

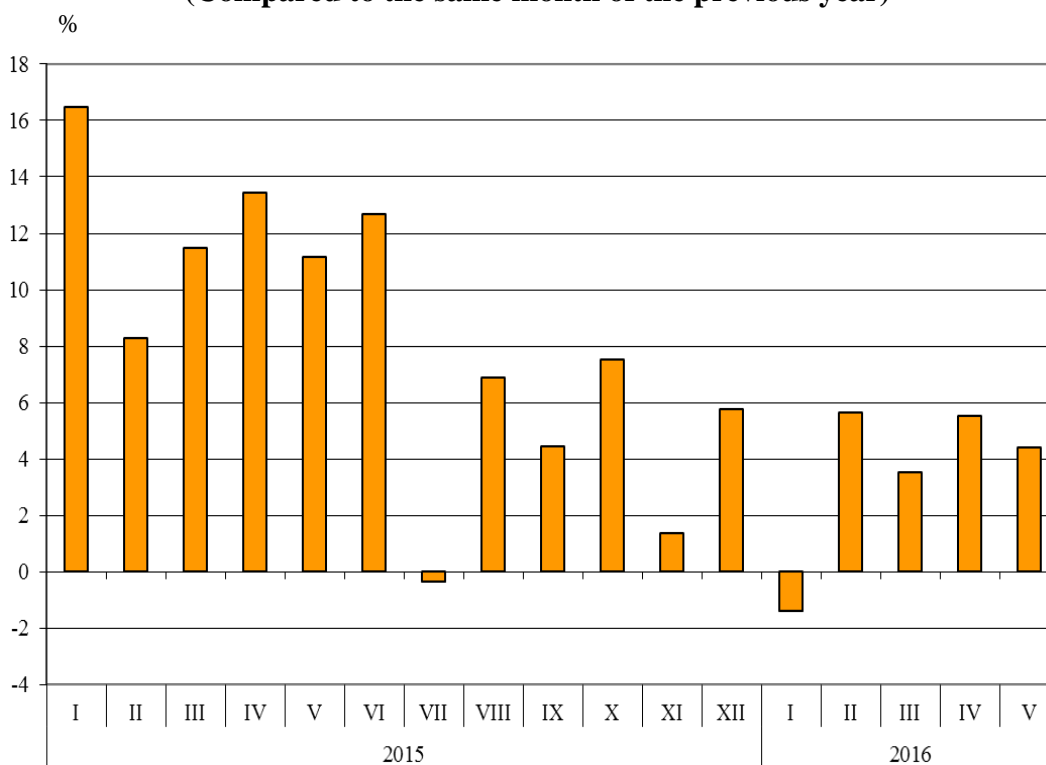


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2016** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 3.5% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 11 991.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and the United Kingdom which accounted for 69.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 4.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 396.4 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2015 - 2016  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - May 2016** in comparison with the same period of 2015 the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (29.0%) and 'Food and live animals' (27.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.1%).

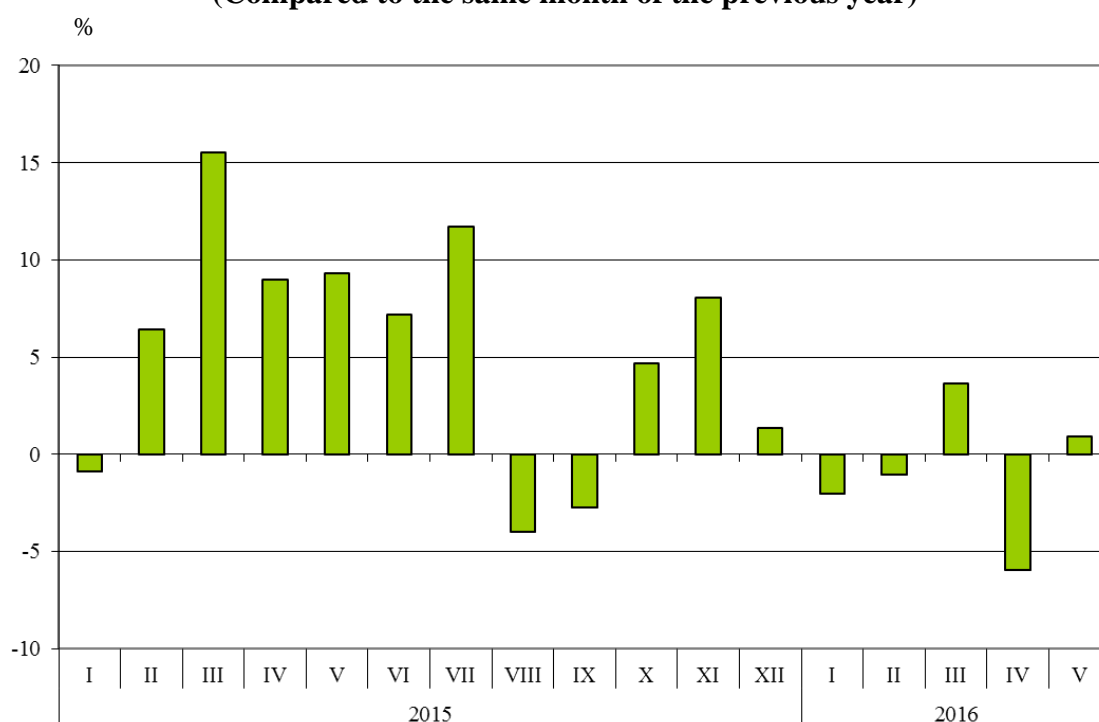
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - May 2016** decreased by 0.9% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 13 159.0 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 0.9% in comparison with May 2015 and amounted to 2 609.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - May 2016** compared to the corresponding period of 2015 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (25.5%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'<sup>2</sup> (36.2%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January -May 2016 was negative and added up to 1 167.4 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 291.5 Million BGN.

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

<sup>2</sup> The section includes the 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.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2015<sup>1</sup> and 2016<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.2015	3390.5	2294.9	1095.6	3776.0	2312.1	1463.9	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.5	-17.2	-368.3	-108.5	147.3	-255.8
II.2015	3423.7	2167.1	1256.6	4110.9	2624.6	1486.3	3825.0	2447.4	1377.6	-687.2	-457.5	-229.7	-401.3	-280.3	-121.0
III.2015	3945.3	2421.5	1523.8	4436.3	2885.4	1550.9	4145.7	2697.0	1448.7	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.4	-275.5	75.1
<b>I - III.2015</b>	<b>10759.5</b>	<b>6883.5</b>	<b>3876.0</b>	<b>12323.2</b>	<b>7822.1</b>	<b>4501.1</b>	<b>11469.7</b>	<b>7292.0</b>	<b>4177.7</b>	<b>-1563.7</b>	<b>-938.6</b>	<b>-625.1</b>	<b>-710.2</b>	<b>-408.5</b>	<b>-301.7</b>
IV.2015	3903.1	2402.6	1500.5	4524.5	2866.3	1658.2	4204.8	2664.1	1540.7	-621.4	-463.7	-157.7	-301.7	-261.5	-40.2
V.2015	<b>3718.9</b>	<b>2295.1</b>	<b>1423.8</b>	<b>4193.1</b>	<b>2586.3</b>	<b>1606.8</b>	<b>3916.1</b>	<b>2418.8</b>	<b>1497.3</b>	<b>-474.2</b>	<b>-291.2</b>	<b>-183.0</b>	<b>-197.2</b>	<b>-123.7</b>	<b>-73.5</b>
<b>I - V.2015</b>	<b>18381.5</b>	<b>11581.2</b>	<b>6800.3</b>	<b>21040.8</b>	<b>13274.7</b>	<b>7766.1</b>	<b>19590.6</b>	<b>12374.9</b>	<b>7215.7</b>	<b>-2659.3</b>	<b>-1693.5</b>	<b>-965.8</b>	<b>-1209.1</b>	<b>-793.7</b>	<b>-415.4</b>
I.2016	3427.5	2263.2	1164.3	3469.1	2265.7	1203.4	3227.7	2103.1	1124.6	-41.6	-2.5	-39.1	199.8	160.1	39.7
II.2016	3485.1	2289.7	1195.4	3820.5	2597.3	1223.2	3567.8	2429.2	1138.6	-335.4	-307.6	-27.8	-82.7	-139.5	56.8
III.2016	3680.5	2507.0	1173.5	4202.2	2990.7	1211.5	3918.0	2786.3	1131.7	-521.7	-483.7	-38.0	-237.5	-279.3	41.8
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10593.1</b>	<b>7059.9</b>	<b>3533.2</b>	<b>11491.8</b>	<b>7853.7</b>	<b>3638.1</b>	<b>10713.5</b>	<b>7318.6</b>	<b>3394.9</b>	<b>-898.7</b>	<b>-793.8</b>	<b>-104.9</b>	<b>-120.4</b>	<b>-258.7</b>	<b>138.3</b>
IV.2016	3634.1	2535.3	1098.8	4018.9	2695.4	1323.5	3760.2	2525.0	1235.2	-384.8	-160.1	-224.7	-126.1	10.3	-136.4
V.2016	3517.1	2396.4	1120.7	4065.6	2609.9	1455.7	3796.3	2439.5	1356.8	-548.5	-213.5	-335.0	-279.2	-43.1	-236.1
<b>I - V.2016</b>	<b>17744.3</b>	<b>11991.6</b>	<b>5752.7</b>	<b>19576.3</b>	<b>13159.0</b>	<b>6417.3</b>	<b>18270.0</b>	<b>12283.1</b>	<b>5986.9</b>	<b>-1832.0</b>	<b>-1167.4</b>	<b>-664.6</b>	<b>-525.7</b>	<b>-291.5</b>	<b>-234.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.

<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 - May 2016<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	1.1	-1.4	6.3	-8.1	-2.0	-17.8	-7.8	-2.1	-16.8
II	1.8	5.7	-4.9	-7.1	-1.0	-17.7	-6.7	-0.7	-17.3
III	-6.7	3.5	-23.0	-5.3	3.6	-21.9	-5.5	3.3	-21.9
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-19.2</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-18.7</b>
IV	-6.9	5.5	-26.8	-11.2	-6.0	-20.2	-10.6	-5.2	-19.8
V	-5.4	4.4	-21.3	-3.0	0.9	-9.4	-3.1	0.9	-9.4
<b>I - V</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-17.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2015<sup>2</sup> and 2016<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18381.5</b>	<b>17744.3</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>21040.8</b>	<b>19576.3</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-2659.3</b>	<b>-1832.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>11581.2</b>	<b>11991.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>13274.7</b>	<b>13159.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1693.5</b>	<b>-1167.4</b>
Austria	309.0	340.8	10.3	573.3	582.0	1.5	-264.3	-241.2
Belgium	742.8	360.0	-51.5	453.2	476.7	5.2	289.6	-116.7
Croatia	67.3	92.3	37.1	37.5	52.2	39.2	29.8	40.1
Cyprus	174.4	62.9	-63.9	32.2	20.3	-37.0	142.2	42.6
Czech Republic	286.9	287.9	0.3	421.4	425.5	1.0	-134.5	-137.6
Denmark	89.1	106.2	19.2	90.1	100.2	11.2	-1.0	6.0
Estonia	14.9	17.9	20.1	8.7	10.2	17.2	6.2	7.7
Finland	48.6	32.0	-34.2	38.3	59.5	55.4	10.3	-27.5
France	700.7	805.0	14.9	662.1	695.9	5.1	38.6	109.1
Germany	2351.1	2398.5	2.0	2709.1	2656.7	-1.9	-358.0	-258.2
Greece	1169.1	1201.2	2.7	972.6	905.2	-6.9	196.5	296.0
Hungary	288.6	314.4	8.9	768.1	772.5	0.6	-479.5	-458.1
Ireland	17.9	19.5	8.9	63.4	67.5	6.5	-45.5	-48.0
Italy	1780.1	1867.0	4.9	1530.4	1685.2	10.1	249.7	181.8
Latvia	17.6	25.2	43.2	19.2	18.2	-5.2	-1.6	7.0
Lithuania	35.1	42.3	20.5	35.2	29.8	-15.3	-0.1	12.5
Luxembourg	2.4	3.3	37.5	65.8	72.0	9.4	-63.4	-68.7
Malta	50.7	48.4	-4.5	8.5	10.8	27.1	42.2	37.6
Netherlands	435.3	462.9	6.3	674.3	715.9	6.2	-239.0	-253.0
Poland	394.6	417.5	5.8	598.2	723.4	20.9	-203.6	-305.9
Portugal	74.8	84.4	12.8	37.8	38.5	1.9	37.0	45.9
Romania	1368.3	1573.5	15.0	1425.7	1349.0	-5.4	-57.4	224.5
Slovakia	164.8	130.2	-21.0	288.4	281.7	-2.3	-123.6	-151.5
Slovenia	114.3	158.6	38.8	142.8	162.8	14.0	-28.5	-4.2
Spain	294.6	413.0	40.2	1060.7	671.0	-36.7	-766.1	-258.0
Sweden	118.5	131.3	10.8	119.5	122.1	2.2	-1.0	9.2
United Kingdom	445.1	463.5	4.1	377.1	374.9	-0.6	68.0	88.6
Not specified	24.6	131.9	436.2	61.1	79.3	29.8	-36.5	52.6

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2015<sup>2</sup> and 2016<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>6800.3</b>	<b>5752.7</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>7766.1</b>	<b>6417.3</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>-965.8</b>	<b>-664.6</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>584.5</b>	<b>404.7</b>	<b>-30.8</b>	<b>2978.3</b>	<b>2165.3</b>	<b>-27.3</b>	<b>-2393.8</b>	<b>-1760.6</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	15.5	12.8	-17.4	21.5	14.1	-34.4	-6.0	-1.3
Russian Federation	308.7	244.6	-20.8	2536.9	1754.7	-30.8	-2228.2	-1510.1
Ukraine	136.3	68.5	-49.7	370.0	333.1	-10.0	-233.7	-264.6
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2349.1</b>	<b>2012.5</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>1965.2</b>	<b>1822.8</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>383.9</b>	<b>189.7</b>
of which:								
Canada	34.3	33.1	-3.5	21.7	26.5	22.1	12.6	6.6
Israel	46.4	49.5	6.7	35.3	52.1	47.6	11.1	-2.6
Japan	28.9	25.2	-12.8	62.0	85.7	38.2	-33.1	-60.5
Korea, Republic of	41.3	49.7	20.3	66.3	97.4	46.9	-25.0	-47.7
Turkey	1707.7	1462.9	-14.3	1253.2	1184.0	-5.5	454.5	278.9
United States	310.6	252.3	-18.8	191.0	172.9	-9.5	119.6	79.4
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>-18.9</b>	<b>165.1</b>	<b>176.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-45.2</b>	<b>-79.3</b>
of which:								
Norway	23.6	18.6	-21.2	12.4	22.4	80.6	11.2	-3.8
Switzerland	95.0	77.9	-18.0	149.9	152.2	1.5	-54.9	-74.3

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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 - May 2015<sup>2</sup> and 2016<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	46.8	39.7	-15.2	15.7	8.3	-47.1	31.1	31.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54.0	52.6	-2.6	25.3	27.0	6.7	28.7	25.6
Brazil	16.5	29.7	80.0	36.8	28.0	-23.9	-20.3	1.7
China	461.0	342.0	-25.8	817.8	771.0	-5.7	-356.8	-429.0
Egypt	249.1	160.3	-35.6	91.6	168.0	83.4	157.5	-7.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	292.0	318.4	9.0	212.3	165.0	-22.3	79.7	153.4
Georgia	115.9	99.7	-14.0	199.0	78.6	-60.5	-83.1	21.1
India	43.1	44.8	3.9	122.5	94.5	-22.9	-79.4	-49.7
Indonesia	20.6	20.0	-2.9	26.5	26.4	-0.4	-5.9	-6.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	163.8	45.5	-72.2	4.3	22.2	416.3	159.5	23.3
Peru	2.5	3.0	20.0	13.2	17.9	35.6	-10.7	-14.9
Serbia	336.0	294.3	-12.4	271.9	274.7	1.0	64.1	19.6
Singapore	308.4	98.2	-68.2	20.3	20.9	3.0	288.1	77.3
South Africa	52.8	52.5	-0.6	9.1	15.0	64.8	43.7	37.5
Syrian Arab Republic	36.5	19.7	-46.0	12.9	1.4	-89.1	23.6	18.3
Taiwan	21.4	11.6	-45.8	103.4	79.2	-23.4	-82.0	-67.6
United Arab Emirates	190.1	138.1	-27.4	102.9	17.5	-83.0	87.2	120.6
Viet Nam	17.1	19.0	11.1	46.9	29.8	-36.5	-29.8	-10.8

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - May 2015<sup>1</sup> and 2016<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18381.5</b>	<b>17744.3</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>21040.8</b>	<b>19576.3</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-2659.3</b>	<b>-1832.0</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>11581.2</b>	<b>11991.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>13274.7</b>	<b>13159.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1693.5</b>	<b>-1167.4</b>
Food and live animals	1669.9	1837.6	10.0	1604.9	1607.2	0.1	65.0	230.4
of which EU	985.8	1255.5	27.4	1271.6	1260.4	-0.9	-285.8	-4.9
Beverages and tobacco	345.9	283.8	-18.0	263.0	300.8	14.4	82.9	-17.0
of which EU	115.3	143.8	24.7	194.6	244.3	25.5	-79.3	-100.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1224.8	1165.6	-4.8	2035.5	1209.1	-40.6	-810.7	-43.5
of which EU	730.8	711.6	-2.6	1125.0	718.0	-36.2	-394.2	-6.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2008.3	1285.0	-36.0	3383.1	2193.5	-35.2	-1374.8	-908.5
of which EU	556.6	344.6	-38.1	540.1	407.7	-24.5	16.5	-63.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	211.3	194.8	-7.8	62.2	71.6	15.1	149.1	123.2
of which EU	140.6	124.7	-11.3	44.4	52.0	17.1	96.2	72.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1794.2	1844.9	2.8	2929.5	3124.2	6.6	-1135.3	-1279.3
of which EU	949.2	1224.8	29.0	2264.8	2466.0	8.9	-1315.6	-1241.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4408.7	3633.1	-17.6	3577.9	3539.9	-1.1	830.8	93.2
of which EU	3083.9	2542.7	-17.5	2249.7	2213.3	-1.6	834.2	329.4
Machinery and transport equipment	3901.5	4093.6	4.9	5490.7	5641.2	2.7	-1589.2	-1547.6
of which EU	2825.9	3065.2	8.5	4329.8	4435.3	2.4	-1503.9	-1370.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2762.6	3355.5	21.5	1575.7	1761.3	11.8	1186.9	1594.2
of which EU	2153.8	2543.5	18.1	1148.4	1256.3	9.4	1005.4	1287.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	54.3	50.4	-7.2	118.3	127.5	7.8	-64.0	-77.1
of which EU	39.3	35.2	-10.4	106.3	105.7	-0.6	-67.0	-70.5

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2016.