

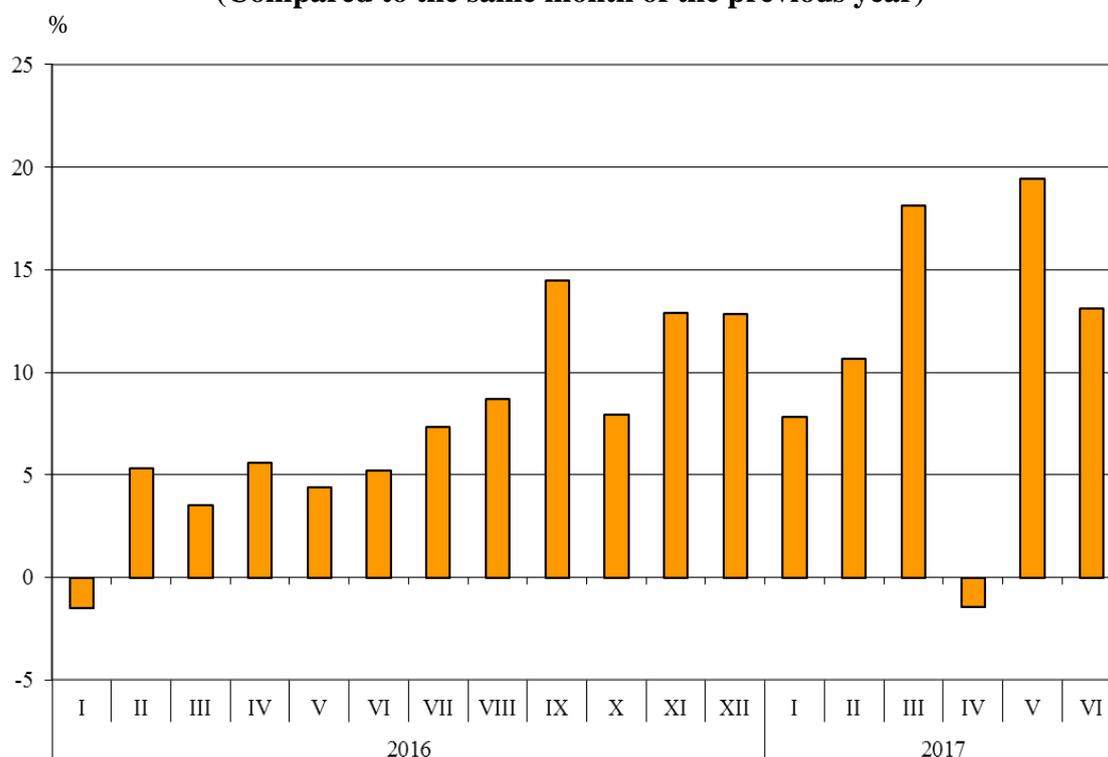


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2017** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 11.3% compared to the same period of 2016 and amounted to 16 345.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 69.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2017** the exports to the EU increased by 13.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 048.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - June 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' (35.8%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (24.2%). The most notable fall was recorded in sections 'Food and live animals' (5.4%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (5.4%).

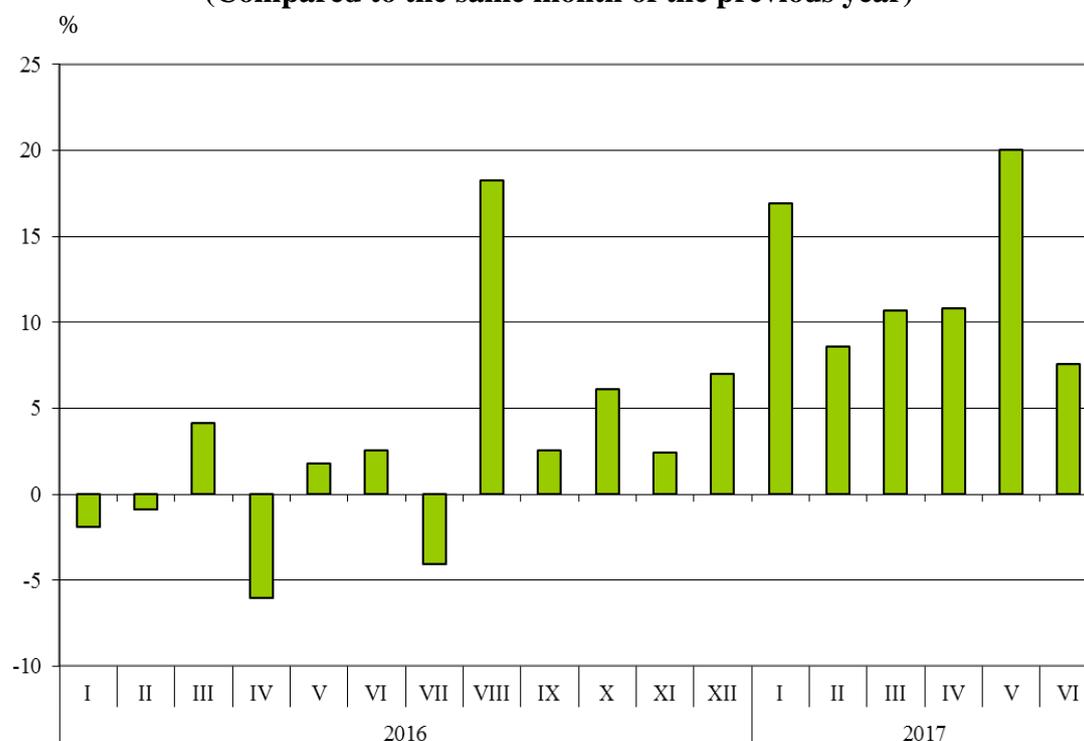
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - June 2017** increased by 12.2% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 18 067.5 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 7.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 122.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - June 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were reported in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (58.5%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (57.6%) while fall was observed only in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (3.4%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - June 2017** was negative and added up to 1 721.9 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 857.9 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2016 and 2017<sup>1</sup> by months

Table 1

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
<b>I - III.2016</b>	<b>10548.6</b>	<b>7055.8</b>	<b>3492.8</b>	<b>11588.8</b>	<b>7874.9</b>	<b>3713.9</b>	<b>10856.6</b>	<b>7401.4</b>	<b>3455.2</b>	<b>-1040.2</b>	<b>-819.1</b>	<b>-221.1</b>	<b>-308.0</b>	<b>-345.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
<b>IV - VI.2016</b>	<b>11431.3</b>	<b>7630.3</b>	<b>3801.0</b>	<b>12437.4</b>	<b>8225.8</b>	<b>4211.6</b>	<b>11677.5</b>	<b>7762.0</b>	<b>3915.5</b>	<b>-1006.1</b>	<b>-595.5</b>	<b>-410.6</b>	<b>-246.2</b>	<b>-131.7</b>	<b>-114.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2016</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>7293.8</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>7925.5</b>	<b>22534.1</b>	<b>15163.4</b>	<b>7370.7</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-631.7</b>	<b>-554.2</b>	<b>-477.3</b>	<b>-76.9</b>
I.2017	3750.6	2438.5	1312.1	4229.9	2652.1	1577.8	4016.9	2518.7	1498.2	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-266.3	-80.2	-186.1
II.2017	4050.5	2530.3	1520.2	4432.6	2824.5	1608.1	4213.6	2686.1	1527.5	-382.1	-294.2	-87.9	-163.1	-155.8	-7.3
III.2017	4374.1	2962.9	1411.2	5304.1	3327.8	1976.3	5048.2	3173.5	1874.7	-930.0	-364.9	-565.1	-674.1	-210.6	-463.5
<b>I - III.2017</b>	<b>12175.2</b>	<b>7931.7</b>	<b>4243.5</b>	<b>13966.6</b>	<b>8804.4</b>	<b>5162.2</b>	<b>13278.7</b>	<b>8378.3</b>	<b>4900.4</b>	<b>-1791.4</b>	<b>-872.7</b>	<b>-918.7</b>	<b>-1103.5</b>	<b>-446.6</b>	<b>-656.9</b>
IV.2017	3911.6	2501.5	1410.1	4691.8	2985.1	1706.7	4466.5	2842.3	1624.2	-780.2	-483.6	-296.6	-554.9	-340.8	-214.1
V.2017	4460.0	2863.9	1596.1	4937.6	3155.5	1782.1	4705.0	3007.0	1698.0	-477.6	-291.6	-186.0	-245.0	-143.1	-101.9
VI.2017	4621.0	3048.5	1572.5	4901.4	3122.5	1778.9	4670.3	2975.9	1694.4	-280.4	-74.0	-206.4	-49.3	72.6	-121.9
<b>IV - VI.2017</b>	<b>12992.6</b>	<b>8413.9</b>	<b>4578.7</b>	<b>14530.8</b>	<b>9263.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>13841.8</b>	<b>8825.2</b>	<b>5016.6</b>	<b>-1538.2</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-689.0</b>	<b>-849.2</b>	<b>-411.3</b>	<b>-437.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2017</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>8822.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>10429.9</b>	<b>27120.5</b>	<b>17203.5</b>	<b>9917.0</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>	<b>-1607.7</b>	<b>-1952.7</b>	<b>-857.9</b>	<b>-1094.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - June 2017<sup>1</sup> 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	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	22.8	18.7	30.3
II	16.7	10.6	28.3	15.1	8.6	28.8	16.6	9.5	31.7
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.7	60.5	27.1	12.3	63.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>
IV	4.5	-1.4	16.9	16.7	10.8	28.6	18.1	11.6	31.5
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.0	21.4	22.4	21.2	24.6
VI	13.6	13.1	14.5	13.5	7.6	25.6	15.3	8.9	28.6
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2016 and 2017<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>
Austria	424.7	494.1	16.3	706.2	698.9	-1.0	-281.5	-204.8
Belgium	476.3	949.8	99.4	573.6	599.6	4.5	-97.3	350.2
Croatia	107.3	103.8	-3.3	62.1	75.2	21.1	45.2	28.6
Cyprus	76.8	70.8	-7.8	24.5	35.3	44.1	52.3	35.5
Czech Republic	354.9	513.3	44.6	517.4	614.8	18.8	-162.5	-101.5
Denmark	132.5	155.9	17.7	120.8	133.2	10.3	11.7	22.7
Estonia	21.6	25.6	18.5	13.0	19.9	53.1	8.6	5.7
Finland	37.7	38.2	1.3	67.9	51.5	-24.2	-30.2	-13.3
France	1003.4	1030.2	2.7	829.1	837.6	1.0	174.3	192.6
Germany	2912.2	3488.0	19.8	3238.5	3459.7	6.8	-326.3	28.3
Greece	1524.8	1618.2	6.1	1124.1	1251.9	11.4	400.7	366.3
Hungary	382.7	437.9	14.4	955.7	1011.2	5.8	-573.0	-573.3
Ireland	25.7	41.2	60.3	83.3	108.4	30.1	-57.6	-67.2
Italy	2220.7	2184.7	-1.6	2047.7	2162.6	5.6	173.0	22.1
Latvia	29.1	27.8	-4.5	27.0	40.7	50.7	2.1	-12.9
Lithuania	49.1	66.6	35.6	35.3	42.2	19.5	13.8	24.4
Luxembourg	4.4	8.3	88.6	86.5	101.6	17.5	-82.1	-93.3
Malta	53.0	20.5	-61.3	18.1	12.6	-30.4	34.9	7.9
Netherlands	555.8	613.1	10.3	875.6	1009.1	15.2	-319.8	-396.0
Poland	510.7	614.3	20.3	896.8	1023.4	14.1	-386.1	-409.1
Portugal	107.7	81.3	-24.5	46.1	56.4	22.3	61.6	24.9
Romania	1935.1	2014.9	4.1	1641.2	2055.0	25.2	293.9	-40.1
Slovakia	157.5	186.8	18.6	340.2	364.5	7.1	-182.7	-177.7
Slovenia	195.6	181.2	-7.4	200.6	206.0	2.7	-5.0	-24.8
Spain	498.6	446.7	-10.4	833.4	1347.9	61.7	-334.8	-901.2
Sweden	163.4	207.9	27.2	151.0	189.6	25.6	12.4	18.3
United Kingdom	557.1	613.8	10.2	481.3	469.8	-2.4	75.8	144.0
Not specified	167.7	110.7	-34.0	103.7	88.9	-14.3	64.0	21.8

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in the period January - June 2016 and 2017<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>7293.8</b>	<b>8822.2</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>7925.5</b>	<b>10429.9</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>-631.7</b>	<b>-1607.7</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>574.2</b>	<b>858.8</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>2645.7</b>	<b>3358.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>-2071.5</b>	<b>-2499.7</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	17.5	20.2	15.4	17.0	18.9	11.2	0.5	1.3
Russian Federation	328.4	585.2	78.2	2163.9	2858.8	32.1	-1835.5	-2273.6
Ukraine	111.5	119.1	6.8	385.5	378.4	-1.8	-274.0	-259.3
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2608.9</b>	<b>2841.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>2241.0</b>	<b>2643.5</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>367.9</b>	<b>198.4</b>
of which:								
Canada	47.6	39.0	-18.1	36.6	56.8	55.2	11.0	-17.8
Israel	69.3	64.0	-7.6	58.5	43.5	-25.6	10.8	20.5
Japan	36.5	33.3	-8.8	96.4	96.7	0.3	-59.9	-63.4
Korea, Republic of	57.1	33.6	-41.2	118.9	103.3	-13.1	-61.8	-69.7
Turkey	1839.8	2143.0	16.5	1462.7	1804.5	23.4	377.1	338.5
United States	334.6	309.9	-7.4	218.5	253.0	15.8	116.1	56.9
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>217.8</b>	<b>230.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-54.1</b>	<b>-80.9</b>
of which:								
Norway	33.0	31.8	-3.6	25.3	35.3	39.5	7.7	-3.5
Switzerland	128.9	115.9	-10.1	190.6	192.5	1.0	-61.7	-76.6

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

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

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria  
in the period January - June 2016 and 2017<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	54.7	69.3	26.7	11.8	16.3	38.1	42.9	53.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	63.4	70.2	10.7	34.7	40.0	15.3	28.7	30.2
Brazil	33.8	28.2	-16.6	30.8	20.4	-33.8	3.0	7.8
China	422.2	609.1	44.3	947.6	1086.1	14.6	-525.4	-477.0
Egypt	184.8	400.5	116.7	215.7	561.8	160.5	-30.9	-161.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	384.2	382.0	-0.6	235.7	292.4	24.1	148.5	89.6
Georgia	125.5	141.4	12.7	101.6	286.1	181.6	23.9	-144.7
India	63.2	120.1	90.0	113.4	135.2	19.2	-50.2	-15.1
Indonesia	29.7	24.0	-19.2	32.2	41.8	29.8	-2.5	-17.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	49.3	70.0	42.0	26.5	74.8	182.3	22.8	-4.8
Peru	5.3	10.8	103.8	23.1	23.5	1.7	-17.8	-12.7
Serbia	353.8	429.5	21.4	350.4	583.8	66.6	3.4	-154.3
Singapore	116.4	179.3	54.0	24.4	32.3	32.4	92.0	147.0
South Africa	58.1	39.5	-32.0	17.4	39.4	126.4	40.7	0.1
Syrian Arab Republic	20.5	28.5	39.0	1.4	0.1	-92.9	19.1	28.4
Taiwan	23.7	22.2	-6.3	98.3	101.7	3.5	-74.6	-79.5
United Arab Emirates	171.7	180.1	4.9	21.0	29.0	38.1	150.7	151.1
Viet Nam	38.4	24.6	-35.9	38.2	42.9	12.3	0.2	-18.3

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'x' - category not applicable.

'0' - figure less than half the unit used.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - June 2016 and 2017<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21979.9</b>	<b>25167.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>24026.2</b>	<b>28497.4</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>-2046.3</b>	<b>-3329.6</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>14686.1</b>	<b>16345.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>16100.7</b>	<b>18067.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-1414.6</b>	<b>-1721.9</b>
Food and live animals	2242.9	2066.7	-7.9	1952.1	2302.7	18.0	290.8	-236.0
of which EU	1488.6	1408.4	-5.4	1536.0	1830.7	19.2	-47.4	-422.3
Beverages and tobacco	341.8	373.8	9.4	361.2	361.8	0.2	-19.4	12.0
of which EU	171.2	161.9	-5.4	288.3	278.5	-3.4	-117.1	-116.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1427.1	1383.7	-3.0	1494.7	2484.7	66.2	-67.6	-1101.0
of which EU	887.1	862.6	-2.8	857.6	1359.3	58.5	29.5	-496.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1726.9	2147.6	24.4	2738.3	4070.4	48.6	-1011.4	-1922.8
of which EU	495.2	614.8	24.2	515.2	811.8	57.6	-20.0	-197.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	229.9	267.6	16.4	87.9	95.0	8.1	142.0	172.6
of which EU	152.7	176.1	15.3	64.6	65.2	0.9	88.1	110.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2243.1	2544.4	13.4	3795.2	4141.4	9.1	-1552.1	-1597.0
of which EU	1497.8	1655.0	10.5	2998.0	3311.8	10.5	-1500.2	-1656.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4453.6	6213.5	39.5	4366.3	4950.5	13.4	87.3	1263.0
of which EU	3075.8	4175.6	35.8	2754.5	2901.9	5.4	321.3	1273.7
Machinery and transport equipment	5132.7	5621.3	9.5	6912.4	7556.8	9.3	-1779.7	-1935.5
of which EU	3765.0	4142.5	10.0	5418.9	5746.4	6.0	-1653.9	-1603.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4118.6	4480.3	8.8	2163.8	2380.8	10.0	1954.8	2099.5
of which EU	3109.4	3096.9	-0.4	1538.5	1625.4	5.6	1570.9	1471.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	63.3	68.9	8.8	154.3	153.3	-0.6	-91.0	-84.4
of which EU	43.3	51.8	19.6	129.1	136.5	5.7	-85.8	-84.7

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2017.