

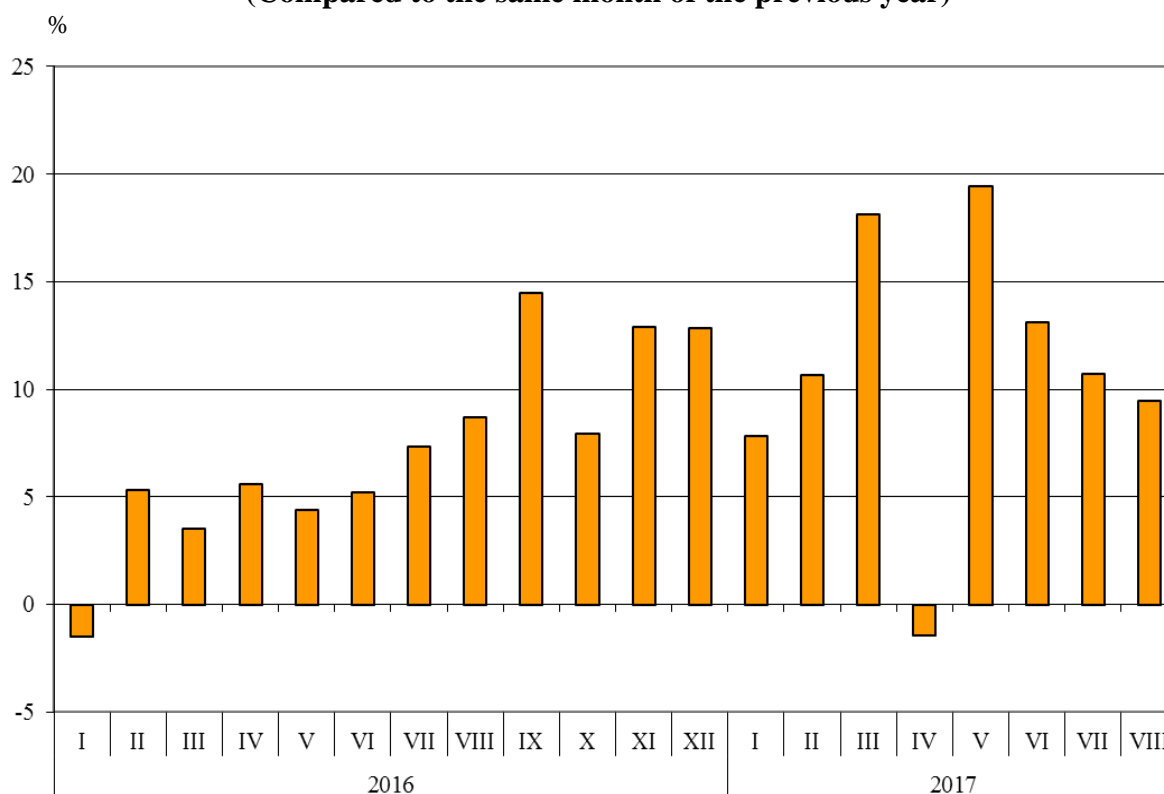


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2017** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 11.0% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 22 401.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2017** the exports to the EU grew by 9.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 932.9 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 - August 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (32.0%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (29.2%). The most notable fall

¹ Value changes at current prices.

²The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

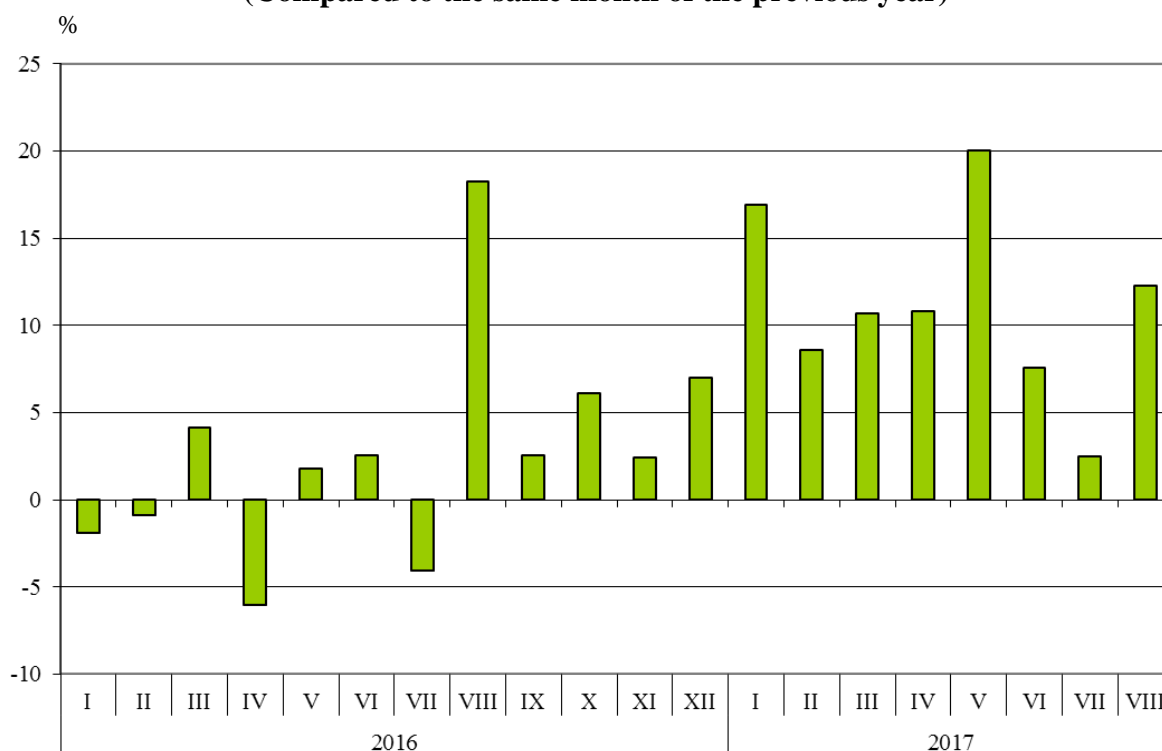


was recorded in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (13.1%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’¹ (10.3%).

Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - August 2017** increased by 10.9% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 24 193.4 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 **August 2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 12.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 129.3 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - August 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growths in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were reported in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (53.0%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (34.1%) while the largest fall was observed in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (3.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - August 2017** was negative and added up to 1 791.8 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 632.9 Million BGN.

¹The 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.s.

²Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2016 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	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
I - III.2016	10548.6	7055.8	3492.8	11588.8	7874.9	3713.9	10856.6	7401.4	3455.2	-1040.2	-819.1	-221.1	-308.0	-345.6	37.6
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
IV - VI.2016	11431.3	7630.3	3801.0	12437.4	8225.8	4211.6	11677.5	7762.0	3915.5	-1006.1	-595.5	-410.6	-246.2	-131.7	-114.5
I - VI.2016	21979.9	14686.1	7293.8	24026.2	16100.7	7925.5	22534.1	15163.4	7370.7	-2046.3	-1414.6	-631.7	-554.2	-477.3	-76.9
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
VIII.2016	4024.8	2679.7	1345.1	4442.1	2787.3	1654.8	4140.6	2613.3	1527.3	-417.3	-107.6	-309.7	-115.8	66.4	-182.2
I - VIII.2016	30197.2	20187.1	10010.1	32812.5	21812.1	11000.4	30737.5	20523.4	10214.1	-2615.3	-1625.0	-990.3	-540.3	-336.3	-204.0
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
I - III.2017	12175.2	7931.7	4243.5	13966.6	8804.4	5162.2	13278.7	8378.3	4900.4	-1791.4	-872.7	-918.7	-1103.5	-446.6	-656.9
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
IV - VI.2017	12992.6	8413.9	4578.7	14530.8	9263.1	5267.7	13841.8	8825.2	5016.6	-1538.2	-849.2	-689.0	-849.2	-411.3	-437.9
I - VI.2017	25167.8	16345.6	8822.2	28497.4	18067.5	10429.9	27120.5	17203.5	9917.0	-3329.6	-1721.9	-1607.7	-1952.7	-857.9	-1094.8
VII.2017	4605.4	3123.1	1482.3	4702.4	2996.6	1705.8	4482.9	2856.6	1626.3	-97.0	126.5	-223.5	122.5	266.5	-144.0
VIII.2017	4322.1	2932.9	1389.2	4926.4	3129.3	1797.1	4682.7	2974.4	1708.3	-604.3	-196.4	-407.9	-360.6	-41.5	-319.1
I - VIII.2017	34095.3	22401.6	11693.7	38126.2	24193.4	13932.8	36286.1	23034.5	13251.6	-4030.9	-1791.8	-2239.1	-2190.8	-632.9	-1557.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 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	9.9	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
I - III	15.4	12.4	21.5	20.5	11.8	39.0	22.3	13.2	41.8
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
IV - VI	13.7	10.3	20.5	16.8	12.6	25.1	18.5	13.7	28.1
I - VI	14.5	11.3	21.0	18.6	12.2	31.6	20.4	13.5	34.5
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.2	2.5	20.1	10.3	4.0	23.6
VIII	7.4	9.4	3.3	10.9	12.3	8.6	13.1	13.8	11.9
I - VIII	12.9	11.0	16.8	16.2	10.9	26.7	18.1	12.2	29.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - August 2016 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	30197.2	34095.3	12.9	32812.5	38126.2	16.2	-2615.3	-4030.9
EU	20187.1	22401.6	11.0	21812.1	24193.4	10.9	-1625.0	-1791.8
Austria	575.2	643.9	11.9	939.8	923.9	-1.7	-364.6	-280.0
Belgium	859.6	1257.9	46.3	775.6	810.0	4.4	84.0	447.9
Croatia	144.6	147.8	2.2	85.4	98.4	15.2	59.2	49.4
Cyprus	102.6	102.2	-0.4	32.6	49.9	53.1	70.0	52.3
Czech Republic	487.4	681.0	39.7	684.6	827.5	20.9	-197.2	-146.5
Denmark	181.2	213.2	17.7	161.8	177.8	9.9	19.4	35.4
Estonia	27.7	32.4	17.0	18.0	27.9	55.0	9.7	4.5
Finland	47.7	52.3	9.6	91.3	75.7	-17.1	-43.6	-23.4
France	1369.1	1409.6	3.0	1065.7	1108.7	4.0	303.4	300.9
Germany	4033.0	4672.8	15.9	4410.1	4669.8	5.9	-377.1	3.0
Greece	2051.6	2175.7	6.0	1525.6	1669.8	9.5	526.0	505.9
Hungary	505.9	586.4	15.9	1260.5	1333.2	5.8	-754.6	-746.8
Ireland	34.1	65.2	91.2	116.2	139.1	19.7	-82.1	-73.9
Italy	2853.1	2851.5	-0.1	2648.4	2805.8	5.9	204.7	45.7
Latvia	37.1	36.2	-2.4	40.1	50.9	26.9	-3.0	-14.7
Lithuania	68.0	91.4	34.4	64.4	57.5	-10.7	3.6	33.9
Luxembourg	6.6	11.7	77.3	113.5	135.9	19.7	-106.9	-124.2
Malta	60.7	24.4	-59.8	24.2	14.1	-41.7	36.5	10.3
Netherlands	787.4	818.8	4.0	1167.9	1351.8	15.7	-380.5	-533.0
Poland	685.7	818.2	19.3	1225.6	1379.0	12.5	-539.9	-560.8
Portugal	144.8	150.1	3.7	56.3	71.7	27.4	88.5	78.4
Romania	2665.1	2849.2	6.9	2258.5	2716.9	20.3	406.6	132.3
Slovakia	206.8	250.3	21.0	445.7	487.2	9.3	-238.9	-236.9
Slovenia	266.6	265.4	-0.5	251.6	273.0	8.5	15.0	-7.6
Spain	778.3	881.0	13.2	1242.9	1966.0	58.2	-464.6	-1085.0
Sweden	224.2	285.7	27.4	198.3	243.3	22.7	25.9	42.4
United Kingdom	744.0	817.2	9.8	784.6	619.8	-21.0	-40.6	197.4
Not specified	239.0	210.1	-12.1	122.9	108.8	-11.5	116.1	101.3

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 9-th November 2017.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - August 2016 and 2017²

(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	10010.1	11693.7	16.8	11000.4	13932.8	26.7	-990.3	-2239.1
CIS³	820.5	1374.0	67.5	3641.6	4535.2	24.5	-2821.1	-3161.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	22.9	32.3	41.0	20.9	21.6	3.3	2.0	10.7
Russian Federation	484.4	987.0	103.8	3006.3	3827.1	27.3	-2521.9	-2840.1
Ukraine	154.3	166.5	7.9	508.9	547.2	7.5	-354.6	-380.7
OECD⁴	3448.1	3677.1	6.6	2984.9	3558.1	19.2	463.2	119.0
of which:								
Canada	64.7	51.9	-19.8	49.2	74.9	52.2	15.5	-23.0
Israel	89.9	78.2	-13.0	71.5	58.6	-18.0	18.4	19.6
Japan	51.7	45.9	-11.2	126.3	131.4	4.0	-74.6	-85.5
Korea, Republic of	79.9	52.4	-34.4	155.6	144.9	-6.9	-75.7	-92.5
Turkey	2402.3	2708.6	12.8	1957.7	2469.2	26.1	444.6	239.4
United States	453.6	435.0	-4.1	284.6	313.5	10.2	169.0	121.5
EFTA⁵	222.0	213.5	-3.8	292.8	303.4	3.6	-70.8	-89.9
of which:								
Norway	45.2	42.0	-7.1	32.9	46.4	41.0	12.3	-4.4
Switzerland	174.7	169.4	-3.0	257.7	254.5	-1.2	-83.0	-85.1

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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 - August 2016 and 2017²**

(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	75.6	96.3	27.4	16.5	20.6	24.8	59.1	75.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	85.8	87.2	1.6	53.8	52.1	-3.2	32.0	35.1
Brazil	39.9	36.1	-9.5	36.0	24.4	-32.2	3.9	11.7
China	512.6	796.7	55.4	1346.1	1457.9	8.3	-833.5	-661.2
Egypt	231.4	436.6	88.7	365.9	767.1	109.6	-134.5	-330.5
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	504.2	513.4	1.8	328.2	400.1	21.9	176.0	113.3
Georgia	184.9	184.1	-0.4	162.0	364.6	125.1	22.9	-180.5
India	99.1	144.1	45.4	150.7	180.2	19.6	-51.6	-36.1
Indonesia	42.9	32.3	-24.7	42.3	58.5	38.3	0.6	-26.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	90.4	81.7	-9.6	33.5	83.7	149.9	56.9	-2.0
Peru	8.9	14.4	61.8	31.8	25.6	-19.5	-22.9	-11.2
Serbia	479.1	588.5	22.8	482.6	768.7	59.3	-3.5	-180.2
Singapore	210.7	231.8	10.0	32.1	40.4	25.9	178.6	191.4
South Africa	67.4	70.5	4.6	27.0	45.4	68.1	40.4	25.1
Syrian Arab Republic	23.4	31.1	32.9	1.5	0.1	-93.3	21.9	31.0
Taiwan	34.0	34.2	0.6	136.6	135.3	-1.0	-102.6	-101.1
United Arab Emirates	251.5	238.7	-5.1	27.1	35.1	29.5	224.4	203.6
Viet Nam	86.4	32.3	-62.6	54.7	57.0	4.2	31.7	-24.7

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 9-th November 2017.

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 2016 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	30197.2	34095.3	12.9	32812.5	38126.2	16.2	-2615.3	-4030.9
of which EU	20187.1	22401.6	11.0	21812.1	24193.4	10.9	-1625.0	-1791.8
Food and live animals	3283.9	3324.5	1.2	2644.4	3031.5	14.6	639.5	293.0
of which EU	2286.7	2421.0	5.9	2097.9	2462.7	17.4	188.8	-41.7
Beverages and tobacco	513.9	496.1	-3.5	503.6	499.4	-0.8	10.3	-3.3
of which EU	246.9	214.6	-13.1	398.4	386.3	-3.0	-151.5	-171.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2107.1	1968.6	-6.6	2143.1	3401.4	58.7	-36.0	-1432.8
of which EU	1420.3	1274.6	-10.3	1265.0	1935.3	53.0	155.3	-660.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2534.0	2810.3	10.9	3945.7	5366.7	36.0	-1411.7	-2556.4
of which EU	717.2	946.4	32.0	770.9	1033.7	34.1	-53.7	-87.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	288.3	346.0	20.0	116.0	129.8	11.9	172.3	216.2
of which EU	195.8	238.6	21.9	84.7	85.7	1.2	111.1	152.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3025.0	3466.2	14.6	5034.1	5591.9	11.1	-2009.1	-2125.7
of which EU	2002.8	2272.1	13.4	3963.6	4404.8	11.1	-1960.8	-2132.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6078.8	8260.2	35.9	6067.9	6645.8	9.5	10.9	1614.4
of which EU	4185.5	5407.9	29.2	3878.6	3849.9	-0.7	306.9	1558.0
Machinery and transport equipment	6737.7	7372.8	9.4	9237.4	10059.8	8.9	-2499.7	-2687.0
of which EU	4903.7	5446.9	11.1	7130.0	7681.2	7.7	-2226.3	-2234.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5543.7	5959.0	7.5	2923.1	3195.8	9.3	2620.6	2763.2
of which EU	4170.4	4109.3	-1.5	2057.8	2172.8	5.6	2112.6	1936.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	84.8	91.6	8.0	197.2	204.1	3.5	-112.4	-112.5
of which EU	57.8	70.2	21.5	165.2	181.0	9.6	-107.4	-110.8

¹Data are preliminary as of 9-th November 2017.