

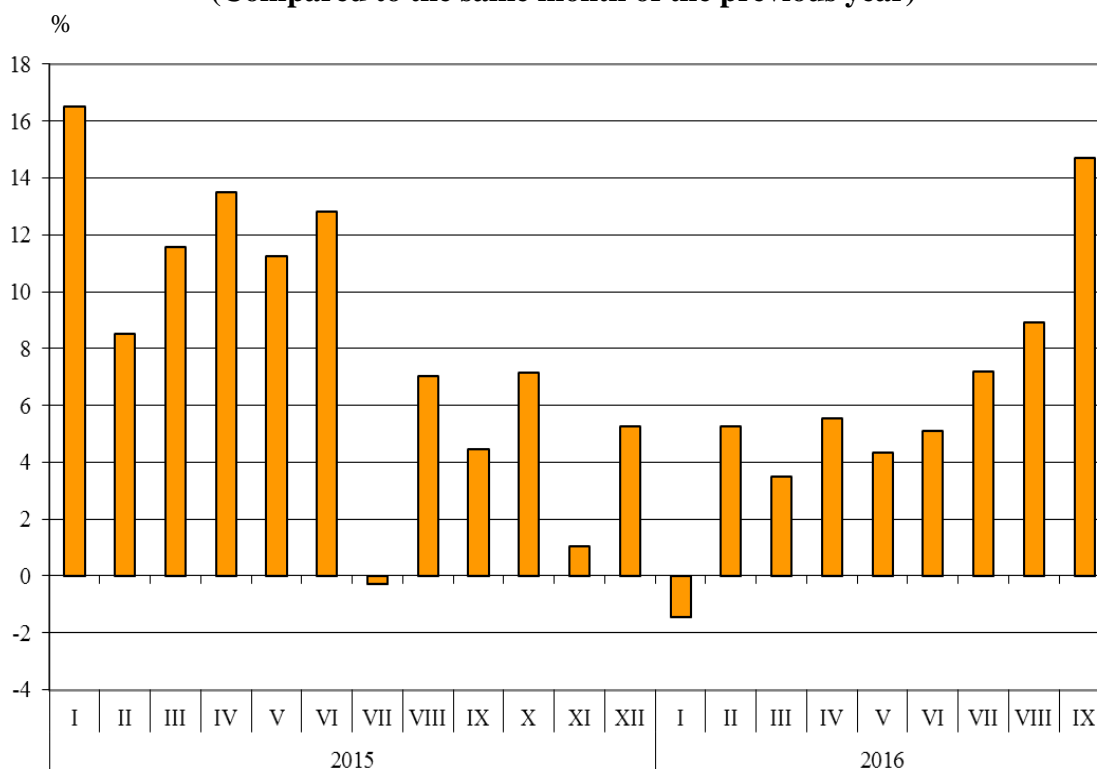


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2016** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 6.0% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 23 034.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 64.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 14.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 849.0 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 - September 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 'Beverages and tobacco' (30.6%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (19.0%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (23.9%).

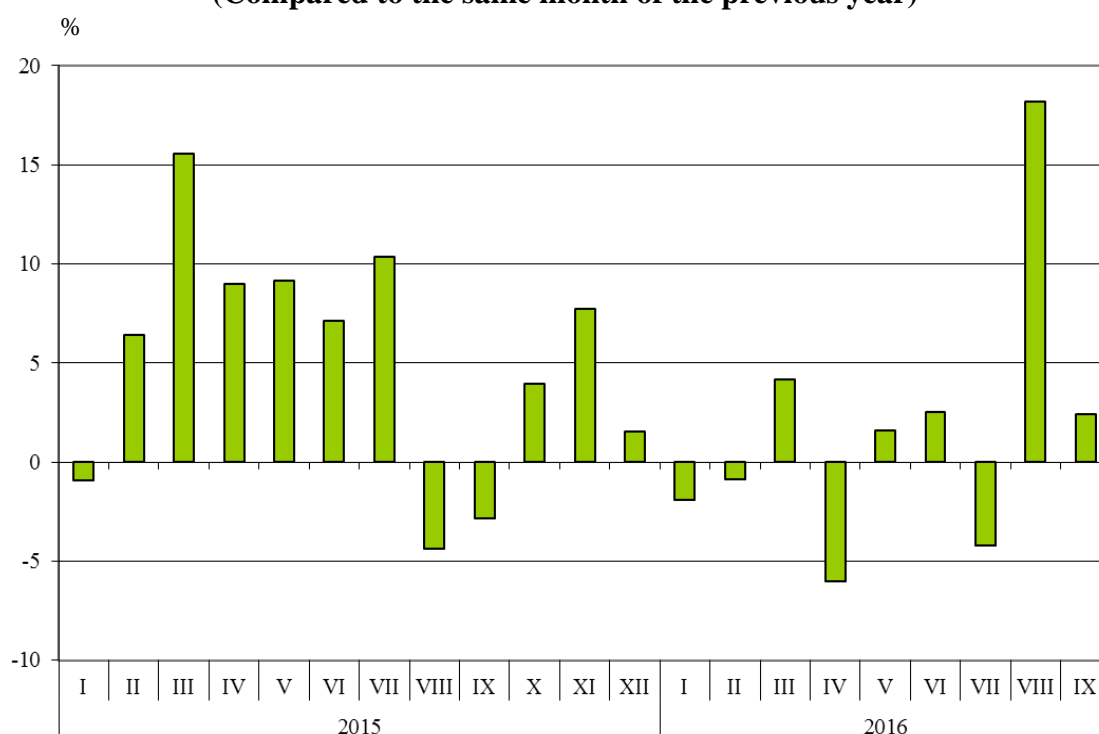
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - September 2016** increased by 1.5% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 24 536.7 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 Poland (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 2.4% in comparison with September 2015 and amounted to 2 738.6 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 - September 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' (12.5%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (26.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - September 2016 was negative and added up to 1 502.2 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 354.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.c.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2015 and 2016¹ 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.2015	3404.9	2296.0	1108.9	3767.8	2312.0	1455.8	3579.5	2199.6	1379.9	-362.9	-16.0	-346.9	-174.6	96.4	-271.0
II.2015	3427.4	2171.8	1255.6	4104.7	2624.7	1480.0	3904.3	2499.7	1404.6	-677.3	-452.9	-224.4	-476.9	-327.9	-149.0
III.2015	3971.6	2422.7	1548.9	4447.0	2886.1	1560.9	4239.8	2753.7	1486.1	-475.4	-463.4	-12.0	-268.2	-331.0	62.8
I - III.2015	10803.9	6890.5	3913.4	12319.5	7822.8	4496.7	11723.6	7453.0	4270.6	-1515.6	-932.3	-583.3	-919.7	-562.5	-357.2
IV.2015	3912.2	2403.4	1508.8	4537.2	2866.8	1670.4	4313.3	2728.0	1585.3	-625.0	-463.4	-161.6	-401.1	-324.6	-76.5
V.2015	3755.0	2297.2	1457.8	4185.7	2583.3	1602.4	3984.9	2464.5	1520.4	-430.7	-286.1	-144.6	-229.9	-167.3	-62.6
VI.2015	4022.8	2562.3	1460.5	4423.1	2830.3	1592.8	4213.6	2699.1	1514.5	-400.3	-268.0	-132.3	-190.8	-136.8	-54.0
IV - VI.2015	11690.0	7262.9	4427.1	13146.0	8280.4	4865.6	12511.8	7891.6	4620.2	-1456.0	-1017.5	-438.5	-821.8	-628.7	-193.1
I - VI.2015	22493.9	14153.4	8340.5	25465.5	16103.2	9362.3	24235.4	15344.6	8890.8	-2971.6	-1949.8	-1021.8	-1741.5	-1191.2	-550.3
VII.2015	4105.0	2629.0	1476.0	4685.9	3047.1	1638.8	4455.2	2900.6	1554.6	-580.9	-418.1	-162.8	-350.2	-271.6	-78.6
VIII.2015	3682.9	2464.8	1218.1	3798.5	2356.9	1441.6	3617.8	2250.3	1367.5	-115.6	107.9	-223.5	65.1	214.5	-149.4
IX.2015	3623.7	2484.2	1139.5	4098.5	2674.4	1424.1	3905.4	2551.3	1354.1	-474.8	-190.2	-284.6	-281.7	-67.1	-214.6
VII - IX.2015	11411.6	7578.0	3833.6	12582.9	8078.4	4504.5	11978.4	7702.2	4276.2	-1171.3	-500.4	-670.9	-566.8	-124.2	-442.6
I - IX.2015	33905.5	21731.4	12174.1	38048.4	24181.6	13866.8	36213.8	23046.8	13167.0	-4142.9	-2450.2	-1692.7	-2308.3	-1315.4	-992.9
I.2016	3427.4	2263.1	1164.3	3472.1	2267.9	1204.2	3301.2	2154.9	1146.3	-44.7	-4.8	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
II.2016	3481.6	2286.2	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.4	1163.4	-343.1	-315.3	-27.8	-163.2	-195.2	32.0
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.1	3005.7	1211.4	4021.2	2865.0	1156.2	-536.6	-498.3	-38.3	-340.7	-357.6	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.9	7875.1	3638.8	10967.2	7501.3	3465.9	-924.4	-818.4	-106.0	-377.7	-444.6	66.9
IV.2016	3635.1	2536.4	1098.7	4017.3	2694.2	1323.1	3832.0	2573.7	1258.3	-382.2	-157.8	-224.4	-196.9	-37.3	-159.6
V.2016	3517.3	2397.1	1120.2	4079.9	2624.2	1455.7	3883.5	2501.5	1382.0	-562.6	-227.1	-335.5	-366.2	-104.4	-261.8
VI.2016	3955.5	2692.5	1263.0	4311.0	2901.0	1410.0	4107.9	2765.7	1342.2	-355.5	-208.5	-147.0	-152.4	-73.2	-79.2
IV - VI.2016	11107.9	7626.0	3481.9	12408.2	8219.4	4188.8	11823.4	7840.9	3982.5	-1300.3	-593.4	-706.9	-715.5	-214.9	-500.6
I - VI.2016	21697.4	14682.7	7014.7	23922.1	16094.5	7827.6	22790.6	15342.2	7448.4	-2224.7	-1411.8	-812.9	-1093.2	-659.5	-433.7
VII.2016	4080.3	2818.4	1261.9	4334.9	2918.0	1416.9	4126.2	2781.2	1345.0	-254.6	-99.6	-155.0	-45.9	37.2	-83.1
VIII.2016	3913.2	2684.4	1228.8	4433.3	2785.6	1647.7	4213.7	2653.3	1560.4	-520.1	-101.2	-418.9	-300.5	31.1	-331.6
IX.2016	4051.9	2849.0	1202.9	4172.9	2738.6	1434.3	3973.8	2612.0	1361.8	-121.0	110.4	-231.4	78.1	237.0	-158.9
VII - IX.2016	12045.4	8351.8	3693.6	12941.1	8442.2	4498.9	12313.7	8046.5	4267.2	-895.7	-90.4	-805.3	-268.3	305.3	-573.6
I - IX.2016	33742.8	23034.5	10708.3	36863.2	24536.7	12326.5	35104.3	23388.7	11715.6	-3120.4	-1502.2	-1618.2	-1361.5	-354.2	-1007.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th December 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2016¹
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	0.7	-1.4	5.0	-7.8	-1.9	-17.3	-7.8	-2.0	-16.9
II	1.6	5.3	-4.8	-6.8	-0.9	-17.4	-6.6	-0.7	-17.2
III	-7.3	3.5	-24.3	-5.2	4.1	-22.4	-5.2	4.0	-22.2
I - III	-2.0	2.4	-9.7	-6.5	0.7	-19.1	-6.5	0.6	-18.8
IV	-7.1	5.5	-27.2	-11.5	-6.0	-20.8	-11.2	-5.7	-20.6
V	-6.3	4.3	-23.2	-2.5	1.6	-9.2	-2.5	1.5	-9.1
VI	-1.7	5.1	-13.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.4
IV - VI	-5.0	5.0	-21.4	-5.6	-0.7	-13.9	-5.5	-0.6	-13.8
I - VI	-3.5	3.7	-15.9	-6.1	-0.1	-16.4	-6.0	0.0	-16.2
VII	-0.6	7.2	-14.5	-7.5	-4.2	-13.5	-7.4	-4.1	-13.5
VIII	6.3	8.9	0.9	16.7	18.2	14.3	16.5	17.9	14.1
IX	11.8	14.7	5.6	1.8	2.4	0.7	1.8	2.4	0.6
VII - IX	5.6	10.2	-3.7	2.8	4.5	-0.1	2.8	4.5	-0.2
I - IX	-0.5	6.0	-12.0	-3.1	1.5	-11.1	-3.1	1.5	-11.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th December 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2015 and 2016²

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	
Total	33905.5	33742.8	-0.5	38048.4	36863.2	-3.1	-4142.9	-3120.4
EU	21731.4	23034.5	6.0	24181.6	24536.7	1.5	-2450.2	-1502.2
Austria	597.9	658.2	10.1	1016.0	1057.1	4.0	-418.1	-398.9
Belgium	1248.3	939.4	-24.7	848.0	883.6	4.2	400.3	55.8
Croatia	137.7	160.3	16.4	81.0	93.6	15.6	56.7	66.7
Cyprus	249.0	117.4	-52.9	60.8	39.5	-35.0	188.2	77.9
Czech Republic	570.4	560.4	-1.8	805.9	780.5	-3.2	-235.5	-220.1
Denmark	176.6	207.8	17.7	173.4	179.8	3.7	3.2	28.0
Estonia	30.0	31.7	5.7	15.9	21.6	35.8	14.1	10.1
Finland	89.3	55.8	-37.5	80.7	102.1	26.5	8.6	-46.3
France	1428.6	1583.5	10.8	1184.2	1184.8	0.1	244.4	398.7
Germany	4270.1	4624.5	8.3	4892.9	4948.7	1.1	-622.8	-324.2
Greece	2170.8	2336.5	7.6	1800.0	1758.7	-2.3	370.8	577.8
Hungary	527.4	572.4	8.5	1381.5	1412.9	2.3	-854.1	-840.5
Ireland	34.5	39.3	13.9	120.4	133.6	11.0	-85.9	-94.3
Italy	3176.8	3238.2	1.9	2805.9	2956.8	5.4	370.9	281.4
Latvia	35.5	40.2	13.2	36.4	45.9	26.1	-0.9	-5.7
Lithuania	65.4	78.4	19.9	60.1	72.9	21.3	5.3	5.5
Luxembourg	4.7	8.0	70.2	118.3	124.8	5.5	-113.6	-116.8
Malta	76.5	67.1	-12.3	14.4	27.4	90.3	62.1	39.7
Netherlands	768.1	880.0	14.6	1233.3	1324.6	7.4	-465.2	-444.6
Poland	749.6	811.5	8.3	1153.8	1438.3	24.7	-404.2	-626.8
Portugal	128.2	154.8	20.7	83.3	61.8	-25.8	44.9	93.0
Romania	2769.9	3061.3	10.5	2598.6	2535.3	-2.4	171.3	526.0
Slovakia	260.2	237.6	-8.7	533.5	499.4	-6.4	-273.3	-261.8
Slovenia	246.9	300.3	21.6	252.2	282.6	12.1	-5.3	17.7
Spain	806.5	904.7	12.2	1798.9	1330.6	-26.0	-992.4	-425.9
Sweden	216.1	254.0	17.5	227.5	230.0	1.1	-11.4	24.0
United Kingdom	836.7	846.1	1.1	679.4	878.3	29.3	157.3	-32.2
Not specified	59.7	265.1	344.1	125.3	131.5	4.9	-65.6	133.6

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 9-th December 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2015 and 2016²

(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	
Non EU countries	12174.1	10708.3	-12.0	13866.8	12326.5	-11.1	-1692.7	-1618.2
CIS³	1117.3	742.9	-33.5	5484.1	4041.1	-26.3	-4366.8	-3298.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	31.1	23.0	-26.0	39.2	25.3	-35.5	-8.1	-2.3
Russian Federation	598.9	492.5	-17.8	4631.9	3312.9	-28.5	-4033.0	-2820.4
Ukraine	260.2	100.5	-61.4	699.4	582.9	-16.7	-439.2	-482.4
OECD⁴	4270.3	3551.8	-16.8	3453.7	3329.5	-3.6	816.6	222.3
of which:								
Canada	62.4	51.9	-16.8	40.1	65.7	63.8	22.3	-13.8
Israel	117.3	80.7	-31.2	58.3	77.8	33.4	59.0	2.9
Japan	59.2	51.6	-12.8	119.8	141.6	18.2	-60.6	-90.0
Korea, Republic of	86.5	79.1	-8.6	122.2	170.6	39.6	-35.7	-91.5
Turkey	3062.4	2659.8	-13.1	2162.4	2189.5	1.3	900.0	470.3
United States	574.7	422.6	-26.5	368.1	309.0	-16.1	206.6	113.6
EFTA⁵	200.5	133.5	-33.4	301.0	320.3	6.4	-100.5	-186.8
of which:								
Norway	43.6	23.3	-46.6	22.8	37.0	62.3	20.8	-13.7
Switzerland	155.1	109.0	-29.7	275.1	281.0	2.1	-120.0	-172.0

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

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

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2015 and 2016²

(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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	85.3	70.5	-17.4	25.7	17.6	-31.5	59.6	52.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	89.9	99.5	10.7	46.4	58.2	25.4	43.5	41.3
Brazil	39.7	39.2	-1.3	48.9	38.1	-22.1	-9.2	1.1
China	839.5	538.3	-35.9	1412.7	1529.2	8.2	-573.2	-990.9
Egypt	498.9	258.8	-48.1	110.8	454.0	309.7	388.1	-195.2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	549.1	571.3	4.0	387.5	351.7	-9.2	161.6	219.6
Georgia	241.8	237.4	-1.8	343.4	208.8	-39.2	-101.6	28.6
India	77.9	94.4	21.2	206.5	165.1	-20.0	-128.6	-70.7
Indonesia	39.5	37.4	-5.3	52.8	48.1	-8.9	-13.3	-10.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	208.6	99.8	-52.2	7.9	37.6	375.9	200.7	62.2
Peru	4.6	7.3	58.7	22.3	33.4	49.8	-17.7	-26.1
Serbia	604.3	566.3	-6.3	540.4	543.1	0.5	63.9	23.2
Singapore	571.1	270.0	-52.7	39.1	35.4	-9.5	532.0	234.6
South Africa	69.5	72.5	4.3	17.1	29.6	73.1	52.4	42.9
Syrian Arab Republic	40.9	24.6	-39.9	14.7	1.5	-89.8	26.2	23.1
Taiwan	33.2	25.4	-23.5	168.2	150.9	-10.3	-135.0	-125.5
United Arab Emirates	306.5	265.7	-13.3	126.5	30.5	-75.9	180.0	235.2
Viet Nam	50.7	135.2	166.7	71.7	60.8	-15.2	-21.0	74.4

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 9-th December 2016.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - September 2015 and 2016¹**

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	
Total	33905.5	33742.8	-0.5	38048.4	36863.2	-3.1	-4142.9	-3120.4
of which EU	21731.4	23034.5	6.0	24181.6	24536.7	1.5	-2450.2	-1502.2
Food and live animals	3498.8	3723.7	6.4	2906.5	2997.5	3.1	592.3	726.2
of which EU	2305.0	2665.8	15.7	2316.2	2392.4	3.3	-11.2	273.4
Beverages and tobacco	604.1	564.5	-6.6	517.7	571.8	10.5	86.4	-7.3
of which EU	208.9	272.9	30.6	405.2	456.0	12.5	-196.3	-183.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2259.7	2417.7	7.0	3273.4	2359.1	-27.9	-1013.7	58.6
of which EU	1390.3	1650.0	18.7	1860.9	1366.7	-26.6	-470.6	283.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3806.9	2941.1	-22.7	6113.2	4423.0	-27.6	-2306.3	-1481.9
of which EU	1108.6	844.1	-23.9	1067.6	880.1	-17.6	41.0	-36.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	353.0	328.0	-7.1	124.9	131.3	5.1	228.1	196.7
of which EU	254.3	223.0	-12.3	86.7	96.3	11.1	167.6	126.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3392.4	3403.0	0.3	5435.1	5684.3	4.6	-2042.7	-2281.3
of which EU	1914.2	2278.5	19.0	4164.8	4469.5	7.3	-2250.6	-2191.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7680.2	6787.7	-11.6	6484.4	6803.9	4.9	1195.8	-16.2
of which EU	5279.4	4790.1	-9.3	4031.4	4333.1	7.5	1248.0	457.0
Machinery and transport equipment	7034.7	7352.1	4.5	9992.5	10345.7	3.5	-2957.8	-2993.6
of which EU	5133.0	5551.4	8.2	7919.6	8006.3	1.1	-2786.6	-2454.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5185.0	6132.4	18.3	2992.1	3326.4	11.2	2192.9	2806.0
of which EU	4071.3	4693.6	15.3	2142.3	2350.9	9.7	1929.0	2342.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	90.7	92.6	2.1	208.6	220.2	5.6	-117.9	-127.6
of which EU	66.4	65.1	-2.0	186.9	185.4	-0.8	-120.5	-120.3

¹Data are preliminary as of 9-th December 2016.