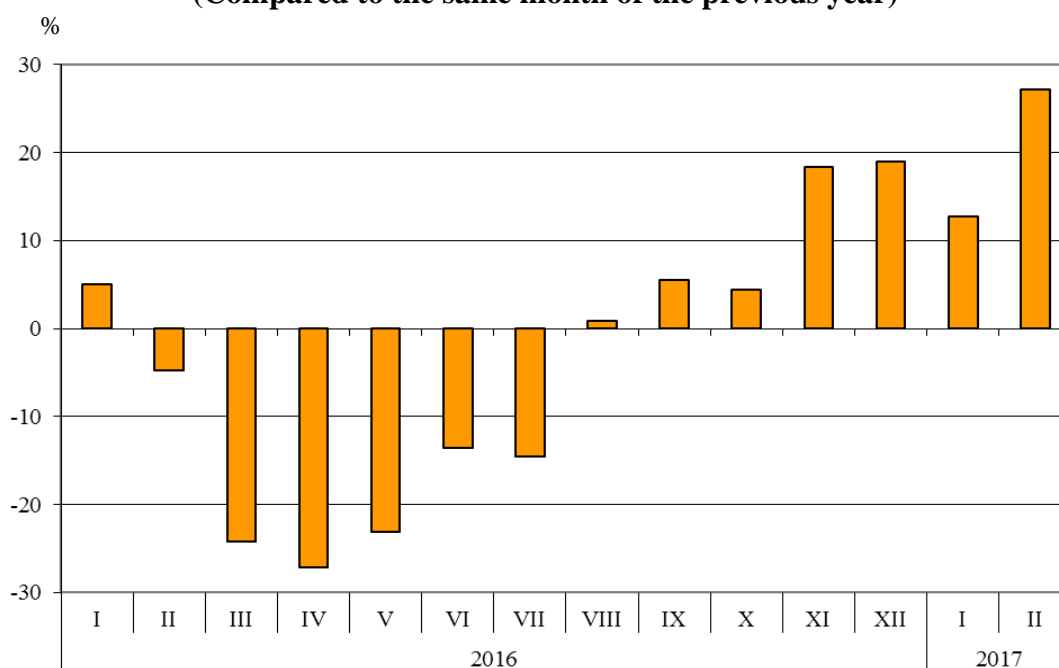


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 20.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 2 832.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Egypt, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Russian Federation, which accounted for 56.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 27.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 520.2 Billion BGN.

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



In the period **January - February 2017** compared to the same period of 2016 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (136.3%) and 'Mineral

¹ Value changes at current prices.

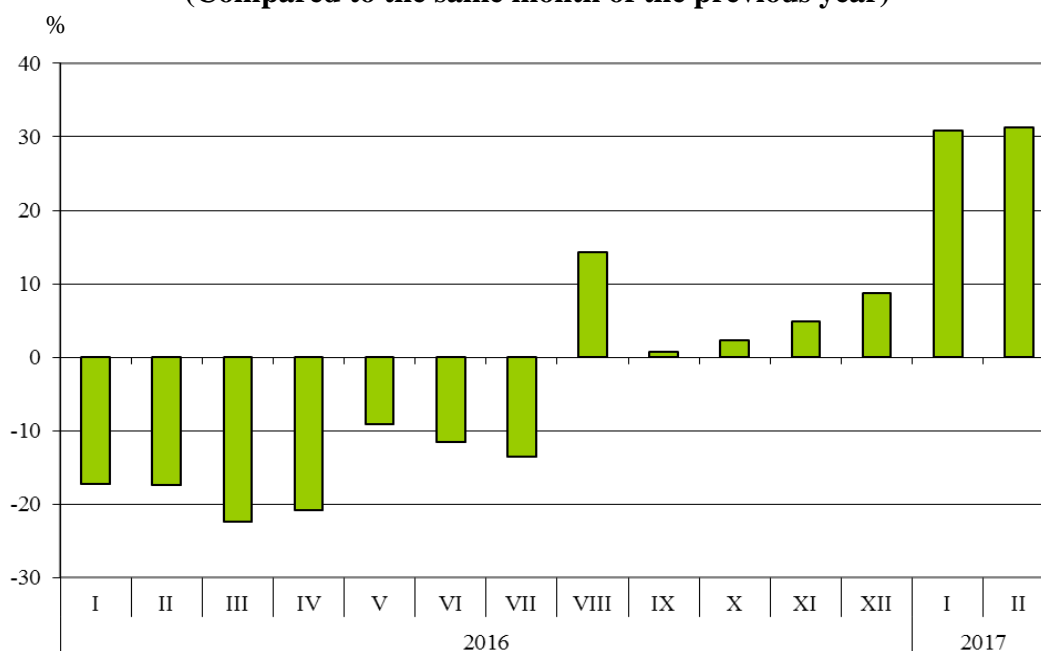


fuel, lubricants and related materials' (75.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'¹ (10.7%).

Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - February 2017** increased by 31.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 3 180.6 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 February 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 31.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 605.7 Billion BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2016 - 2017 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - February 2017** compared to the same period of 2016 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths were recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (72.9%) and "Mineral fuel,

¹ 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 controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

² Value changes at current prices.

³ 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.



lubricants and related materials” (57.3%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was observed only in sector “Beverages and tobacco” (7.8%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - February 2017 was negative and added up to 348.3 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 188.0 Million BGN.

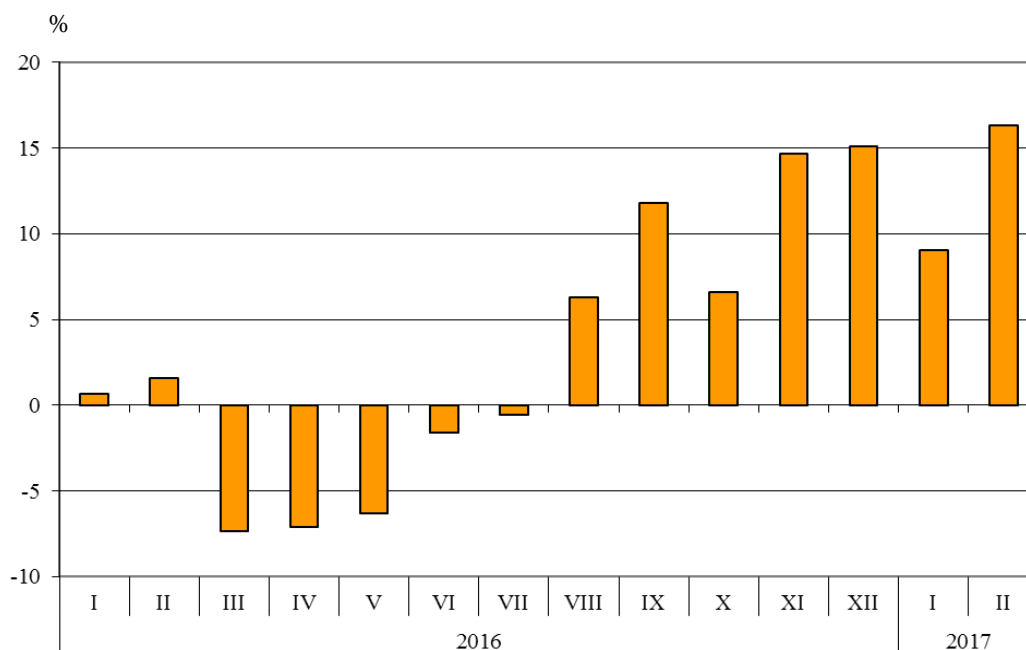
In February 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 85.5 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 7 787.4 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 12.7% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In February 2017 the total exports added up to 4 049.3 Billion BGN and increased by 16.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



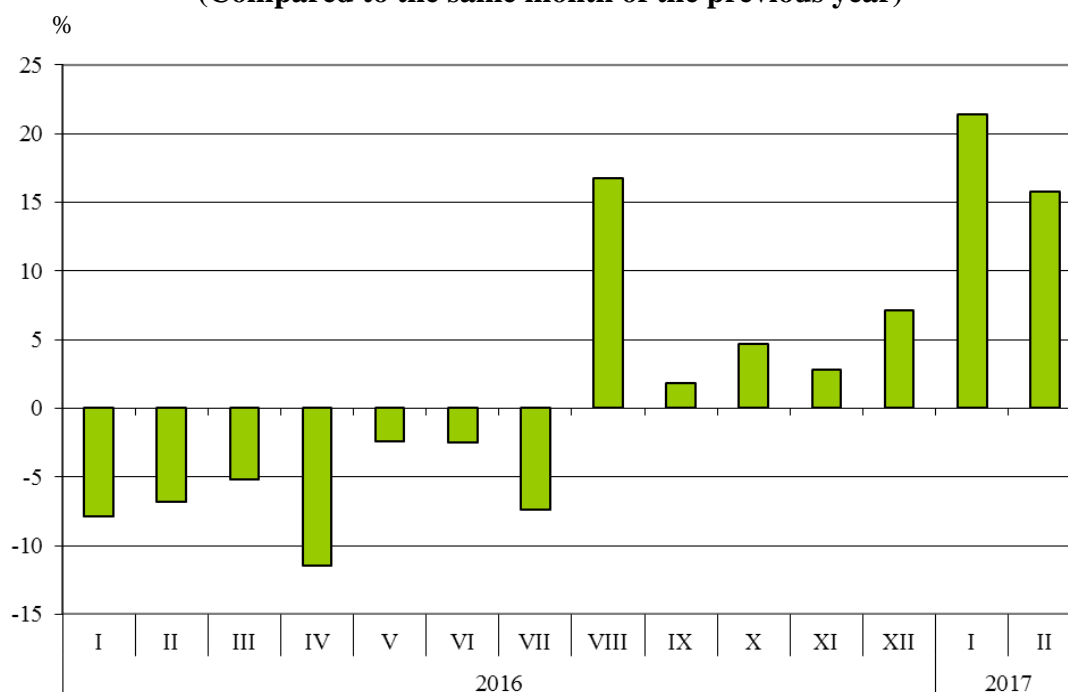
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The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - February 2017** amounted to 8 644.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 18.5% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **February 2017** the total imports increased by 15.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 428.5 Billion BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - February 2017 and amounted to 857.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 423.3 Million BGN.

In **February 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 379.2 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 157.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2016¹ and 2017¹ 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.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	4049.3	2529.1	1520.2	4428.5	2822.8	1605.7	4206.7	2681.7	1525.0	-379.2	-293.7	-85.5	-157.4	-152.6	-4.8
I - II.2017	7787.4	4955.1	2832.3	8644.5	5463.9	3180.6	8210.7	5190.4	3020.3	-857.1	-508.8	-348.3	-423.3	-235.3	-188.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 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 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	9.1	7.2	12.7	21.4	16.5	30.8	21.3	16.4	30.4
II	16.3	10.6	27.2	15.8	8.5	31.3	15.4	8.1	31.1
I - II	12.7	8.9	20.0	18.5	12.2	31.0	18.2	12.0	30.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2017.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - February 2016² and 2017²

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	
Third countries - total	2359.7	2832.3	20.0	2427.4	3180.6	31.0	-67.7	-348.3
of which:								
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
Canada	14.0	10.5	-25.0	14.3	11.7	-18.2	-0.3	-1.2
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
Gibraltar	0.2	27.0	13400.0	0.1	0.0	x	0.1	27.0
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
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
Kazakhstan	3.0	3.3	10.0	6.0	7.5	25.0	-3.0	-4.2
Korea, Republic of	32.3	8.1	-74.9	37.3	33.8	-9.4	-5.0	-25.7
Libya	24.2	22.7	-6.2	0.0	2.6	x	24.2	20.1
Morocco	12.2	26.8	119.7	22.2	25.6	15.3	-10.0	1.2
Namibia	11.4	25.8	126.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	25.8
Norway	11.9	2.2	-81.5	9.6	9.7	1.0	2.3	-7.5
Peru	1.1	0.9	-18.2	13.2	8.2	-37.9	-12.1	-7.3
Russian Federation	100.6	105.5	4.9	694.8	939.9	35.3	-594.2	-834.4
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
Switzerland	44.6	16.9	-62.1	50.1	57.7	15.2	-5.5	-40.8
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
Turkey	584.5	744.2	27.3	436.4	550.2	26.1	148.1	194.0
Ukraine	33.9	10.8	-68.1	105.9	126.4	19.4	-72.0	-115.6
United Arab Emirates	76.9	77.4	0.7	7.1	9.5	33.8	69.8	67.9
United States	106.5	77.0	-27.7	59.2	65.9	11.3	47.3	11.1
Viet-Nam	8.0	5.1	-36.3	10.4	13.4	28.8	-2.4	-8.3

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 10-th April 2017.

"x"- category not applicable.

"-" no case.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries 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	
Third countries - total	2359.7	2832.3	20.0	2427.4	3180.6	31.0	-67.7	-348.3
Food and live animals	239.0	261.4	9.4	119.6	131.4	9.9	119.4	130.0
Beverages and tobacco	93.8	86.4	-7.9	15.3	14.1	-7.8	78.5	72.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	160.6	178.9	11.4	193.8	335.1	72.9	-33.2	-156.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	439.3	768.7	75.0	707.1	1112.0	57.3	-267.8	-343.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	14.6	34.5	136.3	8.1	10.5	29.6	6.5	24.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	239.8	271.3	13.1	273.6	278.0	1.6	-33.8	-6.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	407.0	515.5	26.7	482.8	595.3	23.3	-75.8	-79.8
Machinery and transport equipment	388.2	378.5	-2.5	432.2	478.3	10.7	-44.0	-99.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	372.3	332.5	-10.7	190.5	220.5	15.7	181.8	112.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	5.1	4.6	-9.8	4.4	5.4	22.7	0.7	-0.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2017.