

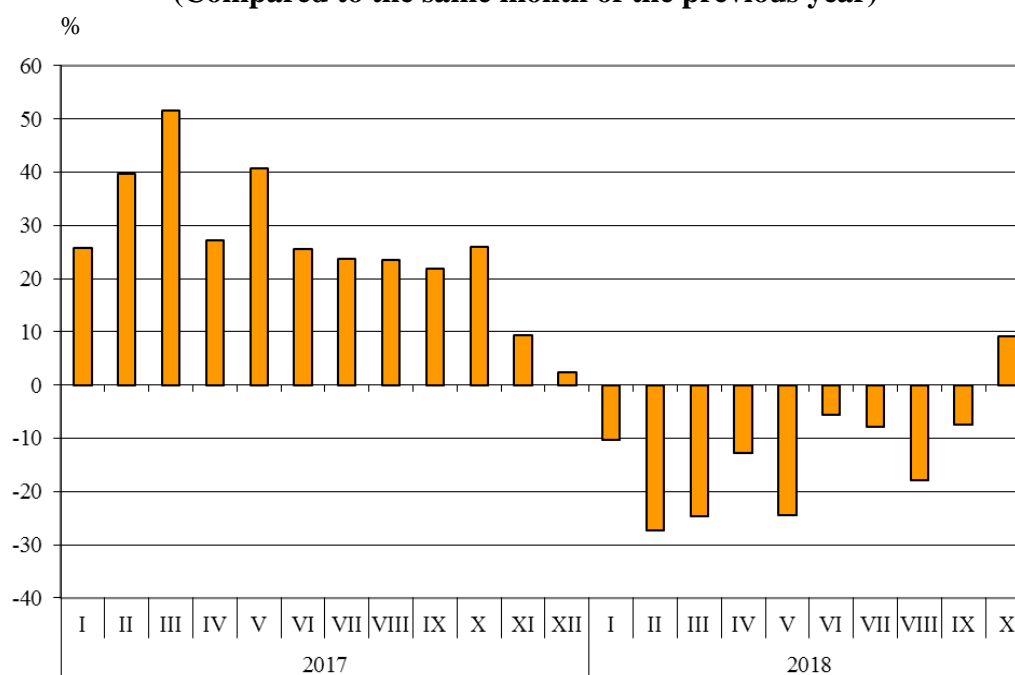


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 12.9% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 14 442.9 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 53.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In October 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** increased by 9.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 926.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - October 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' (30.8%) (Annex,

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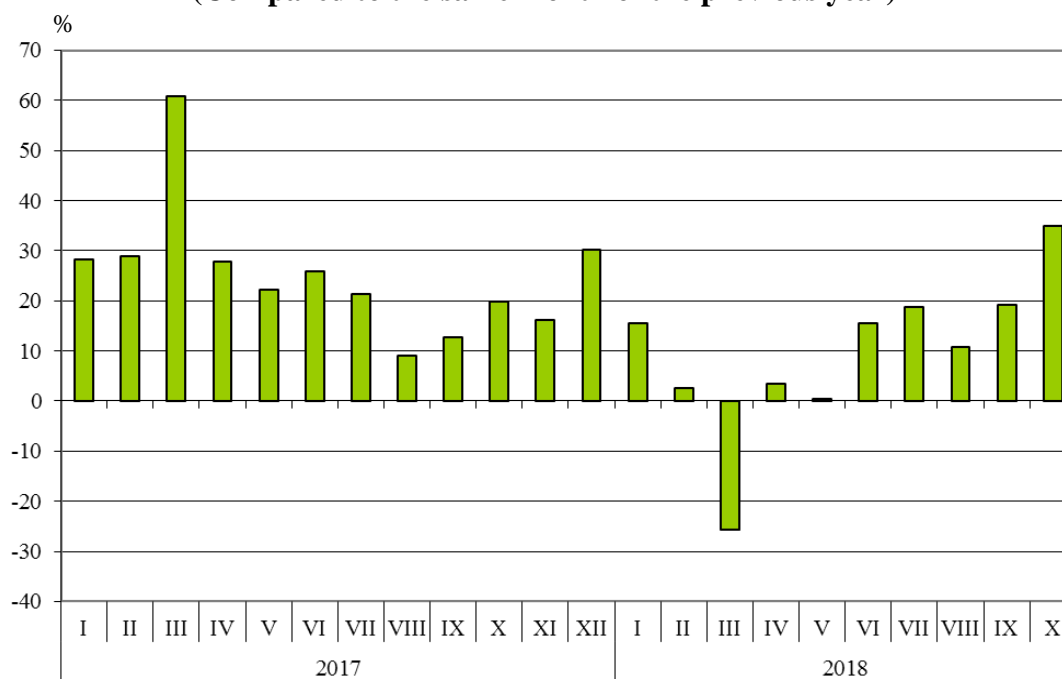


Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (36.1%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’<sup>1</sup> (22.1%).

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** in the period **January - October 2018** increased by 9.2% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 19 105.6 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 October 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 34.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 544.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - October 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 ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (22.6%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (19.6%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was observed only in sector ‘Food and live animals’ (0.2%).

<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - October 2018 was negative and added up to 4 662.7 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 3 022.5 Million BGN.

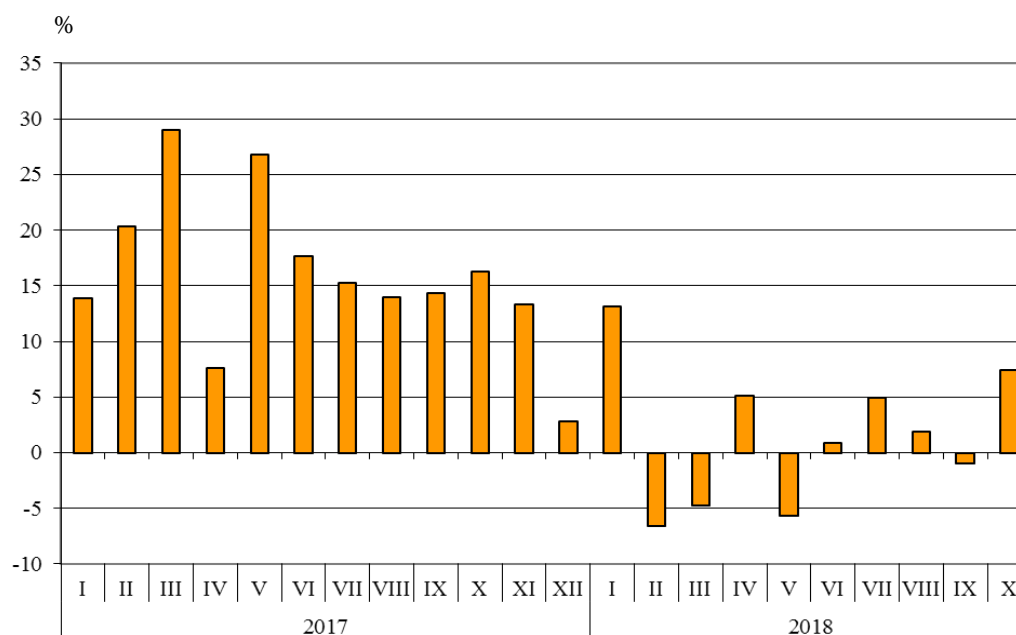
In October 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 628.0 Million BGN.

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

In the period January - October 2018 the total value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 46 039.8 Million BGN which is 1.4% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In October 2018 the total exports of goods added up to 5 376.1 Million BGN and increased by 7.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



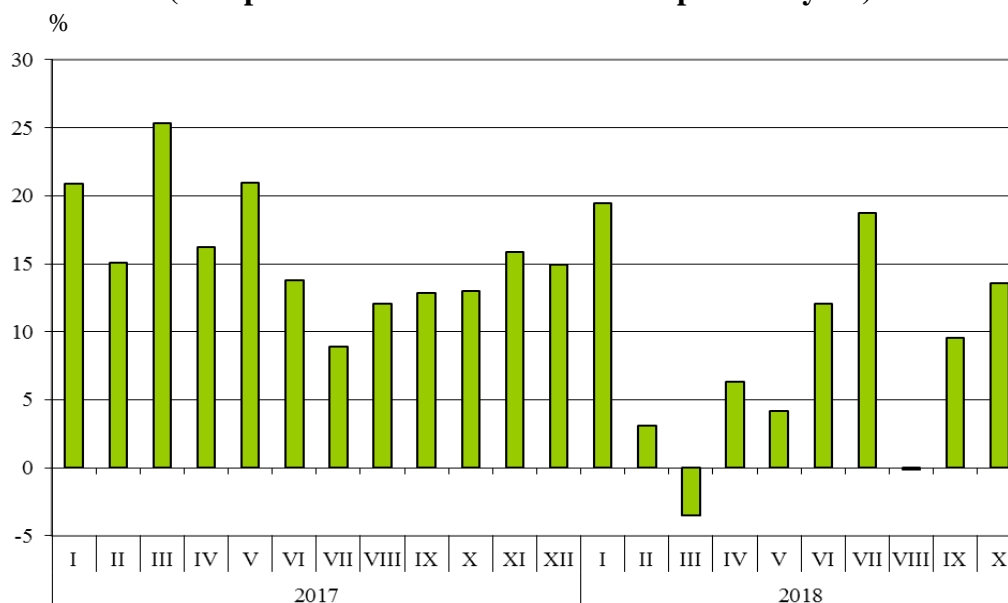
The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - October 2018 amounted to 52 343.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 8.1% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In October 2018 the total imports of goods increased by 13.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 198.0 Million BGN.

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



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - October 2018** and amounted to 6 303.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - October 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 593.4 Million BGN.

In **October 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 821.9 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 414.0 Million BGN.

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

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2017 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	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
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12792.3</b>	<b>7935.8</b>	<b>4856.5</b>	<b>13973.1</b>	<b>8801.1</b>	<b>5172.0</b>	<b>12995.1</b>	<b>8245.7</b>	<b>4749.4</b>	<b>-1180.8</b>	<b>-865.3</b>	<b>-315.5</b>	<b>-202.8</b>	<b>-309.9</b>	<b>107.1</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>13403.3</b>	<b>8426.1</b>	<b>4977.2</b>	<b>14547.5</b>	<b>9271.4</b>	<b>5276.1</b>	<b>13564.4</b>	<b>8695.1</b>	<b>4869.3</b>	<b>-1144.2</b>	<b>-845.3</b>	<b>-298.9</b>	<b>-161.1</b>	<b>-269.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>26195.6</b>	<b>16361.9</b>	<b>9833.7</b>	<b>28520.6</b>	<b>18072.5</b>	<b>10448.1</b>	<b>26559.5</b>	<b>16940.8</b>	<b>9618.7</b>	<b>-2325.0</b>	<b>-1710.6</b>	<b>-614.4</b>	<b>-363.9</b>	<b>-578.9</b>	<b>215.0</b>
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
<b>VII - IX.2017</b>	<b>14185.8</b>	<b>9212.0</b>	<b>4973.8</b>	<b>14427.7</b>	<b>9279.6</b>	<b>5148.1</b>	<b>13405.3</b>	<b>8677.9</b>	<b>4727.4</b>	<b>-241.9</b>	<b>-67.6</b>	<b>-174.3</b>	<b>780.5</b>	<b>534.1</b>	<b>246.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2017</b>	<b>40381.4</b>	<b>25573.9</b>	<b>14807.5</b>	<b>42948.3</b>	<b>27352.1</b>	<b>15596.2</b>	<b>39964.8</b>	<b>25618.7</b>	<b>14346.1</b>	<b>-2566.9</b>	<b>-1778.2</b>	<b>-788.7</b>	<b>416.6</b>	<b>-44.8</b>	<b>461.4</b>
X.2017	5005.2	3238.9	1766.3	5457.6	3563.8	1893.8	5064.6	3330.3	1734.3	-452.4	-324.9	-127.5	-59.4	-91.4	32.0
<b>I - X.2017</b>	<b>45386.6</b>	<b>28812.8</b>	<b>16573.8</b>	<b>48405.9</b>	<b>30915.9</b>	<b>17490.0</b>	<b>45029.4</b>	<b>28949.0</b>	<b>16080.4</b>	<b>-3019.3</b>	<b>-2103.1</b>	<b>-916.2</b>	<b>357.2</b>	<b>-136.2</b>	<b>493.4</b>
I.2018	4393.8	3097.1	1296.7	5055.9	3227.6	1828.3	4677.9	3010.7	1667.2	-662.1	-130.5	-531.6	-284.1	86.4	-370.5
II.2018	3904.3	2700.6	1203.7	4567.8	2914.5	1653.3	4255.9	2742.1	1513.8	-663.5	-213.9	-449.6	-351.6	-41.5	-310.1
III.2018	4506.1	3183.2	1322.9	5122.4	3652.1	1470.3	4762.6	3411.1	1351.5	-616.3	-468.9	-147.4	-256.5	-227.9	-28.6
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>12804.2</b>	<b>8980.9</b>	<b>3823.3</b>	<b>14746.1</b>	<b>9794.2</b>	<b>4951.9</b>	<b>13696.4</b>	<b>9163.9</b>	<b>4532.5</b>	<b>-1941.9</b>	<b>-813.3</b>	<b>-1128.6</b>	<b>-892.2</b>	<b>-183.0</b>	<b>-709.2</b>
IV.2018	4236.1	2899.1	1337.0	4972.8	3215.8	1757.0	4614.9	3003.2	1611.7	-736.7	-316.7	-420.0	-378.8	-104.1	-274.7
V.2018	4329.2	3028.0	1301.2	5163.5	3362.1	1801.4	4801.4	3147.7	1653.7	-834.3	-334.1	-500.2	-472.2	-119.7	-352.5
VI.2018	4828.5	3199.4	1629.1	5507.6	3445.0	2062.6	5117.8	3228.0	1889.8	-679.1	-245.6	-433.5	-289.3	-28.6	-260.7
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13393.8</b>	<b>9126.5</b>	<b>4267.3</b>	<b>15643.9</b>	<b>10022.9</b>	<b>5621.0</b>	<b>14534.1</b>	<b>9378.9</b>	<b>5155.2</b>	<b>-2250.1</b>	<b>-896.4</b>	<b>-1353.7</b>	<b>-1140.3</b>	<b>-252.4</b>	<b>-887.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>26198.0</b>	<b>18107.4</b>	<b>8090.6</b>	<b>30390.0</b>	<b>19817.1</b>	<b>10572.9</b>	<b>28230.5</b>	<b>18542.8</b>	<b>9687.7</b>	<b>-4192.0</b>	<b>-1709.7</b>	<b>-2482.3</b>	<b>-2032.5</b>	<b>-435.4</b>	<b>-1597.1</b>
VII.2018	5070.5	3506.2	1564.3	5618.2	3572.5	2045.7	5208.1	3347.6	1860.5	-547.7	-66.3	-481.4	-137.6	158.6	-296.2
VIII.2018	4672.8	3307.8	1365.0	4970.3	2970.0	2000.3	4613.8	2778.9	1834.9	-297.5	337.8	-635.3	59.0	528.9	-469.9
IX.2018	4722.4	3226.1	1496.3	5166.7	3234.7	1932.0	4790.7	3037.4	1753.3	-444.3	-8.6	-435.7	-68.3	188.7	-257.0
<b>VII - IX.2018</b>	<b>14465.7</b>	<b>10040.1</b>	<b>4425.6</b>	<b>15755.2</b>	<b>9777.2</b>	<b>5978.0</b>	<b>14612.6</b>	<b>9163.9</b>	<b>5448.7</b>	<b>-1289.5</b>	<b>262.9</b>	<b>-1552.4</b>	<b>-146.9</b>	<b>876.2</b>	<b>-1023.1</b>
<b>I - IX.2018</b>	<b>40663.7</b>	<b>28147.5</b>	<b>12516.2</b>	<b>46145.2</b>	<b>29594.3</b>	<b>16550.9</b>	<b>42843.1</b>	<b>27706.7</b>	<b>15136.4</b>	<b>-5481.5</b>	<b>-1446.8</b>	<b>-4034.7</b>	<b>-2179.4</b>	<b>440.8</b>	<b>-2620.2</b>
X.2018	5376.1	3449.4	1926.7	6198.0	3643.3	2554.7	5790.1	3461.1	2329.0	-821.9	-193.9	-628.0	-414.0	-11.7	-402.3
<b>I - X.2018</b>	<b>46039.8</b>	<b>31596.9</b>	<b>14442.9</b>	<b>52343.2</b>	<b>33237.6</b>	<b>19105.6</b>	<b>48633.2</b>	<b>31167.8</b>	<b>17465.4</b>	<b>-6303.4</b>	<b>-1640.7</b>	<b>-4662.7</b>	<b>-2593.4</b>	<b>429.1</b>	<b>-3022.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 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 - October 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	13.1	27.0	-10.3	19.4	21.7	15.6	19.2	21.8	15.0
II	-6.6	7.0	-27.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-4.7	7.1	-24.6	-3.5	9.7	-25.8	-4.0	8.9	-26.1
<b>I - III</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
IV	5.1	16.1	-12.8	6.4	8.0	3.5	5.9	7.9	2.4
V	-5.6	5.6	-24.3	4.2	6.3	0.4	3.9	6.0	0.1
VI	0.9	4.5	-5.5	12.1	10.0	15.6	11.6	9.7	15.0
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>
VII	5.0	11.8	-7.7	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
VIII	1.9	13.1	-17.8	-0.2	-6.4	10.9	0.3	-5.4	10.5
IX	-1.0	2.4	-7.5	9.5	4.5	19.1	9.2	4.4	18.7
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>15.3</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>
X	7.4	6.5	9.1	13.6	2.2	34.9	14.3	3.9	34.3
<b>I - X</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.



**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - October 2017 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>16573.8</b>	<b>14442.9</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>17490.0</b>	<b>19105.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-916.2</b>	<b>-4662.7</b>
of which:								
Albania	125.4	138.2	10.2	27.9	24.8	-11.1	97.5	113.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	112.7	100.4	-10.9	65.6	36.2	-44.8	47.1	64.2
Brazil	49.5	51.4	3.8	31.4	78.2	149.0	18.1	-26.8
Canada	83.6	113.8	36.1	109.1	106.9	-2.0	-25.5	6.9
China	1077.4	1139.2	5.7	1831.9	2185.6	19.3	-754.5	-1046.4
Egypt	717.4	334.7	-53.3	881.3	759.8	-13.8	-163.9	-425.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	654.8	681.5	4.1	537.3	535.4	-0.4	117.5	146.1
Georgia	304.0	282.4	-7.1	503.1	553.5	10.0	-199.1	-271.1
Gibraltar	90.7	258.3	184.8	0.0	0.0	x	90.7	258.3
India	187.9	149.9	-20.2	227.1	319.2	40.6	-39.2	-169.3
Indonesia	48.7	32.3	-33.7	78.1	320.2	310.0	-29.4	-287.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	107.2	59.6	-44.4	94.5	53.7	-43.2	12.7	5.9
Israel	188.4	106.7	-43.4	83.6	68.0	-18.7	104.8	38.7
Japan	67.8	70.6	4.1	169.1	225.9	33.6	-101.3	-155.3
Kazakhstan	39.8	40.5	1.8	23.8	8.9	-62.6	16.0	31.6
Korea, Republic of	95.4	131.2	37.5	187.3	251.8	34.4	-91.9	-120.6
Libya	103.2	75.0	-27.3	13.0	5.1	-60.8	90.2	69.9
Morocco	116.9	115.9	-0.9	195.7	253.1	29.3	-78.8	-137.2
Namibia	216.3	169.6	-21.6	0.0	0.1	x	216.3	169.5
Norway	67.3	63.5	-5.6	55.5	61.6	11.0	11.8	1.9
Peru	28.2	12.8	-54.6	29.8	69.3	132.6	-1.6	-56.5
Russian Federation	1309.7	616.9	-52.9	4742.5	5119.7	8.0	-3432.8	-4502.8
Serbia	759.0	835.4	10.1	965.2	1022.6	5.9	-206.2	-187.2
Singapore	366.2	422.8	15.5	53.6	65.2	21.6	312.6	357.6
South Africa	109.3	208.0	90.3	55.9	58.8	5.2	53.4	149.2
Switzerland	277.4	253.3	-8.7	325.0	401.9	23.7	-47.6	-148.6
Syrian Arab Republic	34.9	26.0	-25.5	0.3	0.5	66.7	34.6	25.5
Taiwan	52.2	46.5	-10.9	166.0	187.6	13.0	-113.8	-141.1
Turkey	3943.9	3627.1	-8.0	3059.7	3204.5	4.7	884.2	422.6
Ukraine	235.9	301.9	28.0	723.9	785.8	8.6	-488.0	-483.9
United Arab Emirates	291.3	155.7	-46.5	45.8	43.4	-5.2	245.5	112.3
United States	657.3	753.1	14.6	380.4	443.8	16.7	276.9	309.3
Viet-Nam	47.7	42.6	-10.7	71.7	77.9	8.6	-24.0	-35.3

<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 11-th December 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 - October 2017 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>16573.8</b>	<b>14442.9</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>17490.0</b>	<b>19105.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-916.2</b>	<b>-4662.7</b>
Food and live animals	1263.1	1000.1	-20.8	690.5	689.1	-0.2	572.6	311.0
Beverages and tobacco	352.6	225.3	-36.1	142.3	174.5	22.6	210.3	50.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	946.0	894.2	-5.5	1898.7	2250.9	18.5	-952.7	-1356.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3215.2	2515.0	-21.8	5298.3	5515.7	4.1	-2083.1	-3000.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	154.0	201.5	30.8	57.2	68.4	19.6	96.8	133.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1678.2	1661.1	-1.0	1542.3	1780.2	15.4	135.9	-119.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3882.1	3666.2	-5.6	3538.3	3875.1	9.5	343.8	-208.9
Machinery and transport equipment	2638.4	2369.7	-10.2	3019.3	3435.5	13.8	-380.9	-1065.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2415.8	1882.3	-22.1	1274.2	1282.9	0.7	1141.6	599.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	28.4	27.5	-3.2	28.9	33.3	15.2	-0.5	-5.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.