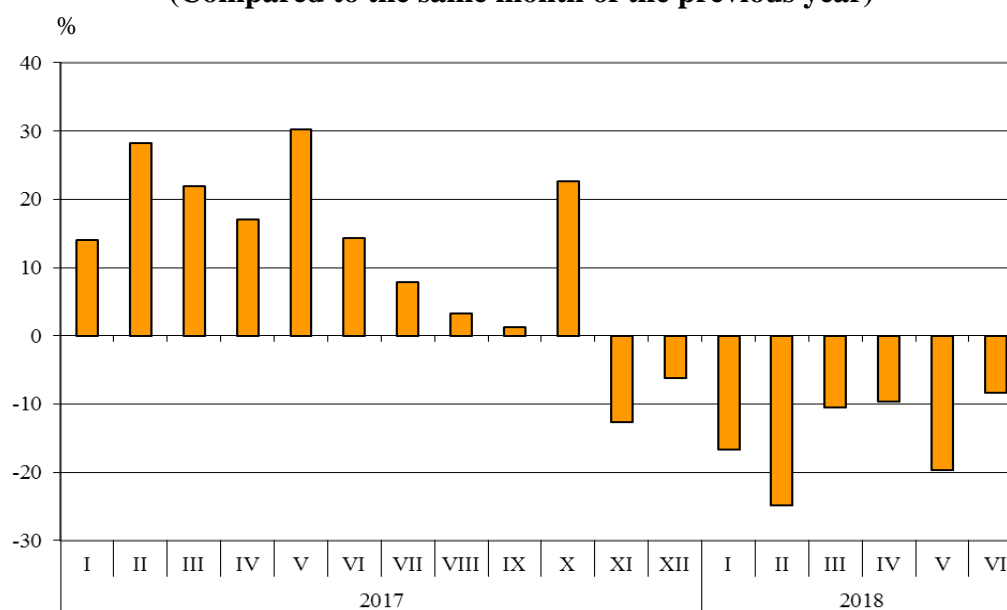


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2018** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 15.0% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 7 489.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 53.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In June 2018** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 8.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 438.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries  
in the period 2017 - 2018  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - June 2018** 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 2017 were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (17.3%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (7.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (49.6%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (40.0%).

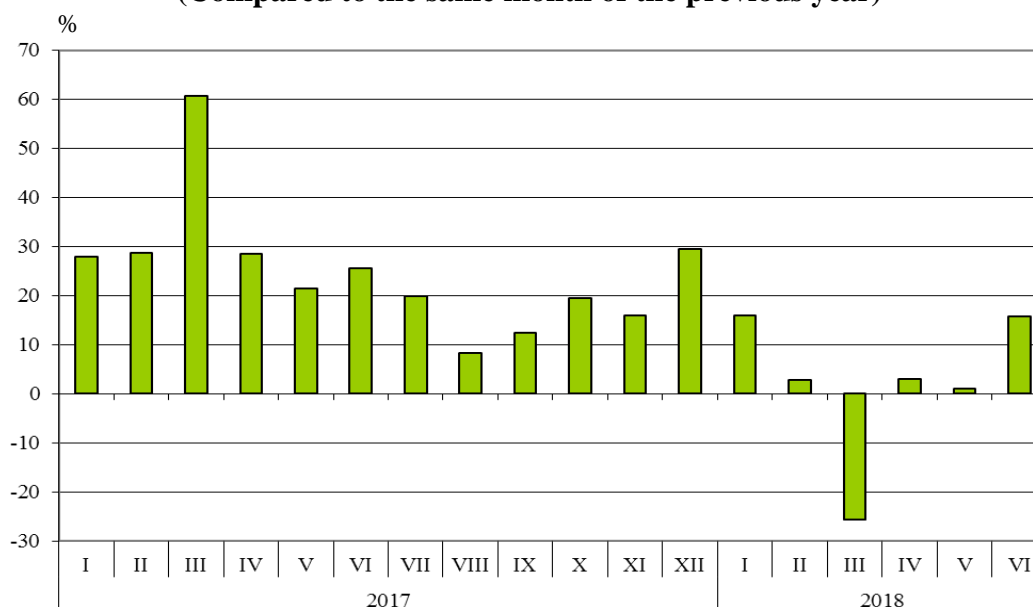
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



**Bulgarian imports from third countries** in the period **January - June 2018** increased by 1.4% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 10 573.9 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 2018** Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 15.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 059.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - June 2018** 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 2017 were recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (41.6%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (17.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (14.3%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - June 2018 was negative and added up to 3 084.8 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 2 319.2 Million BGN.

**In June 2018** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 621.6 Million BGN.

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

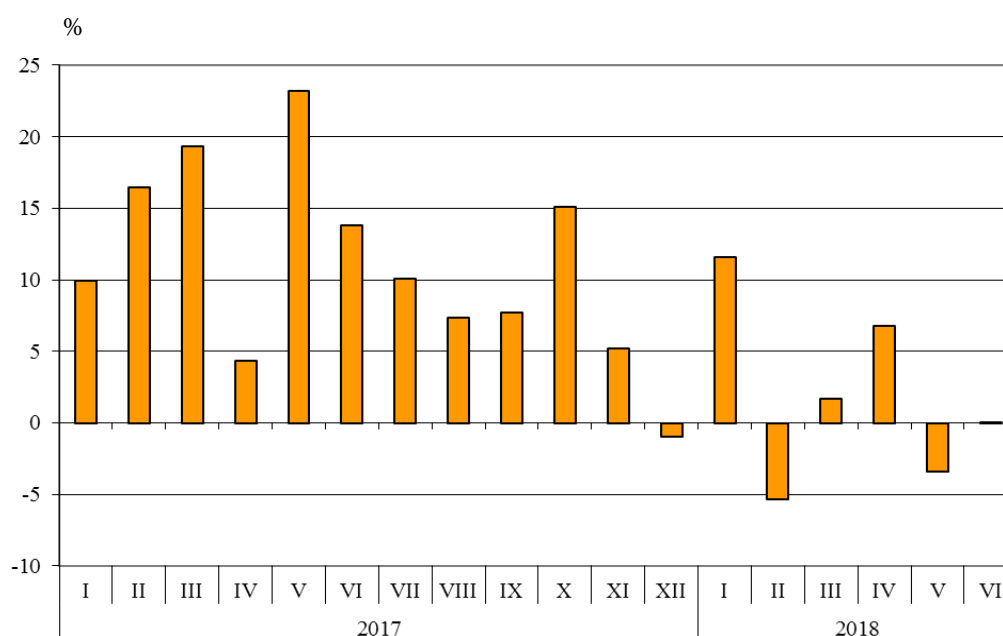


## Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the **period January - June 2018** the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 25 569.4 Million BGN and in comparison with the same period of 2017 the exports increased by 1.6% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **June 2018** the total exports added up to 4 631.3 Million BGN and grew insignificantly compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



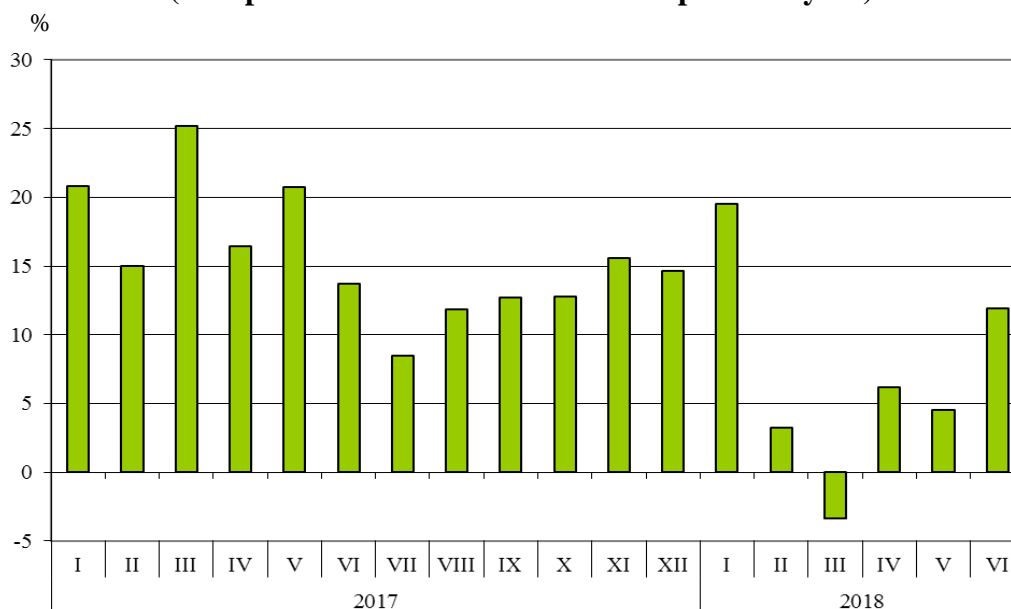
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - June 2018** amounted to 30 398.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 6.6% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **June 2018** the total imports increased by 11.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 495.8 Million BGN.

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



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018  
(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 2018** and amounted to 4 829.4 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 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 886.8 Million BGN.

In **June 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 864.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 541.9 Million BGN.

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

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
III.2017	4373.3	2962.0	1411.3	5305.7	3328.1	1977.6	4972.9	3134.4	1838.5	-932.4	-366.1	-566.3	-599.6	-172.4	-427.2
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12167.6</b>	<b>7924.0</b>	<b>4243.6</b>	<b>13964.5</b>	<b>8801.0</b>	<b>5163.5</b>	<b>13052.7</b>	<b>8262.1</b>	<b>4790.6</b>	<b>-1796.9</b>	<b>-877.0</b>	<b>-919.9</b>	<b>-885.1</b>	<b>-338.1</b>	<b>-547.0</b>
IV.2017	3907.0	2495.6	1411.4	4684.4	2977.7	1706.7	4385.0	2792.3	1592.7	-777.4	-482.1	-295.3	-478.0	-296.7	-181.3
V.2017	4457.5	2867.3	1590.2	4946.4	3163.0	1783.4	4635.0	2973.9	1661.1	-488.9	-295.7	-193.2	-177.5	-106.6	-70.9
VI.2017	4630.5	3061.3	1569.2	4911.0	3132.1	1778.9	4602.3	2946.7	1655.6	-280.5	-70.8	-209.7	28.2	114.6	-86.4
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>12995.0</b>	<b>8424.2</b>	<b>4570.8</b>	<b>14541.8</b>	<b>9272.8</b>	<b>5269.0</b>	<b>13622.3</b>	<b>8712.9</b>	<b>4909.4</b>	<b>-1546.8</b>	<b>-848.6</b>	<b>-698.2</b>	<b>-627.3</b>	<b>-288.7</b>	<b>-338.6</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>25162.6</b>	<b>16348.2</b>	<b>8814.4</b>	<b>28506.3</b>	<b>18073.8</b>	<b>10432.5</b>	<b>26675.0</b>	<b>16975.0</b>	<b>9700.0</b>	<b>-3343.7</b>	<b>-1725.6</b>	<b>-1618.1</b>	<b>-1512.4</b>	<b>-626.8</b>	<b>-885.6</b>
I.2018	4185.8	3092.9	1092.9	5056.1	3226.8	1829.3	4713.7	3021.8	1691.9	-870.3	-133.9	-736.4	-527.9	71.1	-599.0
II.2018	3829.0	2686.1	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-743.9	-232.7	-511.2	-455.8	-65.0	-390.8
III.2018	4445.7	3181.7	1264.0	5129.4	3657.9	1471.5	4801.0	3430.4	1370.6	-683.7	-476.2	-207.5	-355.3	-248.7	-106.6
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>12460.5</b>	<b>8960.7</b>	<b>3499.8</b>	<b>14758.4</b>	<b>9803.5</b>	<b>4954.9</b>	<b>13799.5</b>	<b>9203.3</b>	<b>4596.2</b>	<b>-2297.9</b>	<b>-842.8</b>	<b>-1455.1</b>	<b>-1339.0</b>	<b>-242.6</b>	<b>-1096.4</b>
IV.2018	4173.2	2898.6	1274.6	4975.1	3217.6	1757.5	4647.6	3017.2	1630.4	-801.9	-319.0	-482.9	-474.4	-118.6	-355.8
V.2018	4304.4	3028.0	1276.4	5169.5	3367.9	1801.6	4835.9	3163.3	1672.6	-865.1	-339.9	-525.2	-531.5	-135.3	-396.2
VI.2018	4631.3	3193.0	1438.3	5495.8	3435.9	2059.9	5173.2	3264.1	1909.1	-864.5	-242.9	-621.6	-541.9	-71.1	-470.8
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13108.9</b>	<b>9119.6</b>	<b>3989.3</b>	<b>15640.4</b>	<b>10021.4</b>	<b>5619.0</b>	<b>14656.7</b>	<b>9444.6</b>	<b>5212.1</b>	<b>-2531.5</b>	<b>-901.8</b>	<b>-1629.7</b>	<b>-1547.8</b>	<b>-325.0</b>	<b>-1222.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>25569.4</b>	<b>18080.3</b>	<b>7489.1</b>	<b>30398.8</b>	<b>19824.9</b>	<b>10573.9</b>	<b>28456.2</b>	<b>18647.9</b>	<b>9808.3</b>	<b>-4829.4</b>	<b>-1744.6</b>	<b>-3084.8</b>	<b>-2886.8</b>	<b>-567.6</b>	<b>-2319.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2018.

<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 - June  
2018<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	11.6	26.8	-16.7	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.1
III	1.7	7.4	-10.4	-3.3	9.9	-25.6	-3.5	9.4	-25.5
<b>I - III</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>-17.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
IV	6.8	16.1	-9.7	6.2	8.1	3.0	6.0	8.1	2.4
V	-3.4	5.6	-19.7	4.5	6.5	1.0	4.3	6.4	0.7
VI	0.0	4.3	-8.3	11.9	9.7	15.8	12.4	10.8	15.3
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2018.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - June 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>8814.4</b>	<b>7489.1</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>10432.5</b>	<b>10573.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-1618.1</b>	<b>-3084.8</b>
of which:								
Albania	69.3	81.0	16.9	16.3	12.9	-20.9	53.0	68.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	70.2	57.4	-18.2	40.0	20.0	-50.0	30.2	37.4
Brazil	28.2	39.6	40.4	20.4	30.3	48.5	7.8	9.3
Canada	39.0	48.7	24.9	56.8	72.2	27.1	-17.8	-23.5
China	609.1	592.4	-2.7	1086.1	1240.8	14.2	-477.0	-648.4
Egypt	400.5	110.5	-72.4	561.8	326.1	-42.0	-161.3	-215.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	382.0	403.4	5.6	292.4	315.3	7.8	89.6	88.1
Georgia	141.4	148.1	4.7	286.1	377.2	31.8	-144.7	-229.1
Gibraltar	54.0	72.9	35.0	0.0	0.0	x	54.0	72.9
India	120.1	101.2	-15.7	135.2	175.3	29.7	-15.1	-74.1
Indonesia	24.0	20.8	-13.3	41.8	48.8	16.7	-17.8	-28.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	70.0	26.1	-62.7	74.8	31.0	-58.6	-4.8	-4.9
Israel	64.0	66.6	4.1	43.5	45.5	4.6	20.5	21.1
Japan	33.3	38.8	16.5	96.7	125.9	30.2	-63.4	-87.1
Kazakhstan	20.2	19.9	-1.5	18.9	5.0	-73.5	1.3	14.9
Korea, Republic of	33.6	65.5	94.9	103.3	151.8	47.0	-69.7	-86.3
Libya	53.6	51.8	-3.4	7.1	4.0	-43.7	46.5	47.8
Morocco	88.4	73.7	-16.6	90.9	93.2	2.5	-2.5	-19.5
Namibia	91.2	126.1	38.3	0.0	0.0	x	91.2	126.1
Norway	31.8	37.5	17.9	35.3	25.3	-28.3	-3.5	12.2
Peru	10.8	9.7	-10.2	23.5	45.8	94.9	-12.7	-36.1
Russian Federation	579.4	368.4	-36.4	2858.8	2712.5	-5.1	-2279.4	-2344.1
Serbia	430.8	467.2	8.4	586.4	603.7	3.0	-155.6	-136.5
Singapore	179.3	173.7	-3.1	32.3	41.6	28.8	147.0	132.1
South Africa	39.5	77.0	94.9	39.4	38.1	-3.3	0.1	38.9
Switzerland	115.9	152.8	31.8	192.5	220.5	14.5	-76.6	-67.7
Syrian Arab Republic	28.5	17.1	-40.0	0.1	0.3	200.0	28.4	16.8
Taiwan	22.2	27.7	24.8	101.7	103.8	2.1	-79.5	-76.1
Turkey	2143.0	1750.2	-18.3	1804.5	1856.6	2.9	338.5	-106.4
Ukraine	115.7	183.8	58.9	378.4	457.3	20.9	-262.7	-273.5
United Arab Emirates	180.1	94.1	-47.8	29.0	26.9	-7.2	151.1	67.2
United States	309.9	413.0	33.3	253.0	274.9	8.7	56.9	138.1
Viet-Nam	24.6	24.0	-2.4	42.9	45.2	5.4	-18.3	-21.2

<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 10-th August 2018.

'x'- category not applicable.

'0'- figure less than half of 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 - June 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>8814.4</b>	<b>7489.1</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>10432.5</b>	<b>10573.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-1618.1</b>	<b>-3084.8</b>
Food and live animals	658.3	627.5	-4.7	472.0	422.9	-10.4	186.3	204.6
Beverages and tobacco	211.9	127.2	-40.0	83.3	97.8	17.4	128.6	29.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	521.1	550.4	5.6	1125.4	1180.3	4.9	-604.3	-629.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1532.8	772.7	-49.6	3258.5	2792.9	-14.3	-1725.7	-2020.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	91.5	107.3	17.3	29.8	42.2	41.6	61.7	65.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	889.5	955.3	7.4	829.7	978.5	17.9	59.8	-23.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2037.9	1882.9	-7.6	2048.5	2258.4	10.2	-10.6	-375.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1470.9	1437.5	-2.3	1813.0	2049.7	13.1	-342.1	-612.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1383.3	1010.4	-27.0	755.4	731.5	-3.2	627.9	278.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	17.2	17.9	4.1	16.9	19.7	16.6	0.3	-1.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2018.