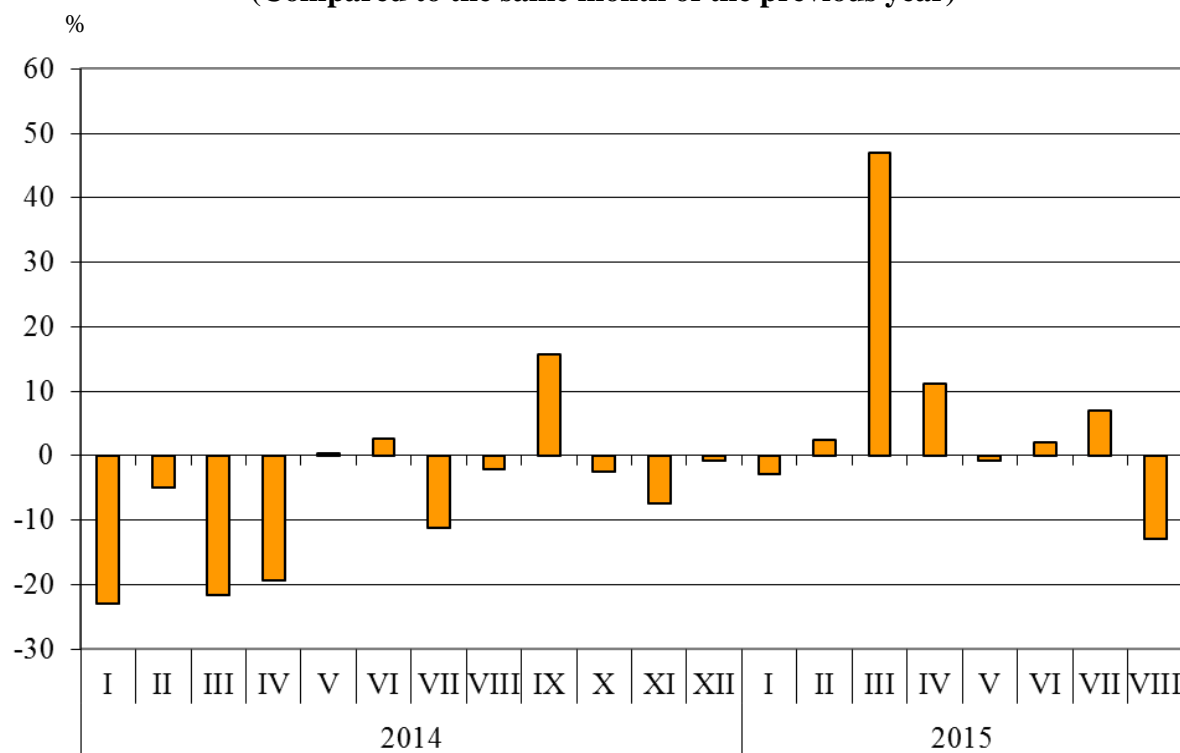


**BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD**  
**JANUARY - AUGUST 2015**  
**(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - August 2015** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 5.3% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 11.0 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 54.9% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In August 2015** exports to third countries decreased by 12.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.3 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)**

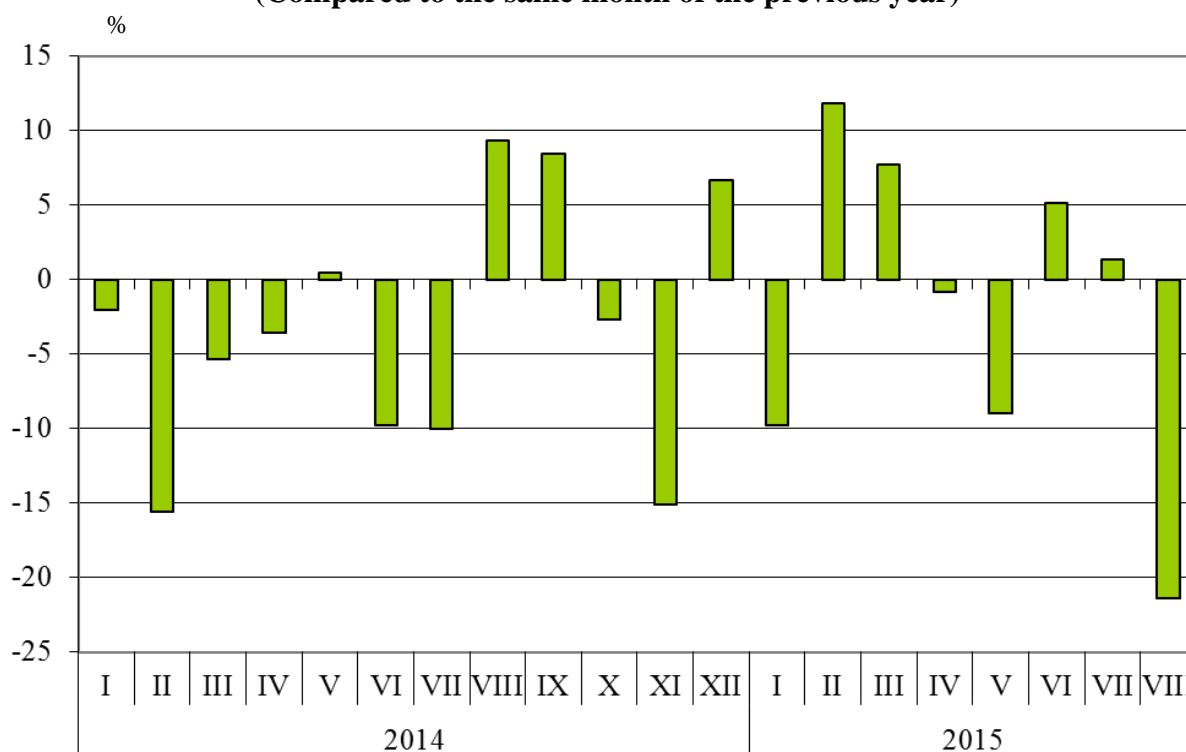


**Bulgarian imports from third countries in the first eight months of 2015** decreased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and added up to 12.5 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

**In August 2015** Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 21.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.4 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 - August 2015 was negative and added up to 1 452.2 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 572.2 Million BGN.

In August 2015 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 142.4 Million BGN.

In the first eight 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' (210.8%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'<sup>2</sup> (47.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (15.1%).

In imports from third countries the largest growths were reported in sections 'Food and live animals' (37.3%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'<sup>3</sup> (24.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (26.2%).

<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.

<sup>3</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.

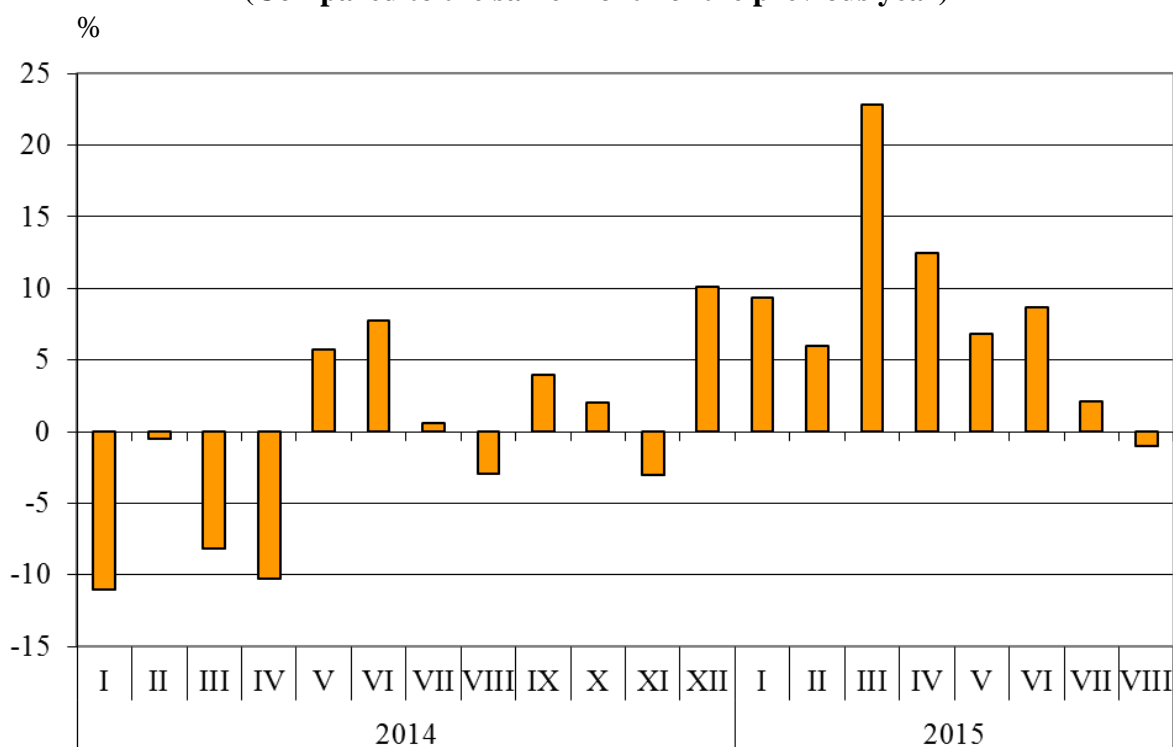


## Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period January - August 2015 the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 30.3 Billion BGN and compared to the corresponding period of 2014 the exports increased by 8.0% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2015 the total exports added up to 3.8 Billion BGN and decreased by 1.0% 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)**

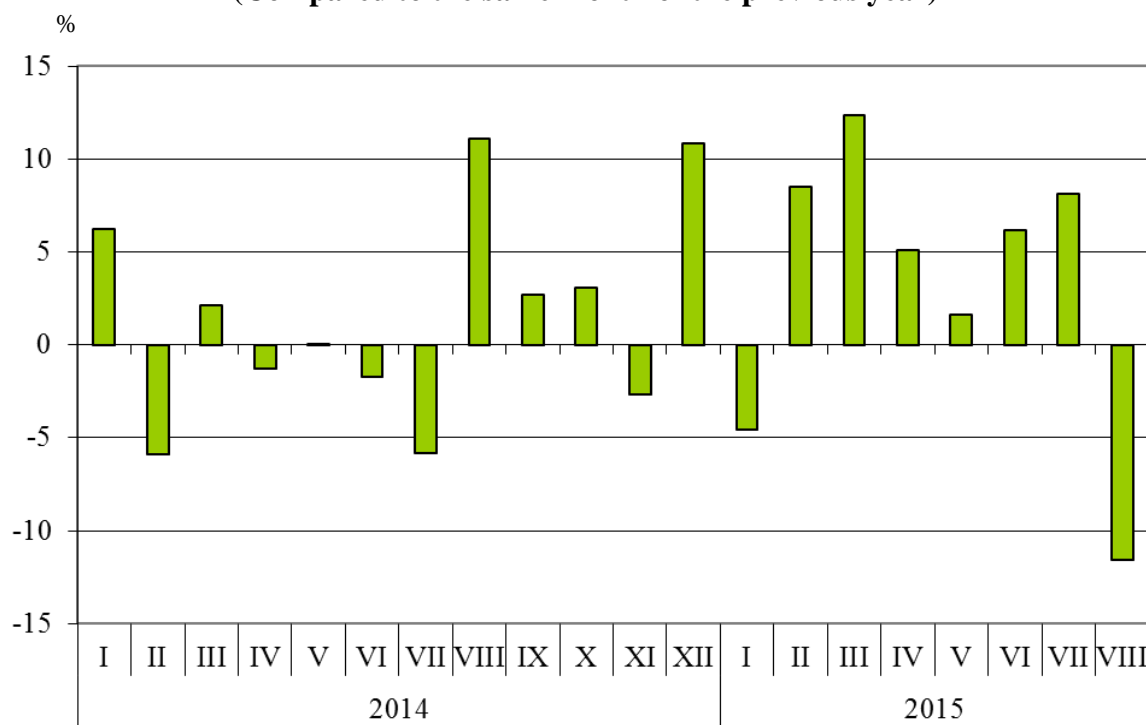


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period January - August 2015 amounted to 34.0 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 3.1% more than the corresponding period of 2014 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In August 2015 the total imports decreased by 11.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 3.8 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 - August 2015 and amounted to 3 772.9 Million BGN which was 1 213.5 Million BGN less than the balance in the first eight 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 - August 2015 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 475.8 Million BGN.

In August 2015 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 46.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was positive and amounted to 176.8 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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
<b>I - VIII.2014</b>	<b>28009.8</b>	<b>17537.1</b>	<b>10472.7</b>	<b>32996.2</b>	<b>20161.6</b>	<b>12834.6</b>	<b>30758.2</b>	<b>18821.4</b>	<b>11936.8</b>	<b>-4986.4</b>	<b>-2624.5</b>	<b>-2361.9</b>	<b>-2748.4</b>	<b>-1284.3</b>	<b>-1464.1</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	3764.5	2458.0	1306.5	3810.5	2361.6	1448.9	3587.7	2243.5	1344.2	-46.0	96.4	-142.4	176.8	214.5	-37.7
<b>I - VIII.2015</b>	<b>30259.6</b>	<b>19234.4</b>	<b>11025.2</b>	<b>34032.5</b>	<b>21555.1</b>	<b>12477.4</b>	<b>31735.4</b>	<b>20138.0</b>	<b>11597.4</b>	<b>-3772.9</b>	<b>-2320.7</b>	<b>-1452.2</b>	<b>-1475.8</b>	<b>-903.6</b>	<b>-572.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 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 - August  
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	-11.6	-4.2	-21.4	-10.4	-2.1	-21.4
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>-2.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2015.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - August 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	10472.7	11025.2	5.3	12834.6	12477.4	-2.8	-2361.9	-1452.2
of which:								
Albania	69.1	78.2	13.2	20.1	23.0	14.4	49.0	55.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	51.1	79.6	55.8	45.0	40.5	-10.0	6.1	39.1
Brazil	17.9	37.4	108.9	67.9	46.3	-31.8	-50.0	-8.9
Canada	42.7	56.5	32.3	28.3	36.3	28.3	14.4	20.2
China	706.5	758.2	7.3	1092.2	1254.4	14.9	-385.7	-496.2
Egypt	275.8	421.6	52.9	212.7	104.6	-50.8	63.1	317.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	456.3	488.0	6.9	331.7	346.9	4.6	124.6	141.1
Georgia	252.8	209.0	-17.3	303.5	332.7	9.6	-50.7	-123.7
Gibraltar	153.6	25.2	-83.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.6	25.2
India	56.7	73.5	29.6	138.6	183.5	32.4	-81.9	-110.0
Indonesia	35.2	37.3	6.0	38.4	44.6	16.1	-3.2	-7.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	86.2	199.5	131.4	16.4	6.8	-58.5	69.8	192.7
Israel	152.5	111.8	-26.7	96.0	53.0	-44.8	56.5	58.8
Japan	36.3	54.3	49.6	110.6	100.4	-9.2	-74.3	-46.1
Kazakhstan	34.8	28.5	-18.1	48.6	34.3	-29.4	-13.8	-5.8
Korea, Republic of	119.3	82.9	-30.5	106.6	107.9	1.2	12.7	-25.0
Libya	143.6	105.7	-26.4	129.8	179.7	38.4	13.8	-74.0
Morocco	108.0	66.1	-38.8	45.7	97.3	112.9	62.3	-31.2
Namibia	78.2	127.5	63.0	0.0	0.1	x	78.2	127.4
Norway	40.7	44.6	9.6	24.7	21.3	-13.8	16.0	23.3
Peru	5.0	4.4	-12.0	23.3	23.4	0.4	-18.3	-19.0
Russian Federation	666.1	525.9	-21.0	4915.3	4142.8	-15.7	-4249.2	-3616.9
Serbia	460.8	539.9	17.2	410.1	474.4	15.7	50.7	65.5
Singapore	782.6	511.3	-34.7	21.5	31.9	48.4	761.1	479.4
South Africa	40.6	64.5	58.9	30.5	15.5	-49.2	10.1	49.0
Switzerland	163.3	159.7	-2.2	228.2	246.0	7.8	-64.9	-86.3
Syrian Arab Republic	103.6	38.8	-62.5	27.1	14.6	-46.1	76.5	24.2
Taiwan	25.8	31.1	20.5	104.5	153.3	46.7	-78.7	-122.2
Turkey	2625.5	2742.7	4.5	1909.3	1942.4	1.7	716.2	800.3
Ukraine	193.2	260.9	35.0	774.4	618.8	-20.1	-581.2	-357.9
United Arab Emirates	345.7	283.1	-18.1	51.1	120.8	136.4	294.6	162.3
United States	382.6	488.3	27.6	412.4	325.7	-21.0	-29.8	162.6
Viet-Nam	22.2	41.4	86.5	56.8	65.6	15.5	-34.6	-24.2

<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 12-th October 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 - August 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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>10472.7</b>	<b>11025.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>12834.6</b>	<b>12477.4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2361.9</b>	<b>-1452.2</b>
Food and live animals	891.0	1079.6	21.2	384.0	527.4	37.3	507.0	552.2
Beverages and tobacco	359.4	359.2	-0.1	140.1	103.4	-26.2	219.3	255.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	811.5	792.3	-2.4	1101.0	1369.6	24.4	-289.5	-577.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2860.5	2428.5	-15.1	5552.3	4601.1	-17.1	-2691.8	-2172.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29.6	92.0	210.8	27.3	32.6	19.4	2.3	59.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1168.6	1326.6	13.5	997.6	1106.5	10.9	171.0	220.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2173.3	2167.3	-0.3	2068.1	2166.7	4.8	105.2	0.6
Machinery and transport equipment	1453.2	1728.1	18.9	1920.2	1837.8	-4.3	-467.0	-109.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	700.0	1028.7	47.0	619.4	713.1	15.1	80.6	315.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	25.6	22.9	-10.5	24.6	19.2	-22.0	1.0	3.7

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2015.