

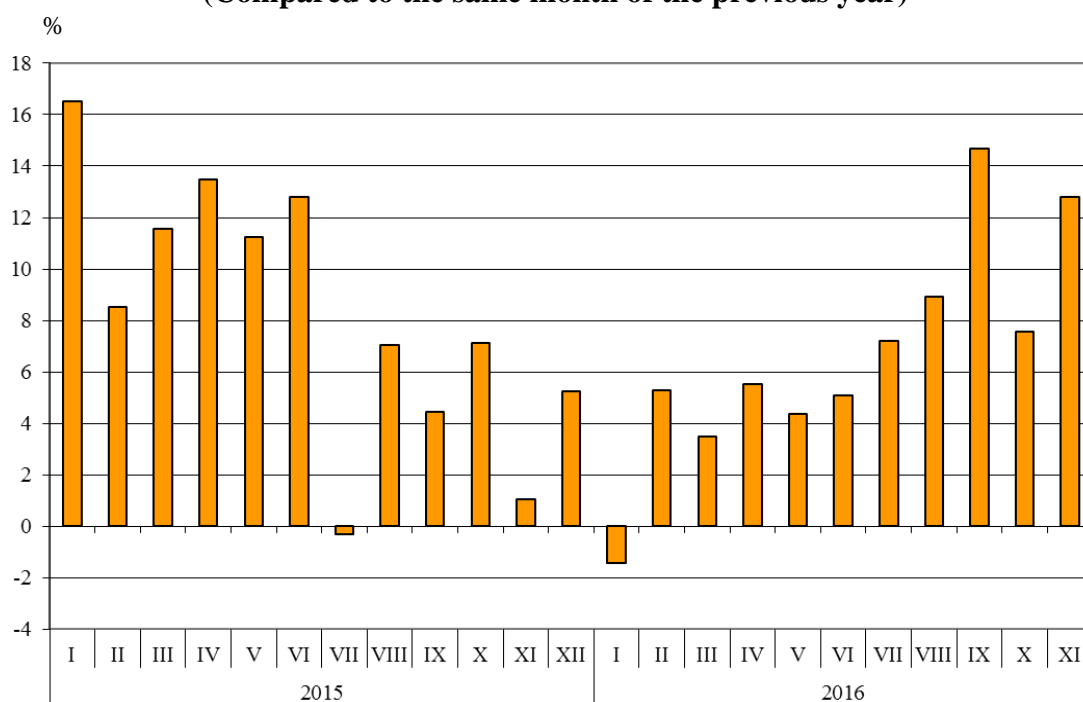


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - November 2016** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 6.8% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 28 707.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and France which accounted for 64.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **November 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 12.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 781.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2015 - 2016
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - November 2016** in comparison with the same period of 2015 the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (27.7%) and 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (21.8%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (18.6%).

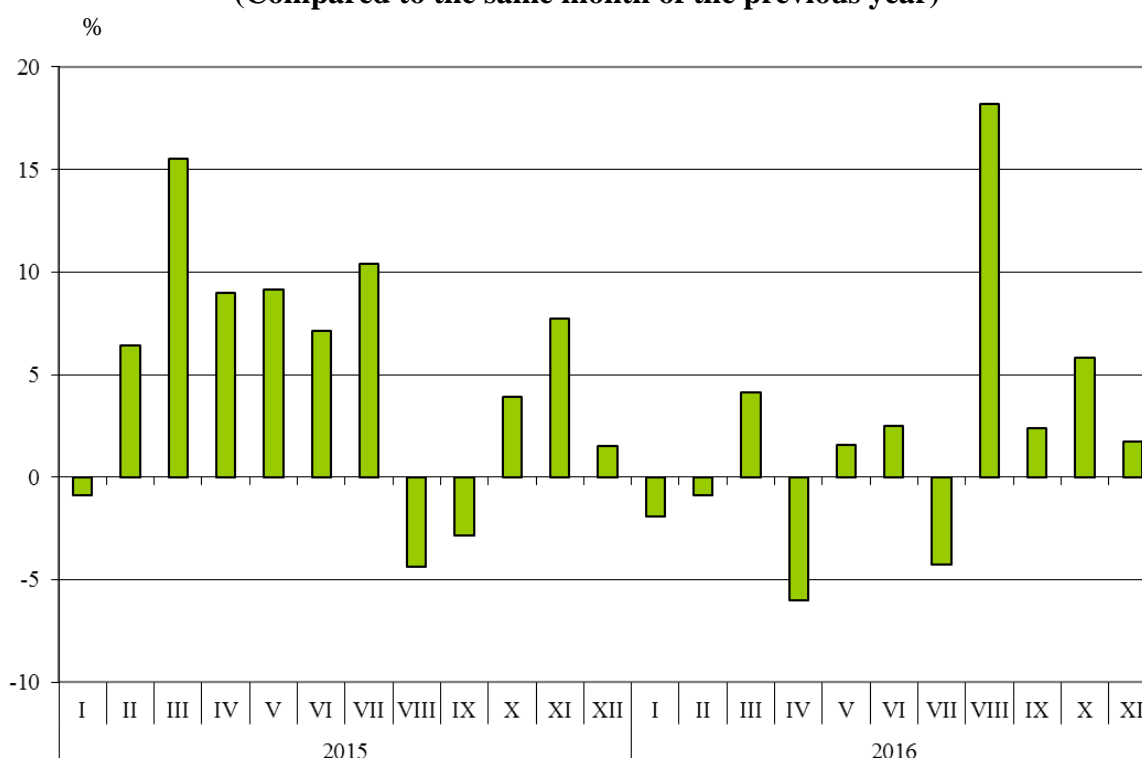
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - November 2016** increased by 1.9% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 30 877.7 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Poland (Annex, Table 3).

In **November 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 1.7% in comparison with November 2015 and amounted to 3 098.1 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2015 - 2016 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - November 2016** compared to the corresponding period of 2015 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (10.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (16.3%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - November 2016 was negative and added up to 2 170.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 717.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the 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.c.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in in the period January - November 2015 and 2016¹ 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.2015	3404.9	2296.0	1108.9	3767.8	2312.0	1455.8	3579.5	2199.6	1379.9	-362.9	-16.0	-346.9	-174.6	96.4	-271.0
II.2015	3427.4	2171.8	1255.6	4104.7	2624.7	1480.0	3904.3	2499.7	1404.6	-677.3	-452.9	-224.4	-476.9	-327.9	-149.0
III.2015	3971.6	2422.7	1548.9	4447.0	2886.1	1560.9	4239.8	2753.7	1486.1	-475.4	-463.4	-12.0	-268.2	-331.0	62.8
I - III.2015	10803.9	6890.5	3913.4	12319.5	7822.8	4496.7	11723.6	7453.0	4270.6	1515.6	-932.3	-583.3	-919.7	-562.5	-357.2
IV.2015	3912.2	2403.4	1508.8	4537.2	2866.8	1670.4	4313.3	2728.0	1585.3	-625.0	-463.4	-161.6	-401.1	-324.6	-76.5
V.2015	3755.0	2297.2	1457.8	4185.7	2583.3	1602.4	3984.9	2464.5	1520.4	-430.7	-286.1	-144.6	-229.9	-167.3	-62.6
VI.2015	4022.8	2562.3	1460.5	4423.1	2830.3	1592.8	4213.6	2699.1	1514.5	-400.3	-268.0	-132.3	-190.8	-136.8	-54.0
IV - VI.2015	11690.0	7262.9	4427.1	13146.0	8280.4	4865.6	12511.8	7891.6	4620.2	1456.0	1017.5	-438.5	-821.8	-628.7	-193.1
I - VI.2015	22493.9	14153.4	8340.5	25465.5	16103.2	9362.3	24235.4	15344.6	8890.8	2971.6	1949.8	-1021.8	1741.5	1191.2	-550.3
VII.2015	4105.0	2629.0	1476.0	4685.9	3047.1	1638.8	4455.2	2900.6	1554.6	-580.9	-418.1	-162.8	-350.2	-271.6	-78.6
VIII.2015	3682.9	2464.8	1218.1	3798.5	2356.9	1441.6	3617.8	2250.3	1367.5	-115.6	107.9	-223.5	65.1	214.5	-149.4
IX.2015	3623.7	2484.2	1139.5	4098.5	2674.4	1424.1	3905.4	2551.3	1354.1	-474.8	-190.2	-284.6	-281.7	-67.1	-214.6
VII - IX.2015	11411.6	7578.0	3833.6	12582.9	8078.4	4504.5	11978.4	7702.2	4276.2	1171.3	-500.4	-670.9	-566.8	-124.2	-442.6
I - IX.2015	33905.5	21731.4	12174.1	38048.4	24181.6	13866.8	36213.8	23046.8	13167.0	4142.9	2450.2	-1692.7	2308.3	1315.4	-992.9
X.2015	3899.8	2688.2	1211.6	4613.8	3065.0	1548.8	4391.7	2918.4	1473.3	-714.0	-376.8	-337.2	-491.9	-230.2	-261.7
XI.2015	3690.6	2466.2	1224.4	4576.1	3045.0	1531.1	4331.4	2904.9	1426.5	-885.5	-578.8	-306.7	-640.8	-438.7	-202.1
I - XI.2015	41495.9	26885.8	14610.1	47238.3	30291.6	16946.7	44936.9	28870.1	16066.8	5742.4	3405.8	-2336.6	3441.0	1984.3	-1456.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 8-th of February 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2015 and 2016¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(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	3427.4	2263.1	1164.3	3472.1	2267.9	1204.2	3301.2	2154.9	1146.3	-44.7	-4.8	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
II.2016	3481.6	2286.2	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.4	1163.4	-343.1	-315.3	-27.8	-163.2	-195.2	32.0
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.1	3005.7	1211.4	4021.2	2865.0	1156.2	-536.6	-498.3	-38.3	-340.7	-357.6	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.9	7875.1	3638.8	10967.2	7501.3	3465.9	-924.4	-818.4	-106.0	-377.7	-444.6	66.9
IV.2016	3635.1	2536.4	1098.7	4017.3	2694.2	1323.1	3832.0	2573.7	1258.3	-382.2	-157.8	-224.4	-196.9	-37.3	-159.6
V.2016	3517.3	2397.1	1120.2	4079.9	2624.2	1455.7	3883.5	2501.5	1382.0	-562.6	-227.1	-335.5	-366.2	-104.4	-261.8
VI.2016	3955.5	2692.5	1263.0	4311.0	2901.0	1410.0	4107.9	2765.7	1342.2	-355.5	-208.5	-147.0	-152.4	-73.2	-79.2
IV - VI.2016	11107.9	7626.0	3481.9	12408.2	8219.4	4188.8	11823.4	7840.9	3982.5	1300.3	-593.4	-706.9	-715.5	-214.9	-500.6
I - VI.2016	21697.4	14682.7	7014.7	23922.1	16094.5	7827.6	22790.6	15342.2	7448.4	2224.7	1411.8	-812.9	1093.2	-659.5	-433.7
VII.2016	4080.3	2818.4	1261.9	4334.9	2918.0	1416.9	4126.2	2781.2	1345.0	-254.6	-99.6	-155.0	-45.9	37.2	-83.1
VIII.2016	3913.2	2684.4	1228.8	4433.3	2785.6	1647.7	4213.7	2653.3	1560.4	-520.1	-101.2	-418.9	-300.5	31.1	-331.6
IX.2016	4051.9	2849.0	1202.9	4172.9	2738.6	1434.3	3973.8	2612.0	1361.8	-121.0	110.4	-231.4	78.1	237.0	-158.9
VII - IX.2016	12045.4	8351.8	3693.6	12941.1	8442.2	4498.9	12313.7	8046.5	4267.2	-895.7	-90.4	-805.3	-268.3	305.3	-573.6
I - IX.2016	33742.8	23034.5	10708.3	36863.2	24536.7	12326.5	35104.3	23388.7	11715.6	3120.4	1502.2	-1618.2	1361.5	-354.2	-1007.3
X.2016	4155.8	2891.1	1264.7	4828.6	3242.9	1585.7	4592.0	3081.9	1510.1	-672.8	-351.8	-321.0	-436.2	-190.8	-245.4
XI.2016	4231.3	2781.7	1449.6	4703.9	3098.1	1605.8	4480.5	2954.4	1526.1	-472.6	-316.4	-156.2	-249.2	-172.7	-76.5
I - XI.2016	42129.9	28707.3	13422.6	46395.7	30877.7	15518.0	44176.8	29425.0	14751.8	4265.8	2170.4	-2095.4	2046.9	-717.7	-1329.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 8-th of February 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2016¹
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	0.7	-1.4	5.0	-7.8	-1.9	-17.3	-7.8	-2.0	-16.9
II	1.6	5.3	-4.8	-6.8	-0.9	-17.4	-6.6	-0.7	-17.2
III	-7.3	3.5	-24.3	-5.2	4.1	-22.4	-5.2	4.0	-22.2
I - III	-2.0	2.4	-9.7	-6.5	0.7	-19.1	-6.5	0.6	-18.8
IV	-7.1	5.5	-27.2	-11.5	-6.0	-20.8	-11.2	-5.7	-20.6
V	-6.3	4.3	-23.2	-2.5	1.6	-9.2	-2.5	1.5	-9.1
VI	-1.7	5.1	-13.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.5	-2.5	2.5	-11.4
IV - VI	-5.0	5.0	-21.4	-5.6	-0.7	-13.9	-5.5	-0.6	-13.8
I - VI	-3.5	3.7	-15.9	-6.1	-0.1	-16.4	-6.0	0.0	-16.2
VII	-0.6	7.2	-14.5	-7.5	-4.2	-13.5	-7.4	-4.1	-13.5
VIII	6.3	8.9	0.9	16.7	18.2	14.3	16.5	17.9	14.1
IX	11.8	14.7	5.6	1.8	2.4	0.7	1.8	2.4	0.6
VII - IX	5.6	10.2	-3.7	2.8	4.5	-0.1	2.8	4.5	-0.2
I - IX	-0.5	6.0	-12.0	-3.1	1.5	-11.1	-3.1	1.5	-11.0
X	6.6	7.5	4.4	4.7	5.8	2.4	4.6	5.6	2.5
I - X	14.7	12.8	18.4	2.8	1.7	4.9	3.4	1.7	7.0
I - XI	1.5	6.8	-8.1	-1.8	1.9	-8.4	-1.7	1.9	-8.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 8-th February 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2015 and 2016²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	41495.9	42129.9	1.5	47238.3	46395.7	-1.8	-5742.4	-4265.8
EU	26885.8	28707.3	6.8	30291.6	30877.7	1.9	-3405.8	-2170.4
Austria	747.9	834.4	11.6	1281.0	1296.0	1.2	-533.1	-461.6
Belgium	1504.7	1118.3	-25.7	1067.3	1092.6	2.4	437.4	25.7
Croatia	172.0	196.8	14.4	103.8	112.7	8.6	68.2	84.1
Cyprus	284.8	142.5	-50.0	73.1	51.9	-29.0	211.7	90.6
Czech Republic	716.6	715.9	-0.1	1005.0	982.1	-2.3	-288.4	-266.2
Denmark	225.8	259.3	14.8	216.9	216.1	-0.4	8.9	43.2
Estonia	38.4	38.7	0.8	19.9	27.3	37.2	18.5	11.4
Finland	111.5	69.7	-37.5	107.9	125.0	15.8	3.6	-55.3
France	1783.9	1936.3	8.5	1490.0	1462.3	-1.9	293.9	474.0
Germany	5276.2	5785.4	9.7	6100.4	6120.8	0.3	-824.2	-335.4
Greece	2699.5	2927.1	8.4	2245.3	2236.3	-0.4	454.2	690.8
Hungary	645.3	698.0	8.2	1748.9	1773.0	1.4	-1103.6	-1075.0
Ireland	54.7	60.4	10.4	145.5	171.7	18.0	-90.8	-111.3
Italy	3913.2	3959.5	1.2	3562.0	3687.8	3.5	351.2	271.7
Latvia	45.4	48.5	6.8	53.6	64.1	19.6	-8.2	-15.6
Lithuania	88.3	100.2	13.5	77.9	91.7	17.7	10.4	8.5
Luxembourg	9.9	10.3	4.0	145.7	155.6	6.8	-135.8	-145.3
Malta	90.2	77.5	-14.1	18.8	30.8	63.8	71.4	46.7
Netherlands	961.9	1163.7	21.0	1577.1	1697.3	7.6	-615.2	-533.6
Poland	942.6	1052.6	11.7	1470.2	1861.7	26.6	-527.6	-809.1
Portugal	155.9	190.9	22.5	104.4	86.5	-17.1	51.5	104.4
Romania	3422.9	3770.1	10.1	3214.6	3187.6	-0.8	208.3	582.5
Slovakia	312.3	296.2	-5.2	678.3	630.7	-7.0	-366.0	-334.5
Slovenia	317.9	362.2	13.9	313.6	357.8	14.1	4.3	4.4
Spain	961.6	1188.9	23.6	2140.0	1792.2	-16.3	-1178.4	-603.3
Sweden	275.5	320.3	16.3	294.9	297.2	0.8	-19.4	23.1
United Kingdom	1057.5	1067.0	0.9	855.7	1100.5	28.6	201.8	-33.5
Not specified	69.4	316.6	356.2	179.8	168.4	-6.3	-110.4	148.2

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 8-th of February 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2015 and 2016²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	14610.1	13422.6	-8.1	16946.7	15518.0	-8.4	-2336.6	-2095.4
CIS³	940.6	1349.3	43.5	5115.7	6698.5	30.9	-4175.1	-5349.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	39.3	28.7	-27.0	44.5	31.0	-30.3	-5.2	-2.3
Russian Federation	726.6	618.8	-14.8	5669.0	4183.8	-26.2	-4942.4	-3565.0
Ukraine	306.3	138.9	-54.7	855.3	729.7	-14.7	-549.0	-590.8
OECD⁴	5051.7	4450.5	-11.9	4229.3	4306.1	1.8	822.4	144.4
of which:								
Canada	76.3	62.6	-18.0	50.0	84.3	68.6	26.3	-21.7
Israel	156.7	137.0	-12.6	67.2	89.3	32.9	89.5	47.7
Japan	71.4	65.0	-9.0	146.2	169.6	16.0	-74.8	-104.6
Korea, Republic of	99.8	124.2	24.4	153.5	204.6	33.3	-53.7	-80.4
Turkey	3624.9	3307.1	-8.8	2698.0	2845.9	5.5	926.9	461.2
United States	662.9	514.5	-22.4	442.9	374.7	-15.4	220.0	139.8
EFTA⁵	218.4	153.2	-29.9	378.7	392.9	3.7	-160.3	-239.7
of which:								
Norway	45.9	25.8	-43.8	29.4	41.6	41.5	16.5	-15.8
Switzerland	170.4	126.1	-26.0	346.1	348.0	0.5	-175.7	-221.9

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2015 and 2016²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	104.6	92.8	-11.3	35.2	26.5	-24.7	69.4	66.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	108.6	123.8	14.0	55.2	73.3	32.8	53.4	50.5
Brazil	43.1	42.9	-0.5	55.1	45.0	-18.3	-12.0	-2.1
China	973.9	717.0	-26.4	1736.2	1868.1	7.6	-762.3	-1151.1
Egypt	636.9	472.9	-25.7	177.1	583.8	229.6	459.8	-110.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	685.9	700.5	2.1	473.0	435.3	-8.0	212.9	265.2
Georgia	294.7	294.8	0.0	410.9	251.5	-38.8	-116.2	43.3
India	97.8	131.4	34.4	256.9	213.0	-17.1	-159.1	-81.6
Indonesia	63.8	46.8	-26.6	64.4	63.6	-1.2	-0.6	-16.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	232.0	122.6	-47.2	12.0	44.7	272.5	220.0	77.9
Peru	5.5	9.9	80.0	37.7	44.4	17.8	-32.2	-34.5
Serbia	752.1	703.7	-6.4	647.4	672.8	3.9	104.7	30.9
Singapore	650.2	339.2	-47.8	47.4	47.4	0.0	602.8	291.8
South Africa	103.9	121.4	16.8	20.2	34.6	71.3	83.7	86.8
Syrian Arab Republic	45.1	30.3	-32.8	14.7	1.6	-89.1	30.4	28.7
Taiwan	38.2	30.2	-20.9	199.4	198.5	-0.5	-161.2	-168.3
United Arab Emirates	389.2	338.5	-13.0	134.7	40.7	-69.8	254.5	297.8
Viet Nam	64.7	149.9	131.7	82.1	72.5	-11.7	-17.4	77.4

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 8-th of February 2017.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - November 2015 and 2016¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2015	2016
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	41495.9	42129.9	1.5	47238.3	46395.7	-1.8	-5742.4	-4265.8
of which EU	26885.8	28707.3	6.8	30291.6	30877.7	1.9	-3405.8	-2170.4
Food and live animals	4386.5	4835.9	10.2	3623.0	3759.0	3.8	763.5	1076.9
of which EU	2972.5	3458.5	16.3	2891.4	3004.3	3.9	81.1	454.2
Beverages and tobacco	745.6	704.9	-5.5	662.8	722.0	8.9	82.8	-17.1
of which EU	264.5	337.7	27.7	530.2	585.6	10.4	-265.7	-247.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2729.5	2948.3	8.0	3853.1	3211.7	-16.6	-1123.6	-263.4
of which EU	1712.4	1995.3	16.5	2209.8	1850.7	-16.3	-497.4	144.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4512.9	3783.2	-16.2	7405.8	5662.2	-23.5	-2892.9	-1879.0
of which EU	1307.3	1064.1	-18.6	1314.0	1175.7	-10.5	-6.7	-111.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	441.8	438.9	-0.7	162.3	164.1	1.1	279.5	274.8
of which EU	299.3	288.7	-3.5	110.8	120.2	8.5	188.5	168.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4111.1	4264.4	3.7	6643.6	6992.8	5.3	-2532.5	-2728.4
of which EU	2368.6	2885.3	21.8	5100.9	5516.2	8.1	-2732.3	-2630.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9279.1	8527.8	-8.1	8070.5	8461.2	4.8	1208.6	66.6
of which EU	6411.0	6052.4	-5.6	5038.3	5396.4	7.1	1372.7	656.0
Machinery and transport equipment	8704.7	9023.6	3.7	12796.4	12973.1	1.4	-4091.7	-3949.5
of which EU	6387.2	6822.2	6.8	10158.6	10044.1	-1.1	-3771.4	-3221.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6474.9	7489.7	15.7	3764.0	4177.3	11.0	2710.9	3312.4
of which EU	5081.8	5722.6	12.6	2708.0	2954.1	9.1	2373.8	2768.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	109.8	113.2	3.1	256.8	272.3	6.0	-147.0	-159.1
of which EU	81.2	80.5	-0.9	229.6	230.4	0.3	-148.4	-149.9

¹Data are preliminary as of 8-th of February 2017.