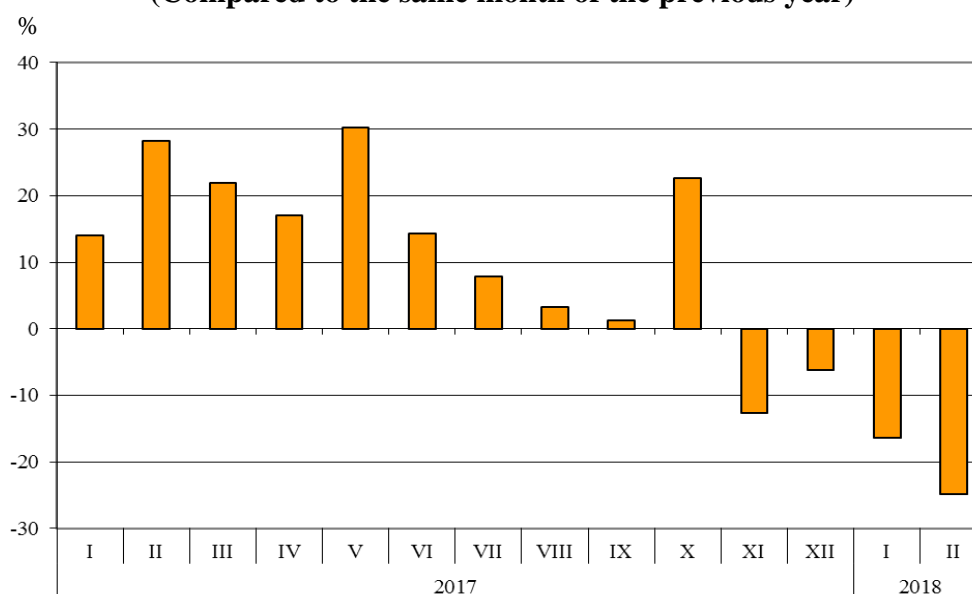


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2018** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 20.9% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 2 240.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, United States, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 56.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2018 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 24.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 142.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2018** 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 2017 were recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (19.9%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (15.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (68.9%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (52.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

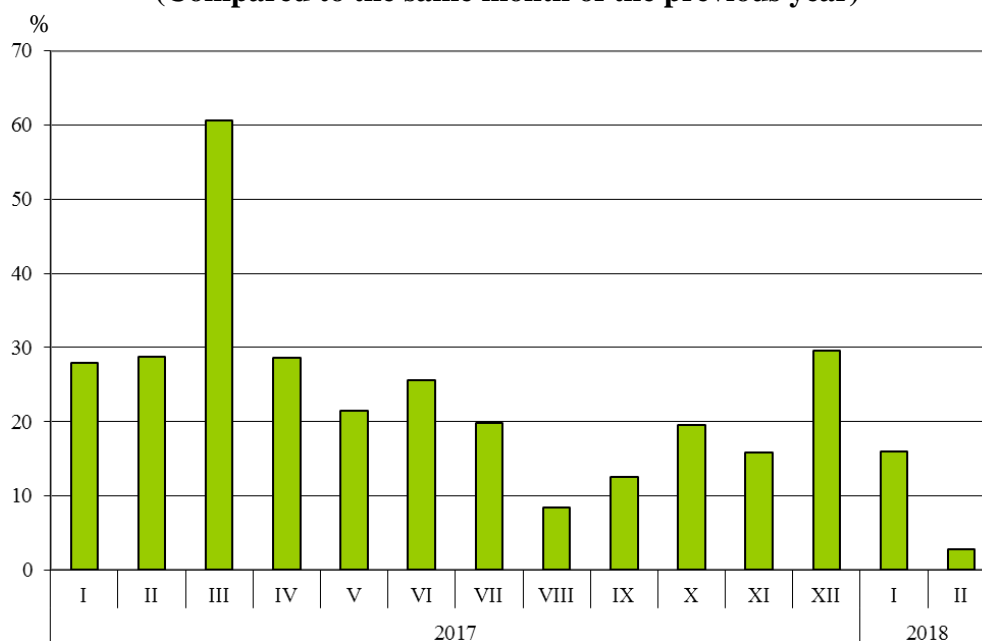
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles,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



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - February 2018** increased by 9.3% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 3 483.4 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 February 2018 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 2.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 654.2 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In The period **January - February 2018** 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 2017 were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (61.0%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (40.8%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall is observed only in sector „Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials“(17.1%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - February 2018 was negative and added up to 1 242.5 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 984.7 Million BGN.

In February 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 511.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

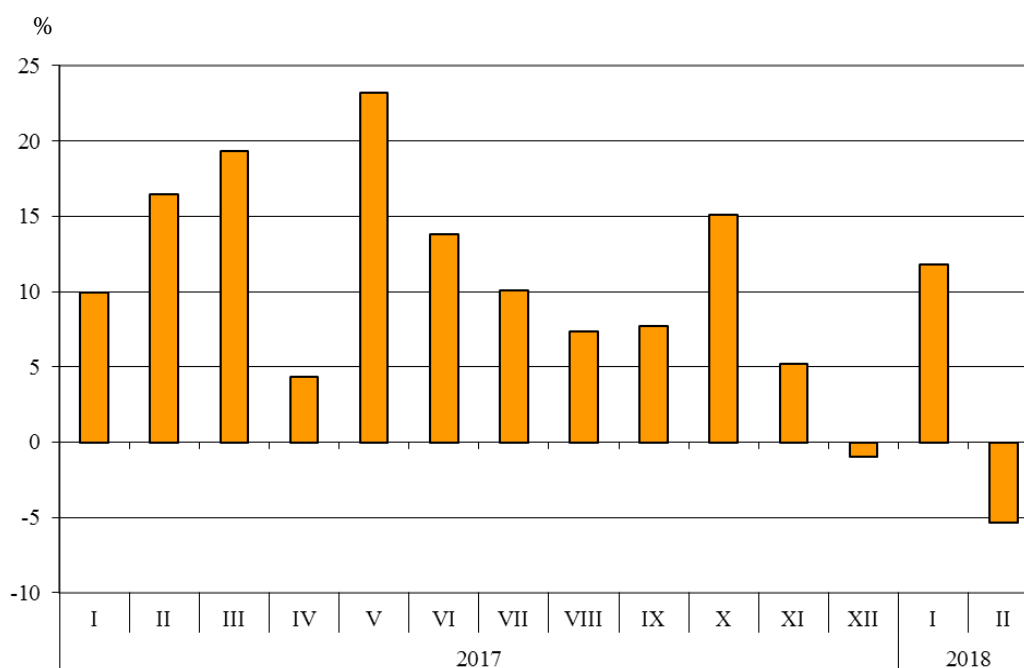


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2018** the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 8 020.5 Million BGN and in comparison with the same period of the previous year the exports increased by 2.9% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **February 2018** the total exports added up to 3 828.2 Million BGN and decreased by 5.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



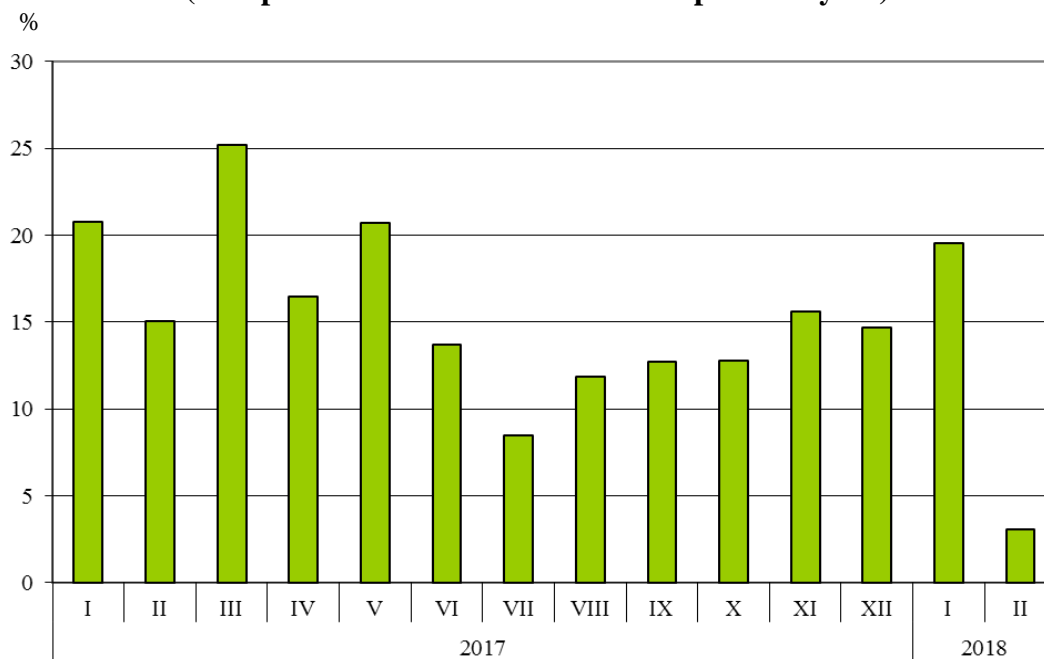
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period January - February 2018 amounted to 9 620.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 11.1% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **February 2018** the total imports increased by 3.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 565.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - February 2018 and amounted to 1 600.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 992.1 Million BGN.

In **February 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 737.2 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 471.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2017¹ and 2018¹ 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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
I - II.2017	7794.3	4962.0	2832.3	8658.8	5472.9	3185.9	8079.8	5127.7	2952.1	-864.5	-510.9	-353.6	-285.5	-165.7	-119.8
I.2018	4192.3	3094.3	1098.0	5055.5	3226.3	1829.2	4713.2	3021.3	1691.9	-863.2	-132.0	-731.2	-520.9	73.0	-593.9
II.2018	3828.2	2685.3	1142.9	4565.4	2911.2	1654.2	4299.4	2765.7	1533.7	-737.2	-225.9	-511.3	-471.2	-80.4	-390.8
I - II.2018	8020.5	5779.6	2240.9	9620.9	6137.5	3483.4	9012.6	5787.0	3225.6	-1600.4	-357.9	-1242.5	-992.1	-7.4	-984.7

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2018¹ 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	11.8	26.9	-16.3	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.1	3.2	2.9	4.0	4.5	3.1
I-II	2.9	16.5	-20.9	11.1	12.1	9.3	11.5	12.9	9.3

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - February 2017² and 2018²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	2832.3	2240.9	-20.9	3185.9	3483.4	9.3	-353.6	-1242.5
of which:								
Albania	14.7	27.0	83.7	5.9	3.8	-35.6	8.8	23.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.1	19.9	-5.7	10.8	5.9	-45.4	10.3	14.0
Brazil	3.4	5.6	64.7	6.3	14.7	133.3	-2.9	-9.1
Canada	10.5	13.7	30.5	11.7	24.4	108.5	-1.2	-10.7
China	216.9	221.8	2.3	347.7	453.7	30.5	-130.8	-231.9
Egypt	278.8	23.5	-91.6	141.8	83.8	-40.9	137.0	-60.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	118.3	134.1	13.4	85.6	97.3	13.7	32.7	36.8
Georgia	43.7	38.8	-11.2	86.8	182.5	110.3	-43.1	-143.7
Gibraltar	27.0	23.9	-11.5	0.0	0.0	-	27.0	23.9
India	68.7	22.4	-67.4	42.0	63.6	51.4	26.7	-41.2
Indonesia	8.2	8.5	3.7	15.2	18.1	19.1	-7.0	-9.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	29.6	14.0	-52.7	63.0	12.1	-80.8	-33.4	1.9
Israel	23.1	21.0	-9.1	13.6	14.8	8.8	9.5	6.2
Japan	10.7	12.1	13.1	26.8	36.2	35.1	-16.1	-24.1
Kazakhstan	3.3	9.8	197.0	7.5	3.2	-57.3	-4.2	6.6
Korea, Republic of	8.1	12.5	54.3	34.1	48.1	41.1	-26.0	-35.6
Libya	22.7	9.3	-59.0	2.6	4.0	53.8	20.1	5.3
Morocco	26.8	18.9	-29.5	25.6	30.7	19.9	1.2	-11.8
Namibia	25.8	53.9	108.9	0.0	0.0	-	25.8	53.9
Norway	2.2	12.5	468.2	9.7	5.6	-42.3	-7.5	6.9
Peru	0.9	5.6	522.2	8.2	2.8	-65.9	-7.3	2.8
Russian Federation	105.5	121.2	14.9	939.9	847.7	-9.8	-834.4	-726.5
Serbia	123.8	124.6	0.6	156.3	189.5	21.2	-32.5	-64.9
Singapore	80.1	71.7	-10.5	14.4	16.9	17.4	65.7	54.8
South Africa	23.8	16.5	-30.7	7.2	13.5	87.5	16.6	3.0
Switzerland	16.9	48.0	184.0	57.7	62.1	7.6	-40.8	-14.1
Syrian Arab Republic	17.1	2.4	-86.0	0.0	0.3	x	17.1	2.1
Taiwan	4.3	8.8	104.7	37.2	32.3	-13.2	-32.9	-23.5
Turkey	744.2	528.6	-29.0	554.6	576.4	3.9	189.6	-47.8
Ukraine	10.8	45.9	325.0	126.4	161.8	28.0	-115.6	-115.9
United Arab Emirates	77.4	32.2	-58.4	9.5	9.3	-2.1	67.9	22.9
United States	77.0	140.8	82.9	65.8	120.5	83.1	11.2	20.3
Viet-Nam	5.1	6.9	35.3	13.4	19.3	44.0	-8.3	-12.4

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 12-th April 2018.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - February 2017¹ and 2018¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	2832.3	2240.9	-20.9	3185.9	3483.4	9.3	-353.6	-1242.5
Food and live animals	261.4	161.2	-38.3	131.4	146.5	11.5	130.0	14.7
Beverages and tobacco	86.3	40.7	-52.8	14.1	18.5	31.2	72.2	22.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	178.9	182.4	2.0	335.2	398.6	18.9	-156.3	-216.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	768.7	239.4	-68.9	1117.3	926.2	-17.1	-348.6	-686.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	34.5	26.1	-24.3	10.5	16.9	61.0	24.0	9.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	271.3	300.0	10.6	278.0	314.3	13.1	-6.7	-14.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	515.5	594.1	15.2	595.3	732.8	23.1	-79.8	-138.7
Machinery and transport equipment	378.6	454.0	19.9	478.3	673.3	40.8	-99.7	-219.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	332.4	238.3	-28.3	220.5	250.2	13.5	111.9	-11.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	4.7	4.7	0.0	5.3	6.1	15.1	-0.6	-1.4

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