

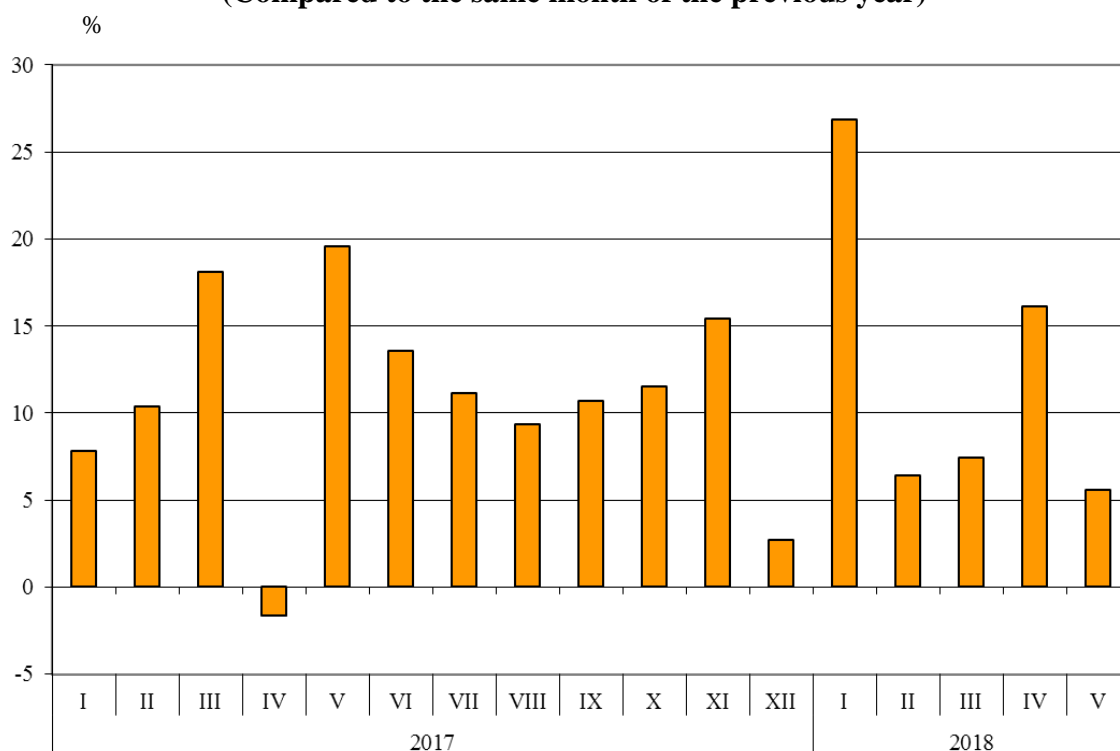


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2018** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 12.0% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 14 887.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2018** the exports to the EU grew by 5.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 028.0 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - May 2018** 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 'Food and live animals' (43.1%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'² (34.8%). Fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

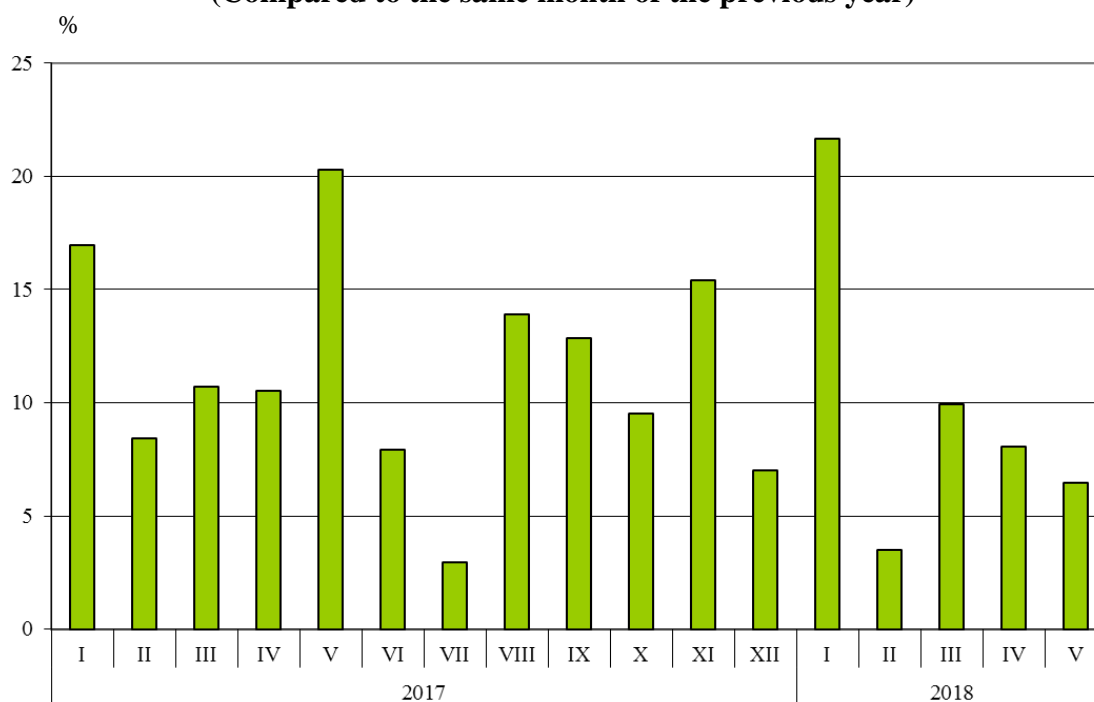
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - May 2018** increased by 9.7% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 16 389.0 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 2018 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 6.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 367.9 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - May 2018** compared to the corresponding period of 2017 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’ (31.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (15.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January -May 2018 was negative and added up to 1 501.7 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 496.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2017¹ and 2018¹ 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.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
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
III.2017	4373.3	2962.0	1411.3	5305.7	3328.1	1977.6	4972.9	3134.4	1838.5	-932.4	-366.1	-566.3	-599.6	-172.4	-427.2
I - III.2017	12167.6	7924.0	4243.6	13964.5	8801.0	5163.5	13052.7	8262.1	4790.6	-1796.9	-877.0	-919.9	-885.1	-338.1	-547.0
IV.2017	3907.0	2495.6	1411.4	4684.4	2977.7	1706.7	4385.0	2792.3	1592.7	-777.4	-482.1	-295.3	-478.0	-296.7	-181.3
V.2017	4457.5	2867.3	1590.2	4946.4	3163.0	1783.4	4635.0	2973.9	1661.1	-488.9	-295.7	-193.2	-177.5	-106.6	-70.9
I - V.2017	20532.1	13286.9	7245.2	23595.3	14941.7	8653.6	22072.7	14028.3	8044.4	-3063.2	-1654.8	-1408.4	-1540.6	-741.4	-799.2
I.2018	4185.8	3092.9	1092.9	5056.1	3226.8	1829.3	4713.7	3021.8	1691.9	-870.3	-133.9	-736.4	-527.9	71.1	-599.0
II.2018	3829.0	2686.1	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-743.9	-232.7	-511.2	-455.8	-65.0	-390.8
III.2018	4445.7	3181.7	1264.0	5129.4	3657.9	1471.5	4801.0	3430.4	1370.6	-683.7	-476.2	-207.5	-355.3	-248.7	-106.6
I - III.2018	12460.5	8960.7	3499.8	14758.4	9803.5	4954.9	13799.5	9203.3	4596.2	-2297.9	-842.8	-1455.1	-1339.0	-242.6	-1096.4
IV.2018	4173.2	2898.6	1274.6	4975.1	3217.6	1757.5	4647.6	3017.2	1630.4	-801.9	-319.0	-482.9	-474.4	-118.6	-355.8
V.2018	4304.4	3028.0	1276.4	5169.5	3367.9	1801.6	4835.9	3163.3	1672.6	-865.1	-339.9	-525.2	-531.5	-135.3	-396.2
I - V.2018	20938.1	14887.3	6050.8	24903.0	16389.0	8514.0	23283.0	15383.8	7899.2	-3964.9	-1501.7	-2463.2	-2344.9	-496.5	-1848.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2018¹ 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	11.6	26.8	-16.7	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.1
III	1.7	7.4	-10.4	-3.3	9.9	-25.6	-3.5	9.4	-25.5
I - III	2.4	13.1	-17.5	5.7	11.4	-4.0	5.7	11.4	-4.1
IV	6.8	16.1	-9.7	6.2	8.1	3.0	6.0	8.1	2.4
V	-3.4	5.6	-19.7	4.5	6.5	1.0	4.3	6.4	0.7
I - V	2.0	12.0	-16.5	5.5	9.7	-1.6	5.5	9.7	-1.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th August 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2017² and 2018²

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	
Total	20532.1	20938.1	2.0	23595.3	24903.0	5.5	-3063.2	-3964.9
EU	13286.9	14887.3	12.0	14941.7	16389.0	9.7	-1654.8	-1501.7
Austria	401.9	413.8	3.0	580.3	615.3	6.0	-178.4	-201.5
Belgium	724.8	664.7	-8.3	491.2	504.3	2.7	233.6	160.4
Croatia	87.1	109.3	25.5	61.7	77.6	25.8	25.4	31.7
Cyprus	57.8	79.5	37.5	27.9	146.7	425.8	29.9	-67.2
Czech Republic	405.6	451.4	11.3	503.3	564.6	12.2	-97.7	-113.2
Denmark	126.2	143.3	13.5	114.3	118.0	3.2	11.9	25.3
Estonia	20.8	23.0	10.6	14.3	20.2	41.3	6.5	2.8
Finland	31.7	40.9	29.0	42.6	56.3	32.2	-10.9	-15.4
France	844.2	891.1	5.6	699.7	736.8	5.3	144.5	154.3
Germany	2885.8	3501.9	21.3	2852.1	3206.2	12.4	33.7	295.7
Greece	1321.9	1450.0	9.7	1014.4	1068.7	5.4	307.5	381.3
Hungary	357.8	369.8	3.4	827.9	893.5	7.9	-470.1	-523.7
Ireland	35.3	40.1	13.6	91.6	100.7	9.9	-56.3	-60.6
Italy	1754.4	1928.4	9.9	1775.7	1904.1	7.2	-21.3	24.3
Latvia	22.2	29.5	32.9	31.3	32.4	3.5	-9.1	-2.9
Lithuania	54.5	56.5	3.7	35.1	41.4	17.9	19.4	15.1
Luxembourg	6.3	6.2	-1.6	89.0	51.2	-42.5	-82.7	-45.0
Malta	17.6	18.2	3.4	10.3	76.2	639.8	7.3	-58.0
Netherlands	532.0	577.1	8.5	827.5	934.8	13.0	-295.5	-357.7
Poland	503.7	549.4	9.1	844.5	755.3	-10.6	-340.8	-205.9
Portugal	67.3	63.0	-6.4	48.9	83.8	71.4	18.4	-20.8
Romania	1620.5	1807.2	11.5	1724.9	1766.7	2.4	-104.4	40.5
Slovakia	150.4	165.5	10.0	304.4	317.8	4.4	-154.0	-152.3
Slovenia	151.4	147.4	-2.6	172.4	186.3	8.1	-21.0	-38.9
Spain	349.8	512.4	46.5	1139.8	1509.7	32.5	-790.0	-997.3
Sweden	169.4	193.9	14.5	154.9	174.6	12.7	14.5	19.3
United Kingdom	504.5	530.6	5.2	389.8	394.3	1.2	114.7	136.3
Not specified	82.0	123.2	50.2	71.9	51.5	-28.4	10.1	71.7

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 August 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - May 2017² and 2018²

(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	
Non EU countries	7245.2	6050.8	-16.5	8653.6	8514.0	-1.6	-1408.4	-2463.2
CIS³	595.2	557.3	-6.4	2825.6	2557.6	-9.5	-2230.4	-2000.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	17.0	16.7	-1.8	17.7	4.2	-76.3	-0.7	12.5
Russian Federation	390.2	305.1	-21.8	2392.2	2066.1	-13.6	-2002.0	-1761.0
Ukraine	88.7	127.4	43.6	327.2	395.6	20.9	-238.5	-268.2
OECD⁴	2331.9	2150.2	-7.8	2185.7	2381.2	8.9	146.2	-231.0
of which:								
Canada	31.3	41.7	33.2	44.2	60.0	35.7	-12.9	-18.3
Israel	55.6	50.5	-9.2	36.4	40.7	11.8	19.2	9.8
Japan	26.9	30.1	11.9	81.0	105.2	29.9	-54.1	-75.1
Korea, Republic of	25.5	43.9	72.2	89.2	125.2	40.4	-63.7	-81.3
Turkey	1767.6	1452.5	-17.8	1480.9	1553.7	4.9	286.7	-101.2
United States	249.5	309.7	24.1	211.1	232.1	9.9	38.4	77.6
EFTA⁵	115.5	158.8	37.5	193.1	205.7	6.5	-77.6	-46.9
of which:								
Norway	22.4	31.5	40.6	33.7	22.6	-32.9	-11.3	8.9
Switzerland	91.7	125.5	36.9	157.0	180.3	14.8	-65.3	-54.8

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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 - May 2017² and 2018²**

(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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	55.6	67.5	21.4	13.7	10.5	-23.4	41.9	57.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	60.6	48.6	-19.8	33.7	14.9	-55.8	26.9	33.7
Brazil	25.8	36.9	43.0	17.1	25.7	50.3	8.7	11.2
China	514.4	459.3	-10.7	880.8	1023.5	16.2	-366.4	-564.2
Egypt	389.0	70.7	-81.8	469.0	184.6	-60.6	-80.0	-113.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	316.5	337.0	6.5	240.5	262.9	9.3	76.0	74.1
Georgia	111.8	115.9	3.7	223.7	304.1	35.9	-111.9	-188.2
India	110.9	78.1	-29.6	114.0	144.5	26.8	-3.1	-66.4
Indonesia	20.5	19.5	-4.9	33.7	43.3	28.5	-13.2	-23.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	49.1	23.1	-53.0	71.6	27.8	-61.2	-22.5	-4.7
Peru	10.3	7.8	-24.3	22.6	26.6	17.7	-12.3	-18.8
Serbia	350.2	366.2	4.6	475.7	499.0	4.9	-125.5	-132.8
Singapore	161.7	120.7	-25.4	26.5	35.0	32.1	135.2	85.7
South Africa	35.0	72.0	105.7	32.4	34.8	7.4	2.6	37.2
Syrian Arab Republic	24.8	14.8	-40.3	0.1	0.3	200.0	24.7	14.5
Taiwan	18.1	22.4	23.8	86.4	85.1	-1.5	-68.3	-62.7
United Arab Emirates	167.6	75.0	-55.3	24.1	25.4	5.4	143.5	49.6
Viet Nam	18.9	17.7	-6.3	35.5	37.9	6.8	-16.6	-20.2

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - May 2017¹ and 2018¹**

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	
Total	20532.1	20938.1	2.0	23595.3	24903.0	5.5	-3063.2	-3964.9
of which EU	13286.9	14887.3	12.0	14941.7	16389.0	9.7	-1654.8	-1501.7
Food and live animals	1717.6	2187.5	27.4	1886.9	1888.0	0.1	-169.3	299.5
of which EU	1158.0	1656.8	43.1	1504.3	1524.0	1.3	-346.3	132.8
Beverages and tobacco	324.5	248.7	-23.4	285.0	331.6	16.4	39.5	-82.9
of which EU	133.3	146.8	10.1	221.6	253.0	14.2	-88.3	-106.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1108.5	1375.8	24.1	2120.6	2528.4	19.2	-1012.1	-1152.6
of which EU	702.4	946.7	34.8	1208.3	1585.6	31.2	-505.9	-638.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1786.7	869.0	-51.4	3436.0	2765.5	-19.5	-1649.3	-1896.5
of which EU	491.7	340.1	-30.8	678.7	661.3	-2.6	-187.0	-321.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	199.1	260.1	30.6	81.3	81.3	0.0	117.8	178.8
of which EU	136.6	160.5	17.5	56.3	47.4	-15.8	80.3	113.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2082.9	2153.4	3.4	3459.4	3587.5	3.7	-1376.5	-1434.1
of which EU	1364.0	1371.6	0.6	2758.5	2795.8	1.4	-1394.5	-1424.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5040.9	5294.9	5.0	4047.5	4464.9	10.3	993.4	830.0
of which EU	3407.6	3733.4	9.6	2388.5	2554.0	6.9	1019.1	1179.4
Machinery and transport equipment	4537.2	5047.5	11.2	6207.3	7089.6	14.2	-1670.1	-2042.1
of which EU	3322.4	3862.7	16.3	4669.1	5426.4	16.2	-1346.7	-1563.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3678.3	3435.4	-6.6	1945.3	2024.0	4.0	1733.0	1411.4
of which EU	2528.7	2617.3	3.5	1344.3	1415.5	5.3	1184.4	1201.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	56.4	65.8	16.7	126.0	142.2	12.9	-69.6	-76.4
of which EU	42.2	51.4	21.8	112.1	126.0	12.4	-69.9	-74.6

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