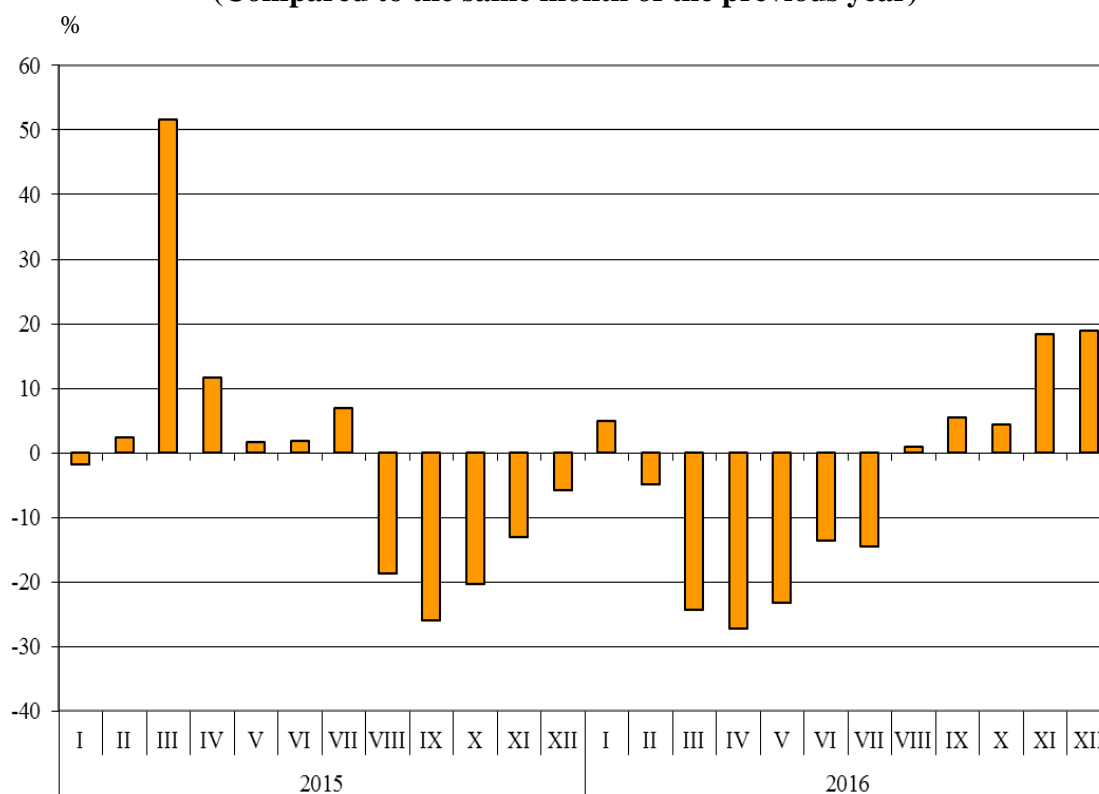


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2016** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 5.9% compared to 2015 and amounted to 14 957.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, the Russian Federation and USA, which accounted for 49.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In December 2016 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 18.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 1 534.4 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In 2016 compared to 2015 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'² (33.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (21.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

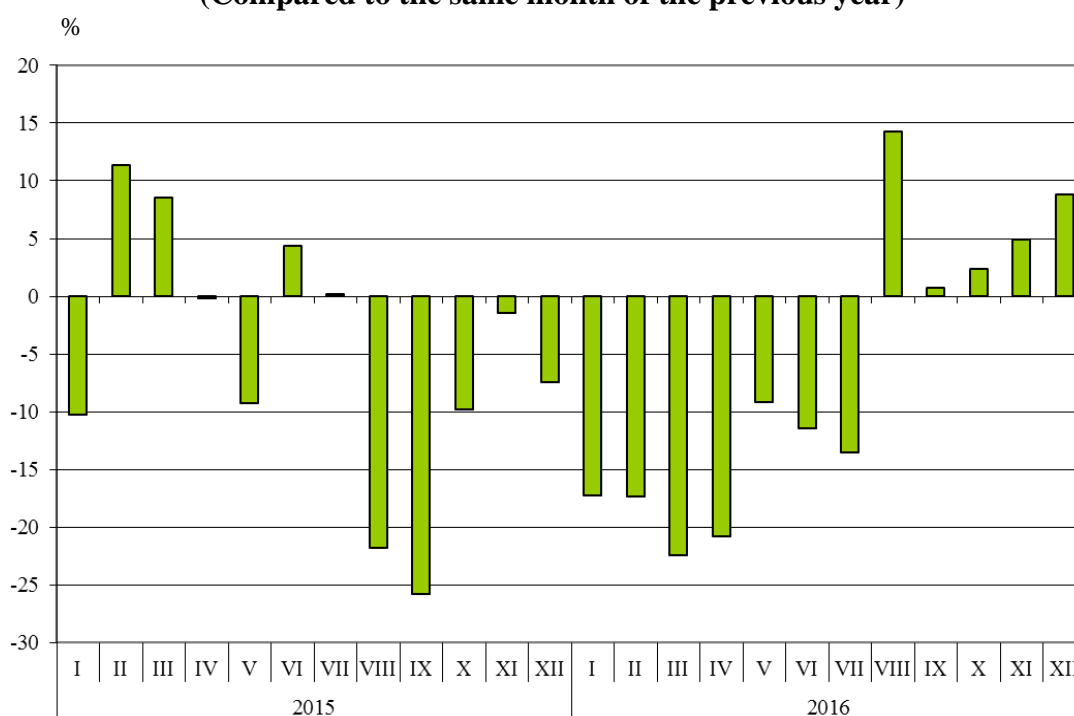
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and



Bulgarian imports from third countries in 2016 decreased by 7.1% compared to 2015 and added up to 17 090.2 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 Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In December 2016 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 8.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 572.2 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In 2016 compared to 2015 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growth was recorded in the section ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (17.7%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (24.0%).

controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in 2016 was negative and added up to 2 133.2 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 1 291.9 Million BGN.

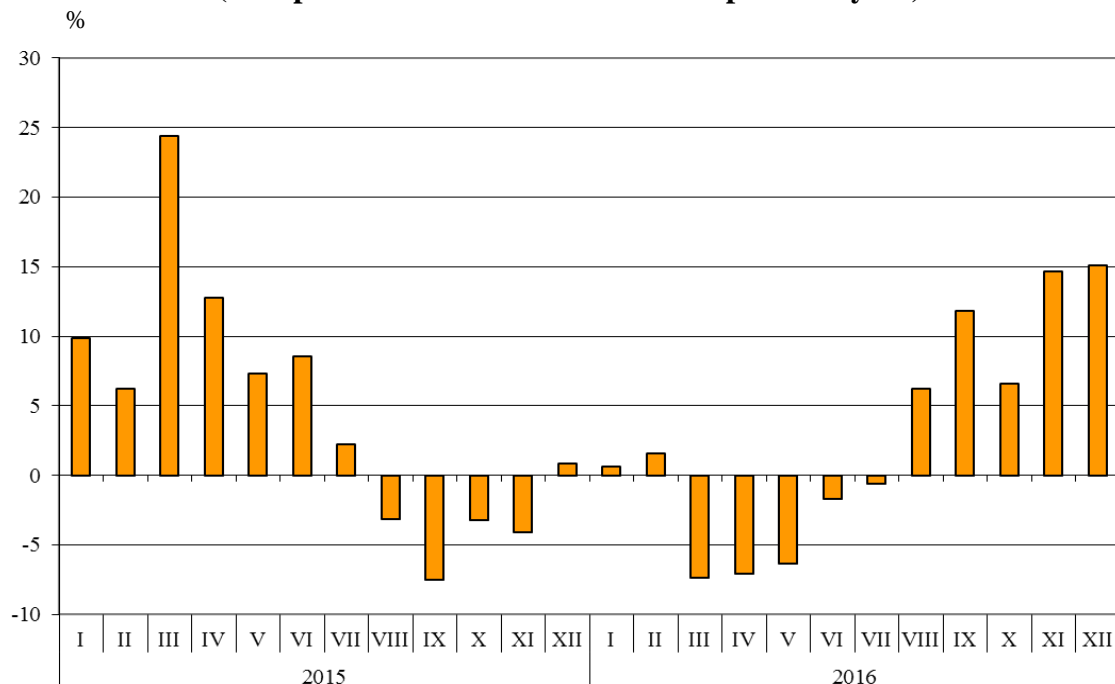
In December 2016 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and added up to 37.8 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In 2016 the value of all exported goods from Bulgaria amounted to 46 104.9 Million BGN and compared to 2015 the exports increased by 2.6% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In December 2016 the total exports added up to 3 975.0 Million BGN or by 15.1% more than the same month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



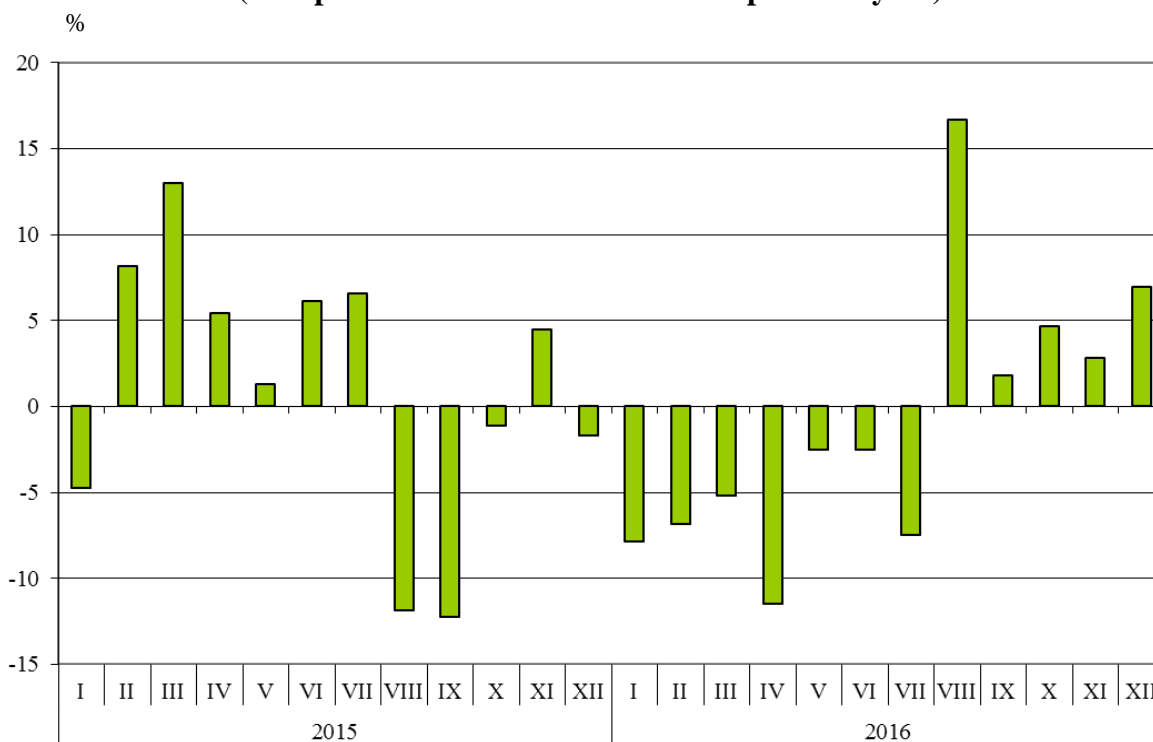
¹ Value changes at current prices.



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **2016** amounted to 51 005.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.1% less than 2015 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **December 2016** the total imports increased by 6.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 610.1 Million BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **2016** and amounted to 4 900.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in 2016 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 2 455.0 Million BGN.

In **December 2016** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and amounted to 635.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and added up to 408.1 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2015 and 2016¹ 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.2015	3404.9	2296.0	1108.9	3767.8	2312.0	1455.8	3579.5	2199.6	1379.9	-362.9	-16.0	-346.9	-174.6	96.4	-271.0
II.2015	3427.4	2171.8	1255.6	4104.7	2624.7	1480.0	3904.3	2499.7	1404.6	-677.3	-452.9	-224.4	-476.9	-327.9	-149.0
III.2015	3971.6	2422.7	1548.9	4447.0	2886.1	1560.9	4239.8	2753.7	1486.1	-475.4	-463.4	-12.0	-268.2	-331.0	62.8
I - III.2015	10803.9	6890.5	3913.4	12319.5	7822.8	4496.7	11723.6	7453.0	4270.6	-1515.6	-932.3	-583.3	-919.7	-562.5	-357.2
IV.2015	3912.2	2403.4	1508.8	4537.2	2866.8	1670.4	4313.3	2728.0	1585.3	-625.0	-463.4	-161.6	-401.1	-324.6	-76.5
V.2015	3755.0	2297.2	1457.8	4185.7	2583.3	1602.4	3984.9	2464.5	1520.4	-430.7	-286.1	-144.6	-229.9	-167.3	-62.6
VI.2015	4022.8	2562.3	1460.5	4423.1	2830.3	1592.8	4213.6	2699.1	1514.5	-400.3	-268.0	-132.3	-190.8	-136.8	-54.0
IV - VI.2015	11690.0	7262.9	4427.1	13146.0	8280.4	4865.6	12511.8	7891.6	4620.2	-1456.0	-1017.5	-438.5	-821.8	-628.7	-193.1
I - VI.2015	22493.9	14153.4	8340.5	25465.5	16103.2	9362.3	24235.4	15344.6	8890.8	-2971.6	-1949.8	-1021.8	-1741.5	-1191.2	-550.3
VII.2015	4105.0	2629.0	1476.0	4685.9	3047.1	1638.8	4455.2	2900.6	1554.6	-580.9	-418.1	-162.8	-350.2	-271.6	-78.6
VIII.2015	3682.9	2464.8	1218.1	3798.5	2356.9	1441.6	3617.8	2250.3	1367.5	-115.6	107.9	-223.5	65.1	214.5	-149.4
IX.2015	3623.7	2484.2	1139.5	4098.5	2674.4	1424.1	3905.4	2551.3	1354.1	-474.8	-190.2	-284.6	-281.7	-67.1	-214.6
VII - IX.2015	11411.6	7578.0	3833.6	12582.9	8078.4	4504.5	11978.4	7702.2	4276.2	-1171.3	-500.4	-670.9	-566.8	-124.2	-442.6
I - IX.2015	33905.5	21731.4	12174.1	38048.4	24181.6	13866.8	36213.8	23046.8	13167.0	-4142.9	-2450.2	-1692.7	-2308.3	-1315.4	-992.9
X.2015	3899.8	2688.2	1211.6	4613.8	3065.0	1548.8	4391.7	2918.4	1473.3	-714.0	-376.8	-337.2	-491.9	-230.2	-261.7
XI.2015	3690.6	2466.2	1224.4	4576.1	3045.0	1531.1	4331.4	2904.9	1426.5	-885.5	-578.8	-306.7	-640.8	-438.7	-202.1
XII.2015	3453.6	2163.6	1290.0	4310.7	2865.6	1445.1	4077.2	2732.6	1344.6	-857.1	-702.0	-155.1	-623.6	-569.0	-54.6
X - XII.2015	11044.0	7318.0	3726.0	13500.6	8975.6	4525.0	12800.3	8555.9	4244.4	-2456.6	-1657.6	-799.0	-1756.3	-1237.9	-518.4
I - XII.2015	44949.5	29049.4	15900.1	51549.0	33157.2	18391.8	49014.1	31602.7	17411.4	-6599.5	-4107.8	-2491.7	-4064.6	-2553.3	-1511.3

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2015 and 2016¹ 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.2016	3427.4	2263.1	1164.3	3472.1	2267.9	1204.2	3301.2	2154.9	1146.3	-44.7	-4.8	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
II.2016	3481.6	2286.2	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.4	1163.4	-343.1	-315.3	-27.8	-163.2	-195.2	32.0
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.1	3005.7	1211.4	4021.2	2865.0	1156.2	-536.6	-498.3	-38.3	-340.7	-357.6	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.9	7875.1	3638.8	10967.2	7501.3	3465.9	-924.4	-818.4	-106.0	-377.7	-444.6	66.9
IV.2016	3635.1	2536.4	1098.7	4017.3	2694.2	1323.1	3832.0	2573.7	1258.3	-382.2	-157.8	-224.4	-196.9	-37.3	-159.6
V.2016	3517.3	2397.1	1120.2	4079.9	2624.2	1455.7	3883.5	2501.5	1382.0	-562.6	-227.1	-335.5	-366.2	-104.4	-261.8
VI.2016	3955.5	2692.5	1263.0	4311.0	2901.0	1410.0	4107.9	2765.7	1342.2	-355.5	-208.5	-147.0	-152.4	-73.2	-79.2
IV - VI.2016	11107.9	7626.0	3481.9	12408.2	8219.4	4188.8	11823.4	7840.9	3982.5	-1300.3	-593.4	-706.9	-715.5	-214.9	-500.6
I - VI.2016	21697.4	14682.7	7014.7	23922.1	16094.5	7827.6	22790.6	15342.2	7448.4	-2224.7	-1411.8	-812.9	-1093.2	-659.5	-433.7
VII.2016	4080.3	2818.4	1261.9	4334.9	2918.0	1416.9	4126.2	2781.2	1345.0	-254.6	-99.6	-155.0	-45.9	37.2	-83.1
VIII.2016	3913.2	2684.4	1228.8	4433.3	2785.6	1647.7	4213.7	2653.3	1560.4	-520.1	-101.2	-418.9	-300.5	31.1	-331.6
IX.2016	4051.9	2849.0	1202.9	4172.9	2738.6	1434.3	3973.8	2612.0	1361.8	-121.0	110.4	-231.4	78.1	237.0	-158.9
VII - IX.2016	12045.4	8351.8	3693.6	12941.1	8442.2	4498.9	12313.7	8046.5	4267.2	-895.7	-90.4	-805.3	-268.3	305.3	-573.6
I - IX.2016	33742.8	23034.5	10708.3	36863.2	24536.7	12326.5	35104.3	23388.7	11715.6	-3120.4	-1502.2	-1618.2	-1361.5	-354.2	-1007.3
X.2016	4155.8	2891.1	1264.7	4828.6	3242.9	1585.7	4592.0	3081.9	1510.1	-672.8	-351.8	-321.0	-436.2	-190.8	-245.4
XI.2016	4231.3	2781.7	1449.6	4703.9	3098.1	1605.8	4480.5	2954.4	1526.1	-472.6	-316.4	-156.2	-249.2	-172.7	-76.5
XII.2016	3975.0	2440.6	1534.4	4610.1	3037.9	1572.2	4383.1	2886.0	1497.1	-635.1	-597.3	-37.8	-408.1	-445.4	37.3
X - XII.2016	12362.1	8113.4	4248.7	14142.6	9378.9	4763.7	13455.6	8922.3	4533.3	-1780.5	-1265.5	-515.0	-1093.5	-808.9	-284.6
I - XII.2016	46104.9	31147.9	14957.0	51005.8	33915.6	17090.2	48559.9	32311.0	16248.9	-4900.9	-2767.7	-2133.2	-2455.0	-1163.1	-1291.9

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2016¹ 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	0.7	-1.4	5.0	-7.8	-1.9	-17.3	-7.8	-2.0	-16.9
II	1.6	5.3	-4.8	-6.8	-0.9	-17.4	-6.6	-0.7	-17.2
III	-7.3	3.5	-24.3	-5.2	4.1	-22.4	-5.2	4.0	-22.2
I - III	-2.0	2.4	-9.7	-6.5	0.7	-19.1	-6.5	0.6	-18.8
IV	-7.1	5.5	-27.2	-11.5	-6.0	-20.8	-11.2	-5.7	-20.6
V	-6.3	4.3	-23.2	-2.5	1.6	-9.2	-2.5	1.5	-9.1
VI	-1.7	5.1	-13.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.4
IV - VI	-5.0	5.0	-21.4	-5.6	-0.7	-13.9	-5.5	-0.6	-13.8
I - VI	-3.5	3.7	-15.9	-6.1	-0.1	-16.4	-6.0	0.0	-16.2
VII	-0.6	7.2	-14.5	-7.5	-4.2	-13.5	-7.4	-4.1	-13.5
VIII	6.3	8.9	0.9	16.7	18.2	14.3	16.5	17.9	14.1
IX	11.8	14.7	5.6	1.8	2.4	0.7	1.8	2.4	0.6
VII - IX	5.6	10.2	-3.7	2.8	4.5	-0.1	2.8	4.5	-0.2
I - IX	-0.5	6.0	-12.0	-3.1	1.5	-11.1	-3.1	1.5	-11.0
X	6.6	7.5	4.4	4.7	5.8	2.4	4.6	5.6	2.5
XI	14.7	12.8	18.4	2.8	1.7	4.9	3.4	1.7	7.0
XII	15.1	12.8	18.9	6.9	6.0	8.8	7.5	5.6	11.3
X - XII	11.9	10.9	14.0	4.8	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.3	6.8
I - XII	2.6	7.2	-5.9	-1.1	2.3	-7.1	-0.9	2.2	-6.7

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹
in 2015 and 2016²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	15900.1	14957.0	-5.9	18391.8	17090.2	-7.1	-2491.7	-2133.2
of which:								
Albania	111.6	104.0	-6.8	38.0	29.9	-21.3	73.6	74.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	118.1	133.8	13.3	58.9	80.8	37.2	59.2	53.0
Brazil	45.4	44.1	-2.9	59.3	50.2	-15.3	-13.9	-6.1
Canada	80.9	68.1	-15.8	54.6	92.3	69.0	26.3	-24.2
China	1049.5	850.4	-19.0	1894.6	2026.9	7.0	-845.1	-1176.5
Egypt	738.3	551.8	-25.3	201.4	700.9	248.0	536.9	-149.1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	754.6	770.6	2.1	507.7	479.8	-5.5	246.9	290.8
Georgia	316.4	325.1	2.7	446.9	279.9	-37.4	-130.5	45.2
Gibraltar	48.4	43.2	-10.7	0.0	0.1	x	48.4	43.1
India	109.9	141.6	28.8	275.5	238.9	-13.3	-165.6	-97.3
Indonesia	99.1	51.6	-47.9	72.0	70.9	-1.5	27.1	-19.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	244.5	133.5	-45.4	28.1	48.7	73.3	216.4	84.8
Israel	189.2	146.0	-22.8	73.3	97.8	33.4	115.9	48.2
Japan	75.7	71.3	-5.8	165.3	185.0	11.9	-89.6	-113.7
Kazakhstan	42.9	29.8	-30.5	48.8	33.4	-31.6	-5.9	-3.6
Korea, Republic of	104.4	137.7	31.9	165.6	217.4	31.3	-61.2	-79.7
Libya	151.8	165.6	9.1	161.0	7.2	-95.5	-9.2	158.4
Morocco	83.8	121.2	44.6	139.5	179.3	28.5	-55.7	-58.1
Namibia	166.8	94.2	-43.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	166.7	94.1
Norway	47.4	27.1	-42.8	32.6	45.3	39.0	14.8	-18.2
Peru	5.9	10.6	79.7	40.9	45.8	12.0	-35.0	-35.2
Russian Federation	783.6	672.9	-14.1	6201.9	4559.5	-26.5	-5418.3	-3886.6
Serbia	820.0	765.7	-6.6	696.8	744.0	6.8	123.2	21.7
Singapore	664.5	361.7	-45.6	54.7	54.7	0.0	609.8	307.0
South Africa	109.4	125.7	14.9	24.4	35.6	45.9	85.0	90.1
Switzerland	174.7	131.1	-25.0	377.3	377.4	0.0	-202.6	-246.3
Syrian Arab Republic	46.2	35.0	-24.2	14.7	1.7	-88.4	31.5	33.3
Taiwan	41.4	33.4	-19.3	216.4	218.3	0.9	-175.0	-184.9
Turkey	3923.8	3694.1	-5.9	2924.9	3173.6	8.5	998.9	520.5
Ukraine	313.9	144.8	-53.9	916.2	802.1	-12.5	-602.3	-657.3
United Arab Emirates	416.7	433.3	4.0	138.2	41.9	-69.7	278.5	391.4
United States	718.2	570.4	-20.6	474.7	404.3	-14.8	243.5	166.1
Viet-Nam	70.7	164.4	132.5	89.3	79.1	-11.4	-18.6	85.3

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 9-th February 2017.

"x" - category not applicable.

"-" - no case.

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



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in 2015 and 2016¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	15900.1	14957.0	-5.9	18391.8	17090.2	-7.1	-2491.7	-2133.2
Food and live animals	1596.8	1496.3	-6.3	796.5	829.8	4.2	800.3	666.5
Beverages and tobacco	535.6	421.9	-21.2	148.0	144.7	-2.2	387.6	277.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1103.0	1040.3	-5.7	1777.0	1519.6	-14.5	-674.0	-479.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3471.1	3073.9	-11.4	6593.7	5013.0	-24.0	-3122.6	-1939.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	148.5	166.5	12.1	55.7	49.6	-11.0	92.8	116.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1860.9	1511.6	-18.8	1705.4	1602.0	-6.1	155.5	-90.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3109.1	2754.7	-11.4	3264.3	3335.5	2.2	-155.2	-580.8
Machinery and transport equipment	2508.9	2412.5	-3.8	2870.0	3195.4	11.3	-361.1	-782.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1535.6	2044.3	33.1	1151.0	1354.9	17.7	384.6	689.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	30.6	35.0	14.4	30.2	45.7	51.3	0.4	-10.7

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