

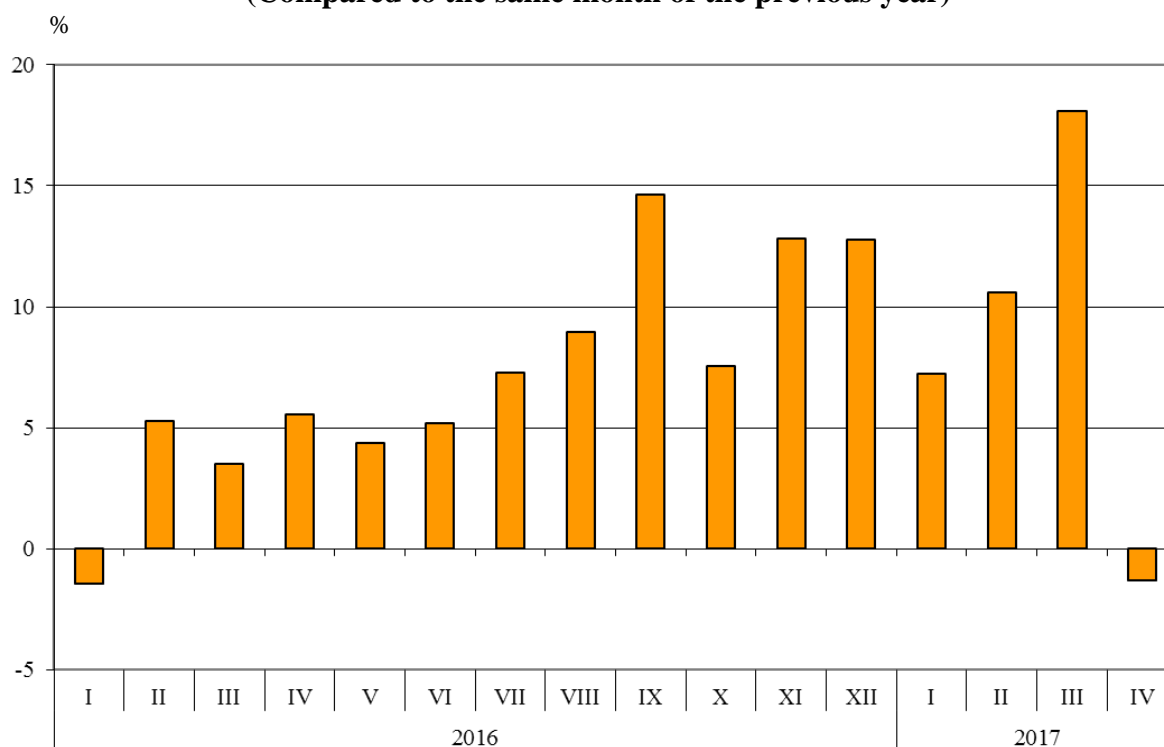


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2017** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** increased by 8.6% compared to the same period of 2016 and amounted to 10 418.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 68.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2017** the exports to the EU decreased by 1.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 503.4 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2017** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year 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 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (29.9%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (29.5%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (20.1%).

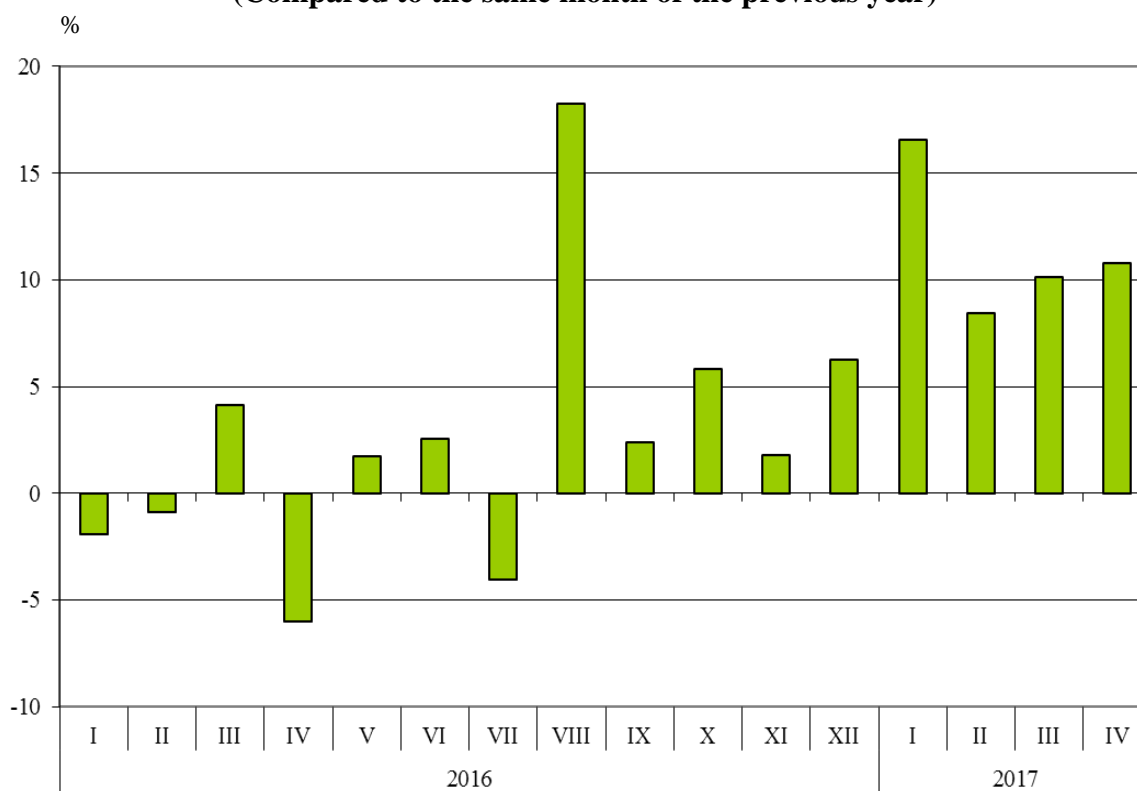
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - April 2017** increased by 11.3% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 11 758.5 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 10.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 985.5 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - April 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (77.5%) while fall was observed only in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (4.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period **January - April 2017** was negative and added up to 1 339.9 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 772.8 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2016¹ and 2017¹ by months

Table 1

(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	3427.3	2263.0	1164.3	3471.9	2267.7	1204.2	3301.1	2154.8	1146.3	-44.6	-4.7	-39.9	126.2	108.2	18.0
II.2016	3481.7	2286.3	1195.4	3824.7	2601.5	1223.2	3644.8	2481.3	1163.5	-343.0	-315.2	-27.8	-163.1	-195.0	31.9
III.2016	3680.5	2507.4	1173.1	4217.0	3005.6	1211.4	4021.0	2864.8	1156.2	-536.5	-498.2	-38.3	-340.5	-357.4	16.9
I - III.2016	10589.5	7056.7	3532.8	11513.6	7874.8	3638.8	10966.9	7500.9	3466.0	-924.1	-818.1	-106.0	-377.4	-444.2	66.8
IV.2016	3635.5	2536.7	1098.8	4017.5	2694.4	1323.1	3832.2	2573.9	1258.3	-382.0	-157.7	-224.3	-196.7	-37.2	-159.5
I - IV.2016	14225.0	9593.4	4631.6	15531.1	10569.2	4961.9	14799.1	10074.8	4724.3	-1306.1	-975.8	-330.3	-574.1	-481.4	-92.7
I.2017	3738.7	2426.5	1312.2	4220.8	2642.9	1577.9	4008.6	2510.4	1498.2	-482.1	-216.4	-265.7	-269.9	-83.9	-186.0
II.2017	4048.3	2528.1	1520.2	4428.6	2820.5	1608.1	4209.7	2682.2	1527.5	-380.3	-292.4	-87.9	-161.4	-154.1	-7.3
III.2017	4371.8	2960.6	1411.2	5287.3	3309.6	1977.7	5032.4	3156.2	1876.2	-915.5	-349.0	-566.5	-660.6	-195.6	-465.0
I - III.2017	12158.8	7915.2	4243.6	13936.7	8773.0	5163.7	13250.7	8348.8	4901.9	-1777.9	-857.8	-920.1	-1091.9	-433.6	-658.3
IV.2017	3913.0	2503.4	1409.6	4692.3	2985.5	1706.8	4466.8	2842.6	1624.2	-779.3	-482.1	-297.2	-553.8	-339.2	-214.6
I - IV.2017	16071.8	10418.6	5653.2	18629.0	11758.5	6870.5	17717.5	11191.4	6526.1	-2557.2	-1339.9	-1217.3	-1645.7	-772.8	-872.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th July 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2017¹ 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	9.1	7.2	12.7	21.6	16.5	31.0	21.4	16.5	30.7
II	16.3	10.6	27.2	15.8	8.4	31.5	15.5	8.1	31.3
III	18.8	18.1	20.3	25.4	10.1	63.3	25.2	10.2	62.3
I - III	14.8	12.2	20.1	21.0	11.4	41.9	20.8	11.3	41.4
IV	7.6	-1.3	28.3	16.8	10.8	29.0	16.6	10.4	29.1
I - IV	13.0	8.6	22.1	19.9	11.3	38.5	19.7	11.1	38.1

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2016² and 2017²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	14225.0	16071.8	13.0	15531.1	18629.0	19.9	-1306.1	-2557.2
EU	9593.4	10418.6	8.6	10569.2	11758.5	11.3	-975.8	-1339.9
Austria	268.0	311.4	16.2	467.9	451.4	-3.5	-199.9	-140.0
Belgium	291.9	567.7	94.5	376.7	373.7	-0.8	-84.8	194.0
Croatia	74.7	69.5	-7.0	38.6	46.6	20.7	36.1	22.9
Cyprus	47.9	47.9	0.0	17.1	21.2	24.0	30.8	26.7
Czech Republic	230.3	323.7	40.6	330.5	391.7	18.5	-100.2	-68.0
Denmark	85.7	99.1	15.6	81.6	93.2	14.2	4.1	5.9
Estonia	13.5	16.9	25.2	7.3	10.3	41.1	6.2	6.6
Finland	27.3	25.3	-7.3	50.1	31.9	-36.3	-22.8	-6.6
France	638.9	679.6	6.4	574.9	554.9	-3.5	64.0	124.7
Germany	1954.5	2246.3	14.9	2134.0	2230.9	4.5	-179.5	15.4
Greece	932.9	1033.9	10.8	727.6	797.5	9.6	205.3	236.4
Hungary	253.4	278.3	9.8	607.0	657.9	8.4	-353.6	-379.6
Ireland	15.8	29.7	88.0	49.6	75.8	52.8	-33.8	-46.1
Italy	1530.3	1369.8	-10.5	1316.8	1363.2	3.5	213.5	6.6
Latvia	20.7	18.0	-13.0	11.1	28.3	155.0	9.6	-10.3
Lithuania	32.1	43.6	35.8	23.7	27.1	14.3	8.4	16.5
Luxembourg	2.8	4.6	64.3	57.5	71.1	23.7	-54.7	-66.5
Malta	43.2	14.8	-65.7	9.4	8.1	-13.8	33.8	6.7
Netherlands	376.4	449.7	19.5	584.2	649.1	11.1	-207.8	-199.4
Poland	334.5	393.8	17.7	549.4	658.3	19.8	-214.9	-264.5
Portugal	75.9	56.5	-25.6	31.4	41.2	31.2	44.5	15.3
Romania	1221.4	1260.7	3.2	1094.8	1370.6	25.2	126.6	-109.9
Slovakia	99.7	115.3	15.6	223.8	239.6	7.1	-124.1	-124.3
Slovenia	134.9	96.9	-28.2	131.5	137.0	4.2	3.4	-40.1
Spain	298.2	269.1	-9.8	615.0	929.8	51.2	-316.8	-660.7
Sweden	102.7	134.4	30.9	98.9	116.6	17.9	3.8	17.8
United Kingdom	373.8	399.0	6.7	292.8	319.7	9.2	81.0	79.3
Not specified	112.0	63.1	-43.7	66.0	61.8	-6.4	46.0	1.3

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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Table 3

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(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries	4631.6	5653.2	22.1	4961.9	6870.5	38.5	-330.3	-1217.3
CIS³	338.4	386.9	14.3	1620.3	2269.1	40.0	-1281.9	-1882.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	11.1	14.8	33.3	11.7	15.5	32.5	-0.6	-0.7
Russian Federation	199.1	242.9	22.0	1319.1	1923.9	45.8	-1120.0	-1681.0
Ukraine	62.7	53.9	-14.0	243.6	261.5	7.3	-180.9	-207.6
OECD⁴	1618.7	1829.9	13.0	1436.5	1701.4	18.4	182.2	128.5
of which:								
Canada	28.5	23.9	-16.1	23.2	26.4	13.8	5.3	-2.5
Israel	43.0	45.3	5.3	47.1	29.1	-38.2	-4.1	16.2
Japan	20.1	21.4	6.5	62.3	69.1	10.9	-42.2	-47.7
Korea, Republic of	44.8	18.9	-57.8	77.3	72.2	-6.6	-32.5	-53.3
Turkey	1137.4	1402.9	23.3	934.7	1155.9	23.7	202.7	247.0
United States	217.5	190.5	-12.4	134.4	148.3	10.3	83.1	42.2
EFTA⁵	91.6	83.0	-9.4	133.7	157.6	17.9	-42.1	-74.6
of which:								
Norway	18.1	16.0	-11.6	18.1	28.5	57.5	0.0	-12.5
Switzerland	72.7	65.8	-9.5	113.8	126.8	11.4	-41.1	-61.0

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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.

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(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	31.1	43.2	38.9	5.4	10.2	88.9	25.7	33.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42.0	46.1	9.8	23.3	26.0	11.6	18.7	20.1
Brazil	16.7	8.4	-49.7	13.4	14.3	6.7	3.3	-5.9
China	276.7	409.7	48.1	629.1	691.2	9.9	-352.4	-281.5
Egypt	120.6	348.2	188.7	117.4	365.9	211.7	3.2	-17.7
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	256.3	253.4	-1.1	136.9	188.0	37.3	119.4	65.4
Georgia	66.7	82.9	24.3	74.1	158.2	113.5	-7.4	-75.3
India	37.9	96.4	154.4	77.2	88.9	15.2	-39.3	7.5
Indonesia	18.9	17.0	-10.1	21.7	27.3	25.8	-2.8	-10.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	41.9	43.0	2.6	16.6	68.8	314.5	25.3	-25.8
Peru	2.7	8.0	196.3	17.7	21.3	20.3	-15.0	-13.3
Serbia	233.2	276.2	18.4	213.7	367.7	72.1	19.5	-91.5
Singapore	68.9	160.1	132.4	18.1	23.3	28.7	50.8	136.8
South Africa	48.5	31.9	-34.2	13.5	27.5	103.7	35.0	4.4
Syrian Arab Republic	18.2	24.2	33.0	1.3	0.0	x	16.9	24.2
Taiwan	9.0	13.6	51.1	62.2	70.9	14.0	-53.2	-57.3
United Arab Emirates	129.4	145.2	12.2	14.7	19.7	34.0	114.7	125.5
Viet Nam	15.9	13.8	-13.2	23.1	29.2	26.4	-7.2	-15.4

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - April 2016¹ and 2017¹

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	
Total	14225.0	16071.8	13.0	15531.1	18629.0	19.9	-1306.1	-2557.2
of which EU	9593.4	10418.6	8.6	10569.2	11758.5	11.3	-975.8	-1339.9
Food and live animals	1426.9	1384.6	-3.0	1278.2	1468.5	14.9	148.7	-83.9
of which EU	967.5	909.0	-6.0	1007.7	1175.8	16.7	-40.2	-266.8
Beverages and tobacco	237.7	251.7	5.9	221.5	205.0	-7.4	16.2	46.7
of which EU	109.7	87.7	-20.1	177.9	169.6	-4.7	-68.2	-81.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	931.7	908.0	-2.5	1101.9	1701.2	54.4	-170.2	-793.2
of which EU	567.8	575.9	1.4	671.9	1005.1	49.6	-104.1	-429.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	965.4	1449.8	50.2	1636.4	2776.8	69.7	-671.0	-1327.0
of which EU	284.3	368.2	29.5	322.0	571.6	77.5	-37.7	-203.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	164.8	166.9	1.3	58.4	62.3	6.7	106.4	104.6
of which EU	101.3	112.0	10.6	42.2	42.5	0.7	59.1	69.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1482.0	1619.1	9.3	2541.3	2773.4	9.1	-1059.3	-1154.3
of which EU	977.4	1068.2	9.3	1997.0	2212.5	10.8	-1019.6	-1144.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2910.1	3868.8	32.9	2781.4	3165.1	13.8	128.7	703.7
of which EU	2033.0	2641.4	29.9	1748.4	1838.3	5.1	284.6	803.1
Machinery and transport equipment	3284.7	3455.8	5.2	4413.2	4858.3	10.1	-1128.5	-1402.5
of which EU	2442.1	2592.9	6.2	3516.5	3609.6	2.6	-1074.4	-1016.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2780.0	2923.4	5.2	1407.7	1520.6	8.0	1372.3	1402.8
of which EU	2081.3	2030.8	-2.4	1004.1	1046.5	4.2	1077.2	984.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	41.7	43.7	4.8	91.1	97.8	7.4	-49.4	-54.1
of which EU	29.0	32.5	12.1	81.5	87.0	6.7	-52.5	-54.5

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