

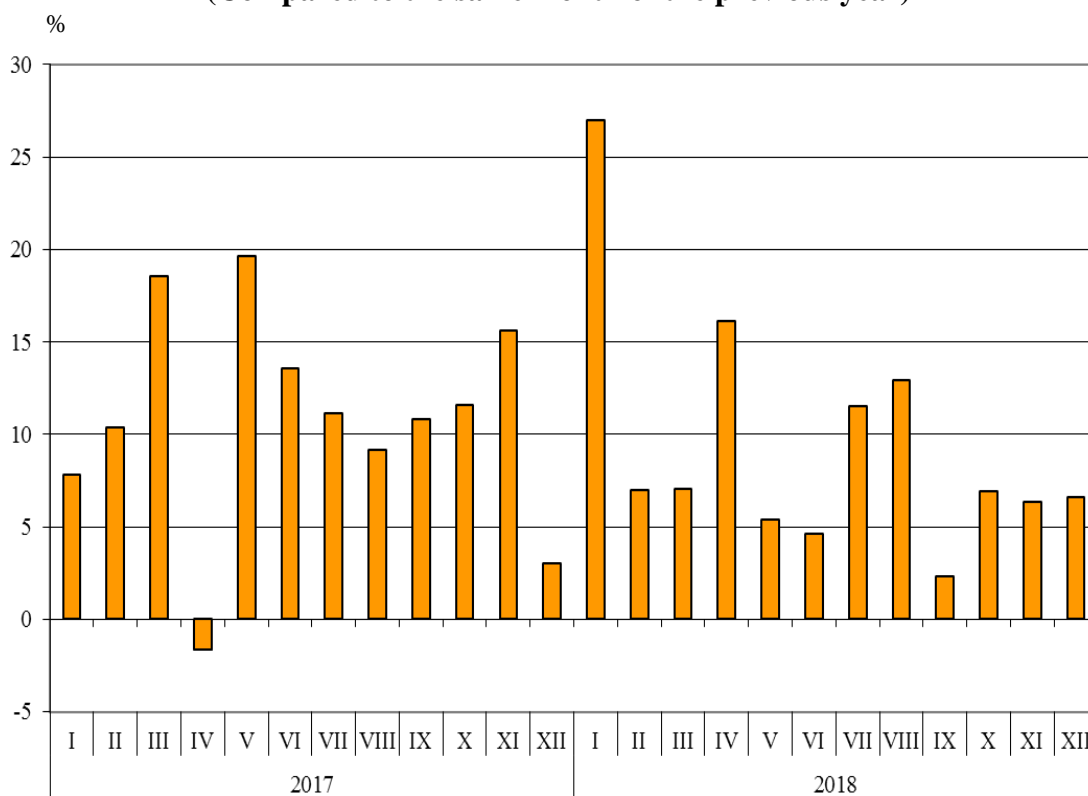


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2018** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 9.1% in comparison with 2017 and amounted to 37 697.5 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 **December 2018** the exports to the EU increased by 6.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 681.0 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 **2018** in comparison with 2017 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’ (35.8%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (15.5%). Fall was recorded only in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (6.8%).

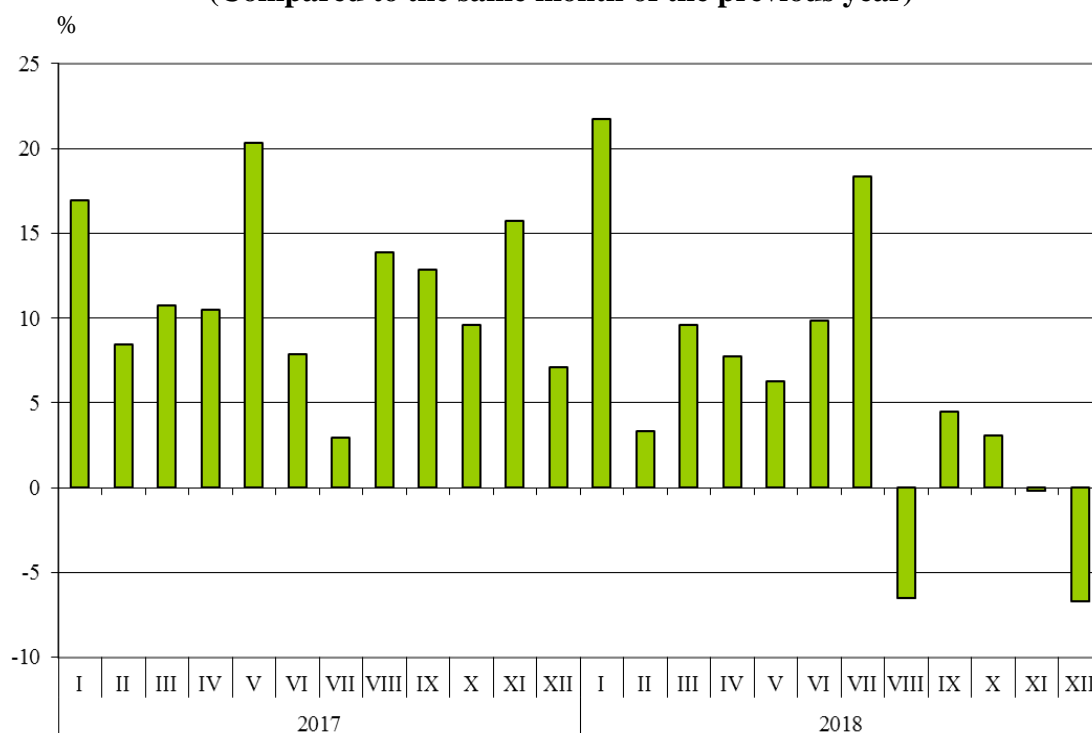
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in 2018 increased by 5.5% compared to the previous year and reached 39 903.8 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 December 2018 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 6.7% in comparison with December 2017 and amounted to 3 064.1 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 2018 compared to 2017 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (12.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (5.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in 2018 was negative and added up to 2 206.3 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 290.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 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
XII.2017	4258.8	2515.2	1743.6	5337.9	3283.4	2054.5	4956.6	3066.2	1890.4	-1079.1	-768.2	-310.9	-697.8	-551.0	-146.8
X - XII.2017	14217.1	8972.7	5244.4	16285.1	10455.7	5829.4	15135.3	9772.9	5362.4	-2068.0	-1483.0	-585.0	-918.2	-800.2	-118.0
I - XII.2017	54598.5	34546.6	20051.9	59233.4	37807.8	21425.6	55100.1	35391.6	19708.5	-4634.9	-3261.2	-1373.7	-501.6	-845.0	343.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th of March 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018¹ by months

(Million BGN)

(Continued and end)

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	4393.5	3096.8	1296.7	5057.1	3228.7	1828.4	4678.8	3011.6	1667.2	-663.6	-131.9	-531.7	-285.3	85.2	-370.5
II.2018	3904.4	2700.7	1203.7	4568.0	2914.7	1653.3	4256.2	2742.3	1513.9	-663.6	-214.0	-449.6	-351.8	-41.6	-310.2
III.2018	4505.9	3183.0	1322.9	5117.9	3647.6	1470.3	4759.0	3407.5	1351.5	-612.0	-464.6	-147.4	-253.1	-224.5	-28.6
I - III.2018	12803.8	8980.5	3823.3	14743.0	9791.0	4952.0	13694.0	9161.4	4532.6	-1939.2	-810.5	-1128.7	-890.2	-180.9	-709.3
IV.2018	4236.2	2899.2	1337.0	4965.7	3208.7	1757.0	4609.4	2997.6	1611.8	-729.5	-309.5	-420.0	-373.2	-98.4	-274.8
V.2018	4324.2	3023.0	1301.2	5162.4	3361.0	1801.4	4800.8	3147.1	1653.7	-838.2	-338.0	-500.2	-476.6	-124.1	-352.5
VI.2018	4831.6	3202.5	1629.1	5501.5	3438.7	2062.8	5113.1	3223.2	1889.9	-669.9	-236.2	-433.7	-281.5	-20.7	-260.8
IV - VI.2018	13392.0	9124.7	4267.3	15629.6	10008.4	5621.2	14523.3	9367.9	5155.4	-2237.6	-883.7	-1353.9	-1131.3	-243.2	-888.1
I - VI.2018	26195.8	18105.2	8090.6	30372.6	19799.4	10573.2	28217.3	18529.3	9688.0	-4176.8	-1694.2	-2482.6	-2021.5	-424.1	-1597.4
VII.2018	5059.5	3496.3	1563.2	5608.4	3562.6	2045.8	5200.2	3339.7	1860.5	-548.9	-66.3	-482.6	-140.7	156.6	-297.3
VIII.2018	4668.0	3303.0	1365.0	4968.4	2968.0	2000.4	4612.4	2777.5	1834.9	-300.4	335.0	-635.4	55.6	525.5	-469.9
IX.2018	4721.5	3225.2	1496.3	5166.1	3234.1	1932.0	4790.6	3037.3	1753.3	-444.6	-8.9	-435.7	-69.1	187.9	-257.0
VII - IX.2018	14449.0	10024.5	4424.5	15742.9	9764.7	5978.2	14603.2	9154.5	5448.7	-1293.9	259.8	-1553.7	-154.2	870.0	-1024.2
I - IX.2018	40644.8	28129.7	12515.1	46115.5	29564.1	16551.4	42820.5	27683.8	15136.7	-5470.7	-1434.4	-4036.3	-2175.7	445.9	-2621.6
X.2018	5389.9	3463.3	1926.6	6228.5	3673.9	2554.6	5787.3	3458.5	2328.8	-838.6	-210.6	-628.0	-397.4	4.8	-402.2
XI.2018	5042.6	3423.5	1619.1	5686.3	3601.7	2084.6	5307.1	3384.0	1923.1	-643.7	-178.2	-465.5	-264.5	39.5	-304.0
XII.2018	4169.6	2681.0	1488.6	4886.1	3064.1	1822.0	4565.1	2880.9	1684.2	-716.5	-383.1	-333.4	-395.5	-199.9	-195.6
X - XII.2018	14602.1	9567.8	5034.3	16800.9	10339.7	6461.2	15659.5	9723.4	5936.1	-2198.8	-771.9	-1426.9	-1057.4	-155.6	-901.8
I - XII.2018	55246.9	37697.5	17549.4	62916.4	39903.8	23012.6	58480.0	37407.2	21072.8	-7669.5	-2206.3	-5463.2	-3233.1	290.3	-3523.4

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² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2018¹ compared to the same period 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	19.5	21.8	15.6	19.3	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	-3.6	9.6	-25.8	-4.1	8.8	-26.1
I - III	0.1	13.2	-21.3	5.5	11.2	-4.3	5.4	11.1	-4.6
IV	5.1	16.1	-12.8	6.2	7.8	3.5	5.8	7.7	2.4
V	-5.7	5.4	-24.3	4.1	6.3	0.4	3.9	6.0	0.1
VI	1.0	4.6	-5.5	11.9	9.8	15.6	11.5	9.6	15.0
IV - VI	-0.1	8.3	-14.3	7.4	7.9	6.5	7.1	7.7	5.9
I - VI	0.0	10.7	-17.7	6.5	9.6	1.2	6.2	9.4	0.7
VII	4.7	11.5	-7.8	18.5	18.4	18.8	17.7	18.1	17.0
VIII	1.8	12.9	-17.8	-0.2	-6.5	10.9	0.3	-5.5	10.5
IX	-1.0	2.4	-7.5	9.5	4.5	19.1	9.2	4.4	18.7
VII - IX	1.9	8.8	-11.0	9.1	5.2	16.1	8.9	5.5	15.3
I - IX	0.7	10.0	-15.5	7.4	8.1	6.1	7.1	8.1	5.5
X	7.7	6.9	9.1	14.1	3.1	34.9	14.3	3.8	34.3
XI	1.8	6.4	-6.7	3.6	-0.2	10.8	3.8	0.2	10.7
XII	-2.1	6.6	-14.6	-8.5	-6.7	-11.3	-7.9	-6.0	-10.9
X - XII	2.7	6.6	-4.0	3.2	-1.1	10.8	3.5	-0.5	10.7
I - XII	1.2	9.1	-12.5	6.2	5.5	7.4	6.1	5.7	6.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th of March 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 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	54598.5	55246.9	1.2	59233.4	62916.4	6.2	-4634.9	-7669.5
EU	34546.6	37697.5	9.1	37807.8	39903.8	5.5	-3261.2	-2206.3
Austria	961.3	991.0	3.1	1426.1	1571.3	10.2	-464.8	-580.3
Belgium	2195.1	1921.2	-12.5	1248.1	1247.7	0.0	947.0	673.5
Croatia	223.3	363.4	62.7	155.5	186.3	19.8	67.8	177.1
Cyprus	157.3	200.3	27.3	243.4	246.5	1.3	-86.1	-46.2
Czech Republic	1069.1	1182.4	10.6	1335.5	1494.9	11.9	-266.4	-312.5
Denmark	315.0	404.5	28.4	271.4	288.4	6.3	43.6	116.1
Estonia	47.3	59.5	25.8	58.9	49.1	-16.6	-11.6	10.4
Finland	86.8	116.4	34.1	125.1	159.7	27.7	-38.3	-43.3
France	2137.1	2203.5	3.1	1705.4	1722.8	1.0	431.7	480.7
Germany	7023.1	8163.8	16.2	7243.7	7783.7	7.5	-220.6	380.1
Greece	3362.5	3695.6	9.9	2605.9	2737.6	5.1	756.6	958.0
Hungary	902.6	973.6	7.9	2085.1	2172.3	4.2	-1182.5	-1198.7
Ireland	90.8	191.4	110.8	223.7	268.8	20.2	-132.9	-77.4
Italy	4326.8	4759.4	10.0	4290.1	4737.0	10.4	36.7	22.4
Latvia	58.1	73.6	26.7	70.1	66.9	-4.6	-12.0	6.7
Lithuania	139.6	148.0	6.0	89.4	128.7	44.0	50.2	19.3
Luxembourg	18.2	21.9	20.3	180.5	98.3	-45.5	-162.3	-76.4
Malta	36.6	40.9	11.7	74.7	233.4	212.4	-38.1	-192.5
Netherlands	1293.4	1514.3	17.1	2174.0	2386.2	9.8	-880.6	-871.9
Poland	1231.7	1274.1	3.4	2136.8	2092.1	-2.1	-905.1	-818.0
Portugal	230.2	194.6	-15.5	103.1	170.4	65.3	127.1	24.2
Romania	4261.9	4696.0	10.2	4174.7	4314.7	3.4	87.2	381.3
Slovakia	404.9	424.6	4.9	762.6	770.3	1.0	-357.7	-345.7
Slovenia	404.0	407.9	1.0	432.0	463.1	7.2	-28.0	-55.2
Spain	1533.8	1366.3	-10.9	3117.8	2930.6	-6.0	-1584.0	-1564.3
Sweden	426.8	494.4	15.8	378.7	400.6	5.8	48.1	93.8
United Kingdom	1272.7	1363.2	7.1	930.1	962.7	3.5	342.6	400.5
Not specified	336.6	451.7	34.2	165.4	219.7	32.8	171.2	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 13-th of March 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 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	20051.9	17549.4	-12.5	21425.6	23012.6	7.4	-1373.7	-5463.2
CIS³	2119.7	1455.1	-31.4	7205.2	7295.2	1.2	-5085.5	-5840.1
of which:								
Kazakhstan	49.2	49.5	0.6	27.3	8.9	-67.4	21.9	40.6
Russian Federation	1448.9	745.6	-48.5	6068.2	6121.7	0.9	-4619.3	-5376.1
Ukraine	294.4	361.4	22.8	896.4	934.6	4.3	-602.0	-573.2
OECD⁴	6741.4	6242.0	-7.4	5410.0	6031.5	11.5	1331.4	210.5
of which:								
Canada	102.1	134.0	31.2	128.3	128.3	0.0	-26.2	5.7
Israel	212.9	128.9	-39.5	99.6	79.4	-20.3	113.3	49.5
Japan	81.8	81.6	-0.2	205.9	273.4	32.8	-124.1	-191.8
Korea, Republic of	115.4	177.0	53.4	222.2	297.6	33.9	-106.8	-120.6
Turkey	4853.3	4228.9	-12.9	3733.9	3935.4	5.4	1119.4	293.5
United States	797.6	929.9	16.6	454.4	568.3	25.1	343.2	361.6
EFTA⁵	404.5	380.3	-6.0	477.4	550.6	15.3	-72.9	-170.3
of which:								
Norway	78.7	77.1	-2.0	60.0	68.5	14.2	18.7	8.6
Switzerland	322.8	298.1	-7.7	414.4	478.4	15.4	-91.6	-180.3

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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.



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(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	155.7	163.7	5.1	35.5	34.3	-3.4	120.2	129.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	136.0	118.9	-12.6	77.5	43.6	-43.7	58.5	75.3
Brazil	55.8	58.2	4.3	38.1	86.7	127.6	17.7	-28.5
China	1329.0	1463.0	10.1	2171.2	2575.6	18.6	-842.2	-1112.6
Egypt	927.6	447.9	-51.7	1098.8	1025.7	-6.7	-171.2	-577.8
Georgia	351.5	342.5	-2.6	585.5	644.6	10.1	-234.0	-302.1
India	211.3	180.4	-14.6	273.9	381.2	39.2	-62.6	-200.8
Indonesia	55.1	37.5	-31.9	92.9	333.2	258.7	-37.8	-295.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	118.9	76.3	-35.8	105.2	64.1	-39.1	13.7	12.2
Peru	30.5	25.2	-17.4	47.8	82.8	73.2	-17.3	-57.6
Republic of North Macedonia	796.3	824.5	3.5	641.7	628.3	-2.1	154.6	196.2
Serbia	927.2	1034.1	11.5	1183.4	1235.1	4.4	-256.2	-201.0
Singapore	471.6	493.2	4.6	68.8	76.9	11.8	402.8	416.3
South Africa	126.8	296.7	134.0	59.1	70.5	19.3	67.7	226.2
Syrian Arab Republic	39.8	32.8	-17.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	39.2	32.2
Taiwan	62.6	54.4	-13.1	197.8	222.9	12.7	-135.2	-168.5
United Arab Emirates	321.5	193.7	-39.8	53.5	52.8	-1.3	268.0	140.9
Viet Nam	59.9	54.8	-8.5	85.3	92.2	8.1	-25.4	-37.4

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 13-th of March 2019.

'0' - figure less than half of the unit used.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 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	54598.5	55246.9	1.2	59233.4	62916.4	6.2	-4634.9	-7669.5
of which EU	34546.6	37697.5	9.1	37807.8	39903.8	5.5	-3261.2	-2206.3
Food and live animals	5612.7	5863.3	4.5	4616.9	4626.8	0.2	995.8	1236.5
of which EU	4132.1	4636.1	12.2	3781.6	3765.4	-0.4	350.5	870.7
Beverages and tobacco	720.9	633.5	-12.1	807.6	930.3	15.2	-86.7	-296.8
of which EU	314.4	359.0	14.2	643.3	724.5	12.6	-328.9	-365.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3347.7	3496.3	4.4	5386.3	5755.3	6.9	-2038.6	-2259.0
of which EU	2160.3	2409.9	11.6	3112.2	3081.6	-1.0	-951.9	-671.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5415.0	4963.1	-8.3	8393.6	8533.0	1.7	-2978.6	-3569.9
of which EU	1373.6	1865.5	35.8	1796.4	1704.9	-5.1	-422.8	160.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	585.7	612.1	4.5	194.3	201.3	3.6	391.4	410.8
of which EU	409.4	381.6	-6.8	124.8	118.8	-4.8	284.6	262.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5420.7	5569.8	2.8	8411.1	8818.2	4.8	-2990.4	-3248.4
of which EU	3401.2	3544.5	4.2	6573.9	6763.7	2.9	-3172.7	-3219.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12792.7	12814.8	0.2	10100.3	10789.0	6.8	2692.4	2025.8
of which EU	8213.5	8406.2	2.3	5866.0	6202.9	5.7	2347.5	2203.3
Machinery and transport equipment	11443.0	12489.2	9.1	15999.4	17674.5	10.5	-4556.4	-5185.3
of which EU	8291.3	9578.9	15.5	12138.8	13528.3	11.4	-3847.5	-3949.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	9113.2	8649.3	-5.1	5007.0	5249.2	4.8	4106.2	3400.1
of which EU	6137.4	6392.8	4.2	3488.8	3715.1	6.5	2648.6	2677.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	146.9	155.5	5.9	316.9	338.8	6.9	-170.0	-183.3
of which EU	113.4	123.0	8.5	282.0	298.6	5.9	-168.6	-175.6

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