

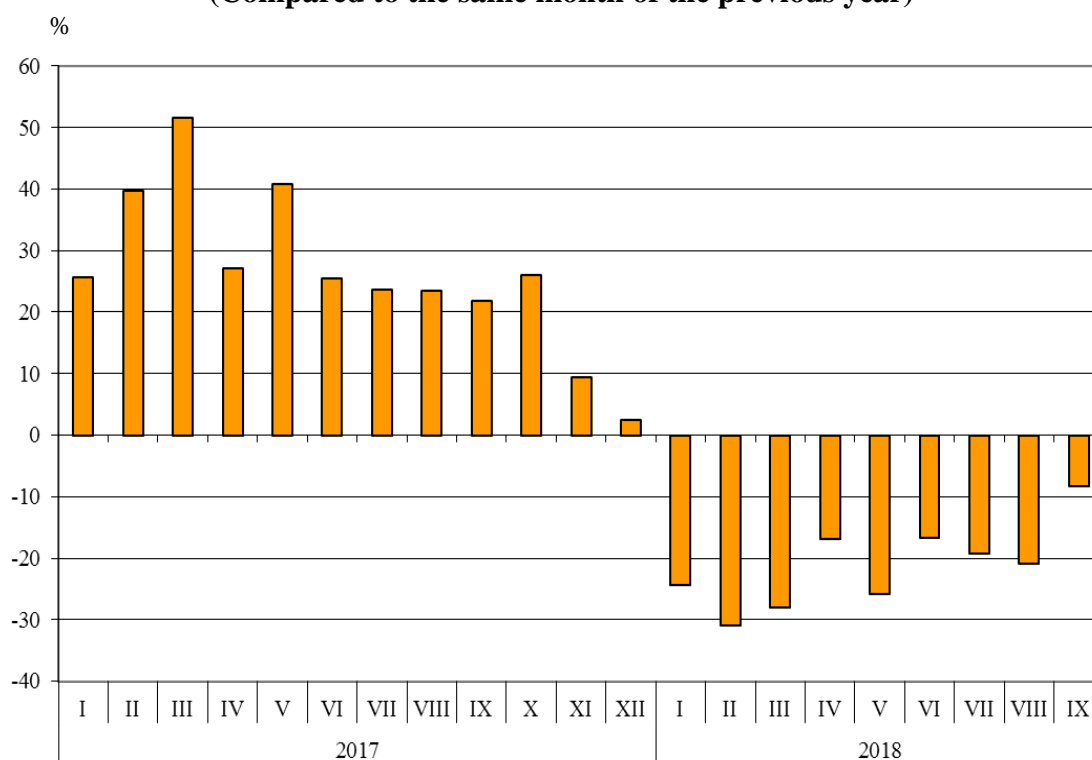


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 21.3% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 11 649.3 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 53.1% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 8.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 481.7 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - September 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' (54.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (51.4%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (39.3%).

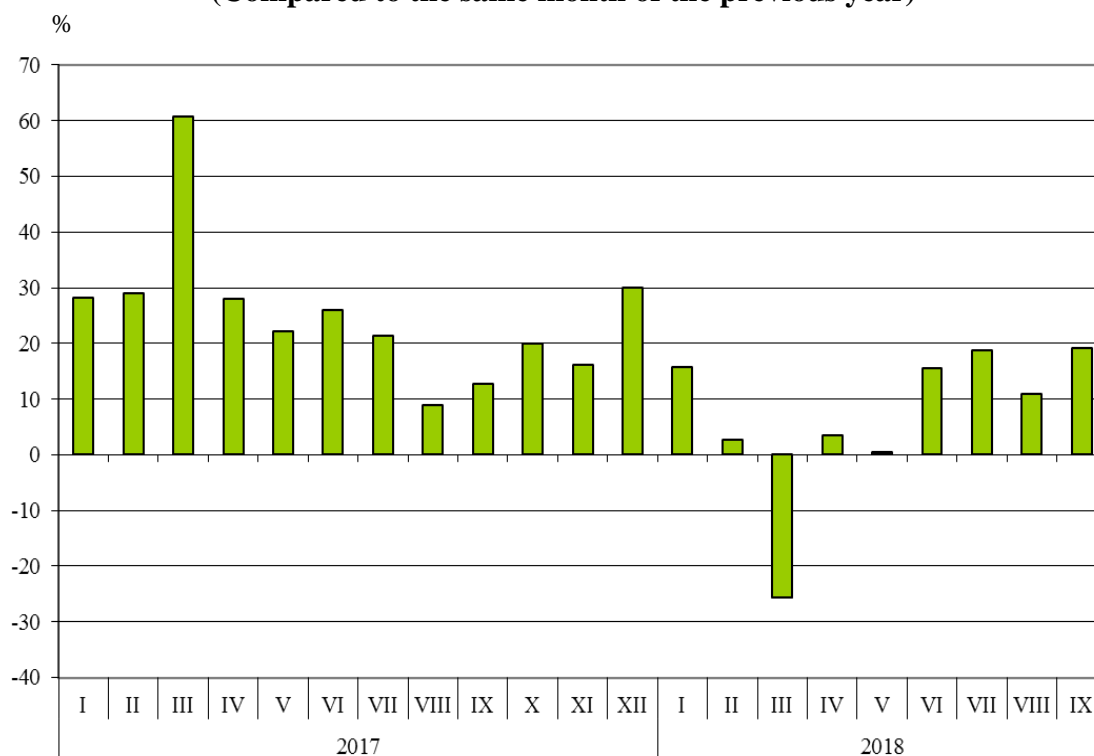
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period **January - September 2018** increased by 6.1% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 16 554.6 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 **September 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 19.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 932.1 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - September 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' (23.2%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (17.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Food and live animals' (2.7%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - September 2018 was negative and added up to 4 905.3 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 3 491.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



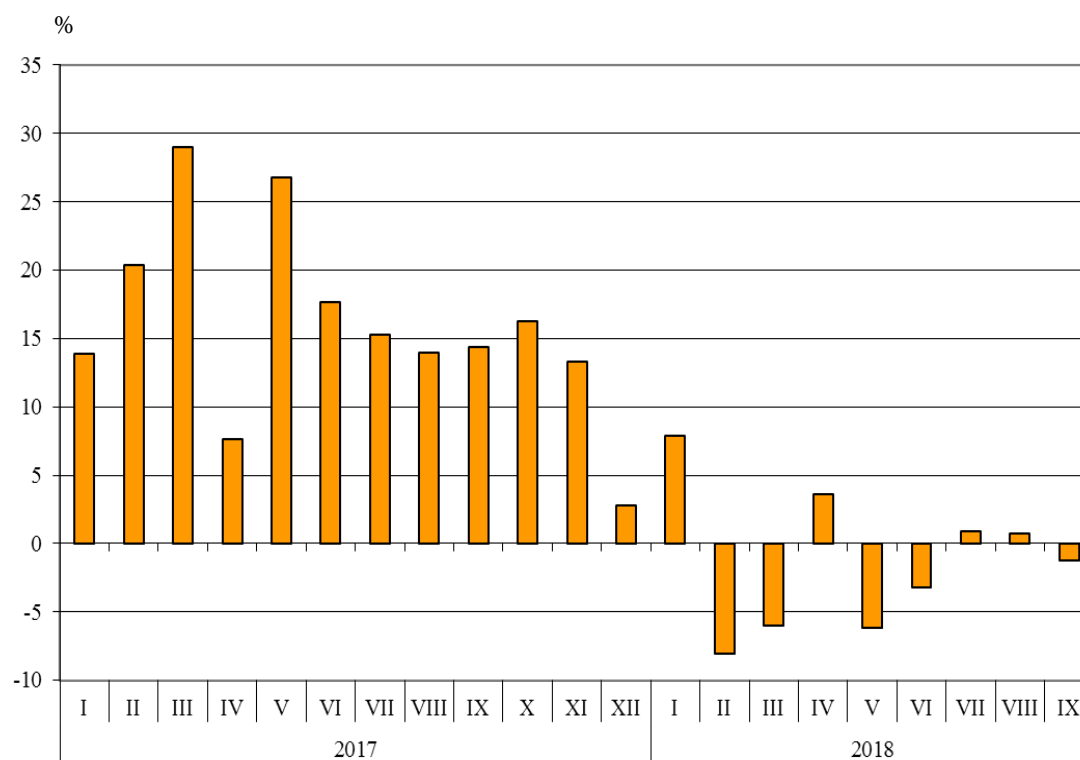
In **September 2018** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 450.4 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - September 2018** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 39 795.2 Million BGN which is 1.5% less than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2018** the total exports of goods added up to 4 710.1 Million BGN and decreased by 1.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



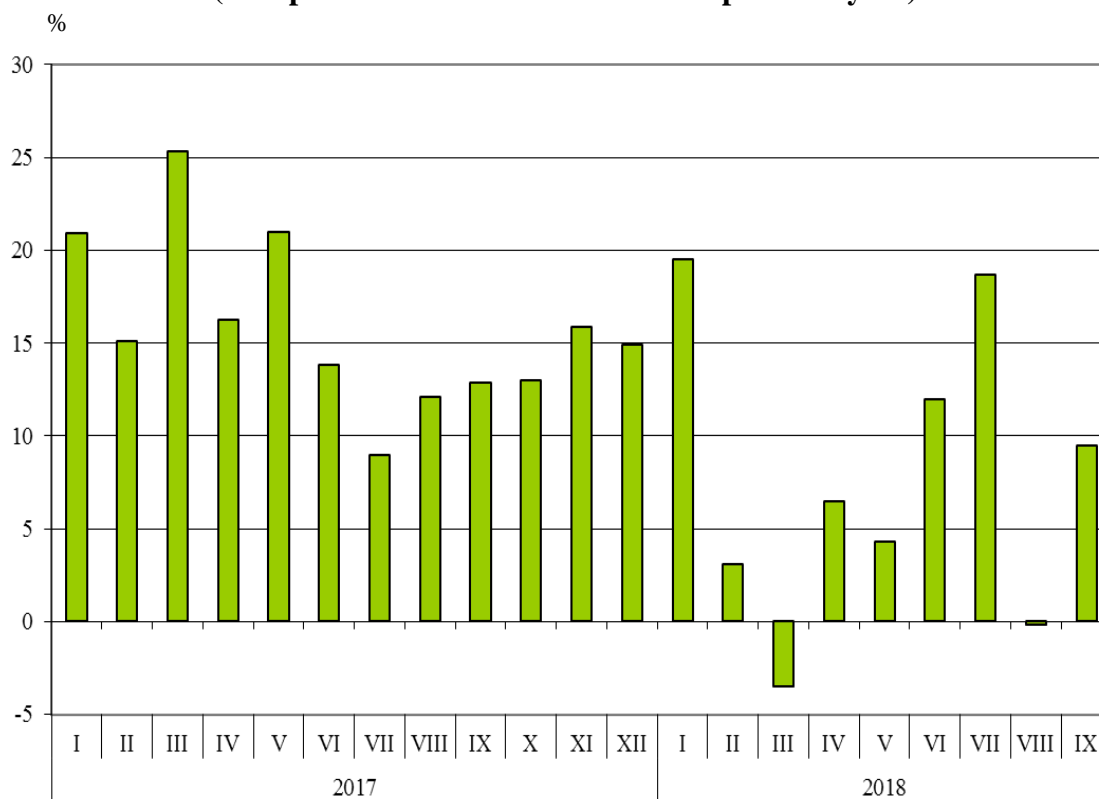
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2018** amounted to 46 154.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 7.5% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2018** the total imports of goods increased by 9.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 162.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods 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 - September 2018** and amounted to 6 359.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - September 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 3 090.6 Million BGN.

In **September 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 452.6 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 112.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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
IX.2017	4768.4	3151.1	1617.3	4716.9	3095.2	1621.7	4387.1	2910.4	1476.7	51.5	55.9	-4.4	381.3	240.7	140.6
VII - IX.2017	14185.8	9212.0	4973.8	14427.7	9279.6	5148.1	13405.3	8677.9	4727.4	-241.9	-67.6	-174.3	780.5	534.1	246.4
I - IX.2017	40381.4	25573.9	14807.5	42948.3	27352.1	15596.2	39964.8	25618.7	14346.1	-2566.9	-1778.2	-788.7	416.6	-44.8	461.4
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	4619.7	3307.1	1312.6	4971.2	2970.6	2000.6	4615.0	2779.5	1835.5	-351.5	336.5	-688.0	4.7	527.6	-522.9
IX.2018	4710.1	3228.4	1481.7	5162.7	3230.6	1932.1	4822.5	3069.0	1753.5	-452.6	-2.2	-450.4	-112.4	159.4	-271.8
VII - IX.2018	14204.1	10041.4	4162.7	15752.0	9773.4	5978.6	14645.0	9195.3	5449.7	-1547.9	268.0	-1815.9	-440.9	846.1	-1287.0
I - IX.2018	39795.2	28145.9	11649.3	46154.3	29599.7	16554.6	42885.8	27744.9	15140.9	-6359.1	-1453.8	-4905.3	-3090.6	401.0	-3491.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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	0.7	13.0	-21.0	-0.1	-6.4	10.9	0.4	-5.4	10.6
IX	-1.2	2.5	-8.4	9.5	4.4	19.1	9.9	5.4	18.7
VII - IX	0.1	9.0	-16.3	9.2	5.3	16.1	9.2	6.0	15.3
I - IX	-1.5	10.1	-21.3	7.5	8.2	6.1	7.3	8.3	5.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - September 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	14807.5	11649.3	-21.3	15596.2	16554.6	6.1	-788.7	-4905.3
of which:								
Albania	110.8	124.3	12.2	22.9	20.2	-11.8	87.9	104.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	99.7	88.6	-11.1	56.7	32.3	-43.0	43.0	56.3
Brazil	44.6	46.6	4.5	29.4	43.6	48.3	15.2	3.0
Canada	74.7	102.4	37.1	92.8	98.6	6.3	-18.1	3.8
China	949.1	937.4	-1.2	1649.4	1925.3	16.7	-700.3	-987.9
Egypt	641.3	186.2	-71.0	794.2	672.1	-15.4	-152.9	-485.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	583.6	603.3	3.4	478.6	472.8	-1.2	105.0	130.5
Georgia	279.8	231.0	-17.4	450.1	479.1	6.4	-170.3	-248.1
Gibraltar	90.7	178.0	96.3	0.0	0.0	x	90.7	178.0
India	171.5	136.3	-20.5	205.3	279.1	35.9	-33.8	-142.8
Indonesia	43.7	28.7	-34.3	68.9	229.1	232.5	-25.2	-200.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	100.8	50.5	-49.9	89.1	47.9	-46.2	11.7	2.6
Israel	148.9	97.3	-34.7	70.5	62.6	-11.2	78.4	34.7
Japan	59.7	62.0	3.9	149.3	197.4	32.2	-89.6	-135.4
Kazakhstan	37.7	32.4	-14.1	22.8	7.2	-68.4	14.9	25.2
Korea, Republic of	83.2	98.6	18.5	167.6	227.1	35.5	-84.4	-128.5
Libya	97.9	68.2	-30.3	11.4	5.1	-55.3	86.5	63.1
Morocco	113.0	98.0	-13.3	183.8	224.9	22.4	-70.8	-126.9
Namibia	185.6	169.6	-8.6	0.0	0.0	x	185.6	169.6
Norway	60.4	55.1	-8.8	49.1	57.3	16.7	11.3	-2.2
Peru	20.4	12.3	-39.7	26.9	68.4	154.3	-6.5	-56.1
Russian Federation	1157.2	549.1	-52.5	4260.6	4341.5	1.9	-3103.4	-3792.4
Serbia	676.3	735.9	8.8	860.6	919.0	6.8	-184.3	-183.1
Singapore	326.3	291.0	-10.8	47.6	58.9	23.7	278.7	232.1
South Africa	81.6	125.2	53.4	50.6	48.9	-3.4	31.0	76.3
Switzerland	248.9	226.0	-9.2	285.4	342.7	20.1	-36.5	-116.7
Syrian Arab Republic	33.0	23.9	-27.6	0.1	0.5	400.0	32.9	23.4
Taiwan	47.9	42.7	-10.9	152.4	165.1	8.3	-104.5	-122.4
Turkey	3534.1	2747.3	-22.3	2715.9	2764.0	1.8	818.2	-16.7
Ukraine	209.9	271.3	29.3	629.0	703.6	11.9	-419.1	-432.3
United Arab Emirates	273.4	133.6	-51.1	39.4	38.6	-2.0	234.0	95.0
United States	585.9	616.3	5.2	341.9	387.5	13.3	244.0	228.8
Viet-Nam	43.9	37.5	-14.6	63.9	68.5	7.2	-20.0	-31.0

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 12-th November 2018.

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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 - September 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	14807.5	11649.3	-21.3	15596.2	16554.6	6.1	-788.7	-4905.3
Food and live animals	1117.5	881.2	-21.1	618.1	601.5	-2.7	499.4	279.7
Beverages and tobacco	324.1	196.7	-39.3	130.3	151.0	15.9	193.8	45.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	834.3	823.1	-1.3	1688.0	1875.4	11.1	-853.7	-1052.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2909.2	1414.3	-51.4	4774.7	4670.9	-2.2	-1865.5	-3256.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	123.9	190.8	54.0	49.9	61.5	23.2	74.0	129.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1501.2	1442.3	-3.9	1365.6	1601.6	17.3	135.6	-159.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3463.2	2979.1	-14.0	3136.1	3411.5	8.8	327.1	-432.4
Machinery and transport equipment	2330.4	2110.8	-9.4	2664.1	3018.0	13.3	-333.7	-907.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2178.6	1586.4	-27.2	1143.9	1134.0	-0.9	1034.7	452.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	25.1	24.6	-2.0	25.5	29.2	14.5	-0.4	-4.6

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