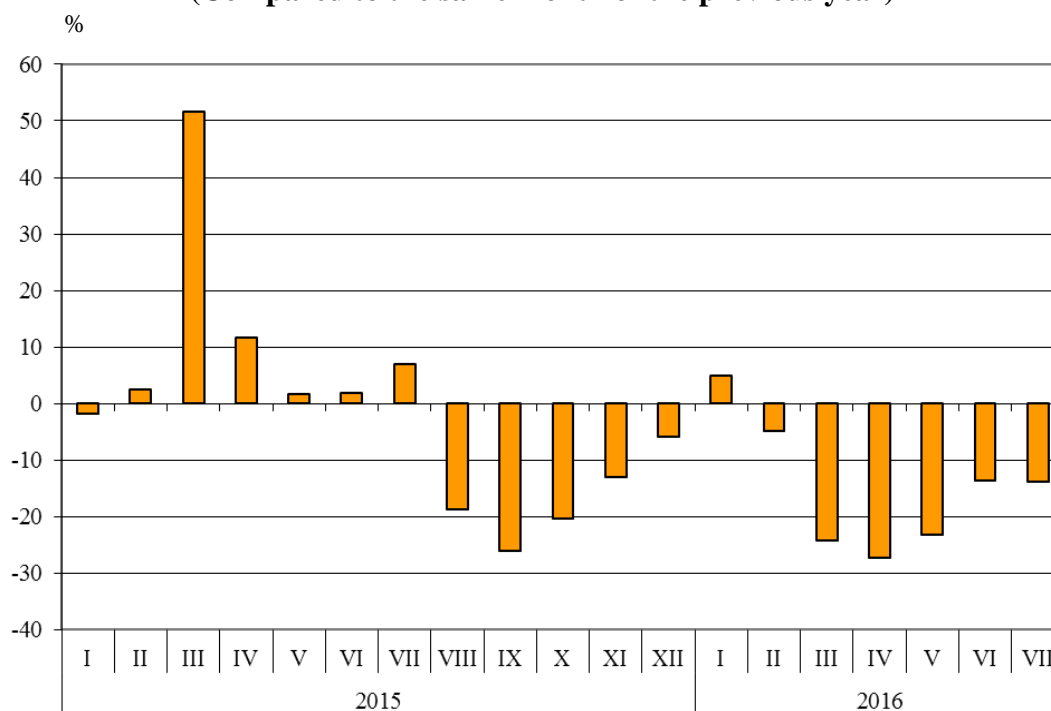


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 15.6% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 8 287.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, China, Serbia, Russian Federation and USA, which accounted for 50.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2016 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** dropped by 13.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 1 272.7 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 seven 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** growth was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (26.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (35.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

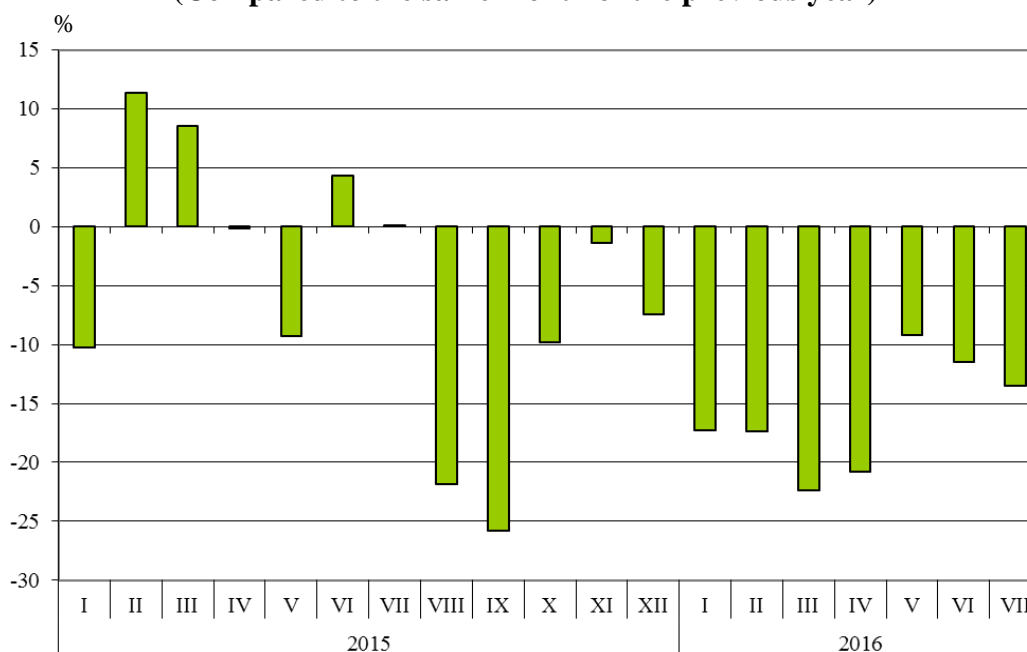
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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 - July 2016** decreased by 16.0% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and added up to 9 244.3 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 July 2016 Bulgarian **imports from third countries** dropped by 13.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 416.9 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 seven 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 growths were recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (18.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (41.8%).

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 - July 2016** was negative and added up to 957.0 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 506.0 Million BGN.

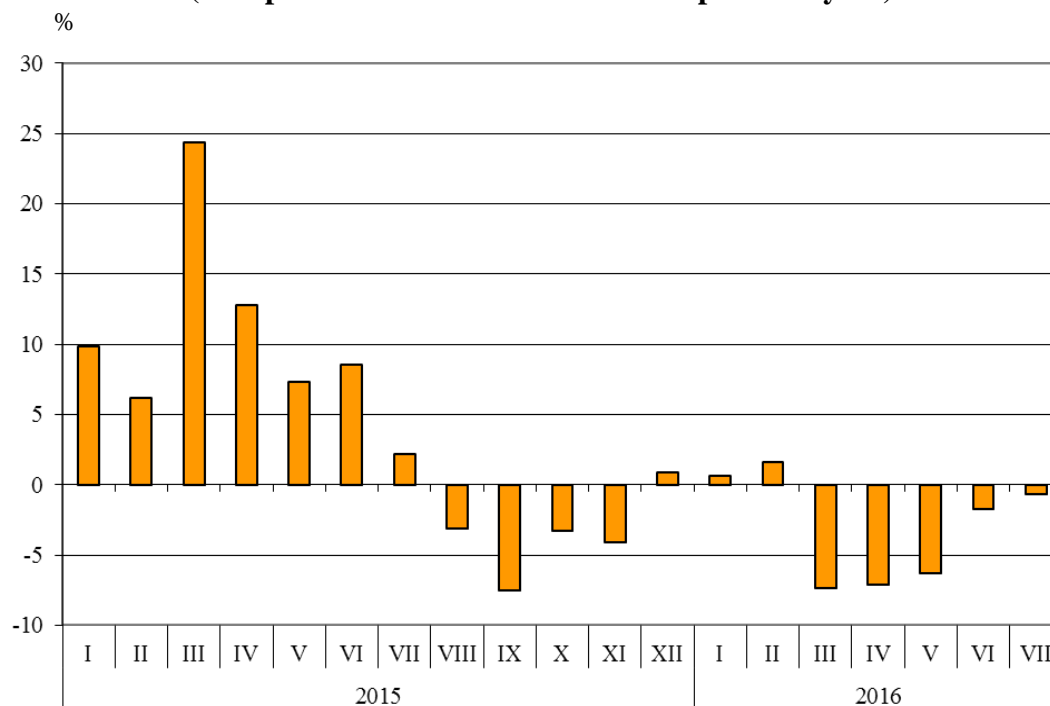
In **July 2016** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and added up to 144.2 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - July 2016** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 25 769.6 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 the exports decreased by 3.1% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **July 2016** the **total exports** added up to 4 075.8 Million BGN or by 0.7% 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)



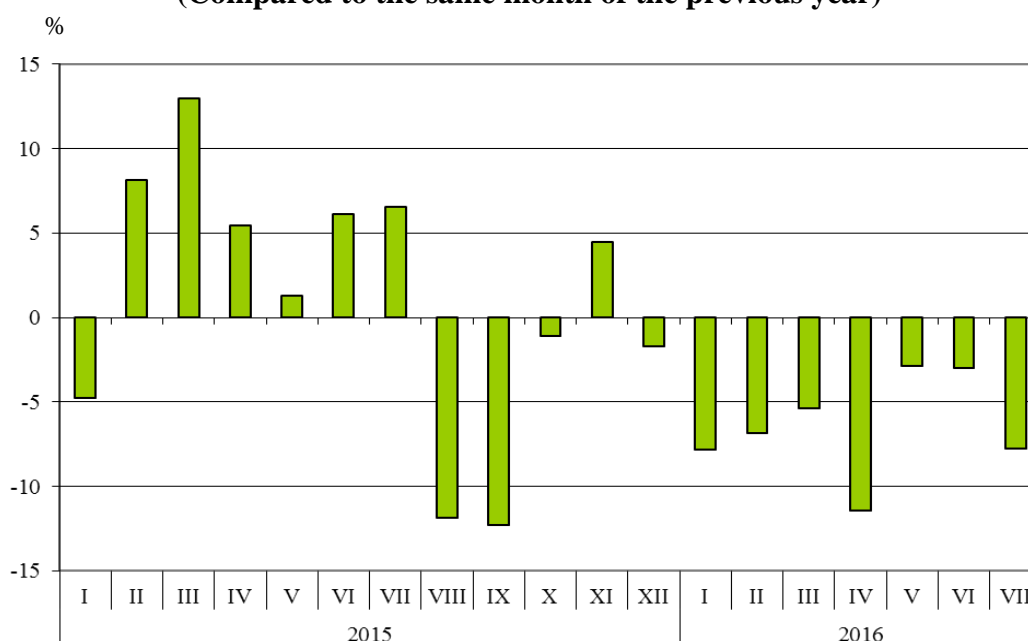
¹ Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - July 2016** amounted to 28 201.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 6.5% less than the corresponding period of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **July 2016** the **total imports** decreased by 7.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 322.9 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 - July 2016** and amounted to 2 432.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - July 2016 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up 1 086.2 Million BGN.

In **July 2016** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and amounted to 247.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and added up 29.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2015 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	3404.9	2296.0	1108.9	3767.8	2312.0	1455.8	3579.5	2199.6	1379.9	-362.9	-16.0	-346.9	-174.6	96.4	-271.0
II.2015	3427.4	2171.8	1255.6	4104.7	2624.7	1480.0	3904.3	2499.7	1404.6	-677.3	-452.9	-224.4	-476.9	-327.9	-149.0
III.2015	3971.6	2422.7	1548.9	4447.0	2886.1	1560.9	4239.8	2753.7	1486.1	-475.4	-463.4	-12.0	-268.2	-331.0	62.8
I - III.2015	10803.9	6890.5	3913.4	12319.5	7822.8	4496.7	11723.6	7453.0	4270.6	-1515.6	-932.3	-583.3	-919.7	-562.5	-357.2
IV.2015	3912.2	2403.4	1508.8	4537.2	2866.8	1670.4	4313.3	2728.0	1585.3	-625.0	-463.4	-161.6	-401.1	-324.6	-76.5
V.2015	3755.0	2297.2	1457.8	4185.7	2583.3	1602.4	3984.9	2464.5	1520.4	-430.7	-286.1	-144.6	-229.9	-167.3	-62.6
VI.2015	4022.8	2562.3	1460.5	4423.1	2830.3	1592.8	4213.6	2699.1	1514.5	-400.3	-268.0	-132.3	-190.8	-136.8	-54.0
IV - VI.2015	11690.0	7262.9	4427.1	13146.0	8280.4	4865.6	12511.8	7891.6	4620.2	-1456.0	-1017.5	-438.5	-821.8	-628.7	-193.1
I - VI.2015	22493.9	14153.4	8340.5	25465.5	16103.2	9362.3	24235.4	15344.6	8890.8	-2971.6	-1949.8	-1021.8	-1741.5	-1191.2	-550.3
VII.2015	4105.0	2629.0	1476.0	4685.9	3047.1	1638.8	4455.2	2900.6	1554.6	-580.9	-418.1	-162.8	-350.2	-271.6	-78.6
I - VII.2015	26598.9	16782.4	9816.5	30151.4	19150.3	11001.1	28690.6	18245.2	10445.4	-3552.5	-2367.9	-1184.6	-2091.7	-1462.8	-628.9
I.2016	3427.4	2263.2	1164.2	3472.1	2267.9	1204.2	3301.5	2155.2	1146.3	-44.7	-4.7	-40.0	125.9	108.0	17.9
II.2016	3482.0	2286.6	1195.4	3824.8	2601.6	1223.2	3644.9	2481.5	1163.4	-342.8	-315.0	-27.8	-162.9	-194.9	32.0
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4207.8	2996.4	1211.4	4012.6	2856.4	1156.2	-527.3	-489.0	-38.3	-332.1	-349.0	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.9	7057.2	3532.7	11504.7	7865.9	3638.8	10959.0	7493.1	3465.9	-914.8	-808.7	-106.1	-369.1	-435.9	66.8
IV.2016	3634.1	2535.4	1098.7	4017.7	2694.6	1323.1	3832.4	2574.1	1258.3	-383.6	-159.2	-224.4	-198.3	-38.7	-159.6
V.2016	3517.4	2397.2	1120.2	4066.2	2610.5	1455.7	3870.2	2488.1	1382.1	-548.8	-213.3	-335.5	-352.8	-90.9	-261.9
VI.2016	3952.4	2689.4	1263.0	4290.3	2880.5	1409.8	4088.5	2746.5	1342.0	-337.9	-191.1	-146.8	-136.1	-57.1	-79.0
IV - VI.2016	11103.9	7622.0	3481.9	12374.2	8185.6	4188.6	11791.1	7808.7	3982.4	-1270.3	-563.6	-706.7	-687.2	-186.7	-500.5
I - VI.2016	21693.8	14679.2	7014.6	23878.9	16051.5	7827.4	22750.1	15301.8	7448.3	-2185.1	-1372.3	-812.8	-1056.3	-622.6	-433.7
VII.2016	4075.8	2803.1	1272.7	4322.9	2906.0	1416.9	4105.7	2760.7	1345.0	-247.1	-102.9	-144.2	-29.9	42.4	-72.3
I - VII.2016	25769.6	17482.3	8287.3	28201.8	18957.5	9244.3	26855.8	18062.5	8793.3	-2432.2	-1475.2	-957.0	-1086.2	-580.2	-506.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July
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	0.7	-1.4	5.0	-7.8	-1.9	-17.3	-7.8	-2.0	-16.9
II	1.6	5.3	-4.8	-6.8	-0.9	-17.4	-6.6	-0.7	-17.2
III	-7.3	3.5	-24.3	-5.4	3.8	-22.4	-5.4	3.7	-22.2
I - III	-2.0	2.4	-9.7	-6.6	0.6	-19.1	-6.5	0.5	-18.8
IV	-7.1	5.5	-27.2	-11.4	-6.0	-20.8	-11.1	-5.6	-20.6
V	-6.3	4.4	-23.2	-2.9	1.1	-9.2	-2.9	1.0	-9.1
VI	-1.8	5.0	-13.5	-3.0	1.8	-11.5	-3.0	1.8	-11.4
IV - VI	-5.0	4.9	-21.4	-5.9	-1.1	-13.9	-5.8	-1.1	-13.8
I - VI	-3.6	3.7	-15.9	-6.2	-0.3	-16.4	-6.1	-0.3	-16.2
VII	-0.7	6.6	-13.8	-7.7	-4.6	-13.5	-7.8	-4.8	-13.5
I - VII	-3.1	4.2	-15.6	-6.5	-1.0	-16.0	-6.4	-1.0	-15.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - July 2015 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	9816.5	8287.3	-15.6	11001.1	9244.3	-16.0	-1184.6	-957.0
of which:								
Albania	68.2	55.4	-18.8	20.3	12.9	-36.5	47.9	42.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	71.8	75.8	5.6	37.3	40.2	7.8	34.5	35.6
Brazil	26.7	34.0	27.3	44.8	33.9	-24.3	-18.1	0.1
Canada	50.0	42.8	-14.4	34.3	43.1	25.7	15.7	-0.3
China	656.6	445.1	-32.2	1119.5	1131.8	1.1	-462.9	-686.7
Egypt	375.3	196.8	-47.6	95.1	264.8	178.4	280.2	-68.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	426.7	447.3	4.8	299.1	266.5	-10.9	127.6	180.8
Georgia	179.2	161.4	-9.9	293.6	118.0	-59.8	-114.4	43.4
Gibraltar	24.8	15.3	-38.3	0.0	0.1	x	24.8	15.2
India	65.2	73.0	12.0	163.8	131.7	-19.6	-98.6	-58.7
Indonesia	30.6	27.8	-9.2	38.6	35.6	-7.8	-8.0	-7.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	192.6	56.7	-70.6	6.1	29.6	385.2	186.5	27.1
Israel	66.6	64.1	-3.8	50.0	62.1	24.2	16.6	2.0
Japan	46.0	40.5	-12.0	86.3	111.2	28.9	-40.3	-70.7
Kazakhstan	24.5	18.6	-24.1	29.0	19.0	-34.5	-4.5	-0.4
Korea, Republic of	77.3	63.4	-18.0	92.6	135.2	46.0	-15.3	-71.8
Libya	90.0	127.2	41.3	112.3	2.6	-97.7	-22.3	124.6
Morocco	62.3	52.7	-15.4	94.0	94.3	0.3	-31.7	-41.6
Namibia	103.3	59.2	-42.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	103.3	59.2
Norway	35.8	20.5	-42.7	19.6	30.4	55.1	16.2	-9.9
Peru	3.5	5.4	54.3	14.1	21.6	53.2	-10.6	-16.2
Russian Federation	482.5	368.4	-23.6	3735.1	2584.6	-30.8	-3252.6	-2216.2
Serbia	480.5	421.6	-12.3	415.0	409.7	-1.3	65.5	11.9
Singapore	488.0	136.7	-72.0	27.1	26.7	-1.5	460.9	110.0
South Africa	60.0	57.5	-4.2	13.7	22.3	62.8	46.3	35.2
Switzerland	138.4	93.2	-32.7	220.3	218.7	-0.7	-81.9	-125.5
Syrian Arab Republic	37.9	20.9	-44.9	14.6	1.4	-90.4	23.3	19.5
Taiwan	27.8	17.3	-37.8	142.0	113.2	-20.3	-114.2	-95.9
Turkey	2444.6	2130.3	-12.9	1728.6	1674.5	-3.1	716.0	455.8
Ukraine	241.9	81.8	-66.2	547.5	453.7	-17.1	-305.6	-371.9
United Arab Emirates	257.6	206.5	-19.8	117.2	23.6	-79.9	140.4	182.9
United States	483.6	342.9	-29.1	288.0	245.0	-14.9	195.6	97.9
Viet-Nam	24.1	61.2	153.9	59.5	44.6	-25.0	-35.4	16.6

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 12-th September 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 - July 2015 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	9816.5	8287.3	-15.6	11001.1	9244.3	-16.0	-1184.6	-957.0
Food and live animals	979.8	837.0	-14.6	454.8	474.3	4.3	525.0	362.7
Beverages and tobacco	324.6	210.5	-35.2	96.9	88.5	-8.7	227.7	122.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	713.0	602.6	-15.5	1176.6	684.4	-41.8	-463.6	-81.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2136.8	1547.9	-27.6	4101.0	2676.8	-34.7	-1964.2	-1128.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	88.3	84.8	-4.0	28.7	27.1	-5.6	59.6	57.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1220.4	884.5	-27.5	952.9	926.9	-2.7	267.5	-42.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1901.1	1503.7	-20.9	1929.5	1880.4	-2.5	-28.4	-376.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1534.9	1459.2	-4.9	1631.0	1734.4	6.3	-96.1	-275.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	897.2	1135.1	26.5	612.8	723.9	18.1	284.4	411.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.4	22.0	7.8	16.9	27.6	63.3	3.5	-5.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2016.