

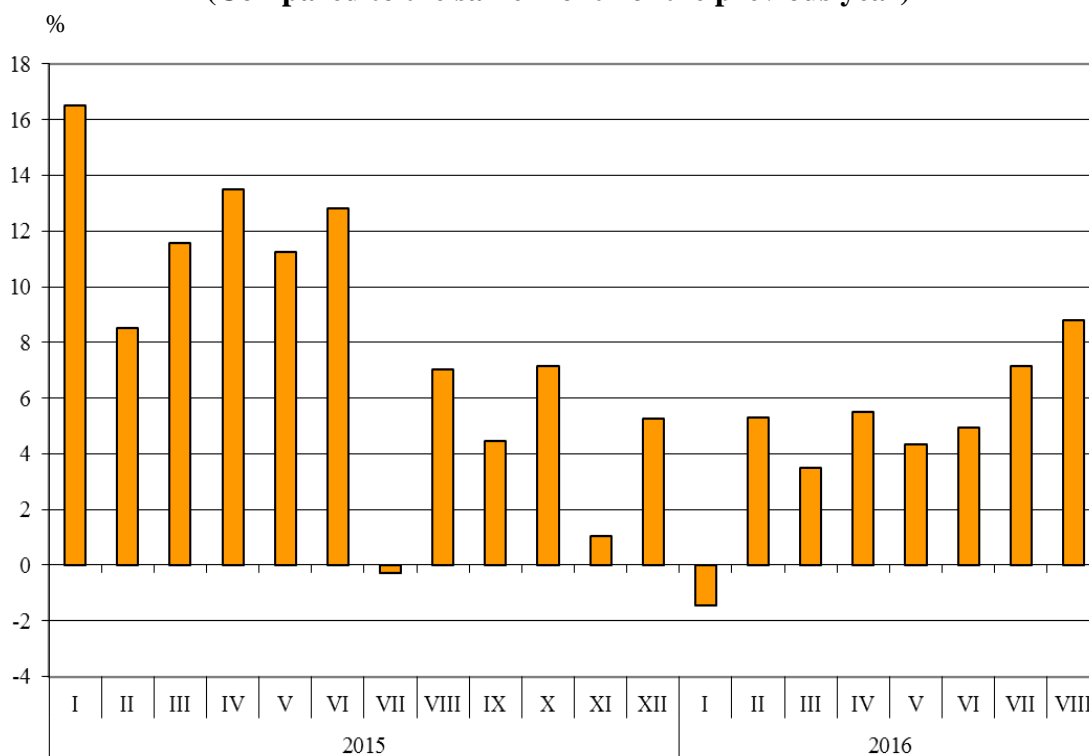


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2016** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 4.8% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 20 178.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 64.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 8.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 681.6 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 - August 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' (33.1%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (20.5%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (26.6%).

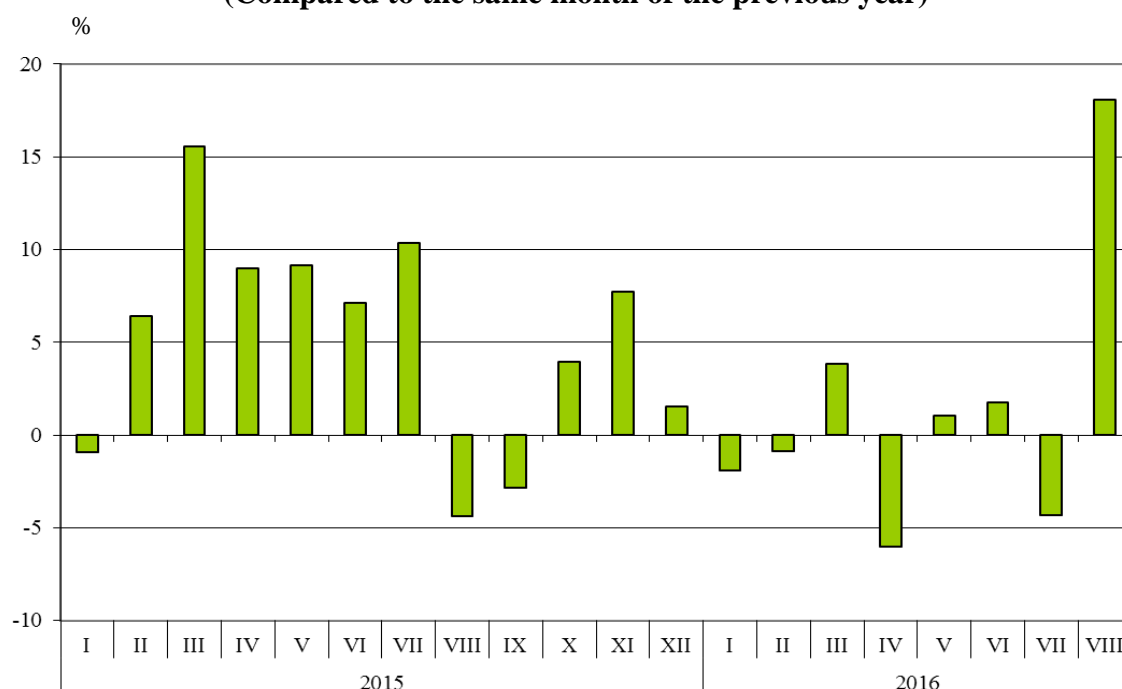
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - August 2016** increased by 1.1% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 21 750.0 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 **August 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 18.1% in comparison with August 2015 and amounted to 2 783.6 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 - August 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’ (14.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (27.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - August 2016 was negative and added up to 1 571.8 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 553.3 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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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
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
VIII.2015	3682.9	2464.8	1218.1	3798.5	2356.9	1441.6	3617.8	2250.3	1367.5	-115.6	107.9	-223.5	65.1	214.5	-149.4
I - VIII.2015	30281.8	19247.2	11034.6	33949.9	21507.2	12442.7	32308.4	20495.5	11812.9	-3668.1	-2260.0	-1408.1	-2026.6	-1248.3	-778.3
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
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
VIII.2016	3910.4	2681.6	1228.8	4431.4	2783.6	1647.8	4211.8	2651.3	1560.5	-521.0	-102.0	-419.0	219.6	30.3	-331.7
I - VIII.2016	29694.3	20178.2	9516.1	32642.1	21750.0	10892.1	31085.3	20731.5	10353.8	-2947.8	-1571.8	-1376.0	1556.8	-553.3	-837.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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
VIII	6.2	8.8	0.9	16.7	18.1	14.3	16.4	17.8	14.1
I - VIII	-1.9	4.8	-13.8	-3.9	1.1	-12.5	-3.8	1.2	-12.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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	30281.8	29694.3	-1.9	33949.9	32642.1	-3.9	-3668.1	-2947.8
EU	19247.2	20178.2	4.8	21507.2	21750.0	1.1	-2260.0	-1571.8
Austria	519.5	577.1	11.1	907.2	940.8	3.7	-387.7	-363.7
Belgium	1152.5	856.5	-25.7	747.6	774.1	3.5	404.9	82.4
Croatia	118.4	144.7	22.2	72.3	85.5	18.3	46.1	59.2
Cyprus	231.5	102.8	-55.6	51.0	32.6	-36.1	180.5	70.2
Czech Republic	495.7	487.2	-1.7	704.8	683.7	-3.0	-209.1	-196.5
Denmark	155.7	181.4	16.5	152.1	161.9	6.4	3.6	19.5
Estonia	23.4	27.8	18.8	14.0	17.9	27.9	9.4	9.9
Finland	80.4	47.7	-40.7	66.9	91.2	36.3	13.5	-43.5
France	1273.6	1368.4	7.4	1056.3	1062.9	0.6	217.3	305.5
Germany	3814.6	4035.3	5.8	4364.4	4409.4	1.0	-549.8	-374.1
Greece	1920.9	2050.4	6.7	1589.4	1520.6	-4.3	331.5	529.8
Hungary	464.8	505.6	8.8	1232.7	1261.8	2.4	-767.9	-756.2
Ireland	29.4	34.3	16.7	106.1	116.3	9.6	-76.7	-82.0
Italy	2798.3	2851.6	1.9	2507.9	2629.1	4.8	290.4	222.5
Latvia	31.5	37.1	17.8	33.5	40.1	19.7	-2.0	-3.0
Lithuania	57.4	67.9	18.3	52.4	64.4	22.9	5.0	3.5
Luxembourg	3.4	6.6	94.1	104.1	113.5	9.0	-100.7	-106.9
Malta	69.3	61.3	-11.5	13.6	24.2	77.9	55.7	37.1
Netherlands	681.0	787.5	15.6	1097.6	1168.6	6.5	-416.6	-381.1
Poland	639.3	685.2	7.2	1007.6	1224.5	21.5	-368.3	-539.3
Portugal	115.4	144.8	25.5	66.9	56.1	-16.1	48.5	88.7
Romania	2461.2	2665.1	8.3	2286.0	2247.5	-1.7	175.2	417.6
Slovakia	237.0	206.6	-12.8	468.3	444.7	-5.0	-231.3	-238.1
Slovenia	214.7	266.5	24.1	225.0	251.5	11.8	-10.3	15.0
Spain	689.6	775.2	12.4	1675.4	1222.8	-27.0	-985.8	-447.6
Sweden	190.7	224.2	17.6	199.1	197.2	-1.0	-8.4	27.0
United Kingdom	721.6	747.8	3.6	596.8	784.2	31.4	124.8	-36.4
Not specified	56.4	231.6	310.6	108.2	122.9	13.6	-51.8	108.7

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 9-th November 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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	11034.6	9516.1	-13.8	12442.7	10892.1	-12.5	-1408.1	-1376.0
CIS³	1033.3	667.0	-35.4	4925.4	3632.3	-26.3	-3892.1	-2965.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	27.8	20.2	-27.3	34.2	20.9	-38.9	-6.4	-0.7
Russian Federation	538.0	442.0	-17.8	4177.3	2996.6	-28.3	-3639.3	-2554.6
Ukraine	252.6	88.8	-64.8	618.5	509.5	-17.6	-365.9	-420.7
OECD⁴	3860.7	3226.1	-16.4	3109.4	2963.0	-4.7	751.3	263.1
of which:								
Canada	54.0	47.7	-11.7	36.4	48.8	34.1	17.6	-1.1
Israel	110.0	73.5	-33.2	53.4	70.3	31.6	56.6	3.2
Japan	53.8	46.1	-14.3	100.3	125.3	24.9	-46.5	-79.2
Korea, Republic of	82.4	73.6	-10.7	107.4	154.9	44.2	-25.0	-81.3
Turkey	2750.7	2410.7	-12.4	1938.6	1949.8	0.6	812.1	460.9
United States	523.9	388.6	-25.8	325.9	280.6	-13.9	198.0	108.0
EFTA⁵	192.2	122.6	-36.2	269.4	286.2	6.2	-77.2	-163.6
of which:								
Norway	41.6	22.0	-47.1	21.1	32.8	55.5	20.5	-10.8
Switzerland	148.8	99.6	-33.1	245.4	251.2	2.4	-96.6	-151.6

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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 - August 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	76.7	62.8	-18.1	22.9	15.4	-32.8	53.8	47.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	79.5	87.2	9.7	40.9	49.7	21.5	38.6	37.5
Brazil	36.8	37.0	0.5	46.3	36.0	-22.2	-9.5	1.0
China	753.9	483.3	-35.9	1255.6	1338.3	6.6	-501.7	-855.0
Egypt	430.3	223.6	-48.0	103.2	365.8	254.5	327.1	-142.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	488.1	505.7	3.6	340.5	306.6	-10.0	147.6	199.1
Georgia	209.9	185.9	-11.4	326.2	161.8	-50.4	-116.3	24.1
India	72.3	84.5	16.9	183.6	150.7	-17.9	-111.3	-66.2
Indonesia	36.7	33.5	-8.7	45.2	41.4	-8.4	-8.5	-7.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	199.3	90.1	-54.8	6.8	33.4	391.2	192.5	56.7
Peru	4.4	6.9	56.8	21.3	29.4	38.0	-16.9	-22.5
Serbia	541.1	497.9	-8.0	477.5	469.5	-1.7	63.6	28.4
Singapore	509.6	211.8	-58.4	31.9	31.9	0.0	477.7	179.9
South Africa	64.1	60.7	-5.3	15.5	27.0	74.2	48.6	33.7
Syrian Arab Republic	39.2	23.4	-40.3	14.7	1.4	-90.5	24.5	22.0
Taiwan	30.1	22.0	-26.9	152.8	135.2	-11.5	-122.7	-113.2
United Arab Emirates	283.0	239.2	-15.5	120.9	27.1	-77.6	162.1	212.1
Viet Nam	39.2	80.8	106.1	66.1	53.2	-19.5	-26.9	27.6

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.

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 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	30281.8	29694.3	-1.9	33949.9	32642.1	-3.9	-3668.1	-2947.8
of which EU	19247.2	20178.2	4.8	21507.2	21750.0	1.1	-2260.0	-1571.8
Food and live animals	3084.3	3218.7	4.4	2573.9	2639.6	2.6	510.4	579.1
of which EU	1968.3	2284.6	16.1	2043.3	2097.7	2.7	-75.0	186.9
Beverages and tobacco	543.5	506.3	-6.8	452.2	502.1	11.0	91.3	4.2
of which EU	185.2	246.5	33.1	348.2	398.0	14.3	-163.0	-151.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2054.4	2118.2	3.1	3023.9	2090.8	-30.9	-969.5	27.4
of which EU	1262.2	1411.5	11.8	1715.3	1251.0	-27.1	-453.1	160.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3398.4	2546.3	-25.1	5539.8	3930.0	-29.1	-2141.4	-1383.7
of which EU	978.9	718.9	-26.6	947.1	768.9	-18.8	31.8	-50.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	310.7	286.8	-7.7	108.0	115.6	7.0	202.7	171.2
of which EU	218.7	195.3	-10.7	75.6	84.3	11.5	143.1	111.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3024.8	3010.2	-0.5	4812.3	5025.7	4.4	-1787.5	-2015.5
of which EU	1662.3	2003.8	20.5	3704.2	3957.3	6.8	-2041.9	-1953.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6922.8	5965.9	-13.8	5790.5	6046.0	4.4	1132.3	-80.1
of which EU	4765.1	4186.9	-12.1	3599.7	3871.8	7.6	1165.4	315.1
Machinery and transport equipment	6240.3	6525.4	4.6	8868.3	9185.6	3.6	-2628.0	-2660.2
of which EU	4537.0	4902.5	8.1	7030.0	7101.3	1.0	-2493.0	-2198.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4619.6	5433.6	17.6	2595.1	2910.8	12.2	2024.5	2522.8
of which EU	3609.1	4170.5	15.6	1877.1	2055.5	9.5	1732.0	2115.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	83.0	82.9	-0.1	185.9	195.9	5.4	-102.9	-113.0
of which EU	60.4	57.7	-4.5	166.7	164.2	-1.5	-106.3	-106.5

¹Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2016.