

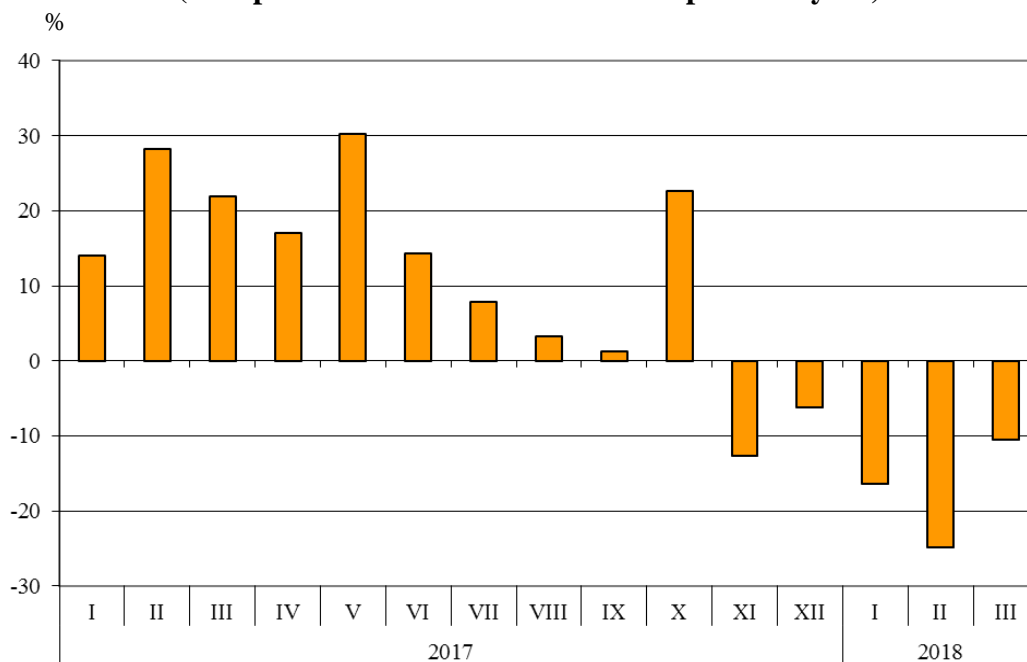


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2018** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 17.4% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 3 504.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United States and the Russian Federation which accounted for 55.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2018 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 10.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 264.0 Million BGN.

**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 the period **January - March 2018** in the exports of Bulgaria to third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2017 were recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (26.7%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (14.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (60.8%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (50.5%).

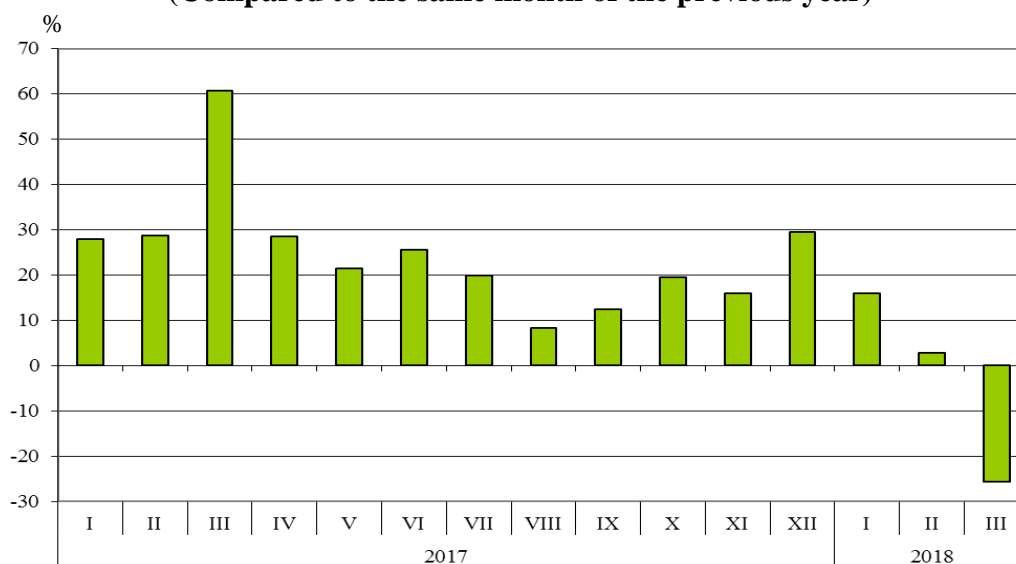
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - March 2018** decreased by 4.0% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 4 955.2 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).

In March 2018 Bulgarian imports from third countries decreased by 25.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 471.9 Million BGN.

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 The period **January - March 2018** in the imports of Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of 2017 were recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (48.1%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (31.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector „Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials“ (32.0%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - March 2018 was negative and added up to 1 450.3 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 1 091.6 Million BGN.

In March 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 207.9 Million BGN.

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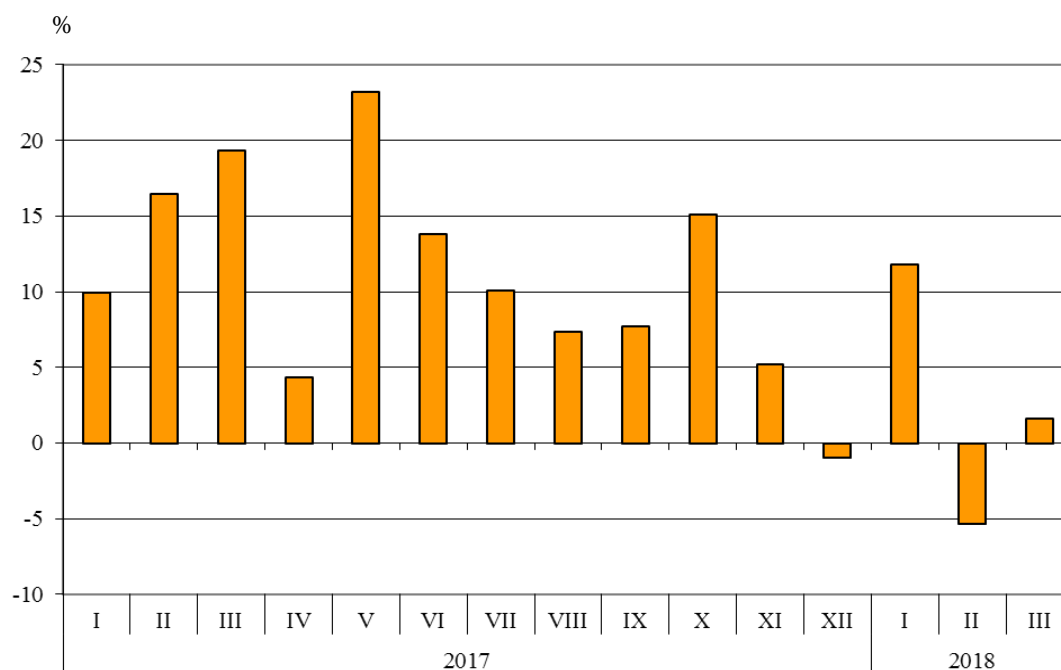


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the **period January - March 2018** the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 12 464.7 Million BGN and in comparison with the same period of 2017 the exports increased by 2.4% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **March 2018** the total exports added up to 4 443.6 Million BGN and increased by 1.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



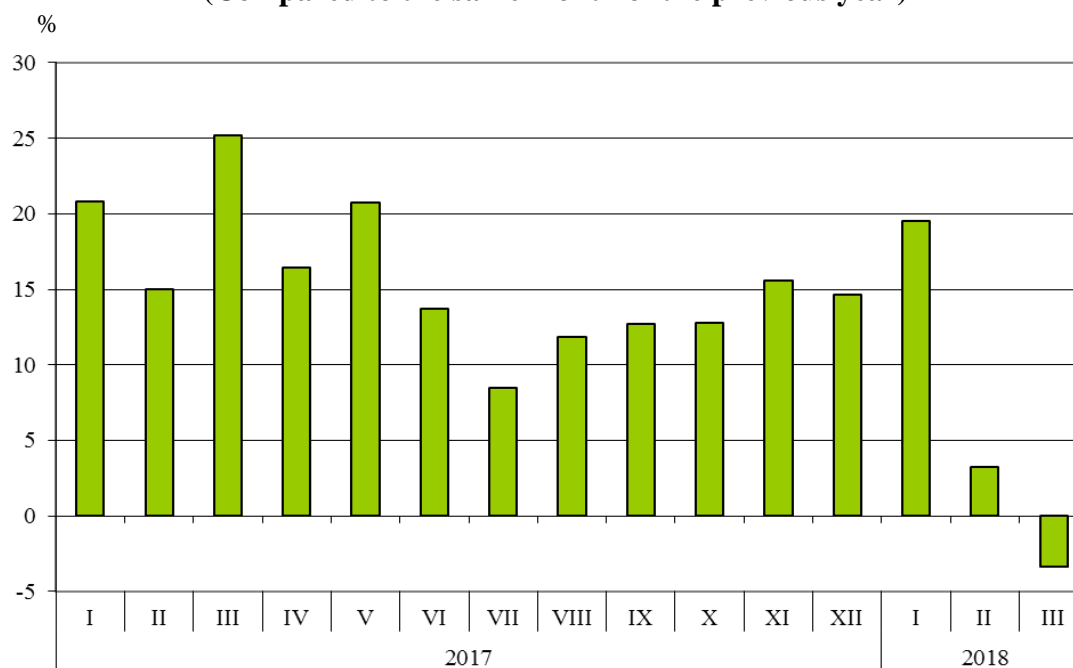
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period January - March 2018 amounted to 14 756.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 5.7% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **March 2018** the total imports decreased by 3.4% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 127.9 Million BGN.

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 the period January - March 2018 and amounted to 2 291.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - March 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 377.4 Million BGN.

In **March 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 684.3 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 400.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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
II.2017	4043.8	2523.6	1520.2	4428.9	2820.8	1608.1	4135.5	2647.2	1488.3	-385.1	-297.2	-87.9	-91.7	-123.6	31.9
III.2017	4373.3	2962.0	1411.3	5305.7	3328.1	1977.6	4972.9	3134.4	1838.5	-932.4	-366.1	-566.3	-599.6	-172.4	-427.2
I - III.2017	12167.6	7924.0	4243.6	13964.5	8801.0	5163.5	13052.7	8262.1	4790.6	-1796.9	-877.0	-919.9	-885.1	-338.1	-547.0
I.2018	4192.3	3094.3	1098.0	5055.5	3226.3	1829.2	4713.2	3021.3	1691.9	-863.2	-132.0	-731.2	-520.9	73.0	-593.9
II.2018	3828.8	2685.9	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-744.1	-232.9	-511.2	-456.0	-65.2	-390.8
III.2018	4443.6	3179.6	1264.0	5127.9	3656.0	1471.9	4844.1	3473.2	1370.9	-684.3	-476.4	-207.9	-400.5	-293.6	-106.9
I - III.2018	12464.7	8959.8	3504.9	14756.3	9801.1	4955.2	13842.1	9245.6	4596.5	-2291.6	-841.3	-1450.3	-1377.4	-285.8	-1091.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th May 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2018¹ 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	11.8	26.9	-16.3	19.5	21.7	15.9	19.5	21.8	15.6
II	-5.3	6.4	-24.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.1
III	1.6	7.3	-10.4	-3.4	9.9	-25.6	-2.6	10.8	-25.4
I - III	2.4	13.1	-17.4	5.7	11.4	-4.0	6.0	11.9	-4.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th May 2018.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - March 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	4243.6	3504.9	-17.4	5163.5	4955.2	-4.0	-919.9	-1450.3
of which:								
Albania	32.8	40.5	23.5	7.7	5.4	-29.9	25.1	35.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	36.0	30.9	-14.2	17.9	8.2	-54.2	18.1	22.7
Brazil	6.3	8.5	34.9	10.9	19.0	74.3	-4.6	-10.5
Canada	19.3	21.7	12.4	20.6	33.3	61.7	-1.3	-11.6
China	324.6	300.3	-7.5	532.2	658.1	23.7	-207.6	-357.8
Egypt	305.5	35.0	-88.5	254.6	99.8	-60.8	50.9	-64.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	196.6	209.1	6.4	139.3	153.6	10.3	57.3	55.5
Georgia	58.2	65.7	12.9	149.2	211.9	42.0	-91.0	-146.2
Gibraltar	27.1	24.1	-11.1	0.0	0.0	x	27.1	24.1
India	87.3	41.5	-52.5	65.7	85.5	30.1	21.6	-44.0
Indonesia	13.5	14.3	5.9	21.4	26.4	23.4	-7.9	-12.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	36.0	15.9	-55.8	65.8	16.2	-75.4	-29.8	-0.3
Israel	37.0	31.4	-15.1	24.0	25.5	6.3	13.0	5.9
Japan	16.2	18.7	15.4	44.5	57.7	29.7	-28.3	-39.0
Kazakhstan	11.2	12.8	14.3	13.1	3.2	-75.6	-1.9	9.6
Korea, Republic of	14.2	22.5	58.5	54.3	72.9	34.3	-40.1	-50.4
Libya	29.1	19.5	-33.0	2.6	4.0	53.8	26.5	15.5
Morocco	44.9	41.2	-8.2	43.6	37.6	-13.8	1.3	3.6
Namibia	25.8	54.0	109.3	0.0	0.0	x	25.8	54.0
Norway	10.5	19.3	83.8	11.9	7.4	-37.8	-1.4	11.9
Peru	7.2	6.1	-15.3	12.7	26.5	108.7	-5.5	-20.4
Russian Federation	173.9	193.8	11.4	1430.8	1075.0	-24.9	-1256.9	-881.2
Serbia	203.5	213.5	4.9	275.8	293.0	6.2	-72.3	-79.5
Singapore	97.5	95.8	-1.7	19.1	24.6	28.8	78.4	71.2
South Africa	28.4	41.3	45.4	19.6	16.4	-16.3	8.8	24.9
Switzerland	49.0	77.0	57.1	92.8	104.1	12.2	-43.8	-27.1
Syrian Arab Republic	23.0	13.4	-41.7	0.0	0.3	x	23.0	13.1
Taiwan	10.5	13.1	24.8	56.5	48.6	-14.0	-46.0	-35.5
Turkey	1039.2	811.0	-22.0	878.2	934.6	6.4	161.0	-123.6
Ukraine	33.7	69.0	104.7	204.3	213.6	4.6	-170.6	-144.6
United Arab Emirates	119.6	45.8	-61.7	15.0	14.4	-4.0	104.6	31.4
United States	141.4	199.1	40.8	105.8	158.3	49.6	35.6	40.8
Viet-Nam	10.1	10.7	5.9	21.5	26.0	20.9	-11.4	-15.3

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 11-th May 2018.

'x' - category not applicable.

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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 - March 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	4243.6	3504.9	-17.4	5163.5	4955.2	-4.0	-919.9	-1450.3
Food and live animals	380.0	283.4	-25.4	223.8	222.8	-0.4	156.2	60.6
Beverages and tobacco	131.9	65.3	-50.5	24.3	32.0	31.7	107.6	33.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	253.1	245.2	-3.1	536.1	567.3	5.8	-283.0	-322.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	814.1	319.2	-60.8	1624.8	1104.2	-32.0	-810.7	-785.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	42.0	53.2	26.7	15.4	22.8	48.1	26.6	30.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	411.5	469.8	14.2	424.7	494.0	16.3	-13.2	-24.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	893.5	889.9	-0.4	1035.7	1132.4	9.3	-142.2	-242.5
Machinery and transport equipment	660.5	710.2	7.5	909.3	997.0	9.6	-248.8	-286.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	649.4	460.8	-29.0	361.2	373.0	3.3	288.2	87.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	7.6	7.9	3.9	8.2	9.7	18.3	-0.6	-1.8

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