

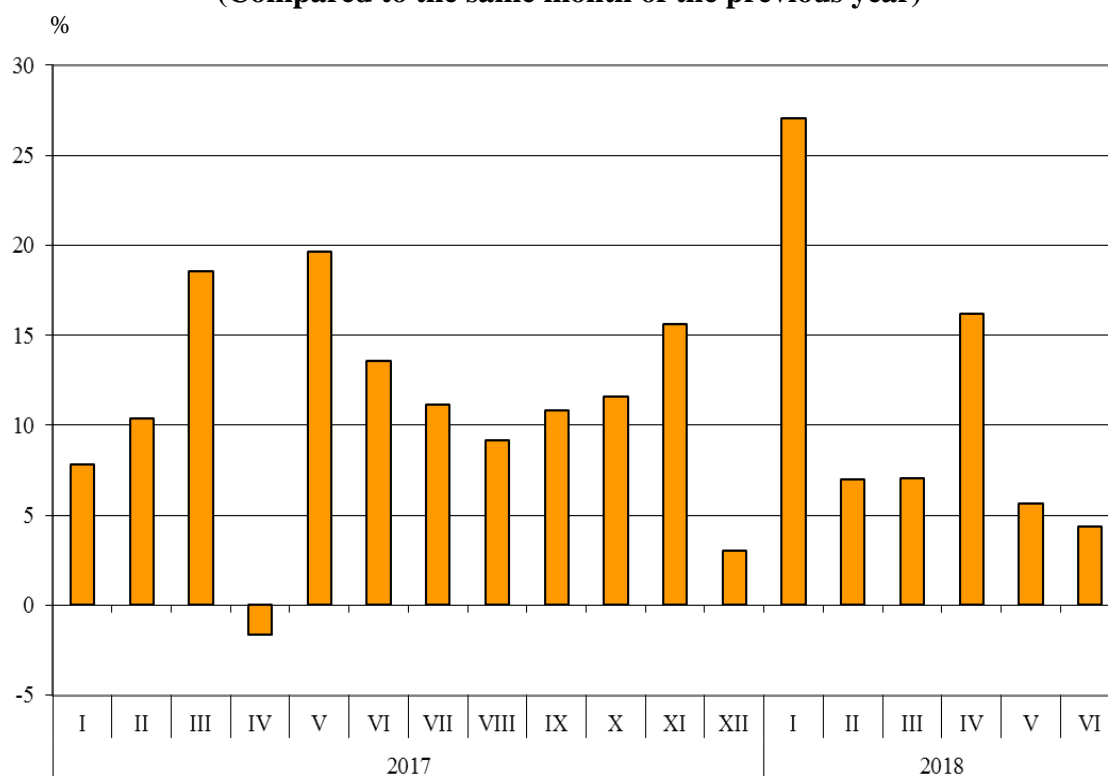


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 10.7% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 18 104.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2018** the exports of goods to the EU grew by 4.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 195.2 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 - June 2018** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections 'Food and live animals' (37.1%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'² (31.1%). Fall was recorded only in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (22.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

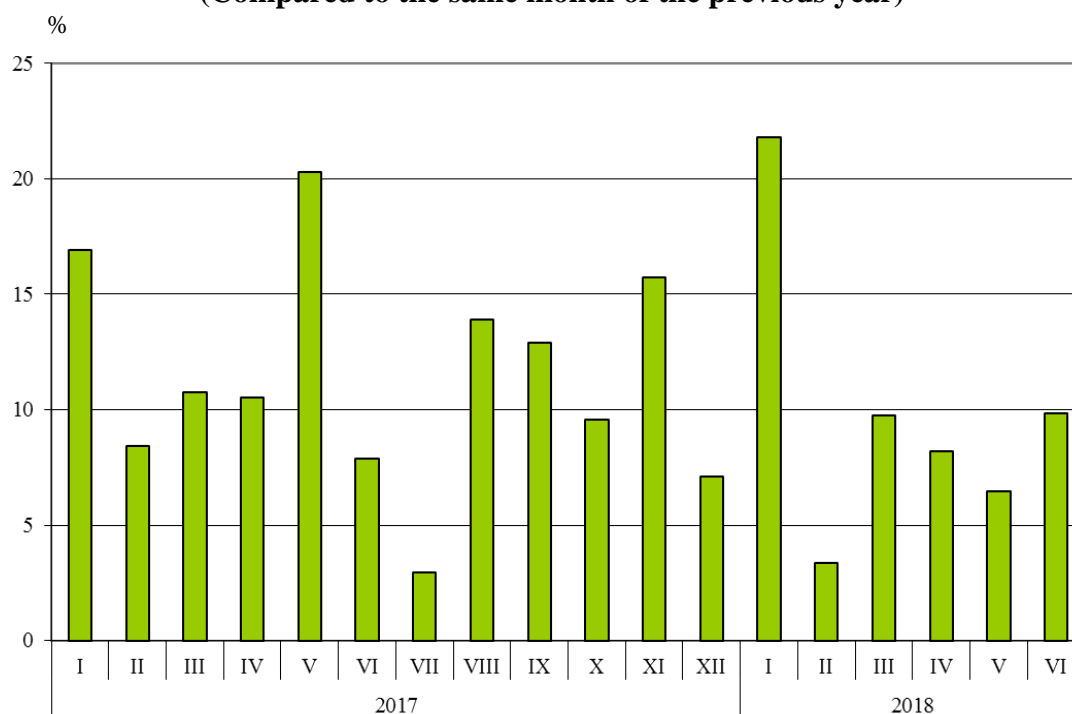
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials,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



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - June 2018 increased by 9.7% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 19 826.3 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 **June 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States grew by 9.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 439.6 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 - June 2018** compared to the corresponding period of 2017 the largest growth in the imports of goods from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was registered in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)' (36.9%) and the most notable fall - in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (11.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January -June 2018 was negative and added up to 1 721.8 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 445.1 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2017 and 2018¹ 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.2017	3884.4	2438.2	1446.2	4233.0	2651.9	1581.1	3922.8	2472.7	1450.1	-348.6	-213.7	-134.9	-38.4	-34.5	-3.9
II.2017	4179.1	2524.3	1654.8	4430.9	2820.4	1610.5	4112.3	2641.9	1470.4	-251.8	-296.1	44.3	66.8	-117.6	184.4
III.2017	4728.8	2973.3	1755.5	5309.2	3328.8	1980.4	4960.0	3131.1	1828.9	-580.4	-355.5	-224.9	-231.2	-157.8	-73.4
I - III.2017	12792.3	7935.8	4856.5	13973.1	8801.1	5172.0	12995.1	8245.7	4749.4	-1180.8	-865.3	-315.5	-202.8	-309.9	107.1
IV.2017	4029.9	2496.3	1533.6	4675.3	2977.4	1697.9	4358.0	2784.0	1574.0	-645.4	-481.1	-164.3	-328.1	-287.7	-40.4
V.2017	4587.8	2867.9	1719.9	4956.9	3162.9	1794.0	4621.6	2969.1	1652.5	-369.1	-295.0	-74.1	-33.8	-101.2	67.4
VI.2017	4785.6	3061.9	1723.7	4915.3	3131.1	1784.2	4584.8	2942.0	1642.8	-129.7	-69.2	-60.5	200.8	119.9	80.9
IV - VI.2017	13403.3	8426.1	4977.2	14547.5	9271.4	5276.1	13564.4	8695.1	4869.3	-1144.2	-845.3	-298.9	-161.1	-269.0	107.9
I - VI.2017	26195.6	16361.9	9833.7	28520.6	18072.5	10448.1	26559.5	16940.8	9618.7	-2325.0	-1710.6	-614.4	-363.9	-578.9	215.0
I.2018	4190.2	3097.3	1092.9	5059.1	3229.9	1829.2	4680.5	3012.4	1668.1	-868.9	-132.6	-736.3	-490.3	84.9	-575.2
II.2018	3842.9	2700.2	1142.7	4569.1	2915.1	1654.0	4257.5	2742.7	1514.8	-726.2	-214.9	-511.3	-414.6	-42.5	-372.1
III.2018	4446.5	3182.5	1264.0	5123.7	3652.6	1471.1	4763.8	3411.5	1352.3	-677.2	-470.1	-207.1	-317.3	-229.0	-88.3
I - III.2018	12479.6	8980.0	3499.6	14751.9	9797.6	4954.3	13701.8	9166.6	4535.2	-2272.3	-817.6	-1454.7	-1222.2	-186.6	-1035.6
IV.2018	4174.3	2899.8	1274.5	4978.5	3221.1	1757.4	4619.7	3007.5	1612.2	-804.2	-321.3	-482.9	-445.4	-107.7	-337.7
V.2018	4305.9	3029.5	1276.4	5169.5	3368.0	1801.5	4806.5	3152.6	1653.9	-863.6	-338.5	-525.1	-500.6	-123.1	-377.5
VI.2018	4631.3	3195.2	1436.1	5502.4	3439.6	2062.8	5112.8	3222.9	1889.9	-871.1	-244.4	-626.7	-481.5	-27.7	-453.8
IV - VI.2018	13111.5	9124.5	3987.0	15650.4	10028.7	5621.7	14539.0	9383.0	5156.0	-2538.9	-904.2	-1634.7	-1427.5	-258.5	-1169.0
I - VI.2018	25591.1	18104.5	7486.6	30402.3	19826.3	10576.0	28240.8	18549.6	9691.2	-4811.2	-1721.8	-3089.4	-2649.7	-445.1	-2204.6

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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	7.9	27.0	-24.4	19.5	21.8	15.7	19.3	21.8	15.0
II	-8.0	7.0	-30.9	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-6.0	7.0	-28.0	-3.5	9.7	-25.7	-4.0	9.0	-26.1
I - III	-2.4	13.2	-27.9	5.6	11.3	-4.2	5.4	11.2	-4.5
IV	3.6	16.2	-16.9	6.5	8.2	3.5	6.0	8.0	2.4
V	-6.1	5.6	-25.8	4.3	6.5	0.4	4.0	6.2	0.1
VI	-3.2	4.4	-16.7	11.9	9.9	15.6	11.5	9.5	15.0
IV - VI	-2.2	8.3	-19.9	7.6	8.2	6.6	7.2	7.9	5.9
I - VI	-2.3	10.7	-23.9	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.8

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - June 2017 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	26195.6	25591.1	-2.3	28520.6	30402.3	6.6	-2325.0	-4811.2
EU	16361.9	18104.5	10.7	18072.5	19826.3	9.7	-1710.6	-1721.8
Austria	494.2	497.9	0.7	698.8	748.4	7.1	-204.6	-250.5
Belgium	958.4	874.9	-8.7	599.3	630.9	5.3	359.1	244.0
Croatia	103.9	133.7	28.7	75.2	97.1	29.1	28.7	36.6
Cyprus	70.0	97.9	39.9	35.3	150.0	324.9	34.7	-52.1
Czech Republic	512.8	568.7	10.9	615.3	697.2	13.3	-102.5	-128.5
Denmark	155.9	175.1	12.3	133.2	143.9	8.0	22.7	31.2
Estonia	25.6	26.6	3.9	19.8	25.0	26.3	5.8	1.6
Finland	38.2	48.9	28.0	51.5	67.5	31.1	-13.3	-18.6
France	1029.8	1091.2	6.0	839.6	883.2	5.2	190.2	208.0
Germany	3487.0	4166.2	19.5	3460.1	3877.8	12.1	26.9	288.4
Greece	1619.7	1756.8	8.5	1254.3	1295.3	3.3	365.4	461.5
Hungary	437.9	459.5	4.9	1009.6	1074.5	6.4	-571.7	-615.0
Ireland	41.2	56.4	36.9	108.4	122.7	13.2	-67.2	-66.3
Italy	2182.6	2336.6	7.1	2164.8	2332.0	7.7	17.8	4.6
Latvia	27.1	35.1	29.5	40.7	36.2	-11.1	-13.6	-1.1
Lithuania	66.6	71.0	6.6	42.1	51.3	21.9	24.5	19.7
Luxembourg	8.3	8.0	-3.6	101.6	62.8	-38.2	-93.3	-54.8
Malta	20.5	22.5	9.8	12.6	77.4	514.3	7.9	-54.9
Netherlands	612.9	670.0	9.3	1008.6	1124.7	11.5	-395.7	-454.7
Poland	616.5	647.8	5.1	1022.8	915.5	-10.5	-406.3	-267.7
Portugal	81.3	87.0	7.0	56.4	92.0	63.1	24.9	-5.0
Romania	2012.5	2246.8	11.6	2055.4	2145.7	4.4	-42.9	101.1
Slovakia	186.8	198.8	6.4	364.5	384.0	5.3	-177.7	-185.2
Slovenia	181.1	185.2	2.3	206.5	223.3	8.1	-25.4	-38.1
Spain	446.7	599.2	34.1	1347.7	1810.9	34.4	-901.0	-1211.7
Sweden	207.9	239.7	15.3	189.7	207.5	9.4	18.2	32.2
United Kingdom	614.2	637.4	3.8	469.7	473.4	0.8	144.5	164.0
Not specified	122.3	165.6	35.4	89.0	76.1	-14.5	33.3	89.5

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 2017 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	9833.7	7486.6	-23.9	10448.1	10576.0	1.2	-614.4	-3089.4
CIS³	912.2	710.0	-22.2	3358.6	3290.8	-2.0	-2446.4	-2580.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	22.4	19.9	-11.2	18.9	5.0	-73.5	3.5	14.9
Russian Federation	603.7	368.2	-39.0	2858.8	2712.5	-5.1	-2255.1	-2344.3
Ukraine	137.1	183.8	34.1	378.2	457.3	20.9	-241.1	-273.5
OECD⁴	3247.2	2651.5	-18.3	2649.5	2843.0	7.3	597.7	-191.5
of which:								
Canada	49.9	48.7	-2.4	59.3	72.2	21.8	-9.4	-23.5
Israel	100.1	66.5	-33.6	43.6	45.4	4.1	56.5	21.1
Japan	35.3	38.8	9.9	96.7	125.8	30.1	-61.4	-87.0
Korea, Republic of	46.7	65.5	40.3	103.3	151.8	47.0	-56.6	-86.3
Turkey	2358.9	1750.2	-25.8	1806.8	1859.5	2.9	552.1	-109.3
United States	367.4	410.9	11.8	252.8	274.9	8.7	114.6	136.0
EFTA⁵	206.9	192.7	-6.9	230.2	248.9	8.1	-23.3	-56.2
of which:								
Norway	43.1	37.5	-13.0	35.3	25.3	-28.3	7.8	12.2
Switzerland	161.9	152.8	-5.6	192.4	220.5	14.6	-30.5	-67.7

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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 2017 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	72.6	81.0	11.6	16.3	12.9	-20.9	56.3	68.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	70.4	57.4	-18.5	40.0	20.0	-50.0	30.4	37.4
Brazil	32.4	39.6	22.2	20.4	30.3	48.5	12.0	9.3
China	635.7	592.4	-6.8	1086.6	1240.8	14.2	-450.9	-648.4
Egypt	503.0	110.5	-78.0	561.1	326.1	-41.9	-58.1	-215.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	378.5	403.4	6.6	302.7	315.2	4.1	75.8	88.2
Georgia	154.3	148.1	-4.0	287.7	377.2	31.1	-133.4	-229.1
India	128.5	101.2	-21.2	135.2	175.2	29.6	-6.7	-74.0
Indonesia	29.2	20.8	-28.8	41.8	48.8	16.7	-12.6	-28.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	83.7	26.1	-68.8	74.4	31.0	-58.3	9.3	-4.9
Peru	15.5	9.7	-37.4	23.6	45.8	94.1	-8.1	-36.1
Serbia	435.7	467.2	7.2	586.1	603.7	3.0	-150.4	-136.5
Singapore	253.4	173.7	-31.5	32.3	41.3	27.9	221.1	132.4
South Africa	42.7	77.0	80.3	39.2	38.1	-2.8	3.5	38.9
Syrian Arab Republic	28.6	17.1	-40.2	0.1	0.3	200.0	28.5	16.8
Taiwan	29.6	27.7	-6.4	101.6	103.8	2.2	-72.0	-76.1
United Arab Emirates	189.2	94.1	-50.3	28.8	26.9	-6.6	160.4	67.2
Viet Nam	31.5	24.0	-23.8	42.9	45.2	5.4	-11.4	-21.2

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - June 2017 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	26195.6	25591.1	-2.3	28520.6	30402.3	6.6	-2325.0	-4811.2
of which EU	16361.9	18104.5	10.7	18072.5	19826.3	9.7	-1710.6	-1721.8
Food and live animals	2119.9	2557.0	20.6	2302.8	2255.9	-2.0	-182.9	301.1
of which EU	1407.6	1929.5	37.1	1831.0	1832.9	0.1	-423.4	96.6
Beverages and tobacco	380.0	305.4	-19.6	362.1	415.9	14.9	17.9	-110.5
of which EU	162.0	178.2	10.0	278.8	318.0	14.1	-116.8	-139.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1425.6	1681.4	17.9	2501.3	3039.7	21.5	-1075.7	-1358.3
of which EU	862.4	1131.0	31.1	1358.7	1859.5	36.9	-496.3	-728.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2626.3	1253.7	-52.3	4068.8	3564.3	-12.4	-1442.5	-2310.6
of which EU	624.0	481.0	-22.9	810.3	768.5	-5.2	-186.3	-287.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	269.0	293.4	9.1	95.0	99.6	4.8	174.0	193.8
of which EU	176.1	186.1	5.7	65.2	57.5	-11.8	110.9	128.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2641.8	2633.6	-0.3	4141.7	4346.5	4.9	-1499.9	-1712.9
of which EU	1654.3	1678.3	1.5	3312.1	3368.0	1.7	-1657.8	-1689.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6362.4	6377.8	0.2	4949.7	5367.8	8.4	1412.7	1010.0
of which EU	4185.0	4494.9	7.4	2902.6	3109.5	7.1	1282.4	1385.4
Machinery and transport equipment	5733.5	6198.7	8.1	7559.2	8690.0	15.0	-1825.7	-2491.3
of which EU	4138.4	4763.5	15.1	5746.5	6640.7	15.6	-1608.1	-1877.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4565.9	4210.5	-7.8	2386.8	2448.9	2.6	2179.1	1761.6
of which EU	3098.9	3200.2	3.3	1630.6	1717.4	5.3	1468.3	1482.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	71.2	79.6	11.8	153.2	173.7	13.4	-82.0	-94.1
of which EU	53.2	61.8	16.2	136.7	154.3	12.9	-83.5	-92.5

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