

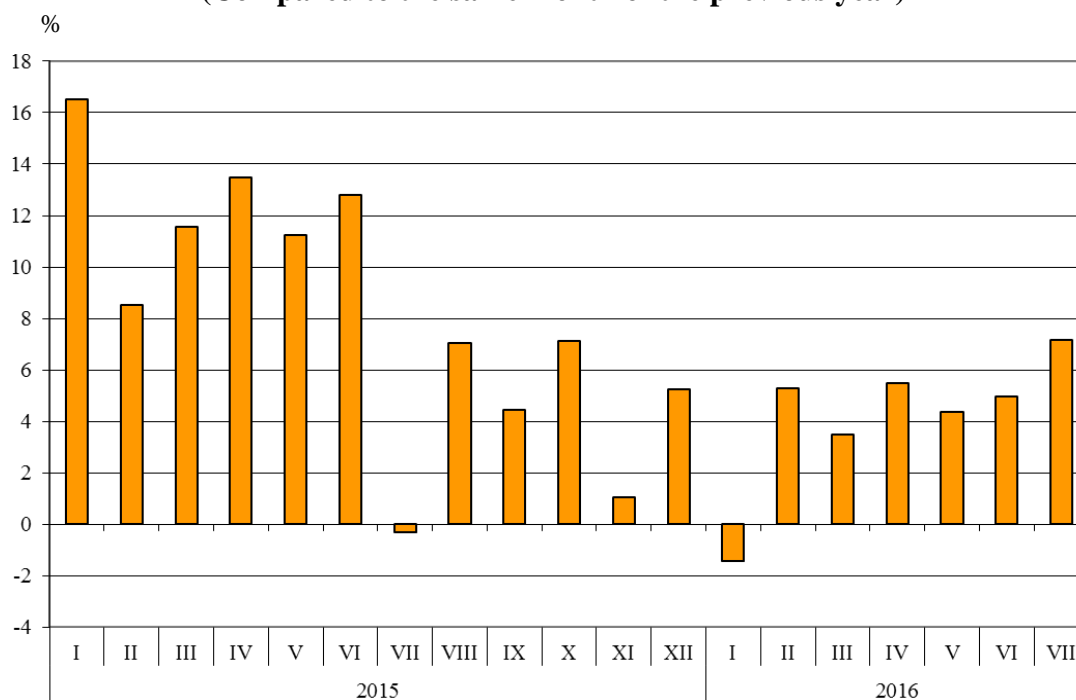


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2016** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 4.3% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 17 496.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 64.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 817.4 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 - July 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 'Beverages and tobacco' (32.9%) and 'Food and live animals' (22.9%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (24.9%).

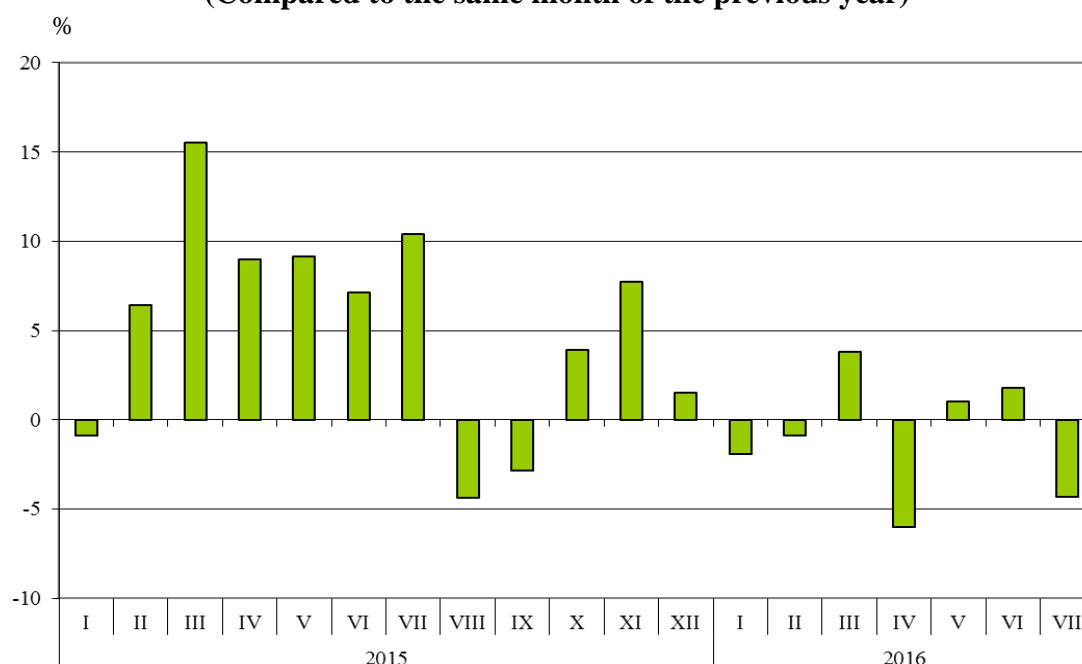
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - July 2016** decreased by 1.0% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 18 966.4 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 **July 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 4.3% in comparison with July 2015 and amounted to 2 914.9 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 - July 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' (14.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (36.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January - July 2016 was negative and added up to 1 469.8 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 583.6 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.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2015 and 2016¹ 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.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
VII.2015	4105.0	2629.0	1476.0	4685.9	3047.1	1638.8	4455.2	2900.6	1554.6	-580.9	-418.1	-162.8	-350.2	-271.6	-78.6
I - VII.2015	26598.9	16782.4	9816.5	30151.4	19150.3	11001.1	28690.6	18245.2	10445.4	-3552.5	-2367.9	-1184.6	-2091.7	1462.8	-628.9
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
VII.2016	4090.1	2817.4	1272.7	4331.8	2914.9	1416.9	4123.4	2778.4	1345.0	-241.7	-97.5	-144.2	-33.3	39.0	-72.3
I - VII.2016	25783.9	17496.6	8287.3	28210.7	18966.4	9244.3	26873.5	18080.2	8793.3	-2426.8	-1469.8	-957.0	-1089.6	-583.6	-506.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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
VII	-0.4	7.2	-13.8	-7.6	-4.3	-13.5	-7.4	-4.2	-13.5
I - VII	-3.1	4.3	-15.6	-6.4	-1.0	-16.0	-6.3	-0.9	-15.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	26598.9	25783.9	-3.1	30151.4	28210.7	-6.4	-3552.5	-2426.8
EU	16782.4	17496.6	4.3	19150.3	18966.4	-1.0	-2367.9	-1469.8
Austria	454.2	503.7	10.9	808.1	817.4	1.2	-353.9	-313.7
Belgium	1017.6	687.6	-32.4	673.8	677.8	0.6	343.8	9.8
Croatia	100.7	126.0	25.1	64.1	73.7	15.0	36.6	52.3
Cyprus	217.0	88.1	-59.4	44.9	29.0	-35.4	172.1	59.1
Czech Republic	440.0	420.9	-4.3	618.1	599.2	-3.1	-178.1	-178.3
Denmark	130.7	159.9	22.3	131.6	142.5	8.3	-0.9	17.4
Estonia	20.7	24.5	18.4	12.5	15.3	22.4	8.2	9.2
Finland	60.8	43.0	-29.3	57.1	77.9	36.4	3.7	-34.9
France	1111.9	1209.1	8.7	960.6	953.3	-0.8	151.3	255.8
Germany	3356.3	3428.0	2.1	3871.1	3886.9	0.4	-514.8	-458.9
Greece	1703.2	1820.0	6.9	1411.7	1324.8	-6.2	291.5	495.2
Hungary	409.1	444.4	8.6	1091.5	1106.8	1.4	-682.4	-662.4
Ireland	26.0	30.2	16.2	92.1	97.3	5.6	-66.1	-67.1
Italy	2518.9	2589.7	2.8	2272.8	2382.1	4.8	246.1	207.6
Latvia	28.2	33.3	18.1	28.2	29.6	5.0	0.0	3.7
Lithuania	51.3	57.5	12.1	46.6	40.5	-13.1	4.7	17.0
Luxembourg	3.1	5.2	67.7	89.5	100.6	12.4	-86.4	-95.4
Malta	63.2	58.4	-7.6	11.3	21.8	92.9	51.9	36.6
Netherlands	602.6	683.4	13.4	960.7	1018.8	6.0	-358.1	-335.4
Poland	553.9	596.7	7.7	874.4	1049.6	20.0	-320.5	-452.9
Portugal	94.1	124.5	32.3	63.2	51.3	-18.8	30.9	73.2
Romania	2117.4	2277.2	7.5	2013.6	1944.9	-3.4	103.8	332.3
Slovakia	217.1	183.8	-15.3	410.6	391.6	-4.6	-193.5	-207.8
Slovenia	174.1	230.6	32.5	199.8	226.5	13.4	-25.7	4.1
Spain	459.5	622.2	35.4	1542.0	985.2	-36.1	-1082.5	-363.0
Sweden	167.8	193.6	15.4	179.8	178.6	-0.7	-12.0	15.0
United Kingdom	630.4	657.4	4.3	533.5	630.4	18.2	96.9	27.0
Not specified	52.6	197.7	275.9	87.1	113.0	29.7	-34.5	84.7

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 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	9816.5	8287.3	-15.6	11001.1	9244.3	-16.0	-1184.6	-957.0
CIS³	942.3	570.4	-39.5	4391.4	3150.1	-28.3	-3449.1	-2579.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	24.5	18.6	-24.1	29.0	19.0	-34.5	-4.5	-0.4
Russian Federation	482.5	368.4	-23.6	3735.1	2584.6	-30.8	-3252.6	-2216.2
Ukraine	241.9	81.8	-66.2	547.5	453.7	-17.1	-305.6	-371.9
OECD⁴	3430.0	2854.0	-16.8	2743.6	2556.7	-6.8	686.4	297.3
of which:								
Canada	50.0	42.8	-14.4	34.3	43.1	25.7	15.7	-0.3
Israel	66.6	64.1	-3.8	50.0	62.1	24.2	16.6	2.0
Japan	46.0	40.5	-12.0	86.3	111.2	28.9	-40.3	-70.7
Korea, Republic of	77.3	63.4	-18.0	92.6	135.2	46.0	-15.3	-71.8
Turkey	2444.6	2130.3	-12.9	1728.6	1674.5	-3.1	716.0	455.8
United States	483.6	342.9	-29.1	288.0	245.0	-14.9	195.6	97.9
EFTA⁵	176.0	114.8	-34.8	242.8	251.3	3.5	-66.8	-136.5
of which:								
Norway	35.8	20.5	-42.7	19.6	30.4	55.1	16.2	-9.9
Switzerland	138.4	93.2	-32.7	220.3	218.7	-0.7	-81.9	-125.5

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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 - July 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	68.2	55.4	-18.8	20.3	12.9	-36.5	47.9	42.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	71.8	75.8	5.6	37.3	40.2	7.8	34.5	35.6
Brazil	26.7	34.0	27.3	44.8	33.9	-24.3	-18.1	0.1
China	656.6	445.1	-32.2	1119.5	1131.8	1.1	-462.9	-686.7
Egypt	375.3	196.8	-47.6	95.1	264.8	178.4	280.2	-68.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	426.7	447.3	4.8	299.1	266.5	-10.9	127.6	180.8
Georgia	179.2	161.4	-9.9	293.6	118.0	-59.8	-114.4	43.4
India	65.2	73.0	12.0	163.8	131.7	-19.6	-98.6	-58.7
Indonesia	30.6	27.8	-9.2	38.6	35.6	-7.8	-8.0	-7.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	192.6	56.7	-70.6	6.1	29.6	385.2	186.5	27.1
Peru	3.5	5.4	54.3	14.1	21.6	53.2	-10.6	-16.2
Serbia	480.5	421.6	-12.3	415.0	409.8	-1.3	65.5	11.8
Singapore	488.0	136.7	-72.0	27.1	26.7	-1.5	460.9	110.0
South Africa	60.0	57.5	-4.2	13.7	22.3	62.8	46.3	35.2
Syrian Arab Republic	37.9	20.9	-44.9	14.6	1.4	-90.4	23.3	19.5
Taiwan	27.8	17.3	-37.8	142.0	113.2	-20.3	-114.2	-95.9
United Arab Emirates	257.6	206.5	-19.8	117.2	23.6	-79.9	140.4	182.9
Viet Nam	24.1	61.2	153.9	59.5	44.6	-25.0	-35.4	16.6

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 2016.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - July 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	26598.9	25783.9	-3.1	30151.4	28210.7	-6.4	-3552.5	-2426.8
of which EU	16782.4	17496.6	4.3	19150.3	18966.4	-1.0	-2367.9	-1469.8
Food and live animals	2485.4	2687.3	8.1	2248.7	2294.2	2.0	236.7	393.1
of which EU	1505.7	1850.3	22.9	1793.9	1819.9	1.4	-288.2	30.4
Beverages and tobacco	490.4	430.8	-12.2	393.1	428.0	8.9	97.3	2.8
of which EU	165.8	220.3	32.9	296.2	339.5	14.6	-130.4	-119.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1795.4	1720.5	-4.2	2779.0	1707.7	-38.5	-983.6	12.8
of which EU	1082.4	1117.9	3.3	1602.4	1023.3	-36.1	-520.0	94.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2944.2	2154.5	-26.8	4905.4	3316.4	-32.4	-1961.2	-1161.9
of which EU	807.4	606.6	-24.9	804.4	639.6	-20.5	3.0	-33.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	278.6	256.4	-8.0	95.4	100.8	5.7	183.2	155.6
of which EU	190.2	171.6	-9.8	66.7	73.7	10.5	123.5	97.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2654.4	2628.8	-1.0	4228.6	4390.1	3.8	-1574.2	-1761.3
of which EU	1434.1	1744.3	21.6	3275.7	3463.2	5.7	-1841.6	-1718.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6195.0	5177.6	-16.4	5162.0	5283.5	2.4	1033.0	-105.9
of which EU	4293.9	3673.9	-14.4	3232.5	3403.1	5.3	1061.4	270.8
Machinery and transport equipment	5610.3	5823.4	3.8	7899.8	7996.3	1.2	-2289.5	-2172.9
of which EU	4075.4	4364.1	7.1	6268.8	6261.9	-0.1	-2193.4	-1897.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4070.3	4830.8	18.7	2272.9	2517.0	10.7	1797.4	2313.8
of which EU	3173.1	3695.7	16.5	1660.1	1793.1	8.0	1513.0	1902.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	74.9	73.8	-1.5	166.5	176.7	6.1	-91.6	-102.9
of which EU	54.4	51.9	-4.6	149.6	149.1	-0.3	-95.2	-97.2

¹Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2016.