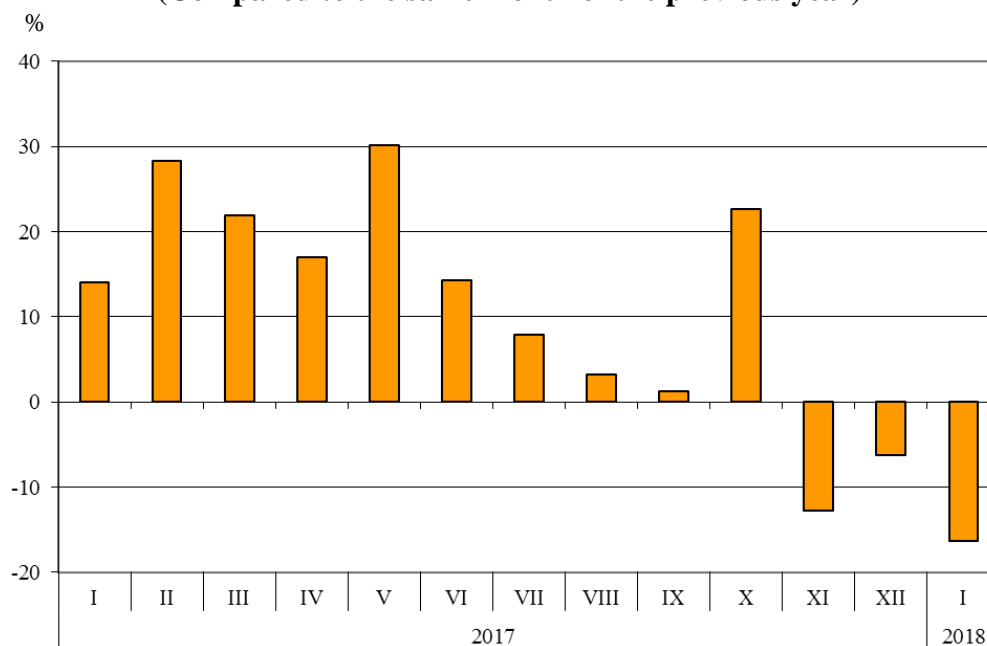




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January 2018 Bulgarian exports to third countries decreased by 16.3% in comparison with the same month of the previous year and added up to 1 098.0 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 the United states which accounted for 57.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In January 2018 in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same month of 2017 were recorded in the sections 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (37.5%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (29.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (79.6%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (47.7%).

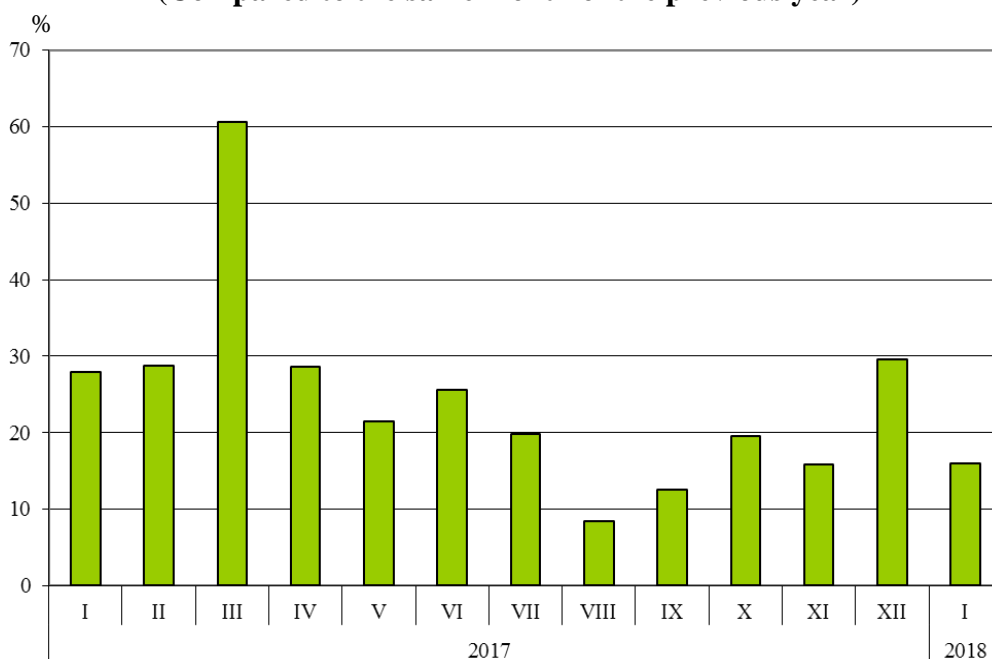
¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in January 2018 increased by 15.9% in comparison with the same month of the previous year and added up to 1 829.2 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).

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In January 2018 in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same month of 2017 were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (81.5%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (59.8%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall is observed only in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (22.3%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in January 2018 was negative and added up to 731.2 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 593.9 Million BGN.

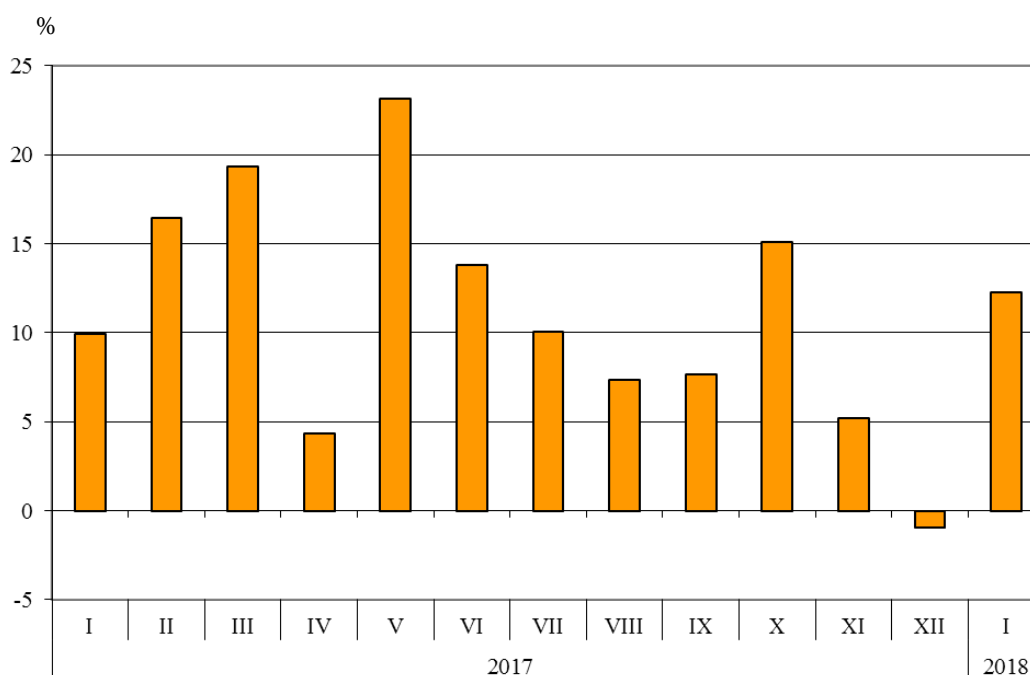
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Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In January 2018 the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 4 211.1 Million BGN and in comparison with the same month of the previous year the exports increased by 12.3% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

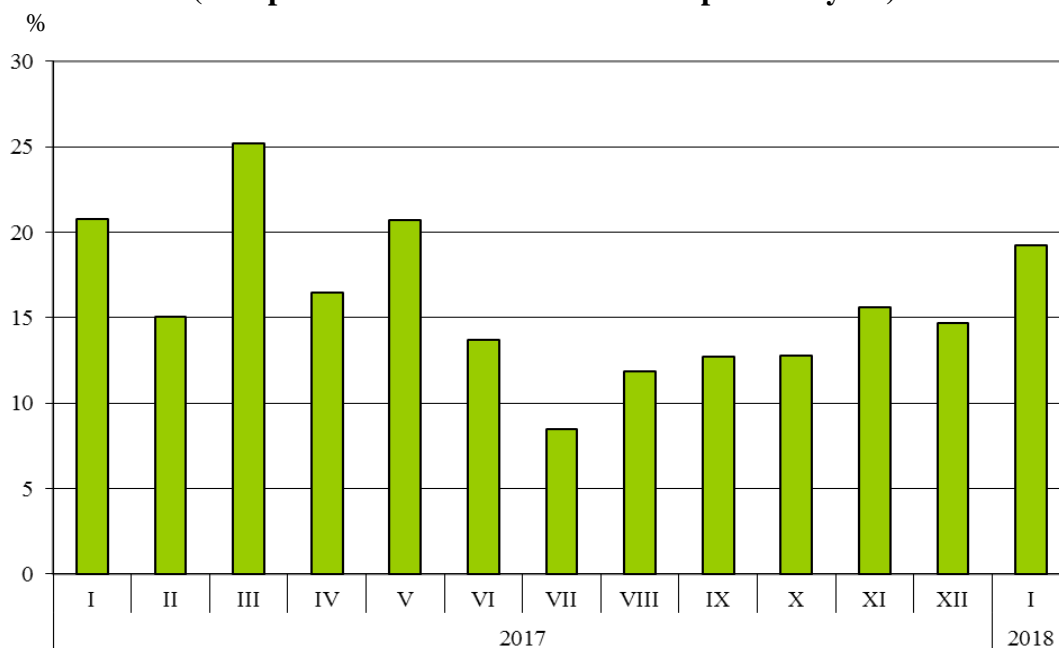


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in January 2018 amounted to 5 044.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 19.3% more than the same month of 2017 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria in the period 2017 - 2018
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in January 2018 and amounted to 833.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in January 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 535.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2017¹ and 2018¹ 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.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	3944.3	2480.5	1463.8	-479.4	-213.7	-265.7	-193.8	-42.1	-151.7
I.2018	4211.1	3113.1	1098.0	5044.3	3215.1	1829.2	4746.3	3054.4	1691.9	-833.2	-102.0	-731.2	-535.2	58.7	-593.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2018¹ compared to the same month 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	12.3	27.7	-16.3	19.3	21.2	15.9	20.3	23.1	15.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2018.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in
January 2017² and 2018²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1312.1	1098.0	-16.3	1577.8	1829.2	15.9	-265.7	-731.2
of which:								
Albania	6.4	15.5	142.2	3.0	1.3	-56.7	3.4	14.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8.5	10.2	20.0	5.0	2.1	-58.0	3.5	8.1
Brazil	1.6	2.6	62.5	3.5	3.3	-5.7	-1.9	-0.7
Canada	4.9	6.5	32.7	5.5	16.8	205.5	-0.6	-10.3
China	102.4	106.9	4.4	168.5	259.1	53.8	-66.1	-152.2
Egypt	131.1	6.5	-95.0	20.8	12.4	-40.4	110.3	-5.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	51.8	65.8	27.0	41.9	51.3	22.4	9.9	14.5
Georgia	12.3	16.9	37.4	31.3	41.6	32.9	-19.0	-24.7
Gibraltar	27.0	0.2	-99.3	0.0	0.0	-	27.0	0.2
India	42.3	11.4	-73.0	22.4	35.6	58.9	19.9	-24.2
Indonesia	5.0	4.1	-18.0	8.0	9.2	15.0	-3.0	-5.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	8.4	9.8	16.7	59.7	6.4	-89.3	-51.3	3.4
Israel	8.2	9.6	17.1	7.9	6.1	-22.8	0.3	3.5
Japan	4.1	5.8	41.5	12.8	20.1	57.0	-8.7	-14.3
Kazakhstan	1.4	6.4	357.1	4.2	1.7	-59.5	-2.8	4.7
Korea, Republic of	3.8	5.5	44.7	17.2	26.5	54.1	-13.4	-21.0
Libya	0.2	8.4	4100.0	2.6	4.0	53.8	-2.4	4.4
Morocco	11.0	3.8	-65.5	12.5	15.8	26.4	-1.5	-12.0
Namibia	25.8	23.8	-7.8	0.0	0.0	-	25.8	23.8
Norway	1.2	5.4	350.0	3.2	3.1	-3.1	-2.0	2.3
Peru	0.4	5.0	1150.0	7.0	0.7	-90.0	-6.6	4.3
Russian Federation	40.9	59.4	45.2	513.6	487.7	-5.0	-472.7	-428.3
Serbia	57.9	63.2	9.2	77.7	97.6	25.6	-19.8	-34.4
Singapore	38.9	29.2	-24.9	6.0	9.4	56.7	32.9	19.8
South Africa	3.5	11.7	234.3	1.7	10.2	500.0	1.8	1.5
Switzerland	8.1	25.1	209.9	24.5	29.5	20.4	-16.4	-4.4
Syrian Arab Republic	9.9	1.5	-84.8	0.0	0.3	x	9.9	1.2
Taiwan	1.8	3.8	111.1	18.5	18.9	2.2	-16.7	-15.1
Turkey	348.4	279.4	-19.8	283.0	291.9	3.1	65.4	-12.5
Ukraine	4.2	21.5	411.9	41.8	69.2	65.6	-37.6	-47.7
United Arab Emirates	40.0	19.6	-51.0	6.7	6.2	-7.5	33.3	13.4
United States	36.9	54.4	47.4	29.7	88.4	197.6	7.2	-34.0
Viet-Nam	2.1	3.5	66.7	7.0	10.4	48.6	-4.9	-6.9

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 13-th March 2018.

"x" - category not applicable.

"-" - no case.



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in January 2017¹ and 2018¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2017	2018
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1312.1	1098.0	-16.3	1577.8	1829.2	15.9	-265.7	-731.2
Food and live animals	104.6	78.5	-25.0	62.1	77.6	25.0	42.5	0.9
Beverages and tobacco	39.2	20.5	-47.7	8.7	11.0	26.4	30.5	9.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	80.9	81.8	1.1	162.4	201.8	24.3	-81.5	-120.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	410.8	83.9	-79.6	601.1	467.1	-22.3	-190.3	-383.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	12.3	13.5	9.8	5.4	9.8	81.5	6.9	3.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	112.4	154.5	37.5	129.6	175.7	35.6	-17.2	-21.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	240.5	311.3	29.4	268.8	374.2	39.2	-28.3	-62.9
Machinery and transport equipment	189.5	232.4	22.6	237.3	379.2	59.8	-47.8	-146.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	120.0	119.0	-0.8	100.0	129.6	29.6	20.0	-10.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	1.9	2.6	36.8	2.4	3.2	33.3	-0.5	-0.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2018.