

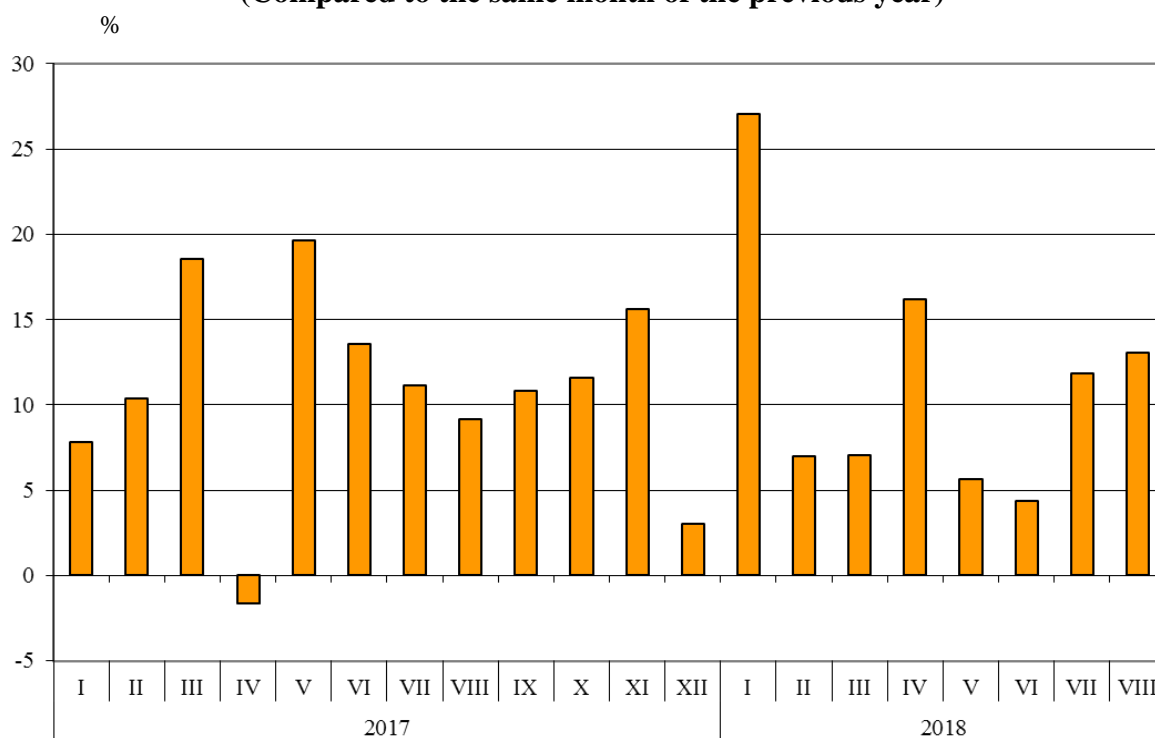


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY – AUGUST 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2018** Bulgarian **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 11.1% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 24 917.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2018** the exports of goods to the EU grew by 13.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 307.1 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - August 2018** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’² (26.7%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (23.5%). Fall was not recorded in none of the sections.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

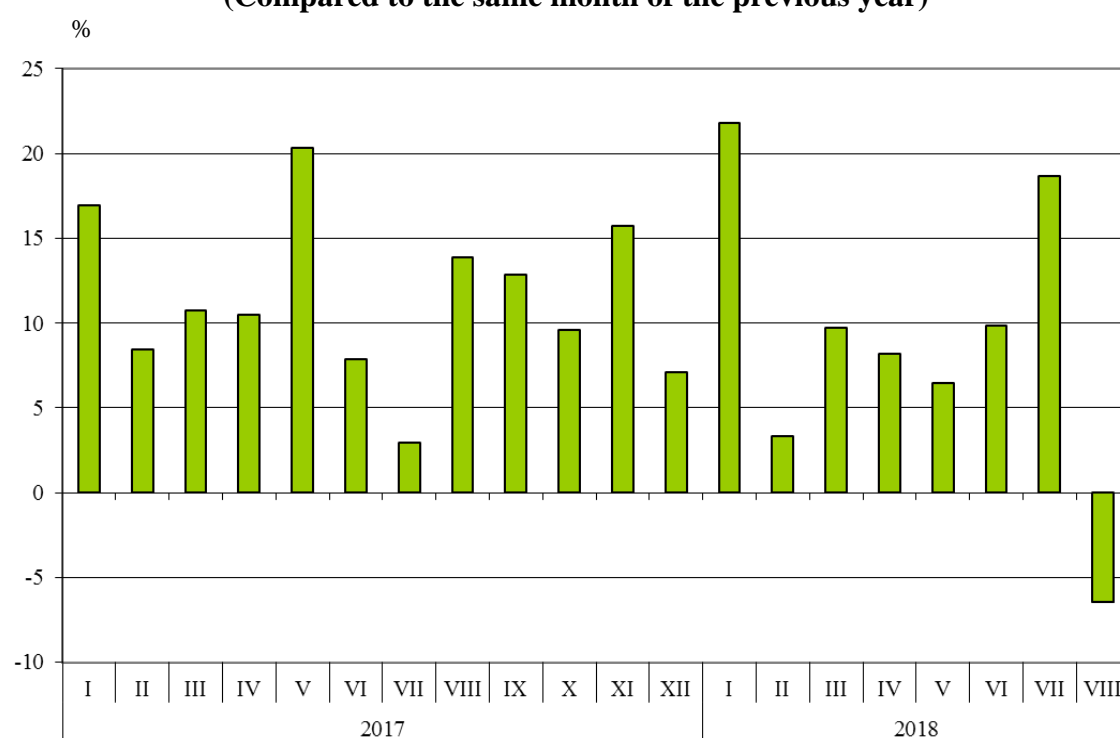
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials,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



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - August 2018 increased by 8.7% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 26 369.1 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 **August 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States decreased by 6.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 970.6 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - August 2018** compared to the corresponding period of 2017 the largest growth in the imports of goods from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’ (17.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (8.5%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - August 2018 was negative and added up to 1 451.6 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 241.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2017 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	3884.4	2438.2	1446.2	4233.0	2651.9	1581.1	3922.8	2472.7	1450.1	-348.6	-213.7	-134.9	-38.4	-34.5	-3.9
II.2017	4179.1	2524.3	1654.8	4430.9	2820.4	1610.5	4112.3	2641.9	1470.4	-251.8	-296.1	44.3	66.8	-117.6	184.4
III.2017	4728.8	2973.3	1755.5	5309.2	3328.8	1980.4	4960.0	3131.1	1828.9	-580.4	-355.5	-224.9	-231.2	-157.8	-73.4
I - III.2017	12792.3	7935.8	4856.5	13973.1	8801.1	5172.0	12995.1	8245.7	4749.4	-1180.8	-865.3	-315.5	-202.8	-309.9	107.1
IV.2017	4029.9	2496.3	1533.6	4675.3	2977.4	1697.9	4358.0	2784.0	1574.0	-645.4	-481.1	-164.3	-328.1	-287.7	-40.4
V.2017	4587.8	2867.9	1719.9	4956.9	3162.9	1794.0	4621.6	2969.1	1652.5	-369.1	-295.0	-74.1	-33.8	-101.2	67.4
VI.2017	4785.6	3061.9	1723.7	4915.3	3131.1	1784.2	4584.8	2942.0	1642.8	-129.7	-69.2	-60.5	200.8	119.9	80.9
IV - VI.2017	13403.3	8426.1	4977.2	14547.5	9271.4	5276.1	13564.4	8695.1	4869.3	-1144.2	-845.3	-298.9	-161.1	-269.0	107.9
I - VI.2017	26195.6	16361.9	9833.7	28520.6	18072.5	10448.1	26559.5	16940.8	9618.7	-2325.0	-1710.6	-614.4	-363.9	-578.9	215.0
VII.2017	4831.1	3135.4	1695.7	4732.6	3010.1	1722.5	4419.4	2828.8	1590.6	98.5	125.3	-26.8	411.7	306.6	105.1
VIII.2017	4586.3	2925.5	1660.8	4978.2	3174.3	1803.9	4598.8	2938.7	1660.1	-391.9	-248.8	-143.1	-12.5	-13.2	0.7
I - VIII.2017	35613.0	22422.8	13190.2	38231.4	24256.9	13974.5	35577.7	22708.3	12869.4	-2618.4	-1834.1	-784.3	35.3	-285.5	320.8
I.2018	4190.2	3097.3	1092.9	5059.1	3229.9	1829.2	4680.5	3012.4	1668.1	-868.9	-132.6	-736.3	-490.3	84.9	-575.2
II.2018	3842.9	2700.2	1142.7	4569.1	2915.1	1654.0	4257.5	2742.7	1514.8	-726.2	-214.9	-511.3	-414.6	-42.5	-372.1
III.2018	4446.5	3182.5	1264.0	5123.7	3652.6	1471.1	4763.8	3411.5	1352.3	-677.2	-470.1	-207.1	-317.3	-229.0	-88.3
I - III.2018	12479.6	8980.0	3499.6	14751.9	9797.6	4954.3	13701.8	9166.6	4535.2	-2272.3	-817.6	-1454.7	-1222.2	-186.6	-1035.6
IV.2018	4174.3	2899.8	1274.5	4978.5	3221.1	1757.4	4619.7	3007.5	1612.2	-804.2	-321.3	-482.9	-445.4	-107.7	-337.7
V.2018	4305.9	3029.5	1276.4	5169.5	3368.0	1801.5	4806.5	3152.6	1653.9	-863.6	-338.5	-525.1	-500.6	-123.1	-377.5
VI.2018	4631.3	3195.2	1436.1	5502.4	3439.6	2062.8	5112.8	3222.9	1889.9	-871.1	-244.4	-626.7	-481.5	-27.7	-453.8
IV - VI.2018	13111.5	9124.5	3987.0	15650.4	10028.7	5621.7	14539.0	9383.0	5156.0	-2538.9	-904.2	-1634.7	-1427.5	-258.5	-1169.0
I - VI.2018	25591.1	18104.5	7486.6	30402.3	19826.3	10576.0	28240.8	18549.6	9691.2	-4811.2	-1721.8	-3089.4	-2649.7	-445.1	-2204.6
VII.2018	4874.3	3505.9	1368.4	5618.1	3572.2	2045.9	5207.5	3346.8	1860.7	-743.8	-66.3	-677.5	-333.2	159.1	-492.3
VIII.2018	4619.6	3307.1	1312.5	4971.2	2970.6	2000.6	4615.0	2779.5	1835.5	-351.6	336.5	-688.1	4.6	527.6	-523.0
I - VIII.2018	35085.0	24917.5	10167.5	40991.6	26369.1	14622.5	38063.3	24675.9	13387.4	-5906.6	-1451.6	-4455.0	-2978.3	241.6	-3219.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - August 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	7.9	27.0	-24.4	19.5	21.8	15.7	19.3	21.8	15.0
II	-8.0	7.0	-30.9	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-6.0	7.0	-28.0	-3.5	9.7	-25.7	-4.0	9.0	-26.1
I - III	-2.4	13.2	-27.9	5.6	11.3	-4.2	5.4	11.2	-4.5
IV	3.6	16.2	-16.9	6.5	8.2	3.5	6.0	8.0	2.4
V	-6.1	5.6	-25.8	4.3	6.5	0.4	4.0	6.2	0.1
VI	-3.2	4.4	-16.7	11.9	9.9	15.6	11.5	9.5	15.0
IV - VI	-2.2	8.3	-19.9	7.6	8.2	6.6	7.2	7.9	5.9
I - VI	-2.3	10.7	-23.9	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.8
VII	0.9	11.8	-19.3	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
VIII	0.7	13.0	-21.0	-0.1	-6.4	10.9	0.4	-5.4	10.6
I - VIII	-1.5	11.1	-22.9	7.2	8.7	4.6	7.0	8.7	4.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2017 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	35613.0	35085.0	-1.5	38231.4	40991.6	7.2	-2618.4	-5906.6
EU	22422.8	24917.5	11.1	24256.9	26369.1	8.7	-1834.1	-1451.6
Austria	643.6	661.8	2.8	923.3	1004.7	8.8	-279.7	-342.9
Belgium	1272.3	1243.0	-2.3	809.8	818.4	1.1	462.5	424.6
Croatia	147.9	189.9	28.4	98.4	124.0	26.0	49.5	65.9
Cyprus	101.5	137.7	35.7	49.9	226.3	353.5	51.6	-88.6
Czech Republic	680.1	773.1	13.7	828.3	928.5	12.1	-148.2	-155.4
Denmark	213.1	241.3	13.2	177.8	196.4	10.5	35.3	44.9
Estonia	32.4	38.4	18.5	27.9	31.0	11.1	4.5	7.4
Finland	52.2	66.8	28.0	75.6	89.8	18.8	-23.4	-23.0
France	1405.3	1449.7	3.2	1111.7	1147.8	3.2	293.6	301.9
Germany	4671.9	5565.6	19.1	4669.6	5185.2	11.0	2.3	380.4
Greece	2177.1	2350.8	8.0	1672.3	1735.2	3.8	504.8	615.6
Hungary	586.4	632.9	7.9	1331.0	1404.6	5.5	-744.6	-771.7
Ireland	65.2	114.0	74.8	139.2	164.4	18.1	-74.0	-50.4
Italy	2848.9	3192.3	12.1	2810.3	3111.2	10.7	38.6	81.1
Latvia	35.6	45.7	28.4	50.9	46.7	-8.3	-15.3	-1.0
Lithuania	91.7	93.9	2.4	57.5	75.7	31.7	34.2	18.2
Luxembourg	11.7	13.3	13.7	135.9	74.7	-45.0	-124.2	-61.4
Malta	24.4	29.1	19.3	14.1	80.0	467.4	10.3	-50.9
Netherlands	821.0	975.2	18.8	1351.1	1529.0	13.2	-530.1	-553.8
Poland	821.5	845.7	2.9	1378.4	1304.5	-5.4	-556.9	-458.8
Portugal	150.1	150.4	0.2	71.9	123.3	71.5	78.2	27.1
Romania	2847.1	3138.6	10.2	2717.7	2890.2	6.3	129.4	248.4
Slovakia	250.3	259.5	3.7	487.0	502.0	3.1	-236.7	-242.5
Slovenia	265.3	264.2	-0.4	273.5	303.4	10.9	-8.2	-39.2
Spain	880.8	956.3	8.6	2018.9	2264.9	12.2	-1138.1	-1308.6
Sweden	285.7	329.4	15.3	244.0	263.7	8.1	41.7	65.7
United Kingdom	817.9	883.9	8.1	621.9	627.5	0.9	196.0	256.4
Not specified	221.8	275.0	24.0	109.0	116.0	6.4	112.8	159.0

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 12-th November 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - August 2017 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	13190.2	10167.5	-22.9	13974.5	14622.5	4.6	-784.3	-4455.0
CIS³	1435.4	952.3	-33.7	4536.3	4604.3	1.5	-3100.9	-3652.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	35.6	28.9	-18.8	21.7	5.8	-73.3	13.9	23.1
Russian Federation	1012.9	490.3	-51.6	3832.7	3821.2	-0.3	-2819.8	-3330.9
Ukraine	181.8	243.8	34.1	542.4	629.7	16.1	-360.6	-385.9
OECD⁴	4375.0	3525.9	-19.4	3568.7	3771.3	5.7	806.3	-245.4
of which:								
Canada	66.7	63.2	-5.2	79.0	88.6	12.2	-12.3	-25.4
Israel	136.5	88.5	-35.2	58.7	56.6	-3.6	77.8	31.9
Japan	48.6	57.1	17.5	131.4	175.6	33.6	-82.8	-118.5
Korea, Republic of	71.8	89.8	25.1	144.9	203.5	40.4	-73.1	-113.7
Turkey	3145.7	2318.0	-26.3	2474.6	2468.2	-0.3	671.1	-150.2
United States	513.2	546.5	6.5	313.3	346.5	10.6	199.9	200.0
EFTA⁵	277.6	252.7	-9.0	303.3	348.9	15.0	-25.7	-96.2
of which:								
Norway	54.2	48.4	-10.7	46.4	53.1	14.4	7.8	-4.7
Switzerland	221.2	200.6	-9.3	254.3	292.7	15.1	-33.1	-92.1

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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 - August 2017 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	99.8	112.1	12.3	20.6	17.4	-15.5	79.2	94.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	87.4	78.4	-10.3	52.0	27.2	-47.7	35.4	51.2
Brazil	41.1	44.6	8.5	24.4	40.9	67.6	16.7	3.7
China	828.9	821.0	-1.0	1459.0	1716.7	17.7	-630.1	-895.7
Egypt	572.7	137.9	-75.9	770.0	577.9	-24.9	-197.3	-440.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	510.2	540.9	6.0	418.3	420.7	0.6	91.9	120.2
Georgia	248.3	205.8	-17.1	371.2	435.3	17.3	-122.9	-229.5
India	155.6	122.7	-21.1	180.2	253.2	40.5	-24.6	-130.5
Indonesia	40.6	25.6	-36.9	58.5	115.6	97.6	-17.9	-90.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	96.0	45.7	-52.4	83.4	43.1	-48.3	12.6	2.6
Peru	19.4	11.7	-39.7	25.7	57.8	124.9	-6.3	-46.1
Serbia	595.9	646.2	8.4	770.9	814.9	5.7	-175.0	-168.7
Singapore	306.4	230.7	-24.7	40.4	54.1	33.9	266.0	176.6
South Africa	76.1	111.5	46.5	45.2	43.6	-3.5	30.9	67.9
Syrian Arab Republic	31.3	20.2	-35.5	0.1	0.5	400.0	31.2	19.7
Taiwan	43.3	39.3	-9.2	135.2	145.0	7.2	-91.9	-105.7
United Arab Emirates	250.8	119.7	-52.3	34.9	35.0	0.3	215.9	84.7
Viet Nam	39.7	34.2	-13.9	57.1	60.8	6.5	-17.4	-26.6

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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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 2017 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	35613.0	35085.0	-1.5	38231.4	40991.6	7.2	-2618.4	-5906.6
of which EU	22422.8	24917.5	11.1	24256.9	26369.1	8.7	-1834.1	-1451.6
Food and live animals	3390.8	3792.9	11.9	3030.3	2992.4	-1.3	360.5	800.5
of which EU	2420.1	2987.9	23.5	2461.8	2453.2	-0.3	-41.7	534.7
Beverages and tobacco	503.1	399.0	-20.7	499.7	585.6	17.2	3.4	-186.6
of which EU	214.7	232.2	8.2	386.7	449.9	16.3	-172.0	-217.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2023.2	2330.2	15.2	3488.6	3914.7	12.2	-1465.4	-1584.5
of which EU	1279.9	1621.1	26.7	1987.5	2337.5	17.6	-707.6	-716.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3601.1	2118.9	-41.2	5374.8	5205.7	-3.1	-1773.7	-3086.8
of which EU	955.5	989.3	3.5	1032.1	1090.9	5.7	-76.6	-101.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	349.0	412.3	18.1	129.8	133.4	2.8	219.2	278.9
of which EU	239.0	241.6	1.1	85.7	78.4	-8.5	153.3	163.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3581.7	3624.9	1.2	5595.6	5915.6	5.7	-2013.9	-2290.7
of which EU	2270.8	2338.5	3.0	4408.2	4518.4	2.5	-2137.4	-2179.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8477.8	8372.7	-1.2	6647.0	7155.2	7.6	1830.8	1217.5
of which EU	5420.7	5844.8	7.8	3851.3	4116.8	6.9	1569.4	1728.0
Machinery and transport equipment	7520.8	8204.4	9.1	10056.8	11535.5	14.7	-2536.0	-3331.1
of which EU	5441.9	6311.1	16.0	7681.9	8808.6	14.7	-2240.0	-2497.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6070.5	5726.5	-5.7	3204.6	3325.7	3.8	2865.9	2400.8
of which EU	4107.9	4269.8	3.9	2180.2	2313.5	6.1	1927.7	1956.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	95.0	103.2	8.6	204.2	227.8	11.6	-109.2	-124.6
of which EU	72.3	81.2	12.3	181.5	201.9	11.2	-109.2	-120.7

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