

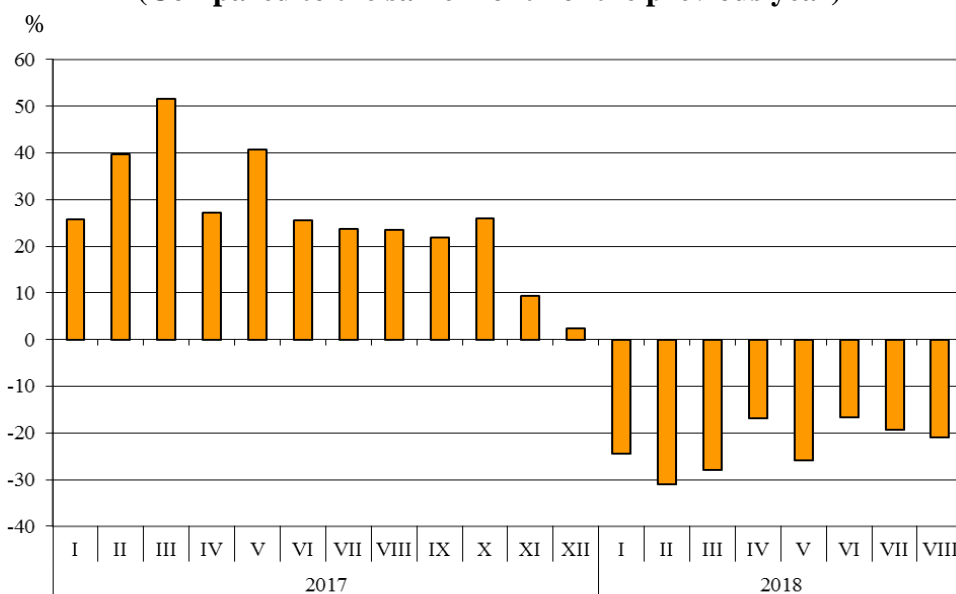


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 22.9% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 10 167.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 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 52.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2018 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 21.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 312.6 Million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - August 2018** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** compared to the same period of 2017 a growth was recorded only in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (55.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (57.3%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (42.2%).

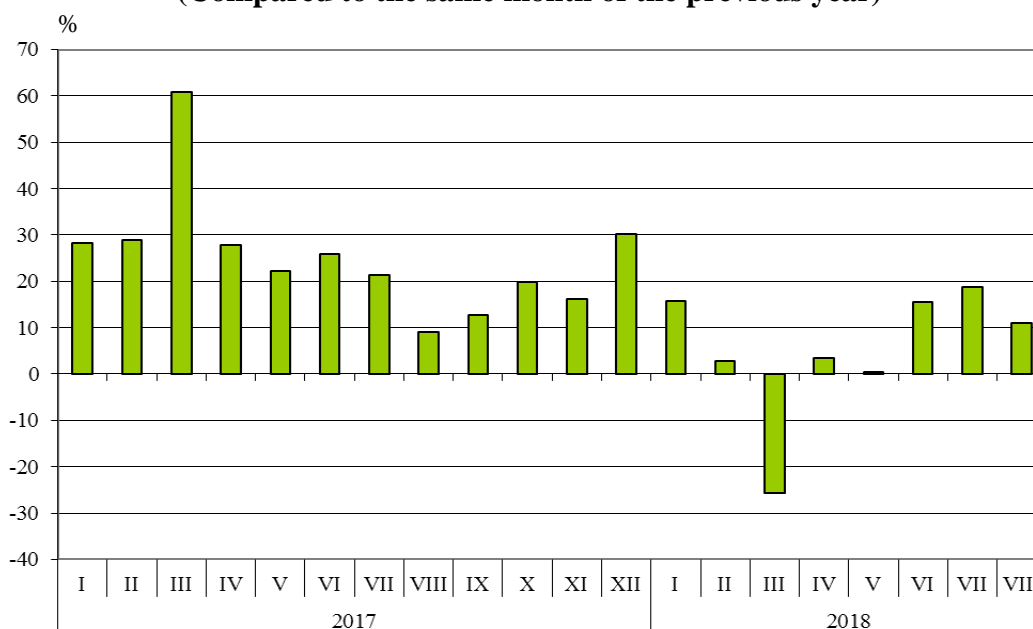
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period **January - August 2018** increased by 4.6% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 14 622.5 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).

In August 2018 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 10.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 000.6 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods in Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - August 2018** in the imports of goods to 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’ (24.7%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (20.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were observed in sectors ‘Food and live animals’ (5.2%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (5.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - August 2018 was negative and added up to 4 454.9 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 3 219.8 Million BGN.

In August 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 688.0 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

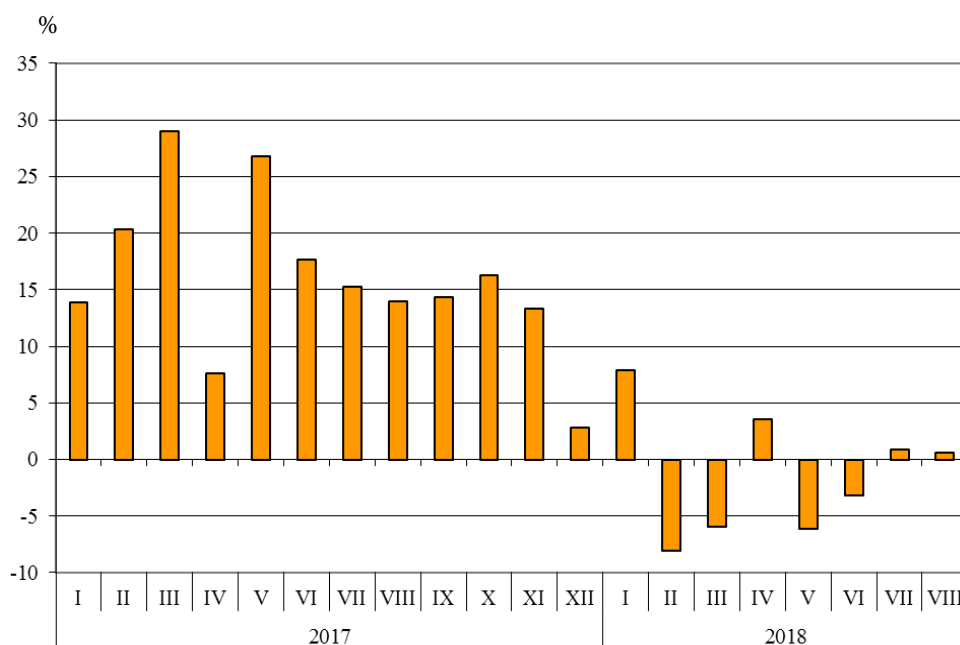


Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - August 2018** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 35 078.4 Million BGN which is 1.5% less than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2018** the total exports of goods added up to 4 613.0 Million BGN and grew by 0.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



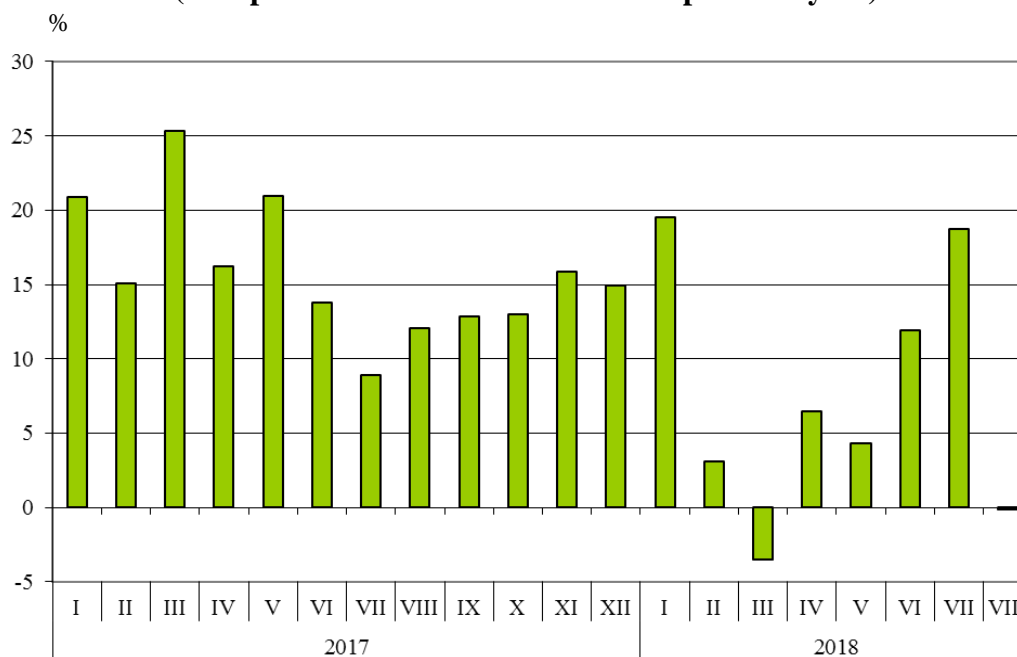
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2018** amounted to 40 993.4 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 7.2% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2018** the total imports of goods decreased by 0.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 973.0 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods in 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 - August 2018** and amounted to 5 915.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - August 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 3 029.2 Million BGN.

In **August 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 360.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 46.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2017 and 2018¹ 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.2017	3884.4	2438.2	1446.2	4233.0	2651.9	1581.1	3922.8	2472.7	1450.1	-348.6	-213.7	-134.9	-38.4	-34.5	-3.9
II.2017	4179.1	2524.3	1654.8	4430.9	2820.4	1610.5	4112.3	2641.9	1470.4	-251.8	-296.1	44.3	66.8	-117.6	184.4
III.2017	4728.8	2973.3	1755.5	5309.2	3328.8	1980.4	4960.0	3131.1	1828.9	-580.4	-355.5	-224.9	-231.2	-157.8	-73.4
I - III.2017	12792.3	7935.8	4856.5	13973.1	8801.1	5172.0	12995.1	8245.7	4749.4	-1180.8	-865.3	-315.5	-202.8	-309.9	107.1
IV.2017	4029.9	2496.3	1533.6	4675.3	2977.4	1697.9	4358.0	2784.0	1574.0	-645.4	-481.1	-164.3	-328.1	-287.7	-40.4
V.2017	4587.8	2867.9	1719.9	4956.9	3162.9	1794.0	4621.6	2969.1	1652.5	-369.1	-295.0	-74.1	-33.8	-101.2	67.4
VI.2017	4785.6	3061.9	1723.7	4915.3	3131.1	1784.2	4584.8	2942.0	1642.8	-129.7	-69.2	-60.5	200.8	119.9	80.9
IV - VI.2017	13403.3	8426.1	4977.2	14547.5	9271.4	5276.1	13564.4	8695.1	4869.3	-1144.2	-845.3	-298.9	-161.1	-269.0	107.9
I - VI.2017	26195.6	16361.9	9833.7	28520.6	18072.5	10448.1	26559.5	16940.8	9618.7	-2325.0	-1710.6	-614.4	-363.9	-578.9	215.0
VII.2017	4831.1	3135.4	1695.7	4732.6	3010.1	1722.5	4419.4	2828.8	1590.6	98.5	125.3	-26.8	411.7	306.6	105.1
VIII.2017	4586.3	2925.5	1660.8	4978.2	3174.3	1803.9	4598.8	2938.7	1660.1	-391.9	-248.8	-143.1	-12.5	-13.2	0.7
I - VIII.2017	35613.0	22422.8	13190.2	38231.4	24256.9	13974.5	35577.7	22708.3	12869.4	-2618.4	-1834.1	-784.3	35.3	-285.5	320.8
I.2018	4190.2	3097.3	1092.9	5059.1	3229.9	1829.2	4680.5	3012.4	1668.1	-868.9	-132.6	-736.3	-490.3	84.9	-575.2
II.2018	3842.9	2700.2	1142.7	4569.1	2915.1	1654.0	4257.5	2742.7	1514.8	-726.2	-214.9	-511.3	-414.6	-42.5	-372.1
III.2018	4446.5	3182.5	1264.0	5123.7	3652.6	1471.1	4763.8	3411.5	1352.3	-677.2	-470.1	-207.1	-317.3	-229.0	-88.3
I - III.2018	12479.6	8980.0	3499.6	14751.9	9797.6	4954.3	13701.8	9166.6	4535.2	-2272.3	-817.6	-1454.7	-1222.2	-186.6	-1035.6
IV.2018	4174.3	2899.8	1274.5	4978.5	3221.1	1757.4	4619.7	3007.5	1612.2	-804.2	-321.3	-482.9	-445.4	-107.7	-337.7
V.2018	4305.9	3029.5	1276.4	5169.5	3368.0	1801.5	4806.5	3152.6	1653.9	-863.6	-338.5	-525.1	-500.6	-123.1	-377.5
VI.2018	4631.3	3195.2	1436.1	5502.4	3439.6	2062.8	5112.8	3222.9	1889.9	-871.1	-244.4	-626.7	-481.5	-27.7	-453.8
IV - VI.2018	13111.5	9124.5	3987.0	15650.4	10028.7	5621.7	14539.0	9383.0	5156.0	-2538.9	-904.2	-1634.7	-1427.5	-258.5	-1169.0
I - VI.2018	25591.1	18104.5	7486.6	30402.3	19826.3	10576.0	28240.8	18549.6	9691.2	-4811.2	-1721.8	-3089.4	-2649.7	-445.1	-2204.6
VII.2018	4874.3	3505.9	1368.4	5618.1	3572.2	2045.9	5207.5	3346.8	1860.7	-743.8	-66.3	-677.5	-333.2	159.1	-492.3
VIII.2018	4613.0	3300.4	1312.6	4973.0	2972.4	2000.6	4659.3	2823.8	1835.5	-360.0	328.0	-688.0	-46.3	476.6	-522.9
I - VIII.2018	35078.4	24910.8	10167.6	40993.4	26370.9	14622.5	38107.6	24720.2	13387.4	-5915.0	-1460.1	-4454.9	-3029.2	190.6	-3219.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - August
2018¹ 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	7.9	27.0	-24.4	19.5	21.8	15.7	19.3	21.8	15.0
II	-8.0	7.0	-30.9	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-6.0	7.0	-28.0	-3.5	9.7	-25.7	-4.0	9.0	-26.1
I - III	-2.4	13.2	-27.9	5.6	11.3	-4.2	5.4	11.2	-4.5
IV	3.6	16.2	-16.9	6.5	8.2	3.5	6.0	8.0	2.4
V	-6.1	5.6	-25.8	4.3	6.5	0.4	4.0	6.2	0.1
VI	-3.2	4.4	-16.7	11.9	9.9	15.6	11.5	9.5	15.0
IV - VI	-2.2	8.3	-19.9	7.6	8.2	6.6	7.2	7.9	5.9
I - VI	-2.3	10.7	-23.9	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.8
VII	0.9	11.8	-19.3	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
VIII	0.6	12.8	-21.0	-0.1	-6.4	10.9	1.3	-3.9	10.6
I - VIII	-1.5	11.1	-22.9	7.2	8.7	4.6	7.1	8.9	4.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - August 2017 and 2018²

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	
Third countries - total	13190.2	10167.6	-22.9	13974.5	14622.5	4.6	-784.3	-4454.9
of which:								
Albania	99.8	112.1	12.3	20.6	17.4	-15.5	79.2	94.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	87.4	78.4	-10.3	52.0	27.2	-47.7	35.4	51.2
Brazil	41.1	44.6	8.5	24.4	40.9	67.6	16.7	3.7
Canada	66.7	63.2	-5.2	79.0	88.6	12.2	-12.3	-25.4
China	828.9	821.0	-1.0	1459.0	1716.7	17.7	-630.1	-895.7
Egypt	572.7	137.9	-75.9	770.0	577.9	-24.9	-197.3	-440.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	510.2	540.9	6.0	418.3	420.7	0.6	91.9	120.2
Georgia	248.3	205.8	-17.1	371.2	435.3	17.3	-122.9	-229.5
Gibraltar	90.3	108.8	20.5	0.0	0.0	x	90.3	108.8
India	155.6	122.7	-21.1	180.2	253.2	40.5	-24.6	-130.5
Indonesia	40.6	25.6	-36.9	58.5	115.6	97.6	-17.9	-90.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	96.0	45.7	-52.4	83.4	43.1	-48.3	12.6	2.6
Israel	136.5	88.5	-35.2	58.7	56.6	-3.6	77.8	31.9
Japan	48.6	57.1	17.5	131.4	175.6	33.6	-82.8	-118.5
Kazakhstan	35.6	28.9	-18.8	21.7	5.8	-73.3	13.9	23.1
Korea, Republic of	71.8	89.8	25.1	144.9	203.5	40.4	-73.1	-113.7
Libya	71.1	67.2	-5.5	10.0	5.1	-49.0	61.1	62.1
Morocco	101.1	85.4	-15.5	161.2	182.4	13.2	-60.1	-97.0
Namibia	155.8	151.0	-3.1	0.0	0.0	x	155.8	151.0
Norway	54.2	48.4	-10.7	46.4	53.1	14.4	7.8	-4.7
Peru	19.4	11.7	-39.7	25.7	57.8	124.9	-6.3	-46.1
Russian Federation	1012.9	490.3	-51.6	3832.7	3821.2	-0.3	-2819.8	-3330.9
Serbia	595.9	646.2	8.4	770.9	814.9	5.7	-175.0	-168.7
Singapore	306.4	230.7	-24.7	40.4	54.1	33.9	266.0	176.6
South Africa	76.1	111.5	46.5	45.2	43.6	-3.5	30.9	67.9
Switzerland	221.2	200.6	-9.3	254.3	292.7	15.1	-33.1	-92.1
Syrian Arab Republic	31.3	20.2	-35.5	0.1	0.5	400.0	31.2	19.7
Taiwan	43.3	39.3	-9.2	135.2	145.0	7.2	-91.9	-105.7
Turkey	3145.7	2318.0	-26.3	2474.6	2468.2	-0.3	671.1	-150.2
Ukraine	181.8	243.8	34.1	542.4	629.7	16.1	-360.6	-385.9
United Arab Emirates	250.8	119.7	-52.3	34.9	35.0	0.3	215.9	84.7
United States	513.2	546.5	6.5	313.3	346.5	10.6	199.9	200.0
Viet-Nam	39.7	34.2	-13.9	57.1	60.8	6.5	-17.4	-26.6

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 10-th October 2018.

'x'- category not applicable.

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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 - August 2017 and 2018¹

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	
Third countries -total	13190.2	10167.6	-22.9	13974.5	14622.5	4.6	-784.3	-4454.9
Food and live animals	970.6	805.0	-17.1	568.6	539.2	-5.2	402.0	265.8
Beverages and tobacco	288.5	166.8	-42.2	113.1	135.7	20.0	175.4	31.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	743.3	709.1	-4.6	1501.1	1577.2	5.1	-757.8	-868.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2645.7	1129.6	-57.3	4342.7	4114.8	-5.2	-1697.0	-2985.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	109.9	170.8	55.4	44.1	55.0	24.7	65.8	115.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1310.9	1286.4	-1.9	1187.4	1397.2	17.7	123.5	-110.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3057.1	2527.8	-17.3	2795.7	3038.4	8.7	261.4	-510.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2078.9	1893.2	-8.9	2374.9	2726.9	14.8	-296.0	-833.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1962.6	1456.8	-25.8	1024.3	1012.2	-1.2	938.3	444.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	22.7	22.1	-2.6	22.6	25.9	14.6	0.1	-3.8

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