

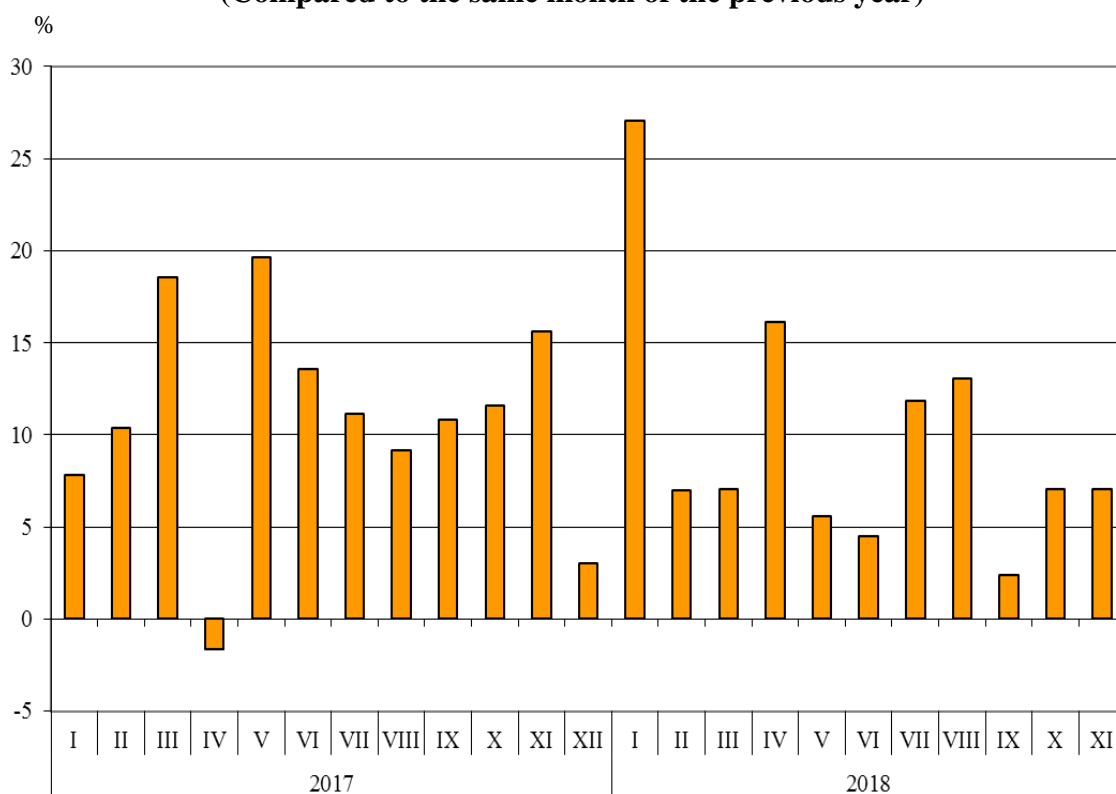


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - November 2018** Bulgarian **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 9.5% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 35 059.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **November 2018** exports of goods to the EU grew by 7.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 445.2 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 - November 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 ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (28.8%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (16.2%). Fall was not recorded in none of the sections.

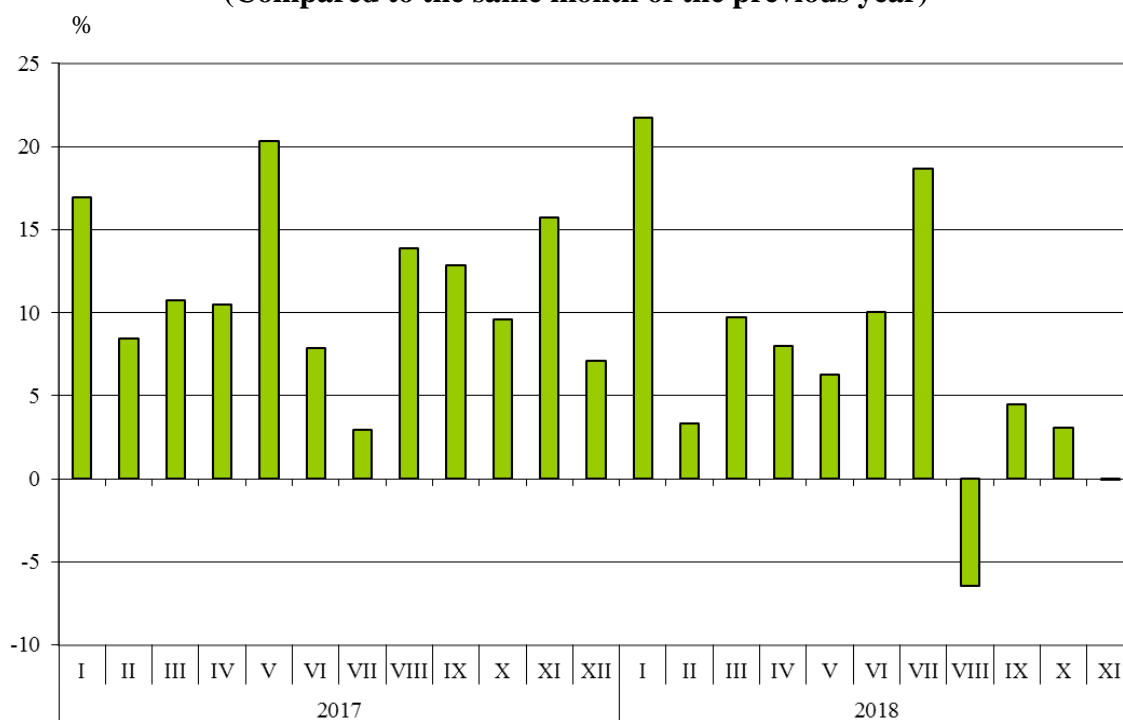
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - November 2018** increased by 6.8% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 36 874.1 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 **November 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States decreased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 606.6 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 - November 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 ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (15.8%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (3.9%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - November 2018 was negative and added up to 1 815.1 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 505.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2017 and 2018¹ by months

(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
IX.2017	4768.4	3151.1	1617.3	4716.9	3095.2	1621.7	4387.1	2910.4	1476.7	51.5	55.9	-4.4	381.3	240.7	140.6
VII - IX.2017	14185.8	9212.0	4973.8	14427.7	9279.6	5148.1	13405.3	8677.9	4727.4	-241.9	-67.6	-174.3	780.5	534.1	246.4
I - IX.2017	40381.4	25573.9	14807.5	42948.3	27352.1	15596.2	39964.8	25618.7	14346.1	-2566.9	-1778.2	-788.7	416.6	-44.8	461.4
X.2017	5005.2	3238.9	1766.3	5457.6	3563.8	1893.8	5064.6	3330.3	1734.3	-452.4	-324.9	-127.5	-59.4	-91.4	32.0
XI.2017	4953.1	3218.6	1734.5	5489.6	3608.5	1881.1	5114.1	3376.4	1737.7	-536.5	-389.9	-146.6	-161.0	-157.8	-3.2
I - XI.2017	50339.7	32031.4	18308.3	53895.5	34524.4	19371.1	50143.5	32325.4	17818.1	-3555.8	-2493.0	-1062.8	196.2	-294.0	490.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of February 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2017 and 2018¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(Million BGN)²

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.2018	4393.8	3097.1	1296.7	5055.9	3227.6	1828.3	4677.9	3010.7	1667.2	-662.1	-130.5	-531.6	-284.1	86.4	-370.5
II.2018	3904.3	2700.6	1203.7	4567.8	2914.5	1653.3	4255.9	2742.1	1513.8	-663.5	-213.9	-449.6	-351.6	-41.5	-310.1
III.2018	4506.1	3183.2	1322.9	5122.4	3652.1	1470.3	4762.6	3411.1	1351.5	-616.3	-468.9	-147.4	-256.5	-227.9	-28.6
I - III.2018	12804.2	8980.9	3823.3	14746.1	9794.2	4951.9	13696.4	9163.9	4532.5	-1941.9	-813.3	-1128.6	-892.2	-183.0	-709.2
IV.2018	4236.1	2899.1	1337.0	4972.8	3215.8	1757.0	4614.9	3003.2	1611.7	-736.7	-316.7	-420.0	-378.8	-104.1	-274.7
V.2018	4329.2	3028.0	1301.2	5163.5	3362.1	1801.4	4801.4	3147.7	1653.7	-834.3	-334.1	-500.2	-472.2	-119.7	-352.5
VI.2018	4828.5	3199.4	1629.1	5507.6	3445.0	2062.6	5117.8	3228.0	1889.8	-679.1	-245.6	-433.5	-289.3	-28.6	-260.7
IV - VI.2018	13393.8	9126.5	4267.3	15643.9	10022.9	5621.0	14534.1	9378.9	5155.2	-2250.1	-896.4	-1353.7	-1140.3	-252.4	-887.9
I - VI.2018	26198.0	18107.4	8090.6	30390.0	19817.1	10572.9	28230.5	18542.8	9687.7	-4192.0	-1709.7	-2482.3	-2032.5	-435.4	-1597.1
VII.2018	5070.5	3506.2	1564.3	5618.2	3572.5	2045.7	5208.1	3347.6	1860.5	-547.7	-66.3	-481.4	-137.6	158.6	-296.2
VIII.2018	4672.8	3307.8	1365.0	4970.3	2970.0	2000.3	4613.8	2778.9	1834.9	-297.5	337.8	-635.3	59.0	528.9	-469.9
IX.2018	4722.4	3226.1	1496.3	5166.7	3234.7	1932.0	4790.7	3037.4	1753.3	-444.3	-8.6	-435.7	-68.3	188.7	-257.0
VII - IX.2018	14465.7	10040.1	4425.6	15755.2	9777.2	5978.0	14612.6	9163.9	5448.7	-1289.5	262.9	-1552.4	-146.9	876.2	-1023.1
I - IX.2018	40663.7	28147.5	12516.2	46145.2	29594.3	16550.9	42843.1	27706.7	15136.4	-5481.5	-1446.8	-4034.7	-2179.4	440.8	-2620.2
X.2018	5393.0	3466.3	1926.7	6227.9	3673.2	2554.7	5786.9	3457.9	2329.0	-834.9	-206.9	-628.0	-393.9	8.4	-402.3
XI.2018	5064.3	3445.2	1619.1	5691.3	3606.6	2084.7	5311.7	3388.6	1923.1	-627.0	-161.4	-465.6	-247.4	56.6	-304.0
I - XI.2018	51121.0	35059.0	16062.0	58064.4	36874.1	21190.3	53941.7	34553.2	19388.5	-6943.4	-1815.1	-5128.3	-2820.7	505.8	-3326.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of February 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	13.1	27.0	-10.3	19.4	21.7	15.6	19.2	21.8	15.0
II	-6.6	7.0	-27.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.0
III	-4.7	7.1	-24.6	-3.5	9.7	-25.8	-4.0	8.9	-26.1
I - III	0.1	13.2	-21.3	5.5	11.3	-4.3	5.4	11.1	-4.6
IV	5.1	16.1	-12.8	6.4	8.0	3.5	5.9	7.9	2.4
V	-5.6	5.6	-24.3	4.2	6.3	0.4	3.9	6.0	0.1
VI	0.9	4.5	-5.5	12.1	10.0	15.6	11.6	9.7	15.0
IV - VI	-0.1	8.3	-14.3	7.5	8.1	6.5	7.1	7.9	5.9
I - VI	0.0	10.7	-17.7	6.6	9.7	1.2	6.3	9.5	0.7
VII	5.0	11.8	-7.7	18.7	18.7	18.8	17.8	18.3	17.0
VIII	1.9	13.1	-17.8	-0.2	-6.4	10.9	0.3	-5.4	10.5
IX	-1.0	2.4	-7.5	9.5	4.5	19.1	9.2	4.4	18.7
VII - IX	2.0	9.0	-11.0	9.2	5.4	16.1	9.0	5.6	15.3
I - IX	0.7	10.1	-15.5	7.4	8.2	6.1	7.2	8.2	5.5
X	7.7	7.0	9.1	14.1	3.1	34.9	14.3	3.8	34.3
XI	2.2	7.0	-6.7	3.7	-0.1	10.8	3.9	0.4	10.7
I - XI	1.6	9.5	-12.3	7.7	6.8	9.4	7.6	6.9	8.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th February 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	50339.7	51121.0	1.6	53895.5	58064.4	7.7	-3555.8	-6943.4
EU	32031.4	35059.0	9.5	34524.4	36874.1	6.8	-2493.0	-1815.1
Austria	892.7	927.8	3.9	1308.7	1447.1	10.6	-416.0	-519.3
Belgium	1947.1	1678.8	-13.8	1151.8	1145.8	-0.5	795.3	533.0
Croatia	208.8	281.2	34.7	138.2	173.3	25.4	70.6	107.9
Cyprus	147.1	187.9	27.7	176.1	244.5	38.8	-29.0	-56.6
Czech Republic	980.8	1096.4	11.8	1207.2	1361.6	12.8	-226.4	-265.2
Denmark	289.0	367.8	27.3	247.6	262.8	6.1	41.4	105.0
Estonia	44.1	53.7	21.8	54.4	44.4	-18.4	-10.3	9.3
Finland	80.6	106.5	32.1	116.9	145.1	24.1	-36.3	-38.6
France	1980.4	2082.6	5.2	1556.7	1581.7	1.6	423.7	500.9
Germany	6599.3	7682.5	16.4	6620.7	7172.7	8.3	-21.4	509.8
Greece	3090.7	3418.2	10.6	2370.2	2509.5	5.9	720.5	908.7
Hungary	833.9	909.1	9.0	1905.7	1999.4	4.9	-1071.8	-1090.3
Ireland	84.4	185.9	120.3	201.4	241.9	20.1	-117.0	-56.0
Italy	4034.2	4416.4	9.5	3925.7	4380.7	11.6	108.5	35.7
Latvia	53.8	66.9	24.3	63.5	62.8	-1.1	-9.7	4.1
Lithuania	130.4	137.9	5.8	82.5	118.6	43.8	47.9	19.3
Luxembourg	16.8	20.2	20.2	169.3	93.2	-44.9	-152.5	-73.0
Malta	33.4	38.8	16.2	73.9	231.6	213.4	-40.5	-192.8
Netherlands	1203.2	1405.0	16.8	1969.2	2193.8	11.4	-766.0	-788.8
Poland	1133.8	1193.6	5.3	1970.2	1898.6	-3.6	-836.4	-705.0
Portugal	219.5	184.4	-16.0	95.8	155.5	62.3	123.7	28.9
Romania	3962.0	4401.1	11.1	3835.6	3993.3	4.1	126.4	407.8
Slovakia	376.5	386.9	2.8	699.6	721.0	3.1	-323.1	-334.1
Slovenia	379.5	377.2	-0.6	401.4	428.3	6.7	-21.9	-51.1
Spain	1407.6	1293.9	-8.1	2826.4	2813.2	-0.5	-1418.8	-1519.3
Sweden	394.8	461.6	16.9	349.8	372.8	6.6	45.0	88.8
United Kingdom	1187.4	1268.1	6.8	860.7	884.3	2.7	326.7	383.8
Not specified	319.6	428.6	34.1	145.2	196.6	35.4	174.4	232.0

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 February 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - November 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	18308.3	16062.0	-12.3	19371.1	21190.3	9.4	-1062.8	-5128.3
CIS³	1996.0	1338.2	-33.0	6278.3	6699.2	6.7	-4282.3	-5361.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	43.8	43.7	-0.2	25.2	8.9	-64.7	18.6	34.8
Russian Federation	1391.5	687.8	-50.6	5254.4	5607.2	6.7	-3862.9	-4919.4
Ukraine	267.9	328.0	22.4	803.9	866.5	7.8	-536.0	-538.5
OECD⁴	6182.9	5809.7	-6.0	4952.2	5527.3	11.6	1230.7	282.4
of which:								
Canada	92.2	122.4	32.8	118.9	117.8	-0.9	-26.7	4.6
Israel	201.6	118.9	-41.0	90.4	74.1	-18.0	111.2	44.8
Japan	74.8	75.8	1.3	187.4	253.3	35.2	-112.6	-177.5
Korea, Republic of	104.7	162.8	55.5	204.5	276.9	35.4	-99.8	-114.1
Turkey	4434.2	3970.6	-10.5	3414.2	3584.5	5.0	1020.0	386.1
United States	735.4	840.0	14.2	420.8	517.0	22.9	314.6	323.0
EFTA⁵	381.0	357.6	-6.1	431.8	511.8	18.5	-50.8	-154.2
of which:								
Norway	73.7	72.1	-2.2	57.2	66.4	16.1	16.5	5.7
Switzerland	304.6	280.6	-7.9	371.6	441.8	18.9	-67.0	-161.2

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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 - November 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	141.9	151.9	7.0	33.2	30.5	-8.1	108.7	121.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.9	111.6	-10.6	70.7	40.4	-42.9	54.2	71.2
Brazil	52.3	53.7	2.7	34.6	82.2	137.6	17.7	-28.5
China	1197.5	1300.9	8.6	2001.7	2391.5	19.5	-804.2	-1090.6
Egypt	793.8	378.8	-52.3	1022.4	901.6	-11.8	-228.6	-522.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	725.3	754.2	4.0	590.1	587.8	-0.4	135.2	166.4
Georgia	329.0	313.0	-4.9	567.2	593.1	4.6	-238.2	-280.1
India	199.2	164.4	-17.5	252.9	355.0	40.4	-53.7	-190.6
Indonesia	52.6	35.1	-33.3	85.3	327.1	283.5	-32.7	-292.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	113.8	65.4	-42.5	99.4	60.8	-38.8	14.4	4.6
Peru	29.9	14.4	-51.8	32.0	81.9	155.9	-2.1	-67.5
Serbia	851.0	946.4	11.2	1076.9	1139.9	5.9	-225.9	-193.5
Singapore	408.6	476.1	16.5	62.8	72.9	16.1	345.8	403.2
South Africa	121.0	256.4	111.9	57.7	68.4	18.5	63.3	188.0
Syrian Arab Republic	38.6	29.2	-24.4	0.3	0.5	66.7	38.3	28.7
Taiwan	57.7	49.3	-14.6	183.3	209.1	14.1	-125.6	-159.8
United Arab Emirates	306.8	171.6	-44.1	50.6	48.5	-4.2	256.2	123.1
Viet Nam	54.3	50.3	-7.4	80.7	86.8	7.6	-26.4	-36.5

¹ Partner country:

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - November 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	50339.7	51121.0	1.6	53895.5	58064.4	7.7	-3555.8	-6943.4
of which EU	32031.4	35059.0	9.5	34524.4	36874.1	6.8	-2493.0	-1815.1
Food and live animals	5176.4	5440.5	5.1	4211.1	4222.3	0.3	965.3	1218.2
of which EU	3805.3	4307.6	13.2	3450.0	3445.8	-0.1	355.3	861.8
Beverages and tobacco	674.7	575.3	-14.7	728.5	857.7	17.7	-53.8	-282.4
of which EU	291.8	328.1	12.4	574.0	664.8	15.8	-282.2	-336.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3101.1	3233.8	4.3	4902.8	5408.0	10.3	-1801.7	-2174.2
of which EU	2050.1	2238.9	9.2	2808.0	2944.3	4.9	-757.9	-705.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4906.4	4469.4	-8.9	7531.3	7786.6	3.4	-2624.9	-3317.2
of which EU	1281.2	1650.5	28.8	1601.4	1586.5	-0.9	-320.2	64.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	520.3	570.0	9.6	180.4	186.7	3.5	339.9	383.3
of which EU	350.8	350.8	0.0	115.5	111.0	-3.9	235.3	239.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5000.3	5139.7	2.8	7765.5	8165.4	5.1	-2765.2	-3025.7
of which EU	3137.6	3294.6	5.0	6071.4	6240.0	2.8	-2933.8	-2945.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11885.6	11952.4	0.6	9340.0	10055.2	7.7	2545.6	1897.2
of which EU	7628.5	7888.9	3.4	5427.4	5779.4	6.5	2201.1	2109.5
Machinery and transport equipment	10607.2	11583.3	9.2	14360.7	16253.4	13.2	-3753.5	-4670.1
of which EU	7696.9	8940.5	16.2	11034.1	12423.3	12.6	-3337.2	-3482.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8331.1	8013.0	-3.8	4584.4	4815.4	5.0	3746.7	3197.6
of which EU	5684.2	5945.7	4.6	3183.7	3402.2	6.9	2500.5	2543.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	136.6	143.6	5.1	290.8	313.7	7.9	-154.2	-170.1
of which EU	105.0	113.4	8.0	258.9	276.8	6.9	-153.9	-163.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th February 2019.