

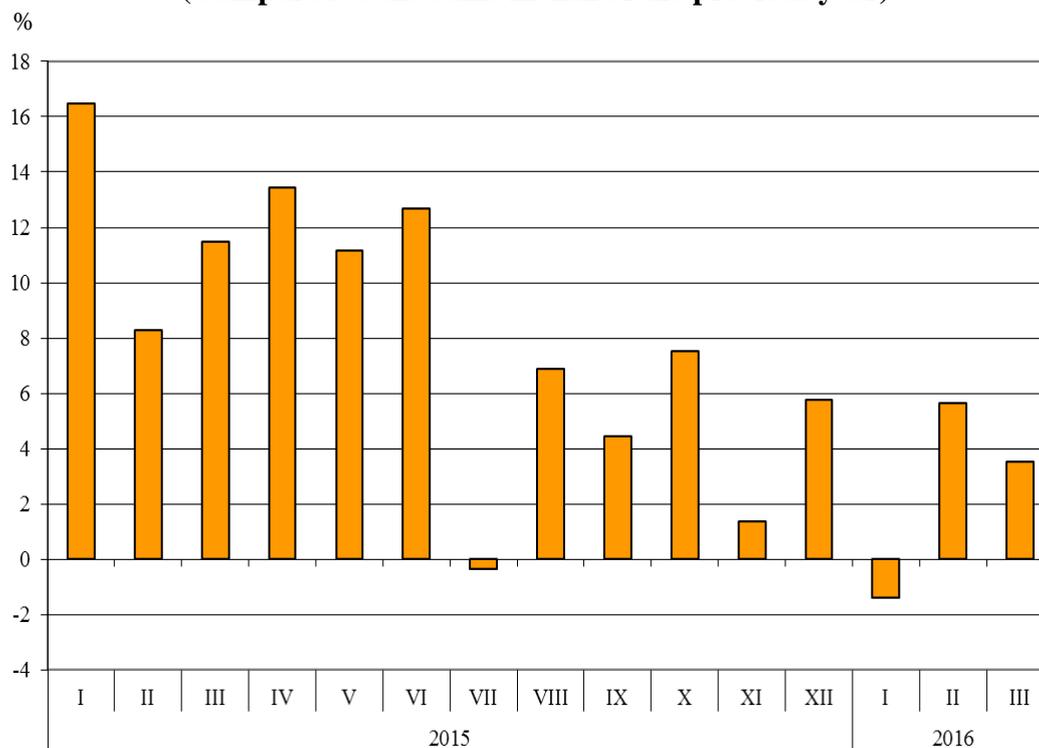


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2016 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2016** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 2.6% in comparison with the same period of 2015 and amounted to 7 059.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and United Kingdom which accounted for 69.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2016** the exports to the EU increased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and added up to 2 507.0 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 first three months of 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 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (31.3%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (28.8%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (50.7%).

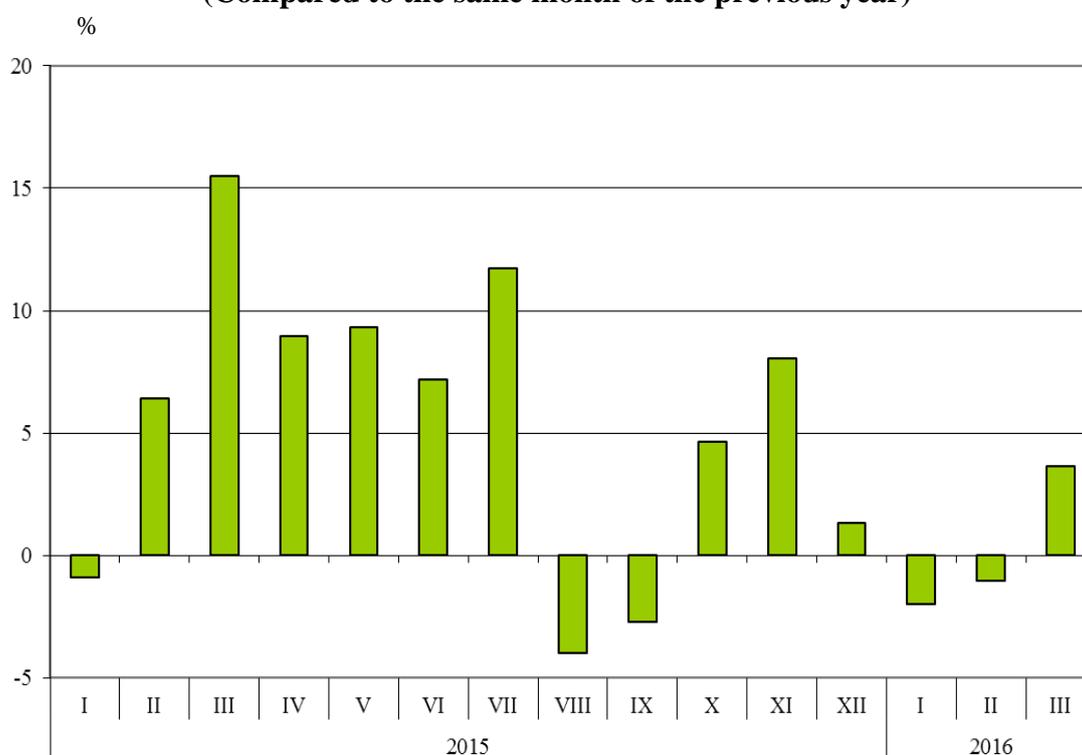
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - March 2016** increased by 0.4% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 7 853.7 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 Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2016** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 3.6% in comparison with March 2015 and amounted to 2 990.7 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 first three months of 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 ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (16.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (29.3%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period January - March 2016 was negative and added up to 793.8 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 258.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2015¹ 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	3390.5	2294.9	1095.6	3776.0	2312.1	1463.9	3499.0	2147.6	1351.4	-385.5	-17.2	-368.3	-108.5	147.3	-255.8
II.2015	3423.7	2167.1	1256.6	4110.9	2624.6	1486.3	3825.0	2447.4	1377.6	-687.2	-457.5	-229.7	-401.3	-280.3	-121.0
III.2015	3945.3	2421.5	1523.8	4436.3	2885.4	1550.9	4145.7	2697.0	1448.7	-491.0	-463.9	-27.1	-200.4	-275.5	75.1
I - III.2015	10759.5	6883.5	3876.0	12323.2	7822.1	4501.1	11469.7	7292.0	4177.7	-1563.7	-938.6	-625.1	-710.2	-408.5	-301.7
I.2016	3427.5	2263.2	1164.3	3469.1	2265.7	1203.4	3227.7	2103.1	1124.6	-41.6	-2.5	-39.1	199.8	160.1	39.7
II.2016	3485.1	2289.7	1195.4	3820.5	2597.3	1223.2	3567.8	2429.2	1138.6	-335.4	-307.6	-27.8	-82.7	-139.5	56.8
III.2016	3680.5	2507.0	1173.5	4202.2	2990.7	1211.5	3918.0	2786.3	1131.7	-521.7	-483.7	-38.0	-237.5	-279.3	41.8
I - III.2016	10593.1	7059.9	3533.2	11491.8	7853.7	3638.1	10713.5	7318.6	3394.9	-898.7	-793.8	-104.9	-120.4	-258.7	138.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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	1.1	-1.4	6.3	-8.1	-2.0	-17.8	-7.8	-2.1	-16.8
II	1.8	5.7	-4.9	-7.1	-1.0	-17.7	-6.7	-0.7	-17.3
III	-6.7	3.5	-23.0	-5.3	3.6	-21.9	-5.5	3.3	-21.9
I - III	-1.5	2.6	-8.8	-6.7	0.4	-19.2	-6.6	0.4	-18.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th June 2016.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2015² 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	10759.5	10593.1	-1.5	12323.2	11491.8	-6.7	-1563.7	-898.7
EU	6883.5	7059.9	2.6	7822.1	7853.7	0.4	-938.6	-793.8
Austria	184.9	191.0	3.3	344.1	338.2	-1.7	-159.2	-147.2
Belgium	417.5	199.4	-52.2	249.2	285.7	14.6	168.3	-86.3
Croatia	39.9	58.0	45.4	19.3	27.9	44.6	20.6	30.1
Cyprus	142.6	34.5	-75.8	19.4	14.6	-24.7	123.2	19.9
Czech Republic	174.4	174.3	-0.1	260.8	247.8	-5.0	-86.4	-73.5
Denmark	52.5	64.8	23.4	55.5	61.2	10.3	-3.0	3.6
Estonia	9.5	11.8	24.2	5.2	4.4	-15.4	4.3	7.4
Finland	16.3	21.4	31.3	19.9	36.3	82.4	-3.6	-14.9
France	423.4	481.7	13.8	401.8	434.8	8.2	21.6	46.9
Germany	1413.0	1443.9	2.2	1647.1	1578.1	-4.2	-234.1	-134.2
Greece	706.3	665.5	-5.8	580.4	533.0	-8.2	125.9	132.5
Hungary	172.3	194.4	12.8	464.3	451.7	-2.7	-292.0	-257.3
Ireland	10.4	10.9	4.8	38.4	34.1	-11.2	-28.0	-23.2
Italy	1076.8	1166.1	8.3	855.1	951.1	11.2	221.7	215.0
Latvia	9.6	13.6	41.7	9.0	8.4	-6.7	0.6	5.2
Lithuania	20.0	26.7	33.5	19.2	17.9	-6.8	0.8	8.8
Luxembourg	1.2	1.8	50.0	45.2	43.7	-3.3	-44.0	-41.9
Malta	36.2	23.5	-35.1	6.2	6.6	6.5	30.0	16.9
Netherlands	241.9	273.9	13.2	398.7	437.7	9.8	-156.8	-163.8
Poland	232.0	252.8	9.0	327.5	388.5	18.6	-95.5	-135.7
Portugal	57.0	45.5	-20.2	14.0	25.4	81.4	43.0	20.1
Romania	769.7	876.4	13.9	846.5	812.0	-4.1	-76.8	64.4
Slovakia	92.7	73.7	-20.5	159.6	165.5	3.7	-66.9	-91.8
Slovenia	69.5	81.2	16.8	83.4	99.6	19.4	-13.9	-18.4
Spain	178.0	236.4	32.8	616.3	525.9	-14.7	-438.3	-289.5
Sweden	67.6	74.8	10.7	71.0	73.9	4.1	-3.4	0.9
United Kingdom	251.2	281.4	12.0	224.4	215.9	-3.8	26.8	65.5
Not specified	17.1	80.5	370.8	40.6	33.8	-16.7	-23.5	46.7

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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in the period January - March 2015² 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	3876.0	3533.2	-8.8	4501.1	3638.1	-19.2	-625.1	-104.9
CIS³	276.0	270.5	-2.0	1739.4	1140.8	-34.4	-1463.4	-870.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	8.2	9.6	17.1	12.1	8.3	-31.4	-3.9	1.3
Russian Federation	164.7	155.1	-5.8	1481.0	922.9	-37.7	-1316.3	-767.8
Ukraine	45.2	54.0	19.5	217.2	181.3	-16.5	-172.0	-127.3
OECD⁴	1377.9	1260.1	-8.5	1135.6	1063.8	-6.3	242.3	196.3
of which:								
Canada	19.9	23.6	18.6	10.3	19.1	85.4	9.6	4.5
Israel	29.5	37.2	26.1	20.5	40.1	95.6	9.0	-2.9
Japan	16.6	14.4	-13.3	37.8	39.9	5.6	-21.2	-25.5
Korea, Republic of	25.1	38.7	54.2	37.1	58.2	56.9	-12.0	-19.5
Turkey	991.0	866.1	-12.6	652.0	695.1	6.6	339.0	171.0
United States	181.6	166.6	-8.3	114.2	99.6	-12.8	67.4	67.0
EFTA⁵	73.0	84.6	15.9	100.2	98.1	-2.1	-27.2	-13.5
of which:								
Norway	14.1	17.5	24.1	8.7	13.0	49.4	5.4	4.5
Switzerland	58.4	66.5	13.9	90.1	83.7	-7.1	-31.7	-17.2

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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

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(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	26.4	24.3	-8.0	8.7	4.1	-52.9	17.7	20.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33.2	30.3	-8.7	16.5	18.3	10.9	16.7	12.0
Brazil	7.1	8.9	25.4	24.6	11.3	-54.1	-17.5	-2.4
China	297.4	242.9	-18.3	536.0	509.7	-4.9	-238.6	-266.8
Egypt	105.6	99.6	-5.7	25.9	72.7	180.7	79.7	26.9
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	165.5	192.7	16.4	124.6	97.8	-21.5	40.9	94.9
Georgia	60.6	41.8	-31.0	101.0	42.9	-57.5	-40.4	-1.1
India	27.7	30.2	9.0	70.9	61.7	-13.0	-43.2	-31.5
Indonesia	13.8	14.7	6.5	15.7	15.8	0.6	-1.9	-1.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	100.0	39.0	-61.0	2.3	12.5	443.5	97.7	26.5
Peru	1.3	1.5	15.4	7.4	15.8	113.5	-6.1	-14.3
Serbia	191.3	174.6	-8.7	139.8	148.0	5.9	51.5	26.6
Singapore	167.6	56.8	-66.1	13.8	14.4	4.3	153.8	42.4
South Africa	43.4	45.1	3.9	6.3	11.4	81.0	37.1	33.7
Syrian Arab Republic	24.0	11.4	-52.5	9.5	0.6	-93.7	14.5	10.8
Taiwan	8.6	7.6	-11.6	60.6	49.2	-18.8	-52.0	-41.6
United Arab Emirates	120.1	123.9	3.2	82.6	12.1	-85.4	37.5	111.8
Viet Nam	12.3	12.0	-2.4	20.5	16.7	-18.5	-8.2	-4.7

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4
in the period January - March 2015¹ 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	10759.5	10593.1	-1.5	12323.2	11491.8	-6.7	-1563.7	-898.7
of which EU	6883.5	7059.9	2.6	7822.1	7853.7	0.4	-938.6	-793.8
Food and live animals	1044.4	1038.2	-0.6	962.4	951.0	-1.2	82.0	87.2
of which EU	601.1	695.4	15.7	759.6	752.5	-0.9	-158.5	-57.1
Beverages and tobacco	202.0	191.5	-5.2	150.9	160.4	6.3	51.1	31.1
of which EU	59.8	77.0	28.8	114.0	129.0	13.2	-54.2	-52.0
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	746.8	681.2	-8.8	1257.0	905.0	-28.0	-510.2	-223.8
of which EU	437.3	403.9	-7.6	669.5	591.7	-11.6	-232.2	-187.8
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1051.3	731.5	-30.4	1848.5	1128.7	-38.9	-797.2	-397.2
of which EU	361.4	178.2	-50.7	321.9	227.5	-29.3	39.5	-49.3
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	134.9	114.4	-15.2	36.4	43.4	19.2	98.5	71.0
of which EU	80.5	70.5	-12.4	26.8	31.1	16.0	53.7	39.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1029.5	1109.9	7.8	1775.3	1908.8	7.5	-745.8	-798.9
of which EU	558.9	734.1	31.3	1348.6	1494.1	10.8	-789.7	-760.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2573.2	2190.3	-14.9	2102.2	2047.3	-2.6	471.0	143.0
of which EU	1788.6	1534.4	-14.2	1330.9	1274.7	-4.2	457.7	259.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2250.5	2409.5	7.1	3181.0	3238.6	1.8	-930.5	-829.1
of which EU	1657.7	1787.1	7.8	2502.2	2562.4	2.4	-844.5	-775.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1692.9	2095.6	23.8	939.6	1042.1	10.9	753.3	1053.5
of which EU	1314.1	1557.4	18.5	686.1	731.4	6.6	628.0	826.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	34.0	31.0	-8.8	69.9	66.5	-4.9	-35.9	-35.5
of which EU	24.1	21.9	-9.1	62.5	59.3	-5.1	-38.4	-37.4

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