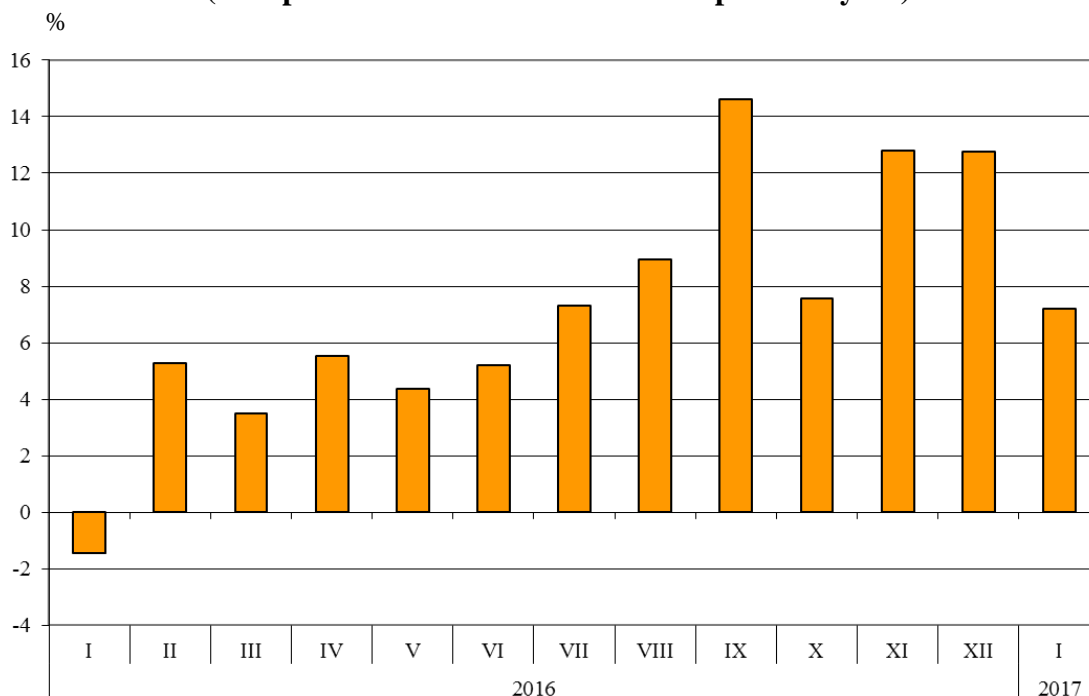




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 7.2% compared to the same month of 2016 and amounted to 2 426.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Netherlands which accounted for 68.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



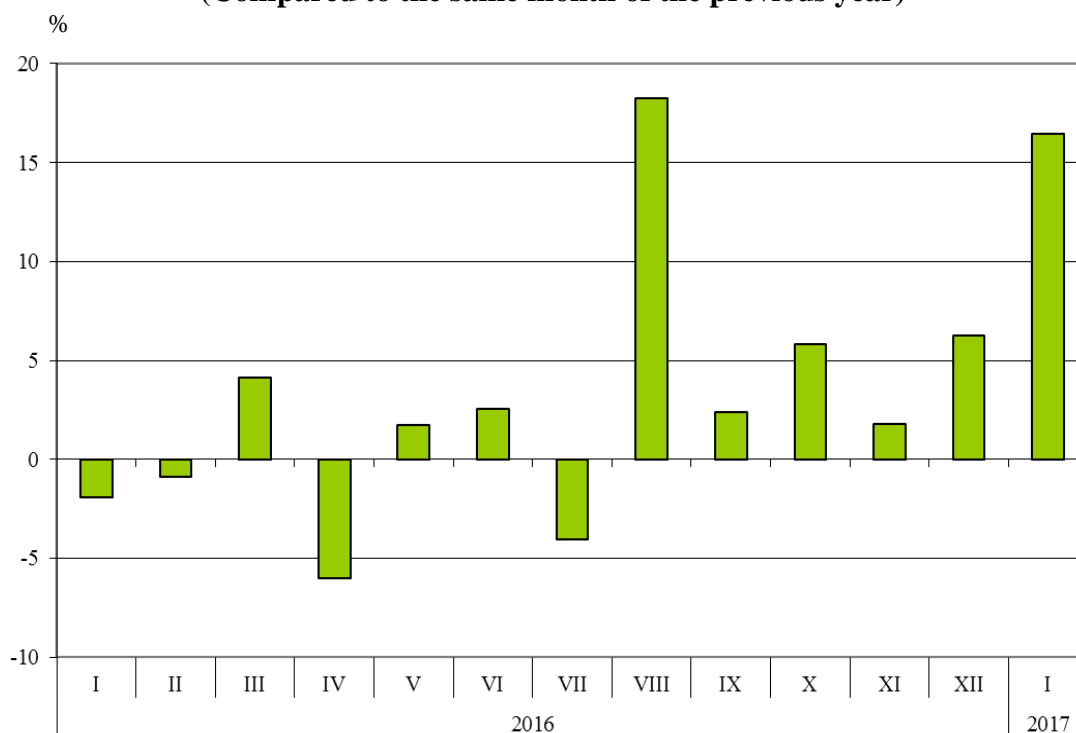
In January 2017 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (48.6%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (44.6%). The most notable fall was recorded in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (10.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in January 2017 increased by 16.5% compared to the same month of 2016 and added up to 2 641.1 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In January 2017 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (121.2%) while fall was observed only in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (15.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with** the **EU** in January 2017 was negative and added up to 215.1 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 82.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2016¹ and 2017¹ 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.2016	3427.3	2263.0	1164.3	3471.9	2267.7	1204.2	3301.1	2154.8	1146.3	-44.6	-4.7	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
I.2017	3738.1	2426.0	1312.1	4216.0	2641.1	1574.9	4004.0	2508.7	1495.3	-477.9	-215.1	-262.8	-265.9	-82.7	-183.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2017¹ compared to the same month 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	9.1	7.2	12.7	21.4	16.5	30.8	21.3	16.4	30.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2016² and 2017²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	3427.3	3738.1	9.1	3471.9	4216.0	21.4	-44.6	-477.9
EU	2263.0	2426.0	7.2	2267.7	2641.1	16.5	-4.7	-215.1
Austria	61.2	71.4	16.7	95.5	92.5	-3.1	-34.3	-21.1
Belgium	97.1	66.2	-31.8	86.7	82.0	-5.4	10.4	-15.8
Croatia	27.5	16.4	-40.4	6.9	6.5	-5.8	20.6	9.9
Cyprus	9.7	12.9	33.0	5.3	3.2	-39.6	4.4	9.7
Czech Republic	59.0	78.3	32.7	77.4	93.7	21.1	-18.4	-15.4
Denmark	23.8	24.0	0.8	17.2	22.0	27.9	6.6	2.0
Estonia	5.5	3.5	-36.4	1.3	2.4	84.6	4.2	1.1
Finland	6.3	5.7	-9.5	9.3	6.8	-26.9	-3.0	-1.1
France	158.3	171.0	8.0	127.1	128.4	1.0	31.2	42.6
Germany	450.2	600.1	33.3	450.9	499.5	10.8	-0.7	100.6
Greece	206.0	213.3	3.5	152.1	191.4	25.8	53.9	21.9
Hungary	69.1	70.8	2.5	128.9	138.8	7.7	-59.8	-68.0
Ireland	3.1	6.6	112.9	11.6	20.6	77.6	-8.5	-14.0
Italy	394.0	315.9	-19.8	234.1	271.5	16.0	159.9	44.4
Latvia	3.2	5.0	56.3	3.2	8.8	175.0	0.0	-3.8
Lithuania	8.4	11.4	35.7	5.2	4.7	-9.6	3.2	6.7
Luxembourg	0.9	1.0	11.1	21.0	16.2	-22.9	-20.1	-15.2
Malta	7.9	8.0	1.3	2.0	2.3	15.0	5.9	5.7
Netherlands	79.8	132.9	66.5	136.0	158.3	16.4	-56.2	-25.4
Poland	74.3	96.7	30.1	107.4	159.4	48.4	-33.1	-62.7
Portugal	15.8	11.2	-29.1	4.0	5.4	35.0	11.8	5.8
Romania	212.7	239.2	12.5	215.2	294.0	36.6	-2.5	-54.8
Slovakia	21.9	26.0	18.7	45.5	55.8	22.6	-23.6	-29.8
Slovenia	30.9	27.0	-12.6	23.3	27.6	18.5	7.6	-0.6
Spain	78.8	68.6	-12.9	213.3	240.1	12.6	-134.5	-171.5
Sweden	21.5	31.1	44.7	26.2	19.2	-26.7	-4.7	11.9
United Kingdom	93.7	96.6	3.1	56.7	65.6	15.7	37.0	31.0
Not specified	42.4	15.2	-64.2	4.4	24.4	454.5	38.0	-9.2

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 10-th April 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in January 2016² and 2017²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	1164.3	1312.1	12.7	1204.2	1574.9	30.8	-39.9	-262.8
CIS³	70.6	55.6	-21.2	445.0	578.3	30.0	-374.4	-522.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	1.6	1.4	-12.5	2.6	4.2	61.5	-1.0	-2.8
Russian Federation	44.0	40.9	-7.0	386.7	513.6	32.8	-342.7	-472.7
Ukraine	14.4	4.2	-70.8	50.0	41.8	-16.4	-35.6	-37.6
OECD⁴	397.1	422.3	6.3	332.6	399.5	20.1	64.5	22.8
of which:								
Canada	6.4	4.9	-23.4	8.8	5.5	-37.5	-2.4	-0.6
Israel	9.4	8.2	-12.8	26.9	7.9	-70.6	-17.5	0.3
Japan	5.6	4.1	-26.8	12.2	12.8	4.9	-6.6	-8.7
Korea, Republic of	5.3	3.8	-28.3	18.5	16.8	-9.2	-13.2	-13.0
Turkey	286.6	348.4	21.6	203.7	280.7	37.8	82.9	67.7
United States	48.4	36.9	-23.8	30.0	29.7	-1.0	18.4	7.2
EFTA⁵	27.6	9.6	-65.2	27.5	27.9	1.5	0.1	-18.3
of which:								
Norway	5.6	1.2	-78.6	5.6	3.2	-42.9	0.0	-2.0
Switzerland	21.8	8.1	-62.8	21.6	24.5	13.4	0.2	-16.4

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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 January 2016² and 2017²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	6.3	6.4	1.6	1.2	3.0	150.0	5.1	3.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8.8	8.5	-3.4	3.7	5.0	35.1	5.1	3.5
Brazil	1.7	1.6	-5.9	2.6	3.5	34.6	-0.9	-1.9
China	99.3	102.4	3.1	168.1	168.5	0.2	-68.8	-66.1
Egypt	62.3	131.1	110.4	18.3	20.8	13.7	44.0	110.3
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	61.6	51.8	-15.9	27.6	41.9	51.8	34.0	9.9
Georgia	12.4	12.3	-0.8	16.1	31.3	94.4	-3.7	-19.0
India	5.8	42.3	629.3	21.7	22.4	3.2	-15.9	19.9
Indonesia	3.4	5.0	47.1	5.6	8.0	42.9	-2.2	-3.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	24.8	8.4	-66.1	3.2	59.7	1765.6	21.6	-51.3
Peru	0.6	0.4	-33.3	6.0	7.0	16.7	-5.4	-6.6
Serbia	51.0	57.9	13.5	35.7	77.1	116.0	15.3	-19.2
Singapore	25.4	38.9	53.1	5.7	6.0	5.3	19.7	32.9
South Africa	2.4	3.5	45.8	4.3	1.7	-60.5	-1.9	1.8
Syrian Arab Republic	4.6	9.9	115.2	0.5	-	x	4.1	9.9
Taiwan	2.1	1.8	-14.3	15.6	18.5	18.6	-13.5	-16.7
United Arab Emirates	28.8	40.0	38.9	4.4	6.7	52.3	24.4	33.3
Viet Nam	2.9	2.1	-27.6	3.7	7.0	89.2	-0.8	-4.9

¹ Partner country:

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'x' - category not applicable.

'-' - no case.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 2016¹ and 2017¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	3427.3	3738.1	9.1	3471.9	4216.0	21.4	-44.6	-477.9
of which EU	2263.0	2426.0	7.2	2267.7	2641.1	16.5	-4.7	-215.1
Food and live animals	323.6	329.4	1.8	274.1	318.0	16.0	49.5	11.4
of which EU	230.9	224.7	-2.7	214.9	255.8	19.0	16.0	-31.1
Beverages and tobacco	64.3	57.6	-10.4	35.0	39.3	12.3	29.3	18.3
of which EU	20.5	18.3	-10.7	29.6	30.7	3.7	-9.1	-12.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	231.9	218.4	-5.8	310.8	433.6	39.5	-78.9	-215.2
of which EU	143.1	137.5	-3.9	225.1	271.2	20.5	-82.0	-133.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	296.7	498.0	67.8	456.4	757.7	66.0	-159.7	-259.7
of which EU	60.3	87.2	44.6	72.1	159.5	121.2	-11.8	-72.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	24.0	33.3	38.8	13.9	14.4	3.6	10.1	18.9
of which EU	14.2	21.1	48.6	10.6	9.0	-15.1	3.6	12.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	346.9	359.6	3.7	538.5	609.4	13.2	-191.6	-249.8
of which EU	230.5	247.2	7.2	415.0	479.8	15.6	-184.5	-232.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	702.6	812.2	15.6	573.1	647.1	12.9	129.5	165.1
of which EU	495.8	571.7	15.3	347.5	378.3	8.9	148.3	193.4
Machinery and transport equipment	711.3	791.3	11.2	961.0	1035.7	7.8	-249.7	-244.4
of which EU	532.3	601.9	13.1	737.9	798.4	8.2	-205.6	-196.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	717.3	629.7	-12.2	289.5	339.4	17.2	427.8	290.3
of which EU	528.8	509.7	-3.6	197.6	239.4	21.2	331.2	270.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.7	8.6	-1.1	19.6	21.4	9.2	-10.9	-12.8
of which EU	6.6	6.7	1.5	17.4	19.0	9.2	-10.8	-12.3

¹Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2017.