

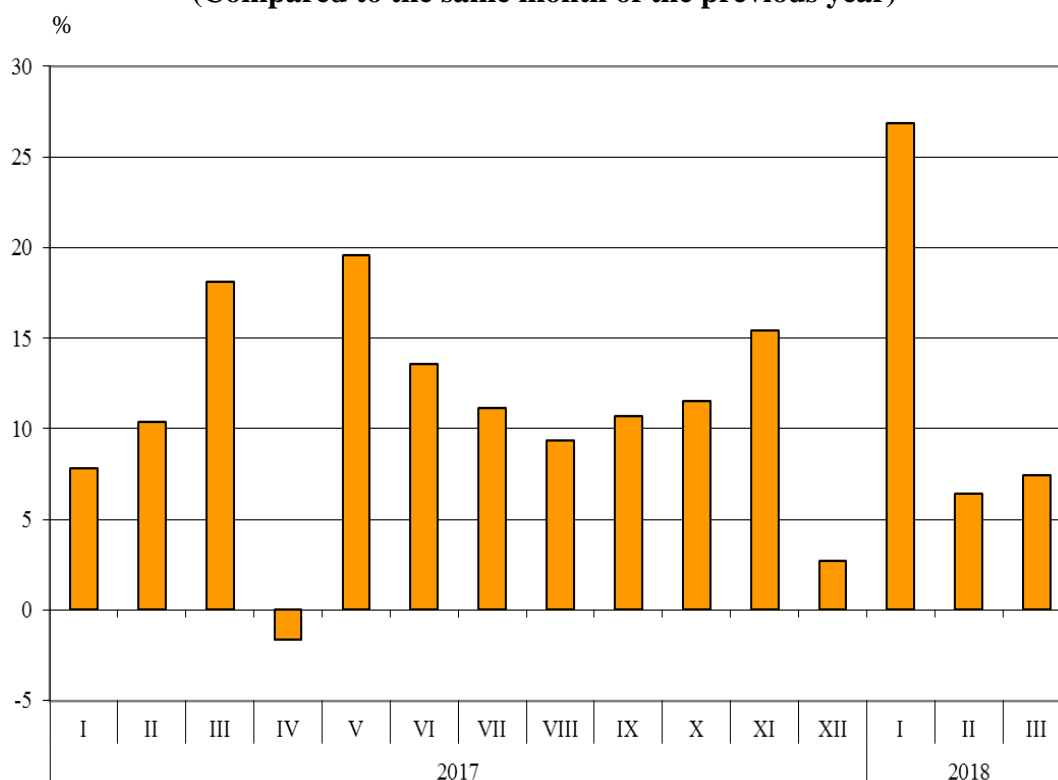


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2018** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 13.1% compared to the same period of 2017 and amounted to 8 960.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2018** the exports to the EU grew by 7.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 181.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2017 - 2018  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - March 2018** 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 'Food and live animals' (42.9%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)'<sup>2</sup> (25.7%). Fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (26.7%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

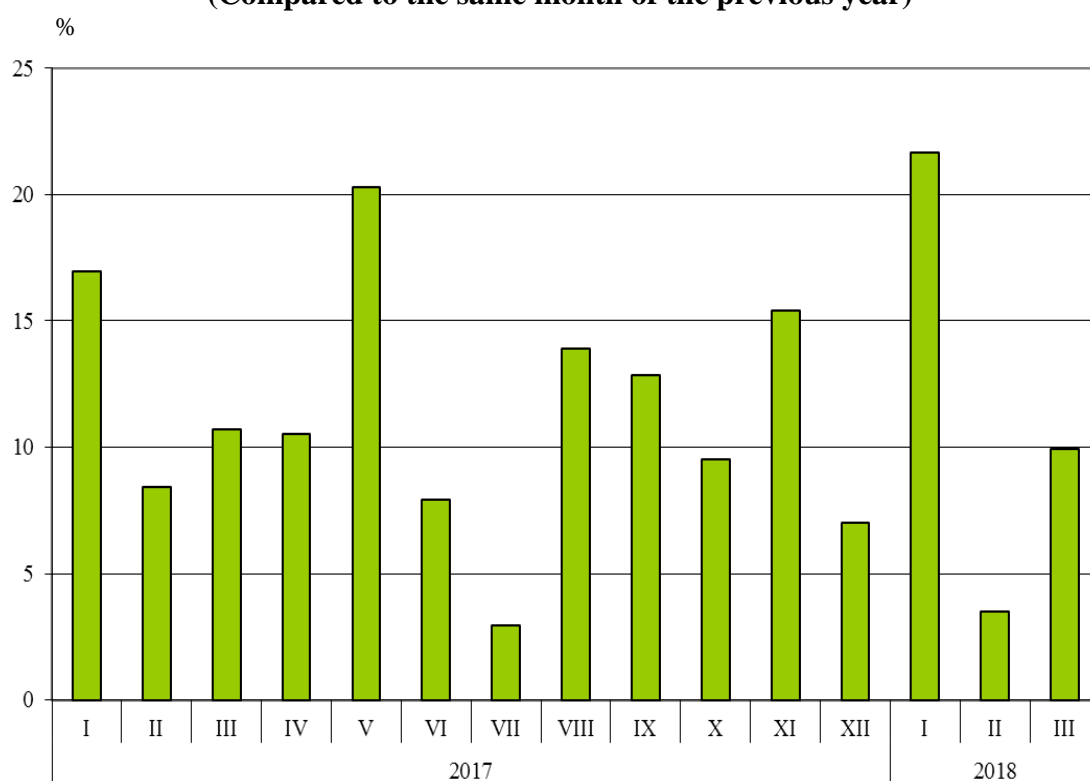
<sup>2</sup> The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable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



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - March 2018** increased by 11.4% compared to the same period of 2017 and added up to 9 803.5 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 **March 2018** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 9.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 657.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2017 - 2018**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - March 2018** compared to the corresponding period of 2017 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)’ (36.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (10.3%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - March 2018 was negative and added up to 842.8 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 242.6 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<sup>1</sup> by months

**Table 1**  
(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
III.2017	4373.3	2962.0	1411.3	5305.7	3328.1	1977.6	4972.9	3134.4	1838.5	-932.4	-366.1	-566.3	-599.6	-172.4	-427.2
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12167.6</b>	<b>7924.0</b>	<b>4243.6</b>	<b>13964.5</b>	<b>8801.0</b>	<b>5163.5</b>	<b>13052.7</b>	<b>8262.1</b>	<b>4790.6</b>	<b>-1796.9</b>	<b>-877.0</b>	<b>-919.9</b>	<b>-885.1</b>	<b>-338.1</b>	<b>-547.0</b>
I.2018	4185.8	3092.9	1092.9	5056.1	3226.8	1829.3	4713.7	3021.8	1691.9	-870.3	-133.9	-736.4	-527.9	71.1	-599.0
II.2018	3829.0	2686.1	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-743.9	-232.7	-511.2	-455.8	-65.0	-390.8
III.2018	4445.7	3181.7	1264.0	5129.4	3657.9	1471.5	4801.0	3430.4	1370.6	-683.7	-476.2	-207.5	-355.3	-248.7	-106.6
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>12460.5</b>	<b>8960.7</b>	<b>3499.8</b>	<b>14758.4</b>	<b>9803.5</b>	<b>4954.9</b>	<b>13799.5</b>	<b>9203.3</b>	<b>4596.2</b>	<b>-2297.9</b>	<b>-842.8</b>	<b>-1455.1</b>	<b>-1339.0</b>	<b>-242.6</b>	<b>-1096.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2018.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

**Table 2**

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - March 2018<sup>1</sup> 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	11.6	26.8	-16.7	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.1
III	1.7	7.4	-10.4	-3.3	9.9	-25.6	-3.5	9.4	-25.5
<b>I - III</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>-17.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-4.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in the period January - March 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12167.6</b>	<b>12460.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>13964.5</b>	<b>14758.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-1796.9</b>	<b>-2297.9</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>7924.0</b>	<b>8960.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>8801.0</b>	<b>9803.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-877.0</b>	<b>-842.8</b>
Austria	238.8	241.2	1.0	345.7	377.6	9.2	-106.9	-136.4
Belgium	457.5	517.9	13.2	274.1	304.6	11.1	183.4	213.3
Croatia	54.6	66.9	22.5	30.4	41.7	37.2	24.2	25.2
Cyprus	37.8	46.5	23.0	16.0	71.3	345.6	21.8	-24.8
Czech Republic	258.3	270.7	4.8	301.8	336.4	11.5	-43.5	-65.7
Denmark	75.5	84.2	11.5	75.1	68.7	-8.5	0.4	15.5
Estonia	11.2	13.5	20.5	7.8	11.1	42.3	3.4	2.4
Finland	20.3	25.9	27.6	22.6	38.2	69.0	-2.3	-12.3
France	537.0	552.7	2.9	444.1	456.8	2.9	92.9	95.9
Germany	1672.9	2045.2	22.3	1692.5	1937.4	14.5	-19.6	107.8
Greece	742.5	855.6	15.2	597.9	637.9	6.7	144.6	217.7
Hungary	219.2	218.5	-0.3	504.4	550.2	9.1	-285.2	-331.7
Ireland	22.3	27.4	22.9	57.8	63.0	9.0	-35.5	-35.6
Italy	1015.1	1175.1	15.8	982.1	1087.5	10.7	33.0	87.6
Latvia	14.5	14.9	2.8	25.2	22.6	-10.3	-10.7	-7.7
Lithuania	34.4	34.4	0.0	21.4	23.1	7.9	13.0	11.3
Luxembourg	2.9	3.1	6.9	52.6	34.9	-33.7	-49.7	-31.8
Malta	12.8	10.1	-21.1	6.9	72.0	943.5	5.9	-61.9
Netherlands	364.2	379.4	4.2	488.3	534.3	9.4	-124.1	-154.9
Poland	301.4	336.4	11.6	508.9	450.7	-11.4	-207.5	-114.3
Portugal	47.0	39.5	-16.0	19.5	69.3	255.4	27.5	-29.8
Romania	953.3	1003.7	5.3	1044.8	1073.2	2.7	-91.5	-69.5
Slovakia	86.2	95.3	10.6	177.6	193.6	9.0	-91.4	-98.3
Slovenia	76.0	88.2	16.1	103.2	106.6	3.3	-27.2	-18.4
Spain	209.0	312.4	49.5	630.5	875.3	38.8	-421.5	-562.9
Sweden	103.3	115.9	12.2	88.7	105.8	19.3	14.6	10.1
United Kingdom	313.5	319.0	1.8	241.3	229.7	-4.8	72.2	89.3
Not specified	42.5	67.1	57.9	39.8	30.0	-24.6	2.7	37.1

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in the period January - March 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>4243.6</b>	<b>3499.8</b>	<b>-17.5</b>	<b>5163.5</b>	<b>4954.9</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-919.9</b>	<b>-1455.1</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>274.2</b>	<b>337.7</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1703.8</b>	<b>1336.8</b>	<b>-21.5</b>	<b>-1429.6</b>	<b>-999.1</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	11.2	12.8	14.3	13.1	3.2	-75.6	-1.9	9.6
Russian Federation	173.9	193.8	11.4	1430.8	1075.0	-24.9	-1256.9	-881.2
Ukraine	33.7	68.9	104.5	204.3	213.6	4.6	-170.6	-144.7
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1361.6</b>	<b>1238.8</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>1270.1</b>	<b>1420.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>-181.2</b>
of which:								
Canada	19.3	21.7	12.4	20.6	33.3	61.7	-1.3	-11.6
Israel	37.0	31.4	-15.1	24.0	25.5	6.3	13.0	5.9
Japan	16.2	18.7	15.4	44.5	57.7	29.7	-28.3	-39.0
Korea, Republic of	14.2	22.5	58.5	54.3	72.9	34.3	-40.1	-50.4
Turkey	1039.2	811.0	-22.0	878.2	934.6	6.4	161.0	-123.6
United States	141.4	199.1	40.8	105.8	158.3	49.6	35.6	40.8
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-46.1</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
of which:								
Norway	10.5	19.3	83.8	11.9	7.4	-37.8	-1.4	11.9
Switzerland	49.0	77.0	57.1	92.8	104.1	12.2	-43.8	-27.1

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

<sup>4</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2017<sup>2</sup> and 2018<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	32.8	40.5	23.5	7.7	5.4	-29.9	25.1	35.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	36.0	30.9	-14.2	17.9	8.2	-54.2	18.1	22.7
Brazil	6.3	8.5	34.9	10.9	19.0	74.3	-4.6	-10.5
China	324.6	300.3	-7.5	532.2	658.1	23.7	-207.6	-357.8
Egypt	305.5	35.0	-88.5	254.6	99.8	-60.8	50.9	-64.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	196.6	209.1	6.4	139.3	153.6	10.3	57.3	55.5
Georgia	58.2	65.7	12.9	149.2	211.9	42.0	-91.0	-146.2
India	87.3	41.5	-52.5	65.7	85.5	30.1	21.6	-44.0
Indonesia	13.5	14.3	5.9	21.4	26.4	23.4	-7.9	-12.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	36.0	15.9	-55.8	65.8	16.2	-75.4	-29.8	-0.3
Peru	7.2	6.1	-15.3	12.7	26.5	108.7	-5.5	-20.4
Serbia	203.5	213.5	4.9	275.8	293.0	6.2	-72.3	-79.5
Singapore	97.5	90.8	-6.9	19.1	24.6	28.8	78.4	66.2
South Africa	28.4	41.3	45.4	19.6	16.4	-16.3	8.8	24.9
Syrian Arab Republic	23.0	13.4	-41.7	0.0	0.3	x	17.1	13.1
Taiwan	10.5	13.1	24.8	56.5	48.6	-14.0	-46.0	-35.5
United Arab Emirates	119.6	45.8	-61.7	15.0	14.4	-4.0	104.6	31.4
Viet Nam	10.1	10.7	5.9	21.5	26.0	20.9	-11.4	-15.3

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2018.

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - March 2017<sup>1</sup> and 2018<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12167.6</b>	<b>12460.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>13964.5</b>	<b>14758.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-1796.9</b>	<b>-2297.9</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>7924.0</b>	<b>8960.7</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>8801.0</b>	<b>9803.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-877.0</b>	<b>-842.8</b>
Food and live animals	1082.8	1287.6	18.9	1113.1	1152.9	3.6	-30.3	134.7
of which EU	702.9	1004.1	42.9	889.3	930.2	4.6	-186.4	73.9
Beverages and tobacco	193.6	142.5	-26.4	142.1	166.2	17.0	51.5	-23.7
of which EU	61.7	77.2	25.1	117.8	134.2	13.9	-56.1	-57.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	694.0	799.3	15.2	1247.1	1537.2	23.3	-553.1	-737.9
of which EU	440.9	554.1	25.7	711.1	969.9	36.4	-270.2	-415.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1094.1	524.5	-52.1	2052.9	1537.2	-25.1	-958.8	-1012.7
of which EU	280.0	205.3	-26.7	428.1	432.9	1.1	-148.1	-227.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	120.7	143.8	19.1	47.5	51.4	8.2	73.2	92.4
of which EU	78.7	90.6	15.1	32.0	28.7	-10.3	46.7	61.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1225.9	1296.5	5.8	2138.9	2182.0	2.0	-913.0	-885.5
of which EU	814.3	826.6	1.5	1714.2	1687.9	-1.5	-899.9	-861.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2873.0	3146.9	9.5	2399.3	2621.4	9.3	473.7	525.5
of which EU	1979.5	2257.1	14.0	1363.7	1489.0	9.2	615.8	768.1
Machinery and transport equipment	2640.4	2982.1	12.9	3605.8	4205.5	16.6	-965.4	-1223.4
of which EU	1979.9	2280.5	15.2	2696.4	3208.4	19.0	-716.5	-927.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2211.5	2098.2	-5.1	1143.2	1219.3	6.7	1068.3	878.9
of which EU	1562.1	1633.9	4.6	782.0	846.6	8.3	780.1	787.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	31.6	39.1	23.7	74.6	85.3	14.3	-43.0	-46.2
of which EU	24.0	31.3	30.4	66.4	75.7	14.0	-42.4	-44.4

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