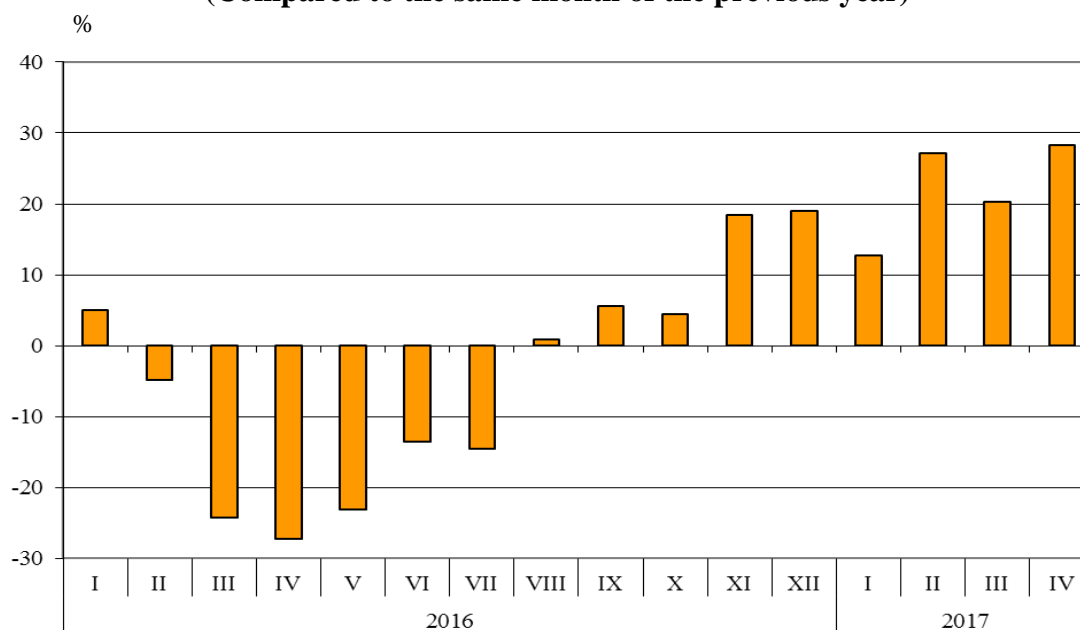


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 22.1% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 5 653.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Egypt, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 51.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 28.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 409.6 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 - April 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (58.8%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (39.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (13.5%).

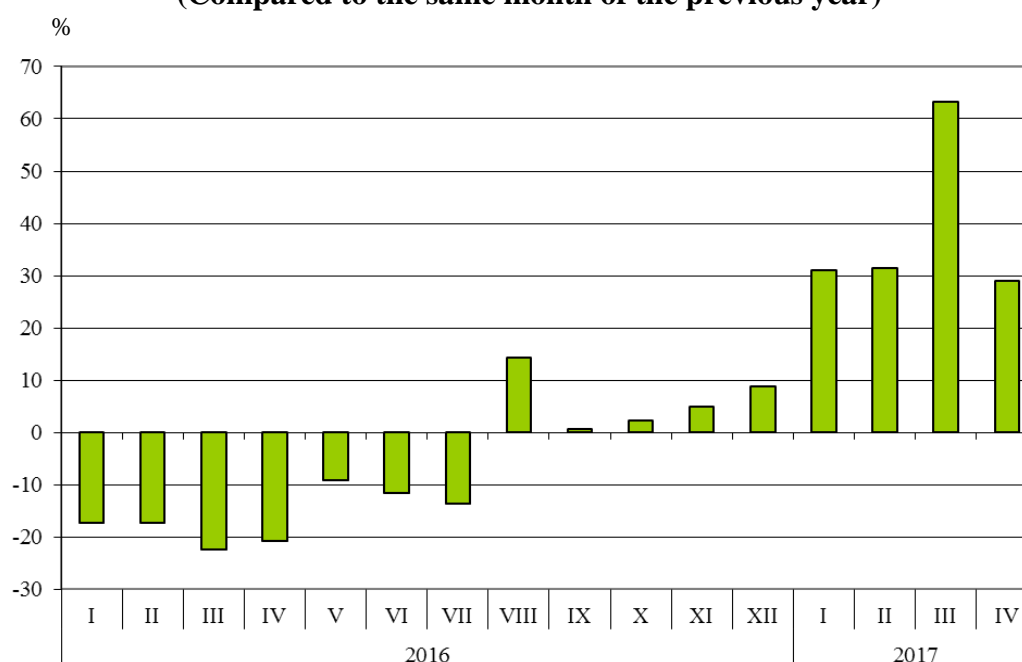
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - April 2017** increased by 38.5% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 6 870.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Table 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 29.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 706.8 Billion BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 - April 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (67.8%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (61.8%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was observed only in sector 'Beverages and tobacco' (18.6%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - April 2017 was negative and added up to 1 217.3 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 872.9 Million BGN.

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.



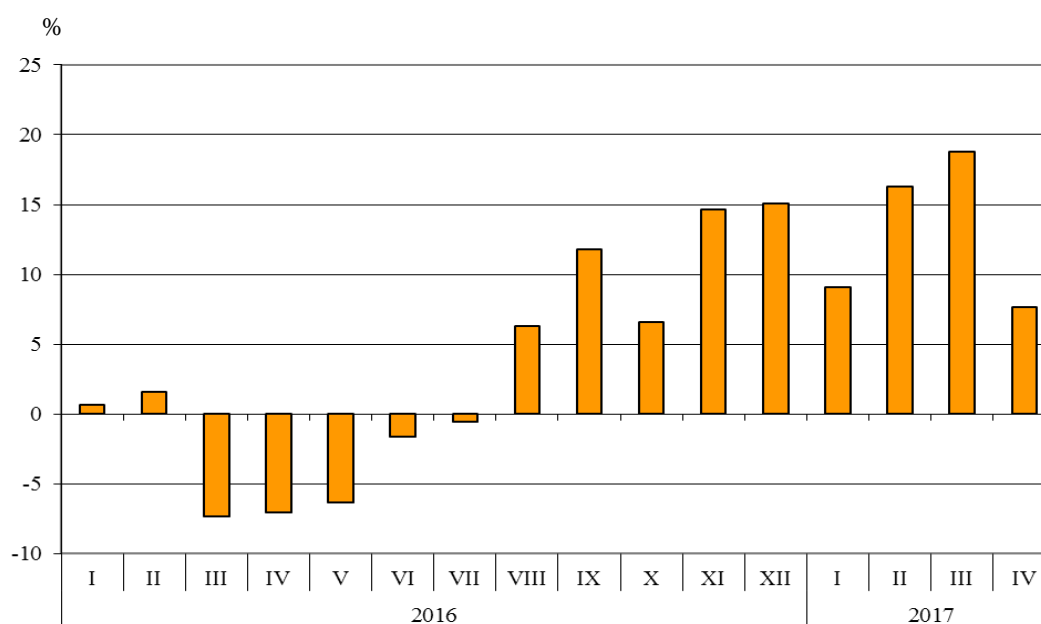
In April 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 297.2 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 16 072.4 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 13.0% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **April 2017** the total exports added up to 3 913.6 Billion BGN and grew by 7.6% 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)**



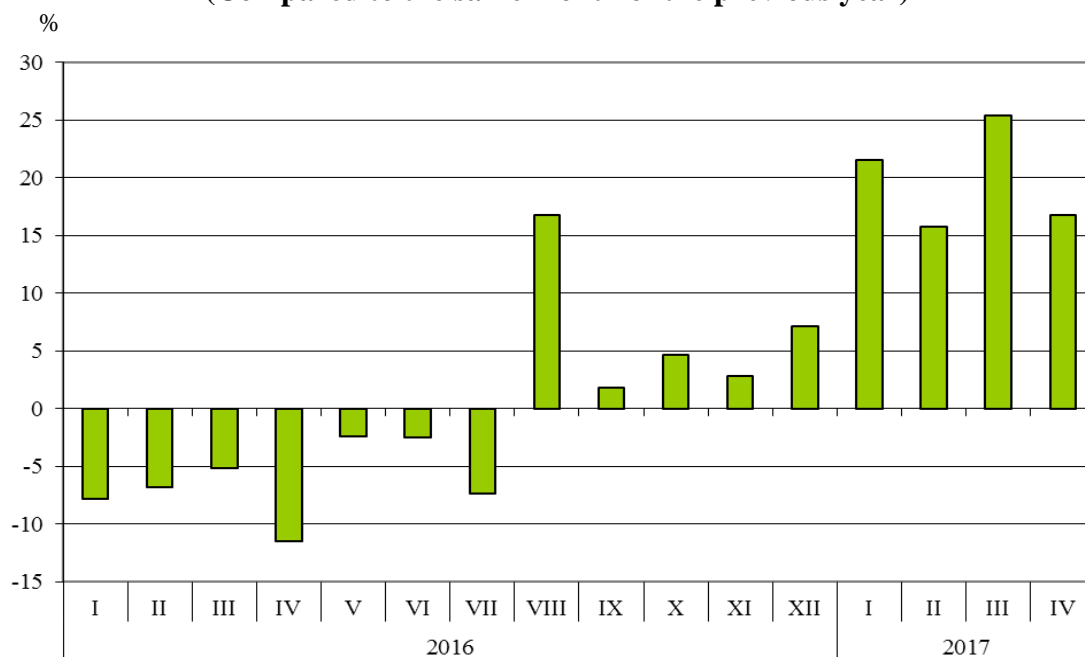
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2017** amounted to 18 627.4 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 19.9% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **April 2017** the total imports increased by 16.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 690.7 Billion BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**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 - April 2017 and amounted to 2 555.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 637.3 Million BGN.

In **April 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 777.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 545.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.0	3005.6	1211.4	4021.0	2864.8	1156.2	-536.5	-498.2	-38.3	-340.5	-357.4	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.6	7874.8	3638.8	10966.9	7500.9	3466.0	-924.1	-818.1	-106.0	-377.4	-444.2	66.8
IV.2016	3635.5	2536.7	1098.8	4017.5	2694.4	1323.1	3832.2	2573.9	1258.3	-382.0	-157.7	-224.3	-196.7	-37.2	-159.5
I - IV.2016	14225.0	9593.4	4631.6	15531.1	10569.2	4961.9	14799.1	10074.8	4724.3	-1306.1	-975.8	-330.3	-574.1	-481.4	-92.7
I.2017	3738.7	2426.5	1312.2	4220.8	2642.9	1577.9	4008.6	2510.4	1498.2	-482.1	-216.4	-265.7	-269.9	-83.9	-186.0
II.2017	4048.3	2528.1	1520.2	4428.6	2820.5	1608.1	4209.7	2682.2	1527.5	-380.3	-292.4	-87.9	-161.4	-154.1	-7.3
III.2017	4371.8	2960.6	1411.2	5287.3	3309.6	1977.7	5032.4	3156.2	1876.2	-915.5	-349.0	-566.5	-660.6	-195.6	-465.0
I - III.2017	12158.8	7915.2	4243.6	13936.7	8773.0	5163.7	13250.7	8348.8	4901.9	-1777.9	-857.8	-920.1	-1091.9	-433.6	-658.3
IV.2017	3913.6	2504.0	1409.6	4690.7	2983.9	1706.8	4459.0	2834.8	1624.2	-777.1	-479.9	-297.2	-545.4	-330.8	-214.6
I - IV.2017	16072.4	10419.2	5653.2	18627.4	11756.9	6870.5	17709.7	11183.6	6526.1	-2555.0	-1337.7	-1217.3	-1637.3	-764.4	-872.9

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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	21.6	16.5	31.0	21.4	16.5	30.7
II	16.3	10.6	27.2	15.8	8.4	31.5	15.5	8.1	31.3
III	18.8	18.1	20.3	25.4	10.1	63.3	25.2	10.2	62.3
I - III	14.8	12.2	20.1	21.0	11.4	41.9	20.8	11.3	41.4
IV	7.6	-1.3	28.3	16.8	10.7	29.0	16.4	10.1	29.1
I - IV	13.0	8.6	22.1	19.9	11.2	38.5	19.7	11.0	38.1

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - April 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	4631.6	5653.2	22.1	4961.9	6870.5	38.5	-330.3	-1217.3
of which:								
Albania	31.1	43.2	38.9	5.4	10.2	88.9	25.7	33.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42.0	46.1	9.8	23.3	26.0	11.6	18.7	20.1
Brazil	16.7	8.4	-49.7	13.4	14.3	6.7	3.3	-5.9
Canada	28.5	23.9	-16.1	23.2	26.4	13.8	5.3	-2.5
China	276.7	409.7	48.1	629.1	691.2	9.9	-352.4	-281.5
Egypt	120.6	348.2	188.7	117.4	365.9	211.7	3.2	-17.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	256.3	253.4	-1.1	136.9	188.0	37.3	119.4	65.4
Georgia	66.7	82.9	24.3	74.1	158.2	113.5	-7.4	-75.3
Gibraltar	0.4	27.1	6675.0	0.1	0.0	x	0.3	27.1
India	37.9	96.4	154.4	77.2	88.9	15.2	-39.3	7.5
Indonesia	18.9	17.0	-10.1	21.7	27.3	25.8	-2.8	-10.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	41.9	43.0	2.6	16.6	68.8	314.5	25.3	-25.8
Israel	43.0	45.3	5.3	47.1	29.1	-38.2	-4.1	16.2
Japan	20.1	21.4	6.5	62.3	69.1	10.9	-42.2	-47.7
Kazakhstan	11.1	14.8	33.3	11.7	15.5	32.5	-0.6	-0.7
Korea, Republic of	44.8	18.9	-57.8	77.3	72.2	-6.6	-32.5	-53.3
Libya	54.1	29.5	-45.5	2.5	4.9	96.0	51.6	24.6
Morocco	30.9	71.4	131.1	41.5	68.2	64.3	-10.6	3.2
Namibia	40.4	50.6	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.4	50.6
Norway	18.1	16.0	-11.6	18.1	28.5	57.5	0.0	-12.5
Peru	2.7	8.0	196.3	17.7	21.3	20.3	-15.0	-13.3
Russian Federation	199.1	242.9	22.0	1319.1	1923.9	45.8	-1120.0	-1681.0
Serbia	233.2	276.2	18.4	213.7	367.7	72.1	19.5	-91.5
Singapore	68.9	160.1	132.4	18.1	23.3	28.7	50.8	136.8
South Africa	48.5	31.9	-34.2	13.5	27.5	103.7	35.0	4.4
Switzerland	72.7	65.8	-9.5	113.8	126.8	11.4	-41.1	-61.0
Syrian Arab Republic	18.2	24.2	33.0	1.3	0.0	x	16.9	24.2
Taiwan	9.0	13.6	51.1	62.2	70.9	14.0	-53.2	-57.3
Turkey	1137.4	1402.9	23.3	934.7	1155.9	23.7	202.7	247.0
Ukraine	62.7	53.9	-14.0	243.6	261.5	7.3	-180.9	-207.6
United Arab Emirates	129.4	145.2	12.2	14.7	19.7	34.0	114.7	125.5
United States	217.5	190.5	-12.4	134.4	148.3	10.3	83.1	42.2
Viet-Nam	15.9	13.8	-13.2	23.1	29.2	26.4	-7.2	-15.4

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 June 2017.

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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 - April 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	4631.6	5653.2	22.1	4961.9	6870.5	38.5	-330.3	-1217.3
Food and live animals	459.4	475.6	3.5	270.5	292.7	8.2	188.9	182.9
Beverages and tobacco	128.0	164.0	28.1	43.5	35.4	-18.6	84.5	128.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	363.9	332.1	-8.7	430.1	696.0	61.8	-66.2	-363.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	681.1	1081.6	58.8	1314.4	2205.2	67.8	-633.3	-1123.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	63.5	54.9	-13.5	16.3	19.9	22.1	47.2	35.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	504.6	550.8	9.2	544.3	560.9	3.0	-39.7	-10.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	877.1	1227.4	39.9	1032.9	1326.7	28.4	-155.8	-99.3
Machinery and transport equipment	842.6	862.8	2.4	896.7	1248.8	39.3	-54.1	-386.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	698.7	892.8	27.8	403.6	474.1	17.5	295.1	418.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	12.7	11.2	-11.8	9.6	10.8	12.5	3.1	0.4

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