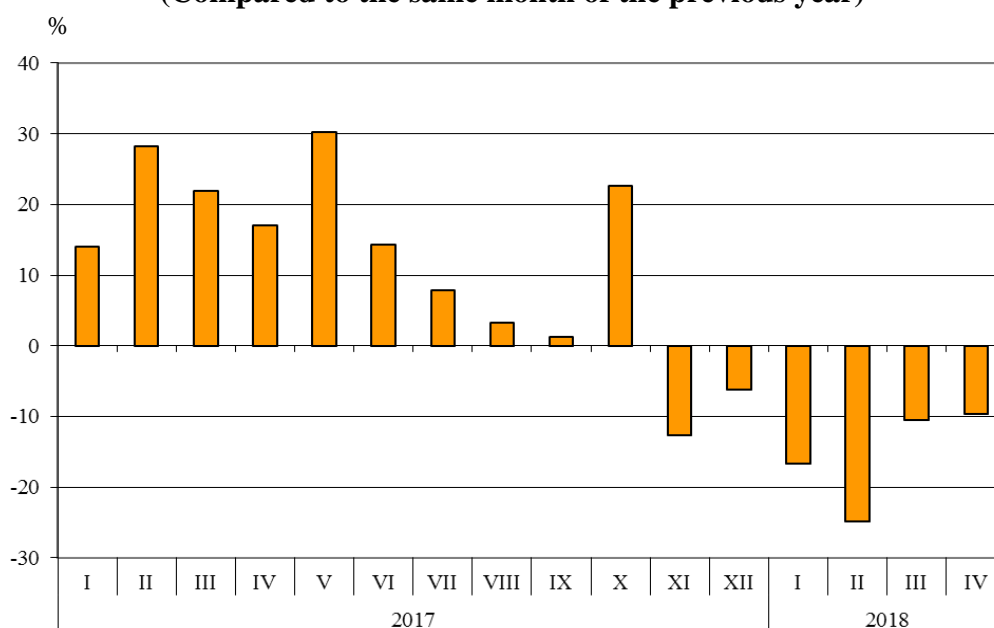


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2018 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2018** Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 15.6% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 4 774.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation and the United States which accounted for 55.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2018 Bulgarian **exports to third countries** decreased by 9.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 274.6 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 - April 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' (22.8%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (10.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (65.3%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (49.0%).

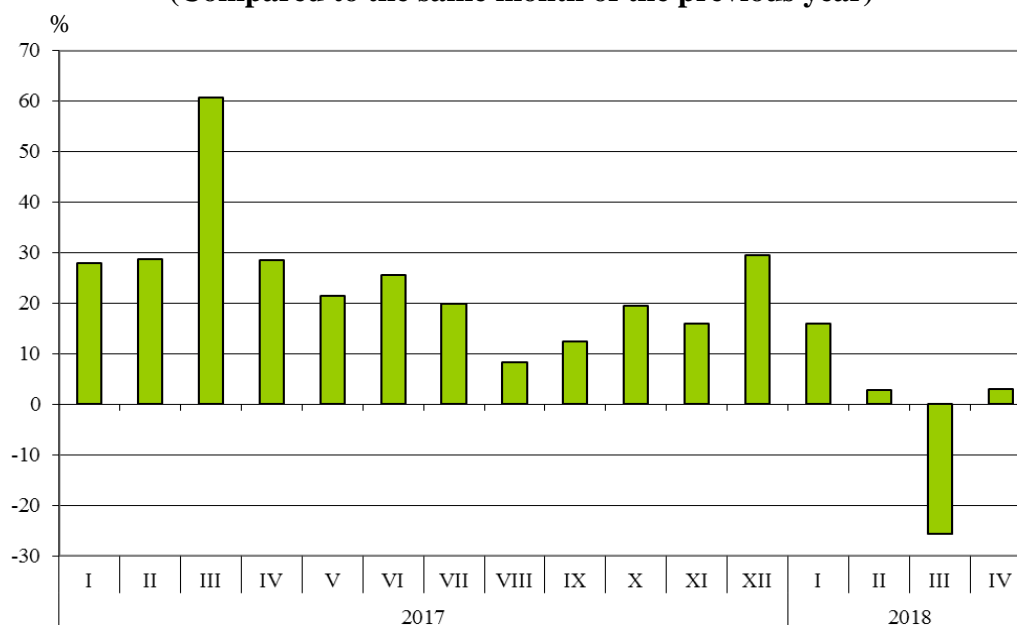
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from third countries in the period **January - April 2018** decreased by 2.3% in comparison with the same period of 2017 and added up to 6 712.4 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 2018 Bulgarian imports from third countries increased by 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 757.5 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 - April 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 ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (46.0%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (35.7%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was observed only in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (28.3%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - April 2018 was negative and added up to 1 938.0 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 1 452.2 Million BGN.

In April 2018 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was negative and amounted to 482.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

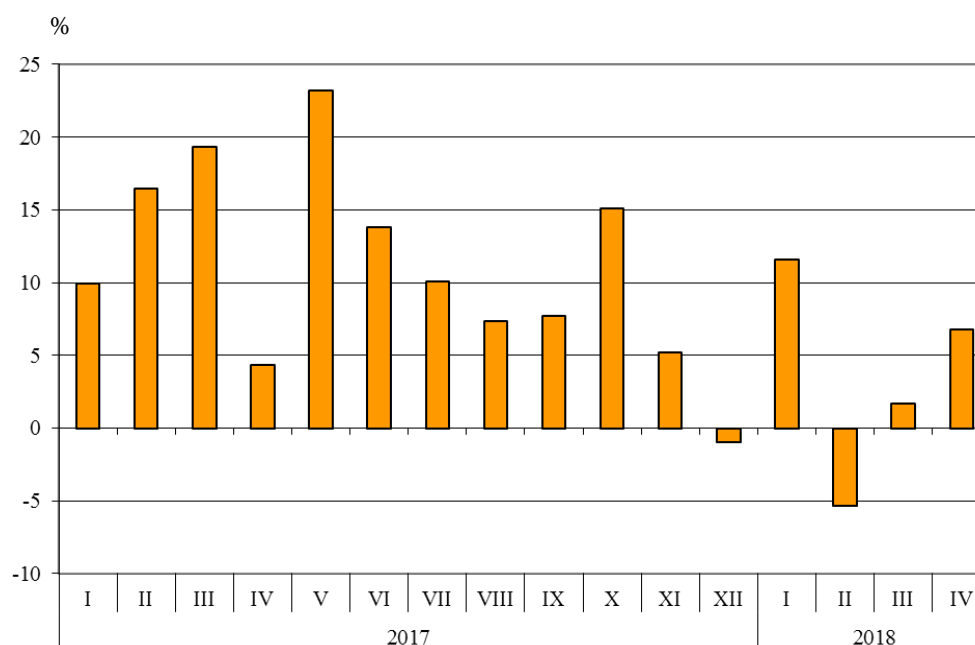


Bulgarian trade with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2018** the value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 16 633.2 Million BGN and in comparison with the same period of 2017 the exports increased by 3.5% (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **April 2018** the total exports added up to 4 172.7 Million BGN and increased by 6.8% 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)**



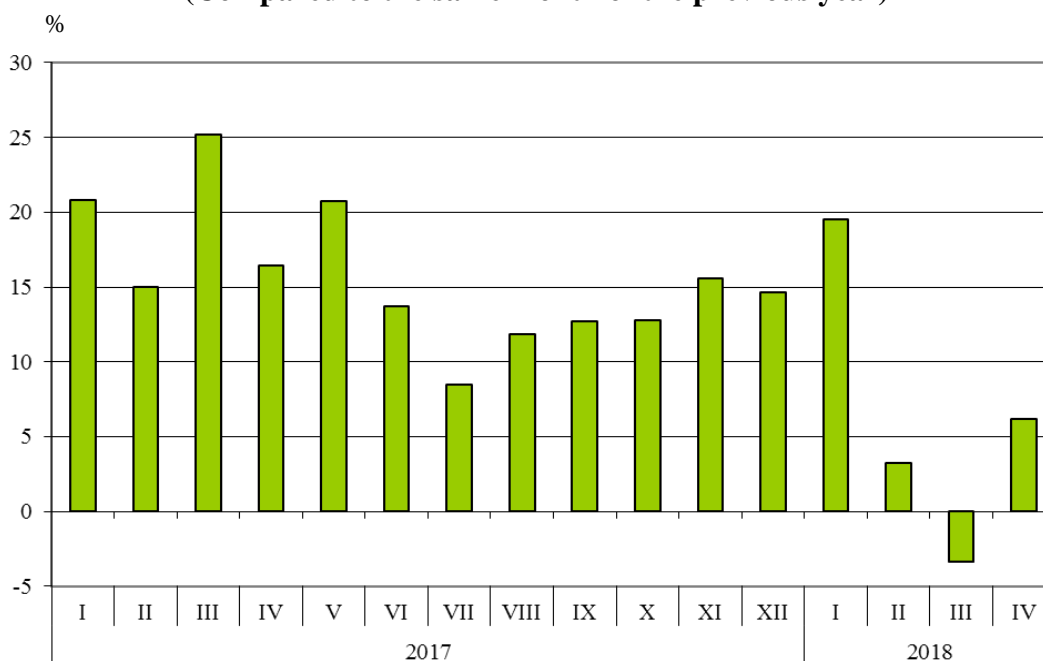
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2018** amounted to 19 731.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 5.8% more than the same period of 2017 (Annex, Table 1 and 2).

In **April 2018** the total imports increased by 6.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 973.4 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 - April 2018** and amounted to 3 098.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2018 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 1 851.8 Million BGN.

In **April 2018** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 800.7 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 512.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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
IV.2017	3907.0	2495.6	1411.4	4684.4	2977.7	1706.7	4385.0	2792.3	1592.7	-777.4	-482.1	-295.3	-478.0	-296.7	-181.3
I - IV.2017	16074.6	10419.6	5655.0	18648.9	11778.7	6870.2	17437.7	11054.4	6383.3	-2574.3	-1359.1	-1215.2	-1363.1	-634.8	-728.3
I.2018	4185.8	3092.9	1092.9	5056.1	3226.8	1829.3	4713.7	3021.8	1691.9	-870.3	-133.9	-736.4	-527.9	71.1	-599.0
II.2018	3829.0	2686.1	1142.9	4572.9	2918.8	1654.1	4284.8	2751.1	1533.7	-743.9	-232.7	-511.2	-455.8	-65.0	-390.8
III.2018	4445.7	3181.7	1264.0	5129.4	3657.9	1471.5	4801.0	3430.4	1370.6	-683.7	-476.2	-207.5	-355.3	-248.7	-106.6
I - III.2018	12460.5	8960.7	3499.8	14758.4	9803.5	4954.9	13799.5	9203.3	4596.2	-2297.9	-842.8	-1455.1	-1339.0	-242.6	-1096.4
IV.2018	4172.7	2898.1	1274.6	4973.4	3215.9	1757.5	4685.5	3055.1	1630.4	-800.7	-317.8	-482.9	-512.8	-157.0	-355.8
I - IV.2018	16633.2	11858.8	4774.4	19731.8	13019.4	6712.4	18485.0	12258.4	6226.6	-3098.6	-1160.6	-1938.0	-1851.8	-399.6	-1452.2

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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	11.6	26.8	-16.7	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	1.7	7.4	-10.4	-3.3	9.9	-25.6	-3.5	9.4	-25.5
I - III	2.4	13.1	-17.5	5.7	11.4	-4.0	5.7	11.4	-4.1
IV	6.8	16.1	-9.7	6.2	8.0	3.0	6.9	9.4	2.4
I - IV	3.5	13.8	-15.6	5.8	10.5	-2.3	6.0	10.9	-2.5

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - April 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	5655.0	4774.4	-15.6	6870.2	6712.4	-2.3	-1215.2	-1938.0
of which:								
Albania	43.2	53.0	22.7	10.2	7.5	-26.5	33.0	45.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	46.1	39.0	-15.4	26.0	11.0	-57.7	20.1	28.0
Brazil	8.4	11.6	38.1	14.3	23.4	63.6	-5.9	-11.8
Canada	23.9	33.8	41.4	26.4	50.7	92.0	-2.5	-16.9
China	409.7	385.1	-6.0	691.2	817.1	18.2	-281.5	-432.0
Egypt	348.2	59.4	-82.9	365.9	176.9	-51.7	-17.7	-117.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	253.4	271.7	7.2	188.0	206.0	9.6	65.4	65.7
Georgia	82.9	88.3	6.5	158.2	258.4	63.3	-75.3	-170.1
Gibraltar	27.1	24.1	-11.1	0.0	0.0	x	27.1	24.1
India	96.4	63.0	-34.6	88.9	116.2	30.7	7.5	-53.2
Indonesia	17.0	16.4	-3.5	27.3	33.1	21.2	-10.3	-16.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	43.0	20.1	-53.3	68.8	22.6	-67.2	-25.8	-2.5
Israel	45.3	40.2	-11.3	29.1	30.8	5.8	16.2	9.4
Japan	21.4	24.1	12.6	69.1	79.0	14.3	-47.7	-54.9
Kazakhstan	14.8	15.0	1.4	15.5	3.8	-75.5	-0.7	11.2
Korea, Republic of	18.9	30.5	61.4	72.6	98.8	36.1	-53.7	-68.3
Libya	29.5	39.0	32.2	4.9	4.0	-18.4	24.6	35.0
Morocco	71.4	57.5	-19.5	68.2	51.7	-24.2	3.2	5.8
Namibia	50.6	94.0	85.8	0.0	0.0	x	50.6	94.0
Norway	16.0	25.5	59.4	28.5	17.4	-38.9	-12.5	8.1
Peru	8.0	7.1	-11.3	21.3	26.5	24.4	-13.3	-19.4
Russian Federation	242.9	251.9	3.7	1923.9	1513.7	-21.3	-1681.0	-1261.8
Serbia	277.4	289.0	4.2	367.7	388.7	5.7	-90.3	-99.7
Singapore	160.1	92.5	-42.2	23.3	28.8	23.6	136.8	63.7
South Africa	31.9	45.4	42.3	27.5	18.8	-31.6	4.4	26.6
Switzerland	65.8	100.1	52.1	126.8	138.2	9.0	-61.0	-38.1
Syrian Arab Republic	24.2	14.2	-41.3	0.0	0.3	x	24.2	13.9
Taiwan	13.6	17.6	29.4	70.9	65.3	-7.9	-57.3	-47.7
Turkey	1402.9	1176.1	-16.2	1155.7	1259.6	9.0	247.2	-83.5
Ukraine	53.9	94.3	75.0	261.5	305.6	16.9	-207.6	-211.3
United Arab Emirates	145.2	58.3	-59.8	19.7	19.4	-1.5	125.5	38.9
United States	190.5	251.8	32.2	148.3	192.0	29.5	42.2	59.8
Viet-Nam	13.8	13.8	0.0	29.2	32.8	12.3	-15.4	-19.0

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 June 2018.

'x' - category not applicable.

'0' - figure less than half of 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 - April 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	5655.0	4774.4	-15.6	6870.2	6712.4	-2.3	-1215.2	-1938.0
Food and live animals	475.6	409.7	-13.9	292.7	296.5	1.3	182.9	113.2
Beverages and tobacco	164.0	83.7	-49.0	35.4	51.7	46.0	128.6	32.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	332.1	339.6	2.3	696.0	776.1	11.5	-363.9	-436.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1081.6	375.0	-65.3	2205.2	1580.4	-28.3	-1123.6	-1205.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	54.9	67.4	22.8	19.9	27.0	35.7	35.0	40.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	550.9	611.0	10.9	560.8	639.3	14.0	-9.9	-28.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1227.4	1262.1	2.8	1326.6	1497.9	12.9	-99.2	-235.8
Machinery and transport equipment	864.2	947.9	9.7	1248.7	1346.2	7.8	-384.5	-398.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	893.1	666.6	-25.4	474.1	484.8	2.3	419.0	181.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	11.2	11.4	1.8	10.8	12.5	15.7	0.4	-1.1

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