	13043.0	42830.1	27278.1	15552.0	40069.9	25615.6	14454.3	-4244.3	-1735.3	-2509.0	-1484.1	-72.8	-1411.3
X.2017	4945.9	3226.5	1719.4	5452.9	3560.6	1892.3	5090.6	3337.2	1753.4	-507.0	-334.1	-172.9	-144.7	-110.7	-34.0
XI.2017	4596.3	3210.6	1385.7	5476.1	3597.9	1878.2	5128.2	3376.1	1752.1	-879.8	-387.3	-492.5	-531.9	-165.5	-366.4
XII.2017	4105.0	2508.5	1596.5	5326.3	3280.5	2045.8	5016.8	3116.4	1900.4	-1221.3	-772.0	-449.3	-911.8	-607.9	-303.9
X - XII.2017	13647.2	8945.6	4701.6	16255.3	10439.0	5816.3	15235.6	9829.7	5405.9	-2608.1	-1493.4	-1114.7	-1588.4	-884.1	-704.3
I - XII.2017	52233.0	34488.4	17744.6	59085.4	37717.1	21368.3	55305.5	35445.3	19860.2	-6852.4	-3228.7	-3623.7	-3072.5	-956.9	-2115.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2017¹ compared to 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	20.6	16.9	27.3
II	16.5	10.4	28.3	15.0	8.4	28.8	14.4	7.9	28.4
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.8	60.5	25.2	11.0	60.3
I - III	15.4	12.3	21.5	20.5	11.8	39.0	20.2	11.6	38.6
IV	4.3	-1.6	16.9	16.5	10.5	28.6	15.9	9.6	29.0
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.1	21.4	20.4	19.6	21.8
VI	13.5	13.0	14.5	13.6	7.8	25.6	13.5	7.7	25.7
IV - VI	13.6	10.2	20.5	16.8	12.6	25.1	16.6	12.1	25.4
I - VI	14.4	11.2	21.0	18.6	12.2	31.6	18.3	11.9	31.6
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.3	2.5	20.1	8.7	2.8	20.9
VIII	7.4	9.5	3.3	10.9	12.2	8.6	10.8	11.7	9.4
IX	8.0	11.0	1.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.3	12.4	12.3
VII - IX	8.4	10.4	4.4	10.6	9.0	13.5	10.6	8.8	13.9
I - IX	12.3	10.9	15.0	15.8	11.1	25.0	15.6	10.8	25.2
X	14.9	11.2	22.6	12.9	9.5	19.8	12.7	9.7	18.8
XI	5.2	15.3	-12.7	15.6	15.4	15.9	15.5	14.9	16.7
XII	-0.9	2.8	-6.2	14.7	7.0	29.6	15.2	8.1	28.9
X - XII	6.5	10.1	0.2	14.4	10.6	21.7	14.4	10.9	21.4
I - XII	10.7	10.7	10.7	15.4	11.0	24.1	15.3	10.9	24.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with
main non EU partner countries¹ in 2016 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	16028.7	17744.6	10.7	17216.9	21368.3	24.1	-1188.2	-3623.7
of which:								
Albania	127.2	152.1	19.6	31.1	35.5	14.1	96.1	116.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	130.4	132.6	1.7	84.9	77.6	-8.6	45.5	55.0
Brazil	50.7	48.0	-5.3	50.2	38.1	-24.1	0.5	9.9
Canada	96.0	78.1	-18.6	94.3	122.8	30.2	1.7	-44.7
China	914.5	1246.1	36.3	2034.9	2168.6	6.6	-1120.4	-922.5
Egypt	567.2	715.7	26.2	709.7	1094.2	54.2	-142.5	-378.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	769.1	798.7	3.8	505.2	617.0	22.1	263.9	181.7
Georgia	323.1	278.3	-13.9	280.7	578.4	106.1	42.4	-300.1
Gibraltar	43.9	103.3	135.3	0.1	0.0	x	43.8	103.3
India	202.7	194.9	-3.8	238.9	274.0	14.7	-36.2	-79.1
Indonesia	67.0	42.9	-36.0	71.8	92.9	29.4	-4.8	-50.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	134.0	103.6	-22.7	49.1	105.6	115.1	84.9	-2.0
Israel	172.7	143.4	-17.0	99.0	99.6	0.6	73.7	43.8
Japan	80.0	78.0	-2.5	186.0	205.9	10.7	-106.0	-127.9
Kazakhstan	36.9	44.1	19.5	33.6	27.3	-18.8	3.3	16.8
Korea, Republic of	160.8	82.3	-48.8	218.1	222.2	1.9	-57.3	-139.9
Libya	154.9	115.1	-25.7	7.2	13.0	80.6	147.7	102.1
Morocco	126.3	135.9	7.6	183.6	219.0	19.3	-57.3	-83.1
Namibia	94.7	252.5	166.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	94.6	252.4
Norway	68.7	66.1	-3.8	45.3	60.0	32.5	23.4	6.1
Peru	15.6	18.6	19.2	47.3	47.7	0.8	-31.7	-29.1
Russian Federation	765.3	1405.7	83.7	4570.0	6054.7	32.5	-3804.7	-4649.0
Serbia	743.4	919.5	23.7	761.7	1183.3	55.3	-18.3	-263.8
Singapore	355.8	358.7	0.8	54.8	68.8	25.5	301.0	289.9
South Africa	134.8	116.3	-13.7	35.7	59.0	65.3	99.1	57.3
Switzerland	266.5	265.5	-0.4	384.2	414.4	7.9	-117.7	-148.9
Syrian Arab Republic	35.7	38.8	8.7	1.7	0.6	-64.7	34.0	38.2
Taiwan	50.2	48.4	-3.6	219.7	197.9	-9.9	-169.5	-149.5
Turkey	3694.9	4064.1	10.0	3179.5	3728.3	17.3	515.4	335.8
Ukraine	278.5	278.0	-0.2	801.5	903.2	12.7	-523.0	-625.2
United Arab Emirates	457.4	304.7	-33.4	41.6	53.7	29.1	415.8	251.0
United States	693.5	679.6	-2.0	408.3	454.6	11.3	285.2	225.0
Viet-Nam	175.6	48.8	-72.2	80.6	85.3	5.8	95.0	-36.5

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 February 2018.

"x"- category not applicable.

"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 2016 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	16028.7	17744.6	10.7	17216.9	21368.3	24.1	-1188.2	-3623.7
Food and live animals	1652.9	1377.5	-16.7	834.4	835.6	0.1	818.5	541.9
Beverages and tobacco	442.1	389.3	-11.9	145.8	164.4	12.8	296.3	224.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1025.7	1118.2	9.0	1567.2	2229.8	42.3	-541.5	-1111.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3079.9	2838.2	-7.8	5037.4	6577.9	30.6	-1957.5	-3739.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	169.1	170.3	0.7	49.6	69.5	40.1	119.5	100.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1592.1	1834.4	15.2	1604.1	1837.7	14.6	-12.0	-3.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2978.3	4232.0	42.1	3350.7	4233.7	26.4	-372.4	-1.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2779.5	2954.7	6.3	3216.8	3868.8	20.3	-437.3	-914.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2271.0	2798.0	23.2	1365.1	1515.3	11.0	905.9	1282.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	38.1	32.0	-16.0	45.8	35.6	-22.3	-7.7	-3.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.