

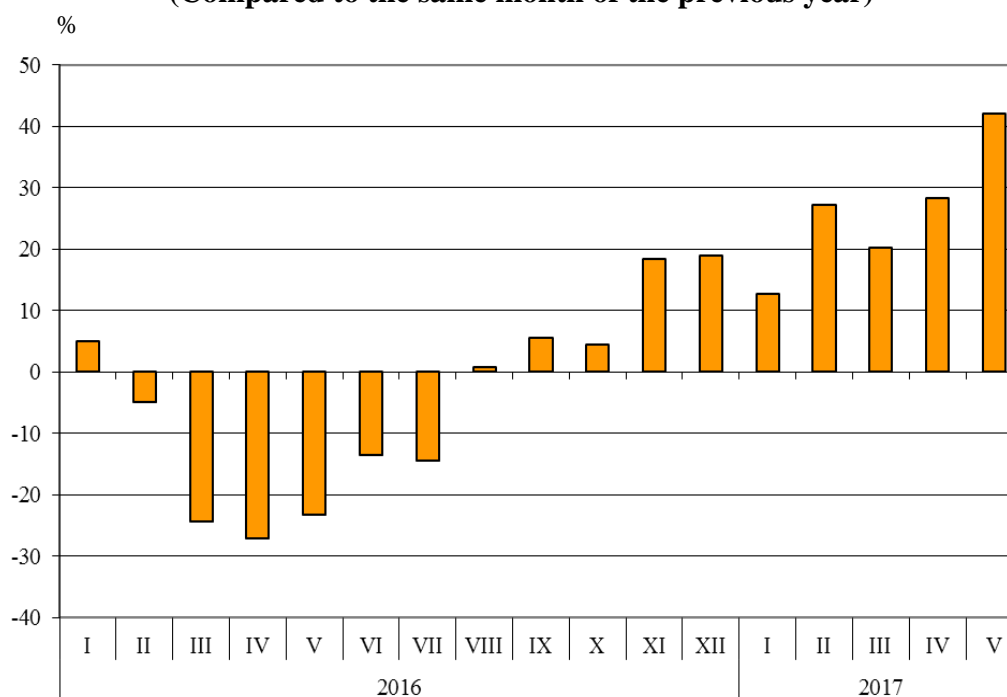


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 26.0% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 7 244.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which accounted for 51.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2017 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 42.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 591.2 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 - May 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

¹ Value changes at current prices.

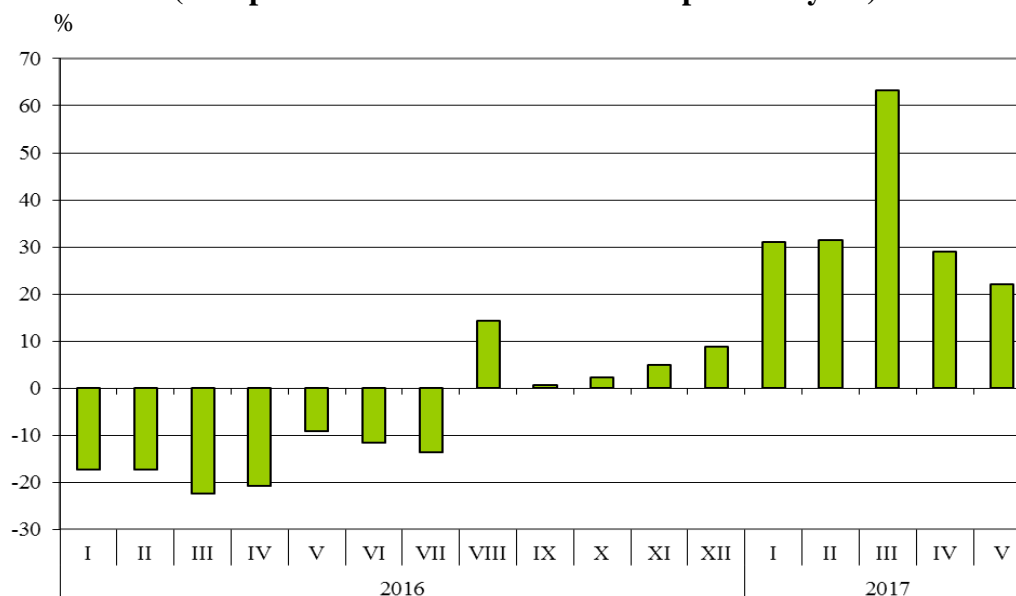


were recorded in the sections ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’ (49.8%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’¹ (41.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (10.8%).

Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - May 2017** increased by 34.8% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 8 647.9 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 May 2017 Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 22.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 777.4 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 - May 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

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.



growths were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’¹ (85.7%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (54.0%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall wasn’t observed in any sector.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - May 2017 was negative and added up to 1 403.5 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 974.9 Million BGN.

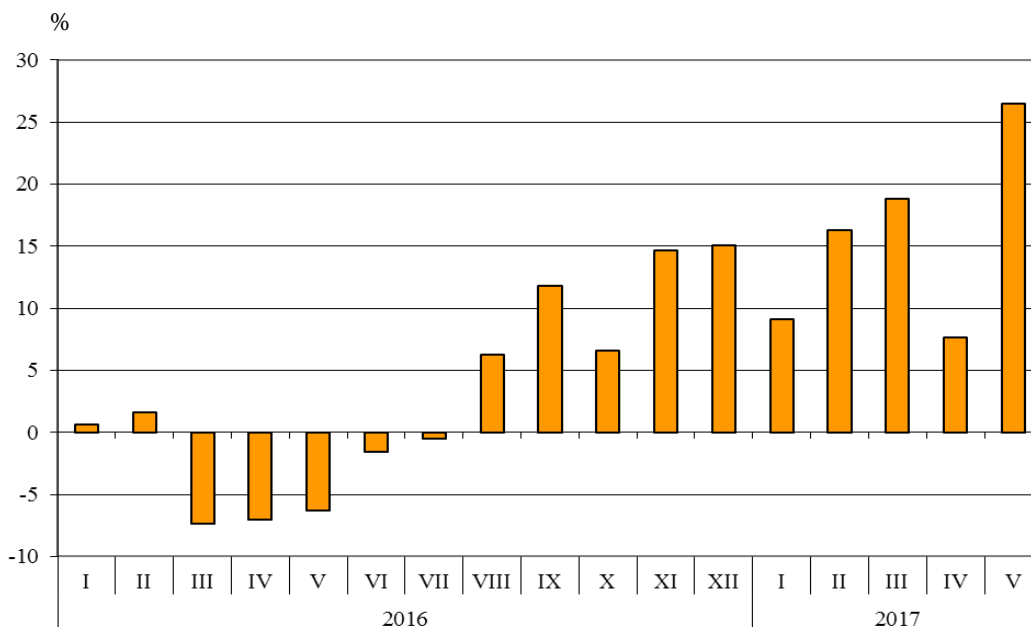
In May 2017 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 186.2 Million BGN.

Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - May 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 20 522.5 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 15.7% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **May 2017** the total exports added up to 4 450.7 Billion BGN and grew by 26.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value² change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



¹ 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.

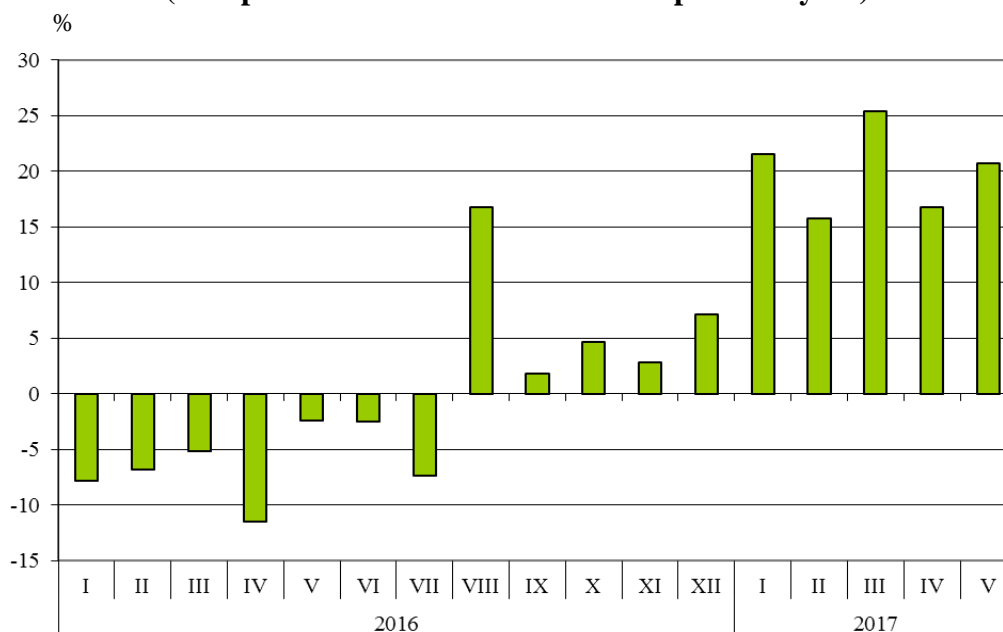
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The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - May 2017** amounted to 23 558.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 20.1% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **May 2017** the total imports increased by 20.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 929.2 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 - May 2017 and amounted to 3 035.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - May 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 882.5 Million BGN.

In **May 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 478.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 236.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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
V.2016	3517.6	2397.4	1120.2	4084.3	2628.6	1455.7	3887.8	2505.8	1382.0	-566.7	-231.2	-335.5	-370.2	-108.4	-261.8
I - V.2016	17742.6	11990.8	5751.8	19615.4	13197.8	6417.6	18686.9	12580.6	6106.3	-1872.8	-1207.0	-665.8	-944.3	-589.8	-354.5
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	3913.0	2503.4	1409.6	4692.3	2985.5	1706.8	4466.8	2842.6	1624.2	-779.3	-482.1	-297.2	-553.8	-339.2	-214.6
V.2017	4450.7	2859.5	1591.2	4929.2	3151.8	1777.4	4687.5	2994.3	1693.2	-478.5	-292.3	-186.2	-236.8	-134.8	-102.0
I - V.2017	20522.5	13278.1	7244.4	23558.2	14910.3	8647.9	22405.0	14185.7	8219.3	-3035.7	-1632.2	-1403.5	-1882.5	-907.6	-974.9

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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	10.8	29.0	16.6	10.4	29.1
V	26.5	19.3	42.0	20.7	19.9	22.1	20.6	19.5	22.5
I - V	15.7	10.7	26.0	20.1	13.0	34.8	19.9	12.8	34.6

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



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹
in the period January - May 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	5751.8	7244.4	26.0	6417.6	8647.9	34.8	-665.8	-1403.5
of which:								
Albania	39.7	55.6	40.1	8.3	13.7	65.1	31.4	41.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52.6	60.6	15.2	27.0	33.7	24.8	25.6	26.9
Brazil	29.7	25.8	-13.1	28.0	17.1	-38.9	1.7	8.7
Canada	33.1	31.3	-5.4	26.5	44.2	66.8	6.6	-12.9
China	341.5	514.4	50.6	771.2	880.8	14.2	-429.7	-366.4
Egypt	160.3	389.0	142.7	168.0	469.0	179.2	-7.7	-80.0
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	318.5	314.1	-1.4	164.7	240.3	45.9	153.8	73.8
Georgia	99.7	111.8	12.1	78.6	223.7	184.6	21.1	-111.9
Gibraltar	0.4	37.3	9225.0	0.1	0.0	x	0.3	37.3
India	44.8	110.9	147.5	94.4	114.0	20.8	-49.6	-3.1
Indonesia	20.0	20.5	2.5	26.4	33.7	27.7	-6.4	-13.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	45.5	49.1	7.9	22.2	71.6	222.5	23.3	-22.5
Israel	49.5	55.6	12.3	52.2	36.5	-30.1	-2.7	19.1
Japan	25.2	26.9	6.7	85.7	81.0	-5.5	-60.5	-54.1
Kazakhstan	12.8	17.0	32.8	14.1	17.7	25.5	-1.3	-0.7
Korea, Republic of	49.7	25.5	-48.7	97.7	88.8	-9.1	-48.0	-63.3
Libya	91.8	33.9	-63.1	2.5	4.9	96.0	89.3	29.0
Morocco	44.4	75.5	70.0	52.5	76.7	46.1	-8.1	-1.2
Namibia	40.4	50.6	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.4	50.6
Norway	18.6	22.4	20.4	22.4	33.7	50.4	-3.8	-11.3
Peru	3.0	10.3	243.3	17.9	22.6	26.3	-14.9	-12.3
Russian Federation	244.6	396.1	61.9	1754.7	2392.2	36.3	-1510.1	-1996.1
Serbia	293.9	346.5	17.9	274.7	473.0	72.2	19.2	-126.5
Singapore	98.2	161.7	64.7	20.9	26.5	26.8	77.3	135.2
South Africa	52.5	35.0	-33.3	15.0	32.4	116.0	37.5	2.6
Switzerland	77.9	91.7	17.7	152.2	157.0	3.2	-74.3	-65.3
Syrian Arab Republic	19.7	24.8	25.9	1.4	0.1	-92.9	18.3	24.7
Taiwan	11.6	18.1	56.0	79.1	86.4	9.2	-67.5	-68.3
Turkey	1462.8	1767.4	20.8	1184.6	1477.1	24.7	278.2	290.3
Ukraine	68.5	88.7	29.5	333.1	327.2	-1.8	-264.6	-238.5
United Arab Emirates	138.1	167.6	21.4	17.5	24.1	37.7	120.6	143.5
United States	252.2	249.5	-1.1	172.3	211.1	22.5	79.9	38.4
Viet Nam	19.0	18.9	-0.5	29.7	35.5	19.5	-10.7	-16.6

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 July 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 - May 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	5751.8	7244.4	26.0	6417.6	8647.9	34.8	-665.8	-1403.5
Food and live animals	582.1	559.6	-3.9	346.8	382.6	10.3	235.3	177.0
Beverages and tobacco	140.0	191.3	36.6	56.5	63.4	12.2	83.5	127.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	454.0	406.1	-10.6	491.2	912.3	85.7	-37.2	-506.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	940.4	1290.1	37.2	1785.9	2750.6	54.0	-845.5	-1460.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	70.1	62.5	-10.8	19.5	24.9	27.7	50.6	37.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	620.1	718.9	15.9	658.5	700.8	6.4	-38.4	18.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1090.4	1633.4	49.8	1327.3	1659.2	25.0	-236.9	-25.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1027.6	1219.3	18.7	1205.1	1539.1	27.7	-177.5	-319.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	811.9	1149.1	41.5	504.9	601.1	19.1	307.0	548.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	15.2	14.1	-7.2	21.9	13.9	-36.5	-6.7	0.2

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