



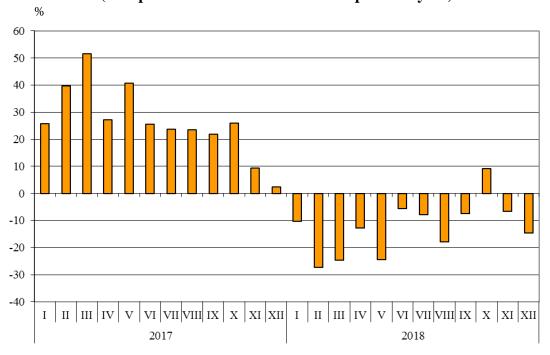
TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 12.5% in comparison with the previous year and added up to 17 550.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 52.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 14.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 488.6 Million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018

(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **2018** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the previous year was recorded in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (30.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (32.5%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (24.2%).

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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.



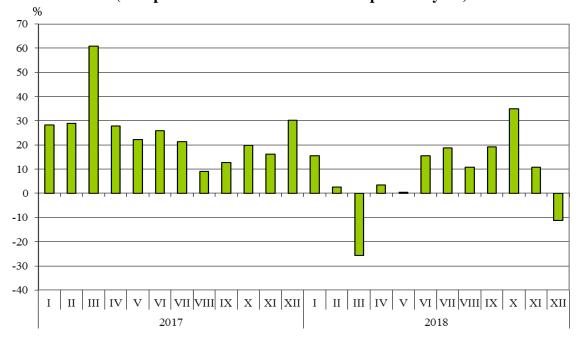


Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in **2018** increased by 7.4% in comparison with 2017 and added up to 23 012.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 11.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 822.0 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018

(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **2018** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the previous year were recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (25.3%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (18.5%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in none of the sectors.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in 2018 was negative and added up to 5 461.7 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 3 552.1 Million BGN.

In **December 2018** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 333.4 Million BGN.

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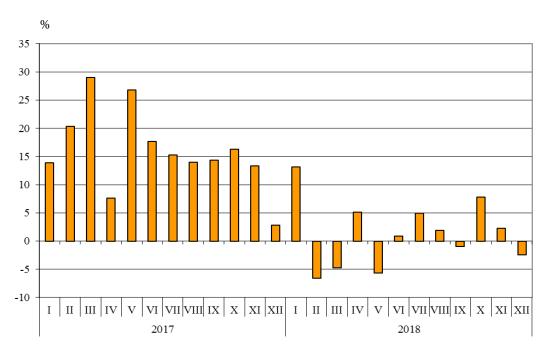


Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In **2018** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 55 275.7 Million BGN which is 1.2% more than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2018** the total exports of goods added up to 4 154.7 Million BGN and decreased by 2.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods 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 **2018** amounted to 62 945.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 6.3% more than 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2018** the total imports of goods decreased by 8.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 881.1 Million BGN.

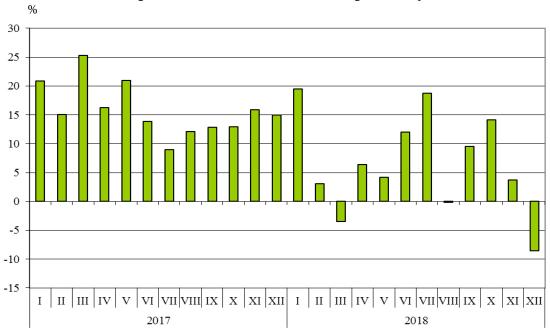
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¹ Value changes at current prices.





Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods 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 2018 and amounted to 7 669.8 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 3 256.3 Million BGN.

In December 2018 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 726.4 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 435.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Table 1

	Exports - FOB			I	Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			balance - F	OB/CIF	Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
Months/Periods		•			•			1							
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2017	3884.4	2438.2	1446.2	4233.0	2651.9	1581.1	3922.8	2472.7	1450.1	-348.6	-213.7	-134.9	-38.4	-34.5	-3.9
II.2017	4179.1	2524.3	1654.8	4430.9	2820.4	1610.5	4112.3	2641.9	1470.4	-251.8	-296.1	44.3	66.8	-117.6	184.4
III.2017	4728.8	2973.3	1755.5	5309.2	3328.8	1980.4	4960.0	3131.1	1828.9	-580.4	-355.5	-224.9	-231.2	-157.8	-73.4
I - III.2017	12792.3	7935.8	4856.5	13973.1	8801.1	5172.0	12995.1	8245.7	4749.4	-1180.8	-865.3	-315.5	-202.8	-309.9	107.1
IV.2017	4029.9	2496.3	1533.6	4675.3	2977.4	1697.9	4358.0	2784.0	1574.0	-645.4	-481.1	-164.3	-328.1	-287.7	-40.4
V.2017	4587.8	2867.9	1719.9	4956.9	3162.9	1794.0	4621.6	2969.1	1652.5	-369.1	-295.0	-74.1	-33.8	-101.2	67.4
VI.2017	4785.6	3061.9	1723.7	4915.3	3131.1	1784.2	4584.8	2942.0	1642.8	-129.7	-69.2	-60.5	200.8	119.9	80.9
IV - VI.2017	13403.3	8426.1	4977.2	14547.5	9271.4	5276.1	13564.4	8695.1	4869.3	-1144.2	-845.3	-298.9	-161.1	-269.0	107.9
I - VI.2017	26195.6	16361.9	9833.7	28520.6	18072.5	10448.1	26559.5	16940.8	9618.7	-2325.0	-1710.6	-614.4	-363.9	-578.9	215.0
VII.2017	4831.1	3135.4	1695.7	4732.6	3010.1	1722.5	4419.4	2828.8	1590.6	98.5	125.3	-26.8	411.7	306.6	105.1
VIII.2017	4586.3	2925.5	1660.8	4978.2	3174.3	1803.9	4598.8	2938.7	1660.1	-391.9	-248.8	-143.1	-12.5	-13.2	0.7
IX.2017	4768.4	3151.1	1617.3	4716.9	3095.2	1621.7	4387.1	2910.4	1476.7	51.5	55.9	-4.4	381.3	240.7	140.6
VII - IX.2017	14185.8	9212.0	4973.8	14427.7	9279.6	5148.1	13405.3	8677.9	4727.4	-241.9	-67.6	-174.3	780.5	534.1	246.4
I - IX.2017	40381.4	25573.9	14807.5	42948.3	27352.1	15596.2	39964.8	25618.7	14346.1	-2566.9	-1778.2	-788.7	416.6	-44.8	461.4
X.2017	5005.2	3238.9	1766.3	5457.6	3563.8	1893.8	5064.6	3330.3	1734.3	-452.4	-324.9	-127.5	-59.4	-91.4	32.0
XI.2017	4953.1	3218.6	1734.5	5489.6	3608.5	1881.1	5114.1	3376.4	1737.7	-536.5	-389.9	-146.6	-161.0	-157.8	-3.2
XII.2017	4258.8	2515.2	1743.6	5337.9	3283.4	2054.5	4956.6	3066.2	1890.4	-1079.1	-768.2	-310.9	-697.8	-551.0	-146.8
X - XII.2017	14217.1	8972.7	5244.4	16285.1	10455.7	5829.4	15135.3	9772.9	5362.4	-2068.0	-1483.0	-585.0	-918.2	-800.2	-118.0
I - XII.2017	54598.5	34546.6	20051.9	59233.4	37807.8	21425.6	55100.1	35391.6	19708.5	-4634.9	-3261.2	-1373.7	-501.6	-845.0	343.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th February 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.





Table 1

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(Million BGN)

M 4 /D 1 1	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
Months/Periods	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2018	4393.8	3097.1	1296.7	5055.9	3227.6	1828.3	4677.9	3010.7	1667.2	-662.1	-130.5	-531.6	-284.1	86.4	-370.5
II.2018	3904.3	2700.6	1203.7	4567.8	2914.5	1653.3	4255.9	2742.1	1513.8	-663.5	-213.9	-449.6	-351.6	-41.5	-310.1
III.2018	4506.1	3183.2	1322.9	5122.4	3652.1	1470.3	4762.6	3411.1	1351.5	-616.3	-468.9	-147.4	-256.5	-227.9	-28.6
I - III.2018	12804.2	8980.9	3823.3	14746.1	9794.2	4951.9	13696.4	9163.9	4532.5	-1941.9	-813.3	-1128.6	-892.2	-183.0	-709.2
IV.2018	4236.1	2899.1	1337.0	4972.8	3215.8	1757.0	4614.9	3003.2	1611.7	-736.7	-316.7	-420.0	-378.8	-104.1	-274.7
V.2018	4329.2	3028.0	1301.2	5163.5	3362.1	1801.4	4801.4	3147.7	1653.7	-834.3	-334.1	-500.2	-472.2	-119.7	-352.5
VI.2018	4828.5	3199.4	1629.1	5507.6	3445.0	2062.6	5117.8	3228.0	1889.8	-679.1	-245.6	-433.5	-289.3	-28.6	-260.7
IV - VI.2018	13393.8	9126.5	4267.3	15643.9	10022.9	5621.0	14534.1	9378.9	5155.2	-2250.1	-896.4	-1353.7	-1140.3	-252.4	-887.9
I - VI.2018	26198.0	18107.4	8090.6	30390.0	19817.1	10572.9	28230.5	18542.8	9687.7	-4192.0	-1709.7	-2482.3	-2032.5	-435.4	-1597.1
VII.2018	5070.5	3506.2	1564.3	5618.2	3572.5	2045.7	5208.1	3347.6	1860.5	-547.7	-66.3	-481.4	-137.6	158.6	-296.2
VIII.2018	4672.8	3307.8	1365.0	4970.3	2970.0	2000.3	4613.8	2778.9	1834.9	-297.5	337.8	-635.3	59.0	528.9	-469.9
IX.2018	4722.4	3226.1	1496.3	5166.7	3234.7	1932.0	4790.7	3037.4	1753.3	-444.3	-8.6	-435.7	-68.3	188.7	-257.0
VII - IX.2018	14465.7	10040.1	4425.6	15755.2	9777.2	5978.0	14612.6	9163.9	5448.7	-1289.5	262.9	-1552.4	-146.9	876.2	-1023.1
I - IX.2018	40663.7	28147.5	12516.2	46145.2	29594.3	16550.9	42843.1	27706.7	15136.4	-5481.5	-1446.8	-4034.7	-2179.4	440.8	-2620.2
X.2018	5393.0	3466.3	1926.7	6227.9	3673.2	2554.7	5786.9	3457.9	2329.0	-834.9	-206.9	-628.0	-393.9	8.4	-402.3
XI.2018	5064.3	3445.2	1619.1	5691.3	3606.6	2084.7	5311.7	3388.6	1923.1	-627.0	-161.4	-465.6	-247.4	56.6	-304.0
XII.2018	4154.7	2666.1	1488.6	4881.1	3059.1	1822.0	4590.3	2906.1	1684.2	-726.4	-393.0	-333.4	-435.6	-240.0	-195.6
X - XII.2018	14612.0	9577.6	5034.4	16800.3	10338.9	6461.4	15688.9	9752.6	5936.3	-2188.3	-761.3	-1427.0	-1076.9	-175.0	-901.9
I - XII.2018	55275.7	37725.1	17550.6	62945.5	39933.2	23012.3	58532.0	37459.3	21072.7	-7669.8	-2208.1	-5461.7	-3256.3	265.8	-3522.1

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 $\label{eq:table 2} Table~2$ Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2018 \$^1\$ compared to the previous year

								(Pe	er cent)	
Months/Periods	E	xports - FO	В]	Imports - C	IF	Imports - FOB			
Wiontins/1 crious	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	
I	13.1	27.0	-10.3	19.4	21.7	15.6	19.2	21.8	15.0	
II	-6.6	7.0	-27.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0	
III	-4.7	7.1	-24.6	-3.5	9.7	-25.8	-4.0	8.9	-26.1	
I - III	0.1	13.2	-21.3	5.5	11.3	-4.3	5.4	11.1	-4.6	
IV	5.1	16.1	-12.8	6.4	8.0	3.5	5.9	7.9	2.4	
V	-5.6	5.6	-24.3	4.2	6.3	0.4	3.9	6.0	0.1	
VI	0.9	4.5	-5.5	12.1	10.0	15.6	11.6	9.7	15.0	
IV - VI	-0.1	8.3	-14.3	7.5	8.1	6.5	7.1	7.9	5.9	
I - VI	0.0	10.7	-17.7	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.7	
VII	5.0	11.8	-7.7	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0	
VIII	1.9	13.1	-17.8	-0.2	-6.4	10.9	0.3	-5.4	10.5	
IX	-1.0	2.4	-7.5	9.5	4.5	19.1	9.2	4.4	18.7	
VII - IX	2.0	9.0	-11.0	9.2	5.4	16.1	9.0	5.6	15.3	
I - IX	0.7	10.1	-15.5	7.4	8.2	6.1	7.2	8.2	5.5	
X	7.7	7.0	9.1	14.1	3.1	34.9	14.3	3.8	34.3	
XI	2.2	7.0	-6.7	3.7	-0.1	10.8	3.9	0.4	10.7	
XII	-2.4	6.0	-14.6	-8.6	-6.8	-11.3	-7.4	-5.2	-10.9	
X - XII	2.8	6.7	-4.0	3.2	-1.1	10.8	3.7	-0.2	10.7	
I - XII	1.2	9.2	-12.5	6.3	5.6	7.4	6.2	5.8	6.9	

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Table 3 Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries 1 in 2017 and 2018^2

		Exports - FO	В		Imports - (Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
Countries	2017 2018 Change compared to		2017 2018		Change compared to	2017	2018	
	Million	BGN	the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Third countries - total	20051.9	17550.6	-12.5	21425.6	23012.3	7.4	-1373.7	-5461.7
of which:								
Albania	155.7	163.7	5.1	35.5	34.3	-3.4	120.2	129.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	136.0	118.9	-12.6	77.5	43.6	-43.7	58.5	75.3
Brazil	55.8	58.2	4.3	38.1	86.7	127.6	17.7	-28.5
Canada	102.1	134.0	31.2	128.3	128.3	0.0	-26.2	5.7
China	1329.0	1463.0	10.1	2171.2	2575.6	18.6	-842.2	-1112.6
Egypt	927.6	447.9	-51.7	1098.8	1025.7	-6.7	-171.2	-577.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	796.3	824.5	3.5	641.7	628.3	-2.1	154.6	196.2
Georgia	351.5	342.5	-2.6	585.5	644.6	10.1	-234.0	-302.1
Gibraltar	131.0	317.9	142.7	0.0	0.0	x	131.0	317.9
India	211.3	180.4	-14.6	273.9	381.2	39.2	-62.6	-200.8
Indonesia	55.1	37.5	-31.9	92.9	333.2	258.7	-37.8	-295.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	118.9	76.3	-35.8	105.2	64.1	-39.1	13.7	12.2
Israel	212.9	128.9	-39.5	99.6	79.4	-20.3	113.3	49.5
Japan	81.8	81.6	-0.2	205.9	273.4	32.8	-124.1	-191.8
Kazakhstan	49.2	49.5	0.6	27.3	8.9	-67.4	21.9	40.6
Korea, Republic of	115.4	177.0	53.4	222.2	297.6	33.9	-106.8	-120.6
Libya	116.0	107.7	-7.2	13.0	5.1	-60.8	103.0	102.6
Morocco	141.5	142.4	0.6	218.7	274.7	25.6	-77.2	-132.3
Namibia	284.3	223.8	-21.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	284.2	223.7
Norway	78.7	77.1	-2.0	60.0	68.5	14.2	18.7	8.6
Peru	30.5	25.2	-17.4	47.8	82.8	73.2	-17.3	-57.6
Russian Federation	1448.9	745.6	-48.5	6068.2	6121.7	0.9	-4619.3	-5376.1
Serbia	927.2	1034.1	11.5	1183.4	1235.1	4.4	-256.2	-201.0
Singapore	471.6	493.2	4.6	68.8	76.9	11.8	402.8	416.3
South Africa	126.8	296.7	134.0	59.1	70.5	19.3	67.7	226.2
Switzerland	322.8	298.1	-7.7	414.4	478.1	15.4	-91.6	-180.0
Syrian Arab Republic	39.8	32.8	-17.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	39.2	32.2
Taiwan	62.6	54.4	-13.1	197.8	222.9	12.7	-135.2	-168.5
Turkey	4853.3	4228.9	-12.9	3733.9	3935.4	5.4	1119.4	293.5
Ukraine	294.4	362.5	23.1	896.4	934.6	4.3	-602.0	-572.1
United Arab Emirates	321.5	193.7	-39.8	53.5	52.8	-1.3	268.0	140.9
United States	797.6	929.9	16.6	454.4	568.2	25.0	343.2	361.7
Viet-Nam	59.9	54.8	-8.5	85.3	92.2	8.1	-25.4	-37.4

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 February 2019.

^{&#}x27;x'- category not applicable.

^{&#}x27;0'- figure less than half of the unit used.





Table 4 Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2017 and 2018^1

	I	Exports - FO	ЭВ	I	mports - (Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
Sections by SITC	2017 2018		Change compared	2017	2018	Change compared	2017	2018
Sections by SII C	Million	a BGN	to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Third countries -total	20051.9	17550.6	-12.5	21425.6	23012.3	7.4	-1373.7	-5461.7
Food and live animals	1480.6	1227.2	-17.1	835.3	861.4	3.1	645.3	365.8
Beverages and tobacco	406.6	274.5	-32.5	164.3	205.8	25.3	242.3	68.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1187.4	1086.4	-8.5	2274.1	2673.7	17.6	-1086.7	-1587.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4041.4	3097.6	-23.4	6597.1	6828.1	3.5	-2555.7	-3730.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	176.3	230.6	30.8	69.6	82.5	18.5	106.7	148.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2019.5	2025.2	0.3	1837.2	2054.5	11.8	182.3	-29.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4579.1	4408.6	-3.7	4234.3	4586.1	8.3	344.8	-177.5
Machinery and transport equipment	3151.7	2911.4	-7.6	3860.6	4145.8	7.4	-708.9	-1234.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2975.9	2256.5	-24.2	1518.2	1534.1	1.0	1457.7	722.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	33.4	32.6	-2.4	34.9	40.3	15.5	-1.5	-7.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th February 2019.