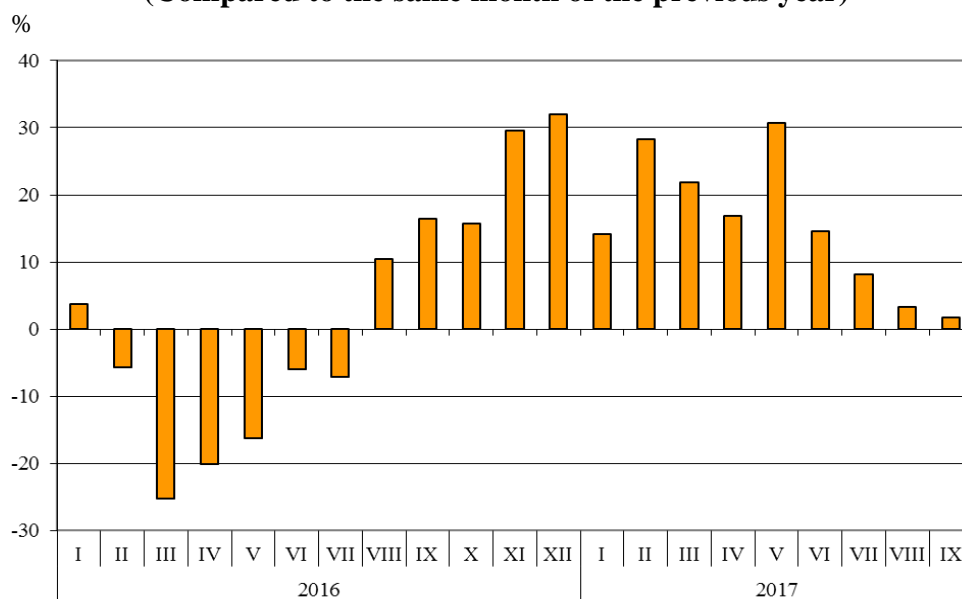


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 15.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 13 042.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States which accounted for 52.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 1.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 349.2 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - September 2017** in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2016 were recorded in the sections 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (51.4%) and

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals

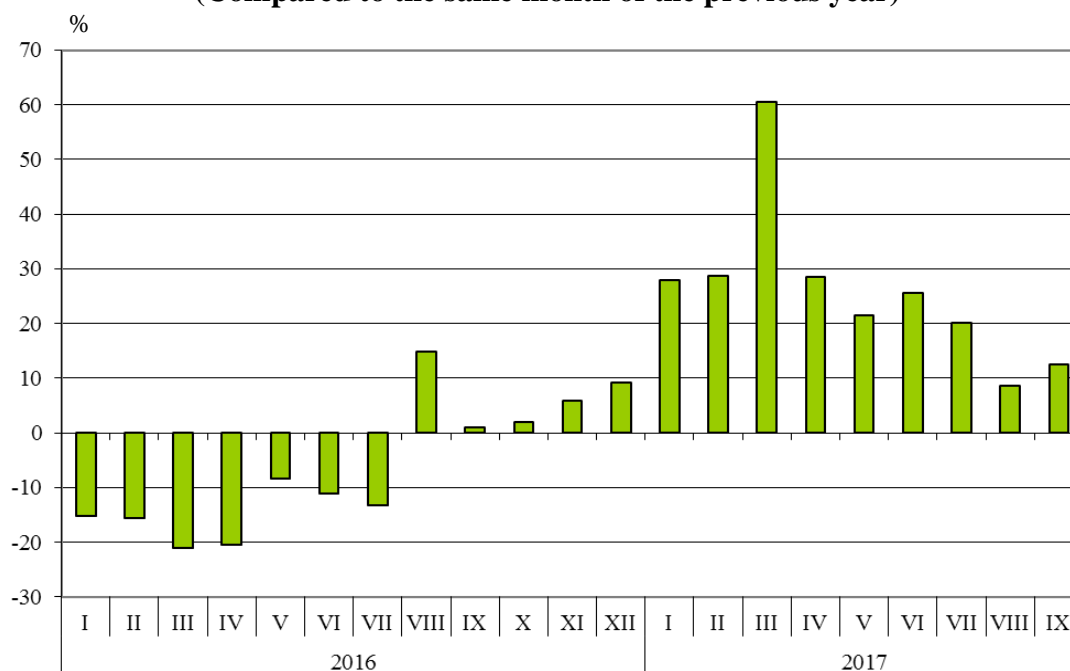


‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’¹ (29.6%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in sections ‘Food and live animals’ (8.2%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (7.0%).

Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - September 2017** increased by 25.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 15 552.1 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 12.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 619.3 Billion BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2016 - 2017 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - September 2017** in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2016 were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (59.9%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (42.6%) (Annex, Table 4).

¹ 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.

² Value changes at current prices.

³ 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 - September 2017 was negative and added up to 2 509.2 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 1 744.8 Million BGN.

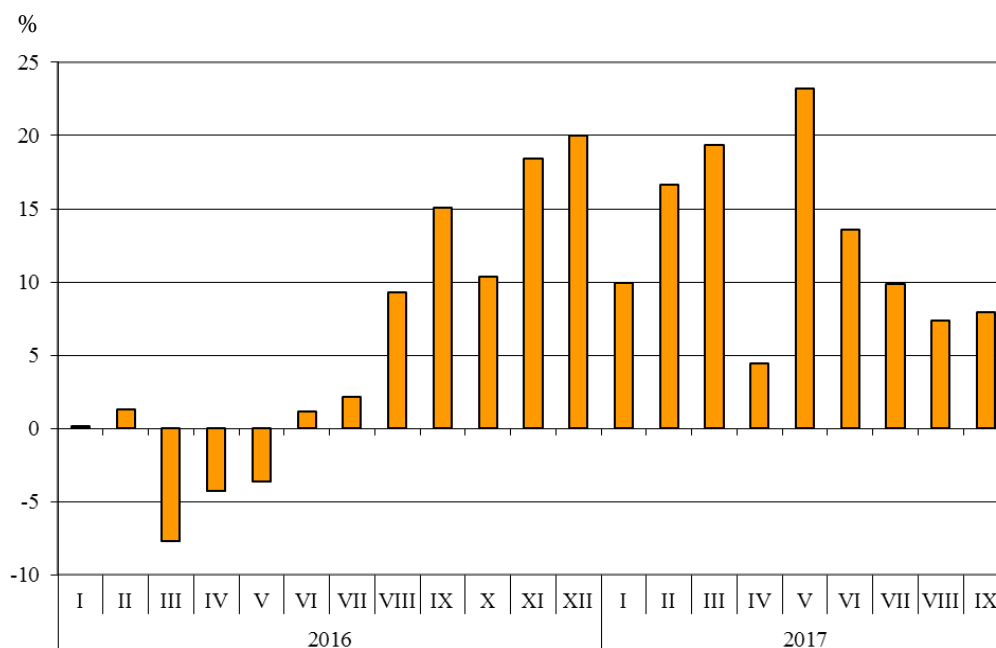
In September 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 270.1 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period January - September 2017 the value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 38 598.2 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 12.3% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2017 the total exports added up to 4 502.9 Billion BGN and grew by 8.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



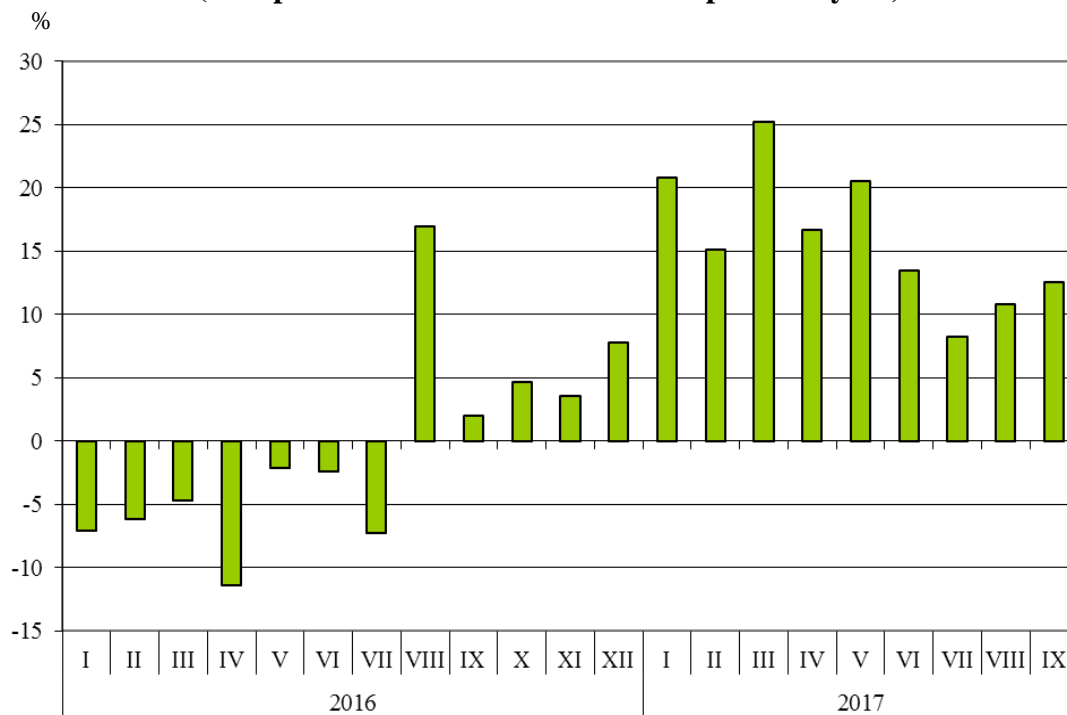
The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - September 2017 amounted to 42 833.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 15.8% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In September 2017 the total imports increased by 12.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 707.0 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(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 2017 and amounted to 4 235.0 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 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 157.4 Million BGN.

In **September 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 204.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was positive and amounted to 33.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2016 and 2017¹ 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.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
I - III.2016	10548.6	7055.8	3492.8	11588.8	7874.9	3713.9	10856.6	7401.4	3455.2	-1040.2	-819.1	-221.1	-308.0	-345.6	37.6
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
IV - VI.2016	11431.3	7630.3	3801.0	12437.4	8225.8	4211.6	11677.5	7762.0	3915.5	-1006.1	-595.5	-410.6	-246.2	-131.7	-114.5
I - VI.2016	21979.9	14686.1	7293.8	24026.2	16100.7	7925.5	22534.1	15163.4	7370.7	-2046.3	-1414.6	-631.7	-554.2	-477.3	-76.9
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
VIII.2016	4024.8	2679.7	1345.1	4442.1	2787.3	1654.8	4140.6	2613.3	1527.3	-417.3	-107.6	-309.7	-115.8	66.4	-182.2
IX.2016	4170.7	2843.7	1327.0	4180.3	2742.0	1438.3	3917.9	2587.1	1330.8	-9.6	101.7	-111.3	252.8	256.6	-3.8
VII - IX.2016	12388.0	8344.7	4043.3	12966.6	8453.4	4513.2	12121.3	7947.1	4174.2	-578.6	-108.7	-469.9	266.7	397.6	-130.9
I - IX.2016	34367.9	23030.8	11337.1	36992.8	24554.1	12438.7	34655.4	23110.5	11544.9	-2624.9	-1523.3	-1101.6	-287.5	-79.7	-207.8
I.2017	3750.6	2438.5	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	4016.9	2518.7	1498.2	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-266.3	-80.2	-186.1
II.2017	4050.5	2530.3	1520.2	4432.6	2824.5	1608.1	4213.6	2686.1	1527.5	-382.1	-294.2	-87.9	-163.1	-155.8	-7.3
III.2017	4374.1	2962.9	1411.2	5304.1	3327.8	1976.3	5048.2	3173.5	1874.7	-930.0	-364.9	-565.1	-674.1	-210.6	-463.5
I - III.2017	12175.2	7931.7	4243.5	13966.6	8804.4	5162.2	13278.7	8378.3	4900.4	-1791.4	-872.7	-918.7	-1103.5	-446.6	-656.9
IV.2017	3911.6	2501.5	1410.1	4691.8	2985.1	1706.7	4466.5	2842.3	1624.2	-780.2	-483.6	-296.6	-554.9	-340.8	-214.1
V.2017	4460.0	2863.9	1596.1	4937.6	3155.5	1782.1	4705.0	3007.0	1698.0	-477.6	-291.6	-186.0	-245.0	-143.1	-101.9
VI.2017	4621.0	3048.5	1572.5	4901.4	3122.5	1778.9	4670.3	2975.9	1694.4	-280.4	-74.0	-206.4	-49.3	72.6	-121.9
IV - VI.2017	12992.6	8413.9	4578.7	14530.8	9263.1	5267.7	13841.8	8825.2	5016.6	-1538.2	-849.2	-689.0	-849.2	-411.3	-437.9
I - VI.2017	25167.8	16345.6	8822.2	28497.4	18067.5	10429.9	27120.5	17203.5	9917.0	-3329.6	-1721.9	-1607.7	-1952.7	-857.9	-1094.8
VII.2017	4605.4	3123.1	1482.3	4702.4	2996.6	1705.8	4482.9	2856.6	1626.3	-97.0	126.5	-223.5	122.5	266.5	-144.0
VIII.2017	4322.1	2932.9	1389.2	4926.4	3129.3	1797.1	4682.7	2974.4	1708.3	-604.3	-196.4	-407.9	-360.6	-41.5	-319.1
IX.2017	4502.9	3153.7	1349.2	4707.0	3087.7	1619.3	4469.5	2933.4	1536.1	-204.1	66.0	-270.1	33.4	220.3	-186.9
VII - IX.2017	13430.4	9209.7	4220.7	14335.8	9213.6	5122.2	13635.1	8764.4	4870.7	-905.4	-3.9	-901.5	-204.7	445.3	-650.0
I - IX.2017	38598.2	25555.3	13042.9	42833.2	27281.1	15552.1	40755.6	25967.9	14787.7	-4235.0	-1725.8	-2509.2	-2157.4	-412.6	-1744.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2017¹
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	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	22.8	18.7	30.3
II	16.7	10.6	28.3	15.1	8.6	28.8	16.6	9.5	31.7
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.7	60.5	27.1	12.3	63.6
I - III	15.4	12.4	21.5	20.5	11.8	39.0	22.3	13.2	41.8
IV	4.5	-1.4	16.9	16.7	10.8	28.6	18.1	11.6	31.5
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.0	21.4	22.4	21.2	24.6
VI	13.6	13.1	14.5	13.5	7.6	25.6	15.3	8.9	28.6
IV - VI	13.7	10.3	20.5	16.8	12.6	25.1	18.5	13.7	28.1
I - VI	14.5	11.3	21.0	18.6	12.2	31.6	20.4	13.5	34.5
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.2	2.5	20.1	10.3	4.0	23.6
VIII	7.4	9.4	3.3	10.9	12.3	8.6	13.1	13.8	11.9
IX	8.0	10.9	1.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	14.1	13.4	15.4
VII - IX	8.4	10.4	4.4	10.6	9.0	13.5	12.5	10.3	16.7
I - IX	12.3	11.0	15.0	15.8	11.1	25.0	17.6	12.4	28.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - September 2016 and 2017²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	11337.1	13042.9	15.0	12438.7	15552.1	25.0	-1101.6	-2509.2
of which:								
Albania	86.2	107.3	24.5	18.7	22.9	22.5	67.5	84.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	97.7	98.0	0.3	62.4	56.7	-9.1	35.3	41.3
Brazil	42.6	38.6	-9.4	38.2	29.4	-23.0	4.4	9.2
Canada	72.0	58.9	-18.2	66.9	88.1	31.7	5.1	-29.2
China	572.5	914.5	59.7	1536.9	1647.7	7.2	-964.4	-733.2
Egypt	268.9	444.1	65.2	456.3	791.3	73.4	-187.4	-347.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	569.6	586.7	3.0	374.2	458.8	22.6	195.4	127.9
Georgia	234.9	207.5	-11.7	209.7	443.8	111.6	25.2	-236.3
Gibraltar	43.5	64.7	48.7	0.1	0.0	x	43.4	64.7
India	111.9	159.4	42.4	165.0	205.3	24.4	-53.1	-45.9
Indonesia	47.7	34.4	-27.9	49.0	68.9	40.6	-1.3	-34.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	100.1	86.3	-13.8	37.7	89.5	137.4	62.4	-3.2
Israel	100.1	86.7	-13.4	79.0	70.4	-10.9	21.1	16.3
Japan	57.8	56.8	-1.7	142.6	149.3	4.7	-84.8	-92.5
Kazakhstan	26.0	34.3	31.9	25.3	22.7	-10.3	0.7	11.6
Korea, Republic of	86.6	58.8	-32.1	171.3	167.6	-2.2	-84.7	-108.8
Libya	124.8	97.5	-21.9	4.6	11.4	147.8	120.2	86.1
Morocco	62.5	108.2	73.1	153.9	184.1	19.6	-91.4	-75.9
Namibia	76.8	153.8	100.3	0.1	0.0	x	76.7	153.8
Norway	51.7	48.1	-7.0	37.1	49.1	32.3	14.6	-1.0
Peru	10.9	14.6	33.9	35.4	26.8	-24.3	-24.5	-12.2
Russian Federation	556.0	1129.3	103.1	3323.1	4254.4	28.0	-2767.1	-3125.1
Serbia	543.0	669.8	23.4	556.0	859.6	54.6	-13.0	-189.8
Singapore	269.2	233.1	-13.4	35.6	47.6	33.7	233.6	185.5
South Africa	79.5	74.9	-5.8	29.6	50.5	70.6	49.9	24.4
Switzerland	201.5	196.6	-2.4	287.7	285.6	-0.7	-86.2	-89.0
Syrian Arab Republic	24.6	32.6	32.5	1.5	0.1	-93.3	23.1	32.5
Taiwan	38.3	37.9	-1.0	152.3	152.5	0.1	-114.0	-114.6
Turkey	2656.3	2987.0	12.4	2197.4	2710.5	23.4	458.9	276.5
Ukraine	181.9	194.4	6.9	582.3	633.8	8.8	-400.4	-439.4
United Arab Emirates	279.3	260.2	-6.8	30.5	39.6	29.8	248.8	220.6
United States	502.8	497.9	-1.0	312.9	342.1	9.3	189.9	155.8
Viet-Nam	141.7	35.4	-75.0	62.3	63.9	2.6	79.4	-28.5

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 2017.

"x"- category not applicable.

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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 2016 and 2017¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	11337.1	13042.9	15.0	12438.7	15552.1	25.0	-1101.6	-2509.2
Food and live animals	1135.1	1041.6	-8.2	609.8	618.3	1.4	525.3	423.3
Beverages and tobacco	301.7	316.1	4.8	116.9	130.4	11.5	184.8	185.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	746.0	781.4	4.7	1032.0	1650.5	59.9	-286.0	-869.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2094.3	1947.0	-7.0	3560.2	4764.4	33.8	-1465.9	-2817.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	106.5	119.7	12.4	35.0	49.9	42.6	71.5	69.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1155.7	1352.9	17.1	1216.9	1365.2	12.2	-61.2	-12.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2135.9	3234.1	51.4	2485.9	3136.1	26.2	-350.0	98.0
Machinery and transport equipment	2045.7	2170.0	6.1	2361.5	2669.3	13.0	-315.8	-499.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1586.5	2056.3	29.6	985.6	1142.0	15.9	600.9	914.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	29.7	23.8	-19.9	34.9	26.0	-25.5	-5.2	-2.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.