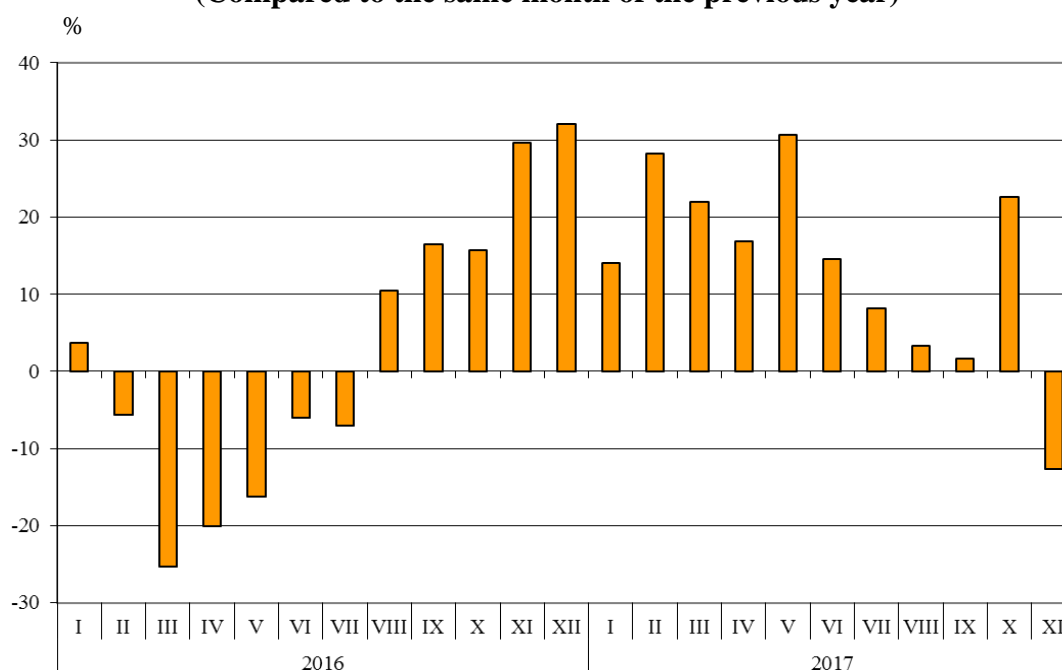


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - November 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 12.7% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 16 148.1 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 November 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 12.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 385.7 Million 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 - November 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 (47.7%) 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.

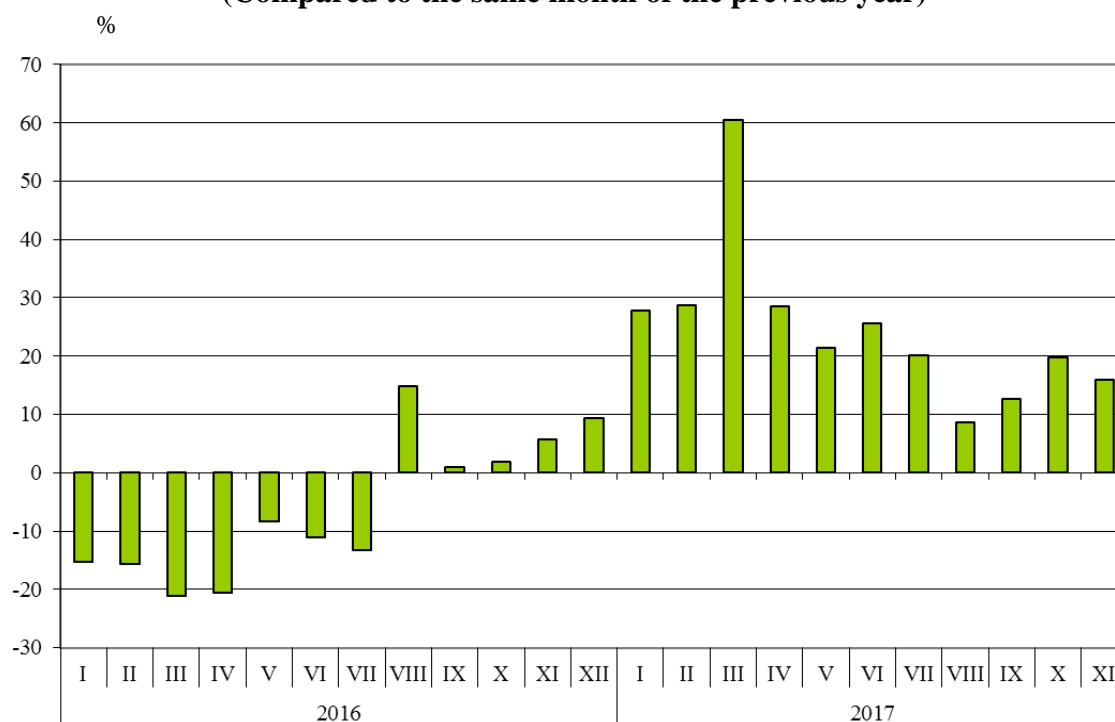


‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’¹ (25.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Food and live animals’ (14.0%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (8.5%).

Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - November 2017** increased by 23.6% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 19 322.5 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 November 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 15.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 878.2 Million 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 - November 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 ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (47.6%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (45.9%) (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 - November 2017 was negative and added up to 3 174.4 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 1 811.7 Million BGN.

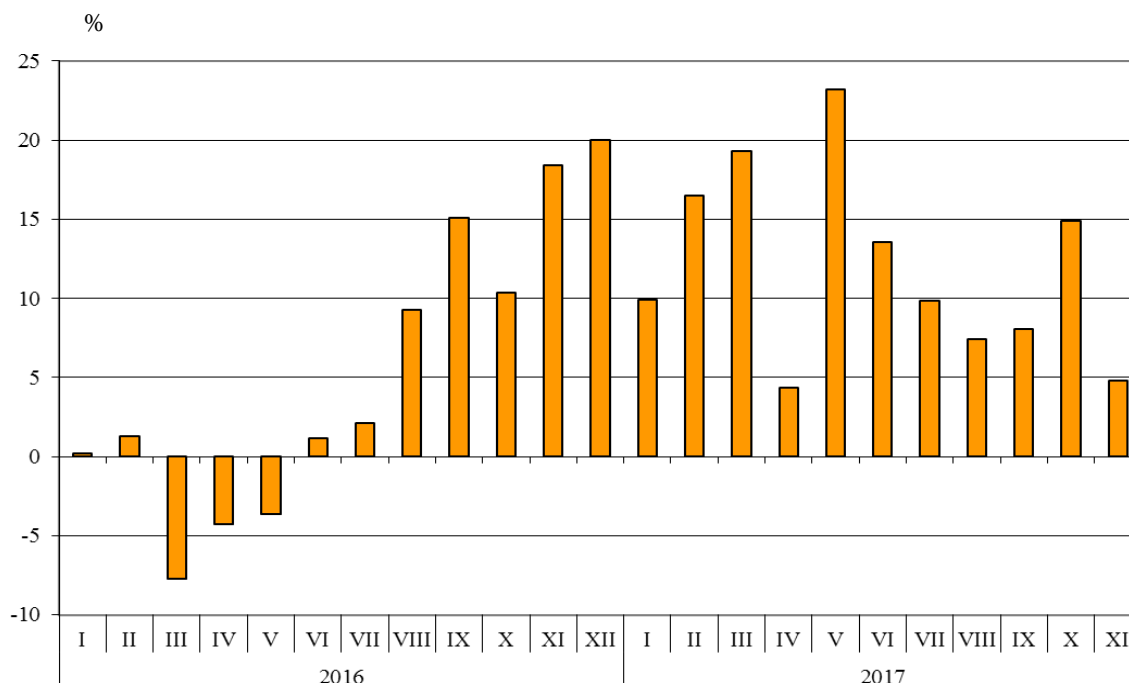
In November 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 492.5 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - November 2017** the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 48 111.6 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 11.8% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **November 2017** the total exports added up to 4 579.9 Million BGN and grew by 4.8% 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)**



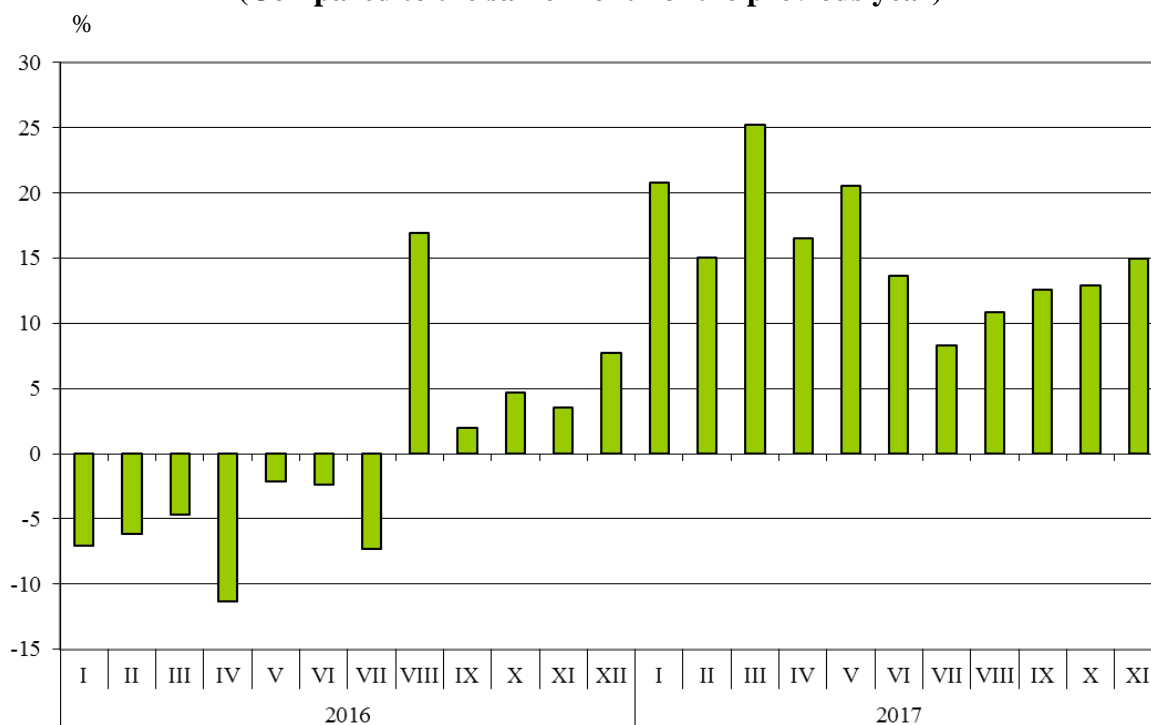
¹ Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - November 2017** amounted to 53 729.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 15.4% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **November 2017** the total imports increased by 15.0% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 446.7 Million BGN.

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 - November 2017 and amounted to 5 618.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - November 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 191.1 Million BGN.

In **November 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 866.8 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 562.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January – November 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
X.2016	4303.9	2901.8	1402.1	4831.3	3252.1	1579.2	4517.7	3042.3	1475.4	-527.4	-350.3	-177.1	-213.8	-140.5	-73.3
XI.2016	4370.5	2783.9	1586.6	4737.6	3117.7	1619.9	4439.2	2937.4	1501.8	-367.1	-333.8	-33.3	-68.7	-153.5	84.8
I - XI.2016	43042.3	28716.5	14325.8	46561.7	30923.9	15637.8	43612.3	29090.2	14522.1	-3519.4	-2207.4	-1312.0	-570.0	-373.7	-196.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of January 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January – November 2016 and 2017¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.8	2652.0	1577.8	3944.2	2480.4	1463.8	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-193.7	-42.0	-151.7
II.2017	4044.5	2524.3	1520.2	4428.3	2820.2	1608.1	4134.9	2646.6	1488.3	-383.8	-295.9	-87.9	-90.4	-122.3	31.9
III.2017	4373.6	2962.3	1411.3	5306.0	3329.7	1976.3	4973.5	3135.8	1837.7	-932.4	-367.4	-565.0	-599.9	-173.5	-426.4
I - III.2017	12168.6	7925.0	4243.6	13964.1	8801.9	5162.2	13052.6	8262.8	4789.8	-1795.5	-876.9	-918.6	-884.0	-337.8	-546.2
IV.2017	3906.5	2496.4	1410.1	4684.7	2978.0	1706.7	4385.8	2792.5	1593.3	-778.2	-481.6	-296.6	-479.3	-296.1	-183.2
V.2017	4458.5	2862.4	1596.1	4938.8	3156.6	1782.2	4628.3	2968.5	1659.8	-480.3	-294.2	-186.1	-169.8	-106.1	-63.7
VI.2017	4619.5	3047.0	1572.5	4906.4	3127.5	1778.9	4598.3	2942.7	1655.6	-286.9	-80.5	-206.4	21.2	104.3	-83.1
IV - VI.2017	12984.5	8405.8	4578.7	14529.9	9262.1	5267.8	13612.4	8703.7	4908.7	-1545.4	-856.3	-689.1	-627.9	-297.9	-330.0
I - VI.2017	25153.1	16330.8	8822.3	28494.0	18064.0	10430.0	26665.0	16966.5	9698.5	-3340.9	-1733.2	-1607.7	-1511.9	-635.7	-876.2
VII.2017	4604.1	3121.8	1482.3	4703.6	2997.8	1705.8	4414.7	2823.1	1591.6	-99.5	124.0	-223.5	189.4	298.7	-109.3
VIII.2017	4322.5	2933.3	1389.2	4925.3	3128.4	1796.9	4589.1	2918.8	1670.3	-602.8	-195.1	-407.7	-266.6	14.5	-281.1
IX.2017	4506.1	3156.9	1349.2	4707.2	3087.9	1619.3	4401.1	2907.2	1493.9	-201.1	69.0	-270.1	105.0	249.7	-144.7
VII - IX.2017	13432.7	9212.0	4220.7	14336.1	9214.1	5122.0	13404.9	8649.1	4755.8	-903.4	-2.1	-901.3	27.8	562.9	-535.1
I - IX.2017	38585.8	25542.8	13043.0	42830.1	27278.1	15552.0	40069.9	25615.6	14454.3	-4244.3	-1735.3	-2509.0	-1484.1	-72.8	-1411.3
X.2017	4945.9	3226.5	1719.4	5452.9	3560.6	1892.3	5090.6	3337.2	1753.4	-507.0	-334.1	-172.9	-144.7	-110.7	-34.0
XI.2017	4579.9	3194.2	1385.7	5446.7	3568.5	1878.2	5142.2	3390.1	1752.1	-866.8	-374.3	-492.5	-562.3	-195.9	-366.4
I - XI.2017	48111.6	31963.5	16148.1	53729.7	34407.2	19322.5	50302.7	32342.9	17959.8	-5618.1	-2443.7	-3174.4	-2191.1	-379.4	-1811.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of January 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	20.6	16.9	27.3
II	16.5	10.4	28.3	15.0	8.4	28.8	14.4	7.9	28.4
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.8	60.5	25.2	11.0	60.3
I - III	15.4	12.3	21.5	20.5	11.8	39.0	20.2	11.6	38.6
IV	4.3	-1.6	16.9	16.5	10.5	28.6	15.9	9.6	29.0
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.1	21.4	20.4	19.6	21.8
VI	13.5	13.0	14.5	13.6	7.8	25.6	13.5	7.7	25.7
IV - VI	13.6	10.2	20.5	16.8	12.6	25.1	16.6	12.1	25.4
I - VI	14.4	11.2	21.0	18.6	12.2	31.6	18.3	11.9	31.6
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.3	2.5	20.1	8.7	2.8	20.9
VIII	7.4	9.5	3.3	10.9	12.2	8.6	10.8	11.7	9.4
IX	8.0	11.0	1.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.3	12.4	12.3
VII - IX	8.4	10.4	4.4	10.6	9.0	13.5	10.6	8.8	13.9
I - IX	12.3	10.9	15.0	15.8	11.1	25.0	15.6	10.8	25.2
X	14.9	11.2	22.6	12.9	9.5	19.8	12.7	9.7	18.8
XI	4.8	14.7	-12.7	15.0	14.5	15.9	15.8	15.4	16.7
I - XI	11.8	11.3	12.7	15.4	11.3	23.6	15.3	11.2	23.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th January 2018.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - November 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	14325.8	16148.1	12.7	15637.8	19322.5	23.6	-1312.0	-3174.4
of which:								
Albania	113.3	138.3	22.1	27.6	33.2	20.3	85.7	105.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	120.2	121.5	1.1	77.4	70.7	-8.7	42.8	50.8
Brazil	48.3	44.8	-7.2	45.0	34.6	-23.1	3.3	10.2
Canada	89.2	72.3	-18.9	86.3	113.4	31.4	2.9	-41.1
China	771.4	1129.4	46.4	1875.7	1999.3	6.6	-1104.3	-869.9
Egypt	484.5	589.4	21.7	589.7	1018.7	72.7	-105.2	-429.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	699.1	727.8	4.1	459.8	568.1	23.6	239.3	159.7
Georgia	292.8	255.8	-12.6	252.4	560.1	121.9	40.4	-304.3
Gibraltar	43.8	65.0	48.4	0.1	0.0	x	43.7	65.0
India	156.8	184.2	17.5	212.9	253.0	18.8	-56.1	-68.8
Indonesia	61.5	41.1	-33.2	64.5	85.3	32.2	-3.0	-44.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	123.0	98.8	-19.7	45.1	99.8	121.3	77.9	-1.0
Israel	161.1	134.9	-16.3	90.5	90.4	-0.1	70.6	44.5
Japan	72.9	71.2	-2.3	170.5	187.4	9.9	-97.6	-116.2
Kazakhstan	34.6	39.1	13.0	31.1	25.1	-19.3	3.5	14.0
Korea, Republic of	138.2	75.5	-45.4	205.3	204.6	-0.3	-67.1	-129.1
Libya	145.1	113.3	-21.9	7.2	13.0	80.6	137.9	100.3
Morocco	103.4	128.6	24.4	175.7	212.0	20.7	-72.3	-83.4
Namibia	94.6	209.9	121.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	94.5	209.8
Norway	64.4	61.3	-4.8	41.7	57.2	37.2	22.7	4.1
Peru	13.9	18.3	31.7	45.9	31.9	-30.5	-32.0	-13.6
Russian Federation	700.2	1350.4	92.9	4193.8	5245.8	25.1	-3493.6	-3895.4
Serbia	680.8	843.6	23.9	688.9	1076.8	56.3	-8.1	-233.2
Singapore	334.5	295.8	-11.6	47.5	62.8	32.2	287.0	233.0
South Africa	130.2	112.7	-13.4	34.6	57.6	66.5	95.6	55.1
Switzerland	249.8	248.5	-0.5	354.7	371.6	4.8	-104.9	-123.1
Syrian Arab Republic	31.1	37.7	21.2	1.7	0.3	-82.4	29.4	37.4
Taiwan	45.9	45.8	-0.2	199.8	183.4	-8.2	-153.9	-137.6
Turkey	3306.4	3719.5	12.5	2851.4	3408.6	19.5	455.0	310.9
Ukraine	258.5	251.5	-2.7	729.1	810.5	11.2	-470.6	-559.0
United Arab Emirates	357.1	291.4	-18.4	40.4	50.7	25.5	316.7	240.7
United States	624.1	627.0	0.5	378.7	421.0	11.2	245.4	206.0
Viet-Nam	159.2	43.8	-72.5	74.0	80.7	9.1	85.2	-36.9

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 January 2018.

"x"- category not applicable.

"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 - November 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	14325.8	16148.1	12.7	15637.8	19322.5	23.6	-1312.0	-3174.4
Food and live animals	1483.2	1275.3	-14.0	759.4	761.4	0.3	723.8	513.9
Beverages and tobacco	385.7	367.2	-4.8	137.6	154.5	12.3	248.1	212.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	937.4	987.2	5.3	1407.6	2053.1	45.9	-470.2	-1065.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2716.4	2486.2	-8.5	4505.3	5916.8	31.3	-1788.9	-3430.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	152.3	163.7	7.5	43.9	64.8	47.6	108.4	98.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1445.2	1689.2	16.9	1478.8	1694.8	14.6	-33.6	-5.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2675.6	3952.4	47.7	3079.8	3911.8	27.0	-404.2	40.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2526.5	2721.3	7.7	2950.1	3334.8	13.0	-423.6	-613.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1967.9	2475.3	25.8	1233.3	1397.9	13.3	734.6	1077.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	35.6	30.3	-14.9	42.0	32.6	-22.4	-6.4	-2.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th January 2018.