

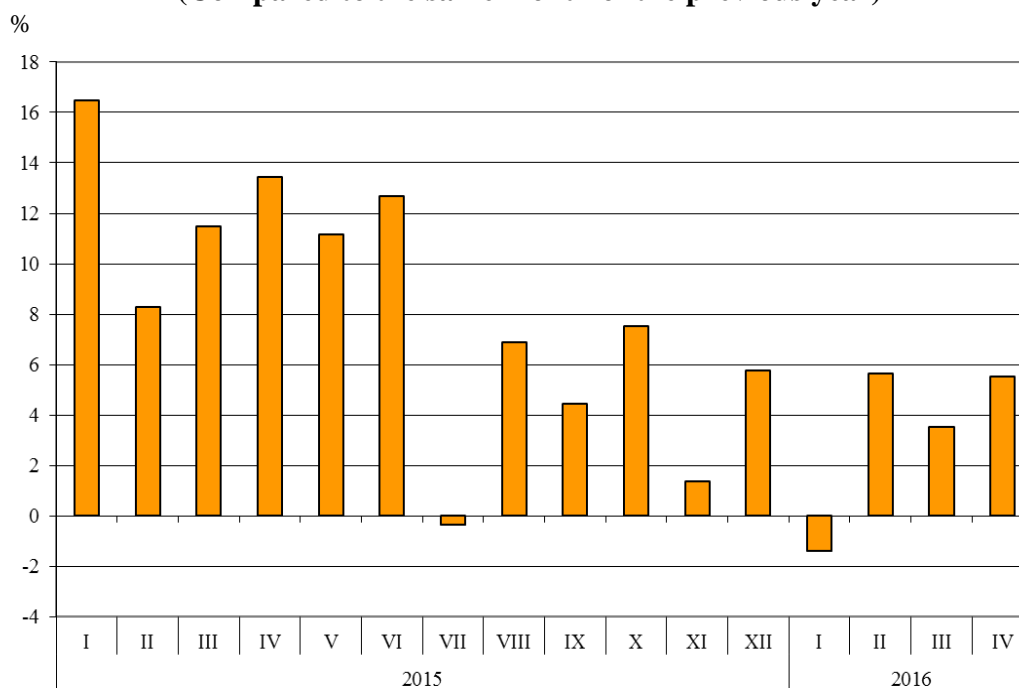


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2016** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 3.3% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 9 595.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and the Netherlands which accounted for 69.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 5.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 535.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2016** in comparison with the same period of 2015 the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (28.9%) and 'Food and live animals' (23.1%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.1%).

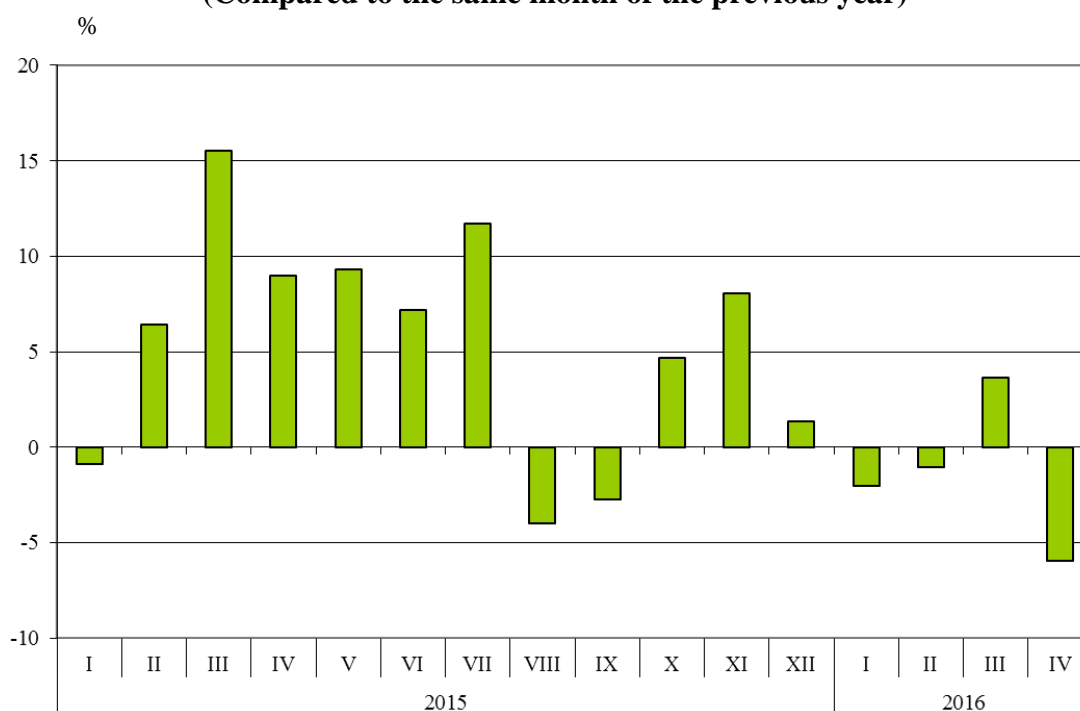
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - April 2016** decreased by 1.3% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 10 549.1 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 6.0% in comparison with April 2015 and amounted to 2 695.4 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - April 2016** compared to the corresponding period of 2015 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (18.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (32.5%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - April 2016 was negative and added up to 953.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 248.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the 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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2015¹ and 2016¹ by months

Table 1
(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.2015	3390.5	2294.9	1095.6	3776.0	2312.1	1463.9	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.5	-17.2	-368.3	-108.5	147.3	-255.8
II.2015	3423.7	2167.1	1256.6	4110.9	2624.6	1486.3	3825.0	2447.4	1377.6	-687.2	-457.5	-229.7	-401.3	-280.3	-121.0
III.2015	3945.3	2421.5	1523.8	4436.3	2885.4	1550.9	4145.7	2697.0	1448.7	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.4	-275.5	75.1
I - III.2015	10759.5	6883.5	3876.0	12323.2	7822.1	4501.1	11469.7	7292.0	4177.7	-1563.7	-938.6	-625.1	-710.2	-408.5	-301.7
IV.2015	3903.1	2402.6	1500.5	4524.5	2866.3	1658.2	4204.8	2664.1	1540.7	-621.4	-463.7	-157.7	-301.7	-261.5	-40.2
I - IV.2015	14662.6	9286.1	5376.5	16847.7	10688.4	6159.3	15674.5	9956.1	5718.4	-2185.1	-1402.3	-782.8	-1011.9	-670.0	-341.9
I.2016	3427.5	2263.2	1164.3	3469.1	2265.7	1203.4	3227.7	2103.1	1124.6	-41.6	-2.5	-39.1	199.8	160.1	39.7
II.2016	3485.1	2289.7	1195.4	3820.5	2597.3	1223.2	3567.8	2429.2	1138.6	-335.4	-307.6	-27.8	-82.7	-139.5	56.8
III.2016	3680.5	2507.0	1173.5	4202.2	2990.7	1211.5	3918.0	2786.3	1131.7	-521.7	-483.7	-38.0	-237.5	-279.3	41.8
I - III.2016	10593.1	7059.9	3533.2	11491.8	7853.7	3638.1	10713.5	7318.6	3394.9	-898.7	-793.8	-104.9	-120.4	-258.7	138.3
IV.2016	3634.1	2535.3	1098.8	4018.9	2695.4	1323.5	3760.2	2525.0	1235.2	-384.8	-160.1	-224.7	-126.1	10.3	-136.4
I - IV.2016	14227.2	9595.2	4632.0	15510.7	10549.1	4961.6	14473.7	9843.6	4630.1	-1283.5	-953.9	-329.6	-246.5	-248.4	1.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th July 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2016¹ 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	1.1	-1.4	6.3	-8.1	-2.0	-17.8	-7.8	-2.1	-16.8
II	1.8	5.7	-4.9	-7.1	-1.0	-17.7	-6.7	-0.7	-17.3
III	-6.7	3.5	-23.0	-5.3	3.6	-21.9	-5.5	3.3	-21.9
I - III	-1.5	2.6	-8.8	-6.7	0.4	-19.2	-6.6	0.4	-18.7
IV	-6.9	5.5	-26.8	-11.2	-6.0	-20.2	-10.6	-5.2	-19.8
I - IV	-3.0	3.3	-13.8	-7.9	-1.3	-19.4	-7.7	-1.1	-19.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th July 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - April 2015² and 2016²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	14662.6	14227.2	-3.0	16847.7	15510.7	-7.9	-2185.1	-1283.5
EU	9286.1	9595.2	3.3	10688.4	10549.1	-1.3	-1402.3	-953.9
Austria	248.0	268.0	8.1	462.0	468.9	1.5	-214.0	-200.9
Belgium	573.6	292.4	-49.0	355.3	377.8	6.3	218.3	-85.4
Croatia	52.9	74.8	41.4	28.3	38.8	37.1	24.6	36.0
Cyprus	158.4	47.9	-69.8	24.3	17.0	-30.0	134.1	30.9
Czech Republic	232.0	230.4	-0.7	344.7	330.4	-4.1	-112.7	-100.0
Denmark	70.0	85.7	22.4	71.0	81.7	15.1	-1.0	4.0
Estonia	12.6	14.7	16.7	7.3	7.2	-1.4	5.3	7.5
Finland	34.0	27.4	-19.4	28.8	49.9	73.3	5.2	-22.5
France	558.5	639.1	14.4	537.4	573.8	6.8	21.1	65.3
Germany	1930.2	1946.7	0.9	2192.8	2132.0	-2.8	-262.6	-185.3
Greece	927.8	932.5	0.5	772.8	726.3	-6.0	155.0	206.2
Hungary	241.2	253.2	5.0	615.5	607.2	-1.3	-374.3	-354.0
Ireland	15.0	15.8	5.3	50.9	49.7	-2.4	-35.9	-33.9
Italy	1417.4	1531.4	8.0	1180.5	1316.7	11.5	236.9	214.7
Latvia	13.5	20.7	53.3	14.9	11.2	-24.8	-1.4	9.5
Lithuania	25.7	34.7	35.0	27.0	24.0	-11.1	-1.3	10.7
Luxembourg	2.2	2.8	27.3	58.4	57.5	-1.5	-56.2	-54.7
Malta	43.4	43.2	-0.5	7.5	9.5	26.7	35.9	33.7
Netherlands	348.1	376.3	8.1	553.1	581.6	5.2	-205.0	-205.3
Poland	316.1	334.4	5.8	477.2	549.2	15.1	-161.1	-214.8
Portugal	63.6	75.6	18.9	31.9	31.3	-1.9	31.7	44.3
Romania	1075.8	1222.0	13.6	1145.9	1093.3	-4.6	-70.1	128.7
Slovakia	132.3	99.9	-24.5	223.9	224.5	0.3	-91.6	-124.6
Slovenia	94.8	134.9	42.3	116.6	131.5	12.8	-21.8	3.4
Spain	228.3	301.7	32.2	906.9	597.3	-34.1	-678.6	-295.6
Sweden	94.1	102.7	9.1	91.5	96.6	5.6	2.6	6.1
United Kingdom	356.3	374.4	5.1	306.6	291.9	-4.8	49.7	82.5
Not specified	20.3	111.9	451.2	55.4	72.3	30.5	-35.1	39.6

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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Table 3

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in the period January - April 2015² and 2016²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	5376.5	4632.0	-13.8	6159.3	4961.6	-19.4	-782.8	-329.6
CIS³	466.6	338.4	-27.5	2379.0	1620.3	-31.9	-1912.4	-1281.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	11.5	11.1	-3.5	18.2	11.7	-35.7	-6.7	-0.6
Russian Federation	237.5	199.1	-16.2	2018.3	1319.1	-34.6	-1780.8	-1120.0
Ukraine	122.0	62.7	-48.6	297.5	243.6	-18.1	-175.5	-180.9
OECD⁴	1886.9	1619.0	-14.2	1553.1	1436.1	-7.5	333.8	182.9
of which:								
Canada	27.2	28.5	4.8	17.0	23.2	36.5	10.2	5.3
Israel	36.9	43.1	16.8	25.6	47.0	83.6	11.3	-3.9
Japan	21.9	20.1	-8.2	52.0	62.3	19.8	-30.1	-42.2
Korea, Republic of	36.2	44.8	23.8	51.3	77.0	50.1	-15.1	-32.2
Turkey	1363.1	1137.5	-16.6	953.6	934.1	-2.0	409.5	203.4
United States	256.0	217.6	-15.0	156.3	134.9	-13.7	99.7	82.7
EFTA⁵	95.4	91.6	-4.0	129.7	133.6	3.0	-34.3	-42.0
of which:								
Norway	18.2	18.1	-0.5	10.4	18.2	75.0	7.8	-0.1
Switzerland	76.5	72.7	-5.0	117.2	113.8	-2.9	-40.7	-41.1

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2015² and 2016²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	36.9	31.1	-15.7	11.8	5.4	-54.2	25.1	25.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43.7	42.0	-3.9	22.2	23.3	5.0	21.5	18.7
Brazil	11.3	16.7	47.8	34.2	13.4	-60.8	-22.9	3.3
China	351.3	276.7	-21.2	673.0	628.9	-6.6	-321.7	-352.2
Egypt	139.4	120.6	-13.5	32.6	117.4	260.1	106.8	3.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	233.0	256.2	10.0	167.6	137.2	-18.1	65.4	119.0
Georgia	85.8	66.7	-22.3	156.6	74.1	-52.7	-70.8	-7.4
India	35.4	37.9	7.1	95.9	77.3	-19.4	-60.5	-39.4
Indonesia	17.9	18.9	5.6	21.5	21.7	0.9	-3.6	-2.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	129.8	41.9	-67.7	3.1	16.6	435.5	126.7	25.3
Peru	2.0	2.7	35.0	10.0	17.7	77.0	-8.0	-15.0
Serbia	267.9	233.6	-12.8	208.2	213.7	2.6	59.7	19.9
Singapore	258.4	68.9	-73.3	16.4	18.1	10.4	242.0	50.8
South Africa	49.2	48.5	-1.4	7.9	13.5	70.9	41.3	35.0
Syrian Arab Republic	34.1	18.2	-46.6	11.2	1.3	-88.4	22.9	16.9
Taiwan	17.5	9.0	-48.6	78.1	62.2	-20.4	-60.6	-53.2
United Arab Emirates	156.1	129.4	-17.1	96.6	14.7	-84.8	59.5	114.7
Viet Nam	14.5	15.9	9.7	37.4	23.1	-38.2	-22.9	-7.2

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - April 2015¹ and 2016¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	14662.6	14227.2	-3.0	16847.7	15510.7	-7.9	-2185.1	-1283.5
of which EU	9286.1	9595.2	3.3	10688.4	10549.1	-1.3	-1402.3	-953.9
Food and live animals	1365.9	1426.8	4.5	1279.6	1277.9	-0.1	86.3	148.9
of which EU	785.8	967.4	23.1	1011.7	1007.4	-0.4	-225.9	-40.0
Beverages and tobacco	276.2	238.0	-13.8	204.3	221.4	8.4	71.9	16.6
of which EU	90.2	110.1	22.1	150.6	177.9	18.1	-60.4	-67.8
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1010.8	926.6	-8.3	1758.8	1089.3	-38.1	-748.0	-162.7
of which EU	601.5	562.7	-6.5	976.4	659.3	-32.5	-374.9	-96.6
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1565.8	965.4	-38.3	2553.8	1635.9	-35.9	-988.0	-670.5
of which EU	459.0	284.3	-38.1	427.5	321.5	-24.8	31.5	-37.2
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	170.9	164.8	-3.6	49.7	58.4	17.5	121.2	106.4
of which EU	105.7	101.3	-4.2	35.7	42.1	17.9	70.0	59.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1427.9	1481.0	3.7	2380.1	2539.0	6.7	-952.2	-1058.0
of which EU	757.7	976.5	28.9	1836.4	1995.0	8.6	-1078.7	-1018.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3506.1	2914.4	-16.9	2842.3	2777.4	-2.3	663.8	137.0
of which EU	2454.6	2037.2	-17.0	1787.5	1745.2	-2.4	667.1	292.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3078.2	3288.5	6.8	4402.1	4414.2	0.3	-1323.9	-1125.7
of which EU	2252.4	2445.5	8.6	3442.4	3516.8	2.2	-1190.0	-1071.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2215.6	2780.0	25.5	1281.7	1406.9	9.8	933.9	1373.1
of which EU	1746.7	2081.2	19.2	934.5	1003.2	7.4	812.2	1078.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	45.2	41.7	-7.7	95.3	90.3	-5.2	-50.1	-48.6
of which EU	32.5	29.0	-10.8	85.7	80.7	-5.8	-53.2	-51.7

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