

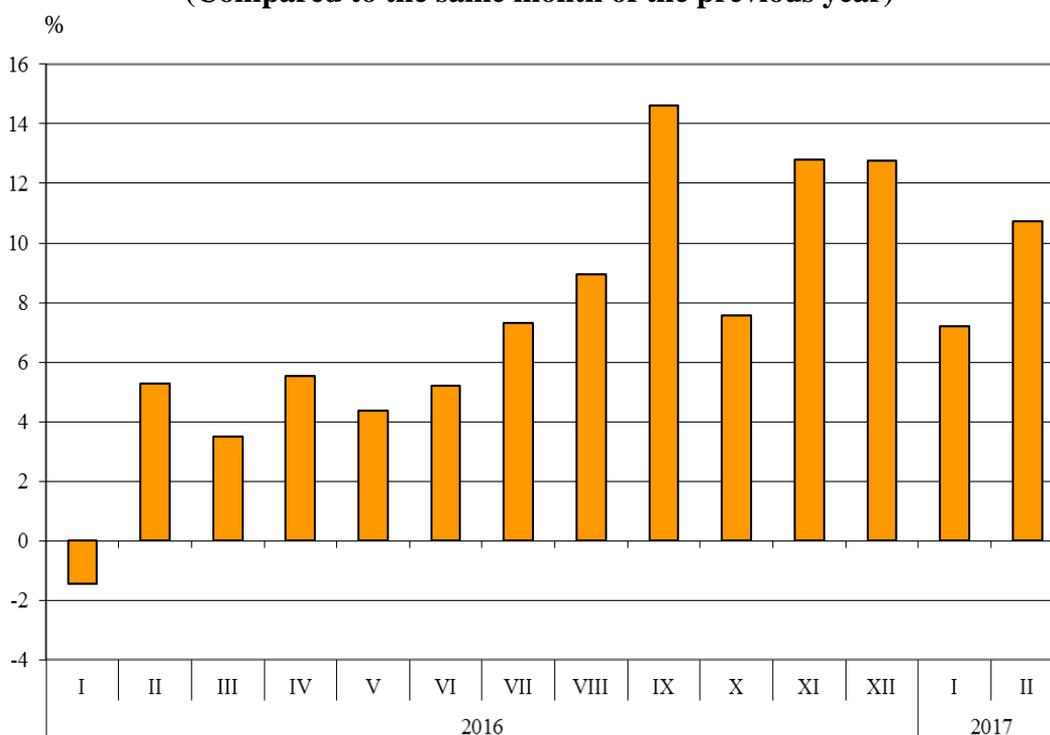


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 9.0% compared to the same period of 2016 and amounted to 4 957.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2017** the exports to the EU grew by 10.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 531.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2017** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year 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' (45.7%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (28.5%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'² (10.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

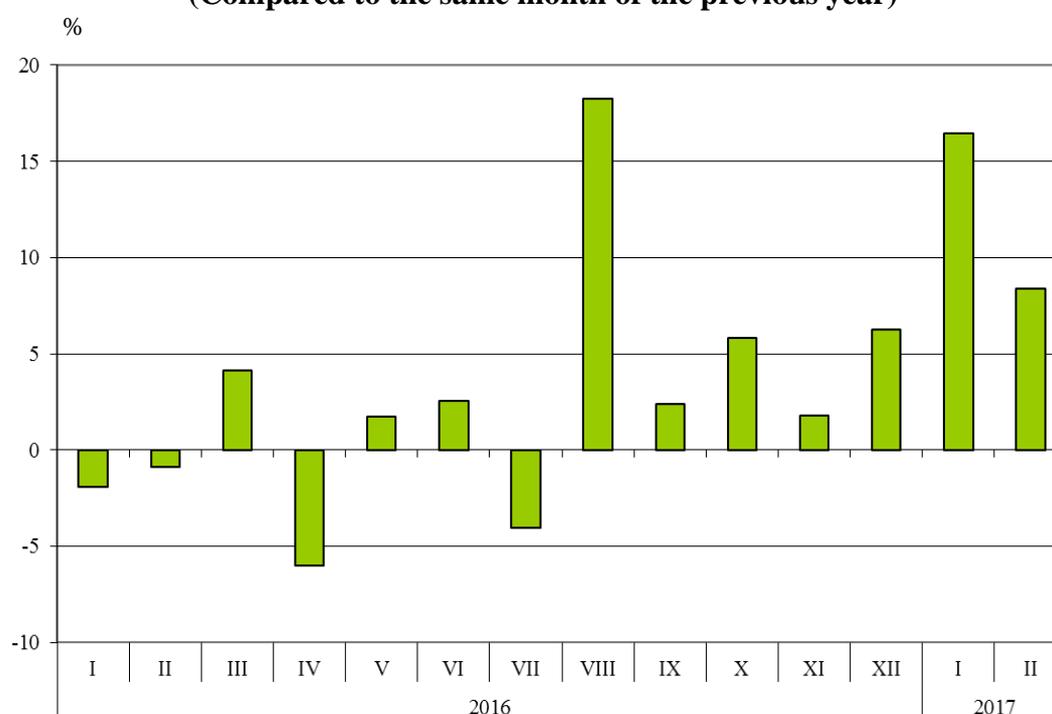
² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - February 2017** increased by 12.2% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 5 461.2 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 8.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 820.1 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - February 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (98.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (10.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - February 2017 was negative and added up to 504.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 233.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2016¹ and 2017¹ by months

Table 1
(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.2016	3427.3	2263.0	1164.3	3471.9	2267.7	1204.2	3301.1	2154.8	1146.3	-44.6	-4.7	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
II.2016	3481.7	2286.3	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.3	1163.5	-343.0	-315.2	-27.8	-163.1	-195.0	31.9
I - II.2016	6909.0	4549.3	2359.7	7296.6	4869.2	2427.4	6945.9	4636.1	2309.8	-387.6	-319.9	-67.7	-36.9	-86.8	49.9
I.2017	3738.1	2426.0	1312.1	4216.0	2641.1	1574.9	4004.0	2508.7	1495.3	-477.9	-215.1	-262.8	-265.9	-82.7	-183.2
II.2017	4051.4	2531.2	1520.2	4425.8	2820.1	1605.7	4207.0	2682.0	1525.0	-374.4	-288.9	-85.5	-155.6	-150.8	-4.8
I - II.2017	7789.5	4957.2	2832.3	8641.8	5461.2	3180.6	8211.0	5190.7	3020.3	-852.3	-504.0	-348.3	-421.5	-233.5	-188.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th May 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2017¹ 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	9.1	7.2	12.7	21.4	16.5	30.8	21.3	16.4	30.4
II	16.4	10.7	27.2	15.7	8.4	31.3	15.4	8.1	31.1
I - II	12.7	9.0	20.0	18.4	12.2	31.0	18.2	12.0	30.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th May 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2016² and 2017²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6909.0	7789.5	12.7	7296.6	8641.8	18.4	-387.6	-852.3
EU	4549.3	4957.2	9.0	4869.2	5461.2	12.2	-319.9	-504.0
Austria	124.5	146.9	18.0	214.1	201.6	-5.8	-89.6	-54.7
Belgium	144.2	235.2	63.1	175.2	166.7	-4.9	-31.0	68.5
Croatia	44.6	38.4	-13.9	19.4	16.2	-16.5	25.2	22.2
Cyprus	21.2	24.7	16.5	10.5	9.1	-13.3	10.7	15.6
Czech Republic	117.1	158.6	35.4	163.9	186.1	13.5	-46.8	-27.5
Denmark	44.8	47.6	6.3	41.2	41.4	0.5	3.6	6.2
Estonia	8.1	7.3	-9.9	3.0	5.2	73.3	5.1	2.1
Finland	13.5	12.0	-11.1	17.4	13.3	-23.6	-3.9	-1.3
France	317.2	339.3	7.0	277.3	269.7	-2.7	39.9	69.6
Germany	938.1	1096.1	16.8	989.8	1049.0	6.0	-51.7	47.1
Greece	410.3	450.3	9.7	322.8	359.6	11.4	87.5	90.7
Hungary	134.1	143.1	6.7	275.1	325.0	18.1	-141.0	-181.9
Ireland	7.1	11.9	67.6	20.7	42.3	104.3	-13.6	-30.4
Italy	747.6	665.0	-11.0	569.6	602.6	5.8	178.0	62.4
Latvia	7.8	10.0	28.2	5.9	13.0	120.3	1.9	-3.0
Lithuania	16.9	21.8	29.0	10.5	11.7	11.4	6.4	10.1
Luxembourg	1.5	2.0	33.3	31.4	32.9	4.8	-29.9	-30.9
Malta	16.4	12.9	-21.3	4.0	3.4	-15.0	12.4	9.5
Netherlands	174.6	234.3	34.2	275.6	322.7	17.1	-101.0	-88.4
Poland	158.9	187.0	17.7	240.4	313.8	30.5	-81.5	-126.8
Portugal	28.2	35.0	24.1	18.4	11.3	-38.6	9.8	23.7
Romania	511.7	548.6	7.2	494.9	620.4	25.4	16.8	-71.8
Slovakia	46.6	52.1	11.8	103.2	111.7	8.2	-56.6	-59.6
Slovenia	57.2	50.3	-12.1	62.0	62.1	0.2	-4.8	-11.8
Spain	167.6	133.1	-20.6	322.5	435.3	35.0	-154.9	-302.2
Sweden	46.5	63.6	36.8	51.2	49.4	-3.5	-4.7	14.2
United Kingdom	188.5	194.9	3.4	133.9	152.8	14.1	54.6	42.1
Not specified	54.5	35.2	-35.4	15.3	32.9	115.0	39.2	2.3

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.

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - February 2016² and 2017²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	2359.7	2832.3	20.0	2427.4	3180.6	31.0	-67.7	-348.3
CIS³	166.2	144.8	-12.9	822.9	1108.1	34.7	-656.7	-963.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	3.0	3.3	10.0	6.0	7.5	25.0	-3.0	-4.2
Russian Federation	100.6	105.5	4.9	694.8	939.9	35.3	-594.2	-834.4
Ukraine	33.9	10.8	-68.1	105.9	126.4	19.4	-72.0	-115.6
OECD⁴	847.8	910.8	7.4	677.2	801.8	18.4	170.6	109.0
of which:								
Canada	14.0	10.5	-25.0	14.3	11.7	-18.2	-0.3	-1.2
Israel	24.8	23.1	-6.9	33.8	13.6	-59.8	-9.0	9.5
Japan	9.5	10.7	12.6	27.7	26.8	-3.2	-18.2	-16.1
Korea, Republic of	32.3	8.1	-74.9	37.3	33.8	-9.4	-5.0	-25.7
Turkey	584.5	744.2	27.3	436.4	550.2	26.1	148.1	194.0
United States	106.5	77.0	-27.7	59.2	65.9	11.3	47.3	11.1
EFTA⁵	57.0	19.6	-65.6	60.5	68.8	13.7	-3.5	-49.2
of which:								
Norway	11.9	2.2	-81.5	9.6	9.7	1.0	2.3	-7.5
Switzerland	44.6	16.9	-62.1	50.1	57.7	15.2	-5.5	-40.8

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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 - February 2016² and 2017²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	15.0	14.7	-2.0	2.7	5.9	118.5	12.3	8.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20.0	21.1	5.5	11.0	10.8	-1.8	9.0	10.3
Brazil	5.0	3.4	-32.0	7.6	6.3	-17.1	-2.6	-2.9
China	143.6	216.9	51.0	332.1	347.7	4.7	-188.5	-130.8
Egypt	78.4	278.8	255.6	64.9	141.8	118.5	13.5	137.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	121.4	118.3	-2.6	58.5	85.4	46.0	62.9	32.9
Georgia	27.2	43.7	60.7	31.7	86.8	173.8	-4.5	-43.1
India	15.2	68.7	352.0	41.9	42.0	0.2	-26.7	26.7
Indonesia	8.9	8.2	-7.9	10.0	15.2	52.0	-1.1	-7.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	35.8	29.6	-17.3	7.7	63.0	718.2	28.1	-33.4
Peru	1.1	0.9	-18.2	13.2	8.2	-37.9	-12.1	-7.3
Serbia	110.8	123.8	11.7	83.9	155.4	85.2	26.9	-31.6
Singapore	46.0	80.1	74.1	11.4	14.4	26.3	34.6	65.7
South Africa	7.1	23.8	235.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	-0.1	16.6
Syrian Arab Republic	8.2	17.1	108.5	0.6	0.0	x	7.6	17.1
Taiwan	4.8	4.3	-10.4	34.1	37.2	9.1	-29.3	-32.9
United Arab Emirates	76.9	77.4	0.7	7.1	9.5	33.8	69.8	67.9
Viet Nam	8.0	5.1	-36.3	10.4	13.4	28.8	-2.4	-8.3

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"x"- category not applicable.

"0"- figure less than half the unit used.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - February 2016¹ and 2017¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6909.0	7789.5	12.7	7296.6	8641.8	18.4	-387.6	-852.3
of which EU	4549.3	4957.2	9.0	4869.2	5461.2	12.2	-319.9	-504.0
Food and live animals	682.6	708.3	3.8	601.0	674.7	12.3	81.6	33.6
of which EU	443.6	446.9	0.7	481.4	543.3	12.9	-37.8	-96.4
Beverages and tobacco	131.6	124.2	-5.6	89.4	80.2	-10.3	42.2	44.0
of which EU	37.8	37.8	0.0	74.1	66.1	-10.8	-36.3	-28.3
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	447.1	436.1	-2.5	553.4	832.4	50.4	-106.3	-396.3
of which EU	286.5	257.2	-10.2	359.6	497.2	38.3	-73.1	-240.0
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	563.7	950.0	68.5	844.9	1384.9	63.9	-281.2	-434.9
of which EU	124.4	181.3	45.7	137.8	272.9	98.0	-13.4	-91.6
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	60.1	76.8	27.8	28.5	28.8	1.1	31.6	48.0
of which EU	45.4	42.3	-6.8	20.5	18.3	-10.7	24.9	24.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	716.9	785.2	9.5	1191.4	1326.3	11.3	-474.5	-541.1
of which EU	477.1	514.0	7.7	917.7	1048.3	14.2	-440.6	-534.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1374.6	1758.7	27.9	1284.0	1430.2	11.4	90.6	328.5
of which EU	967.7	1243.2	28.5	801.1	834.9	4.2	166.6	408.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1510.3	1599.5	5.9	2026.0	2134.9	5.4	-515.7	-535.4
of which EU	1122.1	1221.1	8.8	1593.9	1656.6	3.9	-471.8	-435.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1403.2	1332.4	-5.0	635.8	703.8	10.7	767.4	628.6
of which EU	1031.0	999.8	-3.0	445.3	483.3	8.5	585.7	516.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	18.9	18.3	-3.2	42.2	45.6	8.1	-23.3	-27.3
of which EU	13.7	13.6	-0.7	37.8	40.3	6.6	-24.1	-26.7

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