

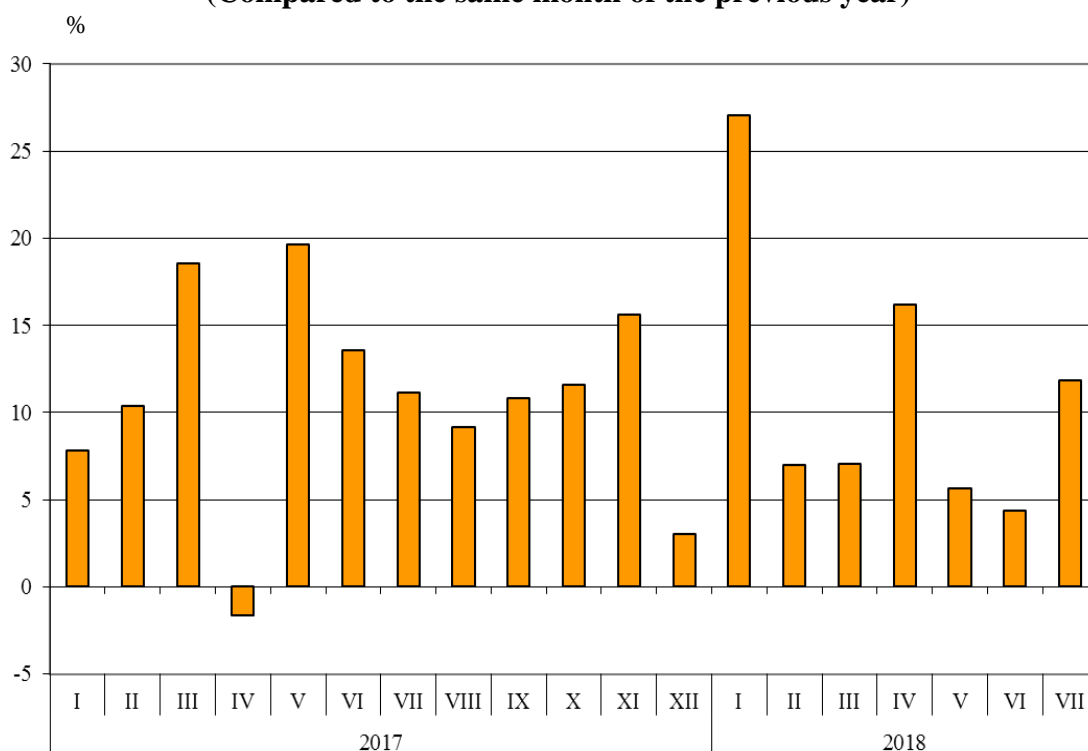


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2018** Bulgarian **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 10.8% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 21 610.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2018** exports of goods to the EU grew by 11.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 505.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - July 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' (31.2%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)<sup>2</sup> (26.8%). Fall was recorded only in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (7.8%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

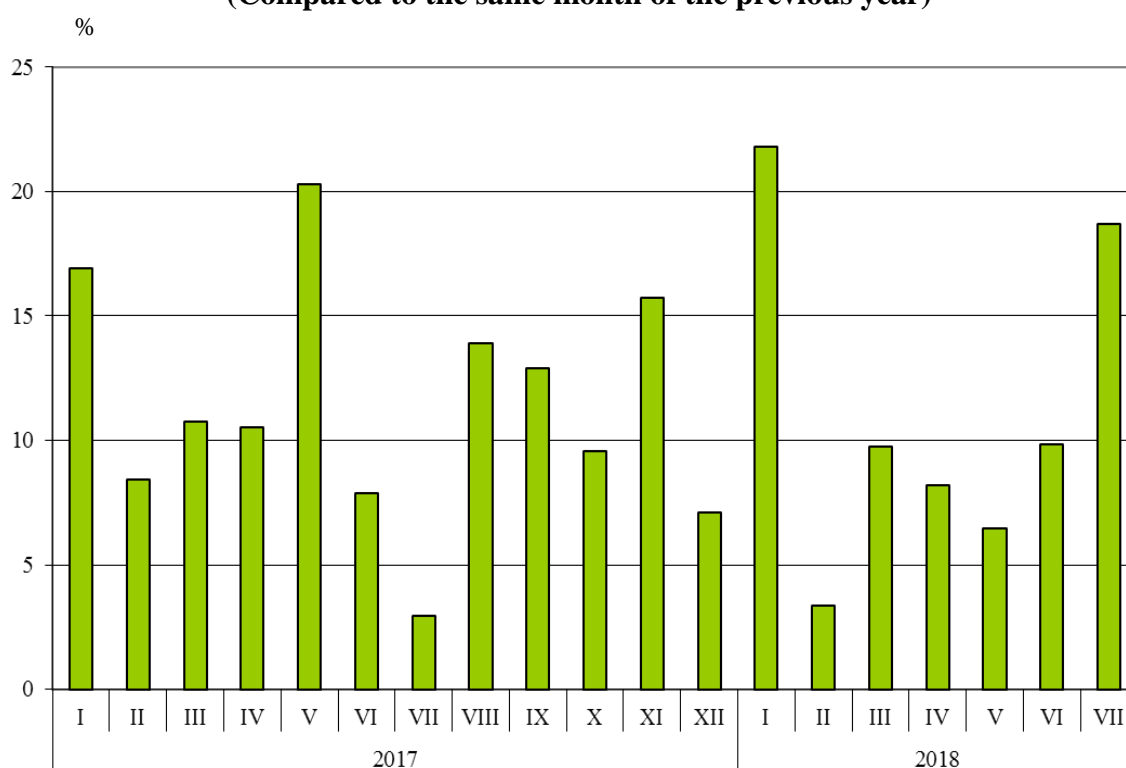
<sup>2</sup> The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable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



**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - July 2018** increased by 11.0% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 23 398.5 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 **July 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States grew by 18.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 572.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - July 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 reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’ (38.4%) while fall was observed only in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (9.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January -July 2018 was negative and added up to 1 788.1 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 286.0 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2017 and 2018<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12792.3</b>	<b>7935.8</b>	<b>4856.5</b>	<b>13973.1</b>	<b>8801.1</b>	<b>5172.0</b>	<b>12995.1</b>	<b>8245.7</b>	<b>4749.4</b>	<b>-1180.8</b>	<b>-865.3</b>	<b>-315.5</b>	<b>-202.8</b>	<b>-309.9</b>	<b>107.1</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>13403.3</b>	<b>8426.1</b>	<b>4977.2</b>	<b>14547.5</b>	<b>9271.4</b>	<b>5276.1</b>	<b>13564.4</b>	<b>8695.1</b>	<b>4869.3</b>	<b>-1144.2</b>	<b>-845.3</b>	<b>-298.9</b>	<b>-161.1</b>	<b>-269.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>26195.6</b>	<b>16361.9</b>	<b>9833.7</b>	<b>28520.6</b>	<b>18072.5</b>	<b>10448.1</b>	<b>26559.5</b>	<b>16940.8</b>	<b>9618.7</b>	<b>-2325.0</b>	<b>-1710.6</b>	<b>-614.4</b>	<b>-363.9</b>	<b>-578.9</b>	<b>215.0</b>
VII.2017	4831.1	3135.4	1695.7	4732.6	3010.1	1722.5	4419.4	2828.8	1590.6	98.5	125.3	-26.8	411.7	306.6	105.1
<b>I - VII.2017</b>	<b>31026.7</b>	<b>19497.3</b>	<b>11529.4</b>	<b>33253.2</b>	<b>21082.6</b>	<b>12170.6</b>	<b>30978.9</b>	<b>19769.6</b>	<b>11209.3</b>	<b>-2226.5</b>	<b>-1585.3</b>	<b>-641.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>-272.3</b>	<b>320.1</b>
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
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>12479.6</b>	<b>8980.0</b>	<b>3499.6</b>	<b>14751.9</b>	<b>9797.6</b>	<b>4954.3</b>	<b>13701.8</b>	<b>9166.6</b>	<b>4535.2</b>	<b>-2272.3</b>	<b>-817.6</b>	<b>-1454.7</b>	<b>-1222.2</b>	<b>-186.6</b>	<b>-1035.6</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13111.5</b>	<b>9124.5</b>	<b>3987.0</b>	<b>15650.4</b>	<b>10028.7</b>	<b>5621.7</b>	<b>14539.0</b>	<b>9383.0</b>	<b>5156.0</b>	<b>-2538.9</b>	<b>-904.2</b>	<b>-1634.7</b>	<b>-1427.5</b>	<b>-258.5</b>	<b>-1169.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>25591.1</b>	<b>18104.5</b>	<b>7486.6</b>	<b>30402.3</b>	<b>19826.3</b>	<b>10576.0</b>	<b>28240.8</b>	<b>18549.6</b>	<b>9691.2</b>	<b>-4811.2</b>	<b>-1721.8</b>	<b>-3089.4</b>	<b>-2649.7</b>	<b>-445.1</b>	<b>-2204.6</b>
VII.2018	4874.3	3505.9	1368.4	5618.1	3572.2	2045.9	5207.5	3346.8	1860.7	-743.8	-66.3	-677.5	-333.2	159.1	-492.3
<b>I - VII.2018</b>	<b>30465.4</b>	<b>21610.4</b>	<b>8855.0</b>	<b>36020.4</b>	<b>23398.5</b>	<b>12621.9</b>	<b>33448.3</b>	<b>21896.4</b>	<b>11551.9</b>	<b>-5555.0</b>	<b>-1788.1</b>	<b>-3766.9</b>	<b>-2982.9</b>	<b>-286.0</b>	<b>-2696.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2018<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-27.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
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
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-19.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>-23.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
VII	0.9	11.8	-19.3	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
<b>I - VII</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.


**Table 3**
**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2017 and 2018<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31026.7</b>	<b>30465.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>33253.2</b>	<b>36020.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-2226.5</b>	<b>-5555.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>19497.3</b>	<b>21610.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>21082.6</b>	<b>23398.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-1585.3</b>	<b>-1788.1</b>
Austria	573.3	587.1	2.4	821.5	886.7	7.9	-248.2	-299.6
Belgium	1120.4	1103.0	-1.6	707.7	729.8	3.1	412.7	373.2
Croatia	129.0	162.3	25.8	86.4	110.6	28.0	42.6	51.7
Cyprus	87.1	112.1	28.7	41.5	222.1	435.2	45.6	-110.0
Czech Republic	592.1	667.4	12.7	715.3	814.9	13.9	-123.2	-147.5
Denmark	187.1	211.5	13.0	155.9	172.9	10.9	31.2	38.6
Estonia	28.9	33.3	15.2	24.5	28.2	15.1	4.4	5.1
Finland	45.3	58.4	28.9	63.2	78.6	24.4	-17.9	-20.2
France	1233.3	1282.5	4.0	982.9	1033.3	5.1	250.4	249.2
Germany	4089.5	4814.4	17.7	4053.9	4586.0	13.1	35.6	228.4
Greece	1919.3	2063.9	7.5	1478.3	1545.6	4.6	441.0	518.3
Hungary	510.4	549.0	7.6	1168.1	1244.3	6.5	-657.7	-695.3
Ireland	47.3	67.6	42.9	122.8	147.6	20.2	-75.5	-80.0
Italy	2587.0	2865.7	10.8	2557.8	2825.2	10.5	29.2	40.5
Latvia	31.3	41.6	32.9	43.4	44.4	2.3	-12.1	-2.8
Lithuania	80.2	82.6	3.0	49.6	63.6	28.2	30.6	19.0
Luxembourg	9.9	11.0	11.1	119.2	69.0	-42.1	-109.3	-58.0
Malta	22.3	26.2	17.5	13.1	78.7	500.8	9.2	-52.5
Netherlands	711.1	804.0	13.1	1181.1	1349.2	14.2	-470.0	-545.2
Poland	730.9	748.7	2.4	1202.5	1111.5	-7.6	-471.6	-362.8
Portugal	110.4	107.3	-2.8	64.9	115.6	78.1	45.5	-8.3
Romania	2422.2	2689.8	11.0	2385.2	2519.2	5.6	37.0	170.6
Slovakia	221.1	234.9	6.2	425.4	442.3	4.0	-204.3	-207.4
Slovenia	235.9	224.7	-4.7	239.9	264.8	10.4	-4.0	-40.1
Spain	640.1	813.1	27.0	1509.4	2020.6	33.9	-869.3	-1207.5
Sweden	236.7	278.9	17.8	220.0	243.3	10.6	16.7	35.6
United Kingdom	714.8	756.1	5.8	545.6	552.3	1.2	169.2	203.8
Not specified	180.4	213.3	18.2	103.5	98.2	-5.1	76.9	115.1

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in the period January - July 2017 and 2018<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>11529.4</b>	<b>8855.0</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>12170.6</b>	<b>12621.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-641.2</b>	<b>-3766.9</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1168.1</b>	<b>827.4</b>	<b>-29.2</b>	<b>3903.4</b>	<b>3959.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-2735.3</b>	<b>-3132.1</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	32.1	24.1	-24.9	20.4	5.2	-74.5	11.7	18.9
Russian Federation	803.0	426.7	-46.9	3322.9	3281.8	-1.2	-2519.9	-2855.1
Ukraine	157.2	214.7	36.6	439.2	538.8	22.7	-282.0	-324.1
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3796.2</b>	<b>3097.8</b>	<b>-18.4</b>	<b>3117.1</b>	<b>3317.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>679.1</b>	<b>-219.9</b>
of which:								
Canada	57.8	56.1	-2.9	69.1	82.0	18.7	-11.3	-25.9
Israel	110.2	76.5	-30.6	51.9	51.1	-1.5	58.3	25.4
Japan	41.9	47.9	14.3	114.8	150.3	30.9	-72.9	-102.4
Korea, Republic of	57.6	76.9	33.5	123.6	178.4	44.3	-66.0	-101.5
Turkey	2741.6	2044.8	-25.4	2147.8	2173.8	1.2	593.8	-129.0
United States	443.7	481.7	8.6	281.5	312.7	11.1	162.2	169.0
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>239.7</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>267.8</b>	<b>293.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-28.1</b>	<b>-71.1</b>
of which:								
Norway	48.0	43.3	-9.8	39.7	32.8	-17.4	8.3	10.5
Switzerland	189.6	176.5	-6.9	225.5	257.5	14.2	-35.9	-81.0

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

<sup>4</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2017 and 2018<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	87.3	94.5	8.2	18.2	15.7	-13.7	69.1	78.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	78.7	68.5	-13.0	46.3	23.7	-48.8	32.4	44.8
Brazil	37.0	41.8	13.0	22.4	34.7	54.9	14.6	7.1
China	720.9	700.6	-2.8	1272.0	1478.0	16.2	-551.1	-777.4
Egypt	523.0	126.7	-75.8	665.0	344.4	-48.2	-142.0	-217.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	444.8	474.8	6.7	361.8	373.6	3.3	83.0	101.2
Georgia	221.0	172.5	-21.9	344.5	415.3	20.6	-123.5	-242.8
India	143.9	114.1	-20.7	157.3	218.4	38.8	-13.4	-104.3
Indonesia	34.9	23.0	-34.1	51.6	108.0	109.3	-16.7	-85.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	88.3	29.5	-66.6	77.5	37.1	-52.1	10.8	-7.6
Peru	17.4	11.1	-36.2	24.3	46.1	89.7	-6.9	-35.0
Serbia	513.1	555.3	8.2	677.5	715.3	5.6	-164.4	-160.0
Singapore	273.6	201.8	-26.2	34.5	45.0	30.4	239.1	156.8
South Africa	63.0	81.6	29.5	40.7	40.1	-1.5	22.3	41.5
Syrian Arab Republic	28.9	19.4	-32.9	0.1	0.3	200.0	28.8	19.1
Taiwan	36.3	31.8	-12.4	117.2	124.4	6.1	-80.9	-92.6
United Arab Emirates	222.9	108.6	-51.3	32.3	30.7	-5.0	190.6	77.9
Viet Nam	36.3	30.2	-16.8	49.0	52.5	7.1	-12.7	-22.3

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - July 2017 and 2018<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31026.7</b>	<b>30465.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>33253.2</b>	<b>36020.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-2226.5</b>	<b>-5555.0</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>19497.3</b>	<b>21610.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>21082.6</b>	<b>23398.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-1585.3</b>	<b>-1788.1</b>
Food and live animals	2653.1	3156.1	19.0	2667.1	2632.0	-1.3	-14.0	524.1
of which EU	1855.4	2434.7	31.2	2144.4	2151.4	0.3	-289.0	283.3
Beverages and tobacco	440.6	354.5	-19.5	434.3	514.1	18.4	6.3	-159.6
of which EU	184.8	207.0	12.0	333.4	391.4	17.4	-148.6	-184.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1749.1	2035.5	16.4	2862.2	3525.6	23.2	-1113.1	-1490.1
of which EU	1083.3	1374.0	26.8	1520.1	2104.4	38.4	-436.8	-730.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3098.1	1619.1	-47.7	4692.9	4361.5	-7.1	-1594.8	-2742.4
of which EU	812.1	749.1	-7.8	919.8	971.9	5.7	-107.7	-222.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	308.3	347.5	12.7	111.3	115.8	4.0	197.0	231.7
of which EU	212.1	219.3	3.4	75.5	68.2	-9.7	136.6	151.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3115.9	3134.5	0.6	4863.1	5169.4	6.3	-1747.2	-2034.9
of which EU	1963.1	2011.5	2.5	3874.0	3971.4	2.5	-1910.9	-1959.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7466.7	7420.5	-0.6	5810.8	6337.6	9.1	1655.9	1082.9
of which EU	4850.2	5208.3	7.4	3411.3	3669.5	7.6	1438.9	1538.8
Machinery and transport equipment	6679.3	7241.4	8.4	8832.5	10247.1	16.0	-2153.2	-3005.7
of which EU	4826.0	5570.9	15.4	6730.3	7856.3	16.7	-1904.3	-2285.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5432.9	5064.5	-6.8	2800.7	2915.9	4.1	2632.2	2148.6
of which EU	3648.2	3764.1	3.2	1915.0	2035.3	6.3	1733.2	1728.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	82.7	91.8	11.0	178.3	201.4	13.0	-95.6	-109.6
of which EU	62.1	71.5	15.1	158.8	178.7	12.5	-96.7	-107.2

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2018.