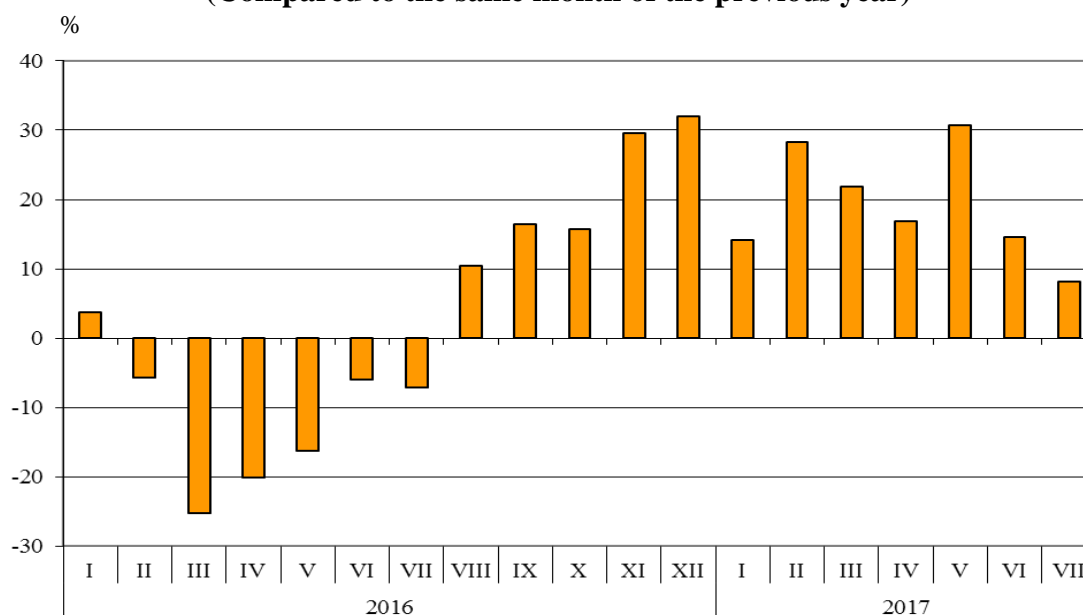


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** increased by 18.9% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 10 304.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Egypt which accounted for 51.1% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**In July 2017** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** grew by 8.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 482.3 Billion BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - July 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 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (52.9%) and 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles'<sup>2</sup> (38.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Food and live animals' (16.5%).

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

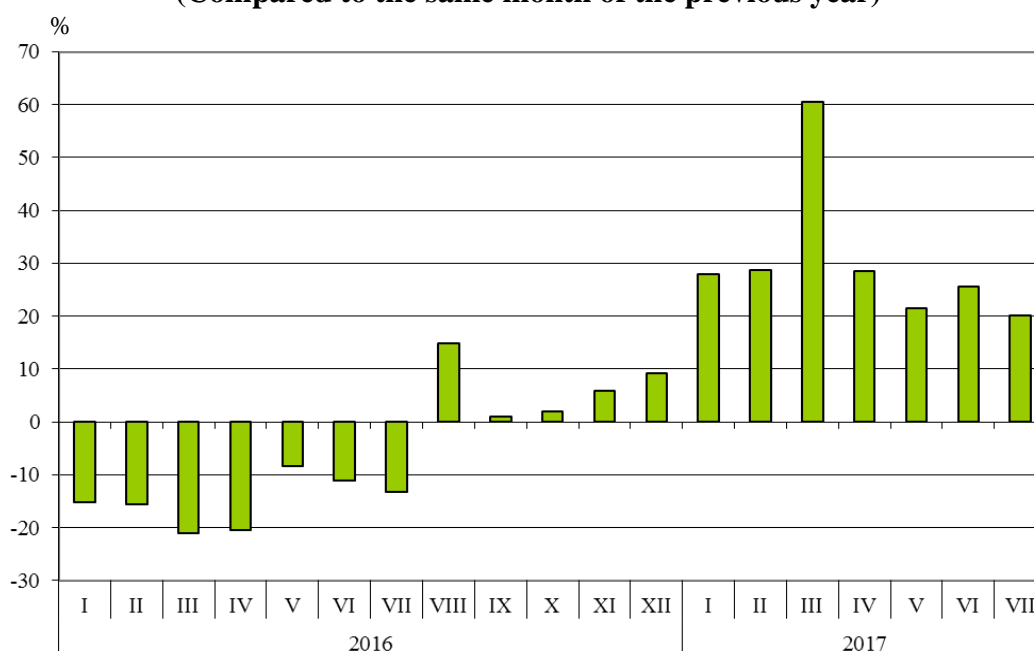
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, 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.



**Bulgarian imports from third countries** in the period **January - July 2017** increased by 29.9% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year and added up to 12 135.7 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 July 2017** Bulgarian imports from third countries grew by 20.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 705.8 Billion BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - July 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)'<sup>2</sup> (82.3%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (40.2%) (Annex, Table 4).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - July 2017 was negative and added up to 1 831.2 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 1 238.8 Million BGN.

<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.



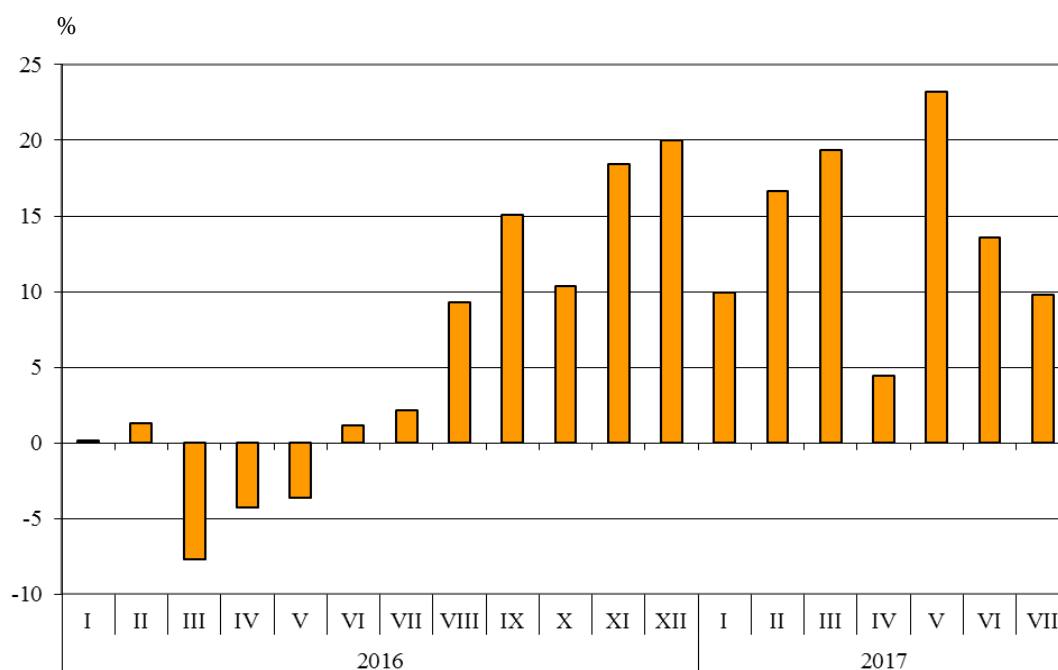
In **July 2017** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 223.5 Million BGN.

### Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - July 2017** the value of **all exported goods** from Bulgaria amounted to 29 772.4 Million BGN and in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year the exports increased by 13.8% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **July 2017** the total exports added up to 4 604.6 Billion BGN and grew by 9.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2016 - 2017  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



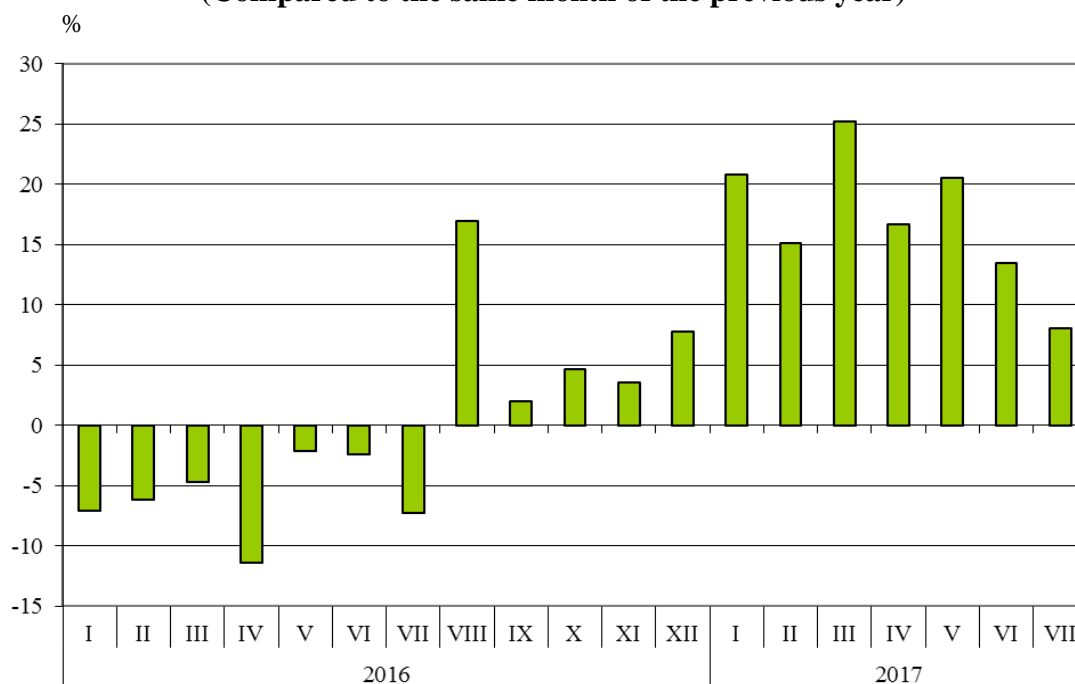
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - July 2017** amounted to 33 192.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 17.0% more than the same period of 2016 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

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



In **July 2017** the total imports increased by 8.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 695.4 Billion BGN.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - July 2017 and amounted to 3 420.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - July 2017 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 814.5 Million BGN.

In **July 2017** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 90.8 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was positive and amounted to 138.2 Million BGN.

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

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2016 and 2017<sup>1</sup> by months

(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.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10548.6</b>	<b>7055.8</b>	<b>3492.8</b>	<b>11588.8</b>	<b>7874.9</b>	<b>3713.9</b>	<b>10856.6</b>	<b>7401.4</b>	<b>3455.2</b>	<b>-1040.2</b>	<b>-819.1</b>	<b>-221.1</b>	<b>-308.0</b>	<b>-345.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
<b>IV - VI.2016</b>	<b>11431.3</b>	<b>7630.3</b>	<b>3801.0</b>	<b>12437.4</b>	<b>8225.8</b>	<b>4211.6</b>	<b>11677.5</b>	<b>7762.0</b>	<b>3915.5</b>	<b>-1006.1</b>	<b>-595.5</b>	<b>-410.6</b>	<b>-246.2</b>	<b>-131.7</b>	<b>-114.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2016</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>7293.8</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>7925.5</b>	<b>22534.1</b>	<b>15163.4</b>	<b>7370.7</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-631.7</b>	<b>-554.2</b>	<b>-477.3</b>	<b>-76.9</b>
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
<b>I - VI.2016</b>	<b>26172.4</b>	<b>17507.4</b>	<b>8665.0</b>	<b>28370.4</b>	<b>19024.8</b>	<b>9345.6</b>	<b>26596.9</b>	<b>17910.1</b>	<b>8686.8</b>	<b>-2198.0</b>	<b>-1517.4</b>	<b>-680.6</b>	<b>-424.5</b>	<b>-402.7</b>	<b>-21.8</b>
I.2017	3750.6	2438.5	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	4016.9	2518.7	1498.2	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-266.3	-80.2	-186.1
II.2017	4050.5	2530.3	1520.2	4432.6	2824.5	1608.1	4213.6	2686.1	1527.5	-382.1	-294.2	-87.9	-163.1	-155.8	-7.3
III.2017	4374.1	2962.9	1411.2	5304.1	3327.8	1976.3	5048.2	3173.5	1874.7	-930.0	-364.9	-565.1	-674.1	-210.6	-463.5
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12175.2</b>	<b>7931.7</b>	<b>4243.5</b>	<b>13966.6</b>	<b>8804.4</b>	<b>5162.2</b>	<b>13278.7</b>	<b>8378.3</b>	<b>4900.4</b>	<b>-1791.4</b>	<b>-872.7</b>	<b>-918.7</b>	<b>-1103.5</b>	<b>-446.6</b>	<b>-656.9</b>
IV.2017	3911.6	2501.5	1410.1	4691.8	2985.1	1706.7	4466.5	2842.3	1624.2	-780.2	-483.6	-296.6	-554.9	-340.8	-214.1
V.2017	4460.0	2863.9	1596.1	4937.6	3155.5	1782.1	4705.0	3007.0	1698.0	-477.6	-291.6	-186.0	-245.0	-143.1	-101.9
VI.2017	4621.0	3048.5	1572.5	4901.4	3122.5	1778.9	4670.3	2975.9	1694.4	-280.4	-74.0	-206.4	-49.3	72.6	-121.9
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>12992.6</b>	<b>8413.9</b>	<b>4578.7</b>	<b>14530.8</b>	<b>9263.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>13841.8</b>	<b>8825.2</b>	<b>5016.6</b>	<b>-1538.2</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-689.0</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-411.3</b>	<b>-437.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>8822.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>10429.9</b>	<b>27120.5</b>	<b>17203.5</b>	<b>9917.0</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>	<b>-1607.7</b>	<b>-1952.7</b>	<b>-857.9</b>	<b>-1094.8</b>
VII.2017	4604.6	3122.3	1482.3	4695.4	2989.6	1705.8	4466.4	2840.1	1626.3	-90.8	132.7	-223.5	138.2	282.2	-144.0
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>29772.4</b>	<b>19467.9</b>	<b>10304.5</b>	<b>33192.8</b>	<b>21057.1</b>	<b>12135.7</b>	<b>31586.9</b>	<b>20043.6</b>	<b>11543.3</b>	<b>-3420.4</b>	<b>-1589.2</b>	<b>-1831.2</b>	<b>-1814.5</b>	<b>-575.7</b>	<b>-1238.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.

<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 - July 2017<sup>1</sup> 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	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	22.8	18.7	30.3
II	16.7	10.6	28.3	15.1	8.6	28.8	16.6	9.5	31.7
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.7	60.5	27.1	12.3	63.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>
IV	4.5	-1.4	16.9	16.7	10.8	28.6	18.1	11.6	31.5
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.0	21.4	22.4	21.2	24.6
VI	13.6	13.1	14.5	13.5	7.6	25.6	15.3	8.9	28.6
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.1	2.2	20.1	9.9	3.4	23.6
<b>I - VII</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - July 2016 and 2017<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>8665.0</b>	<b>10304.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>9345.6</b>	<b>12135.7</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>-680.6</b>	<b>-1831.2</b>
of which:								
Albania	64.8	83.9	29.5	14.0	18.2	30.0	50.8	65.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	74.3	78.5	5.7	43.7	46.3	5.9	30.6	32.2
Brazil	36.3	32.5	-10.5	33.9	22.4	-33.9	2.4	10.1
Canada	56.4	45.4	-19.5	43.5	65.7	51.0	12.9	-20.3
China	467.2	691.8	48.1	1139.6	1271.4	11.6	-672.4	-579.6
Egypt	202.2	418.6	107.0	262.7	662.2	152.1	-60.5	-243.6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	445.5	448.1	0.6	285.8	348.4	21.9	159.7	99.7
Georgia	160.3	157.1	-2.0	119.1	338.8	184.5	41.2	-181.7
Gibraltar	16.0	64.5	303.1	0.1	0.0	x	15.9	64.5
India	85.6	134.5	57.1	131.9	157.3	19.3	-46.3	-22.8
Indonesia	34.4	28.6	-16.9	36.5	51.6	41.4	-2.1	-23.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	56.8	74.3	30.8	29.7	77.8	162.0	27.1	-3.5
Israel	78.3	71.1	-9.2	63.4	51.8	-18.3	14.9	19.3
Japan	45.0	39.3	-12.7	112.1	114.8	2.4	-67.1	-75.5
Kazakhstan	20.4	29.4	44.1	19.0	20.3	6.8	1.4	9.1
Korea, Republic of	68.3	42.6	-37.6	135.9	123.6	-9.1	-67.6	-81.0
Libya	116.2	54.0	-53.5	2.6	9.0	246.2	113.6	45.0
Morocco	55.5	93.6	68.6	95.5	116.3	21.8	-40.0	-22.7
Namibia	59.6	123.9	107.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.6	123.9
Norway	38.3	36.2	-5.5	30.5	39.7	30.2	7.8	-3.5
Peru	5.8	12.4	113.8	24.0	24.2	0.8	-18.2	-11.8
Russian Federation	401.4	780.6	94.5	2593.2	3318.1	28.0	-2191.8	-2537.5
Serbia	419.7	505.8	20.5	421.0	675.2	60.4	-1.3	-169.4
Singapore	134.3	199.2	48.3	26.8	34.5	28.7	107.5	164.7
South Africa	60.9	58.8	-3.4	22.4	40.9	82.6	38.5	17.9
Switzerland	151.2	140.4	-7.1	225.3	225.6	0.1	-74.1	-85.2
Syrian Arab Republic	20.9	28.7	37.3	1.5	0.1	-93.3	19.4	28.6
Taiwan	27.8	27.9	0.4	114.6	117.3	2.4	-86.8	-89.4
Turkey	2117.9	2421.7	14.3	1682.7	2142.7	27.3	435.2	279.0
Ukraine	133.1	142.3	6.9	453.1	442.8	-2.3	-320.0	-300.5
United Arab Emirates	217.0	211.9	-2.4	23.6	32.5	37.7	193.4	179.4
United States	396.0	377.1	-4.8	248.4	281.7	13.4	147.6	95.4
Viet Nam	65.1	29.0	-55.5	46.1	49.0	6.3	19.0	-20.0

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 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 the period January - July 2016 and 2017<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>8665.0</b>	<b>10304.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>9345.6</b>	<b>12135.7</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>-680.6</b>	<b>-1831.2</b>
Food and live animals	885.3	738.8	-16.5	479.0	522.9	9.2	406.3	215.9
Beverages and tobacco	215.7	249.1	15.5	89.5	101.0	12.8	126.2	148.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	598.0	619.8	3.6	720.6	1313.4	82.3	-122.6	-693.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1534.5	1697.7	10.6	2685.2	3765.8	40.2	-1150.7	-2068.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	85.3	94.7	11.0	27.1	35.8	32.1	58.2	58.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	881.5	1046.5	18.7	929.1	989.0	6.4	-47.6	57.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1594.4	2437.1	52.9	1895.9	2399.9	26.6	-301.5	37.2
Machinery and transport equipment	1628.7	1717.5	5.5	1757.5	2103.2	19.7	-128.8	-385.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1218.2	1684.0	38.2	733.9	884.8	20.6	484.3	799.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	23.4	19.3	-17.5	27.8	19.9	-28.4	-4.4	-0.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.