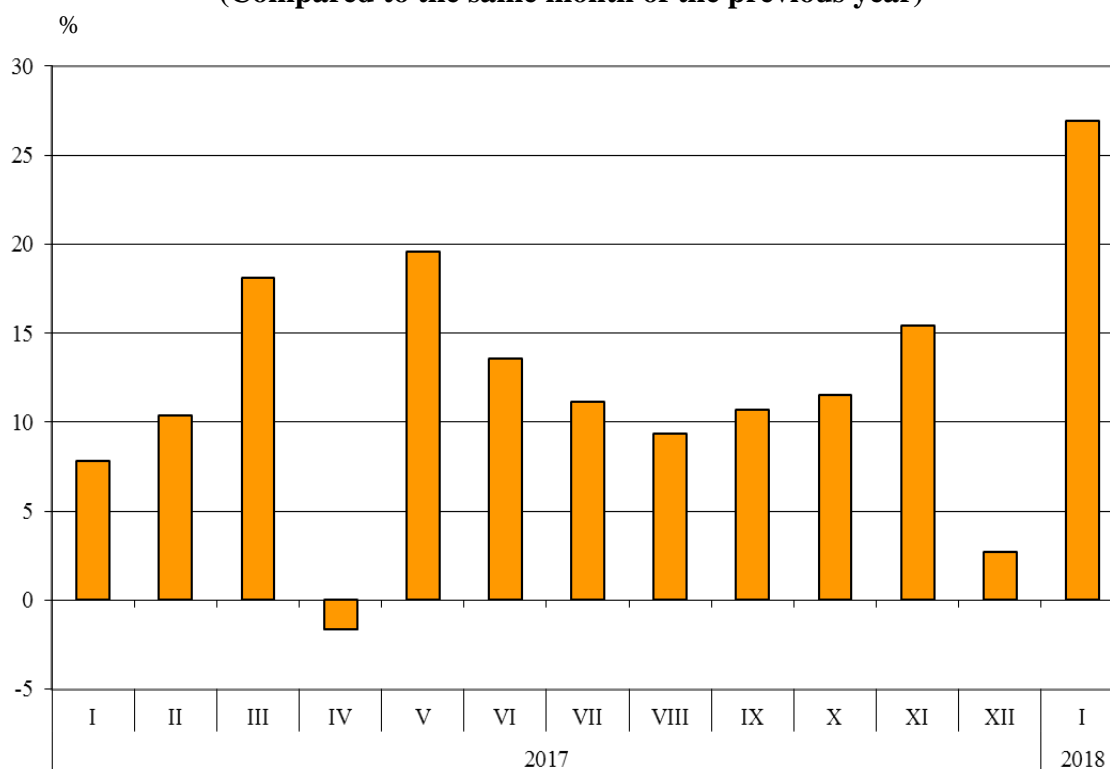


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2018** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 26.9% compared to the same month of 2017 and amounted to 3 094.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and the Netherlands which accounted for 69.1% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In January 2018 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 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)<sup>2</sup> (93.2%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (64.5%). Fall was recorded only in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (39.0%).

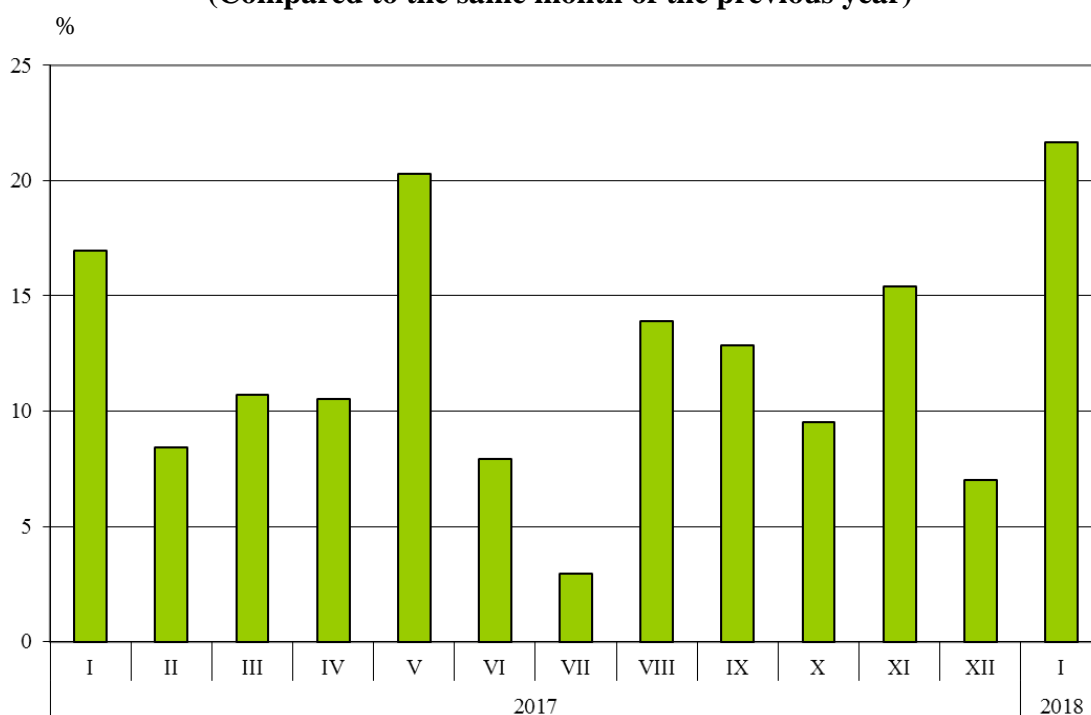
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in January 2018 increased by 21.7% compared to the same month of 2017 and added up to 3 226.3 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).

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In January 2018 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' (48.9%) while fall was not observed in none of the sections.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in January 2018 was negative and added up to 132.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 73.0 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
I.2018	4192.3	3094.3	1098.0	5055.5	3226.3	1829.2	4713.2	3021.3	1691.9	-863.2	-132.0	-731.2	-520.9	73.0	-593.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2018.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2018<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	11.8	26.9	-16.3	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in January 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3750.5</b>	<b>4192.3</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>4229.9</b>	<b>5055.5</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>-479.4</b>	<b>-863.2</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>2438.4</b>	<b>3094.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2652.1</b>	<b>3226.3</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>-213.7</b>	<b>-132.0</b>
Austria	74.4	81.5	9.5	92.4	119.9	29.8	-18.0	-38.4
Belgium	67.4	147.3	118.5	81.9	88.1	7.6	-14.5	59.2
Croatia	16.4	22.6	37.8	6.5	10.9	67.7	9.9	11.7
Cyprus	12.9	15.1	17.1	3.2	65.8	1956.3	9.7	-50.7
Czech Republic	78.3	96.3	23.0	93.6	108.4	15.8	-15.3	-12.1
Denmark	24.1	24.5	1.7	22.0	17.1	-22.3	2.1	7.4
Estonia	3.5	4.4	25.7	2.4	2.7	12.5	1.1	1.7
Finland	5.7	8.9	56.1	6.9	13.2	91.3	-1.2	-4.3
France	170.8	187.8	10.0	128.5	150.8	17.4	42.3	37.0
Germany	608.9	784.2	28.8	500.4	606.2	21.1	108.5	178.0
Greece	213.2	277.8	30.3	191.3	192.8	0.8	21.9	85.0
Hungary	70.6	70.4	-0.3	138.9	179.5	29.2	-68.3	-109.1
Ireland	6.6	7.6	15.2	20.6	22.0	6.8	-14.0	-14.4
Italy	315.8	437.7	38.6	270.7	339.2	25.3	45.1	98.5
Latvia	4.9	5.0	2.0	8.8	8.4	-4.5	-3.9	-3.4
Lithuania	11.4	11.6	1.8	4.7	6.8	44.7	6.7	4.8
Luxembourg	1.0	1.2	20.0	16.2	13.1	-19.1	-15.2	-11.9
Malta	8.0	3.5	-56.3	2.3	67.7	2843.5	5.7	-64.2
Netherlands	132.5	161.5	21.9	157.1	177.8	13.2	-24.6	-16.3
Poland	96.9	119.4	23.2	159.5	153.7	-3.6	-62.6	-34.3
Portugal	11.9	12.6	5.9	5.4	23.5	335.2	6.5	-10.9
Romania	239.1	288.1	20.5	293.8	324.0	10.3	-54.7	-35.9
Slovakia	26.0	29.7	14.2	55.8	70.5	26.3	-29.8	-40.8
Slovenia	27.0	27.8	3.0	27.5	32.9	19.6	-0.5	-5.1
Spain	68.1	106.1	55.8	249.8	314.7	26.0	-181.7	-208.6
Sweden	31.0	38.6	24.5	22.1	32.5	47.1	8.9	6.1
United Kingdom	96.7	104.3	7.9	65.7	75.3	14.6	31.0	29.0
Not specified	15.3	18.8	22.9	24.1	8.8	-63.5	-8.8	10.0

<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 12-th April 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in January 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>1312.1</b>	<b>1098.0</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>1577.8</b>	<b>1829.2</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>-265.7</b>	<b>-731.2</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>578.4</b>	<b>572.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-522.8</b>	<b>-465.1</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	1.4	6.4	357.1	4.2	1.7	-59.5	-2.8	4.7
Russian Federation	40.9	59.4	45.2	513.6	487.7	-5.0	-472.7	-428.3
Ukraine	4.2	21.5	411.9	41.8	69.2	65.6	-37.6	-47.7
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>422.4</b>	<b>406.2</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>402.2</b>	<b>494.6</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>-88.4</b>
of which:								
Canada	4.9	6.5	32.7	5.5	16.8	205.5	-0.6	-10.3
Israel	8.2	9.6	17.1	7.9	6.1	-22.8	0.3	3.5
Japan	4.1	5.8	41.5	12.8	20.1	57.0	-8.7	-14.3
Korea, Republic of	3.8	5.5	44.7	17.2	26.5	54.1	-13.4	-21.0
Turkey	348.4	279.4	-19.8	283.0	291.9	3.1	65.4	-12.5
United States	36.9	54.4	47.4	29.7	88.4	197.6	7.2	-34.0
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>227.1</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>-18.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
of which:								
Norway	1.2	5.4	350.0	3.2	3.1	-3.1	-2.0	2.3
Switzerland	8.1	25.1	209.9	24.5	29.5	20.4	-16.4	-4.4

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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 January 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	6.4	15.5	142.2	3.0	1.3	-56.7	3.4	14.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8.5	10.2	20.0	5.0	2.1	-58.0	3.5	8.1
Brazil	1.6	2.6	62.5	3.5	3.3	-5.7	-1.9	-0.7
China	102.4	106.9	4.4	168.5	259.1	53.8	-66.1	-152.2
Egypt	131.1	6.5	-95.0	20.8	12.4	-40.4	110.3	-5.9
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	51.8	65.8	27.0	41.9	51.3	22.4	9.9	14.5
Georgia	12.3	16.9	37.4	31.3	41.6	32.9	-19.0	-24.7
India	42.3	11.4	-73.0	22.4	35.6	58.9	19.9	-24.2
Indonesia	5.0	4.1	-18.0	8.0	9.2	15.0	-3.0	-5.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	8.4	9.8	16.7	59.7	6.4	-89.3	-51.3	3.4
Peru	0.4	5.0	1150.0	7.0	0.7	-90.0	-6.6	4.3
Serbia	57.9	63.2	9.2	77.7	97.6	25.6	-19.8	-34.4
Singapore	38.9	29.2	-24.9	6.0	9.4	56.7	32.9	19.8
South Africa	3.5	11.7	234.3	1.7	10.2	500.0	1.8	1.5
Syrian Arab Republic	9.9	1.5	-84.8	-	0.3	x	9.9	1.2
Taiwan	1.8	3.8	111.1	18.5	18.9	2.2	-16.7	-15.1
United Arab Emirates	40.0	19.6	-51.0	6.7	6.2	-7.5	33.3	13.4
Viet Nam	2.1	3.5	66.7	7.0	10.4	48.6	-4.9	-6.9

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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 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<sup>1</sup>

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3750.5</b>	<b>4192.3</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>4229.9</b>	<b>5055.5</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>-479.4</b>	<b>-863.2</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>2438.4</b>	<b>3094.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2652.1</b>	<b>3226.3</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>-213.7</b>	<b>-132.0</b>
Food and live animals	329.1	406.4	23.5	317.2	378.1	19.2	11.9	28.3
of which EU	224.4	327.9	46.1	255.1	300.5	17.8	-30.7	27.4
Beverages and tobacco	57.6	40.5	-29.7	39.4	55.9	41.9	18.2	-15.4
of which EU	18.3	19.9	8.7	30.7	44.9	46.3	-12.4	-25.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	220.7	351.8	59.4	443.5	556.6	25.5	-222.8	-204.8
of which EU	139.8	270.1	93.2	281.1	354.8	26.2	-141.3	-84.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	497.9	137.1	-72.5	760.6	704.6	-7.4	-262.7	-567.5
of which EU	87.2	53.2	-39.0	159.5	237.5	48.9	-72.3	-184.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	33.3	48.2	44.7	14.4	19.1	32.6	18.9	29.1
of which EU	21.1	34.7	64.5	9.0	9.3	3.3	12.1	25.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	358.4	439.3	22.6	609.4	712.1	16.9	-251.0	-272.8
of which EU	246.0	284.9	15.8	479.8	536.4	11.8	-233.8	-251.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	818.8	1121.5	37.0	647.2	833.7	28.8	171.6	287.8
of which EU	578.3	810.2	40.1	378.4	459.5	21.4	199.9	350.7
Machinery and transport equipment	793.3	971.0	22.4	1036.5	1372.8	32.4	-243.2	-401.8
of which EU	603.8	738.6	22.3	799.2	993.6	24.3	-195.4	-255.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	632.8	663.0	4.8	340.2	394.3	15.9	292.6	268.7
of which EU	512.8	544.0	6.1	240.2	264.7	10.2	272.6	279.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.6	13.5	57.0	21.5	28.3	31.6	-12.9	-14.8
of which EU	6.7	10.8	61.2	19.1	25.1	31.4	-12.4	-14.3

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2018.