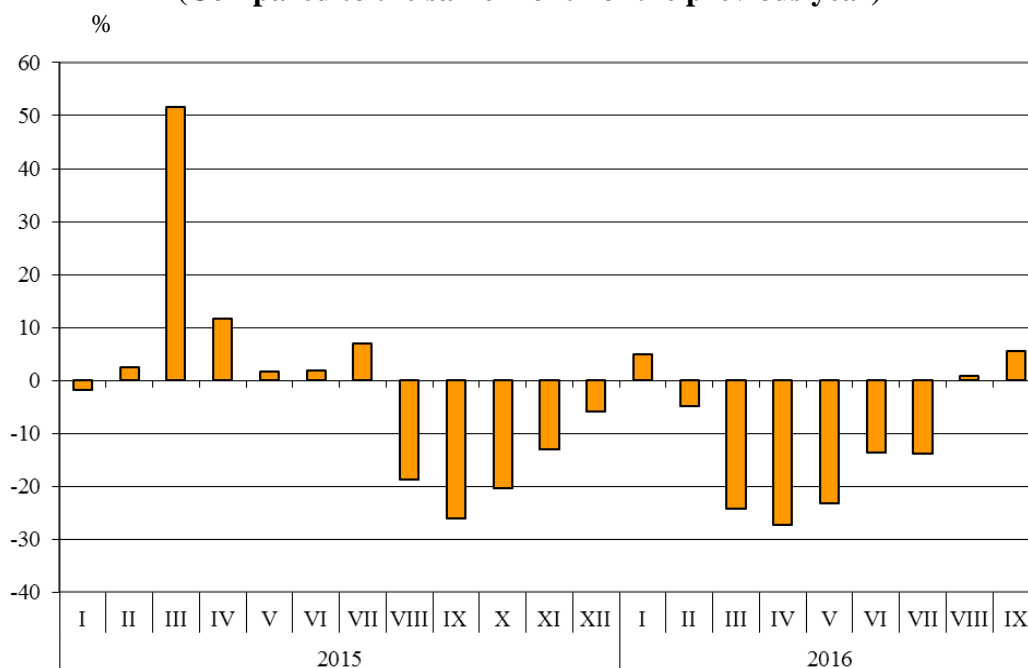


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 12.0% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 10 719.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, China, Russian Federation and USA, which accounted for 49.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2016 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 5.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 1 202.9 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 nine 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 (30.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (26.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

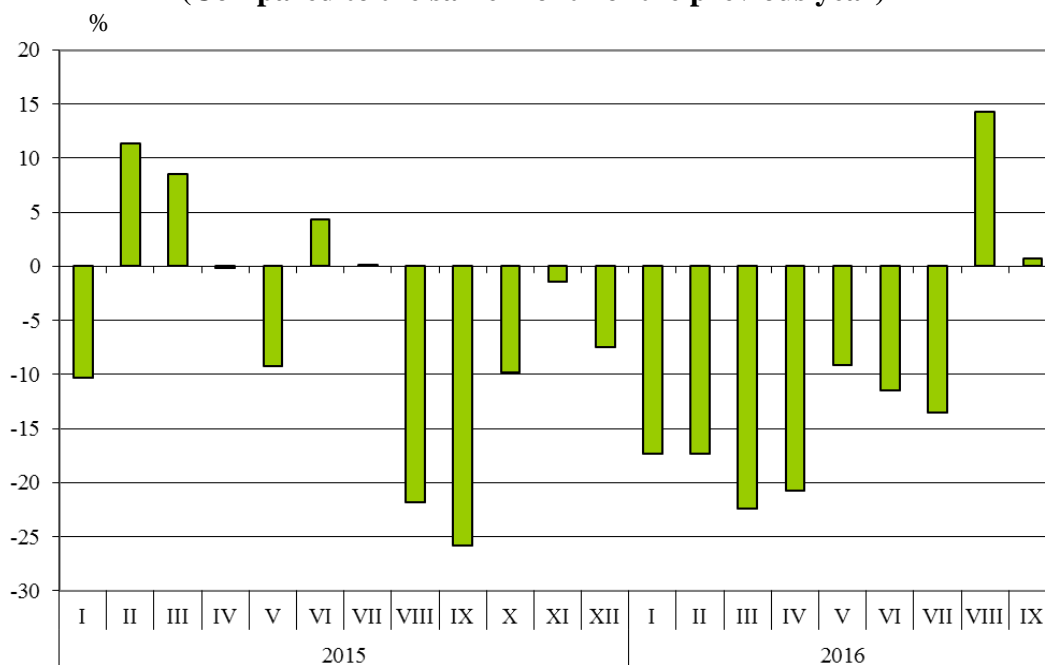
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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 - September 2016** decreased by 11.1% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and added up to 12 326.4 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 September 2016 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 0.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 434.3 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 nine 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 was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (15.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (29.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period **January - September 2016** was negative and added up to 1 607.4 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 996.5 Million BGN.

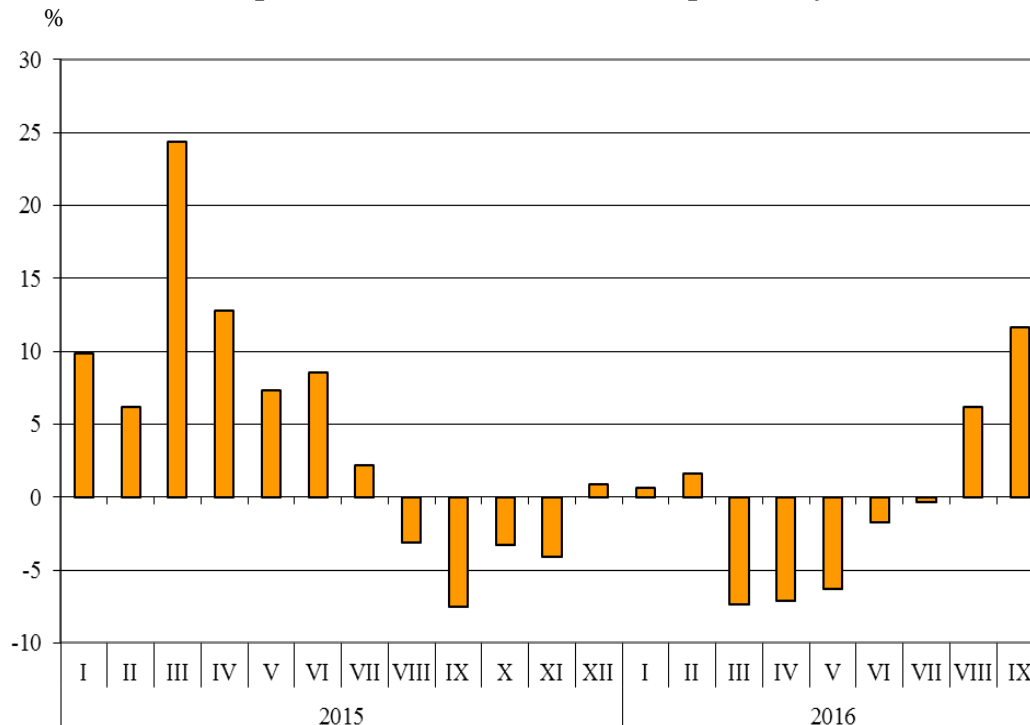
In September 2016 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and added up to 231.4 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - September 2016** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 33 740.1 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 the exports decreased by 0.5% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2016 the **total exports** added up to 4 045.8 Million BGN or by 11.6% more 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)



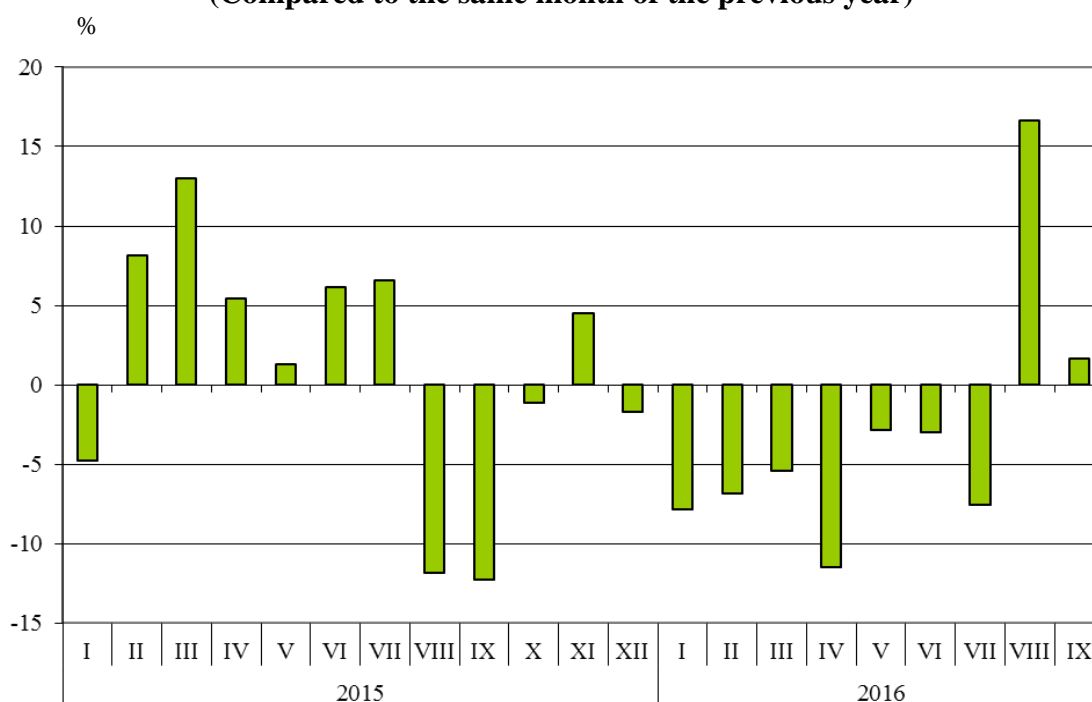
¹ Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2016** amounted to 36 807.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 3.3% less than the corresponding period of 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **September 2016** the **total imports** increased by 1.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 165.6 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 - September 2016** and amounted to 3 067.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - September 2016 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up 1 301.6 Million BGN.

In **September 2016** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and amounted to 119.8 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was positive and added up 89.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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
VIII.2015	3682.9	2464.8	1218.1	3798.5	2356.9	1441.6	3617.8	2250.3	1367.5	-115.6	107.9	-223.5	65.1	214.5	-149.4
IX.2015	3623.7	2484.2	1139.5	4098.5	2674.4	1424.1	3905.4	2551.3	1354.1	-474.8	-190.2	-284.6	-281.7	-67.1	-214.6
VII - IX.2015	11411.6	7578.0	3833.6	12582.9	8078.4	4504.5	11978.4	7702.2	4276.2	-1171.3	-500.4	-670.9	-566.8	-124.2	-442.6
I - IX.2015	33905.5	21731.4	12174.1	38048.4	24181.6	13866.8	36213.8	23046.8	13167.0	-4142.9	-2450.2	-1692.7	-2308.3	-1315.4	-992.9
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	4090.1	2817.4	1272.7	4331.8	2914.9	1416.9	4123.4	2778.4	1345.0	-241.7	-97.5	-144.2	-33.3	39.0	-72.3
VIII.2016	3910.4	2681.6	1228.8	4431.4	2783.6	1647.8	4211.8	2651.3	1560.5	-521.0	-102.0	-419.0	-301.4	30.3	-331.7
IX.2016	4045.8	2842.9	1202.9	4165.6	2731.3	1434.3	3956.4	2594.7	1361.7	-119.8	111.6	-231.4	89.4	248.2	-158.8
VII - IX.2016	12046.3	8341.9	3704.4	12928.8	8429.8	4499.0	12291.6	8024.4	4267.2	-882.5	-87.9	-794.6	-245.3	317.5	-562.8
I - IX.2016	33740.1	23021.1	10719.0	36807.7	24481.3	12326.4	35041.7	23326.2	11715.5	-3067.6	-1460.2	-1607.4	-1301.6	-305.1	-996.5

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September
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	-0.4	7.2	-13.8	-7.6	-4.3	-13.5	-7.4	-4.2	-13.5
VIII	6.2	8.8	0.9	16.7	18.1	14.3	16.4	17.8	14.1
IX	11.6	14.4	5.6	1.6	2.1	0.7	1.3	1.7	0.6
XII - IX	5.6	10.1	-3.4	2.7	4.3	-0.1	2.6	4.2	-0.2
I - IX	-0.5	5.9	-12.0	-3.3	1.2	-11.1	-3.2	1.2	-11.0

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - September 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	12174.1	10719.0	-12.0	13866.8	12326.4	-11.1	-1692.7	-1607.4
of which:								
Albania	85.3	70.5	-17.4	25.7	17.6	-31.5	59.6	52.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	89.9	99.5	10.7	46.4	58.2	25.4	43.5	41.3
Brazil	39.7	39.2	-1.3	48.9	38.1	-22.1	-9.2	1.1
Canada	62.4	51.9	-16.8	40.1	65.7	63.8	22.3	-13.8
China	839.5	538.3	-35.9	1412.7	1529.2	8.2	-573.2	-990.9
Egypt	498.9	258.8	-48.1	110.8	454.0	309.7	388.1	-195.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	549.1	571.3	4.0	387.5	351.7	-9.2	161.6	219.6
Georgia	241.8	237.4	-1.8	343.4	208.8	-39.2	-101.6	28.6
Gibraltar	25.2	43.1	71.0	0.0	0.1	x	25.2	43.0
India	77.9	94.4	21.2	206.5	165.1	-20.0	-128.6	-70.7
Indonesia	39.5	37.4	-5.3	52.8	48.1	-8.9	-13.3	-10.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	208.6	99.8	-52.2	7.9	37.6	375.9	200.7	62.2
Israel	117.3	80.7	-31.2	58.3	77.8	33.4	59.0	2.9
Japan	59.2	51.6	-12.8	119.8	141.6	18.2	-60.6	-90.0
Kazakhstan	31.1	23.0	-26.0	39.2	25.3	-35.5	-8.1	-2.3
Korea, Republic of	86.5	79.1	-8.6	122.2	170.6	39.6	-35.7	-91.5
Libya	107.3	135.9	26.7	161.0	4.6	-97.1	-53.7	131.3
Morocco	68.8	59.1	-14.1	105.2	152.3	44.8	-36.4	-93.2
Namibia	127.5	76.0	-40.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	127.4	75.9
Norway	43.6	23.3	-46.6	22.8	37.0	62.3	20.8	-13.7
Peru	4.6	7.3	58.7	22.3	33.4	49.8	-17.7	-26.1
Russian Federation	598.9	503.3	-16.0	4631.9	3312.9	-28.5	-4033.0	-2809.6
Serbia	604.3	566.3	-6.3	540.4	542.9	0.5	63.9	23.4
Singapore	571.1	270.0	-52.7	39.1	35.4	-9.5	532.0	234.6
South Africa	69.5	72.5	4.3	17.1	29.6	73.1	52.4	42.9
Switzerland	155.1	109.0	-29.7	275.1	281.1	2.2	-120.0	-172.1
Syrian Arab Republic	40.9	24.6	-39.9	14.7	1.5	-89.8	26.2	23.1
Taiwan	33.2	25.4	-23.5	168.2	150.9	-10.3	-135.0	-125.5
Turkey	3062.4	2659.8	-13.1	2162.4	2189.5	1.3	900.0	470.3
Ukraine	260.2	100.5	-61.4	699.4	582.9	-16.7	-439.2	-482.4
United Arab Emirates	306.5	265.7	-13.3	126.5	30.5	-75.9	180.0	235.2
United States	574.7	422.6	-26.5	368.1	309.0	-16.1	206.6	113.6
Viet-Nam	50.7	135.2	166.7	71.7	60.8	-15.2	-21.0	74.4

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 9-th November 2016.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.

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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 - September 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	12174.1	10719.0	-12.0	13866.8	12326.4	-11.1	-1692.7	-1607.4
Food and live animals	1193.8	1057.7	-11.4	590.3	605.1	2.5	603.5	452.6
Beverages and tobacco	395.1	291.6	-26.2	112.6	115.9	2.9	282.5	175.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	869.4	767.9	-11.7	1412.5	992.4	-29.7	-543.1	-224.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2698.3	2097.1	-22.3	5045.7	3542.8	-29.8	-2347.4	-1445.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	98.7	104.9	6.3	38.1	35.0	-8.1	60.6	69.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1478.3	1124.4	-23.9	1270.3	1214.8	-4.4	208.0	-90.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2400.8	1997.6	-16.8	2452.9	2470.8	0.7	-52.1	-473.2
Machinery and transport equipment	1901.7	1800.6	-5.3	2072.9	2337.2	12.8	-171.2	-536.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1113.7	1449.7	30.2	849.8	977.7	15.1	263.9	472.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	24.3	27.5	13.2	21.7	34.7	59.9	2.6	-7.2

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