

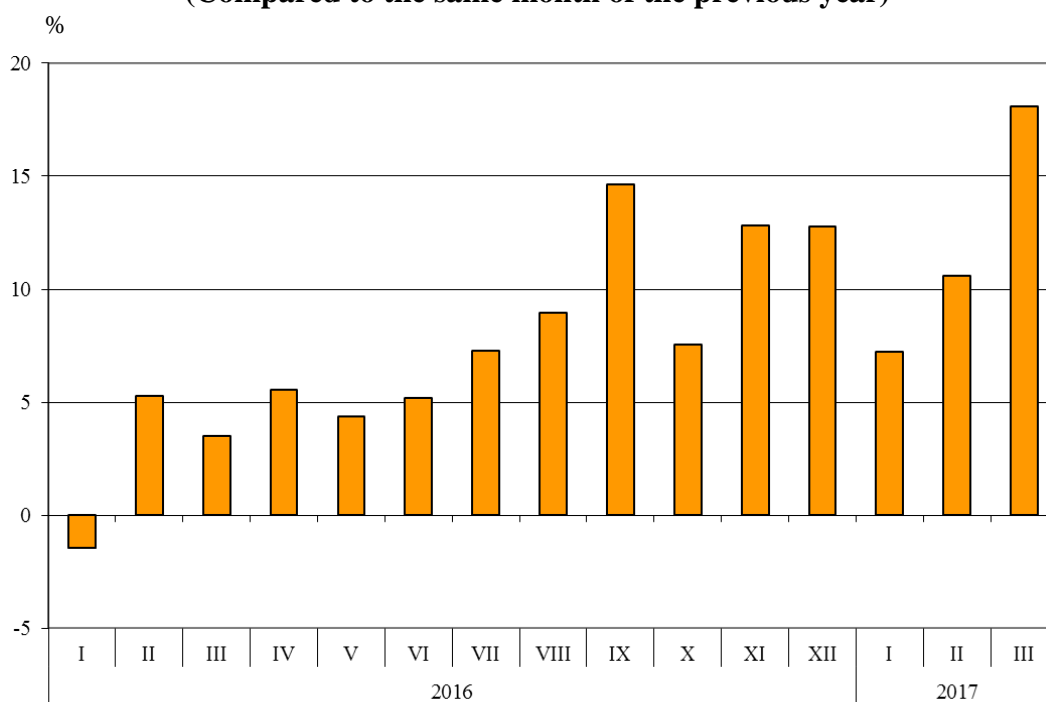


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 12.2% compared to the same period of 2016 and amounted to 7 915.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2017** the exports to the EU grew by 18.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 960.6 Million BGN.

**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 the period **January - March 2017** compared to the corresponding period 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (57.2%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (29.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (19.8%).

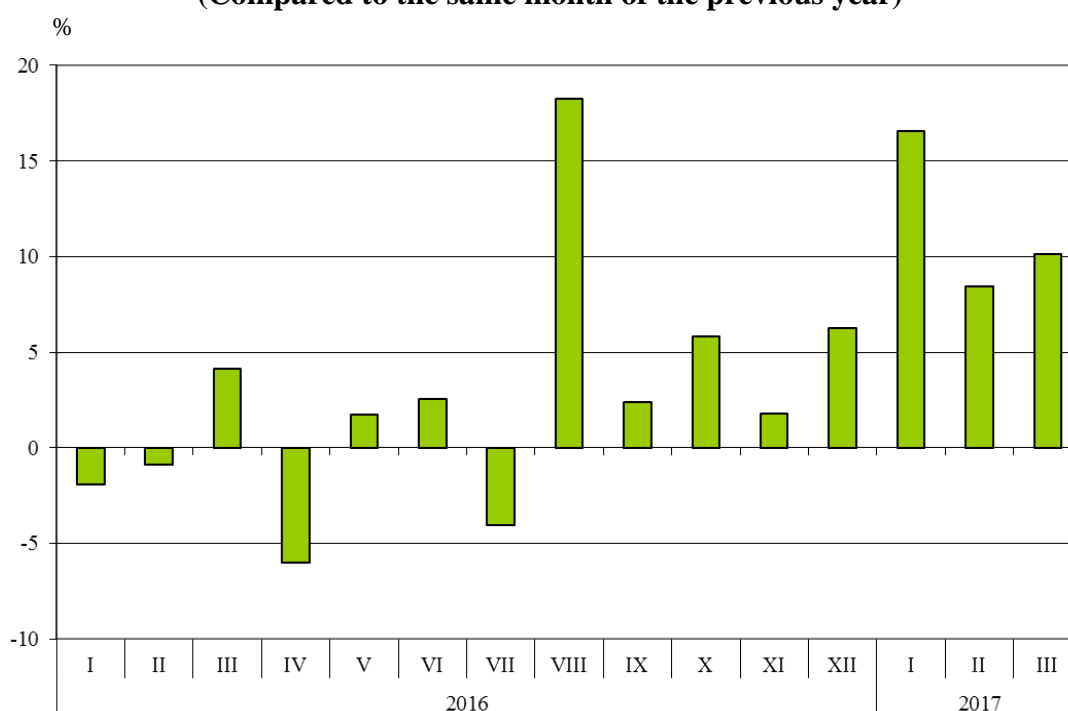
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - March 2017** increased by 11.4% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 8 773.0 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).

In **March 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 10.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 309.6 Million BGN.

**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 the period **January - March 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 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’ (88.0%) while fall was observed only in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (9.5%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - March 2017 was negative and added up to 857.8 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 433.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2016¹ and 2017¹ by months

Table 1
(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
II.2016	3481.7	2286.3	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.3	1163.5	-343.0	-315.2	-27.8	-163.1	-195.0	31.9
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.0	3005.6	1211.4	4021.0	2864.8	1156.2	-536.5	-498.2	-38.3	-340.5	-357.4	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.6	7874.8	3638.8	10966.9	7500.9	3466.0	-924.1	-818.1	-106.0	-377.4	-444.2	66.8
I.2017	3738.7	2426.5	1312.2	4220.8	2642.9	1577.9	4008.6	2510.4	1498.2	-482.1	-216.4	-265.7	-269.9	-83.9	-186.0
II.2017	4048.3	2528.1	1520.2	4428.6	2820.5	1608.1	4209.7	2682.2	1527.5	-380.3	-292.4	-87.9	-161.4	-154.1	-7.3
III.2017	4371.8	2960.6	1411.2	5287.3	3309.6	1977.7	5032.4	3156.2	1876.2	-915.5	-349.0	-566.5	-660.6	-195.6	-465.0
I - III.2017	12158.8	7915.2	4243.6	13936.7	8773.0	5163.7	13250.7	8348.8	4901.9	-1777.9	-857.8	-920.1	-1091.9	-433.6	-658.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 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	21.6	16.5	31.0	21.4	16.5	30.7
II	16.3	10.6	27.2	15.8	8.4	31.5	15.5	8.1	31.3
III	18.8	18.1	20.3	25.4	10.1	63.3	25.2	10.2	62.3
I - III	14.8	12.2	20.1	21.0	11.4	41.9	20.8	11.3	41.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - March 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	10589.5	12158.8	14.8	11513.6	13936.7	21.0	-924.1	-1777.9
EU	7056.7	7915.2	12.2	7874.8	8773.0	11.4	-818.1	-857.8
Austria	191.2	231.7	21.2	337.8	344.9	2.1	-146.6	-113.2
Belgium	198.8	463.8	133.3	284.7	273.4	-4.0	-85.9	190.4
Croatia	57.9	54.6	-5.7	27.7	30.4	9.7	30.2	24.2
Cyprus	34.5	37.7	9.3	14.7	16.0	8.8	19.8	21.7
Czech Republic	174.2	258.5	48.4	247.7	301.0	21.5	-73.5	-42.5
Denmark	64.8	75.5	16.5	61.1	75.1	22.9	3.7	0.4
Estonia	11.2	11.2	0.0	4.5	7.8	73.3	6.7	3.4
Finland	21.3	20.4	-4.2	36.4	22.6	-37.9	-15.1	-2.2
France	481.6	537.1	11.5	435.4	432.7	-0.6	46.2	104.4
Germany	1449.2	1665.0	14.9	1580.1	1689.5	6.9	-130.9	-24.5
Greece	665.6	742.3	11.5	533.1	597.0	12.0	132.5	145.3
Hungary	194.6	219.2	12.6	451.6	504.0	11.6	-257.0	-284.8
Ireland	10.9	22.3	104.6	34.1	57.8	69.5	-23.2	-35.5
Italy	1163.7	1015.8	-12.7	951.5	980.2	3.0	212.2	35.6
Latvia	13.6	14.5	6.6	8.3	25.2	203.6	5.3	-10.7
Lithuania	25.1	34.4	37.1	17.7	21.3	20.3	7.4	13.1
Luxembourg	1.9	2.9	52.6	43.7	52.6	20.4	-41.8	-49.7
Malta	23.5	12.8	-45.5	6.6	6.9	4.5	16.9	5.9
Netherlands	274.0	364.1	32.9	439.3	489.3	11.4	-165.3	-125.2
Poland	252.8	301.4	19.2	388.6	508.2	30.8	-135.8	-206.8
Portugal	45.8	47.0	2.6	25.4	19.5	-23.2	20.4	27.5
Romania	876.8	952.8	8.7	811.6	1044.8	28.7	65.2	-92.0
Slovakia	73.5	86.3	17.4	164.9	177.5	7.6	-91.4	-91.2
Slovenia	81.2	76.0	-6.4	99.6	103.3	3.7	-18.4	-27.3
Spain	232.8	208.9	-10.3	542.6	623.1	14.8	-309.8	-414.2
Sweden	74.8	103.3	38.1	76.0	88.2	16.1	-1.2	15.1
United Kingdom	280.9	313.2	11.5	216.6	241.0	11.3	64.3	72.2
Not specified	80.5	42.5	-47.2	33.5	39.7	18.5	47.0	2.8

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.

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - March 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	3532.8	4243.6	20.1	3638.8	5163.7	41.9	-106.0	-920.1
CIS³	270.5	273.9	1.3	1140.8	1704.0	49.4	-870.3	-1430.1
of which:								
Kazakhstan	9.6	11.2	16.7	8.3	13.1	57.8	1.3	-1.9
Russian Federation	155.1	173.9	12.1	922.9	1430.8	55.0	-767.8	-1256.9
Ukraine	54.0	33.7	-37.6	181.3	204.3	12.7	-127.3	-170.6
OECD⁴	1260.0	1361.5	8.1	1064.2	1269.9	19.3	195.8	91.6
of which:								
Canada	23.6	19.3	-18.2	19.1	20.6	7.9	4.5	-1.3
Israel	37.2	37.0	-0.5	40.1	24.0	-40.1	-2.9	13.0
Japan	14.4	16.2	12.5	39.9	44.5	11.5	-25.5	-28.3
Korea, Republic of	38.7	14.2	-63.3	58.5	53.9	-7.9	-19.8	-39.7
Turkey	866.1	1039.2	20.0	695.7	878.3	26.2	170.4	160.9
United States	166.5	141.4	-15.1	99.1	105.8	6.8	67.4	35.6
EFTA⁵	84.6	60.7	-28.3	98.1	106.8	8.9	-13.5	-46.1
of which:								
Norway	17.5	10.5	-40.0	13.0	11.9	-8.5	4.5	-1.4
Switzerland	66.5	49.0	-26.3	83.7	92.8	10.9	-17.2	-43.8

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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 - March 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	24.3	32.8	35.0	4.1	7.7	87.8	20.2	25.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.3	36.0	18.8	18.3	17.9	-2.2	12.0	18.1
Brazil	8.9	6.3	-29.2	11.3	10.9	-3.5	-2.4	-4.6
China	242.9	324.6	33.6	509.9	532.2	4.4	-267.0	-207.6
Egypt	99.6	305.5	206.7	72.7	254.6	250.2	26.9	50.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	192.8	196.6	2.0	97.8	139.3	42.4	95.0	57.3
Georgia	41.8	58.2	39.2	42.9	149.2	247.8	-1.1	-91.0
India	30.2	87.3	189.1	61.7	65.7	6.5	-31.5	21.6
Indonesia	14.7	13.5	-8.2	15.8	21.4	35.4	-1.1	-7.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	39.0	36.0	-7.7	12.5	65.8	426.4	26.5	-29.8
Peru	1.5	7.2	380.0	15.8	12.7	-19.6	-14.3	-5.5
Serbia	174.3	203.5	16.8	148.0	275.8	86.4	26.3	-72.3
Singapore	56.8	97.5	71.7	14.4	19.1	32.6	42.4	78.4
South Africa	45.1	28.4	-37.0	11.4	19.6	71.9	33.7	8.8
Syrian Arab Republic	11.4	23.0	101.8	0.6	0.0	x	10.8	23.0
Taiwan	7.6	10.5	38.2	49.2	56.5	14.8	-41.6	-46.0
United Arab Emirates	123.9	119.6	-3.5	12.1	15.0	24.0	111.8	104.6
Viet Nam	12.0	10.1	-15.8	16.7	21.5	28.7	-4.7	-11.4

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - March 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	10589.5	12158.8	14.8	11513.6	13936.7	21.0	-924.1	-1777.9
of which EU	7056.7	7915.2	12.2	7874.8	8773.0	11.4	-818.1	-857.8
Food and live animals	1038.5	1082.9	4.3	951.2	1113.7	17.1	87.3	-30.8
of which EU	695.6	703.0	1.1	752.8	889.8	18.2	-57.2	-186.8
Beverages and tobacco	191.4	193.6	1.1	160.5	141.3	-12.0	30.9	52.3
of which EU	76.9	61.7	-19.8	129.1	116.9	-9.5	-52.2	-55.2
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	685.1	690.1	0.7	917.8	1239.2	35.0	-232.7	-549.1
of which EU	407.9	437.0	7.1	604.5	703.2	16.3	-196.6	-266.2
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	731.5	1094.1	49.6	1129.1	2052.7	81.8	-397.6	-958.6
of which EU	178.1	280.0	57.2	227.7	428.0	88.0	-49.6	-148.0
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	114.4	120.7	5.5	43.4	47.5	9.4	71.0	73.2
of which EU	70.5	78.7	11.6	31.1	32.0	2.9	39.4	46.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1110.6	1226.4	10.4	1909.0	2137.7	12.0	-798.4	-911.3
of which EU	734.7	814.8	10.9	1494.0	1713.0	14.7	-759.3	-898.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2186.2	2874.4	31.5	2049.4	2398.1	17.0	136.8	476.3
of which EU	1530.4	1980.9	29.4	1276.1	1362.3	6.8	254.3	618.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2405.0	2640.3	9.8	3243.5	3591.5	10.7	-838.5	-951.2
of which EU	1783.0	1979.9	11.0	2567.6	2682.1	4.5	-784.6	-702.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2095.8	2204.7	5.2	1042.7	1140.9	9.4	1053.1	1063.8
of which EU	1557.7	1555.2	-0.2	732.1	779.8	6.5	825.6	775.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	31.0	31.6	1.9	67.0	74.1	10.6	-36.0	-42.5
of which EU	21.9	24.0	9.6	59.8	65.9	10.2	-37.9	-41.9

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