

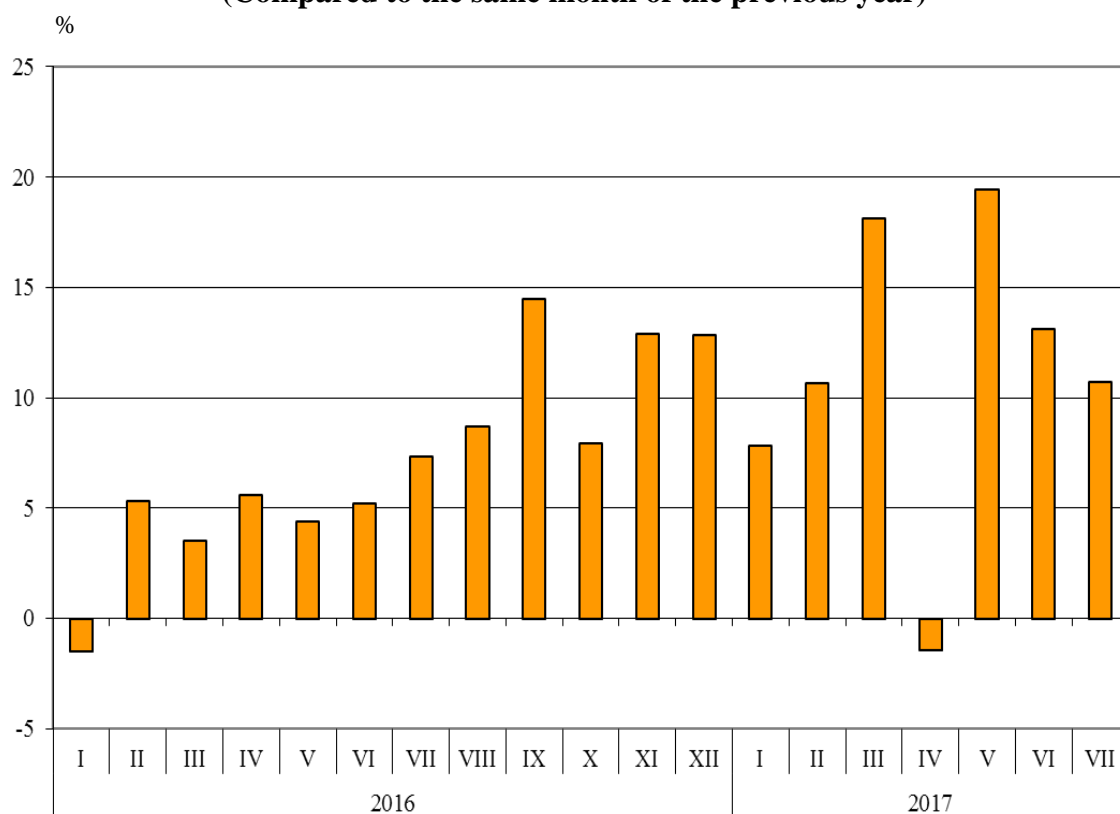


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 11.2% compared to the same period of 2016 and amounted to 19 468.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2017** the exports to the EU increased by 10.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 123.1 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 - July 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'(32.7%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (31.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (16.2%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (4.2%).

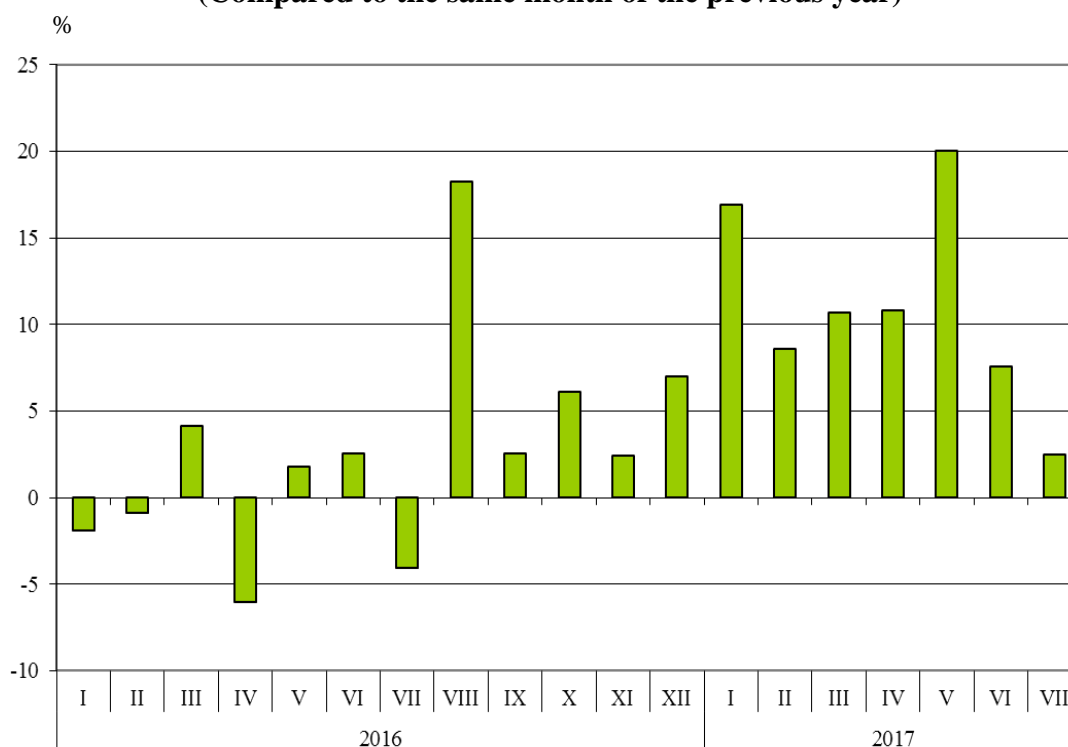
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - July 2017** increased by 10.7% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 21 064.1 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 **July 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 996.6 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 - July 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growths in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were reported in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (45.6%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (43.8%) while fall was observed only in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (2.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - July 2017** was negative and added up to 1 595.4 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 591.4 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2016 and 2017<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.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10548.6</b>	<b>7055.8</b>	<b>3492.8</b>	<b>11588.8</b>	<b>7874.9</b>	<b>3713.9</b>	<b>10856.6</b>	<b>7401.4</b>	<b>3455.2</b>	<b>-1040.2</b>	<b>-819.1</b>	<b>-221.1</b>	<b>-308.0</b>	<b>-345.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
<b>IV - VI.2016</b>	<b>11431.3</b>	<b>7630.3</b>	<b>3801.0</b>	<b>12437.4</b>	<b>8225.8</b>	<b>4211.6</b>	<b>11677.5</b>	<b>7762.0</b>	<b>3915.5</b>	<b>-1006.1</b>	<b>-595.5</b>	<b>-410.6</b>	<b>-246.2</b>	<b>-131.7</b>	<b>-114.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2016</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>7293.8</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>7925.5</b>	<b>22534.1</b>	<b>15163.4</b>	<b>7370.7</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-631.7</b>	<b>-554.2</b>	<b>-477.3</b>	<b>-76.9</b>
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
<b>I - VII.2016</b>	<b>26172.4</b>	<b>17507.4</b>	<b>8665.0</b>	<b>28370.4</b>	<b>19024.8</b>	<b>9345.6</b>	<b>26596.9</b>	<b>17910.1</b>	<b>8686.8</b>	<b>-2198.0</b>	<b>-1517.4</b>	<b>-680.6</b>	<b>-424.5</b>	<b>-402.7</b>	<b>-21.8</b>
I.2017	3750.6	2438.5	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	4016.9	2518.7	1498.2	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-266.3	-80.2	-186.1
II.2017	4050.5	2530.3	1520.2	4432.6	2824.5	1608.1	4213.6	2686.1	1527.5	-382.1	-294.2	-87.9	-163.1	-155.8	-7.3
III.2017	4374.1	2962.9	1411.2	5304.1	3327.8	1976.3	5048.2	3173.5	1874.7	-930.0	-364.9	-565.1	-674.1	-210.6	-463.5
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12175.2</b>	<b>7931.7</b>	<b>4243.5</b>	<b>13966.6</b>	<b>8804.4</b>	<b>5162.2</b>	<b>13278.7</b>	<b>8378.3</b>	<b>4900.4</b>	<b>-1791.4</b>	<b>-872.7</b>	<b>-918.7</b>	<b>-1103.5</b>	<b>-446.6</b>	<b>-656.9</b>
IV.2017	3911.6	2501.5	1410.1	4691.8	2985.1	1706.7	4466.5	2842.3	1624.2	-780.2	-483.6	-296.6	-554.9	-340.8	-214.1
V.2017	4460.0	2863.9	1596.1	4937.6	3155.5	1782.1	4705.0	3007.0	1698.0	-477.6	-291.6	-186.0	-245.0	-143.1	-101.9
VI.2017	4621.0	3048.5	1572.5	4901.4	3122.5	1778.9	4670.3	2975.9	1694.4	-280.4	-74.0	-206.4	-49.3	72.6	-121.9
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>12992.6</b>	<b>8413.9</b>	<b>4578.7</b>	<b>14530.8</b>	<b>9263.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>13841.8</b>	<b>8825.2</b>	<b>5016.6</b>	<b>-1538.2</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-689.0</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-411.3</b>	<b>-437.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>8822.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>10429.9</b>	<b>27120.5</b>	<b>17203.5</b>	<b>9917.0</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>	<b>-1607.7</b>	<b>-1952.7</b>	<b>-857.9</b>	<b>-1094.8</b>
VII.2017	4605.4	3123.1	1482.3	4702.4	2996.6	1705.8	4482.9	2856.6	1626.3	-97.0	126.5	-223.5	122.5	266.5	-144.0
<b>I - VII.2017</b>	<b>29773.2</b>	<b>19468.7</b>	<b>10304.5</b>	<b>33199.8</b>	<b>21064.1</b>	<b>12135.7</b>	<b>31603.4</b>	<b>20060.1</b>	<b>11543.3</b>	<b>-3426.6</b>	<b>-1595.4</b>	<b>-1831.2</b>	<b>-1830.2</b>	<b>-591.4</b>	<b>-1238.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th October 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 - July 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	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	22.8	18.7	30.3
II	16.7	10.6	28.3	15.1	8.6	28.8	16.6	9.5	31.7
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.7	60.5	27.1	12.3	63.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>
IV	4.5	-1.4	16.9	16.7	10.8	28.6	18.1	11.6	31.5
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.0	21.4	22.4	21.2	24.6
VI	13.6	13.1	14.5	13.5	7.6	25.6	15.3	8.9	28.6
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.2	2.5	20.1	10.3	4.0	23.6
<b>I - VII</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>32.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th October 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 - July 2016 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>26172.4</b>	<b>29773.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>28370.4</b>	<b>33199.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>-2198.0</b>	<b>-3426.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>17507.4</b>	<b>19468.7</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>19024.8</b>	<b>21064.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>-1517.4</b>	<b>-1595.4</b>
Austria	501.7	573.2	14.3	816.5	821.8	0.6	-314.8	-248.6
Belgium	690.1	1102.9	59.8	679.2	708.0	4.2	10.9	394.9
Croatia	125.9	129.0	2.5	73.6	86.4	17.4	52.3	42.6
Cyprus	87.9	87.8	-0.1	29.0	41.5	43.1	58.9	46.3
Czech Republic	421.1	592.9	40.8	599.9	714.6	19.1	-178.8	-121.7
Denmark	159.7	187.1	17.2	142.5	155.9	9.4	17.2	31.2
Estonia	24.5	28.9	18.0	15.4	24.5	59.1	9.1	4.4
Finland	43.1	45.3	5.1	78.0	63.2	-19.0	-34.9	-17.9
France	1209.5	1233.6	2.0	955.6	980.4	2.6	253.9	253.2
Germany	3429.7	4086.9	19.2	3887.4	4053.9	4.3	-457.7	33.0
Greece	1820.2	1917.4	5.3	1329.9	1476.5	11.0	490.3	440.9
Hungary	444.4	510.4	14.9	1105.7	1169.9	5.8	-661.3	-659.5
Ireland	30.0	47.4	58.0	97.3	122.6	26.0	-67.3	-75.2
Italy	2590.9	2589.4	-0.1	2400.5	2554.1	6.4	190.4	35.3
Latvia	33.3	32.0	-3.9	29.6	43.4	46.6	3.7	-11.4
Lithuania	57.5	80.2	39.5	40.5	49.6	22.5	17.0	30.6
Luxembourg	5.2	9.9	90.4	100.6	119.2	18.5	-95.4	-109.3
Malta	57.8	22.3	-61.4	21.8	13.1	-39.9	36.0	9.2
Netherlands	683.4	711.0	4.0	1017.9	1181.5	16.1	-334.5	-470.5
Poland	597.2	728.2	21.9	1050.5	1203.2	14.5	-453.3	-475.0
Portugal	124.6	110.4	-11.4	51.5	64.7	25.6	73.1	45.7
Romania	2277.1	2424.9	6.5	1954.2	2384.7	22.0	322.9	40.2
Slovakia	184.0	221.2	20.2	392.8	425.5	8.3	-208.8	-204.3
Slovenia	230.7	236.0	2.3	226.6	239.4	5.6	4.1	-3.4
Spain	625.4	640.3	2.4	1005.0	1499.4	49.2	-379.6	-859.1
Sweden	193.7	236.7	22.2	179.5	219.6	22.3	14.2	17.1
United Kingdom	653.5	714.5	9.3	630.8	543.9	-13.8	22.7	170.6
Not specified	205.3	168.9	-17.7	113.0	103.6	-8.3	92.3	65.3

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 9-th October 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 - July 2016 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>8665.0</b>	<b>10304.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>9345.6</b>	<b>12135.7</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>-680.6</b>	<b>-1831.2</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>688.0</b>	<b>1112.1</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>3158.1</b>	<b>3901.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-2470.1</b>	<b>-2789.7</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	20.4	29.4	44.1	19.0	20.3	6.8	1.4	9.1
Russian Federation	401.4	780.6	94.5	2593.2	3318.1	28.0	-2191.8	-2537.5
Ukraine	133.1	142.3	6.9	453.1	442.8	-2.3	-320.0	-300.5
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3024.2</b>	<b>3258.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>2578.8</b>	<b>3107.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>445.4</b>	<b>150.7</b>
of which:								
Canada	56.4	45.4	-19.5	43.5	65.7	51.0	12.9	-20.3
Israel	78.3	71.1	-9.2	63.4	51.8	-18.3	14.9	19.3
Japan	45.0	39.3	-12.7	112.1	114.8	2.4	-67.1	-75.5
Korea, Republic of	68.3	42.6	-37.6	135.9	123.6	-9.1	-67.6	-81.0
Turkey	2117.9	2421.7	14.3	1682.7	2142.7	27.3	435.2	279.0
United States	396.0	377.1	-4.8	248.4	281.7	13.4	147.6	95.4
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>191.5</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>267.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-66.5</b>	<b>-89.4</b>
of which:								
Norway	38.3	36.2	-5.5	30.5	39.7	30.2	7.8	-3.5
Switzerland	151.2	140.4	-7.1	225.3	225.6	0.1	-74.1	-85.2

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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 - July 2016 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	64.8	83.9	29.5	14.0	18.2	30.0	50.8	65.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	74.3	78.5	5.7	43.7	46.3	5.9	30.6	32.2
Brazil	36.3	32.5	-10.5	33.9	22.4	-33.9	2.4	10.1
China	467.2	691.8	48.1	1139.6	1271.4	11.6	-672.4	-579.6
Egypt	202.2	418.6	107.0	262.7	662.2	152.1	-60.5	-243.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	445.5	448.1	0.6	285.8	348.4	21.9	159.7	99.7
Georgia	160.3	157.1	-2.0	119.1	338.8	184.5	41.2	-181.7
India	85.6	134.5	57.1	131.9	157.3	19.3	-46.3	-22.8
Indonesia	34.4	28.6	-16.9	36.5	51.6	41.4	-2.1	-23.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	56.8	74.3	30.8	29.7	77.8	162.0	27.1	-3.5
Peru	5.8	12.4	113.8	24.0	24.2	0.8	-18.2	-11.8
Serbia	419.7	505.8	20.5	421.0	675.2	60.4	-1.3	-169.4
Singapore	134.3	199.2	48.3	26.8	34.5	28.7	107.5	164.7
South Africa	60.9	58.8	-3.4	22.4	40.9	82.6	38.5	17.9
Syrian Arab Republic	20.9	28.7	37.3	1.5	0.1	-93.3	19.4	28.6
Taiwan	27.8	27.9	0.4	114.6	117.3	2.4	-86.8	-89.4
United Arab Emirates	217.0	211.9	-2.4	23.6	32.5	37.7	193.4	179.4
Viet Nam	65.1	29.0	-55.5	46.1	49.0	6.3	19.0	-20.0

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - July 2016 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>26172.4</b>	<b>29773.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>28370.4</b>	<b>33199.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>-2198.0</b>	<b>-3426.6</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>17507.4</b>	<b>19468.7</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>19024.8</b>	<b>21064.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>-1517.4</b>	<b>-1595.4</b>
Food and live animals	2737.5	2595.3	-5.2	2298.9	2667.6	16.0	438.6	-72.3
of which EU	1852.2	1856.5	0.2	1819.9	2144.7	17.8	32.3	-288.2
Beverages and tobacco	436.3	433.8	-0.6	429.5	434.0	1.0	6.8	-0.2
of which EU	220.6	184.8	-16.2	339.9	333.0	-2.0	-119.3	-148.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1724.8	1699.3	-1.5	1758.1	2823.8	60.6	-33.3	-1124.5
of which EU	1126.7	1079.5	-4.2	1037.5	1510.4	45.6	89.2	-430.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2139.3	2500.7	16.9	3326.1	4687.2	40.9	-1186.8	-2186.5
of which EU	604.9	803.0	32.7	640.9	921.4	43.8	-36.0	-118.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	257.5	306.5	19.0	101.1	111.3	10.1	156.4	195.2
of which EU	172.1	211.8	23.1	74.1	75.5	1.9	98.0	136.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2624.0	3010.8	14.7	4397.0	4860.6	10.5	-1773.0	-1849.8
of which EU	1742.6	1964.2	12.7	3467.9	3871.5	11.6	-1725.3	-1907.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5269.9	7268.6	37.9	5305.8	5810.2	9.5	-35.9	1458.4
of which EU	3675.5	4831.4	31.4	3409.9	3410.2	0.0	265.6	1421.2
Machinery and transport equipment	5993.6	6549.2	9.3	8047.0	8833.8	9.8	-2053.4	-2284.6
of which EU	4364.9	4831.7	10.7	6289.4	6730.6	7.0	-1924.5	-1898.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4914.1	5329.4	8.5	2529.1	2793.0	10.4	2385.0	2536.4
of which EU	3695.9	3645.5	-1.4	1795.3	1908.2	6.3	1900.6	1737.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	75.4	79.6	5.6	177.8	178.3	0.3	-102.4	-98.7
of which EU	52.0	60.3	16.0	150.0	158.6	5.7	-98.0	-98.3

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