

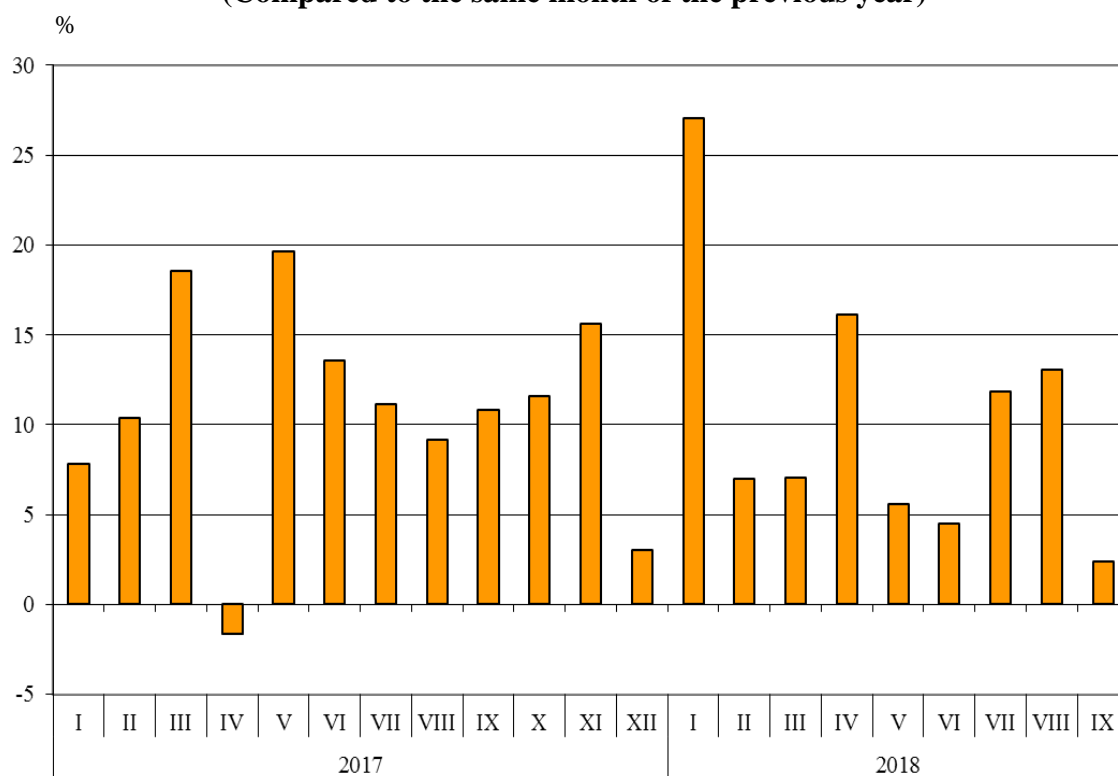


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2018** Bulgarian **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 10.1% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 28 147.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2018** the exports of goods to the EU grew by 2.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 226.1 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 - September 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’ (20.1%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’² (17.8%). Fall was recorded only in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (0.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

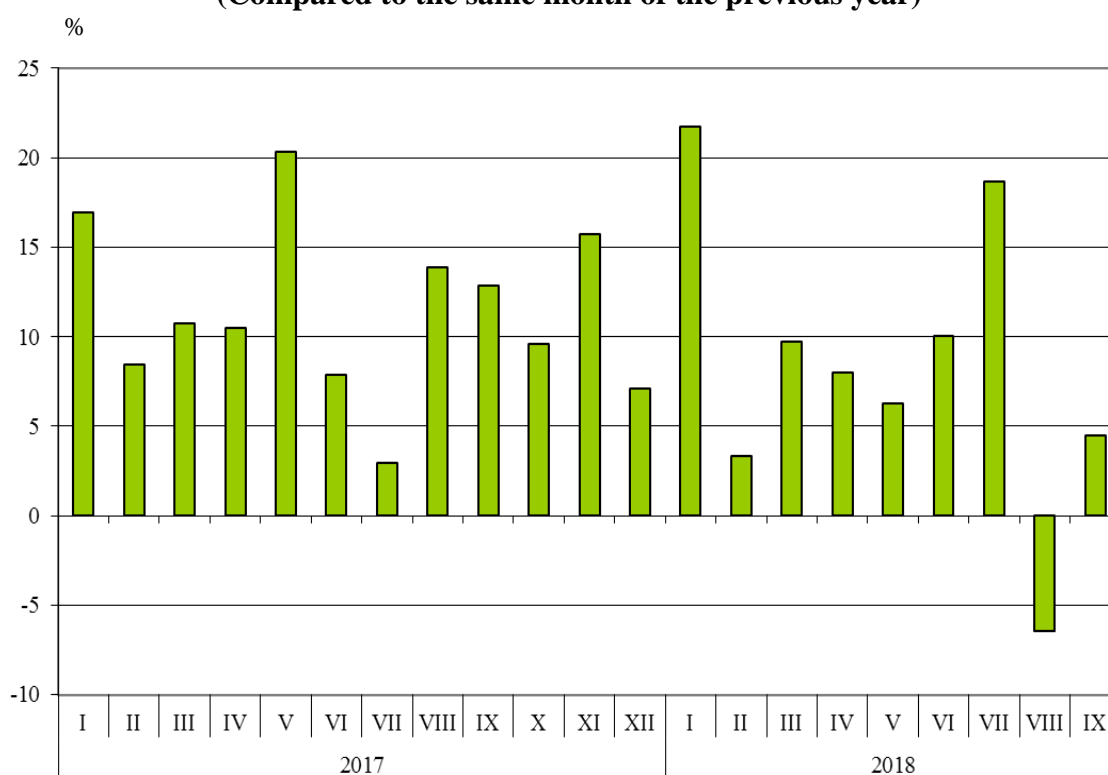
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials,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



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - September 2018 increased by 8.2% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 29 594.3 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 **September 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States increased by 4.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 234.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 - September 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)’ (17.8%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (7.2%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - September 2018 was negative and added up to 1 446.8 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 440.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2017 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	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
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
VIII.2017	4586.3	2925.5	1660.8	4978.2	3174.3	1803.9	4598.8	2938.7	1660.1	-391.9	-248.8	-143.1	-12.5	-13.2	0.7
IX.2017	4768.4	3151.1	1617.3	4716.9	3095.2	1621.7	4387.1	2910.4	1476.7	51.5	55.9	-4.4	381.3	240.7	140.6
VII - IX.2017	14185.8	9212.0	4973.8	14427.7	9279.6	5148.1	13405.3	8677.9	4727.4	-241.9	-67.6	-174.3	780.5	534.1	246.4
I - IX.2017	40381.4	25573.9	14807.5	42948.3	27352.1	15596.2	39964.8	25618.7	14346.1	-2566.9	-1778.2	-788.7	416.6	-44.8	461.4
I.2018	4393.8	3097.1	1296.7	5055.9	3227.6	1828.3	4677.9	3010.7	1667.2	-662.1	-130.5	-531.6	-284.1	86.4	-370.5
II.2018	3904.3	2700.6	1203.7	4567.8	2914.5	1653.3	4255.9	2742.1	1513.8	-663.5	-213.9	-449.6	-351.6	-41.5	-310.1
III.2018	4506.1	3183.2	1322.9	5122.4	3652.1	1470.3	4762.6	3411.1	1351.5	-616.3	-468.9	-147.4	-256.5	-227.9	-28.6
I - III.2018	12804.2	8980.9	3823.3	14746.1	9794.2	4951.9	13696.4	9163.9	4532.5	-1941.9	-813.3	-1128.6	-892.2	-183.0	-709.2
IV.2018	4236.1	2899.1	1337.0	4972.8	3215.8	1757.0	4614.9	3003.2	1611.7	-736.7	-316.7	-420.0	-378.8	-104.1	-274.7
V.2018	4329.2	3028.0	1301.2	5163.5	3362.1	1801.4	4801.4	3147.7	1653.7	-834.3	-334.1	-500.2	-472.2	-119.7	-352.5
VI.2018	4828.5	3199.4	1629.1	5507.6	3445.0	2062.6	5117.8	3228.0	1889.8	-679.1	-245.6	-433.5	-289.3	-28.6	-260.7
IV - VI.2018	13393.8	9126.5	4267.3	15643.9	10022.9	5621.0	14534.1	9378.9	5155.2	-2250.1	-896.4	-1353.7	-1140.3	-252.4	-887.9
I - VI.2018	26198.0	18107.4	8090.6	30390.0	19817.1	10572.9	28230.5	18542.8	9687.7	-4192.0	-1709.7	-2482.3	-2032.5	-435.4	-1597.1
VII.2018	5070.5	3506.2	1564.3	5618.2	3572.5	2045.7	5208.1	3347.6	1860.5	-547.7	-66.3	-481.4	-137.6	158.6	-296.2
VIII.2018	4672.8	3307.8	1365.0	4970.3	2970.0	2000.3	4613.8	2778.9	1834.9	-297.5	337.8	-635.3	59.0	528.9	-469.9
IX.2018	4722.4	3226.1	1496.3	5166.7	3234.7	1932.0	4790.7	3037.4	1753.3	-444.3	-8.6	-435.7	-68.3	188.7	-257.0
VII - IX.2018	14465.7	10040.1	4425.6	15755.2	9777.2	5978.0	14612.6	9163.9	5448.7	-1289.5	262.9	-1552.4	-146.9	876.2	-1023.1
I - IX.2018	40663.7	28147.5	12516.2	46145.2	29594.3	16550.9	42843.1	27706.7	15136.4	-5481.5	-1446.8	-4034.7	-2179.4	440.8	-2620.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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	13.1	27.0	-10.3	19.4	21.7	15.6	19.2	21.8	15.0
II	-6.6	7.0	-27.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-4.7	7.1	-24.6	-3.5	9.7	-25.8	-4.0	8.9	-26.1
I - III	0.1	13.2	-21.3	5.5	11.3	-4.3	5.4	11.1	-4.6
IV	5.1	16.1	-12.8	6.4	8.0	3.5	5.9	7.9	2.4
V	-5.6	5.6	-24.3	4.2	6.3	0.4	3.9	6.0	0.1
VI	0.9	4.5	-5.5	12.1	10.0	15.6	11.6	9.7	15.0
IV - VI	-0.1	8.3	-14.3	7.5	8.1	6.5	7.1	7.9	5.9
I - VI	0.0	10.7	-17.7	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.7
VII	5.0	11.8	-7.7	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
VIII	1.9	13.1	-17.8	-0.2	-6.4	10.9	0.3	-5.4	10.5
IX	-1.0	2.4	-7.5	9.5	4.5	19.1	9.2	4.4	18.7
VII - IX	2.0	9.0	-11.0	9.2	5.4	16.1	9.0	5.6	15.3
I - IX	0.7	10.1	-15.5	7.4	8.2	6.1	7.2	8.2	5.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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	40381.4	40663.7	0.7	42948.3	46145.2	7.4	-2566.9	-5481.5
EU	25573.9	28147.5	10.1	27352.1	29594.3	8.2	-1778.2	-1446.8
Austria	723.8	746.4	3.1	1041.8	1130.9	8.6	-318.0	-384.5
Belgium	1522.3	1350.5	-11.3	923.2	943.4	2.2	599.1	407.1
Croatia	168.0	215.1	28.0	111.1	141.7	27.5	56.9	73.4
Cyprus	117.1	150.4	28.4	160.4	230.7	43.8	-43.3	-80.3
Czech Republic	775.6	873.6	12.6	944.6	1055.0	11.7	-169.0	-181.4
Denmark	236.5	267.6	13.2	197.6	216.7	9.7	38.9	50.9
Estonia	36.0	44.2	22.8	30.9	34.7	12.3	5.1	9.5
Finland	60.6	78.3	29.2	89.1	107.6	20.8	-28.5	-29.3
France	1595.0	1622.2	1.7	1243.3	1277.0	2.7	351.7	345.2
Germany	5238.7	6298.1	20.2	5291.1	5761.5	8.9	-52.4	536.6
Greece	2472.9	2680.8	8.4	1881.9	1960.6	4.2	591.0	720.2
Hungary	669.8	722.6	7.9	1494.6	1580.7	5.8	-824.8	-858.1
Ireland	70.9	137.4	93.8	157.6	183.6	16.5	-86.7	-46.2
Italy	3254.3	3581.5	10.1	3135.7	3504.6	11.8	118.6	76.9
Latvia	40.3	53.5	32.8	53.0	49.8	-6.0	-12.7	3.7
Lithuania	101.6	105.8	4.1	65.5	93.5	42.7	36.1	12.3
Luxembourg	13.0	14.9	14.6	147.8	79.3	-46.3	-134.8	-64.4
Malta	27.5	32.2	17.1	15.9	155.0	874.8	11.6	-122.8
Netherlands	920.5	1103.3	19.9	1521.5	1716.1	12.8	-601.0	-612.8
Poland	917.5	952.1	3.8	1559.0	1474.3	-5.4	-641.5	-522.2
Portugal	173.2	160.3	-7.4	80.0	126.2	57.8	93.2	34.1
Romania	3234.7	3550.7	9.8	3051.1	3252.8	6.6	183.6	297.9
Slovakia	289.6	297.5	2.7	552.1	560.9	1.6	-262.5	-263.4
Slovenia	319.3	300.7	-5.8	310.2	346.0	11.5	9.1	-45.3
Spain	1080.7	1096.2	1.4	2195.5	2455.5	11.8	-1114.8	-1359.3
Sweden	320.5	369.4	15.3	282.4	301.4	6.7	38.1	68.0
United Kingdom	932.5	1009.9	8.3	697.8	704.5	1.0	234.7	305.4
Not specified	261.5	332.3	27.1	117.4	150.3	28.0	144.1	182.0

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 11-th December 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - September 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	14807.5	12516.2	-15.5	15596.2	16550.9	6.1	-788.7	-4034.7
CIS³	1633.6	1072.3	-34.4	5067.6	5208.0	2.8	-3434.0	-4135.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	37.7	32.4	-14.1	22.8	7.2	-68.4	14.9	25.2
Russian Federation	1157.2	549.1	-52.5	4260.6	4337.7	1.8	-3103.4	-3788.6
Ukraine	209.9	271.3	29.3	629.0	703.6	11.9	-419.1	-432.3
OECD⁴	4928.0	4483.0	-9.0	3941.5	4257.7	8.0	986.5	225.3
of which:								
Canada	74.7	102.4	37.1	92.8	98.6	6.3	-18.1	3.8
Israel	148.9	97.3	-34.7	70.5	62.6	-11.2	78.4	34.7
Japan	59.7	62.0	3.9	149.3	197.4	32.2	-89.6	-135.4
Korea, Republic of	83.2	98.6	18.5	167.6	227.1	35.5	-84.4	-128.5
Turkey	3534.1	3049.5	-13.7	2715.9	2764.0	1.8	818.2	285.5
United States	585.9	663.2	13.2	341.9	387.5	13.3	244.0	275.7
EFTA⁵	311.7	285.0	-8.6	337.1	403.1	19.6	-25.4	-118.1
of which:								
Norway	60.4	55.1	-8.8	49.1	57.3	16.7	11.3	-2.2
Switzerland	248.9	226.0	-9.2	285.4	342.7	20.1	-36.5	-116.7

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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 - September 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	110.8	124.3	12.2	22.9	20.2	-11.8	87.9	104.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	99.7	88.6	-11.1	56.7	32.3	-43.0	43.0	56.3
Brazil	44.6	46.6	4.5	29.4	43.6	48.3	15.2	3.0
China	949.1	982.3	3.5	1649.4	1925.3	16.7	-700.3	-943.0
Egypt	641.3	323.2	-49.6	794.2	672.1	-15.4	-152.9	-348.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	583.6	603.3	3.4	478.6	472.8	-1.2	105.0	130.5
Georgia	279.8	249.1	-11.0	450.1	479.1	6.4	-170.3	-230.0
India	171.5	136.3	-20.5	205.3	279.1	35.9	-33.8	-142.8
Indonesia	43.7	28.7	-34.3	68.9	229.1	232.5	-25.2	-200.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	100.8	50.5	-49.9	89.1	47.9	-46.2	11.7	2.6
Peru	20.4	12.3	-39.7	26.9	68.4	154.3	-6.5	-56.1
Serbia	676.3	736.1	8.8	860.6	919.0	6.8	-184.3	-182.9
Singapore	326.3	390.2	19.6	47.6	58.9	23.7	278.7	331.3
South Africa	81.6	125.2	53.4	50.6	48.9	-3.4	31.0	76.3
Syrian Arab Republic	33.0	23.9	-27.6	0.1	0.5	400.0	32.9	23.4
Taiwan	47.9	42.7	-10.9	152.4	165.1	8.3	-104.5	-122.4
United Arab Emirates	273.4	133.6	-51.1	39.4	38.6	-2.0	234.0	95.0
Viet Nam	43.9	37.5	-14.6	63.9	68.5	7.2	-20.0	-31.0

¹ Partner country:

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- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - September 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	40381.4	40663.7	0.7	42948.3	46145.2	7.4	-2566.9	-5481.5
of which EU	25573.9	28147.5	10.1	27352.1	29594.3	8.2	-1778.2	-1446.8
Food and live animals	3994.6	4338.0	8.6	3399.3	3361.1	-1.1	595.3	976.9
of which EU	2877.1	3456.7	20.1	2781.2	2759.6	-0.8	95.9	697.1
Beverages and tobacco	565.8	461.0	-18.5	578.0	670.4	16.0	-12.2	-209.4
of which EU	241.7	264.3	9.4	447.7	519.3	16.0	-206.0	-255.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2403.2	2671.5	11.2	3834.0	4403.8	14.9	-1430.8	-1732.3
of which EU	1568.8	1847.5	17.8	2146.0	2528.4	17.8	-577.2	-680.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4005.3	3400.7	-15.1	6023.2	5943.1	-1.3	-2017.9	-2542.4
of which EU	1096.1	1226.5	11.9	1248.5	1276.0	2.2	-152.4	-49.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	396.8	462.3	16.5	145.6	150.2	3.2	251.2	312.1
of which EU	272.9	271.5	-0.5	95.6	88.7	-7.2	177.3	182.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4054.4	4087.6	0.8	6283.9	6662.7	6.0	-2229.5	-2575.1
of which EU	2553.3	2642.5	3.5	4918.4	5061.0	2.9	-2365.1	-2418.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9555.6	9583.8	0.3	7462.6	8017.9	7.4	2093.0	1565.9
of which EU	6092.4	6501.2	6.7	4326.5	4606.4	6.5	1765.9	1894.8
Machinery and transport equipment	8491.3	9182.4	8.1	11361.9	12887.6	13.4	-2870.6	-3705.2
of which EU	6160.9	7071.7	14.8	8697.8	9869.6	13.5	-2536.9	-2797.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6806.5	6360.3	-6.6	3629.2	3794.4	4.6	3177.3	2565.9
of which EU	4628.0	4774.1	3.2	2485.3	2660.4	7.0	2142.7	2113.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	107.9	116.1	7.6	230.6	254.0	10.1	-122.7	-137.9
of which EU	82.7	91.5	10.6	205.1	224.9	9.7	-122.4	-133.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2018.