

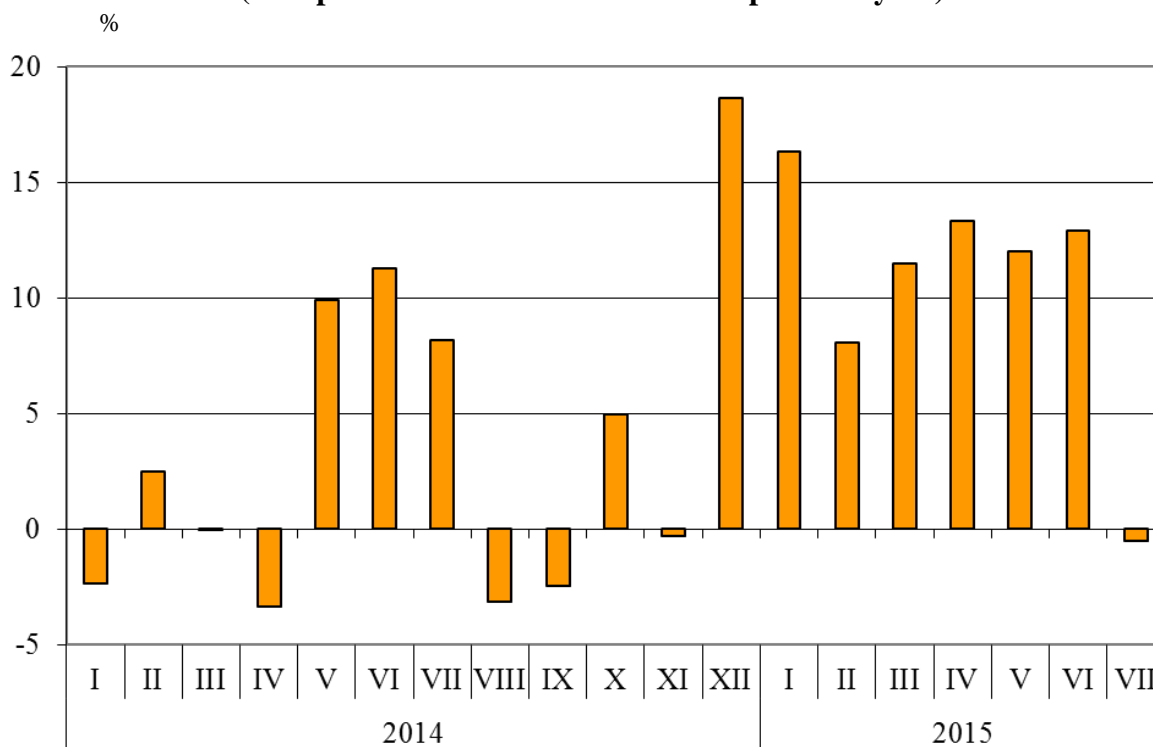


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2015** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 10.1% compared to the corresponding period of 2014 and amounted to 16.8 Billion BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2015** the exports to the EU decreased by 0.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2.6 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2014 - 2015  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



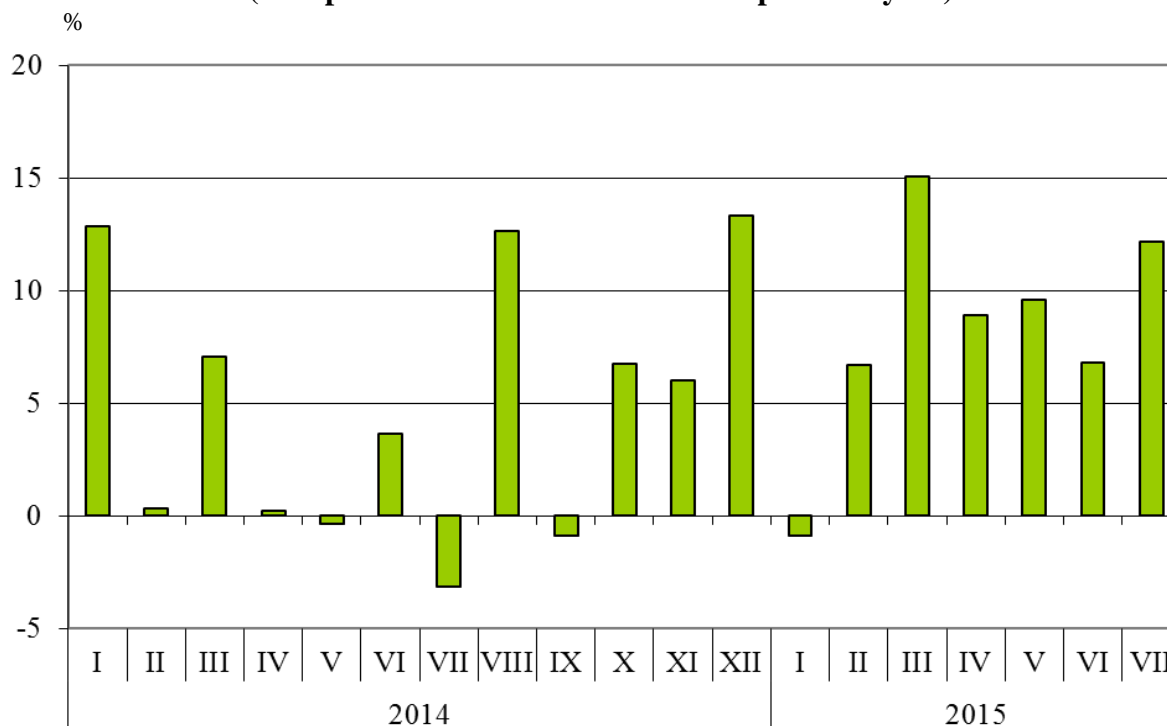
Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period January - July 2015 increased by 8.5% compared to the same period of 2014 and added up to 19.2 Billion BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2015** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 12.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3.1 Billion BGN at CIF prices.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2014 - 2015  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - July 2015 was negative and added up to 2 417.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 1 118.1 Million BGN.

In the first seven months of **2015** compared to the same period of 2014 the largest growth **in the exports** of Bulgaria to the **EU** distributed according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'<sup>2</sup> (17.2%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (16.5%). Fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (6.8%).

In **imports from the EU** the largest growths were reported in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (17.7%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (16.5%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (25.8%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup>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.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2014 and 2015<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2014	3099.1	1970.5	1128.6	3955.8	2333.1	1622.7	3677.7	2172.5	1505.2	-856.7	-362.6	-494.1	-578.6	-202.0	-376.6
II.2014	3226.8	2001.1	1225.7	3795.4	2466.6	1328.8	3535.1	2306.6	1228.5	-568.6	-465.5	-103.1	-308.3	-305.5	-2.8
III.2014	3193.6	2171.8	1021.8	3935.8	2497.8	1438.0	3687.1	2341.3	1345.8	-742.2	-326.0	-416.2	-493.5	-169.5	-324.0
<b>I - III.2014</b>	<b>9519.5</b>	<b>6143.4</b>	<b>3376.1</b>	<b>11687.0</b>	<b>7297.5</b>	<b>4389.5</b>	<b>10899.9</b>	<b>6820.4</b>	<b>4079.5</b>	<b>-2167.5</b>	<b>-1154.1</b>	<b>-1013.4</b>	<b>-1380.4</b>	<b>-677.0</b>	<b>-703.4</b>
IV.2014	3468.6	2117.6	1351.0	4303.1	2630.3	1672.8	4017.5	2455.1	1562.4	-834.5	-512.7	-321.8	-548.9	-337.5	-211.4
V.2014	3499.0	2065.0	1434.0	4132.0	2366.2	1765.8	3856.8	2213.1	1643.7	-633.0	-301.2	-331.8	-357.8	-148.1	-209.7
VI.2014	3704.8	2271.5	1433.3	4168.0	2641.9	1526.1	3881.1	2464.1	1417.0	-463.2	-370.4	-92.8	-176.3	-192.6	16.3
<b>IV - VI.2014</b>	<b>10672.4</b>	<b>6454.1</b>	<b>4218.3</b>	<b>12603.1</b>	<b>7638.4</b>	<b>4964.7</b>	<b>11755.4</b>	<b>7132.3</b>	<b>4623.1</b>	<b>-1930.7</b>	<b>-1184.3</b>	<b>-746.4</b>	<b>-1083.0</b>	<b>-678.2</b>	<b>-404.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2014</b>	<b>20191.9</b>	<b>12597.5</b>	<b>7594.4</b>	<b>24290.1</b>	<b>14935.9</b>	<b>9354.2</b>	<b>22655.3</b>	<b>13952.7</b>	<b>8702.6</b>	<b>-4098.2</b>	<b>-2338.4</b>	<b>-1759.8</b>	<b>-2463.4</b>	<b>-1355.2</b>	<b>-1108.2</b>
VII.2014	4016.0	2636.7	1379.3	4397.0	2760.6	1636.4	4100.4	2576.8	1523.6	-381.0	-123.9	-257.1	-84.4	59.9	-144.3
<b>I - VII.2014</b>	<b>24207.9</b>	<b>15234.2</b>	<b>8973.7</b>	<b>28687.1</b>	<b>17696.5</b>	<b>10990.6</b>	<b>26755.7</b>	<b>16529.5</b>	<b>10226.2</b>	<b>-4479.2</b>	<b>-2462.3</b>	<b>-2016.9</b>	<b>-2547.8</b>	<b>-1295.3</b>	<b>-1252.5</b>
I.2015	3389.2	2292.5	1096.7	3776.2	2312.2	1464.0	3499.1	2147.7	1351.4	-387.0	-19.7	-367.3	-109.9	144.8	-254.7
II.2015	3419.5	2162.9	1256.6	4118.0	2631.8	1486.2	3831.2	2453.7	1377.5	-698.5	-468.9	-229.6	-411.7	-290.8	-120.9
III.2015	3921.8	2420.8	1501.0	4423.3	2873.9	1549.4	4134.3	2687.0	1447.3	-501.5	-453.1	-48.4	-212.5	-266.2	53.7
<b>I - III.2015</b>	<b>10730.5</b>	<b>6876.2</b>	<b>3854.3</b>	<b>12317.5</b>	<b>7817.9</b>	<b>4499.6</b>	<b>11464.6</b>	<b>7288.4</b>	<b>4176.2</b>	<b>-1587.0</b>	<b>-941.7</b>	<b>-645.3</b>	<b>-734.1</b>	<b>-412.2</b>	<b>-321.9</b>
IV.2015	3899.9	2399.4	1500.5	4523.0	2864.6	1658.4	4203.4	2662.5	1540.9	-623.1	-465.2	-157.9	-303.5	-263.1	-40.4
V.2015	3737.1	2313.2	1423.9	4200.3	2592.9	1607.4	3922.3	2424.4	1497.9	-463.2	-279.7	-183.5	-185.2	-111.2	-74.0
VI.2015	4027.8	2564.7	1463.1	4425.8	2821.7	1604.1	4137.0	2639.9	1497.1	-398.0	-257.0	-141.0	-109.2	-75.2	-34.0
<b>IV - VI.2015</b>	<b>11664.8</b>	<b>7277.3</b>	<b>4387.5</b>	<b>13149.1</b>	<b>8279.2</b>	<b>4869.9</b>	<b>12262.7</b>	<b>7726.8</b>	<b>4535.9</b>	<b>-1484.3</b>	<b>-1001.9</b>	<b>-482.4</b>	<b>-597.9</b>	<b>-449.5</b>	<b>-148.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2015</b>	<b>22395.3</b>	<b>14153.5</b>	<b>8241.8</b>	<b>25466.6</b>	<b>16097.1</b>	<b>9369.5</b>	<b>23727.3</b>	<b>15015.2</b>	<b>8712.1</b>	<b>-3071.3</b>	<b>-1943.6</b>	<b>-1127.7</b>	<b>-1332.0</b>	<b>-861.7</b>	<b>-470.3</b>
VII.2015	4099.8	2622.9	1476.9	4755.4	3096.4	1659.0	4420.4	2879.3	1541.1	-655.6	-473.5	-182.1	-320.6	-256.4	-64.2
<b>I - VII.2015</b>	<b>26495.1</b>	<b>16776.4</b>	<b>9718.7</b>	<b>30222.0</b>	<b>19193.5</b>	<b>11028.5</b>	<b>28147.7</b>	<b>17894.5</b>	<b>10253.2</b>	<b>-3726.9</b>	<b>-2417.1</b>	<b>-1309.8</b>	<b>-1652.6</b>	<b>-1118.1</b>	<b>-534.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th October 2015.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.



**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2015<sup>1</sup> 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	9.4	16.3	-2.8	-4.5	-0.9	-9.8	-4.9	-1.1	-10.2
II	6.0	8.1	2.5	8.5	6.7	11.8	8.4	6.4	12.1
III	22.8	11.5	46.9	12.4	15.1	7.7	12.1	14.8	7.5
<b>I - III</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>
IV	12.4	13.3	11.1	5.1	8.9	-0.9	4.6	8.4	-1.4
V	6.8	12.0	-0.7	1.7	9.6	-9.0	1.7	9.5	-8.9
VI	8.7	12.9	2.1	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.6	7.1	5.7
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
VII	2.1	-0.5	7.1	8.2	12.2	1.4	7.8	11.7	1.1
<b>I - VII</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9th October 2015.

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2014 and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24207.9</b>	<b>26495.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>28687.1</b>	<b>30222.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-4479.2</b>	<b>-3726.9</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>15234.2</b>	<b>16776.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>17696.5</b>	<b>19193.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-2462.3</b>	<b>-2417.1</b>
Austria	447.3	454.4	1.6	824.0	806.8	-2.1	-376.7	-352.4
Belgium	1018.8	1040.2	2.1	607.7	673.9	10.9	411.1	366.3
Croatia	94.6	100.7	6.4	49.6	64.2	29.4	45.0	36.5
Cyprus	107.5	217.0	101.9	29.8	44.9	50.7	77.7	172.1
Czech Republic	334.2	434.2	29.9	638.7	618.8	-3.1	-304.5	-184.6
Denmark	117.1	130.7	11.6	108.2	131.9	21.9	8.9	-1.2
Estonia	20.0	20.7	3.5	15.2	12.4	-18.4	4.8	8.3
Finland	67.2	63.9	-4.9	58.8	57.1	-2.9	8.4	6.8
France	1082.5	1111.3	2.7	908.0	958.5	5.6	174.5	152.8
Germany	3006.7	3363.4	11.9	3385.4	3867.4	14.2	-378.7	-504.0
Greece	1640.5	1699.5	3.6	1431.7	1411.8	-1.4	208.8	287.7
Hungary	340.1	409.1	20.3	953.1	1091.6	14.5	-613.0	-682.5
Ireland	26.2	26.0	-0.8	90.2	92.6	2.7	-64.0	-66.6
Italy	2340.5	2516.6	7.5	2168.4	2271.6	4.8	172.1	245.0
Latvia	29.8	28.2	-5.4	10.1	28.2	179.2	19.7	0.0
Lithuania	53.0	51.3	-3.2	44.0	46.6	5.9	9.0	4.7
Luxembourg	3.1	3.1	0.0	77.5	89.5	15.5	-74.4	-86.4
Malta	41.6	63.2	51.9	134.3	11.3	-91.6	-92.7	51.9
Netherlands	544.7	601.5	10.4	773.4	962.5	24.5	-228.7	-361.0
Poland	492.0	557.4	13.3	811.4	874.7	7.8	-319.4	-317.3
Portugal	85.4	94.0	10.1	64.3	64.8	0.8	21.1	29.2
Romania	1913.7	2111.5	10.3	2008.2	2014.3	0.3	-94.5	97.2
Slovakia	187.5	212.7	13.4	315.4	410.3	30.1	-127.9	-197.6
Slovenia	126.4	174.1	37.7	194.9	199.8	2.5	-68.5	-25.7
Spain	398.6	459.3	15.2	1341.2	1601.3	19.4	-942.6	-1142.0
Sweden	146.7	167.9	14.5	170.4	179.4	5.3	-23.7	-11.5
United Kingdom	533.3	623.3	16.9	462.4	528.8	14.4	70.9	94.5
Not specified	35.2	41.2	17.0	20.2	78.5	288.6	15.0	-37.3

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9th October 2015.

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2014 and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>8973.7</b>	<b>9718.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>10990.6</b>	<b>11028.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-2016.9</b>	<b>-1309.8</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>972.2</b>	<b>922.7</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>4957.0</b>	<b>4362.6</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-3984.8</b>	<b>-3439.9</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	30.5	24.5	-19.7	45.3	29.0	-36.0	-14.8	-4.5
Russian Federation	579.7	463.2	-20.1	4093.8	3705.9	-9.5	-3514.1	-3242.7
Ukraine	138.4	241.8	74.7	707.8	547.8	-22.6	-569.4	-306.0
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3157.7</b>	<b>3375.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2608.3</b>	<b>2771.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>549.4</b>	<b>604.0</b>
of which:								
Canada	36.4	50.0	37.4	25.2	34.2	35.7	11.2	15.8
Israel	147.0	66.4	-54.8	84.8	50.3	-40.7	62.2	16.1
Japan	30.3	46.0	51.8	99.7	86.4	-13.3	-69.4	-40.4
Korea, Republic of	76.2	77.2	1.3	94.0	93.1	-1.0	-17.8	-15.9
Turkey	2285.2	2434.6	6.5	1706.7	1731.7	1.5	578.5	702.9
United States	348.3	439.1	26.1	335.2	287.9	-14.1	13.1	151.2
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>180.8</b>	<b>176.3</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>223.9</b>	<b>243.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-43.1</b>	<b>-67.4</b>
of which:								
Norway	34.7	35.8	3.2	20.1	19.8	-1.5	14.6	16.0
Switzerland	143.3	138.7	-3.2	202.9	220.9	8.9	-59.6	-82.2

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz, Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

<sup>4</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2014 and 2015<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	60.0	68.2	13.7	17.8	20.5	15.2	42.2	47.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	44.9	71.8	59.9	38.1	36.7	-3.7	6.8	35.1
Brazil	16.3	26.7	63.8	60.1	44.8	-25.5	-43.8	-18.1
China	577.9	656.7	13.6	963.8	1118.4	16.0	-385.9	-461.7
Egypt	212.9	364.9	71.4	209.1	96.6	-53.8	3.8	268.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	396.5	426.2	7.5	293.0	304.6	4.0	103.5	121.6
Georgia	217.8	178.4	-18.1	196.6	300.1	52.6	21.2	-121.7
India	48.5	65.3	34.6	116.2	163.8	41.0	-67.7	-98.5
Indonesia	25.3	30.6	20.9	33.6	38.0	13.1	-8.3	-7.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	84.4	192.7	128.3	3.7	6.1	64.9	80.7	186.6
Peru	4.8	3.5	-27.1	21.4	14.5	-32.2	-16.6	-11.0
Serbia	396.6	479.0	20.8	358.1	412.3	15.1	38.5	66.7
Singapore	644.6	488.0	-24.3	19.7	27.1	37.6	624.9	460.9
South Africa	38.5	59.8	55.3	29.5	13.7	-53.6	9.0	46.1
Syrian Arab Republic	83.5	37.6	-55.0	22.8	14.6	-36.0	60.7	23.0
Taiwan	21.9	27.8	26.9	86.0	142.5	65.7	-64.1	-114.7
United Arab Emirates	310.7	255.7	-17.7	44.7	117.1	162.0	266.0	138.6
Viet Nam	20.1	24.2	20.4	51.4	59.1	15.0	-31.3	-34.9

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9th October 2015.



**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - July 2014 and 2015<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2014	2015
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24207.9</b>	<b>26495.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>28687.1</b>	<b>30222.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-4479.2</b>	<b>-3726.9</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>15234.2</b>	<b>16776.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>17696.5</b>	<b>19193.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-2462.3</b>	<b>-2417.1</b>
Food and live animals	2159.4	2439.1	13.0	2066.6	2245.4	8.7	92.8	193.7
of which EU	1434.6	1506.5	5.0	1725.5	1793.7	4.0	-290.9	-287.2
Beverages and tobacco	497.0	488.9	-1.6	376.7	390.7	3.7	120.3	98.2
of which EU	178.6	166.5	-6.8	250.1	294.4	17.7	-71.5	-127.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1609.1	1802.4	12.0	2421.8	2892.3	19.4	-812.7	-1089.9
of which EU	930.6	1090.5	17.2	1427.6	1663.7	16.5	-497.0	-573.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3105.3	2932.2	-5.6	5762.0	4909.3	-14.8	-2656.7	-1977.1
of which EU	714.6	789.4	10.5	1078.4	800.1	-25.8	-363.8	-10.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	206.4	278.6	35.0	111.7	95.6	-14.4	94.7	183.0
of which EU	180.3	190.2	5.5	87.3	66.7	-23.6	93.0	123.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2256.5	2589.3	14.7	3813.7	4231.0	10.9	-1557.2	-1641.7
of which EU	1218.8	1420.3	16.5	2954.7	3279.3	11.0	-1735.9	-1859.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5662.7	6213.2	9.7	4707.5	5131.3	9.0	955.2	1081.9
of which EU	3800.5	4316.2	13.6	2925.3	3225.1	10.2	875.2	1091.1
Machinery and transport equipment	4909.1	5608.8	14.3	7216.8	7898.6	9.4	-2307.7	-2289.8
of which EU	3627.5	4071.7	12.2	5608.4	6267.7	11.8	-1980.9	-2196.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3740.2	4067.7	8.8	2055.1	2262.6	10.1	1685.1	1805.1
of which EU	3109.0	3170.6	2.0	1506.2	1654.4	9.8	1602.8	1516.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	62.2	74.9	20.4	155.2	165.2	6.4	-93.0	-90.3
of which EU	39.7	54.5	37.3	133.0	148.4	11.6	-93.3	-93.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9th October 2015