

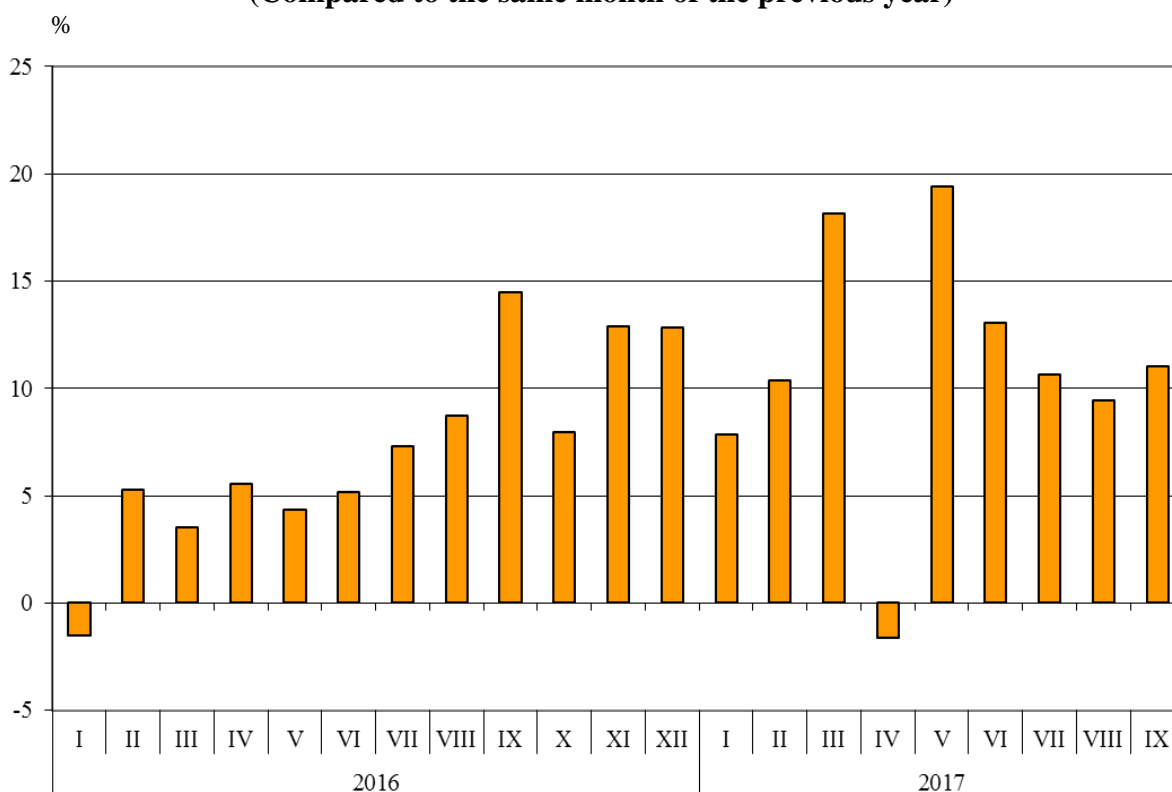


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2017** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 10.9% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 25 542.8 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2017 the exports to the EU grew by 11.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 156.9 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 - September 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' (29.0%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (26.6%). The most notable fall

¹ Value changes at current prices.

²The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

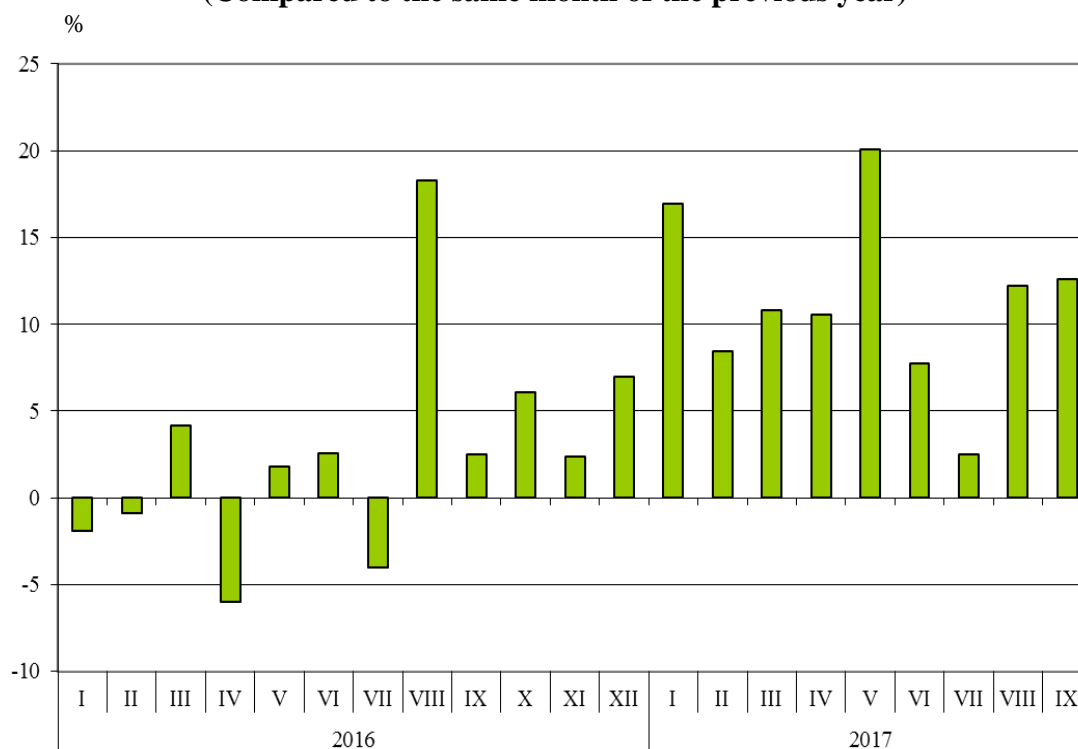


was recorded in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (11.6%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’¹ (5.1%).

Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - September 2017** increased by 11.1% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 27 278.1 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 September **2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 12.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 087.9 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - September 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growths in the imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were reported in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (51.4%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (41.9%) while the largest fall was observed in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (1.9%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - September 2017** was negative and added up to 1 735.3 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 72.8 Million BGN.

¹The 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.s.

²Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2016 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 | 3411.3 | 2261.2 | 1150.1 | 3501.5 | 2267.8 | 1233.7 | 3271.4 | 2121.9 | 1149.5 | -90.2 | -6.6 | -83.6 | 139.9 | 139.3 | 0.6 |
| II.2016 | 3471.9 | 2286.8 | 1185.1 | 3850.2 | 2601.3 | 1248.9 | 3613.4 | 2453.9 | 1159.5 | -378.3 | -314.5 | -63.8 | -141.5 | -167.1 | 25.6 |
| III.2016 | 3665.4 | 2507.8 | 1157.6 | 4237.1 | 3005.8 | 1231.3 | 3971.8 | 2825.6 | 1146.2 | -571.7 | -498.0 | -73.7 | -306.4 | -317.8 | 11.4 |
| I - III.2016 | 10548.6 | 7055.8 | 3492.8 | 11588.8 | 7874.9 | 3713.9 | 10856.6 | 7401.4 | 3455.2 | -1040.2 | -819.1 | -221.1 | -308.0 | -345.6 | 37.6 |
| IV.2016 | 3744.0 | 2537.4 | 1206.6 | 4021.8 | 2694.4 | 1327.4 | 3782.7 | 2547.3 | 1235.4 | -277.8 | -157.0 | -120.8 | -38.7 | -9.9 | -28.8 |
| V.2016 | 3618.9 | 2397.6 | 1221.3 | 4096.9 | 2629.0 | 1467.9 | 3844.0 | 2481.4 | 1362.6 | -478.0 | -231.4 | -246.6 | -225.1 | -83.8 | -141.3 |
| VI.2016 | 4068.4 | 2695.3 | 1373.1 | 4318.7 | 2902.4 | 1416.3 | 4050.8 | 2733.3 | 1317.5 | -250.3 | -207.1 | -43.2 | 17.6 | -38.0 | 55.6 |
| IV - VI.2016 | 11431.3 | 7630.3 | 3801.0 | 12437.4 | 8225.8 | 4211.6 | 11677.5 | 7762.0 | 3915.5 | -1006.1 | -595.5 | -410.6 | -246.2 | -131.7 | -114.5 |
| I - VI.2016 | 21979.9 | 14686.1 | 7293.8 | 24026.2 | 16100.7 | 7925.5 | 22534.1 | 15163.4 | 7370.7 | -2046.3 | -1414.6 | -631.7 | -554.2 | -477.3 | -76.9 |
| VII.2016 | 4192.5 | 2821.3 | 1371.2 | 4344.2 | 2924.1 | 1420.1 | 4062.8 | 2746.7 | 1316.1 | -151.7 | -102.8 | -48.9 | 129.7 | 74.6 | 55.1 |
| VIII.2016 | 4024.8 | 2679.7 | 1345.1 | 4442.1 | 2787.3 | 1654.8 | 4140.6 | 2613.3 | 1527.3 | -417.3 | -107.6 | -309.7 | -115.8 | 66.4 | -182.2 |
| IX.2016 | 4170.7 | 2843.7 | 1327.0 | 4180.3 | 2742.0 | 1438.3 | 3917.9 | 2587.1 | 1330.8 | -9.6 | 101.7 | -111.3 | 252.8 | 256.6 | -3.8 |
| VII - IX.2016 | 12388.0 | 8344.7 | 4043.3 | 12966.6 | 8453.4 | 4513.2 | 12121.3 | 7947.1 | 4174.2 | -578.6 | -108.7 | -469.9 | 266.7 | 397.6 | -130.9 |
| I - IX.2016 | 34367.9 | 23030.8 | 11337.1 | 36992.8 | 24554.1 | 12438.7 | 34655.4 | 23110.5 | 11544.9 | -2624.9 | -1523.3 | -1101.6 | -287.5 | -79.7 | -207.8 |
| I.2017 | 3750.5 | 2438.4 | 1312.1 | 4229.8 | 2652.0 | 1577.8 | 3944.2 | 2480.4 | 1463.8 | -479.3 | -213.6 | -265.7 | -193.7 | -42.0 | -151.7 |
| II.2017 | 4044.5 | 2524.3 | 1520.2 | 4428.3 | 2820.2 | 1608.1 | 4134.9 | 2646.6 | 1488.3 | -383.8 | -295.9 | -87.9 | -90.4 | -122.3 | 31.9 |
| III.2017 | 4373.6 | 2962.3 | 1411.3 | 5306.0 | 3329.7 | 1976.3 | 4973.5 | 3135.8 | 1837.7 | -932.4 | -367.4 | -565.0 | -599.9 | -173.5 | -426.4 |
| I - III.2017 | 12168.6 | 7925.0 | 4243.6 | 13964.1 | 8801.9 | 5162.2 | 13052.6 | 8262.8 | 4789.8 | -1795.5 | -876.9 | -918.6 | -884.0 | -337.8 | -546.2 |
| IV.2017 | 3906.5 | 2496.4 | 1410.1 | 4684.7 | 2978.0 | 1706.7 | 4385.8 | 2792.5 | 1593.3 | -778.2 | -481.6 | -296.6 | -479.3 | -291.6 | -183.2 |
| V.2017 | 4458.5 | 2862.4 | 1596.1 | 4938.8 | 3156.6 | 1782.2 | 4628.3 | 2968.5 | 1659.8 | -480.3 | -294.2 | -186.1 | -169.8 | -106.1 | -63.7 |
| VI.2017 | 4619.5 | 3047.0 | 1572.5 | 4906.4 | 3127.5 | 1778.9 | 4598.3 | 2942.7 | 1655.6 | -286.9 | -80.5 | -206.4 | 21.2 | 104.3 | -83.1 |
| IV - VI.2017 | 12984.5 | 8405.8 | 4578.7 | 14529.9 | 9262.1 | 5267.8 | 13612.4 | 8703.7 | 4908.7 | -1545.4 | -856.3 | -689.1 | -627.9 | -297.9 | -330.0 |
| I - VI.2017 | 25153.1 | 16330.8 | 8822.3 | 28494.0 | 18064.0 | 10430.0 | 26665.0 | 16966.5 | 9698.5 | -3340.9 | -1733.2 | -1607.7 | -1511.9 | -635.7 | -876.2 |
| VII.2017 | 4604.1 | 3121.8 | 1482.3 | 4703.6 | 2997.8 | 1705.8 | 4414.7 | 2823.1 | 1591.6 | -99.5 | 124.0 | -223.5 | 189.4 | 298.7 | -109.3 |
| VIII.2017 | 4322.5 | 2933.3 | 1389.2 | 4925.3 | 3128.4 | 1796.9 | 4589.1 | 2918.8 | 1670.3 | -602.8 | -195.1 | -407.7 | -266.6 | 14.5 | -281.1 |
| IX.2017 | 4506.1 | 3156.9 | 1349.2 | 4707.2 | 3087.9 | 1619.3 | 4401.1 | 2907.2 | 1493.9 | -201.1 | 69.0 | -270.1 | 105.0 | 249.7 | -144.7 |
| VII - IX.2017 | 13432.7 | 9212.0 | 4220.7 | 14336.1 | 9214.1 | 5122.0 | 13404.9 | 8649.1 | 4755.8 | -903.4 | -2.1 | -901.3 | 27.8 | 562.9 | -535.1 |
| I - IX.2017 | 38585.8 | 25542.8 | 13043.0 | 42830.1 | 27278.1 | 15552.0 | 40069.9 | 25615.6 | 14454.3 | -4244.3 | -1735.3 | -2509.0 | -1484.1 | -72.8 | -1411.3 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2017¹
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 | 9.9 | 7.8 | 14.1 | 20.8 | 16.9 | 27.9 | 20.6 | 16.9 | 27.3 |
| II | 16.5 | 10.4 | 28.3 | 15.0 | 8.4 | 28.8 | 14.4 | 7.9 | 28.4 |
| III | 19.3 | 18.1 | 21.9 | 25.2 | 10.8 | 60.5 | 25.2 | 11.0 | 60.3 |
| I - III | 15.4 | 12.3 | 21.5 | 20.5 | 11.8 | 39.0 | 20.2 | 11.6 | 38.6 |
| IV | 4.3 | -1.6 | 16.9 | 16.5 | 10.5 | 28.6 | 15.9 | 9.6 | 29.0 |
| V | 23.2 | 19.4 | 30.7 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 21.4 | 20.4 | 19.6 | 21.8 |
| VI | 13.5 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 13.6 | 7.8 | 25.6 | 13.5 | 7.7 | 25.7 |
| IV - VI | 13.6 | 10.2 | 20.5 | 16.8 | 12.6 | 25.1 | 16.6 | 12.1 | 25.4 |
| I - VI | 14.4 | 11.2 | 21.0 | 18.6 | 12.2 | 31.6 | 18.3 | 11.9 | 31.6 |
| VII | 9.8 | 10.7 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 2.5 | 20.1 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 20.9 |
| VIII | 7.4 | 9.5 | 3.3 | 10.9 | 12.2 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| IX | 8.0 | 11.0 | 1.7 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.3 |
| VII - IX | 8.4 | 10.4 | 4.4 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 13.5 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 13.9 |
| I - IX | 12.3 | 10.9 | 15.0 | 15.8 | 11.1 | 25.0 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 25.2 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2016 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 | 34367.9 | 38585.8 | 12.3 | 36992.8 | 42830.1 | 15.8 | -2624.9 | -4244.3 |
| EU | 23030.8 | 25542.8 | 10.9 | 24554.1 | 27278.1 | 11.1 | -1523.3 | -1735.3 |
| Austria | 656.2 | 723.7 | 10.3 | 1056.6 | 1042.1 | -1.4 | -400.4 | -318.4 |
| Belgium | 943.4 | 1495.0 | 58.5 | 882.8 | 923.4 | 4.6 | 60.6 | 571.6 |
| Croatia | 160.1 | 168.1 | 5.0 | 93.6 | 111.1 | 18.7 | 66.5 | 57.0 |
| Cyprus | 117.4 | 116.7 | -0.6 | 39.5 | 161.5 | 308.9 | 77.9 | -44.8 |
| Czech Republic | 560.5 | 776.0 | 38.4 | 781.6 | 944.5 | 20.8 | -221.1 | -168.5 |
| Denmark | 207.7 | 236.6 | 13.9 | 179.8 | 197.6 | 9.9 | 27.9 | 39.0 |
| Estonia | 31.7 | 36.0 | 13.6 | 21.6 | 30.9 | 43.1 | 10.1 | 5.1 |
| Finland | 55.8 | 60.6 | 8.6 | 102.1 | 89.0 | -12.8 | -46.3 | -28.4 |
| France | 1583.6 | 1598.7 | 1.0 | 1185.5 | 1241.9 | 4.8 | 398.1 | 356.8 |
| Germany | 4619.2 | 5248.9 | 13.6 | 4948.8 | 5287.5 | 6.8 | -329.6 | -38.6 |
| Greece | 2335.8 | 2471.8 | 5.8 | 1763.8 | 1881.5 | 6.7 | 572.0 | 590.3 |
| Hungary | 572.7 | 669.8 | 17.0 | 1411.4 | 1496.9 | 6.1 | -838.7 | -827.1 |
| Ireland | 39.1 | 70.9 | 81.3 | 133.5 | 157.5 | 18.0 | -94.4 | -86.6 |
| Italy | 3239.0 | 3255.3 | 0.5 | 2959.9 | 3134.5 | 5.9 | 279.1 | 120.8 |
| Latvia | 40.2 | 40.0 | -0.5 | 45.8 | 53.0 | 15.7 | -5.6 | -13.0 |
| Lithuania | 78.3 | 101.0 | 29.0 | 72.9 | 65.6 | -10.0 | 5.4 | 35.4 |
| Luxembourg | 8.4 | 13.0 | 54.8 | 124.5 | 147.8 | 18.7 | -116.1 | -134.8 |
| Malta | 64.5 | 27.5 | -57.4 | 27.4 | 15.9 | -42.0 | 37.1 | 11.6 |
| Netherlands | 879.7 | 918.4 | 4.4 | 1323.6 | 1522.6 | 15.0 | -443.9 | -604.2 |
| Poland | 811.6 | 914.5 | 12.7 | 1440.0 | 1558.2 | 8.2 | -628.4 | -643.7 |
| Portugal | 154.8 | 173.1 | 11.8 | 62.1 | 79.8 | 28.5 | 92.7 | 93.3 |
| Romania | 3059.6 | 3234.5 | 5.7 | 2538.3 | 3049.7 | 20.1 | 521.3 | 184.8 |
| Slovakia | 237.7 | 289.6 | 21.8 | 499.2 | 552.3 | 10.6 | -261.5 | -262.7 |
| Slovenia | 300.4 | 319.5 | 6.4 | 282.6 | 310.0 | 9.7 | 17.8 | 9.5 |
| Spain | 904.8 | 1080.8 | 19.5 | 1336.5 | 2128.5 | 59.3 | -431.7 | -1047.7 |
| Sweden | 254.0 | 320.5 | 26.2 | 230.9 | 282.1 | 22.2 | 23.1 | 38.4 |
| United Kingdom | 841.9 | 932.8 | 10.8 | 878.3 | 695.3 | -20.8 | -36.4 | 237.5 |
| Not specified | 272.7 | 249.5 | -8.5 | 131.5 | 117.4 | -10.7 | 141.2 | 132.1 |

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 December 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - September 2016 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 | 11337.1 | 13043.0 | 15.0 | 12438.7 | 15552.0 | 25.0 | -1101.6 | -2509.0 |
| CIS³ | 946.4 | 1569.3 | 65.8 | 4050.9 | 5065.9 | 25.1 | -3104.5 | -3496.6 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | 26.0 | 34.3 | 31.9 | 25.3 | 22.7 | -10.3 | 0.7 | 11.6 |
| Russian Federation | 556.0 | 1129.3 | 103.1 | 3323.1 | 4254.4 | 28.0 | -2767.1 | -3125.1 |
| Ukraine | 181.9 | 194.4 | 6.9 | 582.3 | 633.8 | 8.8 | -400.4 | -439.4 |
| OECD⁴ | 3832.9 | 4097.4 | 6.9 | 3351.8 | 3930.1 | 17.3 | 481.1 | 167.3 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 72.0 | 58.9 | -18.2 | 66.9 | 88.1 | 31.7 | 5.1 | -29.2 |
| Israel | 100.1 | 86.7 | -13.4 | 79.0 | 70.4 | -10.9 | 21.1 | 16.3 |
| Japan | 57.8 | 56.8 | -1.7 | 142.6 | 149.3 | 4.7 | -84.8 | -92.5 |
| Korea, Republic of | 86.6 | 58.8 | -32.1 | 171.3 | 167.6 | -2.2 | -84.7 | -108.8 |
| Turkey | 2656.3 | 2987.0 | 12.4 | 2197.4 | 2710.5 | 23.4 | 458.9 | 276.5 |
| United States | 502.8 | 497.9 | -1.0 | 312.9 | 342.1 | 9.3 | 189.9 | 155.8 |
| EFTA⁵ | 255.5 | 246.9 | -3.4 | 327.2 | 337.1 | 3.0 | -71.7 | -90.2 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Norway | 51.7 | 48.1 | -7.0 | 37.1 | 49.1 | 32.3 | 14.6 | -1.0 |
| Switzerland | 201.5 | 196.6 | -2.4 | 287.7 | 285.4 | -0.8 | -86.2 | -88.8 |

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 December 2017.

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 - September 2016 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 | 86.2 | 107.3 | 24.5 | 18.7 | 22.9 | 22.5 | 67.5 | 84.4 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 97.7 | 98.0 | 0.3 | 62.4 | 56.7 | -9.1 | 35.3 | 41.3 |
| Brazil | 42.6 | 38.6 | -9.4 | 38.2 | 29.4 | -23.0 | 4.4 | 9.2 |
| China | 572.5 | 914.5 | 59.7 | 1536.9 | 1647.7 | 7.2 | -964.4 | -733.2 |
| Egypt | 268.9 | 444.1 | 65.2 | 456.3 | 791.3 | 73.4 | -187.4 | -347.2 |
| Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 569.6 | 586.7 | 3.0 | 374.2 | 458.8 | 22.6 | 195.4 | 127.9 |
| Georgia | 234.9 | 207.5 | -11.7 | 209.7 | 443.8 | 111.6 | 25.2 | -236.3 |
| India | 111.9 | 159.4 | 42.4 | 165.0 | 205.3 | 24.4 | -53.1 | -45.9 |
| Indonesia | 47.7 | 34.4 | -27.9 | 49.0 | 68.9 | 40.6 | -1.3 | -34.5 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 100.1 | 86.3 | -13.8 | 37.7 | 89.5 | 137.4 | 62.4 | -3.2 |
| Peru | 10.9 | 14.6 | 33.9 | 35.4 | 26.8 | -24.3 | -24.5 | -12.2 |
| Serbia | 543.0 | 669.8 | 23.4 | 556.0 | 859.6 | 54.6 | -13.0 | -189.8 |
| Singapore | 269.2 | 233.1 | -13.4 | 35.6 | 47.6 | 33.7 | 233.6 | 185.5 |
| South Africa | 79.5 | 74.9 | -5.8 | 29.6 | 50.5 | 70.6 | 49.9 | 24.4 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 24.6 | 32.6 | 32.5 | 1.5 | 0.1 | -93.3 | 23.1 | 32.5 |
| Taiwan | 38.3 | 37.9 | -1.0 | 152.3 | 152.5 | 0.1 | -114.0 | -114.6 |
| United Arab Emirates | 279.3 | 260.2 | -6.8 | 30.5 | 39.6 | 29.8 | 248.8 | 220.6 |
| Viet Nam | 141.7 | 35.4 | -75.0 | 62.3 | 63.9 | 2.6 | 79.4 | -28.5 |

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 December 2017.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - September 2016 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 | 34367.9 | 38585.8 | 12.3 | 36992.8 | 42830.1 | 15.8 | -2624.9 | -4244.3 |
| of which EU | 23030.8 | 25542.8 | 10.9 | 24554.1 | 27278.1 | 11.1 | -1523.3 | -1735.3 |
| Food and live animals | 3801.2 | 3927.7 | 3.3 | 3002.6 | 3399.7 | 13.2 | 798.6 | 528.0 |
| of which EU | 2666.1 | 2886.1 | 8.3 | 2392.8 | 2781.4 | 16.2 | 273.3 | 104.7 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 574.9 | 557.8 | -3.0 | 573.2 | 577.7 | 0.8 | 1.7 | -19.9 |
| of which EU | 273.2 | 241.6 | -11.6 | 456.2 | 447.4 | -1.9 | -183.0 | -205.8 |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel) | 2394.8 | 2346.0 | -2.0 | 2405.2 | 3729.4 | 55.1 | -10.4 | -1383.4 |
| of which EU | 1648.7 | 1564.6 | -5.1 | 1373.1 | 2079.0 | 51.4 | 275.6 | -514.4 |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials | 2937.1 | 3033.9 | 3.3 | 4442.3 | 6015.7 | 35.4 | -1505.2 | -2981.8 |
| of which EU | 842.8 | 1086.9 | 29.0 | 882.1 | 1251.3 | 41.9 | -39.3 | -164.4 |
| Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 329.5 | 392.0 | 19.0 | 131.3 | 145.6 | 10.9 | 198.2 | 246.4 |
| of which EU | 223.0 | 272.3 | 22.1 | 96.3 | 95.7 | -0.6 | 126.7 | 176.6 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c. | 3434.7 | 3906.6 | 13.7 | 5686.0 | 6281.4 | 10.5 | -2251.3 | -2374.8 |
| of which EU | 2279.0 | 2553.7 | 12.1 | 4469.1 | 4916.0 | 10.0 | -2190.1 | -2362.3 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 6924.3 | 9295.6 | 34.2 | 6823.0 | 7460.4 | 9.3 | 101.3 | 1835.2 |
| of which EU | 4788.5 | 6061.5 | 26.6 | 4337.2 | 4324.3 | -0.3 | 451.3 | 1737.2 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 7595.7 | 8335.5 | 9.7 | 10369.5 | 11363.9 | 9.6 | -2773.8 | -3028.4 |
| of which EU | 5550.1 | 6165.4 | 11.1 | 8008.1 | 8694.5 | 8.6 | -2458.0 | -2529.1 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6280.8 | 6686.6 | 6.5 | 3338.7 | 3625.5 | 8.6 | 2942.1 | 3061.1 |
| of which EU | 4694.3 | 4630.3 | -1.4 | 2353.1 | 2483.7 | 5.6 | 2341.2 | 2146.6 |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c. | 94.9 | 104.1 | 9.7 | 221.0 | 230.8 | 4.4 | -126.1 | -126.7 |
| of which EU | 65.1 | 80.4 | 23.5 | 186.1 | 204.8 | 10.0 | -121.0 | -124.4 |

¹Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2017.