

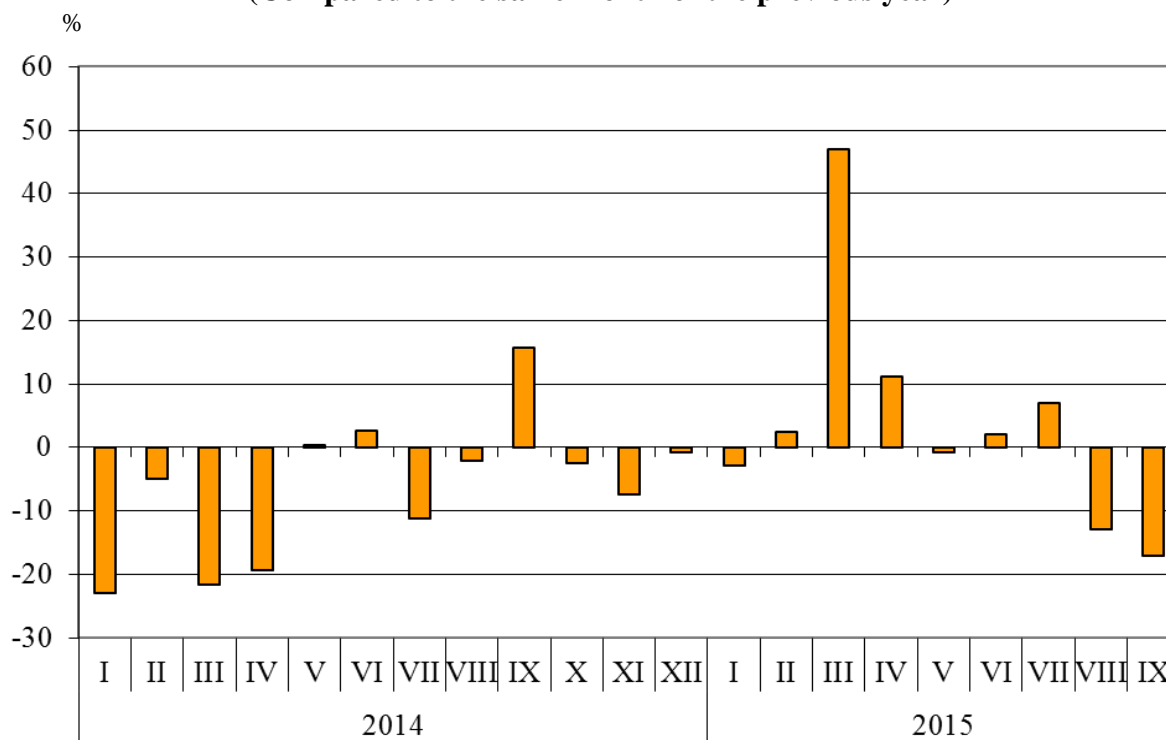


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 2.4% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 12.3 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, Russian Federation, Singapore, USA and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which accounted for 55.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In September 2015** exports to third countries decreased by 17.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.277 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries  
in the period 2014 - 2015  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

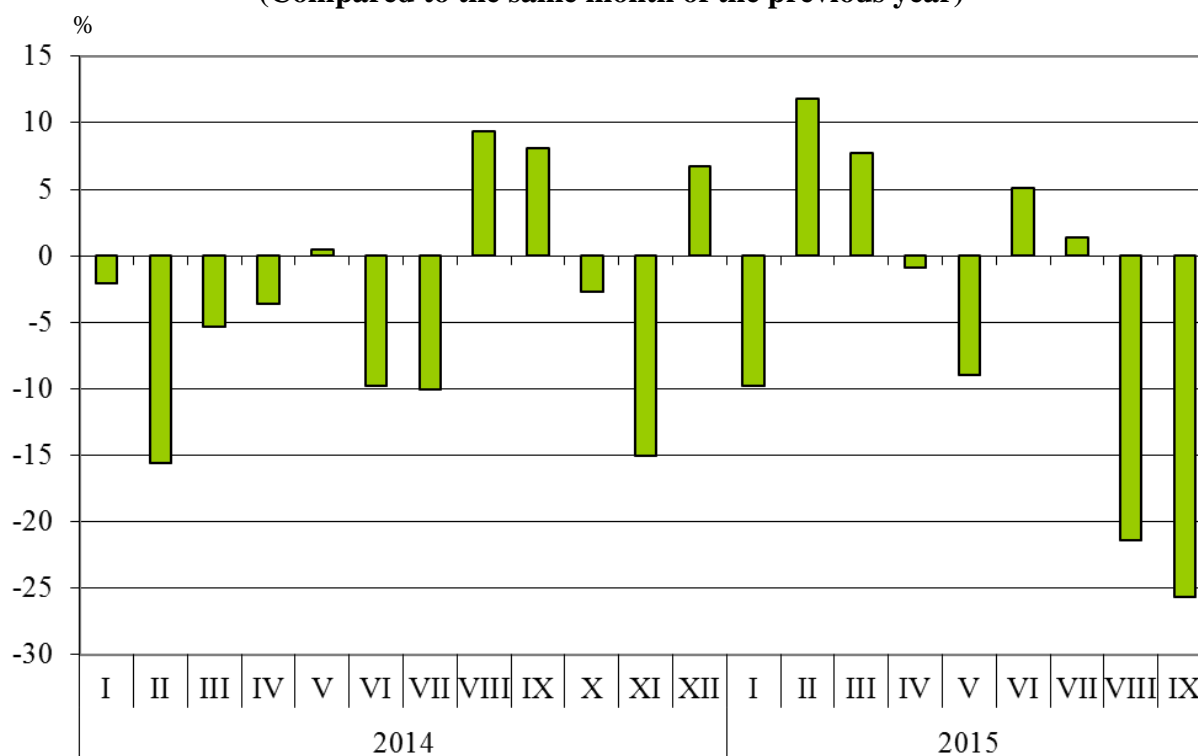


**Bulgarian imports from third countries in the nine months of 2015** decreased by 5.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and added up to 13.9 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

**In September 2015** Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 25.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.426 Billion BGN.

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

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries  
in the period 2014 - 2015  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - September 2015 was negative and added up to 1 601.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 626.2 Million BGN.

In September 2015 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 149.1 Million BGN.

In the nine months of 2015 compared to the corresponding period of 2014 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (78.4%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'<sup>2</sup> (42.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (17.7%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (34.8%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (21.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (26.4%).

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

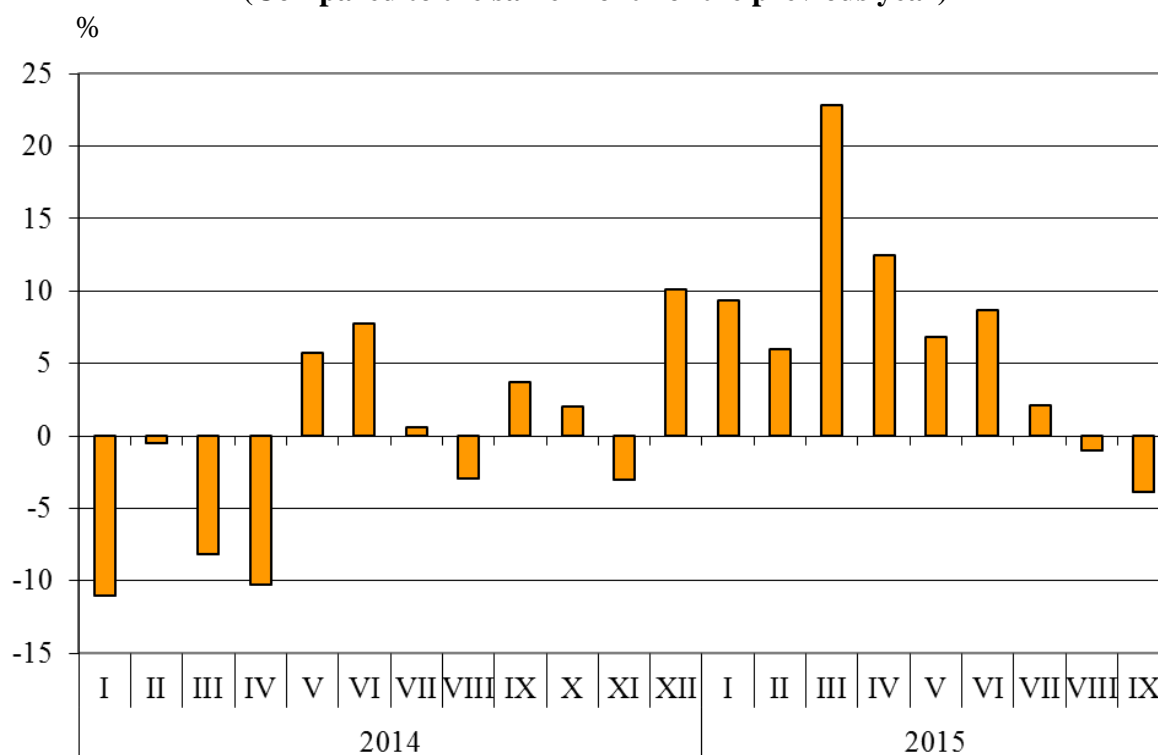
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

## Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - September 2015** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 34.0 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2014 the exports increased by 6.6% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2015 the total exports added up to 3.767 Billion BGN and decreased by 3.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015**  
 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



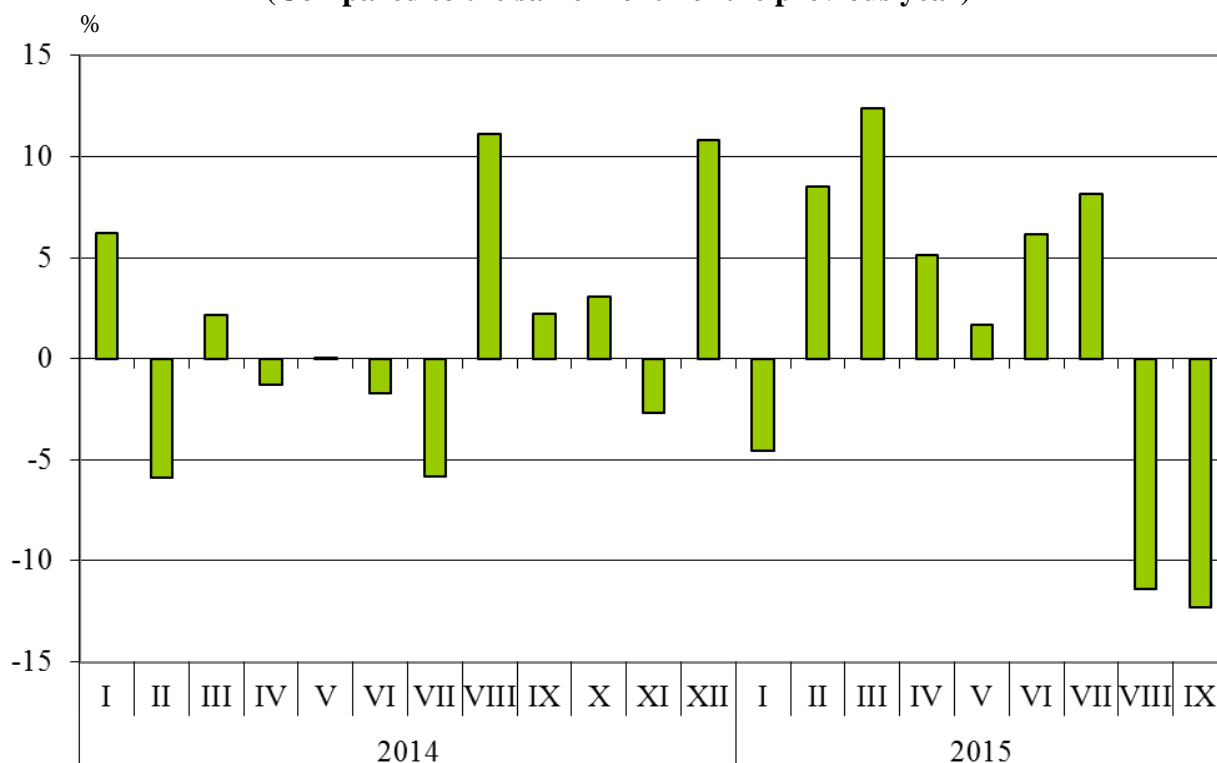
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2015** amounted to 38.1 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.2% more than the corresponding period of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2015 the total imports decreased by 12.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 4.096 Billion BGN.

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



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2014 - 2015  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - September 2015 and amounted to 4 110.1 Million BGN which was 1 628.6 Million BGN less than the balance in the nine months of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - September 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 548.8 Million BGN.

In September 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 329.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was negative and amounted to 100.4 Million BGN.

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

## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2014 and 2015<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.2014	3099.1	1970.5	1128.6	3955.8	2333.1	1622.7	3677.7	2172.5	1505.2	-856.7	-362.6	-494.1	-578.6	-202.0	-376.6
II.2014	3226.8	2001.1	1225.7	3795.4	2466.6	1328.8	3535.1	2306.6	1228.5	-568.6	-465.5	-103.1	-308.3	-305.5	-2.8
III.2014	3193.6	2171.8	1021.8	3935.8	2497.8	1438.0	3687.1	2341.3	1345.8	-742.2	-326.0	-416.2	-493.5	-169.5	-324.0
<b>I - III.2014</b>	<b>9519.5</b>	<b>6143.4</b>	<b>3376.1</b>	<b>11687.0</b>	<b>7297.5</b>	<b>4389.5</b>	<b>10899.9</b>	<b>6820.4</b>	<b>4079.5</b>	<b>-2167.5</b>	<b>-1154.1</b>	<b>-1013.4</b>	<b>-1380.4</b>	<b>-677.0</b>	<b>-703.4</b>
IV.2014	3468.6	2117.6	1351.0	4303.1	2630.3	1672.8	4017.5	2455.1	1562.4	-834.5	-512.7	-321.8	-548.9	-337.5	-211.4
V.2014	3499.0	2065.0	1434.0	4132.0	2366.2	1765.8	3856.8	2213.1	1643.7	-633.0	-301.2	-331.8	-357.8	-148.1	-209.7
VI.2014	3704.8	2271.5	1433.3	4168.0	2641.9	1526.1	3881.1	2464.1	1417.0	-463.2	-370.4	-92.8	-176.3	-192.6	16.3
<b>IV - VI.2014</b>	<b>10672.4</b>	<b>6454.1</b>	<b>4218.3</b>	<b>12603.1</b>	<b>7638.4</b>	<b>4964.7</b>	<b>11755.4</b>	<b>7132.3</b>	<b>4623.1</b>	<b>-1930.7</b>	<b>-1184.3</b>	<b>-746.4</b>	<b>-1083.0</b>	<b>-678.2</b>	<b>-404.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2014</b>	<b>20191.9</b>	<b>12597.5</b>	<b>7594.4</b>	<b>24290.1</b>	<b>14935.9</b>	<b>9354.2</b>	<b>22655.3</b>	<b>13952.7</b>	<b>8702.6</b>	<b>-4098.2</b>	<b>-2338.4</b>	<b>-1759.8</b>	<b>-2463.4</b>	<b>-1355.2</b>	<b>-1108.2</b>
VII.2014	4016.0	2636.7	1379.3	4397.0	2760.6	1636.4	4100.4	2576.8	1523.6	-381.0	-123.9	-257.1	-84.4	59.9	-144.3
VIII.2014	3801.9	2302.9	1499.0	4309.1	2465.1	1844.0	4002.5	2291.9	1710.6	-507.2	-162.2	-345.0	-200.6	11.0	-211.6
IX.2014	3919.0	2378.5	1540.5	4671.3	2752.6	1918.7	4335.2	2564.5	1770.7	-752.3	-374.1	-378.2	-416.2	-186.0	-230.2
<b>VII - IX.2014</b>	<b>11736.9</b>	<b>7318.1</b>	<b>4418.8</b>	<b>13377.4</b>	<b>7978.3</b>	<b>5399.1</b>	<b>12438.1</b>	<b>7433.2</b>	<b>5004.9</b>	<b>-1640.5</b>	<b>-660.2</b>	<b>-980.3</b>	<b>-701.2</b>	<b>-115.1</b>	<b>-586.1</b>
<b>I - IX.2014</b>	<b>31928.8</b>	<b>19915.6</b>	<b>12013.2</b>	<b>37667.5</b>	<b>22914.2</b>	<b>14753.3</b>	<b>35093.4</b>	<b>21385.9</b>	<b>13707.5</b>	<b>-5738.7</b>	<b>-2998.6</b>	<b>-2740.1</b>	<b>-3164.6</b>	<b>-1470.3</b>	<b>-1694.3</b>
I.2015	3389.2	2292.5	1096.7	3776.2	2312.2	1464.0	3499.1	2147.7	1351.4	-387.0	-19.7	-367.3	-109.9	144.8	-254.7
II.2015	3419.5	2162.9	1256.6	4118.0	2631.8	1486.2	3831.2	2453.7	1377.5	-698.5	-468.9	-229.6	-411.7	-290.8	-120.9
III.2015	3921.8	2420.8	1501.0	4423.3	2873.9	1549.4	4134.3	2687.0	1447.3	-501.5	-453.1	-48.4	-212.5	-266.2	53.7
<b>I - III.2015</b>	<b>10730.5</b>	<b>6876.2</b>	<b>3854.3</b>	<b>12317.5</b>	<b>7817.9</b>	<b>4499.6</b>	<b>11464.6</b>	<b>7288.4</b>	<b>4176.2</b>	<b>-1587.0</b>	<b>-941.7</b>	<b>-645.3</b>	<b>-734.1</b>	<b>-412.2</b>	<b>-321.9</b>
IV.2015	3899.9	2399.4	1500.5	4523.0	2864.6	1658.4	4203.4	2662.5	1540.9	-623.1	-465.2	-157.9	-303.5	-263.1	-40.4
V.2015	3737.1	2313.2	1423.9	4200.3	2592.9	1607.4	3922.3	2424.4	1497.9	-463.2	-279.7	-183.5	-185.2	-111.2	-74.0
VI.2015	4027.8	2564.7	1463.1	4425.8	2821.7	1604.1	4137.0	2639.9	1497.1	-398.0	-257.0	-141.0	-109.2	-75.2	-34.0
<b>IV - VI.2015</b>	<b>11664.8</b>	<b>7277.3</b>	<b>4387.5</b>	<b>13149.1</b>	<b>8279.2</b>	<b>4869.9</b>	<b>12262.7</b>	<b>7726.8</b>	<b>4535.9</b>	<b>-1484.3</b>	<b>-1001.9</b>	<b>-482.4</b>	<b>-597.9</b>	<b>-449.5</b>	<b>-148.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2015</b>	<b>22395.3</b>	<b>14153.5</b>	<b>8241.8</b>	<b>25466.6</b>	<b>16097.1</b>	<b>9369.5</b>	<b>23727.3</b>	<b>15015.2</b>	<b>8712.1</b>	<b>-3071.3</b>	<b>-1943.6</b>	<b>-1127.7</b>	<b>-1332.0</b>	<b>-861.7</b>	<b>-470.3</b>
VII.2015	4099.8	2622.9	1476.9	4755.4	3096.4	1659.0	4420.4	2879.3	1541.1	-655.6	-473.5	-182.1	-320.6	-256.4	-64.2
VIII.2015	3763.9	2457.4	1306.5	3818.1	2369.2	1448.9	3559.7	2215.5	1344.2	-54.2	88.2	-142.4	204.2	241.9	-37.7
IX.2015	3767.0	2490.0	1277.0	4096.0	2669.9	1426.1	3867.4	2536.4	1331.0	-329.0	-179.9	-149.1	-100.4	-46.4	-54.0
<b>VII - IX.2015</b>	<b>11630.7</b>	<b>7570.3</b>	<b>4060.4</b>	<b>12669.5</b>	<b>8135.5</b>	<b>4534.0</b>	<b>11847.5</b>	<b>7631.2</b>	<b>4216.3</b>	<b>-1038.8</b>	<b>-565.2</b>	<b>-473.6</b>	<b>-216.8</b>	<b>-60.9</b>	<b>-155.9</b>
<b>I - IX.2015</b>	<b>34026.0</b>	<b>21723.8</b>	<b>12302.2</b>	<b>38136.1</b>	<b>24232.6</b>	<b>13903.5</b>	<b>35574.8</b>	<b>22646.4</b>	<b>12928.4</b>	<b>-4110.1</b>	<b>-2508.8</b>	<b>-1601.3</b>	<b>-1548.8</b>	<b>-922.6</b>	<b>-626.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2015.

<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 - September  
2015<sup>1</sup> 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	9.4	16.3	-2.8	-4.5	-0.9	-9.8	-4.9	-1.1	-10.2
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.5	6.7	11.8	8.4	6.4	12.1
III	22.8	11.5	46.9	12.4	15.1	7.7	12.1	14.8	7.5
<b>I - III</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>
IV	12.4	13.3	11.1	5.1	8.9	-0.9	4.6	8.4	-1.4
V	6.8	12.0	-0.7	1.7	9.6	-9.0	1.7	9.5	-8.9
VI	8.7	12.9	2.1	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.6	7.1	5.7
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
VII	2.1	-0.5	7.1	8.2	12.2	1.4	7.8	11.7	1.1
VIII	-1.0	6.7	-12.8	-11.4	-3.9	-21.4	-11.1	-3.3	-21.4
IX	-3.9	4.7	-17.1	-12.3	-3.0	-25.7	-10.8	-1.1	-24.8
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-15.8</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-5.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2015.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - September 2014 and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	12013.2	12302.2	2.4	14753.3	13903.5	-5.8	-2740.1	-1601.3
of which:								
Albania	79.7	88.9	11.5	22.9	25.8	12.7	56.8	63.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	57.8	90.0	55.7	54.5	45.9	-15.8	3.3	44.1
Brazil	19.6	41.2	110.2	74.6	49.0	-34.3	-55.0	-7.8
Canada	52.1	69.3	33.0	32.6	40.0	22.7	19.5	29.3
China	748.4	850.2	13.6	1252.5	1411.5	12.7	-504.1	-561.3
Egypt	291.6	493.2	69.1	218.7	112.2	-48.7	72.9	381.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	523.5	549.7	5.0	382.7	393.4	2.8	140.8	156.3
Georgia	281.5	240.9	-14.4	337.4	351.0	4.0	-55.9	-110.1
Gibraltar	247.3	25.2	-89.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	247.3	25.2
India	65.3	81.7	25.1	158.6	206.4	30.1	-93.3	-124.7
Indonesia	43.0	41.9	-2.6	47.5	52.3	10.1	-4.5	-10.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	107.3	208.8	94.6	16.9	7.9	-53.3	90.4	200.9
Israel	158.4	121.3	-23.4	103.6	57.1	-44.9	54.8	64.2
Japan	41.6	60.2	44.7	123.9	120.0	-3.1	-82.3	-59.8
Kazakhstan	42.4	32.4	-23.6	55.2	39.2	-29.0	-12.8	-6.8
Korea, Republic of	126.8	87.4	-31.1	124.2	122.7	-1.2	2.6	-35.3
Libya	193.9	107.3	-44.7	129.8	179.8	38.5	64.1	-72.5
Morocco	114.1	70.1	-38.6	59.0	105.9	79.5	55.1	-35.8
Namibia	97.0	127.5	31.4	0.0	0.1	x	97.0	127.4
Norway	51.5	51.1	-0.8	26.4	23.0	-12.9	25.1	28.1
Peru	5.4	4.6	-14.8	31.9	24.5	-23.2	-26.5	-19.9
Russian Federation	751.4	592.9	-21.1	5904.7	4598.8	-22.1	-5153.3	-4005.9
Serbia	526.4	603.6	14.7	461.5	536.5	16.3	64.9	67.1
Singapore	881.8	573.0	-35.0	28.1	39.1	39.1	853.7	533.9
South Africa	62.5	70.4	12.6	31.7	17.1	-46.1	30.8	53.3
Switzerland	183.9	198.0	7.7	254.3	275.9	8.5	-70.4	-77.9
Syrian Arab Republic	121.5	40.6	-66.6	31.2	14.7	-52.9	90.3	25.9
Taiwan	28.8	35.0	21.5	130.2	168.8	29.6	-101.4	-133.8
Turkey	2989.3	3056.6	2.3	2156.0	2167.1	0.5	833.3	889.5
Ukraine	215.2	280.7	30.4	830.9	699.5	-15.8	-615.7	-418.8
United Arab Emirates	386.3	310.0	-19.8	61.0	126.4	107.2	325.3	183.6
United States	436.0	554.6	27.2	439.7	367.8	-16.4	-3.7	186.8
Viet-Nam	24.7	53.6	117.0	67.4	71.3	5.8	-42.7	-17.7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2015.

"x"- category not applicable.

"0"- figure less than half the unit used.



**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4  
in the period January - September 2014 and 2015<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	12013.2	12302.2	2.4	14753.3	13903.5	-5.8	-2740.1	-1601.3
Food and live animals	1056.0	1168.4	10.6	435.3	587.0	34.8	620.7	581.4
Beverages and tobacco	408.7	398.6	-2.5	152.0	111.9	-26.4	256.7	286.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	939.6	870.6	-7.3	1222.6	1475.7	20.7	-283.0	-605.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3293.6	2710.2	-17.7	6303.2	5055.0	-19.8	-3009.6	-2344.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	55.5	99.0	78.4	31.5	38.2	21.3	24.0	60.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1341.2	1461.2	8.9	1136.4	1268.7	11.6	204.8	192.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2431.4	2434.0	0.1	2588.6	2428.5	-6.2	-157.2	5.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1647.7	1981.4	20.3	2148.2	2072.0	-3.5	-500.5	-90.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	811.2	1154.1	42.3	708.1	844.8	19.3	103.1	309.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	28.3	24.7	-12.7	27.4	21.7	-20.8	0.9	3.0

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2015.