

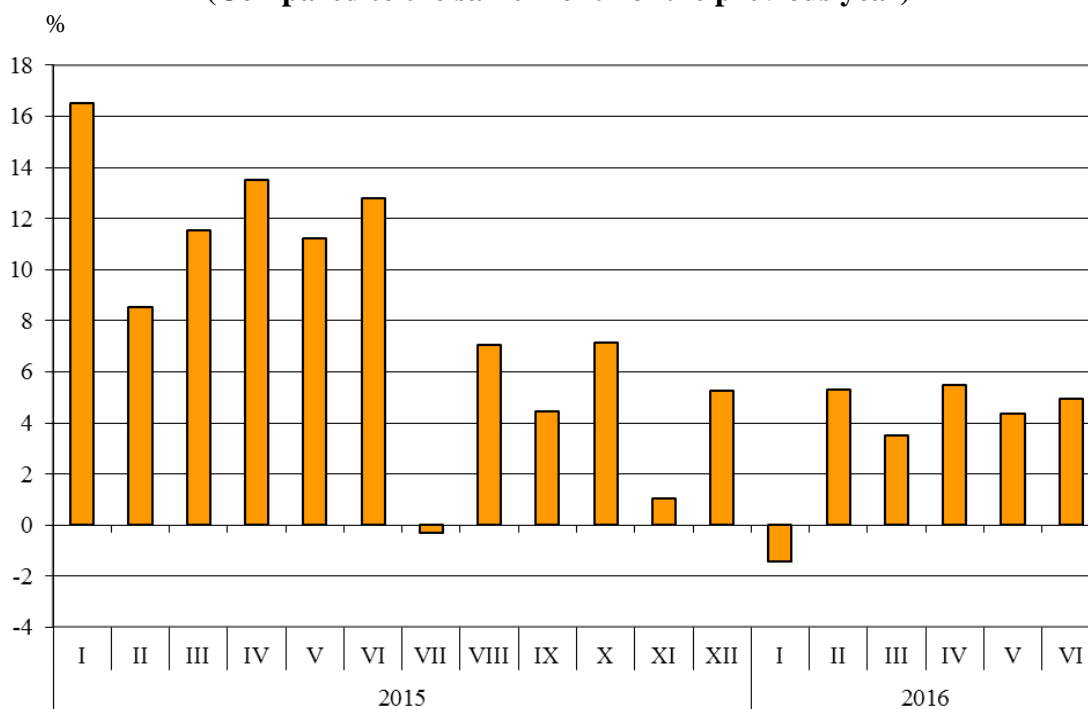


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2016** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 3.7% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 14 679.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 65.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 5.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 689.4 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 - June 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.' (27.5%) and 'Food and live animals' (23.9%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (28.6%).

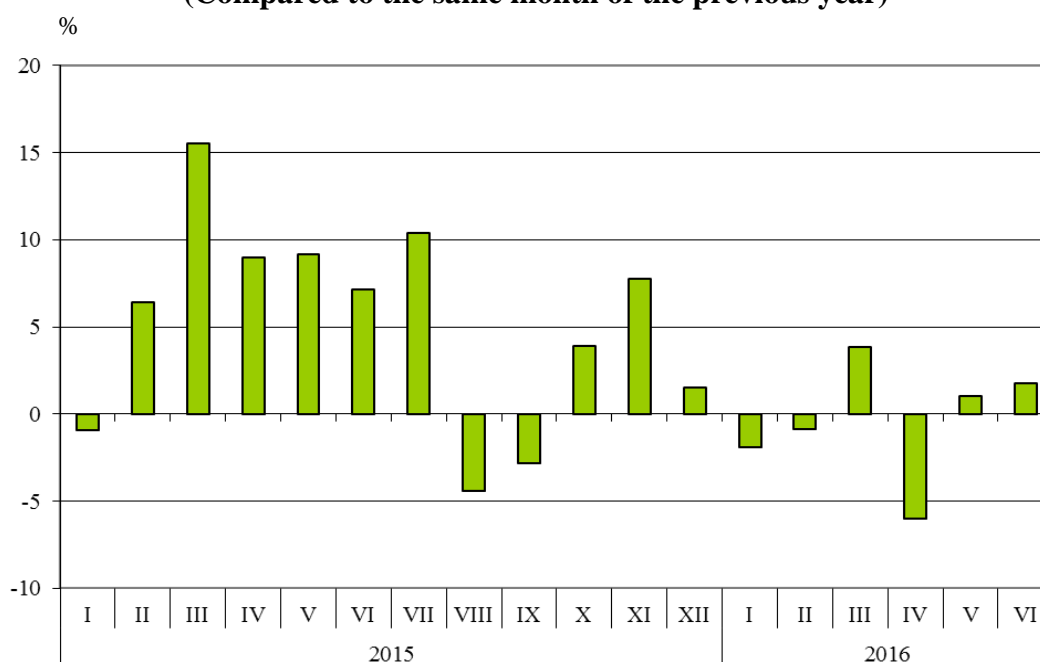
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - June 2016** decreased by 0.3% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 16 051.5 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 **June 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 1.8% in comparison with June 2015 and amounted to 2 880.5 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 - June 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' (18.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (31.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - June 2016 was negative and added up to 1 372.3 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 622.6 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.c.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2015 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	3404.9	2296.0	1108.9	3767.8	2312.0	1455.8	3579.5	2199.6	1379.9	-362.9	-16.0	-346.9	-174.6	96.4	-271.0
II.2015	3427.4	2171.8	1255.6	4104.7	2624.7	1480.0	3904.3	2499.7	1404.6	-677.3	-452.9	-224.4	-476.9	-327.9	-149.0
III.2015	3971.6	2422.7	1548.9	4447.0	2886.1	1560.9	4239.8	2753.7	1486.1	-475.4	-463.4	-12.0	-268.2	-331.0	62.8
I - III.2015	10803.9	6890.5	3913.4	12319.5	7822.8	4496.7	11723.6	7453.0	4270.6	-1515.6	-932.3	-583.3	-919.7	-562.5	-357.2
IV.2015	3912.2	2403.4	1508.8	4537.2	2866.8	1670.4	4313.3	2728.0	1585.3	-625.0	-463.4	-161.6	-401.1	-324.6	-76.5
V.2015	3755.0	2297.2	1457.8	4185.7	2583.3	1602.4	3984.9	2464.5	1520.4	-430.7	-286.1	-144.6	-229.9	-167.3	-62.6
VI.2015	4022.8	2562.3	1460.5	4423.1	2830.3	1592.8	4213.6	2699.1	1514.5	-400.3	-268.0	-132.3	-190.8	-136.8	-54.0
IV - VI.2015	11690.0	7262.9	4427.1	13146.0	8280.4	4865.6	12511.8	7891.6	4620.2	-1456.0	-1017.5	-438.5	-821.8	-628.7	-193.1
I - VI.2015	22493.9	14153.4	8340.5	25465.5	16103.2	9362.3	24235.4	15344.6	8890.8	-2971.6	-1949.8	-1021.8	-1741.5	-1191.2	-550.3
I.2016	3427.4	2263.2	1164.2	3472.1	2267.9	1204.2	3301.5	2155.2	1146.3	-44.7	-4.7	-40.0	125.9	108.0	17.9
II.2016	3482.0	2286.6	1195.4	3824.8	2601.6	1223.2	3644.9	2481.5	1163.4	-342.8	-315.0	-27.8	-162.9	-194.9	32.0
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4207.8	2996.4	1211.4	4012.6	2856.4	1156.2	-527.3	-489.0	-38.3	-332.1	-349.0	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.9	7057.2	3532.7	11504.7	7865.9	3638.8	10959.0	7493.1	3465.9	-914.8	-808.7	-106.1	-369.1	-435.9	66.8
IV.2016	3634.1	2535.4	1098.7	4017.7	2694.6	1323.1	3832.4	2574.1	1258.3	-383.6	-159.2	-224.4	-198.3	-38.7	-159.6
V.2016	3517.4	2397.2	1120.2	4066.2	2610.5	1455.7	3870.2	2488.1	1382.1	-548.8	-213.3	-335.5	-352.8	-90.9	-261.9
VI.2016	3952.4	2689.4	1263.0	4290.3	2880.5	1409.8	4088.5	2746.5	1342.0	-337.9	-191.1	-146.8	-136.1	-57.1	-79.0
IV - VI.2016	11103.9	7622.0	3481.9	12374.2	8185.6	4188.6	11791.1	7808.7	3982.4	-1270.3	-563.6	-706.7	-687.2	-186.7	-500.5
I - VI.2016	21693.8	14679.2	7014.6	23878.9	16051.5	7827.4	22750.1	15301.8	7448.3	-2185.1	-1372.3	-812.8	-1056.3	-622.6	-433.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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	0.7	-1.4	5.0	-7.8	-1.9	-17.3	-7.8	-2.0	-16.9
II	1.6	5.3	-4.8	-6.8	-0.9	-17.4	-6.6	-0.7	-17.2
III	-7.3	3.5	-24.3	-5.4	3.8	-22.4	-5.4	3.7	-22.2
I - III	-2.0	2.4	-9.7	-6.6	0.6	-19.1	-6.5	0.5	-18.8
IV	-7.1	5.5	-27.2	-11.4	-6.0	-20.8	-11.1	-5.6	-20.6
V	-6.3	4.4	-23.2	-2.9	1.1	-9.2	-2.9	1.0	-9.1
VI	-1.8	5.0	-13.5	-3.0	1.8	-11.5	-3.0	1.8	-11.4
IV - VI	-5.0	4.9	-21.4	-5.9	-1.1	-13.9	-5.8	-1.1	-13.8
I - VI	-3.6	3.7	-15.9	-6.2	-0.3	-16.4	-6.1	-0.3	-16.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2016.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2015 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	22493.9	21693.8	-3.6	25465.5	23878.9	-6.2	-2971.6	-2185.1
EU	14153.4	14679.2	3.7	16103.2	16051.5	-0.3	-1949.8	-1372.3
Austria	381.4	426.6	11.9	692.4	707.2	2.1	-311.0	-280.6
Belgium	852.8	475.7	-44.2	567.3	574.2	1.2	285.5	-98.5
Croatia	83.5	107.4	28.6	51.2	62.2	21.5	32.3	45.2
Cyprus	191.3	77.0	-59.7	38.6	24.5	-36.5	152.7	52.5
Czech Republic	365.1	354.7	-2.8	518.9	516.8	-0.4	-153.8	-162.1
Denmark	108.0	132.6	22.8	110.0	120.9	9.9	-2.0	11.7
Estonia	17.8	21.6	21.3	10.1	13.0	28.7	7.7	8.6
Finland	54.3	37.7	-30.6	48.2	67.7	40.5	6.1	-30.0
France	893.3	1003.7	12.4	811.9	828.1	2.0	81.4	175.6
Germany	2884.9	2909.8	0.9	3314.9	3238.1	-2.3	-430.0	-328.3
Greece	1457.2	1524.6	4.6	1184.9	1119.2	-5.5	272.3	405.4
Hungary	346.6	382.8	10.4	927.3	956.7	3.2	-580.7	-573.9
Ireland	22.1	25.9	17.2	78.9	83.3	5.6	-56.8	-57.4
Italy	2148.0	2220.0	3.4	1881.3	2028.7	7.8	266.7	191.3
Latvia	22.8	29.1	27.6	23.6	27.1	14.8	-0.8	2.0
Lithuania	43.8	49.0	11.9	41.0	35.3	-13.9	2.8	13.7
Luxembourg	2.6	4.4	69.2	76.6	86.5	12.9	-74.0	-82.1
Malta	56.3	53.5	-5.0	10.1	18.1	79.2	46.2	35.4
Netherlands	526.4	556.0	5.6	820.2	876.4	6.9	-293.8	-320.4
Poland	474.7	510.2	7.5	735.1	896.2	21.9	-260.4	-386.0
Portugal	80.4	107.7	34.0	58.5	45.9	-21.5	21.9	61.8
Romania	1719.9	1936.3	12.6	1712.2	1632.4	-4.7	7.7	303.9
Slovakia	196.3	157.5	-19.8	354.4	338.9	-4.4	-158.1	-181.4
Slovenia	144.8	195.6	35.1	171.9	200.5	16.6	-27.1	-4.9
Spain	354.7	495.4	39.7	1182.1	818.1	-30.8	-827.4	-322.7
Sweden	145.0	163.4	12.7	149.4	150.8	0.9	-4.4	12.6
United Kingdom	539.8	561.0	3.9	460.6	481.1	4.5	79.2	79.9
Not specified	39.6	160.0	304.0	71.6	103.6	44.7	-32.0	56.4

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.

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - June 2015 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	8340.5	7014.6	-15.9	9362.3	7827.4	-16.4	-1021.8	-812.8
CIS³	765.4	479.7	-37.3	3698.8	2637.0	-28.7	-2933.4	-2157.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	20.1	16.3	-18.9	24.4	17.1	-29.9	-4.3	-0.8
Russian Federation	388.9	298.1	-23.3	3151.7	2155.4	-31.6	-2762.8	-1857.3
Ukraine	192.0	73.1	-61.9	455.3	385.3	-15.4	-263.3	-312.2
OECD⁴	2958.6	2482.0	-16.1	2330.8	2219.6	-4.8	627.8	262.4
of which:								
Canada	41.9	38.3	-8.6	29.9	36.4	21.7	12.0	1.9
Israel	57.1	56.7	-0.7	41.2	57.2	38.8	15.9	-0.5
Japan	37.7	32.7	-13.3	74.5	95.5	28.2	-36.8	-62.8
Korea, Republic of	48.0	57.2	19.2	79.6	118.2	48.5	-31.6	-61.0
Turkey	2133.9	1847.7	-13.4	1509.3	1454.6	-3.6	624.6	393.1
United States	419.3	294.9	-29.7	234.2	215.4	-8.0	185.1	79.5
EFTA⁵	145.1	105.5	-27.3	201.6	211.2	4.8	-56.5	-105.7
of which:								
Norway	29.4	19.3	-34.4	14.3	25.2	76.2	15.1	-5.9
Switzerland	114.1	85.1	-25.4	184.3	184.1	-0.1	-70.2	-99.0

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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 - June 2015 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	57.0	47.7	-16.3	18.3	10.7	-41.5	38.7	37.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	61.4	64.8	5.5	30.0	32.1	7.0	31.4	32.7
Brazil	20.8	32.4	55.8	41.5	30.8	-25.8	-20.7	1.6
China	542.5	406.0	-25.2	968.1	939.9	-2.9	-425.6	-533.9
Egypt	315.0	179.8	-42.9	93.4	217.8	133.2	221.6	-38.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	354.6	386.1	8.9	253.4	218.0	-14.0	101.2	168.1
Georgia	148.7	126.3	-15.1	242.5	100.4	-58.6	-93.8	25.9
India	52.4	55.2	5.3	141.8	113.3	-20.1	-89.4	-58.1
Indonesia	23.3	24.3	4.3	32.2	31.3	-2.8	-8.9	-7.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	178.3	49.4	-72.3	5.2	26.4	407.7	173.1	23.0
Peru	2.7	5.0	85.2	13.0	20.7	59.2	-10.3	-15.7
Serbia	404.5	355.7	-12.1	347.5	339.8	-2.2	57.0	15.9
Singapore	402.8	119.5	-70.3	25.6	24.4	-4.7	377.2	95.1
South Africa	56.2	55.2	-1.8	12.1	17.4	43.8	44.1	37.8
Syrian Arab Republic	37.0	20.5	-44.6	14.6	1.4	-90.4	22.4	19.1
Taiwan	24.4	14.7	-39.8	126.4	96.9	-23.3	-102.0	-82.2
United Arab Emirates	224.9	162.9	-27.6	110.1	21.0	-80.9	114.8	141.9
Viet Nam	20.7	35.5	71.5	53.5	36.7	-31.4	-32.8	-1.2

¹ Partner country:

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - June 2015 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	22493.9	21693.8	-3.6	25465.5	23878.9	-6.2	-2971.6	-2185.1
of which EU	14153.4	14679.2	3.7	16103.2	16051.5	-0.3	-1949.8	-1372.3
Food and live animals	2014.5	2200.4	9.2	1932.8	1947.5	0.8	81.7	252.9
of which EU	1199.9	1487.0	23.9	1532.7	1536.1	0.2	-332.8	-49.1
Beverages and tobacco	414.6	338.0	-18.5	327.3	359.9	10.0	87.3	-21.9
of which EU	141.8	170.9	20.5	243.8	288.1	18.2	-102.0	-117.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1494.1	1424.0	-4.7	2252.9	1450.5	-35.6	-758.8	-26.5
of which EU	882.0	879.2	-0.3	1242.5	846.9	-31.8	-360.5	32.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2536.7	1736.1	-31.6	4113.7	2729.7	-33.6	-1577.0	-993.6
of which EU	696.0	496.8	-28.6	654.9	514.2	-21.5	41.1	-17.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	238.5	229.1	-3.9	77.1	87.5	13.5	161.4	141.6
of which EU	162.6	152.2	-6.4	54.6	64.1	17.4	108.0	88.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2236.8	2260.5	1.1	3579.5	3788.0	5.8	-1342.7	-1527.5
of which EU	1175.4	1499.2	27.5	2763.4	2992.8	8.3	-1588.0	-1493.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5340.7	4386.2	-17.9	4392.9	4344.6	-1.1	947.8	41.6
of which EU	3734.7	3076.2	-17.6	2759.7	2748.2	-0.4	975.0	328.0
Machinery and transport equipment	4757.1	5007.2	5.3	6719.3	6865.4	2.2	-1962.2	-1858.2
of which EU	3457.0	3765.1	8.9	5319.6	5395.5	1.4	-1862.6	-1630.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3396.0	4050.0	19.3	1926.0	2152.4	11.8	1470.0	1897.6
of which EU	2656.5	3109.2	17.0	1402.4	1537.0	9.6	1254.1	1572.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	64.9	62.3	-4.0	144.0	153.4	6.5	-79.1	-91.1
of which EU	47.5	43.4	-8.6	129.6	128.6	-0.8	-82.1	-85.2

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