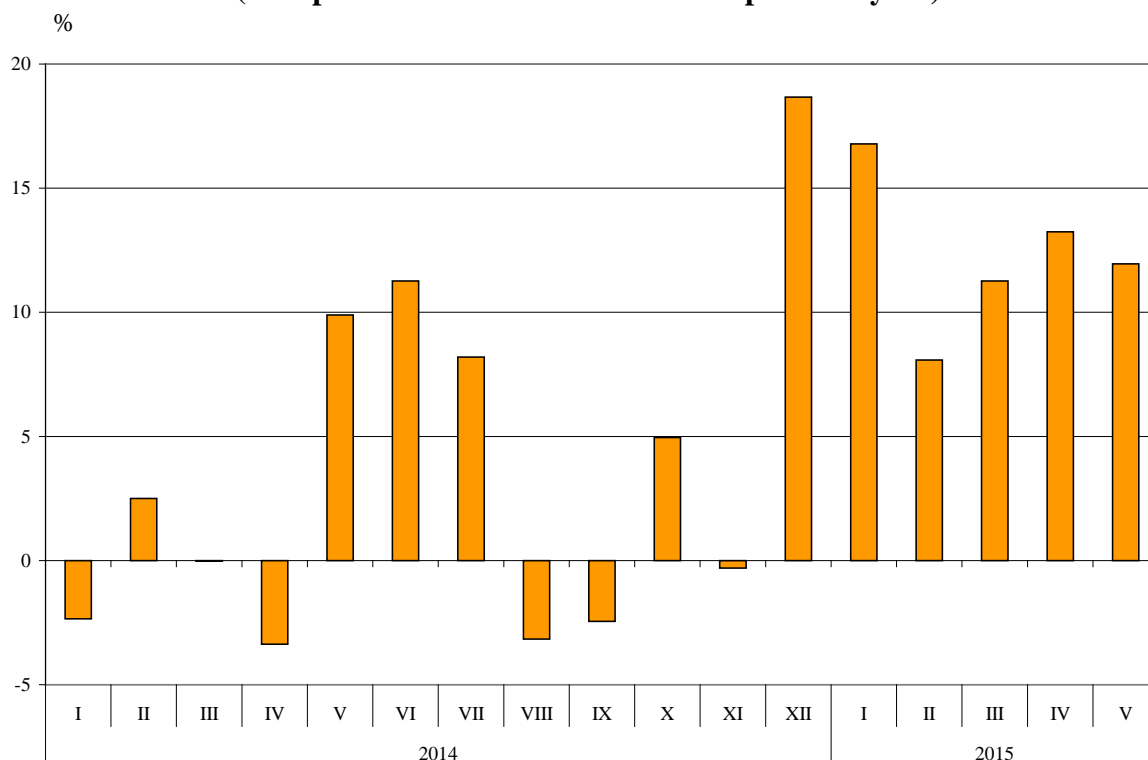


## **BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2015** **(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In **January - May 2015** period Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 12.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 11.6 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.1% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May** 2015 the exports to the EU increased by 12.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.3 Billion BGN.

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



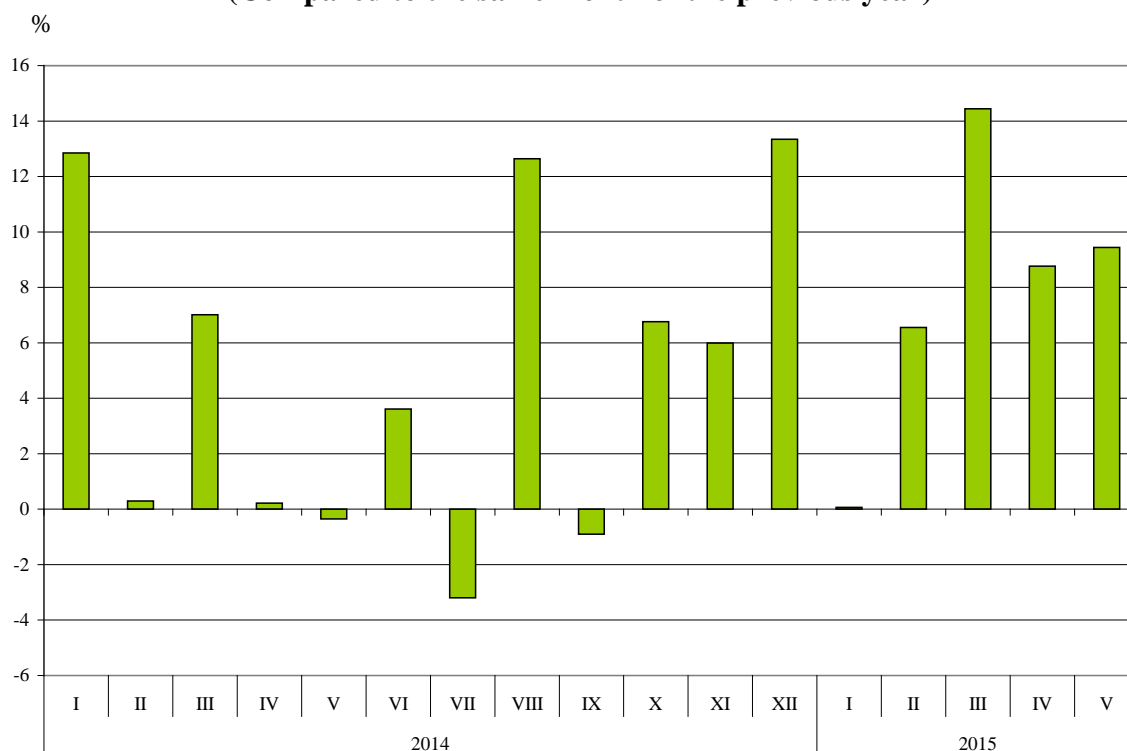
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - May 2015 increased by 8.0% compared to the same period of 2014 and added up to 13.3 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **May** 2015 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 9.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

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



**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU 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 the EU** in the period January - May 2015 was negative and added up to 1 678.7 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 1 139.9 Million BGN.

In the first five months of **2015** compared to the same period of 2014 the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria to the **EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.8%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'<sup>2</sup> (27.3%) . Fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (15.4%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (16.5%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (14.9%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.9%).

<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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2014<sup>1</sup> and 2015<sup>1</sup> by months

**Table 1**  
(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	3098.4	1970.7	1127.7	3957.9	2333.2	1624.7	3785.6	2238.7	1546.9	-859.5	-362.5	-497.0	-687.2	-268.0	-419.2
II.2014	3226.7	2001.1	1225.6	3802.3	2465.7	1336.6	3642.6	2366.4	1276.2	-575.6	-464.6	-111.0	-415.9	-365.3	-50.6
III.2014	3195.3	2172.1	1023.2	3938.0	2497.1	1440.9	3781.8	2401.4	1380.4	-742.7	-325.0	-417.7	-586.5	-229.3	-357.2
<b>I - III.2014</b>	<b>9520.4</b>	<b>6143.9</b>	<b>3376.5</b>	<b>11698.2</b>	<b>7296.0</b>	<b>4402.2</b>	<b>11210.0</b>	<b>7006.5</b>	<b>4203.5</b>	<b>-2177.8</b>	<b>-1152.1</b>	<b>-1025.7</b>	<b>-1689.6</b>	<b>-862.6</b>	<b>-827.0</b>
IV.2014	3448.4	2117.8	1330.6	4303.0	2630.4	1672.6	4121.4	2525.4	1596.0	-854.6	-512.6	-342.0	-673.0	-407.6	-265.4
V.2014	3498.5	2065.2	1433.3	4138.1	2366.0	1772.1	3958.4	2271.9	1686.5	-639.6	-300.8	-338.8	-459.9	-206.7	-253.2
<b>I - V.2014</b>	<b>16467.3</b>	<b>10326.9</b>	<b>6140.4</b>	<b>20139.3</b>	<b>12292.4</b>	<b>7846.9</b>	<b>19289.8</b>	<b>11803.8</b>	<b>7486.0</b>	<b>-3672.0</b>	<b>-1965.5</b>	<b>-1706.5</b>	<b>-2822.5</b>	<b>-1476.9</b>	<b>-1345.6</b>
I.2015	3398.3	2301.5	1096.8	3799.1	2334.7	1464.4	3632.9	2236.6	1396.3	-400.8	-33.2	-367.6	-234.6	64.9	-299.5
II.2015	3419.3	2162.7	1256.6	4114.2	2627.4	1486.8	3938.3	2520.1	1418.2	-694.9	-464.7	-230.2	-519.0	-357.4	-161.6
III.2015	3918.4	2416.8	1501.6	4402.8	2857.7	1545.1	4223.1	2745.4	1477.7	-484.4	-440.9	-43.5	-304.7	-328.6	23.9
<b>I - III.2015</b>	<b>10736.0</b>	<b>6881.0</b>	<b>3855.0</b>	<b>12316.1</b>	<b>7819.8</b>	<b>4496.3</b>	<b>11794.3</b>	<b>7502.1</b>	<b>4292.2</b>	<b>-1580.1</b>	<b>-938.8</b>	<b>-641.3</b>	<b>-1058.3</b>	<b>-621.1</b>	<b>-437.2</b>
IV.2015	3898.8	2398.3	1500.5	4519.3	2860.9	1658.4	4324.5	2743.0	1581.5	-620.5	-462.6	-157.9	-425.7	-344.7	-81.0
V.2015	3736.0	2312.1	1423.9	4196.8	2589.4	1607.4	4018.0	2486.2	1531.8	-460.8	-277.3	-183.5	-282.0	-174.1	-107.9
<b>I - V.2015</b>	<b>18370.8</b>	<b>11591.4</b>	<b>6779.4</b>	<b>21032.2</b>	<b>13270.1</b>	<b>7762.1</b>	<b>20136.8</b>	<b>12731.3</b>	<b>7405.5</b>	<b>-2661.4</b>	<b>-1678.7</b>	<b>-982.7</b>	<b>-1766.0</b>	<b>-1139.9</b>	<b>-626.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 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 - May 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	9.7	16.8	-2.7	-4.0	0.1	-9.9	-4.0	-0.1	-9.7
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.2	6.6	11.2	8.1	6.5	11.1
III	22.6	11.3	46.8	11.8	14.4	7.2	11.7	14.3	7.0
<b>I - III</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
IV	13.1	13.2	12.8	5.0	8.8	-0.8	4.9	8.6	-0.9
V	6.8	12.0	-0.7	1.4	9.4	-9.3	1.5	9.4	-9.2
<b>I - V</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2015.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16467.3</b>	<b>18370.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>20139.3</b>	<b>21032.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-3672.0</b>	<b>-2661.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>10326.9</b>	<b>11591.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12292.4</b>	<b>13270.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-1965.5</b>	<b>-1678.7</b>
Austria	314.1	308.6	-1.8	559.0	567.3	1.5	-244.9	-258.7
Belgium	654.6	757.7	15.8	416.5	455.4	9.3	238.1	302.3
Croatia	63.2	67.3	6.5	28.5	37.6	31.9	34.7	29.7
Cyprus	69.6	174.4	150.6	19.9	32.2	61.8	49.7	142.2
Czech Republic	236.2	286.8	21.4	425.6	421.1	-1.1	-189.4	-134.3
Denmark	81.3	89.1	9.6	74.4	90.1	21.1	6.9	-1.0
Estonia	14.1	14.9	5.7	5.7	8.6	50.9	8.4	6.3
Finland	29.4	51.7	75.9	40.9	38.3	-6.4	-11.5	13.4
France	720.7	700.8	-2.8	637.6	658.8	3.3	83.1	42.0
Germany	2092.8	2349.9	12.3	2354.5	2701.1	14.7	-261.7	-351.2
Greece	1086.8	1168.3	7.5	982.5	970.4	-1.2	104.3	197.9
Hungary	232.3	288.4	24.1	659.4	767.0	16.3	-427.1	-478.6
Ireland	17.9	17.9	0.0	62.3	63.6	2.1	-44.4	-45.7
Italy	1625.7	1779.5	9.5	1511.7	1522.6	0.7	114.0	256.9
Latvia	20.1	17.6	-12.4	6.0	19.2	220.0	14.1	-1.6
Lithuania	36.2	35.1	-3.0	32.6	35.1	7.7	3.6	0.0
Luxembourg	1.8	2.4	33.3	55.1	65.8	19.4	-53.3	-63.4
Malta	24.9	50.7	103.6	102.3	8.5	-91.7	-77.4	42.2
Netherlands	381.6	435.3	14.1	540.1	674.0	24.8	-158.5	-238.7
Poland	346.5	398.7	15.1	572.9	596.5	4.1	-226.4	-197.8
Portugal	59.5	74.8	25.7	39.3	36.9	-6.1	20.2	37.9
Romania	1285.1	1367.8	6.4	1459.1	1425.9	-2.3	-174.0	-58.1
Slovakia	129.6	160.5	23.8	231.1	287.4	24.4	-101.5	-126.9
Slovenia	79.8	114.2	43.1	139.0	142.8	2.7	-59.2	-28.6
Spain	250.8	293.9	17.2	875.8	1089.8	24.4	-625.0	-795.9
Sweden	100.8	118.5	17.6	116.3	119.0	2.3	-15.5	-0.5
United Kingdom	357.1	443.0	24.1	331.8	374.5	12.9	25.3	68.5
Not specified	14.4	23.6	63.9	12.5	60.6	384.8	1.9	-37.0

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2015.

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>6140.4</b>	<b>6779.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>7846.9</b>	<b>7762.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1706.5</b>	<b>-982.7</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>671.7</b>	<b>584.1</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>3444.1</b>	<b>2977.9</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>-2772.4</b>	<b>-2393.8</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	22.0	15.5	-29.5	37.0	21.5	-41.9	-15.0	-6.0
Russian Federation	416.7	308.6	-25.9	2825.4	2537.1	-10.2	-2408.7	-2228.5
Ukraine	94.7	136.2	43.8	521.4	370.0	-29.0	-426.7	-233.8
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2138.6</b>	<b>2347.8</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1872.7</b>	<b>1963.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>265.9</b>	<b>383.9</b>
of which:								
Canada	25.9	34.3	32.4	20.4	21.7	6.4	5.5	12.6
Israel	76.5	46.2	-39.6	62.2	35.3	-43.2	14.3	10.9
Japan	20.3	28.9	42.4	81.1	61.9	-23.7	-60.8	-33.0
Korea, Republic of	55.6	41.1	-26.1	66.9	66.3	-0.9	-11.3	-25.2
Turkey	1540.1	1705.9	10.8	1242.5	1251.4	0.7	297.6	454.5
United States	250.5	311.5	24.4	219.8	191.3	-13.0	30.7	120.2
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>134.3</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-28.5</b>	<b>-45.5</b>
of which:								
Norway	25.3	23.6	-6.7	14.4	12.4	-13.9	10.9	11.2
Switzerland	106.5	95.0	-10.8	147.7	150.2	1.7	-41.2	-55.2

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2015.

<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 - May 2014<sup>2</sup> and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

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Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	40.3	47.6	18.1	12.9	16.6	28.7	27.4	31.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32.1	54.0	68.2	24.5	25.3	3.3	7.6	28.7
Brazil	12.4	16.5	33.1	52.2	36.7	-29.7	-39.8	-20.2
China	434.4	461.2	6.2	681.4	816.9	19.9	-247.0	-355.7
Egypt	158.7	249.1	57.0	197.0	91.6	-53.5	-38.3	157.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	277.2	291.6	5.2	205.4	211.5	3.0	71.8	80.1
Georgia	163.9	115.9	-29.3	135.5	199.0	46.9	28.4	-83.1
India	30.9	43.1	39.5	84.3	122.5	45.3	-53.4	-79.4
Indonesia	14.3	20.6	44.1	21.5	26.5	23.3	-7.2	-5.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	58.8	163.8	178.6	2.2	4.3	95.5	56.6	159.5
Peru	3.5	2.5	-28.6	18.8	13.2	-29.8	-15.3	-10.7
Serbia	259.6	335.8	29.4	258.9	270.6	4.5	0.7	65.2
Singapore	423.8	308.4	-27.2	15.4	20.3	31.8	408.4	288.1
South Africa	15.1	52.6	248.3	21.2	9.1	-57.1	-6.1	43.5
Syrian Arab Republic	68.4	36.1	-47.2	20.9	12.9	-38.3	47.5	23.2
Taiwan	15.9	21.4	34.6	59.6	103.4	73.5	-43.7	-82.0
United Arab Emirates	252.1	188.2	-25.3	33.6	102.9	206.3	218.5	85.3
Viet Nam	13.8	17.1	23.9	38.9	46.9	20.6	-25.1	-29.8

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2015.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - May 2014<sup>1</sup> 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	
Total	16467.3	18370.8	11.6	20139.3	21032.2	4.4	-3672.0	-2661.4
of which EU	10326.9	11591.4	12.2	12292.4	13270.1	8.0	-1965.5	-1678.7
Food and live animals	1400.1	1653.2	18.1	1464.3	1602.8	9.5	-64.2	50.4
of which EU	938.5	985.9	5.1	1214.2	1270.3	4.6	-275.7	-284.4
Beverages and tobacco	363.8	344.1	-5.4	255.7	261.8	2.4	108.1	82.3
of which EU	136.7	115.7	-15.4	168.2	193.3	14.9	-31.5	-77.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1100.0	1228.5	11.7	1748.2	2063.1	18.0	-648.2	-834.6
of which EU	577.2	735.0	27.3	990.2	1153.6	16.5	-413.0	-418.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1980.6	2007.3	1.3	4124.7	3379.3	-18.1	-2144.1	-1372.0
of which EU	400.7	556.0	38.8	777.4	537.4	-30.9	-376.7	18.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	151.7	211.3	39.3	78.6	62.2	-20.9	73.1	149.1
of which EU	131.7	140.6	6.8	61.5	44.4	-27.8	70.2	96.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1581.3	1788.3	13.1	2711.4	2927.5	8.0	-1130.1	-1139.2
of which EU	821.7	943.4	14.8	2092.9	2263.3	8.1	-1271.2	-1319.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3934.6	4422.3	12.4	3295.1	3570.2	8.3	639.5	852.1
of which EU	2644.4	3099.0	17.2	2038.4	2243.6	10.1	606.0	855.4
Machinery and transport equipment	3377.8	3898.2	15.4	4917.4	5475.8	11.4	-1539.6	-1577.6
of which EU	2503.5	2821.6	12.7	3801.0	4313.5	13.5	-1297.5	-1491.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2532.4	2763.3	9.1	1436.2	1572.1	9.5	1096.2	1191.2
of which EU	2144.2	2154.9	0.5	1055.8	1145.3	8.5	1088.4	1009.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	45.0	54.3	20.7	107.7	117.4	9.0	-62.7	-63.1
of which EU	28.3	39.3	38.9	92.8	105.4	13.6	-64.5	-66.1

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2015.