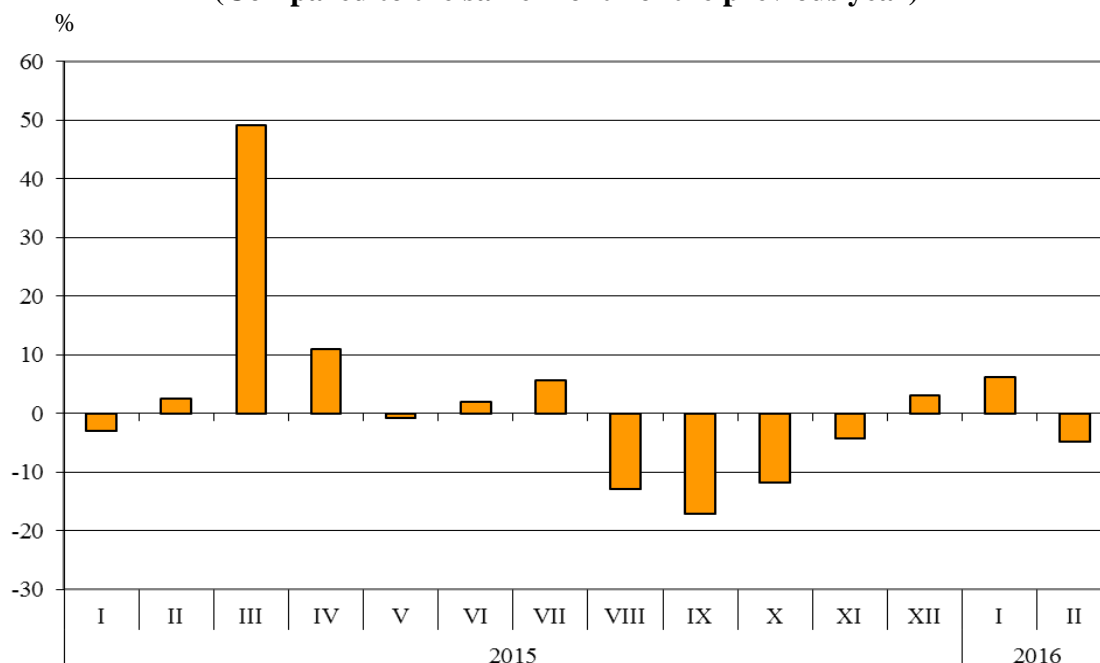


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 0.3% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 2.360 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, USA and Russian Federation, which accounted for 49.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2016 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 4.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.195 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries
in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



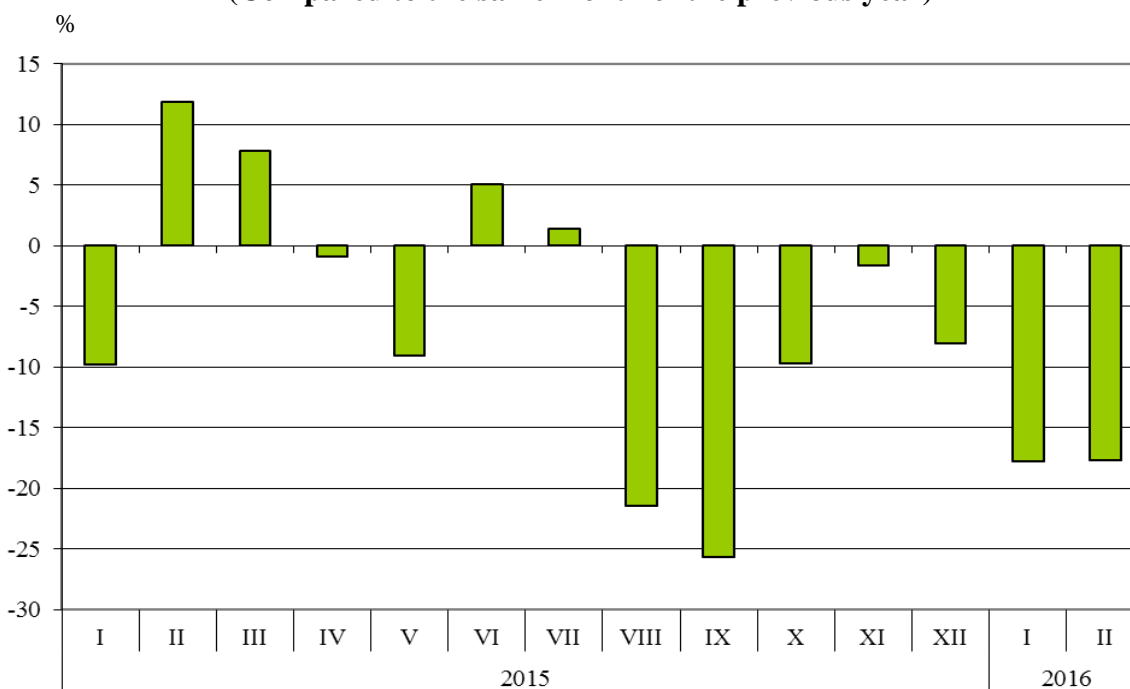
Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - February 2016** decreased by 17.7% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and added up to 2.427 Billion BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2016 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 17.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1.223 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2015 - 2016 (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 - February 2016** was negative and amounted to 66.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was positive and added up to 96.5 Million BGN.

In **February 2016** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 27.8 Million BGN.

In the first two months of 2016 compared to the corresponding period of 2015 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (107.1%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (10.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (50.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.



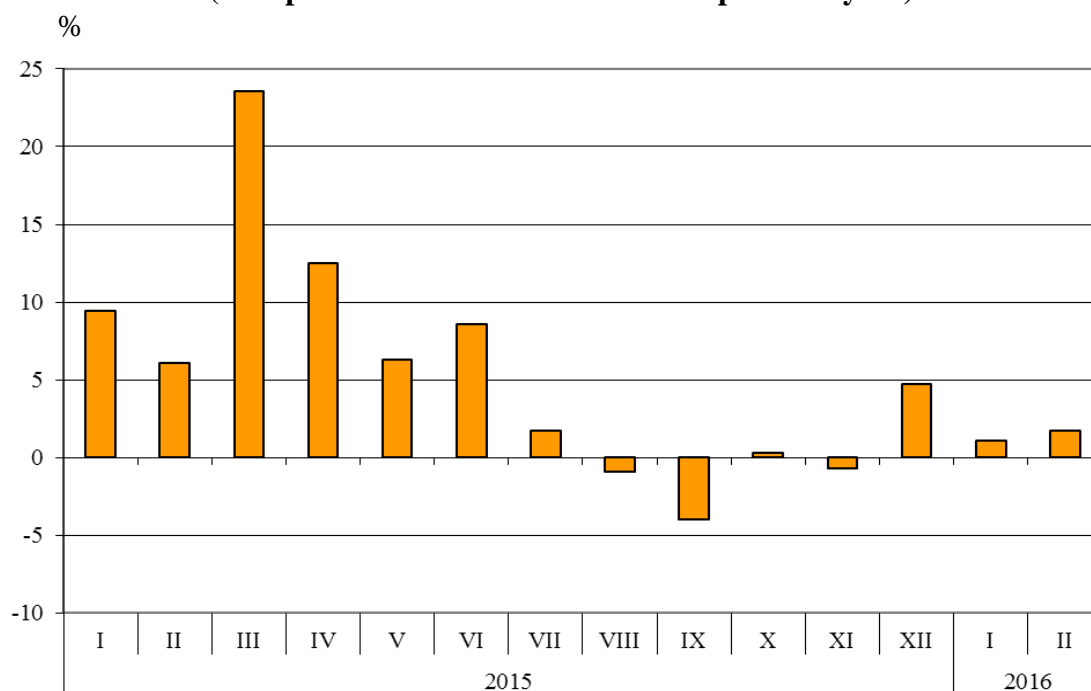
In imports from third countries growths were reported in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (42.1%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (18.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’¹ (56.0%).

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2016** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 6.9 Billion BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 the exports increased by 1.4% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2016 the total exports added up to 3.483 Billion BGN or by 1.7% more than the same month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value² change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - February 2016** amounted to 7.3 Billion BGN (at CIF prices), or by 7.7% less than the corresponding period of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

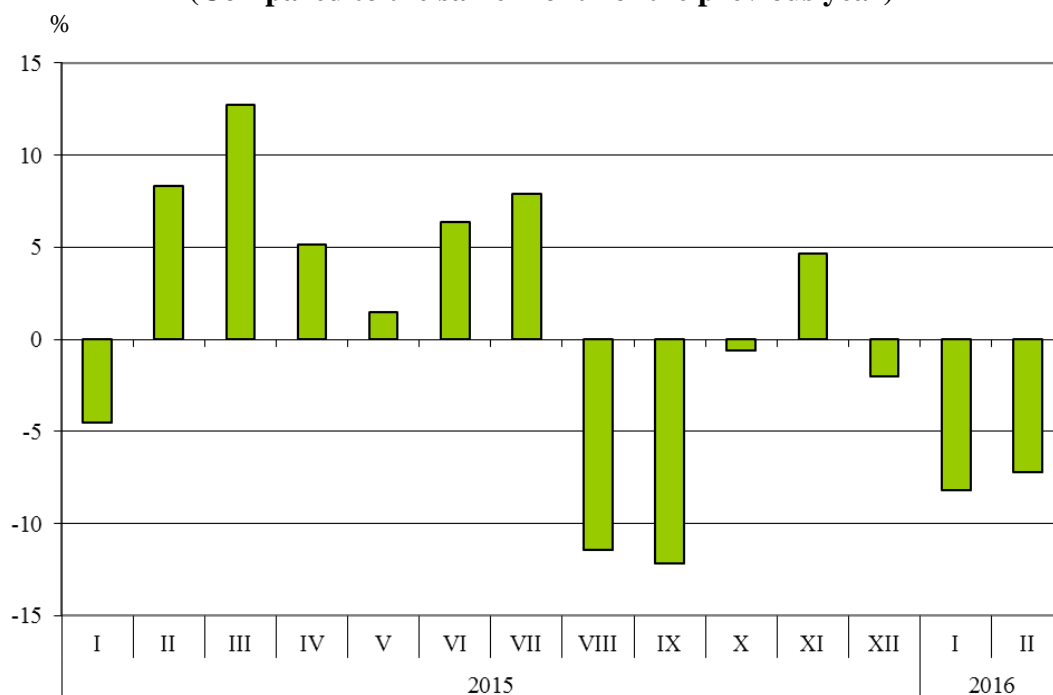
¹ The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

² Value changes at current prices.



In February 2016 the total imports decreased by 7.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 3.816 Billion BGN.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period **January-February 2016** and amounted to 372.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2016 the total foreign trade balance was positive and amounted to 83.0 Million BGN.

In February 2016 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 333.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was negative and amounted to 118.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2015¹ and 2016¹ by months

(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.2015	3390.5	2294.9	1095.6	3776.0	2312.1	1463.9	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.5	-17.2	-368.3	-108.5	147.3	-255.8
II.2015	3423.7	2167.1	1256.6	4110.9	2624.6	1486.3	3825.0	2447.4	1377.6	-687.2	-457.5	-229.7	-401.3	-280.3	-121.0
I - II.2015	6814.2	4462.0	2352.2	7886.9	4936.7	2950.2	7324.0	4595.0	2729.0	-1072.7	-474.7	-598.0	-509.8	-133.0	-376.8
I.2016	3427.0	2262.7	1164.3	3466.4	2263.0	1203.4	3225.3	2100.7	1124.6	-39.4	-0.3	-39.1	201.7	162.0	39.7
II.2016	3482.7	2287.3	1195.4	3815.7	2592.5	1223.2	3601.4	2462.8	1138.6	-333.0	-305.2	-27.8	-118.7	-175.5	56.8
I - II.2016	6909.7	4550.0	2359.7	7282.1	4855.5	2426.6	6826.7	4563.5	2263.2	-372.4	-305.5	-66.9	83.0	-13.5	96.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th April 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2016¹ 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	1.1	-1.4	6.3	-8.2	-2.1	-17.8	-7.8	-2.2	-16.8
II	1.7	5.5	-4.9	-7.2	-1.2	-17.7	-5.8	0.6	-17.3
I - II	1.4	2.0	0.3	-7.7	-1.6	-17.7	-6.8	-0.7	-17.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th April 2016.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - February 2015² and 2016²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	2352.2	2359.7	0.3	2950.2	2426.6	-17.7	-598.0	-66.9
of which:								
Albania	18.1	15.0	-17.1	5.8	2.7	-53.4	12.3	12.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.9	20.0	-12.7	10.9	11.0	0.9	12.0	9.0
Brazil	4.8	5.0	4.2	15.7	7.6	-51.6	-10.9	-2.6
Canada	13.5	14.0	3.7	6.8	14.3	110.3	6.7	-0.3
China	206.2	143.6	-30.4	366.8	331.9	-9.5	-160.6	-188.3
Egypt	79.5	78.4	-1.4	20.4	64.9	218.1	59.1	13.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	108.7	121.4	11.7	78.4	58.5	-25.4	30.3	62.9
Georgia	36.4	27.2	-25.3	51.8	31.7	-38.8	-15.4	-4.5
Gibraltar	23.7	0.2	-99.2	0.0	0.1	x	23.7	0.1
India	17.5	15.2	-13.1	52.8	41.9	-20.6	-35.3	-26.7
Indonesia	9.4	8.9	-5.3	10.6	10.0	-5.7	-1.2	-1.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	65.7	35.8	-45.5	1.5	7.7	413.3	64.2	28.1
Israel	18.0	24.9	38.3	14.5	33.8	133.1	3.5	-8.9
Japan	11.2	9.5	-15.2	23.3	27.7	18.9	-12.1	-18.2
Kazakhstan	4.8	3.0	-37.5	8.6	6.0	-30.2	-3.8	-3.0
Korea, Republic of	9.1	32.3	254.9	23.6	37.0	56.8	-14.5	-4.7
Libya	34.2	24.2	-29.2	0.4	0.0	x	33.8	24.2
Morocco	11.0	12.2	10.9	11.8	22.2	88.1	-0.8	-10.0
Namibia	19.2	11.4	-40.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.2	11.4
Norway	9.8	11.9	21.4	4.0	9.6	140.0	5.8	2.3
Peru	0.6	1.1	83.3	7.2	13.2	83.3	-6.6	-12.1
Russian Federation	95.0	100.6	5.9	938.6	694.8	-26.0	-843.6	-594.2
Serbia	116.7	110.8	-5.1	78.0	83.9	7.6	38.7	26.9
Singapore	81.9	46.0	-43.8	9.5	11.4	20.0	72.4	34.6
South Africa	18.7	7.1	-62.0	3.5	7.2	105.7	15.2	-0.1
Switzerland	39.3	44.6	13.5	58.2	50.1	-13.9	-18.9	-5.5
Syrian Arab Republic	12.8	8.2	-35.9	1.6	0.6	-62.5	11.2	7.6
Taiwan	5.5	4.8	-12.7	44.4	34.1	-23.2	-38.9	-29.3
Turkey	626.3	584.5	-6.7	397.0	435.8	9.8	229.3	148.7
Ukraine	29.1	33.9	16.5	130.8	105.9	-19.0	-101.7	-72.0
United Arab Emirates	85.1	76.9	-9.6	46.1	7.1	-84.6	39.0	69.8
United States	112.0	106.5	-4.9	76.6	59.6	-22.2	35.4	46.9
Viet-Nam	7.9	8.0	1.3	13.8	10.4	-24.6	-5.9	-2.4

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 April 2016.

"x" - category not applicable.

"-" - no case.

"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 - February 2015¹ and 2016¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	2352.2	2359.7	0.3	2950.2	2426.6	-17.7	-598.0	-66.9
Food and live animals	295.5	239.0	-19.1	138.0	119.6	-13.3	157.5	119.4
Beverages and tobacco	89.4	93.8	4.9	21.8	15.3	-29.8	67.6	78.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	200.9	160.6	-20.1	440.4	193.7	-56.0	-239.5	-33.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	403.9	439.3	8.8	932.8	707.1	-24.2	-528.9	-267.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29.7	14.7	-50.5	5.7	8.1	42.1	24.0	6.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	292.3	239.8	-18.0	293.7	273.3	-6.9	-1.4	-33.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	503.1	407.0	-19.1	509.5	482.1	-5.4	-6.4	-75.1
Machinery and transport equipment	350.9	388.1	10.6	442.4	432.4	-2.3	-91.5	-44.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	179.8	372.3	107.1	161.0	190.6	18.4	18.8	181.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.7	5.1	-23.9	4.9	4.4	-10.2	1.8	0.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th April 2016.