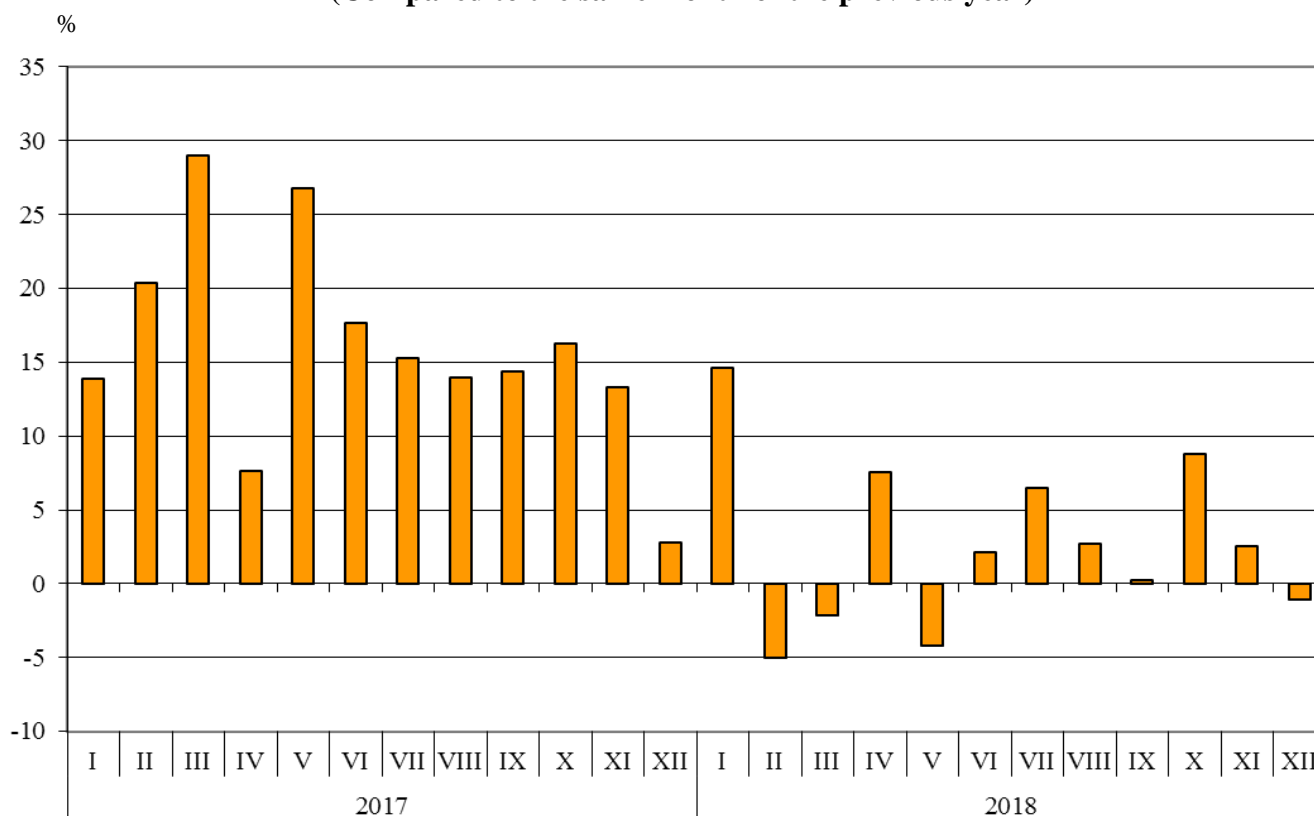




FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA IN 2018 - FINAL DATA

In 2018 the **goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 56 030.4 Million BGN or 2.6% more than in 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). In comparing monthly data for 2018 with data for the corresponding month of the previous year the highest growth in exports was observed in January (14.6%), while the most notable fall was registered in February (5.0%).

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



The imported goods in 2018 were for 62 875.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices)² which is 6.1% more than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Analyzing the monthly data on imports in 2018 and the corresponding ones in 2017, the biggest increase was observed in January (19.3%). The biggest decrease was registered in December (8.6%).

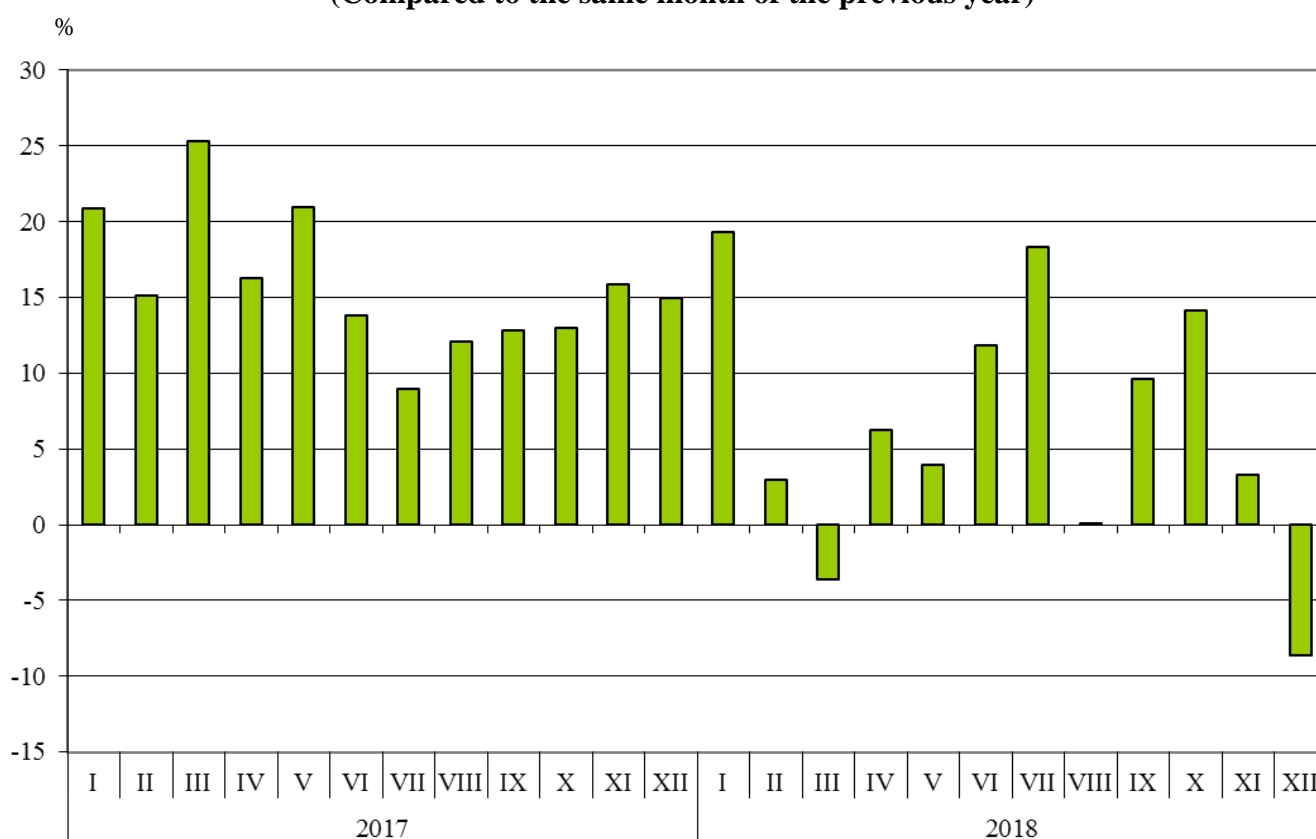
¹ Value changes at current prices.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Figure 2. Nominal value³ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in 2018 and amounted to 6 845.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

The **exports** of goods from Bulgaria in 2018 distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** showed that the largest growth was reported in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (10.5%). The most notable fall was observed in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (9.9%) (Annex, Table 4).

On **imports of goods**, the largest increase was registered in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (15.2%) while decrease was not observed in none of the sections.

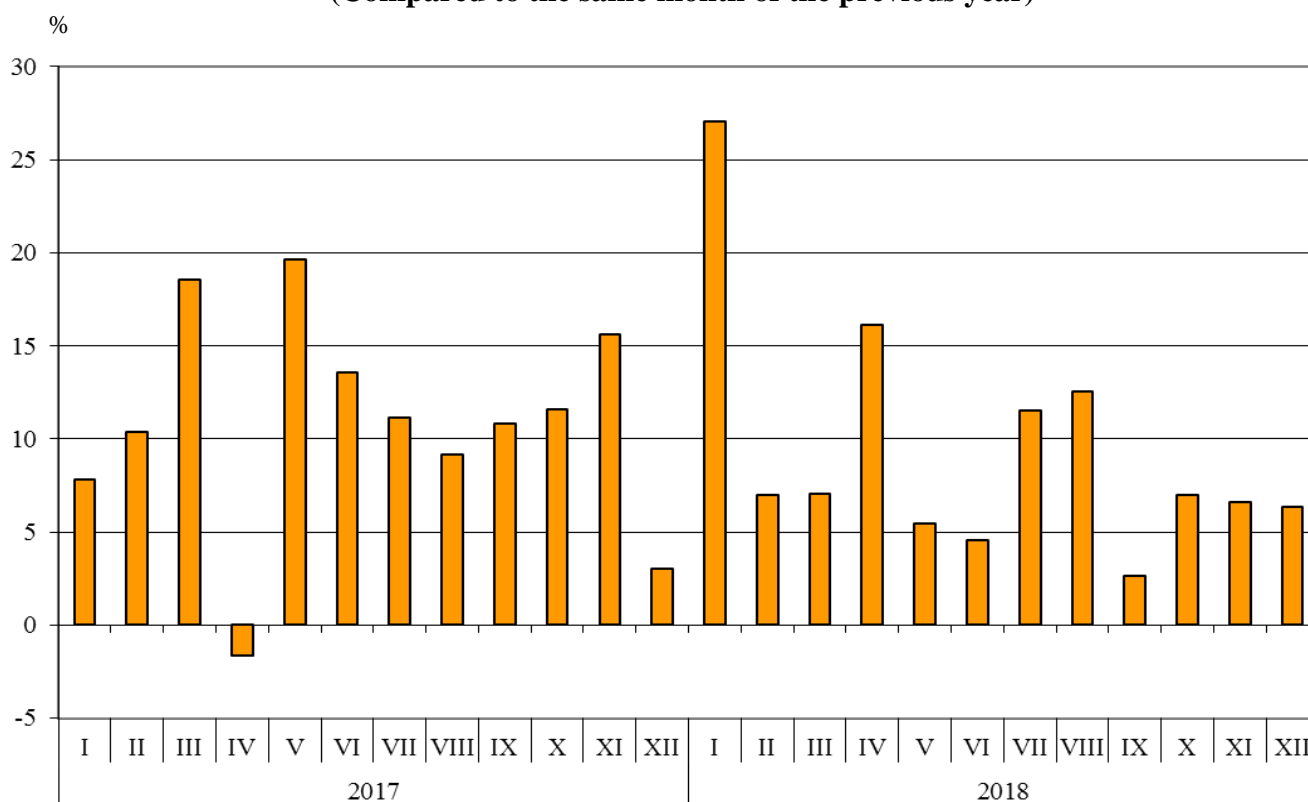
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Trade in goods of Bulgaria with the EU

In 2018 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to the **EU countries** increased by 9.1% compared to the previous year and amounted to 37 700.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 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 (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 3. Nominal value⁴ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

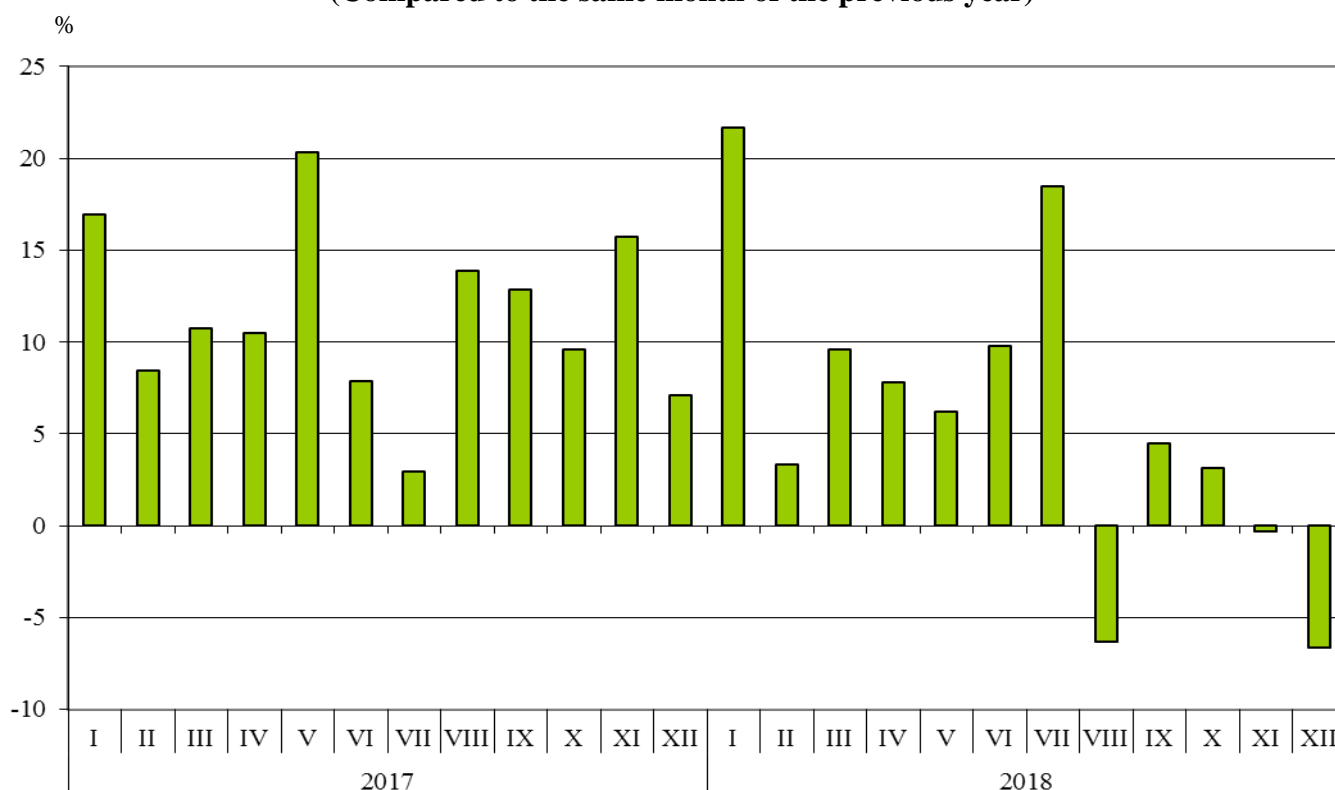


The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria from the **EU countries** in 2018 increased by 5.6% compared to 2017 and amounted to 39 907.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The most significant amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece which represent 56.4% from the imports from the EU.

⁴ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 4. Nominal value⁵ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) of Bulgaria with the **EU countries** in 2018 was negative and amounted to 2 207.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

The **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to the **EU**, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, showed that in 2018 compared to 2017 the largest increase was registered in exports from the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (35.8%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was observed only in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (6.8%).

The largest growth in **imports** of goods from the **EU** was registered in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (12.7%), while the biggest decrease was observed in section - 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (5.3%).

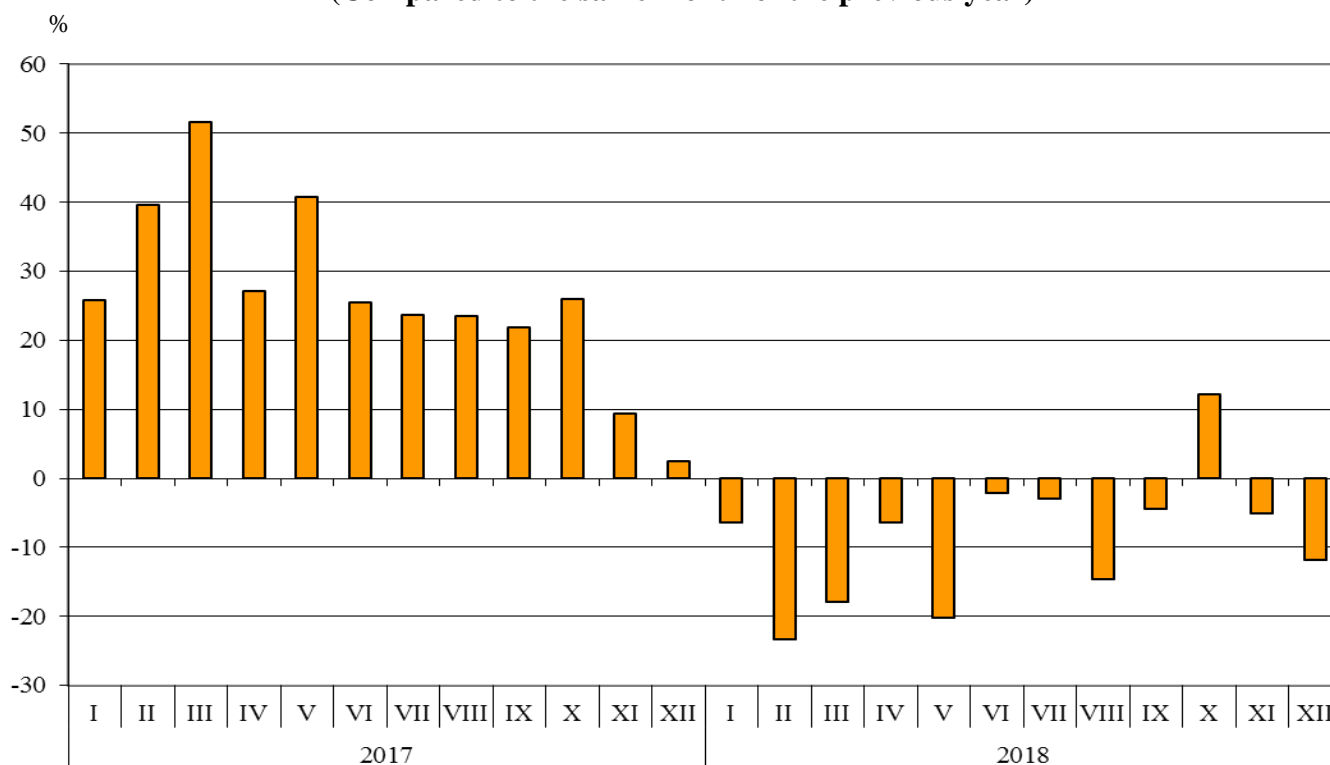
⁵ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian trade in goods with third countries

In 2018 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 8.6% compared to the previous year and added up to 18 330.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Leading trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 52.2% of the total exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table.3).

Figure 5. Nominal value⁶ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

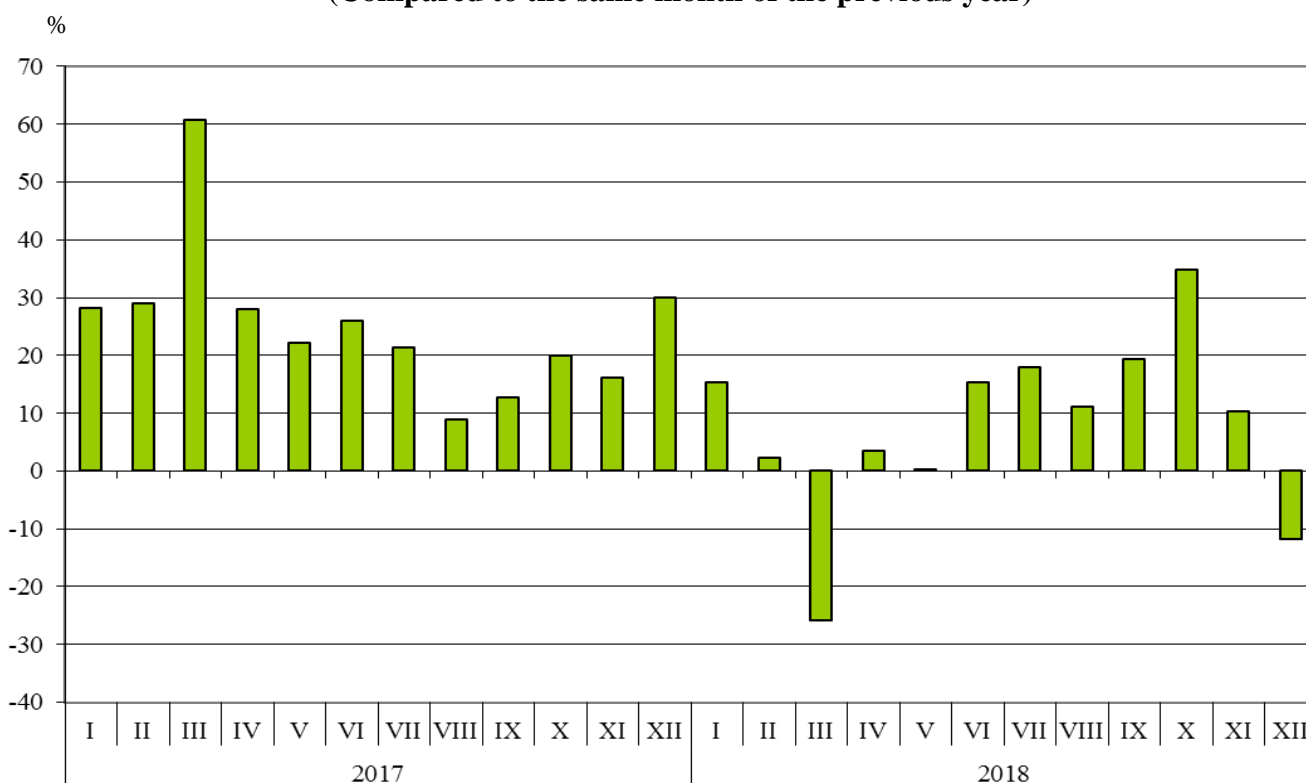


The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in 2018 increased by 7.2% compared to 2017 and amounted to 22 967.9 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China, Serbia and Egypt whose share amounted to 64.9% of the total imports from non EU countries.

⁶ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 6. Nominal value⁷ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



Foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with **third countries** in 2018 was negative and amounted to 4 637.8 Million BGN(Annex, Table 1).

⁷ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018 by months
Final data

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	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	-348.6	-213.7	-134.9
II.2017	4179.1	2524.3	1654.8	4430.9	2820.4	1610.5	-251.8	-296.1	44.3
III.2017	4728.8	2973.3	1755.5	5309.2	3328.8	1980.4	-580.4	-355.5	-224.9
I - III.2017	12792.3	7935.8	4856.5	13973.1	8801.1	5172.0	-1180.8	-865.3	-315.5
IV.2017	4029.9	2496.3	1533.6	4675.3	2977.4	1697.9	-645.4	-481.1	-164.3
V.2017	4587.8	2867.9	1719.9	4956.9	3162.9	1794.0	-369.1	-295.0	-74.1
VI.2017	4785.6	3061.9	1723.7	4915.3	3131.1	1784.2	-129.7	-69.2	-60.5
IV - VI.2017	13403.3	8426.1	4977.2	14547.5	9271.4	5276.1	-1144.2	-845.3	-298.9
I - VI.2017	26195.6	16361.9	9833.7	28520.6	18072.5	10448.1	-2325.0	-1710.6	-614.4
VII.2017	4831.1	3135.4	1695.7	4732.6	3010.1	1722.5	98.5	125.3	-26.8
VIII.2017	4586.3	2925.5	1660.8	4978.2	3174.3	1803.9	-391.9	-248.8	-143.1
IX.2017	4768.4	3151.1	1617.3	4716.9	3095.2	1621.7	51.5	55.9	-4.4
VII - IX.2017	14185.8	9212.0	4973.8	14427.7	9279.6	5148.1	-241.9	-67.6	-174.3
I - IX.2017	40381.4	25573.9	14807.5	42948.3	27352.1	15596.2	-2566.9	-1778.2	-788.7
X.2017	5005.2	3238.9	1766.3	5457.6	3563.8	1893.8	-452.4	-324.9	-127.5
XI.2017	4953.1	3218.6	1734.5	5489.6	3608.5	1881.1	-536.5	-389.9	-146.6
XII.2017	4258.8	2515.2	1743.6	5337.9	3283.4	2054.5	-1079.1	-768.2	-310.9
X - XII.2017	14217.1	8972.7	5244.4	16285.1	10455.7	5829.4	-2068.0	-1483.0	-585.0
I - XII.2017	54598.5	34546.6	20051.9	59233.4	37807.8	21425.6	-4634.9	-3261.2	-1373.7
I.2018	4450.6	3097.2	1353.4	5050.9	3226.3	1824.6	-600.3	-129.1	-471.2
II.2018	3968.6	2700.2	1268.4	4563.5	2914.8	1648.7	-594.9	-214.6	-380.3
III.2018	4625.4	3183.5	1441.9	5116.9	3648.2	1468.7	-491.5	-464.7	-26.8
I - III.2018	13044.6	8980.9	4063.7	14731.3	9789.3	4942.0	-1686.7	-808.4	-878.3
IV.2018	4333.8	2899.2	1434.6	4967.6	3209.0	1758.6	-633.8	-309.8	-324.0
V.2018	4396.2	3023.8	1372.4	5154.5	3359.0	1795.5	-758.3	-335.2	-423.1
VI.2018	4888.9	3202.4	1686.5	5496.2	3437.8	2058.4	-607.3	-235.4	-371.9
IV - VI.2018	13618.9	9125.4	4493.5	15618.3	10005.8	5612.5	-1999.4	-880.4	-1119.0
I - VI.2018	26663.5	18106.3	8557.2	30349.6	19795.1	10554.5	-3686.1	-1688.8	-1997.3
VII.2018	5142.7	3496.2	1646.5	5598.6	3566.6	2032.0	-455.9	-70.4	-385.5
VIII.2018	4709.8	3292.2	1417.6	4979.5	2973.5	2006.0	-269.7	318.7	-588.4
IX.2018	4779.0	3233.4	1545.6	5170.9	3233.6	1937.3	-391.9	-0.2	-391.7
VII - IX.2018	14631.5	10021.8	4609.7	15749.0	9773.7	5975.3	-1117.5	248.1	-1365.6
I - IX.2018	41295.0	28128.1	13166.9	46098.6	29568.8	16529.8	-4803.6	-1440.7	-3362.9
X.2018	5445.8	3465.3	1980.5	6228.9	3676.5	2552.4	-783.1	-211.2	-571.9
XI.2018	5077.7	3431.9	1645.8	5670.5	3596.5	2074.0	-592.8	-164.6	-428.2
XII.2018	4211.9	2675.0	1536.9	4877.6	3065.9	1811.7	-665.7	-390.9	-274.8
X - XII.2018	14735.4	9572.2	5163.2	16777.0	10338.9	6438.1	-2041.6	-766.7	-1274.9
I - XII.2018	56030.4	37700.3	18330.1	62875.6	39907.7	22967.9	-6845.2	-2207.4	-4637.8

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2018 compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	14.6	27.0	-6.4	19.3	21.7	15.4
II	-5.0	7.0	-23.4	3.0	3.3	2.4
III	-2.2	7.1	-17.9	-3.6	9.6	-25.8
I - III	2.0	13.2	-16.3	5.4	11.2	-4.4
IV	7.5	16.1	-6.5	6.3	7.8	3.6
V	-4.2	5.4	-20.2	4.0	6.2	0.1
VI	2.2	4.6	-2.2	11.8	9.8	15.4
IV - VI	1.6	8.3	-9.7	7.4	7.9	6.4
I - VI	1.8	10.7	-13.0	6.4	9.5	1.0
VII	6.4	11.5	-2.9	18.3	18.5	18.0
VIII	2.7	12.5	-14.6	0.0	-6.3	11.2
IX	0.2	2.6	-4.4	9.6	4.5	19.5
VII - IX	3.1	8.8	-7.3	9.2	5.3	16.1
I - IX	2.3	10.0	-11.1	7.3	8.1	6.0
X	8.8	7.0	12.1	14.1	3.2	34.8
XI	2.5	6.6	-5.1	3.3	-0.3	10.3
XII	-1.1	6.4	-11.9	-8.6	-6.6	-11.8
X - XII	3.6	6.7	-1.5	3.0	-1.1	10.4
I - XII	2.6	9.1	-8.6	6.1	5.6	7.2



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018

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	56030.4	2.6	59233.4	62875.6	6.1	-4634.9	-6845.2
EU	34546.6	37700.3	9.1	37807.8	39907.7	5.6	-3261.2	-2207.4
Austria	961.3	991.1	3.1	1426.1	1568.7	10.0	-464.8	-577.6
Belgium	2195.1	1904.2	-13.3	1248.1	1265.9	1.4	947.0	638.3
Croatia	223.3	366.4	64.1	155.5	186.3	19.8	67.8	180.1
Cyprus	157.3	200.4	27.4	243.4	244.2	0.3	-86.1	-43.8
Czech Republic	1069.1	1182.4	10.6	1335.5	1497.7	12.1	-266.4	-315.3
Denmark	315.0	392.6	24.6	271.4	288.7	6.4	43.6	103.9
Estonia	47.3	59.5	25.8	58.9	49.1	-16.6	-11.6	10.4
Finland	86.8	116.3	34.0	125.1	159.4	27.4	-38.3	-43.1
France	2137.1	2204.8	3.2	1705.4	1723.6	1.1	431.7	481.2
Germany	7023.1	8175.4	16.4	7243.7	7779.8	7.4	-220.6	395.6
Greece	3362.5	3696.4	9.9	2605.9	2737.4	5.0	756.6	959.0
Hungary	902.6	977.5	8.3	2085.1	2169.4	4.0	-1182.5	-1191.9
Ireland	90.8	191.4	110.8	223.7	269.4	20.4	-132.9	-78.0
Italy	4326.8	4775.3	10.4	4290.1	4742.7	10.5	36.7	32.6
Latvia	58.1	73.9	27.2	70.1	66.4	-5.3	-12.0	7.5
Lithuania	139.6	148.0	6.0	89.4	128.8	44.1	50.2	19.2
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	231.2	209.5	-38.1	-190.3
Netherlands	1293.4	1514.2	17.1	2174.0	2380.8	9.5	-880.6	-866.6
Poland	1231.7	1274.4	3.5	2136.8	2091.8	-2.1	-905.1	-817.4
Portugal	230.2	194.6	-15.5	103.1	170.2	65.1	127.1	24.4
Romania	4261.9	4690.8	10.1	4174.7	4319.4	3.5	87.2	371.4
Slovakia	404.9	424.6	4.9	762.6	770.1	1.0	-357.7	-345.5
Slovenia	404.0	408.0	1.0	432.0	463.0	7.2	-28.0	-55.0
Spain	1533.8	1366.6	-10.9	3117.8	2920.7	-6.3	-1584.0	-1554.1
Sweden	426.8	494.4	15.8	378.7	402.0	6.2	48.1	92.4
United Kingdom	1272.7	1362.9	7.1	930.1	963.0	3.5	342.6	399.9
Not specified	336.6	451.4	34.1	165.4	219.7	32.8	171.2	231.7

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.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2017 and 2018

(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	18330.1	-8.6	21425.6	22967.9	7.2	-1373.7	-4637.8
CIS²	2119.7	1526.3	-28.0	7205.2	7284.7	1.1	-5085.5	-5758.4
of which:								
Kazakhstan	49.2	52.8	7.3	27.3	8.9	-67.4	21.9	43.9
Russian Federation	1448.9	795.9	-45.1	6068.2	6111.5	0.7	-4619.3	-5315.6
Ukraine	294.4	368.2	25.1	896.4	934.7	4.3	-602.0	-566.5
OECD³	6741.4	6626.2	-1.7	5410.0	6017.7	11.2	1331.4	608.5
of which:								
Canada	102.1	155.0	51.8	128.3	128.1	-0.2	-26.2	26.9
Israel	212.9	150.6	-29.3	99.6	79.3	-20.4	113.3	71.3
Japan	81.8	83.9	2.6	205.9	273.4	32.8	-124.1	-189.5
Korea, Republic of	115.4	195.3	69.2	222.2	298.5	34.3	-106.8	-103.2
Turkey	4853.3	4368.5	-10.0	3733.9	3935.1	5.4	1119.4	433.4
United States	797.6	1048.8	31.5	454.4	566.4	24.6	343.2	482.4
EFTA⁴	404.5	401.8	-0.7	477.4	534.8	12.0	-72.9	-133.0
of which:								
Norway	78.7	85.9	9.1	60.0	60.6	1.0	18.7	25.3
Switzerland	322.8	310.3	-3.9	414.4	470.5	13.5	-91.6	-160.2

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² CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

³ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁴ 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 2017 and 2018

(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	164.3	5.5	35.5	34.0	-4.2	120.2	130.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	136.0	124.6	-8.4	77.5	43.5	-43.9	58.5	81.1
Brazil	55.8	64.2	15.1	38.1	87.2	128.9	17.7	-23.0
China	1329.0	1494.2	12.4	2171.2	2578.7	18.8	-842.2	-1084.5
Egypt	927.6	487.1	-47.5	1098.8	1040.0	-5.4	-171.2	-552.9
Georgia	351.5	347.1	-1.3	585.5	632.4	8.0	-234.0	-285.3
India	211.3	191.5	-9.4	273.9	381.2	39.2	-62.6	-189.7
Indonesia	55.1	54.3	-1.5	92.9	322.6	247.3	-37.8	-268.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	118.9	79.5	-33.1	105.2	64.1	-39.1	13.7	15.4
Peru	30.5	31.1	2.0	47.8	80.9	69.2	-17.3	-49.8
Republic of North Macedonia	796.3	828.2	4.0	641.7	627.5	-2.2	154.6	200.7
Serbia	927.2	1039.9	12.2	1183.4	1234.6	4.3	-256.2	-194.7
Singapore	471.6	495.1	5.0	68.8	76.8	11.6	402.8	418.3
South Africa	126.8	301.1	137.5	59.1	70.9	20.0	67.7	230.2
Syrian Arab Republic	39.8	33.3	-16.3	0.6	0.6	0.0	39.2	32.7
Taiwan	62.6	76.2	21.7	197.8	222.9	12.7	-135.2	-146.7
United Arab Emirates	321.5	212.5	-33.9	53.5	52.8	-1.3	268.0	159.7
Viet Nam	59.9	62.6	4.5	85.3	92.3	8.2	-25.4	-29.7

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2017 and 2018

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	56030.4	2.6	59233.4	62875.6	6.1	-4634.9	-6845.2
of which EU	34546.6	37700.3	9.1	37807.8	39907.7	5.6	-3261.2	-2207.4
Food and live animals	5612.7	5962.8	6.2	4616.9	4627.7	0.2	995.8	1335.1
of which EU	4132.1	4632.9	12.1	3781.6	3765.0	-0.4	350.5	867.9
Beverages and tobacco	720.9	649.4	-9.9	807.6	930.4	15.2	-86.7	-281.0
of which EU	314.4	359.0	14.2	643.3	724.7	12.7	-328.9	-365.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3347.7	3542.6	5.8	5386.3	5713.3	6.1	-2038.6	-2170.7
of which EU	2160.3	2414.7	11.8	3112.2	3072.5	-1.3	-951.9	-657.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5415.0	4986.9	-7.9	8393.6	8529.1	1.6	-2978.6	-3542.2
of which EU	1373.6	1864.8	35.8	1796.4	1700.9	-5.3	-422.8	163.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	585.7	622.5	6.3	194.3	201.3	3.6	391.4	421.2
of which EU	409.4	381.6	-6.8	124.8	118.9	-4.7	284.6	262.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5420.7	5702.7	5.2	8411.1	8813.9	4.8	-2990.4	-3111.2
of which EU	3401.2	3546.4	4.3	6573.9	6760.1	2.8	-3172.7	-3213.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12792.7	13011.6	1.7	10100.3	10793.2	6.9	2692.4	2218.4
of which EU	8213.5	8407.5	2.4	5866.0	6206.8	5.8	2347.5	2200.7
Machinery and transport equipment	11443.0	12643.8	10.5	15999.4	17655.7	10.4	-4556.4	-5011.9
of which EU	8291.3	9576.0	15.5	12138.8	13525.4	11.4	-3847.5	-3949.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	9113.2	8752.6	-4.0	5006.9	5271.1	5.3	4106.3	3481.5
of which EU	6137.4	6394.4	4.2	3488.8	3733.6	7.0	2648.6	2660.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	146.9	155.5	5.9	317.0	339.9	7.2	-170.1	-184.4
of which EU	113.4	123.0	8.5	282.0	299.8	6.3	-168.6	-176.8