

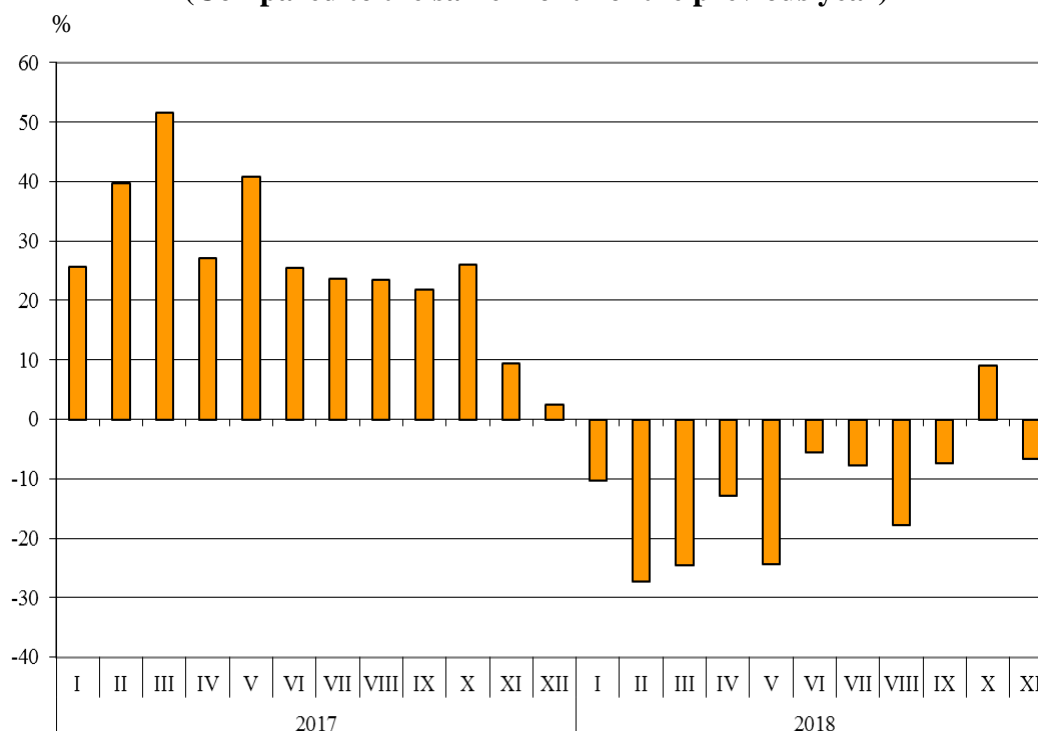


**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES
IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2018
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - November 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 12.3% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 16 062.0 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 **November 2018** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 6.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 619.1 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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)**



In the period **January - November 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 growth was recorded only in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (29.2%) (Annex,

¹ Value changes at current prices.

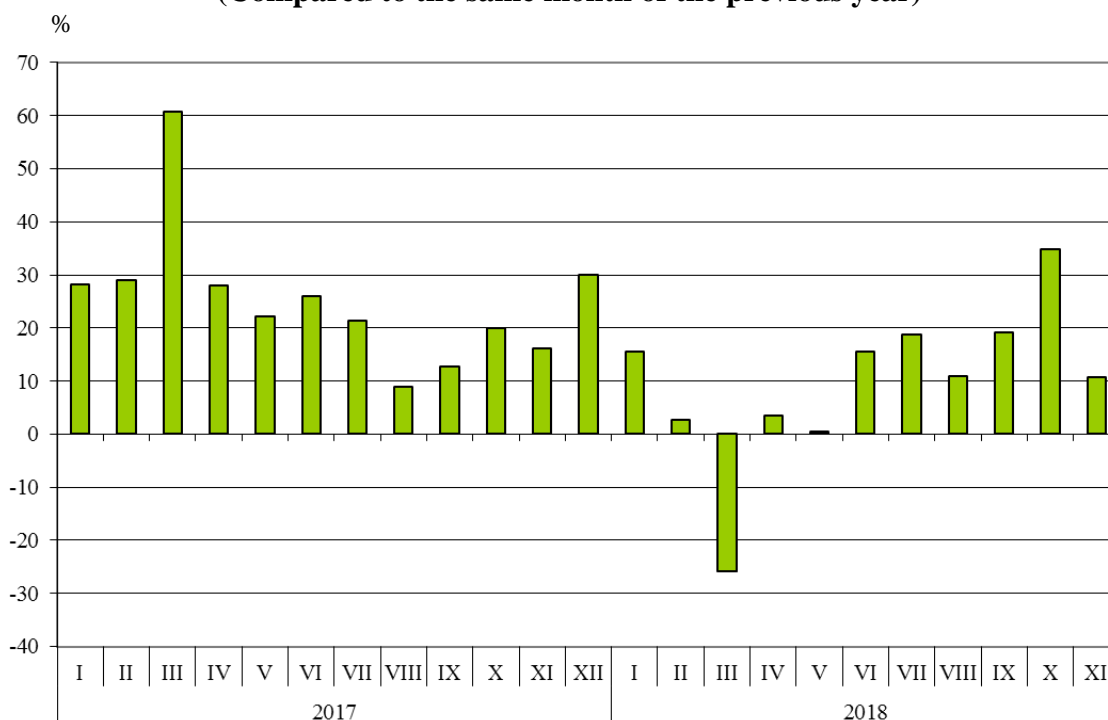


Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (35.4%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (22.2%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period **January - November 2018** increased by 9.4% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 21 190.3 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 **November 2018** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 10.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 084.7 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - November 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 ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (24.8%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (17.6%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in none of the sectors.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the 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.c.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - November 2018 was negative and added up to 5 128.3 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 3 326.5 Million BGN.

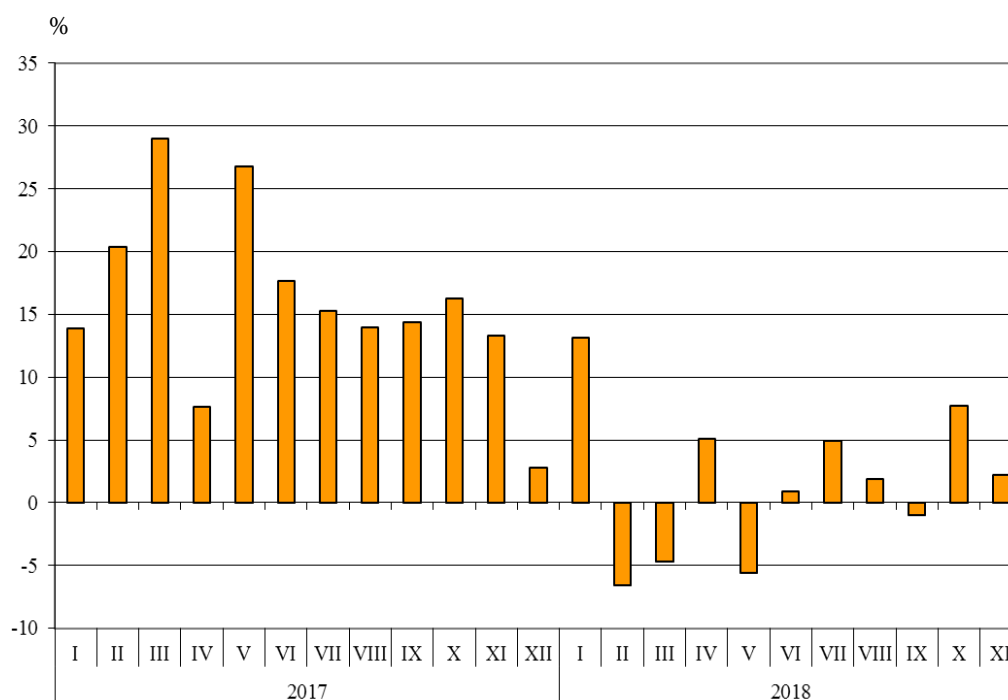
In **November 2018** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 465.6 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - November 2018** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 51 118.7 Million BGN which is 1.5% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2018** the total exports of goods added up to 5 062.0 Million BGN and increased by 2.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



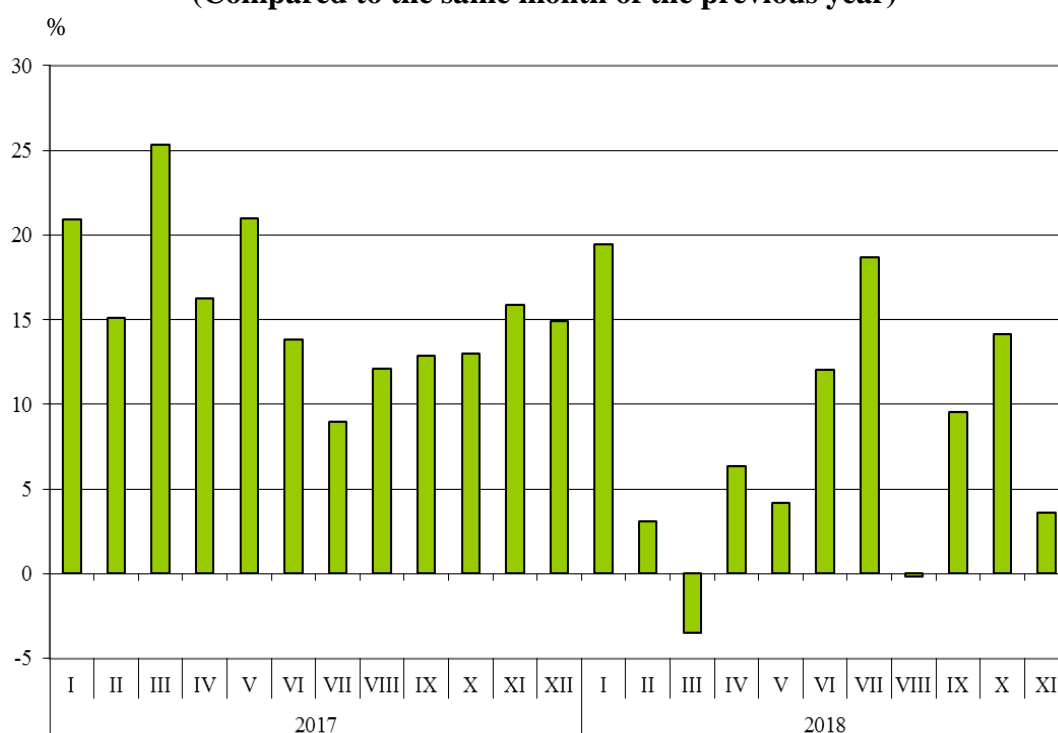
¹ Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - November 2018** amounted to 58 059.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 7.7% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2018** the total imports of goods increased by 3.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 686.1 Million BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods 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 - November 2018** and amounted to 6 940.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - November 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 855.8 Million BGN.

In **November 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 624.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 282.5 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 11-th of January 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)

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	5062.0	3442.9	1619.1	5686.1	3601.4	2084.7	5344.5	3421.4	1923.1	-624.1	-158.5	-465.6	-282.5	21.5	-304.0
I - XI.2018	51118.7	35056.7	16062.0	58059.2	36868.9	21190.3	53974.5	34586.0	19388.5	-6940.5	-1812.2	-5128.3	-2855.8	470.7	-3326.5

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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 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	19.4	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	3.6	-0.2	10.8	4.5	1.3	10.7
I - XI	1.5	9.4	-12.3	7.7	6.8	9.4	7.6	7.0	8.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th January 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - November 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	18308.3	16062.0	-12.3	19371.1	21190.3	9.4	-1062.8	-5128.3
of which:								
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
Canada	92.2	122.4	32.8	118.9	117.8	-0.9	-26.7	4.6
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
Gibraltar	90.9	287.0	215.7	0.0	0.0	x	90.9	287.0
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
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
Kazakhstan	43.8	43.7	-0.2	25.2	8.9	-64.7	18.6	34.8
Korea, Republic of	104.7	162.8	55.5	204.5	276.9	35.4	-99.8	-114.1
Libya	114.1	96.6	-15.3	13.0	5.1	-60.8	101.1	91.5
Morocco	134.2	129.2	-3.7	211.8	259.6	22.6	-77.6	-130.4
Namibia	241.7	195.1	-19.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	241.6	195.0
Norway	73.7	72.1	-2.2	57.2	66.4	16.1	16.5	5.7
Peru	29.9	14.4	-51.8	32.0	81.9	155.9	-2.1	-67.5
Russian Federation	1391.5	687.8	-50.6	5254.4	5607.2	6.7	-3862.9	-4919.4
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
Switzerland	304.6	280.6	-7.9	371.6	441.8	18.9	-67.0	-161.2
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
Turkey	4434.2	3970.6	-10.5	3414.2	3584.5	5.0	1020.0	386.1
Ukraine	267.9	328.0	22.4	803.9	866.5	7.8	-536.0	-538.5
United Arab Emirates	306.8	171.6	-44.1	50.6	48.5	-4.2	256.2	123.1
United States	735.4	840.0	14.2	420.8	517.0	22.9	314.6	323.0
Viet-Nam	54.3	50.3	-7.4	80.7	86.8	7.6	-26.4	-36.5

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 11-th January 2019.

'x' - category not applicable.

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



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries 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	
Third countries - total	18308.3	16062.0	-12.3	19371.1	21190.3	9.4	-1062.8	-5128.3
Food and live animals	1371.1	1133.0	-17.4	761.1	776.5	2.0	610.0	356.5
Beverages and tobacco	382.9	247.2	-35.4	154.5	192.8	24.8	228.4	54.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1051.0	994.9	-5.3	2094.8	2463.7	17.6	-1043.8	-1468.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3625.2	2818.9	-22.2	5929.9	6200.1	4.6	-2304.7	-3381.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	169.6	219.1	29.2	64.8	75.7	16.8	104.8	143.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1862.6	1845.1	-0.9	1694.1	1925.4	13.7	168.5	-80.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4257.1	4063.5	-4.5	3912.6	4275.8	9.3	344.5	-212.3
Machinery and transport equipment	2910.3	2642.8	-9.2	3326.7	3830.2	15.1	-416.4	-1187.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2646.8	2067.3	-21.9	1400.6	1413.3	0.9	1246.2	654.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	31.7	30.2	-4.7	32.0	36.8	15.0	-0.3	-6.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th January 2019.