

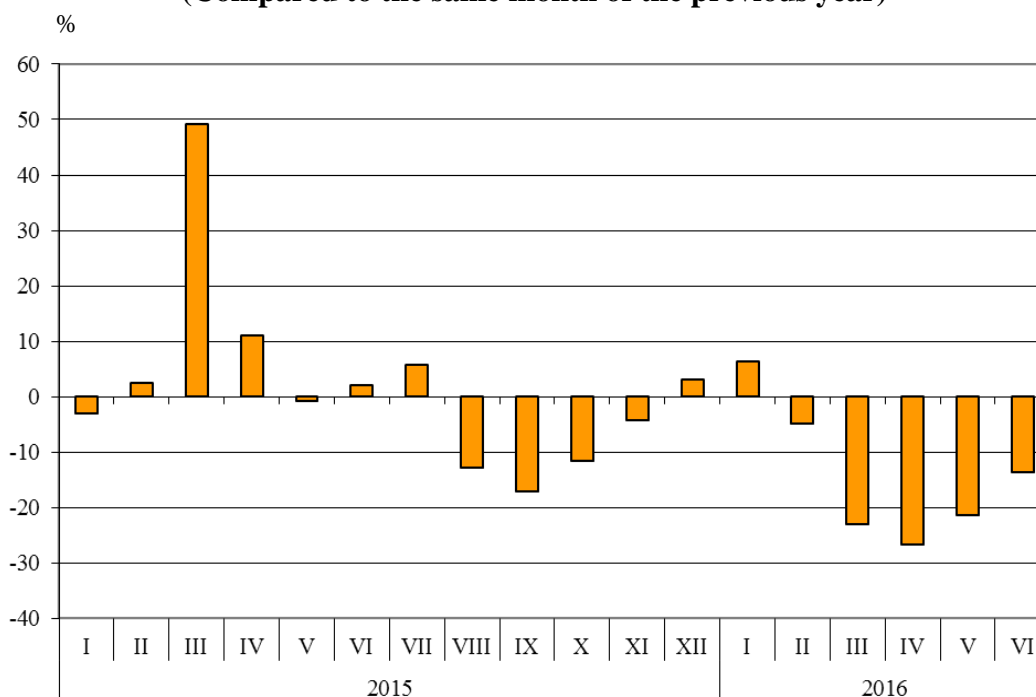


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 15.1% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 7 015.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Russian Federation and USA, which accounted for 51.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In June 2016 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** dropped by 13.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 1 263.0 Million 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)**



In the first six months of 2016 compared to the same period of 2015 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (27.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (38.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

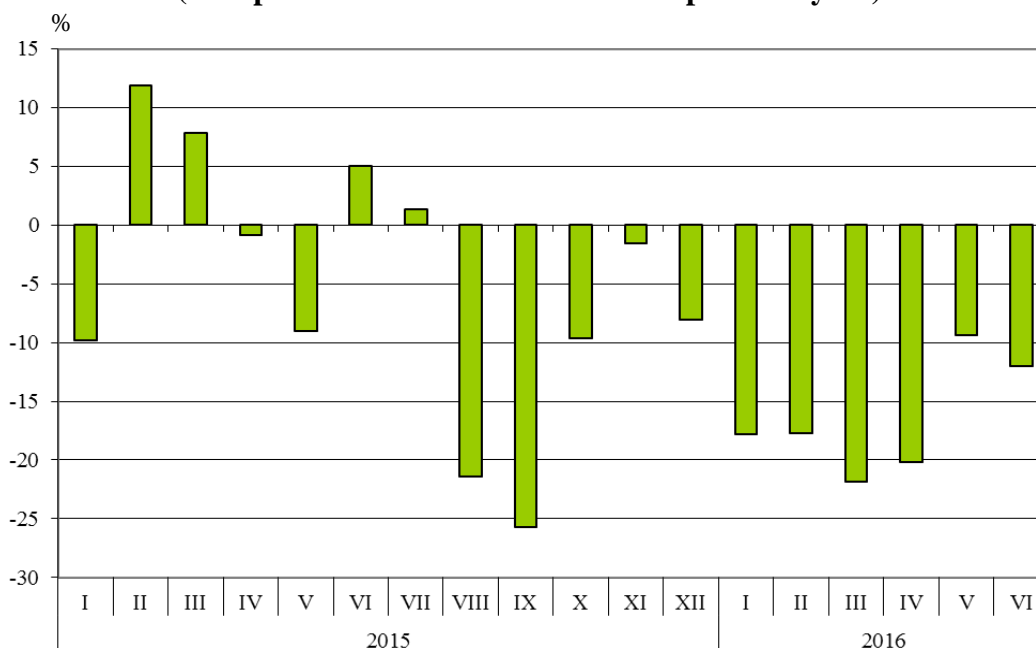
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - June 2016** decreased by 16.5% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and added up to 7 827.6 Million 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 June 2016 Bulgarian imports from third countries dropped by 12.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 410.3 Million BGN.

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)



In the first six months of 2016 compared to the corresponding period of 2015 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth were recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (18.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (42.4%).

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.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - June 2016** was negative and added up to 811.9 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 287.3 Million BGN.

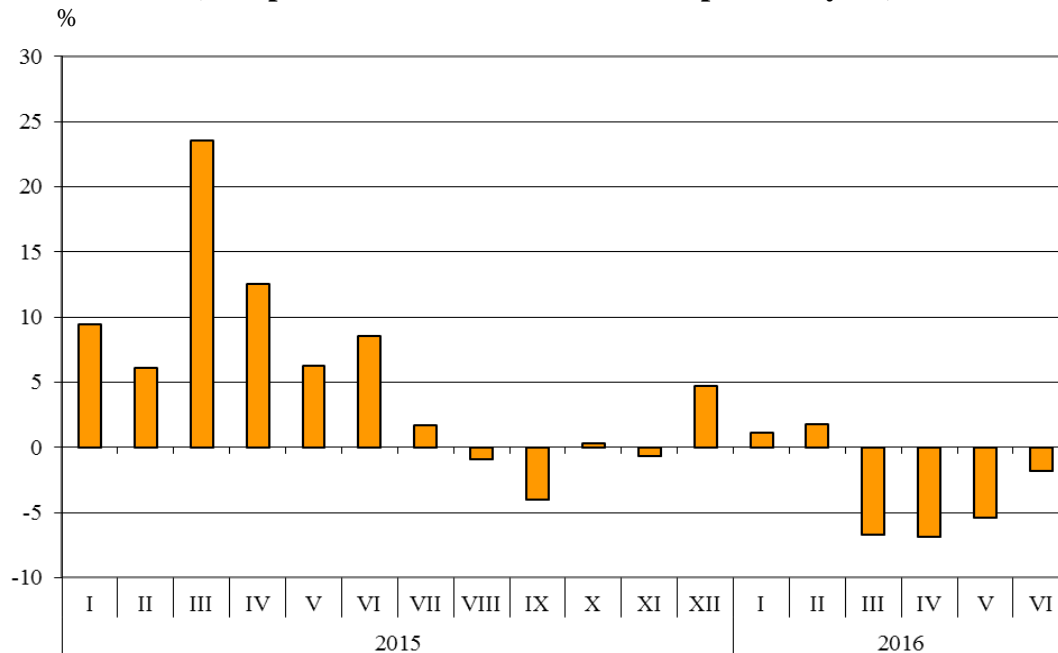
In **June 2016** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and added up to 147.3 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - June 2016** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 21 694.2 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 the exports decreased by 3.2% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **June 2016** the **total exports** added up to 3 949.9 Million BGN or by 1.8% less than the same month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



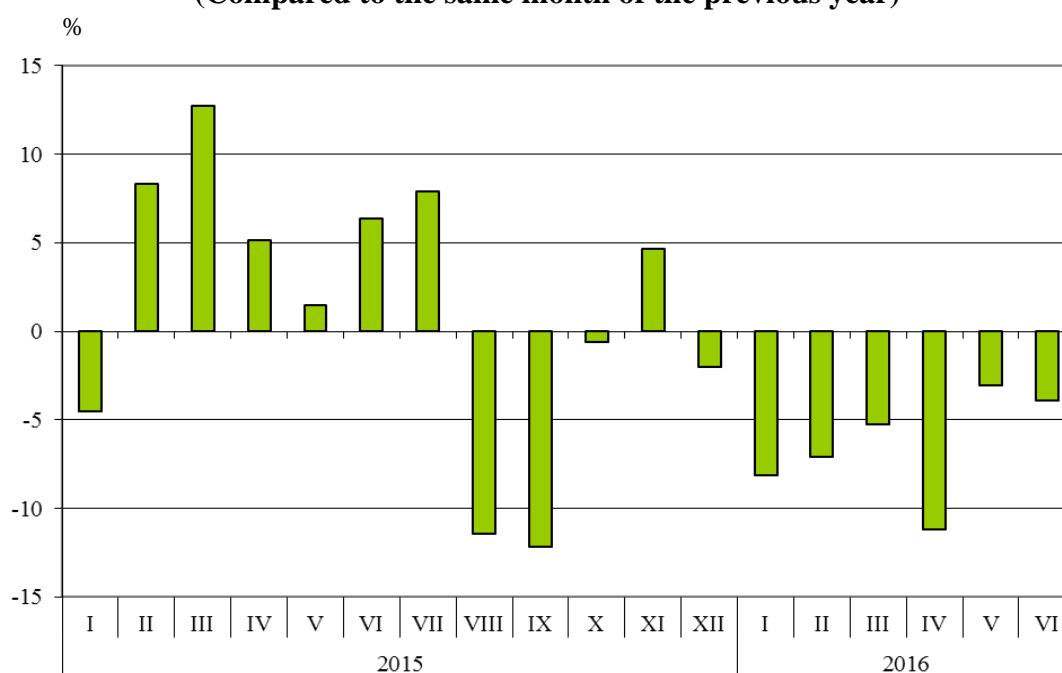
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The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - June 2016** amounted to 23 838.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 6.4% less than the corresponding period of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **June 2016 the total imports** decreased by 3.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 262.2 Million 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 - June 2016** and amounted to 2 144.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - June 2016 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up 601.2 Million BGN.

In **June 2016** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and amounted to 312.3 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and added up 75.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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
III.2015	3945.3	2421.5	1523.8	4436.3	2885.4	1550.9	4145.7	2697.0	1448.7	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.4	-275.5	75.1
I - III.2015	10759.5	6883.5	3876.0	12323.2	7822.1	4501.1	11469.7	7292.0	4177.7	-1563.7	-938.6	-625.1	-710.2	-408.5	-301.7
IV.2015	3903.1	2402.6	1500.5	4524.5	2866.3	1658.2	4204.8	2664.1	1540.7	-621.4	-463.7	-157.7	-301.7	-261.5	-40.2
V.2015	3718.9	2295.1	1423.8	4193.1	2586.3	1606.8	3916.1	2418.8	1497.3	-474.2	-291.2	-183.0	-197.2	-123.7	-73.5
VI.2015	4022.2	2559.9	1462.3	4434.4	2831.3	1603.1	4144.8	2648.7	1496.1	-412.2	-271.4	-140.8	-122.6	-88.8	-33.8
IV - VI.2015	11644.2	7257.6	4386.6	13152.0	8283.9	4868.1	12265.7	7731.6	4534.1	-1507.8	-1026.3	-481.5	-621.5	-474.0	-147.5
I - VI.2015	22403.7	14141.1	8262.6	25475.2	16106.0	9369.2	23735.4	15023.6	8711.8	-3071.5	-1964.9	-1106.6	-1331.7	-882.5	-449.2
I.2016	3427.5	2263.2	1164.3	3469.1	2265.7	1203.4	3227.7	2103.1	1124.6	-41.6	-2.5	-39.1	199.8	160.1	39.7
II.2016	3485.1	2289.7	1195.4	3820.5	2597.3	1223.2	3567.8	2429.2	1138.6	-335.4	-307.6	-27.8	-82.7	-139.5	56.8
III.2016	3680.5	2507.0	1173.5	4202.2	2990.7	1211.5	3918.0	2786.3	1131.7	-521.7	-483.7	-38.0	-237.5	-279.3	41.8
I - III.2016	10593.1	7059.9	3533.2	11491.8	7853.7	3638.1	10713.5	7318.6	3394.9	-898.7	-793.8	-104.9	-120.4	-258.7	138.3
IV.2016	3634.1	2535.3	1098.8	4018.9	2695.4	1323.5	3760.2	2525.0	1235.2	-384.8	-160.1	-224.7	-126.1	10.3	-136.4
V.2016	3517.1	2396.4	1120.7	4065.6	2609.9	1455.7	3796.3	2439.5	1356.8	-548.5	-213.5	-335.0	-279.2	-43.1	-236.1
VI.2016	3949.9	2686.9	1263.0	4262.2	2851.9	1410.3	4025.4	2709.3	1316.1	-312.3	-165.0	-147.3	-75.5	-22.4	-53.1
IV - VI.2016	11101.1	7618.6	3482.5	12346.7	8157.2	4189.5	11581.9	7673.8	3908.1	-1245.6	-538.6	-707.0	-480.8	-55.2	-425.6
I - VI.2016	21694.2	14678.5	7015.7	23838.5	16010.9	7827.6	22295.4	14992.4	7303.0	-2144.3	-1332.4	-811.9	-601.2	-313.9	-287.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June
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	-8.1	-2.0	-17.8	-7.8	-2.1	-16.8
II	1.8	5.7	-4.9	-7.1	-1.0	-17.7	-6.7	-0.7	-17.3
III	-6.7	3.5	-23.0	-5.3	3.6	-21.9	-5.5	3.3	-21.9
I - III	-1.5	2.6	-8.8	-6.7	0.4	-19.2	-6.6	0.4	-18.7
IV	-6.9	5.5	-26.8	-11.2	-6.0	-20.2	-10.6	-5.2	-19.8
V	-5.4	4.4	-21.3	-3.0	0.9	-9.4	-3.1	0.9	-9.4
VI	-1.8	5.0	-13.6	-3.9	0.7	-12.0	-2.9	2.3	-12.0
IV - VI	-4.7	5.0	-20.6	-6.1	-1.5	-13.9	-5.6	-0.7	-13.8
I - VI	-3.2	3.8	-15.1	-6.4	-0.6	-16.5	-6.1	-0.2	-16.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - June 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	8262.6	7015.7	-15.1	9369.2	7827.6	-16.5	-1106.6	-811.9
of which:								
Albania	57.0	47.7	-16.3	18.2	10.7	-41.2	38.8	37.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	61.4	64.8	5.5	29.4	32.1	9.2	32.0	32.7
Brazil	20.8	32.4	55.8	41.6	30.8	-26.0	-20.8	1.6
Canada	41.9	38.3	-8.6	29.9	36.4	21.7	12.0	1.9
China	542.5	406.5	-25.1	967.2	939.7	-2.8	-424.7	-533.2
Egypt	304.5	179.8	-41.0	94.8	217.8	129.7	209.7	-38.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	354.5	386.1	8.9	258.4	218.7	-15.4	96.1	167.4
Georgia	147.8	126.3	-14.5	246.9	100.4	-59.3	-99.1	25.9
Gibraltar	24.8	0.4	-98.4	0.0	0.1	x	24.8	0.3
India	52.4	55.2	5.3	141.8	113.3	-20.1	-89.4	-58.1
Indonesia	23.3	24.3	4.3	31.9	31.3	-1.9	-8.6	-7.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	178.4	49.4	-72.3	5.2	26.4	407.7	173.2	23.0
Israel	57.1	56.7	-0.7	41.6	57.2	37.5	15.5	-0.5
Japan	37.7	32.7	-13.3	74.5	95.5	28.2	-36.8	-62.8
Kazakhstan	20.1	16.3	-18.9	24.4	17.1	-29.9	-4.3	-0.8
Korea, Republic of	48.1	57.2	18.9	79.4	117.9	48.5	-31.3	-60.7
Libya	88.0	118.0	34.1	67.0	2.6	-96.1	21.0	115.4
Morocco	49.2	48.6	-1.2	69.6	70.0	0.6	-20.4	-21.4
Namibia	103.2	40.7	-60.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	103.2	40.7
Norway	29.4	19.3	-34.4	14.6	25.2	72.6	14.8	-5.9
Peru	2.7	5.0	85.2	13.4	20.7	54.5	-10.7	-15.7
Russian Federation	368.9	298.1	-19.2	3126.0	2155.4	-31.0	-2757.1	-1857.3
Serbia	403.4	356.1	-11.7	345.0	339.8	-1.5	58.4	16.3
Singapore	402.8	119.5	-70.3	25.6	24.4	-4.7	377.2	95.1
South Africa	56.2	55.2	-1.8	12.1	17.4	43.8	44.1	37.8
Switzerland	114.2	85.1	-25.5	184.1	184.0	-0.1	-69.9	-98.9
Syrian Arab Republic	37.0	20.5	-44.6	14.6	1.4	-90.4	22.4	19.1
Taiwan	24.4	14.7	-39.8	126.4	96.9	-23.3	-102.0	-82.2
Turkey	2126.1	1847.7	-13.1	1513.1	1454.0	-3.9	613.0	393.7
Ukraine	192.0	73.1	-61.9	455.7	385.3	-15.4	-263.7	-312.2
United Arab Emirates	224.9	163.0	-27.5	110.0	21.1	-80.8	114.9	141.9
United States	373.8	294.9	-21.1	233.5	216.0	-7.5	140.3	78.9
Viet-Nam	20.7	35.5	71.5	53.3	36.7	-31.1	-32.6	-1.2

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 9-th August 2016.

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - June 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	8262.6	7015.7	-15.1	9369.2	7827.6	-16.5	-1106.6	-811.9
Food and live animals	784.5	713.4	-9.1	397.7	411.5	3.5	386.8	301.9
Beverages and tobacco	272.8	167.1	-38.7	83.0	71.8	-13.5	189.8	95.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	611.4	544.8	-10.9	1047.8	603.6	-42.4	-436.4	-58.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1845.8	1239.3	-32.9	3450.1	2215.4	-35.8	-1604.3	-976.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	76.0	76.9	1.2	22.6	23.3	3.1	53.4	53.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1010.1	761.4	-24.6	815.1	794.9	-2.5	195.0	-33.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1603.8	1309.9	-18.3	1621.3	1595.7	-1.6	-17.5	-285.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1301.2	1243.1	-4.5	1396.8	1471.1	5.3	-95.6	-228.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	739.6	940.9	27.2	520.4	615.5	18.3	219.2	325.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	17.4	18.9	8.6	14.4	24.8	72.2	3.0	-5.9

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