

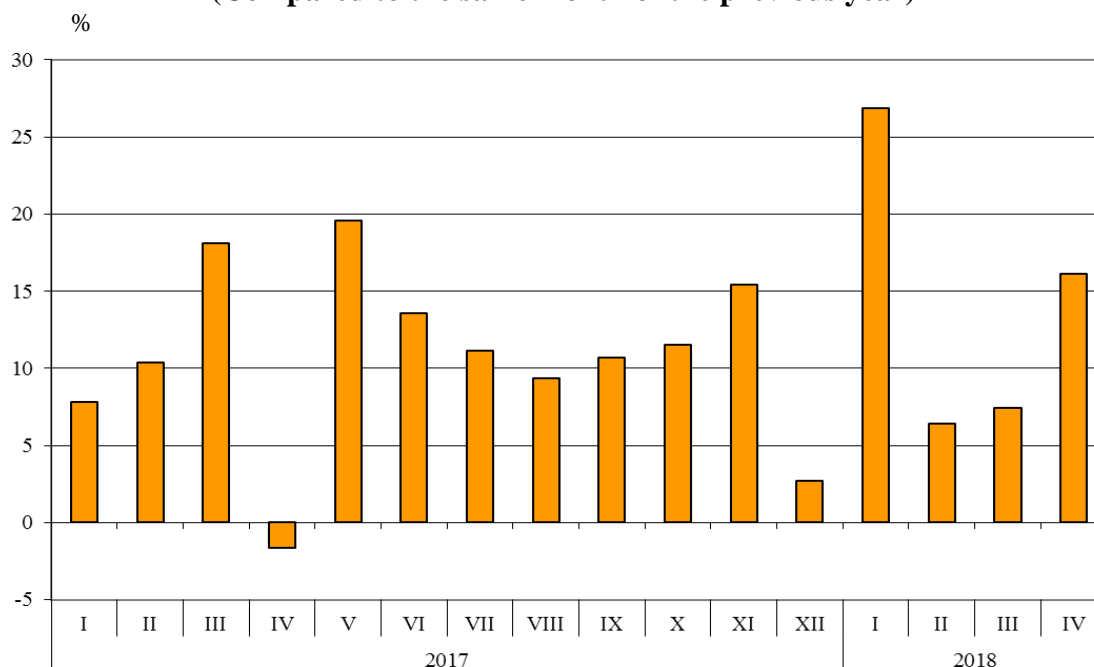


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2018** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 13.8% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 11 859.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2018** the exports to the EU grew by 16.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 898.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2018** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year 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 'Food and live animals' (48.0%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)² (31.4%). Fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (28.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

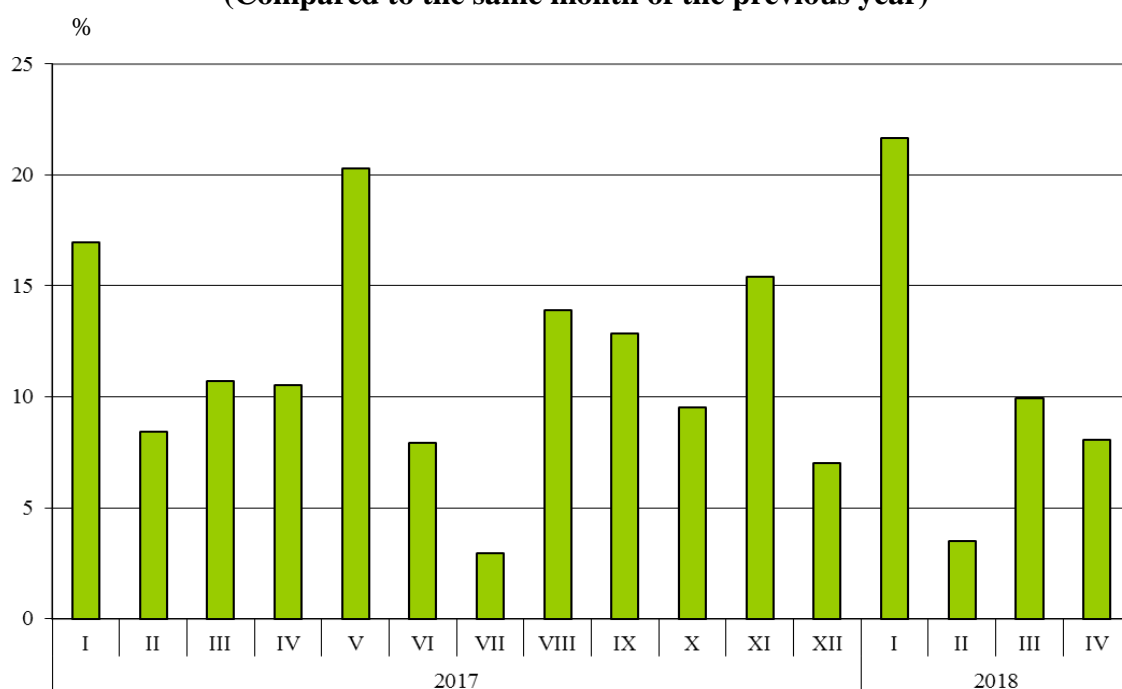
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - April 2018** increased by 10.5% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 13 021.1 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2018** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 8.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 217.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2018** compared to the corresponding period of 2017 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’ (31.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (12.9%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with** the EU in the period January - April 2018 was negative and added up to 1 161.8 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 361.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2017¹ and 2018¹ 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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
III.2017	4373.3	2962.0	1411.3	5305.7	3328.1	1977.6	4972.9	3134.4	1838.5	-932.4	-366.1	-566.3	-599.6	-172.4	-427.2
I - III.2017	12167.6	7924.0	4243.6	13964.5	8801.0	5163.5	13052.7	8262.1	4790.6	-1796.9	-877.0	-919.9	-885.1	-338.1	-547.0
IV.2017	3907.0	2495.6	1411.4	4684.4	2977.7	1706.7	4385.0	2792.3	1592.7	-777.4	-482.1	-295.3	-478.0	-296.7	-181.3
I - IV.2017	16074.6	10419.6	5655.0	18648.9	11778.7	6870.2	17437.7	11054.4	6383.3	-2574.3	-1359.1	-1215.2	-1363.1	-634.8	-728.3
I.2018	4185.8	3092.9	1092.9	5056.1	3226.8	1829.3	4713.7	3021.8	1691.9	-870.3	-133.9	-736.4	-527.9	71.1	-599.0
II.2018	3829.0	2686.1	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-743.9	-232.7	-511.2	-455.8	-65.0	-390.8
III.2018	4445.7	3181.7	1264.0	5129.4	3657.9	1471.5	4801.0	3430.4	1370.6	-683.7	-476.2	-207.5	-355.3	-248.7	-106.6
I - III.2018	12460.5	8960.7	3499.8	14758.4	9803.5	4954.9	13799.5	9203.3	4596.2	-2297.9	-842.8	-1455.1	-1339.0	-242.6	-1096.4
IV.2018	4173.2	2898.6	1274.6	4975.1	3217.6	1757.5	4647.6	3017.2	1630.4	-801.9	-319.0	-482.9	-474.4	-118.6	-355.8
I - IV.2018	16633.7	11859.3	4774.4	19733.5	13021.1	6712.4	18447.1	12220.5	6226.6	-3099.8	-1161.8	-1938.0	-1813.4	-361.2	-1452.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2018¹ compared to the same month 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	11.6	26.8	-16.7	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.1
III	1.7	7.4	-10.4	-3.3	9.9	-25.6	-3.5	9.4	-25.5
I - III	2.4	13.1	-17.5	5.7	11.4	-4.0	5.7	11.4	-4.1
IV	6.8	16.1	-9.7	6.2	8.1	3.0	6.0	8.1	2.4
I - IV	3.5	13.8	-15.6	5.8	10.5	-2.3	5.8	10.5	-2.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2017² and 2018²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	16074.6	16633.7	3.5	18648.9	19733.5	5.8	-2574.3	-3099.8
EU	10419.6	11859.3	13.8	11778.7	13021.1	10.5	-1359.1	-1161.8
Austria	318.4	327.3	2.8	452.3	497.6	10.0	-133.9	-170.3
Belgium	559.4	592.0	5.8	374.3	406.6	8.6	185.1	185.4
Croatia	69.0	88.2	27.8	46.6	60.7	30.3	22.4	27.5
Cyprus	48.0	65.1	35.6	21.2	74.0	249.1	26.8	-8.9
Czech Republic	323.5	359.6	11.2	392.6	448.8	14.3	-69.1	-89.2
Denmark	99.1	110.7	11.7	93.2	93.0	-0.2	5.9	17.7
Estonia	16.8	17.0	1.2	10.3	14.5	40.8	6.5	2.5
Finland	25.3	32.9	30.0	31.9	46.4	45.5	-6.6	-13.5
France	679.2	721.5	6.2	566.6	603.8	6.6	112.6	117.7
Germany	2251.3	2783.4	23.6	2234.0	2556.6	14.4	17.3	226.8
Greece	1033.5	1135.9	9.9	798.6	839.0	5.1	234.9	296.9
Hungary	278.5	288.0	3.4	658.3	717.1	8.9	-379.8	-429.1
Ireland	29.7	33.2	11.8	75.8	79.9	5.4	-46.1	-46.7
Italy	1368.6	1541.5	12.6	1365.9	1468.5	7.5	2.7	73.0
Latvia	18.0	23.0	27.8	28.3	28.4	0.4	-10.3	-5.4
Lithuania	43.6	45.4	4.1	27.1	32.0	18.1	16.5	13.4
Luxembourg	4.6	4.4	-4.3	71.1	44.2	-37.8	-66.5	-39.8
Malta	14.8	15.6	5.4	8.1	74.6	821.0	6.7	-59.0
Netherlands	449.5	483.2	7.5	647.4	720.4	11.3	-197.9	-237.2
Poland	393.8	446.5	13.4	658.8	597.7	-9.3	-265.0	-151.2
Portugal	56.5	51.3	-9.2	40.5	75.6	86.7	16.0	-24.3
Romania	1260.6	1384.2	9.8	1370.1	1414.7	3.3	-109.5	-30.5
Slovakia	115.3	127.6	10.7	239.6	254.7	6.3	-124.3	-127.1
Slovenia	96.7	117.0	21.0	137.1	147.9	7.9	-40.4	-30.9
Spain	269.2	401.0	49.0	929.8	1229.9	32.3	-660.6	-828.9
Sweden	134.4	153.6	14.3	117.2	144.3	23.1	17.2	9.3
United Kingdom	399.3	416.1	4.2	320.3	312.9	-2.3	79.0	103.2
Not specified	63.0	94.1	49.4	61.7	37.3	-39.5	1.3	56.8

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 12-th July 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - April 2017² and 2018²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries	5655.0	4774.4	-15.6	6870.2	6712.4	-2.3	-1215.2	-1938.0
CIS³	386.8	444.6	14.9	2269.1	1886.1	-16.9	-1882.3	-1441.5
of which:								
Kazakhstan	14.8	15.0	1.4	15.5	3.8	-75.5	-0.7	11.2
Russian Federation	242.9	251.9	3.7	1923.9	1513.7	-21.3	-1681.0	-1261.8
Ukraine	53.9	94.3	75.0	261.5	305.6	16.9	-207.6	-211.3
OECD⁴	1829.9	1732.3	-5.3	1701.7	1920.1	12.8	128.2	-187.8
of which:								
Canada	23.9	33.8	41.4	26.4	50.7	92.0	-2.5	-16.9
Israel	45.3	40.2	-11.3	29.1	30.8	5.8	16.2	9.4
Japan	21.4	24.1	12.6	69.1	79.0	14.3	-47.7	-54.9
Korea, Republic of	18.9	30.5	61.4	72.6	98.8	36.1	-53.7	-68.3
Turkey	1402.9	1176.1	-16.2	1155.7	1259.6	9.0	247.2	-83.5
United States	190.5	251.8	32.2	148.3	192.0	29.5	42.2	59.8
EFTA⁵	83.0	127.3	53.4	157.6	158.3	0.4	-74.6	-31.0
of which:								
Norway	16.0	25.5	59.4	28.5	17.4	-38.9	-12.5	8.1
Switzerland	65.8	100.1	52.1	126.8	138.2	9.0	-61.0	-38.1

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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 2017² and 2018²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	43.2	53.0	22.7	10.2	7.5	-26.5	33.0	45.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	46.1	39.0	-15.4	26.0	11.0	-57.7	20.1	28.0
Brazil	8.4	11.6	38.1	14.3	23.4	63.6	-5.9	-11.8
China	409.7	385.1	-6.0	691.2	817.1	18.2	-281.5	-432.0
Egypt	348.2	59.4	-82.9	365.9	176.9	-51.7	-17.7	-117.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	253.4	271.7	7.2	188.0	206.0	9.6	65.4	65.7
Georgia	82.9	88.3	6.5	158.2	258.4	63.3	-75.3	-170.1
India	96.4	63.0	-34.6	88.9	116.2	30.7	7.5	-53.2
Indonesia	17.0	16.4	-3.5	27.3	33.1	21.2	-10.3	-16.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	43.0	20.1	-53.3	68.8	22.6	-67.2	-25.8	-2.5
Peru	8.0	7.1	-11.3	21.3	26.5	24.4	-13.3	-19.4
Serbia	277.4	289.0	4.2	367.7	388.7	5.7	-90.3	-99.7
Singapore	160.1	92.5	-42.2	23.3	28.8	23.6	136.8	63.7
South Africa	31.9	45.4	42.3	27.5	18.8	-31.6	4.4	26.6
Syrian Arab Republic	24.2	14.2	-41.3	0.0	0.3	x	17.1	13.9
Taiwan	13.6	17.6	29.4	70.9	65.3	-7.9	-57.3	-47.7
United Arab Emirates	145.2	58.3	-59.8	19.7	19.4	-1.5	125.5	38.9
Viet Nam	13.8	13.8	0.0	29.2	32.8	12.3	-15.4	-19.0

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - April 2017¹ and 2018¹**

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	
Total	16074.6	16633.7	3.5	18648.9	19733.5	5.8	-2574.3	-3099.8
of which EU	10419.6	11859.3	13.8	11778.7	13021.1	10.5	-1359.1	-1161.8
Food and live animals	1384.2	1754.8	26.8	1467.3	1524.7	3.9	-83.1	230.1
of which EU	908.7	1345.1	48.0	1174.6	1228.2	4.6	-265.9	116.9
Beverages and tobacco	251.7	190.3	-24.4	206.1	244.6	18.7	45.6	-54.3
of which EU	87.7	106.6	21.6	170.7	192.9	13.0	-83.0	-86.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	910.6	1099.8	20.8	1701.0	2092.7	23.0	-790.4	-992.9
of which EU	578.4	760.2	31.4	1005.0	1316.6	31.0	-426.6	-556.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1449.3	639.6	-55.9	2776.1	2092.7	-24.6	-1326.8	-1453.1
of which EU	367.7	264.6	-28.0	570.9	512.3	-10.3	-203.2	-247.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	166.9	188.5	12.9	62.4	64.1	2.7	104.5	124.4
of which EU	112.0	121.1	8.1	42.6	37.1	-12.9	69.4	84.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1618.7	1702.2	5.2	2774.6	2868.6	3.4	-1155.9	-1166.4
of which EU	1067.9	1091.2	2.2	2213.8	2229.4	0.7	-1145.9	-1138.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3862.7	4242.3	9.8	3166.6	3493.6	10.3	696.1	748.7
of which EU	2635.3	2980.1	13.1	1840.0	1995.7	8.5	795.3	984.4
Machinery and transport equipment	3456.0	3983.0	15.2	4872.3	5625.5	15.5	-1416.3	-1642.5
of which EU	2591.8	3035.1	17.1	3623.6	4279.3	18.1	-1031.8	-1244.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2930.8	2780.8	-5.1	1524.0	1614.1	5.9	1406.8	1166.7
of which EU	2037.6	2114.2	3.8	1049.9	1129.2	7.6	987.7	985.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	43.7	52.4	19.9	98.5	112.9	14.6	-54.8	-60.5
of which EU	32.5	41.1	26.5	87.6	100.4	14.6	-55.1	-59.3

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