

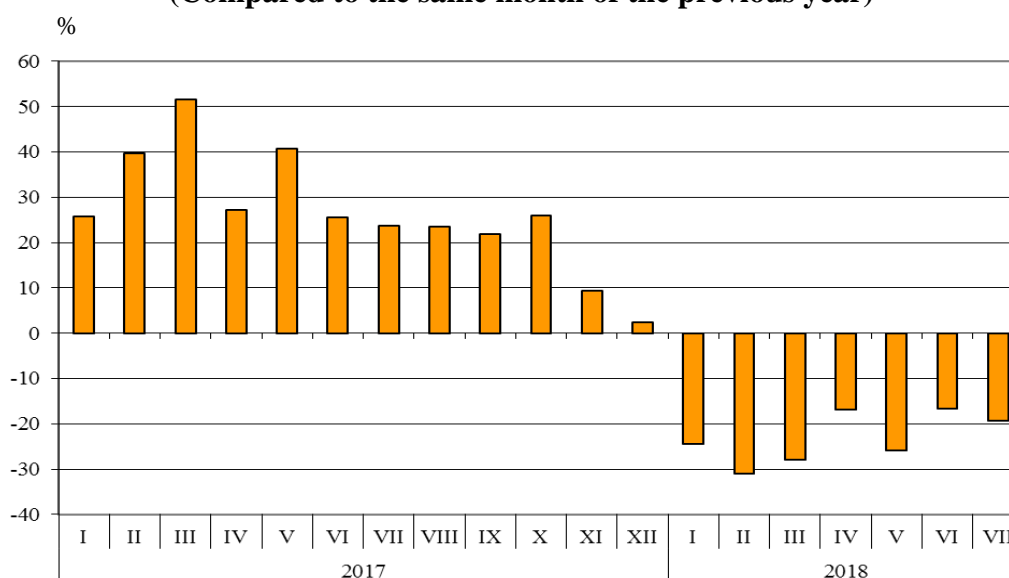


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 23.2% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 8 855.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 52.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2018 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 19.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 368.4 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - July 2018** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** compared to the same period of 2017 a growth was recorded only in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (33.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (61.9%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (42.4%).

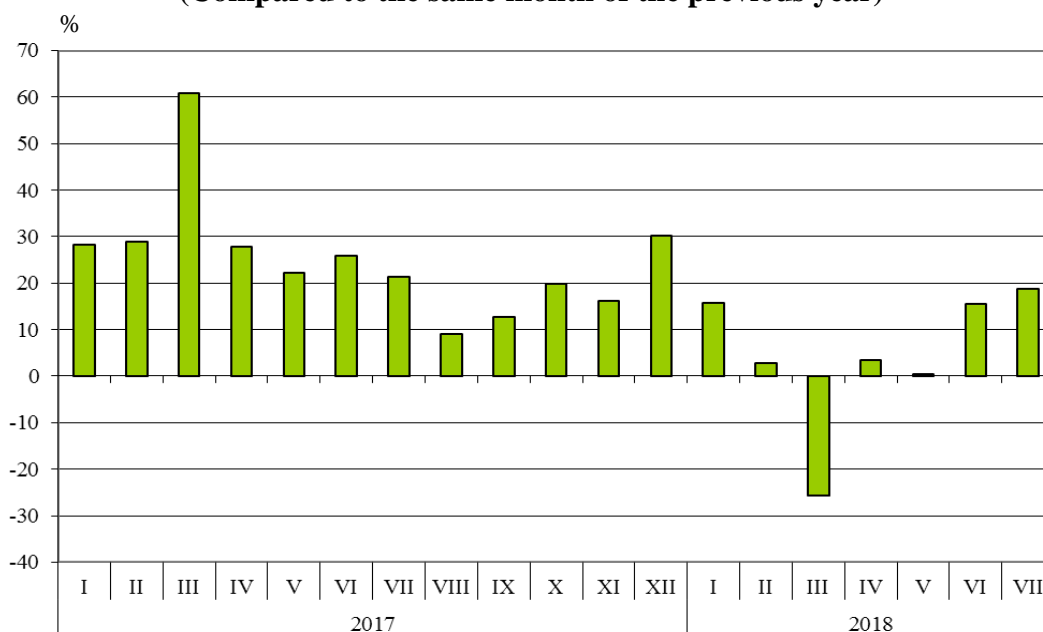
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period **January - July 2018** increased by 3.7% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 12 621.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2018 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 18.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 045.9 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - July 2018** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2017 were recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (33.0%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (21.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (10.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - July 2018 was negative and added up to 3 766.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 2 696.9 Million BGN.

In July 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 677.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

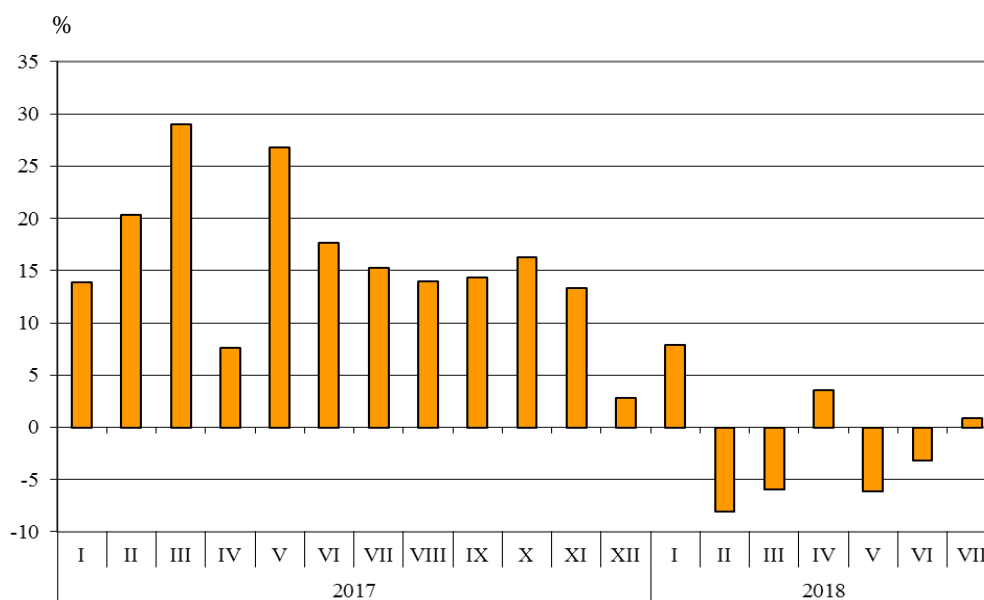


Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the **period January - July 2018** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 30 463.8 Million BGN which is 1.8% less than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2018** the total exports of goods added up to 4 872.7 Million BGN and grew by 0.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



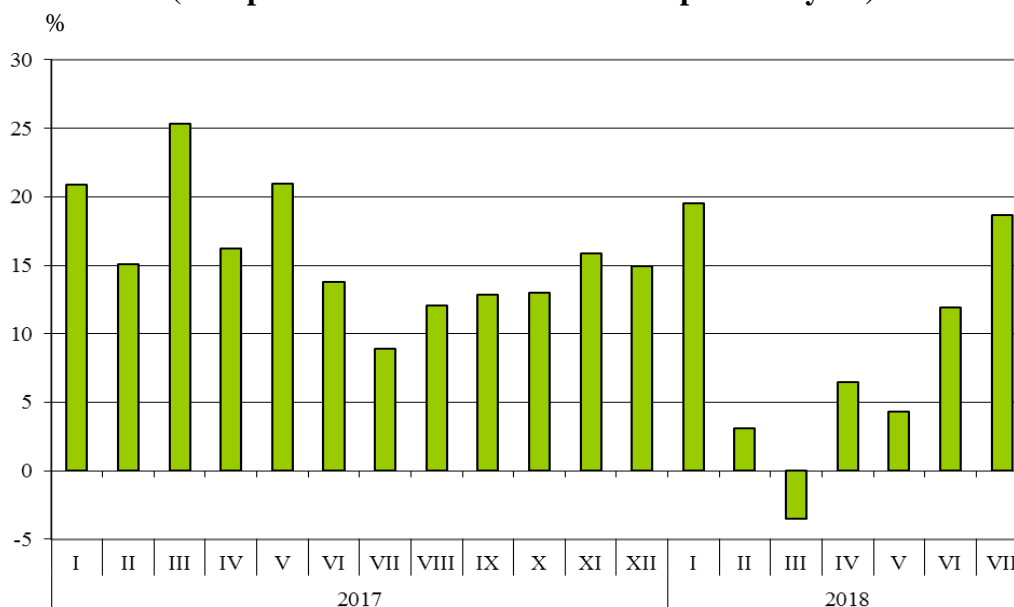
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - July 2018** amounted to 36 018.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 8.3% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2018** the total imports of goods increased by 18.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 615.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period **January - July 2018** and amounted to 5 554.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - July 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 3 029.0 Million BGN.

In **July 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 743.0 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 379.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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
I - VII.2017	31026.7	19497.3	11529.4	33253.2	21082.6	12170.6	30978.9	19769.6	11209.3	-2226.5	-1585.3	-641.2	47.8	-272.3	320.1
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	4872.7	3504.3	1368.4	5615.7	3569.8	2045.9	5252.0	3391.3	1860.7	-743.0	-65.5	-677.5	-379.3	113.0	-492.3
I - VII.2018	30463.8	21608.8	8855.0	36018.0	23396.1	12621.9	33492.8	21940.9	11551.9	-5554.2	-1787.3	-3766.9	-3029.0	-332.1	-2696.9

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	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	18.6	18.8	18.8	19.9	17.0
I - VII	-1.8	10.8	-23.2	8.3	11.0	3.7	8.1	11.0	3.1

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



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - July 2017 and 2018²

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	
Third countries - total	11529.4	8855.0	-23.2	12170.6	12621.9	3.7	-641.2	-3766.9
of which:								
Albania	87.3	94.5	8.2	18.2	15.7	-13.7	69.1	78.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	78.7	68.5	-13.0	46.3	23.7	-48.8	32.4	44.8
Brazil	37.0	41.8	13.0	22.4	34.7	54.9	14.6	7.1
Canada	57.8	56.1	-2.9	69.1	82.0	18.7	-11.3	-25.9
China	720.9	700.6	-2.8	1272.0	1478.0	16.2	-551.1	-777.4
Egypt	523.0	126.7	-75.8	665.0	344.4	-48.2	-142.0	-217.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	444.8	474.8	6.7	361.8	373.6	3.3	83.0	101.2
Georgia	221.0	172.5	-21.9	344.5	415.3	20.6	-123.5	-242.8
Gibraltar	90.3	73.1	-19.0	0.0	0.0	x	90.3	73.1
India	143.9	114.1	-20.7	157.3	218.4	38.8	-13.4	-104.3
Indonesia	34.9	23.0	-34.1	51.6	108.0	109.3	-16.7	-85.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	88.3	29.5	-66.6	77.5	37.1	-52.1	10.8	-7.6
Israel	110.2	76.5	-30.6	51.9	51.1	-1.5	58.3	25.4
Japan	41.9	47.9	14.3	114.8	150.3	30.9	-72.9	-102.4
Kazakhstan	32.1	24.1	-24.9	20.4	5.2	-74.5	11.7	18.9
Korea, Republic of	57.6	76.9	33.5	123.6	178.4	44.3	-66.0	-101.5
Libya	54.3	54.4	0.2	9.0	5.1	-43.3	45.3	49.3
Morocco	97.5	78.3	-19.7	116.1	153.4	32.1	-18.6	-75.1
Namibia	155.8	151.0	-3.1	0.0	0.0	x	155.8	151.0
Norway	48.0	43.3	-9.8	39.7	32.8	-17.4	8.3	10.5
Peru	17.4	11.1	-36.2	24.3	46.1	89.7	-6.9	-35.0
Russian Federation	803.0	426.7	-46.9	3322.9	3281.8	-1.2	-2519.9	-2855.1
Serbia	513.1	555.3	8.2	677.5	715.3	5.6	-164.4	-160.0
Singapore	273.6	201.8	-26.2	34.5	45.0	30.4	239.1	156.8
South Africa	63.0	81.6	29.5	40.7	40.1	-1.5	22.3	41.5
Switzerland	189.6	176.5	-6.9	225.5	257.5	14.2	-35.9	-81.0
Syrian Arab Republic	28.9	19.4	-32.9	0.1	0.3	200.0	28.8	19.1
Taiwan	36.3	31.8	-12.4	117.2	124.4	6.1	-80.9	-92.6
Turkey	2741.6	2044.8	-25.4	2147.8	2173.8	1.2	593.8	-129.0
Ukraine	157.2	214.7	36.6	439.2	538.8	22.7	-282.0	-324.1
United Arab Emirates	222.9	108.6	-51.3	32.3	30.7	-5.0	190.6	77.9
United States	443.7	481.7	8.6	281.5	312.7	11.1	162.2	169.0
Viet-Nam	36.3	30.2	-16.8	49.0	52.5	7.1	-12.7	-22.3

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 September 2018.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - July 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	
Third countries -total	11529.4	8855.0	-23.2	12170.6	12621.9	3.7	-641.2	-3766.9
Food and live animals	797.7	721.4	-9.6	522.6	480.5	-8.1	275.1	240.9
Beverages and tobacco	255.8	147.4	-42.4	100.9	122.8	21.7	154.9	24.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	665.8	661.4	-0.7	1342.1	1421.2	5.9	-676.3	-759.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2286.0	870.0	-61.9	3773.1	3389.5	-10.2	-1487.1	-2519.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	96.2	128.2	33.3	35.8	47.6	33.0	60.4	80.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1152.8	1123.1	-2.6	989.2	1198.0	21.1	163.6	-74.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2616.5	2212.2	-15.5	2399.5	2668.1	11.2	217.0	-455.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1853.3	1670.5	-9.9	2102.3	2390.8	13.7	-249.0	-720.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1784.7	1300.5	-27.1	885.7	880.7	-0.6	899.0	419.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.6	20.3	-1.5	19.4	22.7	17.0	1.2	-2.4

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