

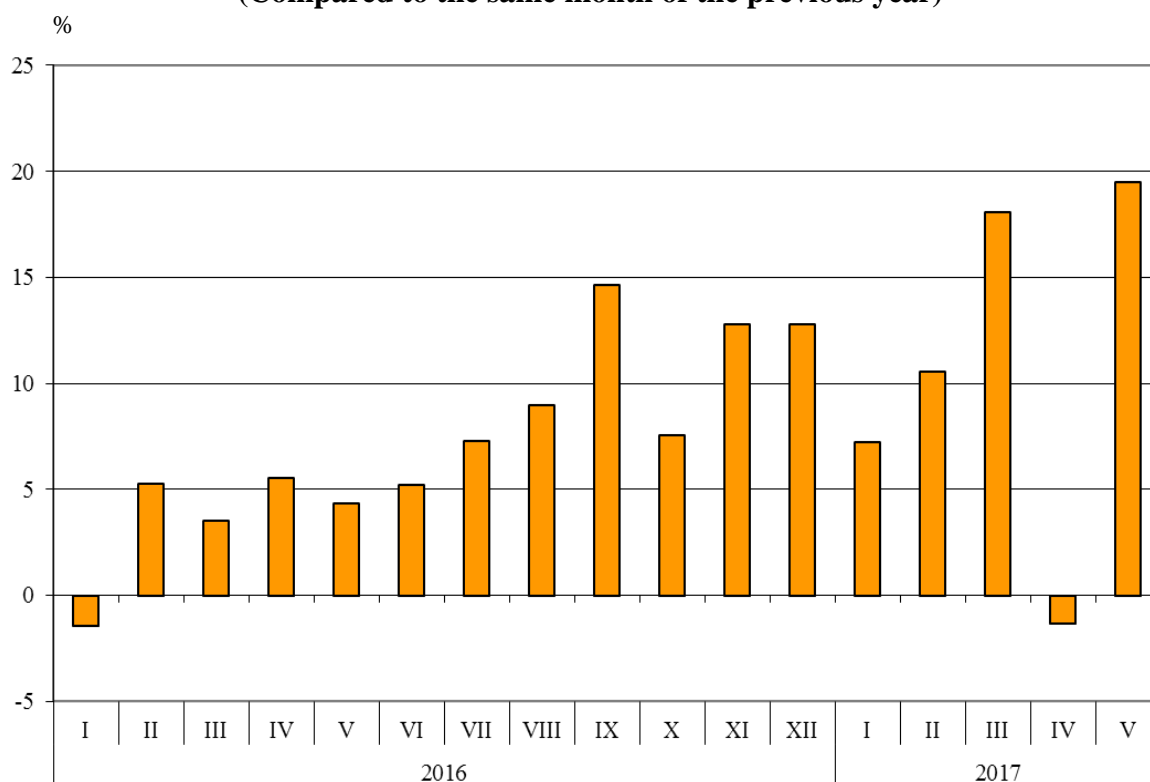


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 10.8% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 13 283.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2017** the exports to the EU grew by 19.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 864.4 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - May 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' (42.9%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (34.3%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Food and live animals' (7.7%).

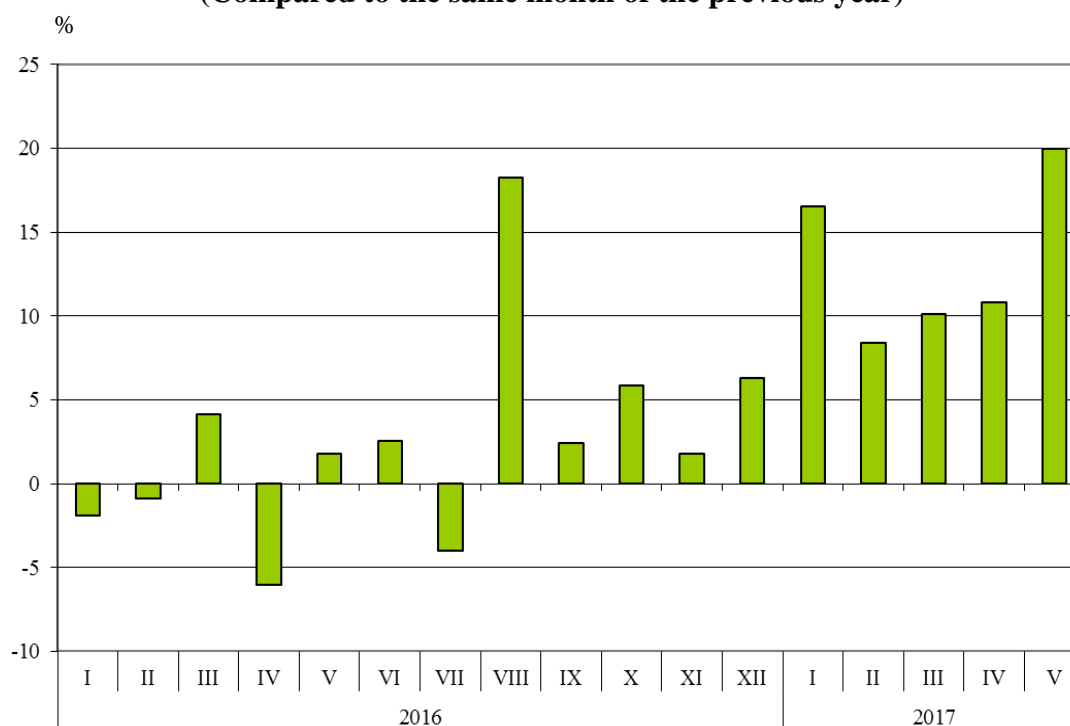
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - May 2017** increased by 13.0% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 14 912.7 Million 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 **May 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 20.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 154.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - May 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' (66.4%) while fall was observed only in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (9.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - May 2017** was negative and added up to 1 629.7 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 914.2 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2016<sup>1</sup> and 2017<sup>1</sup> by months

(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.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
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10589.5</b>	<b>7056.7</b>	<b>3532.8</b>	<b>11513.6</b>	<b>7874.8</b>	<b>3638.8</b>	<b>10966.9</b>	<b>7500.9</b>	<b>3466.0</b>	<b>-924.1</b>	<b>-818.1</b>	<b>-106.0</b>	<b>-377.4</b>	<b>-444.2</b>	<b>66.8</b>
IV.2016	3635.5	2536.7	1098.8	4017.5	2694.4	1323.1	3832.2	2573.9	1258.3	-382.0	-157.7	-224.3	-196.7	-37.2	-159.5
V.2016	3517.6	2397.4	1120.2	4084.3	2628.6	1455.7	3887.8	2505.8	1382.0	-566.7	-231.2	-335.5	-370.2	-108.4	-261.8
<b>I - V.2016</b>	<b>17742.6</b>	<b>11990.8</b>	<b>5751.8</b>	<b>19615.4</b>	<b>13197.8</b>	<b>6417.6</b>	<b>18686.9</b>	<b>12580.6</b>	<b>6106.3</b>	<b>-1872.8</b>	<b>-1207.0</b>	<b>-665.8</b>	<b>-944.3</b>	<b>-589.8</b>	<b>-354.5</b>
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
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12158.8</b>	<b>7915.2</b>	<b>4243.6</b>	<b>13936.7</b>	<b>8773.0</b>	<b>5163.7</b>	<b>13250.7</b>	<b>8348.8</b>	<b>4901.9</b>	<b>-1777.9</b>	<b>-857.8</b>	<b>-920.1</b>	<b>-1091.9</b>	<b>-433.6</b>	<b>-658.3</b>
IV.2017	3913.0	2503.4	1409.6	4692.3	2985.5	1706.8	4466.8	2842.6	1624.2	-779.3	-482.1	-297.2	-553.8	-339.2	-214.6
V.2017	4455.6	2864.4	1591.2	4931.6	3154.2	1777.4	4699.0	3005.8	1693.2	-476.0	-289.8	-186.2	-243.4	-141.4	-102.0
<b>I - V.2017</b>	<b>20527.4</b>	<b>13283.0</b>	<b>7244.4</b>	<b>23560.6</b>	<b>14912.7</b>	<b>8647.9</b>	<b>22416.5</b>	<b>14197.2</b>	<b>8219.3</b>	<b>-3033.2</b>	<b>-1629.7</b>	<b>-1403.5</b>	<b>-1889.1</b>	<b>-914.2</b>	<b>-974.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.

<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 2017<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>41.4</b>
IV	7.6	-1.3	28.3	16.8	10.8	29.0	16.6	10.4	29.1
V	26.7	19.5	42.0	20.7	20.0	22.1	20.9	20.0	22.5
<b>I - V</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>34.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.

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 2016<sup>2</sup> and 2017<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17742.6</b>	<b>20527.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>19615.4</b>	<b>23560.6</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>-1872.8</b>	<b>-3033.2</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>11990.8</b>	<b>13283.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>13197.8</b>	<b>14912.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-1207.0</b>	<b>-1629.7</b>
Austria	340.8	394.8	15.8	581.3	579.6	-0.3	-240.5	-184.8
Belgium	360.1	728.7	102.4	475.3	490.5	3.2	-115.2	238.2
Croatia	92.2	87.6	-5.0	52.0	61.7	18.7	40.2	25.9
Cyprus	62.7	58.1	-7.3	20.3	27.9	37.4	42.4	30.2
Czech Republic	288.1	405.9	40.9	425.8	502.4	18.0	-137.7	-96.5
Denmark	106.2	126.3	18.9	100.2	114.3	14.1	6.0	12.0
Estonia	16.7	20.8	24.6	10.2	14.3	40.2	6.5	6.5
Finland	31.9	31.7	-0.6	59.6	42.7	-28.4	-27.7	-11.0
France	804.7	844.8	5.0	698.1	687.5	-1.5	106.6	157.3
Germany	2405.4	2880.1	19.7	2659.2	2849.6	7.2	-253.8	30.5
Greece	1202.0	1322.2	10.0	910.7	1012.6	11.2	291.3	309.6
Hungary	314.6	357.7	13.7	772.3	827.9	7.2	-457.7	-470.2
Ireland	19.5	35.3	81.0	67.5	91.6	35.7	-48.0	-56.3
Italy	1865.5	1756.1	-5.9	1690.8	1771.3	4.8	174.7	-15.2
Latvia	25.3	22.6	-10.7	18.1	31.3	72.9	7.2	-8.7
Lithuania	39.7	54.5	37.3	29.5	35.1	19.0	10.2	19.4
Luxembourg	3.3	6.4	93.9	72.0	89.0	23.6	-68.7	-82.6
Malta	48.4	17.6	-63.6	10.8	10.3	-4.6	37.6	7.3
Netherlands	463.0	532.2	14.9	718.5	829.2	15.4	-255.5	-297.0
Poland	417.8	503.1	20.4	723.8	843.9	16.6	-306.0	-340.8
Portugal	84.7	67.3	-20.5	38.7	49.6	28.2	46.0	17.7
Romania	1573.1	1621.6	3.1	1356.8	1725.4	27.2	216.3	-103.8
Slovakia	130.0	150.5	15.8	281.0	304.5	8.4	-151.0	-154.0
Slovenia	158.5	151.5	-4.4	162.9	172.4	5.8	-4.4	-20.9
Spain	410.8	349.7	-14.9	689.4	1132.7	64.3	-278.6	-783.0
Sweden	131.3	169.5	29.1	124.5	154.2	23.9	6.8	15.3
United Kingdom	462.5	504.4	9.1	375.9	389.3	3.6	86.6	115.1
Not specified	132.0	82.0	-37.9	72.6	71.9	-1.0	59.4	10.1

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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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 2016<sup>2</sup> and 2017<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>5751.8</b>	<b>7244.4</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>6417.6</b>	<b>8647.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>-665.8</b>	<b>-1403.5</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>404.7</b>	<b>601.2</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>2165.3</b>	<b>2825.6</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>-1760.6</b>	<b>-2224.4</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	12.8	17.0	32.8	14.1	17.7	25.5	-1.3	-0.7
Russian Federation	244.6	396.1	61.9	1754.7	2392.2	36.3	-1510.1	-1996.1
Ukraine	68.5	88.7	29.5	333.1	327.2	-1.8	-264.6	-238.5
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2012.4</b>	<b>2331.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>1823.2</b>	<b>2182.5</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>149.4</b>
of which:								
Canada	33.1	31.3	-5.4	26.5	44.2	66.8	6.6	-12.9
Israel	49.5	55.6	12.3	52.2	36.5	-30.1	-2.7	19.1
Japan	25.2	26.9	6.7	85.7	81.0	-5.5	-60.5	-54.1
Korea, Republic of	49.7	25.5	-48.7	97.7	88.8	-9.1	-48.0	-63.3
Turkey	1462.8	1767.4	20.8	1184.6	1477.1	24.7	278.2	290.3
United States	252.2	249.5	-1.1	172.3	211.1	22.5	79.9	38.4
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>176.5</b>	<b>193.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>-79.2</b>	<b>-77.6</b>
of which:								
Norway	18.6	22.4	20.4	22.4	33.7	50.4	-3.8	-11.3
Switzerland	77.9	91.7	17.7	152.2	157.0	3.2	-74.3	-65.3

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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 2016<sup>2</sup> and 2017<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	39.7	55.6	40.1	8.3	13.7	65.1	31.4	41.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52.6	60.6	15.2	27.0	33.7	24.8	25.6	26.9
Brazil	29.7	25.8	-13.1	28.0	17.1	-38.9	1.7	8.7
China	341.5	514.4	50.6	771.2	880.8	14.2	-429.7	-366.4
Egypt	160.3	389.0	142.7	168.0	469.0	179.2	-7.7	-80.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	318.5	314.1	-1.4	164.7	240.3	45.9	153.8	73.8
Georgia	99.7	111.8	12.1	78.6	223.7	184.6	21.1	-111.9
India	44.8	110.9	147.5	94.4	114.0	20.8	-49.6	-3.1
Indonesia	20.0	20.5	2.5	26.4	33.7	27.7	-6.4	-13.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	45.5	49.1	7.9	22.2	71.6	222.5	23.3	-22.5
Peru	3.0	10.3	243.3	17.9	22.6	26.3	-14.9	-12.3
Serbia	293.9	346.5	17.9	274.7	473.0	72.2	19.2	-126.5
Singapore	98.2	161.7	64.7	20.9	26.5	26.8	77.3	135.2
South Africa	52.5	35.0	-33.3	15.0	32.4	116.0	37.5	2.6
Syrian Arab Republic	19.7	24.8	25.9	1.4	0.1	x	18.3	24.7
Taiwan	11.6	18.1	56.0	79.1	86.4	9.2	-67.5	-68.3
United Arab Emirates	138.1	167.6	21.4	17.5	24.1	37.7	120.6	143.5
Viet Nam	19.0	18.9	-0.5	29.7	35.5	19.5	-10.7	-16.6

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.

'x' - category not applicable.

'0' - figure less than half the unit used.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - May 2016<sup>1</sup> and 2017<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17742.6</b>	<b>20527.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>19615.4</b>	<b>23560.6</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>-1872.8</b>	<b>-3033.2</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>11990.8</b>	<b>13283.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>13197.8</b>	<b>14912.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-1207.0</b>	<b>-1629.7</b>
Food and live animals	1837.8	1718.9	-6.5	1607.8	1887.8	17.4	230.0	-168.9
of which EU	1255.8	1159.2	-7.7	1261.1	1505.3	19.4	-5.3	-346.1
Beverages and tobacco	283.4	324.4	14.5	300.9	283.8	-5.7	-17.5	40.6
of which EU	143.4	133.1	-7.2	244.5	220.5	-9.8	-101.1	-87.4
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1173.0	1105.9	-5.7	1222.0	2113.8	73.0	-49.0	-1007.9
of which EU	719.1	699.8	-2.7	730.8	1201.4	64.4	-11.7	-501.6
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1285.4	1782.9	38.7	2194.8	3431.0	56.3	-909.4	-1648.1
of which EU	345.0	492.9	42.9	408.9	680.4	66.4	-63.9	-187.5
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	194.8	199.1	2.2	71.5	81.1	13.4	123.3	118.0
of which EU	124.7	136.6	9.5	52.0	56.2	8.1	72.7	80.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1845.0	2083.9	12.9	3131.3	3457.5	10.4	-1286.3	-1373.6
of which EU	1224.9	1365.0	11.4	2472.8	2756.6	11.5	-1247.9	-1391.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3628.7	5041.8	38.9	3546.8	4045.9	14.1	81.9	995.9
of which EU	2538.3	3408.4	34.3	2219.5	2386.6	7.5	318.8	1021.8
Machinery and transport equipment	4088.5	4543.2	11.1	5647.5	6193.8	9.7	-1559.0	-1650.6
of which EU	3060.9	3323.8	8.6	4442.4	4654.7	4.8	-1381.5	-1330.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3355.5	3670.9	9.4	1764.1	1940.7	10.0	1591.4	1730.2
of which EU	2543.5	2521.9	-0.8	1259.2	1339.7	6.4	1284.3	1182.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	50.5	56.4	11.7	128.7	125.2	-2.7	-78.2	-68.8
of which EU	35.2	42.3	20.2	106.6	111.3	4.4	-71.4	-69.0

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th August 2017.