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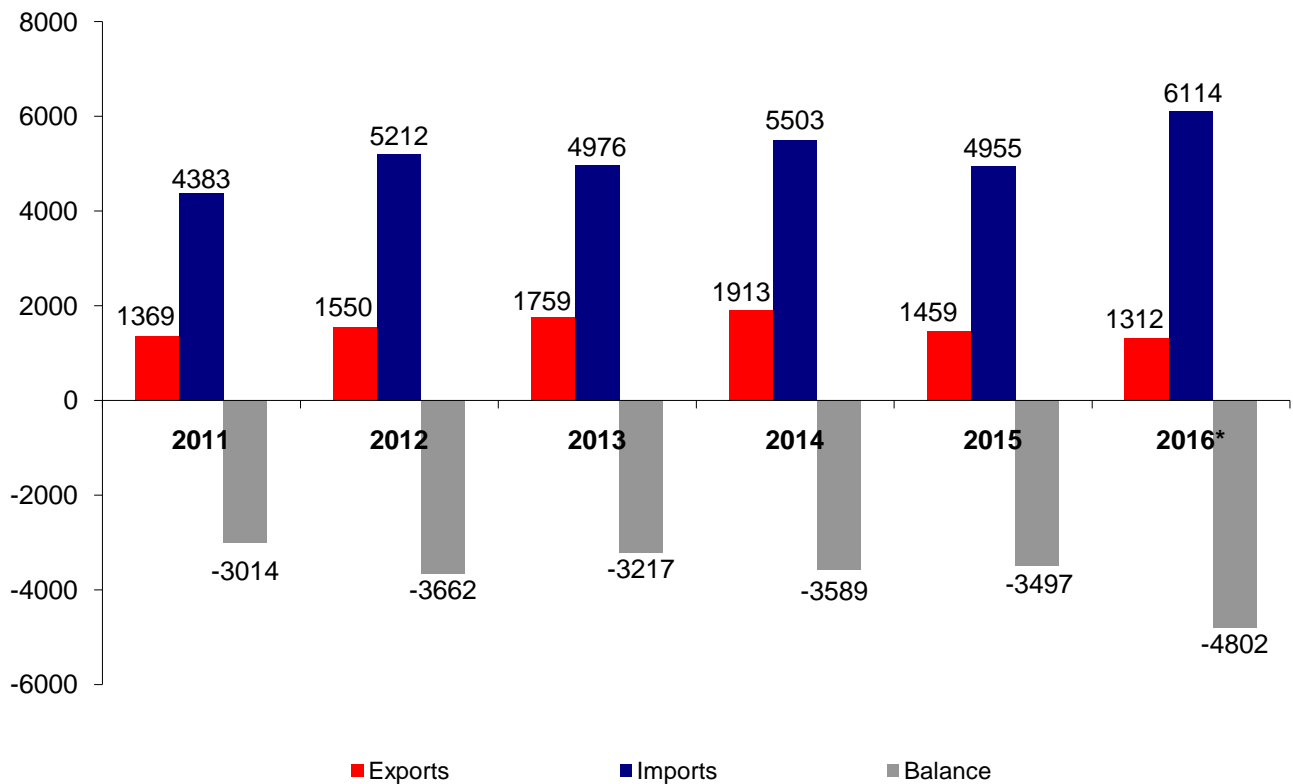
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External Trade of Georgia in January-August 2016 (Preliminary)

In January-August 2016 external merchandise trade (excluding non-organized trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 7426 million, 16 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1312 million (10 percent lower), while the imports stood at USD 6114 million (23 percent higher). It should be noticed that in the accounting period import of C hepatitis medicaments took place excluding which import equals USD 4556 (4 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 4802 million in January-August 2016 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 65 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 1044 million.

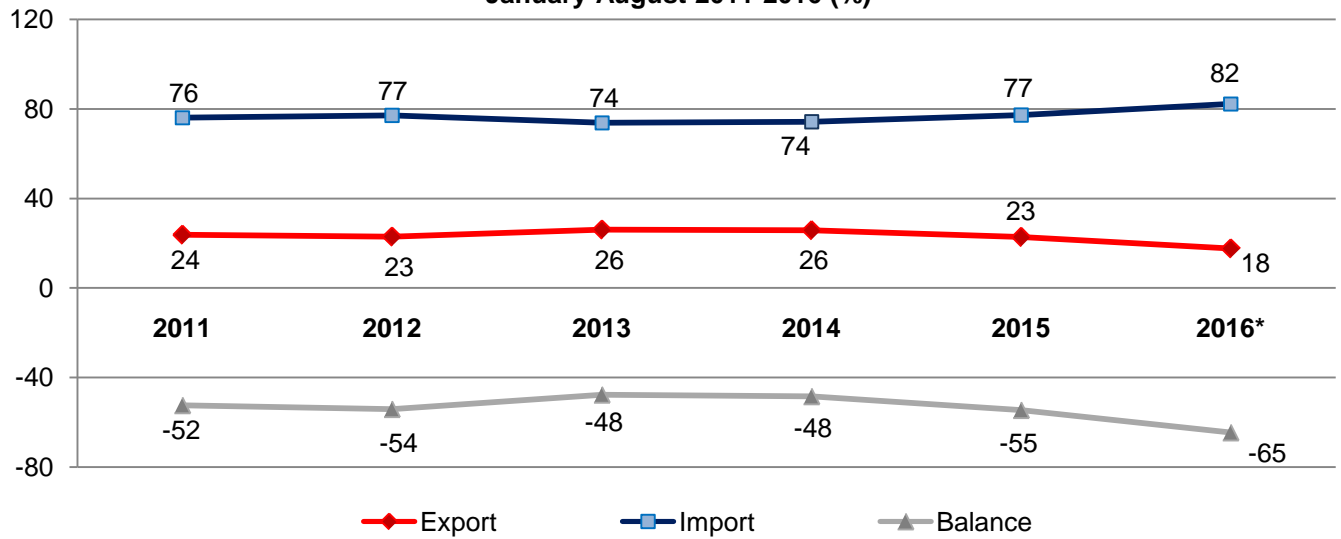
The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2011-2016:

**General data on external trade of Georgia in
January-August 2011-2016
(Million US Dollars)**



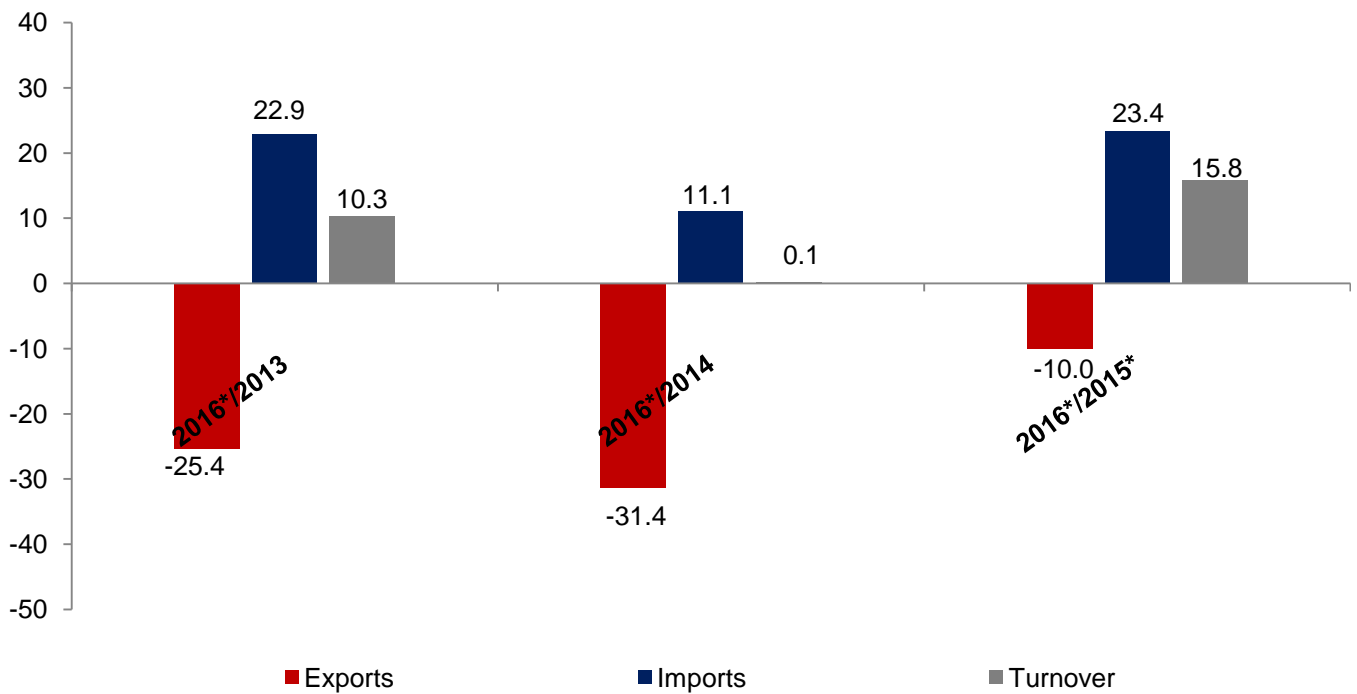
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January-August 2011-2016 (%)**



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Percentage changes in January-August 2016 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



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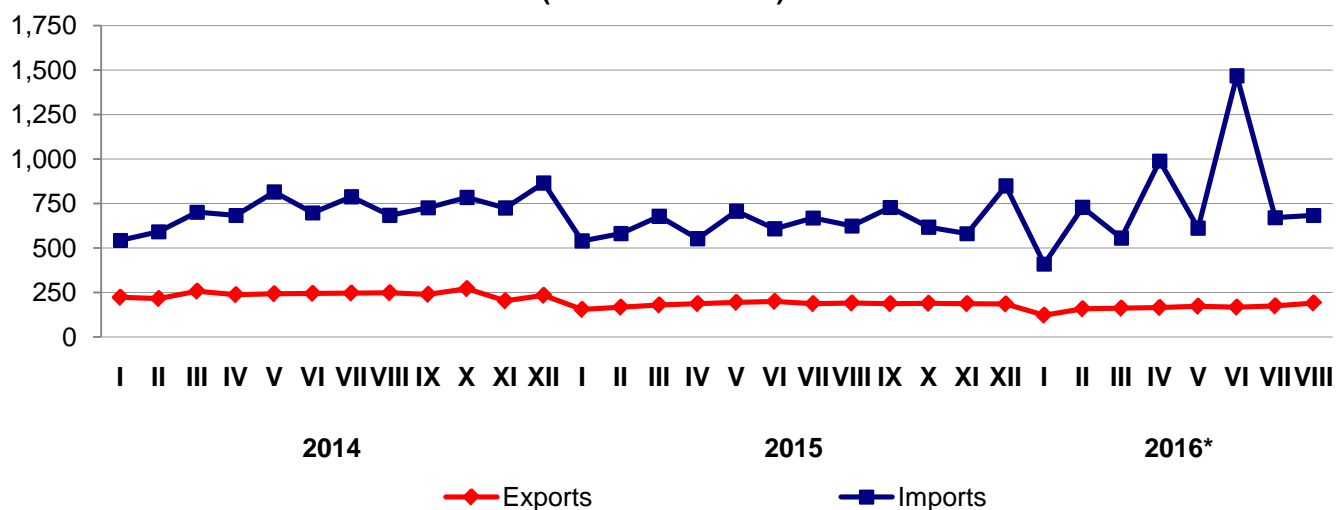
The table below shows monthly data for 2015-2016 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2015	January	155 073.9	-30.7	538 891.2	-0.8
	February	167 229.4	-22.6	579 977.5	-2.0
	March	179 075.4	-30.1	676 965.1	-3.5
	April	186 555.0	-21.3	552 058.5	-19.2
	May	194 612.1	-19.8	706 417.7	-13.3
	June	198 583.8	-18.7	607 536.1	-13.0
	July	187 036.3	-24.0	669 370.3	-14.9
	August	190 362.2	-23.1	624 263.4	-8.6
	September	186 333.1	-22.3	728 605.6	0.2
	October	187 914.1	-31.0	616 128.3	-21.4
	November	187 288.3	-7.6	581 222.6	-19.8
	December	184 620.7	-20.8	848 666.9	-1.8
2016*	January	122 161.0	-21.2	410 288.8	-23.9
	February	158 749.4	-5.1	727 530.0	25.4
	March	161 900.1	-9.6	554 990.5	-18.0
	April	165 302.9	-11.4	989 023.4	79.2
	May	172 239.0	-11.5	611 164.3	-13.5
	June	167 884.9	-15.5	1 466 475.9	141.4
	July	173 588.3	-7.2	670 796.3	0.2
	August	190 320.4	-0.02	683 683.9	9.5

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Exports and imports dynamics by months, 2014-2016 (Million US Dollars)

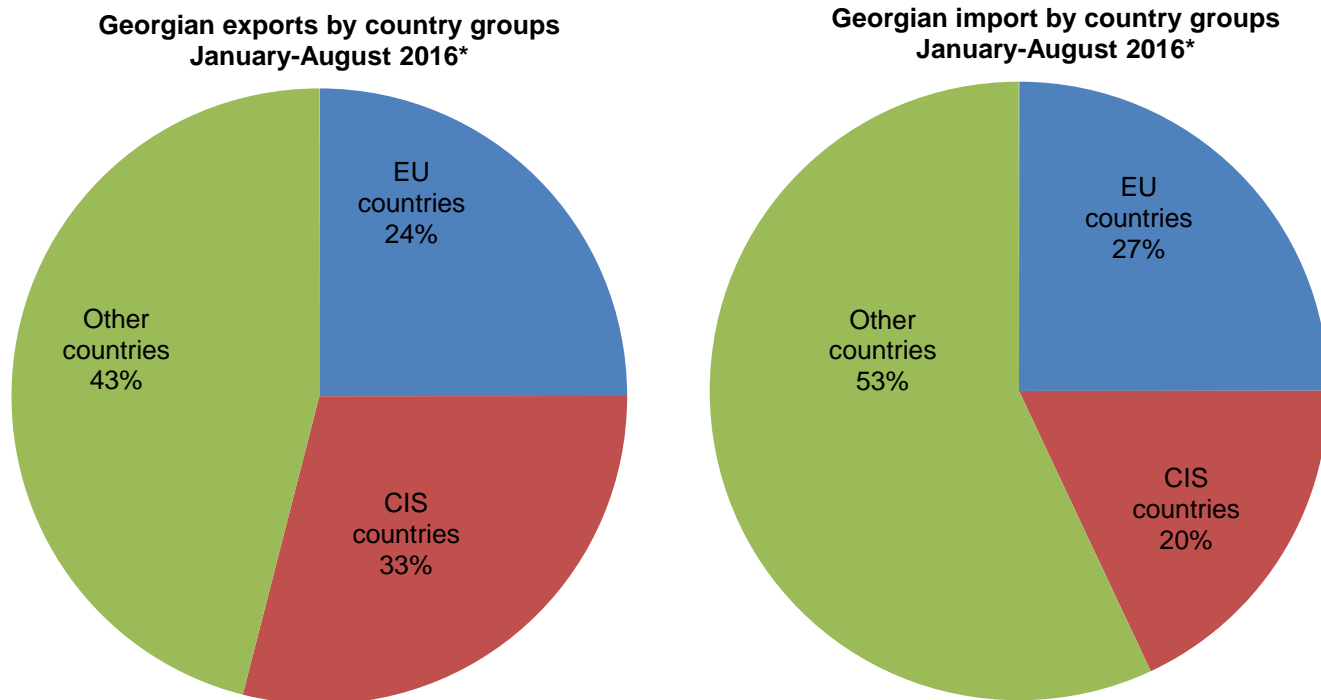


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In January-August 2016 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1968 million, decreased by 1 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 317 million (23 percent lower), while imports amounted to USD 1652 million (5 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27 percent, 24 percent in exports and 27 percent in imports (in January-August 2015 31, 28 and 32 percent correspondingly). 28 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (33 percent in January-August 2015).

In January-August 2016 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 1624 million (lower by 9 percent compared to January-August 2015). Exports stood at USD 429 million (23 percent lower), while imports equaled USD 1195 million (3 percent lower). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 22 percent, 33 percent in exports and 20 percent in imports (In January-August 2015 28, 38 and 25 percent, respectively). In January-August 2016, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 16 percent of the overall trade deficit (19 percent in January-August 2015).

The diagrams below show the share of the exports and imports of Georgia by country groups.



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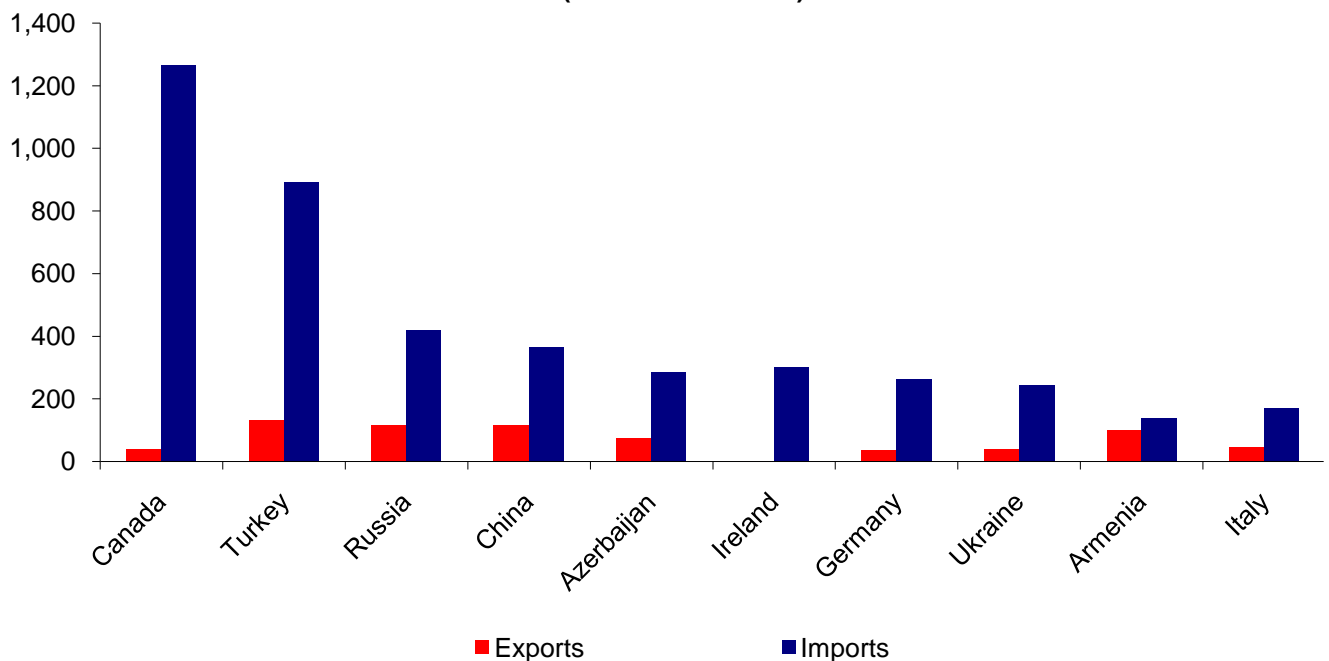
In January-August 2016 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68 percent. The top trading partners were Canada (USD 1305 million), Turkey (USD 1025 million) and Russia (USD 538 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-August 2016*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	1 312 146.0	100.0	6 113 953.1	100.0	7 426 099.1	100.0
of which:						
Canada	40 141.6	3.1	1 265 018.0	20.7	1 305 159.6	17.6
Turkey	134 405.3	10.2	890 959.6	14.6	1 025 364.9	13.8
Russia	118 187.3	9.0	419 755.7	6.9	537 943.1	7.2
China	117 682.3	9.0	364 435.1	6.0	482 117.4	6.5
Azerbaijan	76 746.6	5.8	285 018.4	4.7	361 765.0	4.9
Ireland	298.7	0.0	301 880.9	4.9	302 179.6	4.1
Germany	37 025.2	2.8	262 840.0	4.3	299 865.2	4.0
Ukraine	40 616.1	3.1	244 252.1	4.0	284 868.2	3.8
Armenia	101 223.0	7.7	138 589.7	2.3	239 812.7	3.2
Italy	45 253.2	3.4	170 413.7	2.8	215 666.9	2.9
Other countries	600 566.6	45.8	1 770 790.0	29.0	2 371 356.6	31.9

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Top trading partners by turnover in January-August 2016*
(Million US Dollars)



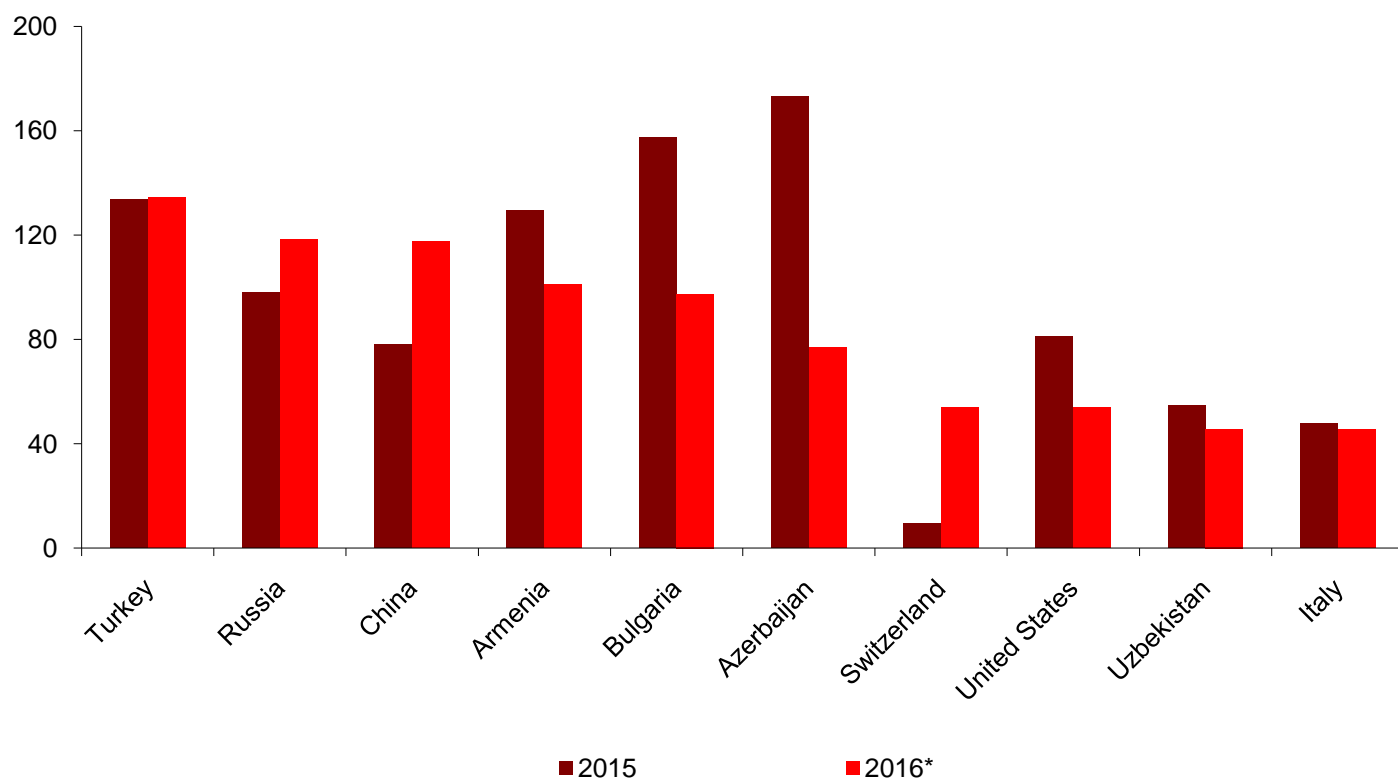
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Top trading partners by exports in January-August 2016

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 458 528.0	100.0	1 312 146.0	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	133 422.5	9.1	134 405.3	10.2
Russia	98 041.1	6.7	118 187.3	9.0
China	78 035.6	5.4	117 682.3	9.0
Armenia	129 401.3	8.9	101 223.0	7.7
Bulgaria	157 505.4	10.8	97 358.4	7.4
Azerbaijan	173 168.0	11.9	76 746.6	5.8
Switzerland	9 462.5	0.6	54 013.4	4.1
United States	81 023.9	5.6	54 011.1	4.1
Uzbekistan	54 729.4	3.8	45 679.3	3.5
Italy	47 636.5	3.3	45 253.2	3.4
Other countries	496 101.8	34.0	467 586.0	35.6

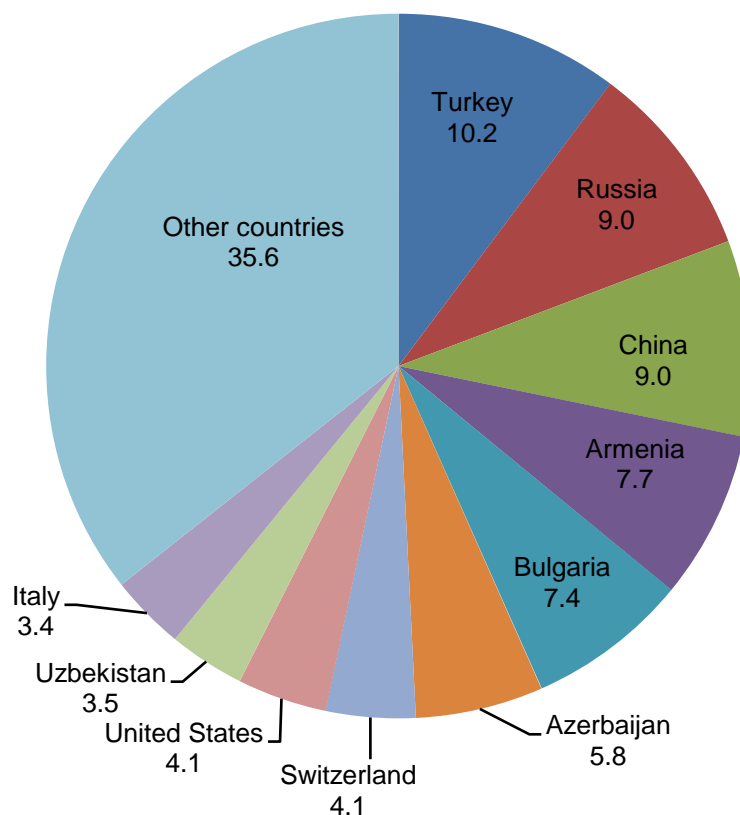
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Top trading partners by exports in January-August 2015-2016 (Million US Dollars)



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Share of the top trading partners in total exports in January-August 2016* (%)



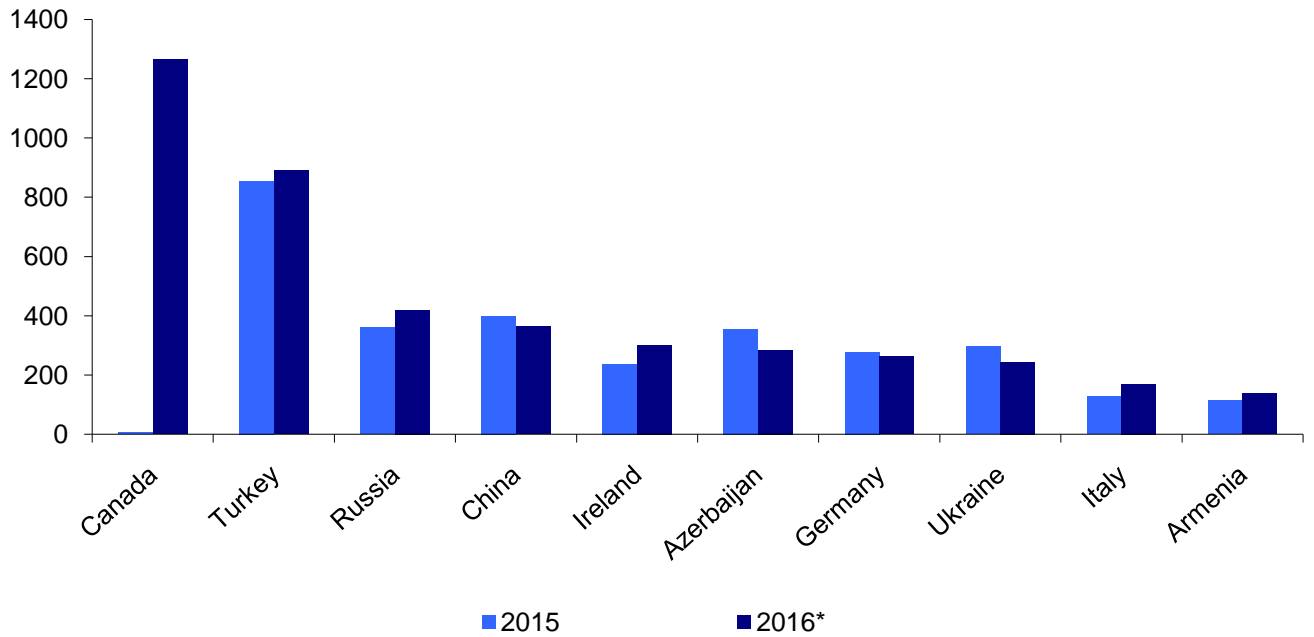
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Top trading partners by imports in January-August 2016

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	4 955 479.6	100.0	6 113 953.1	100.0
Of which:				
Canada	7 465.8	0.2	1 265 018.0	20.7
Turkey	855 829.3	17.3	890 959.6	14.6
Russia	359 578.4	7.3	419 755.7	6.9
China	398 869.4	8.0	364 435.1	6.0
Ireland	237 800.9	4.8	301 880.9	4.9
Azerbaijan	355 530.7	7.2	285 018.4	4.7
Germany	278 542.1	5.6	262 840.0	4.3
Ukraine	297 276.7	6.0	244 252.1	4.0
Italy	128 419.5	2.6	170 413.7	2.8
Armenia	114 775.1	2.3	138 589.7	2.3
Other countries	1 921 391.7	38.8	1 770 790.0	29.0

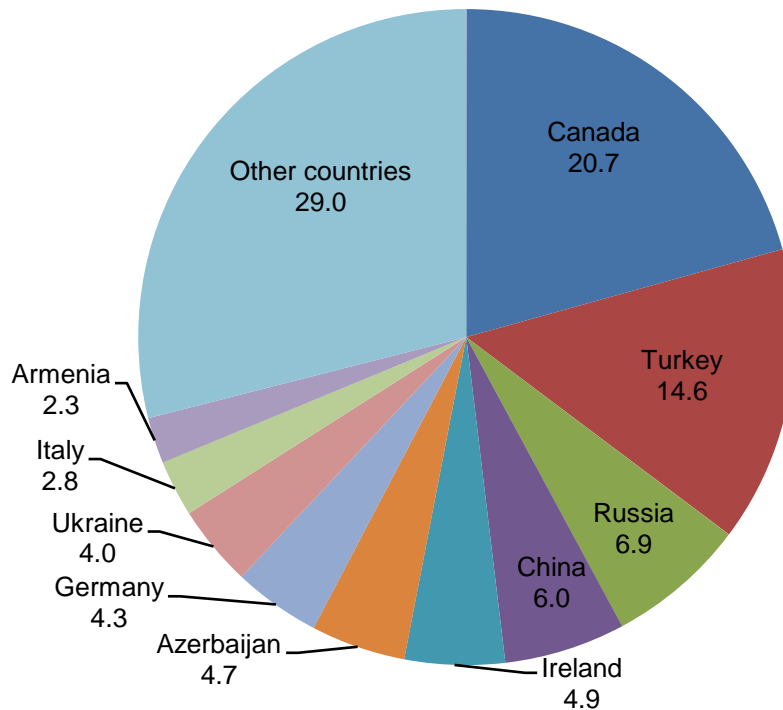
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**Top trading partners by imports in January-August 2015-2016
(Million US Dollars)**



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Share of the top trading partners in total imports in January-August 2016* (%)



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

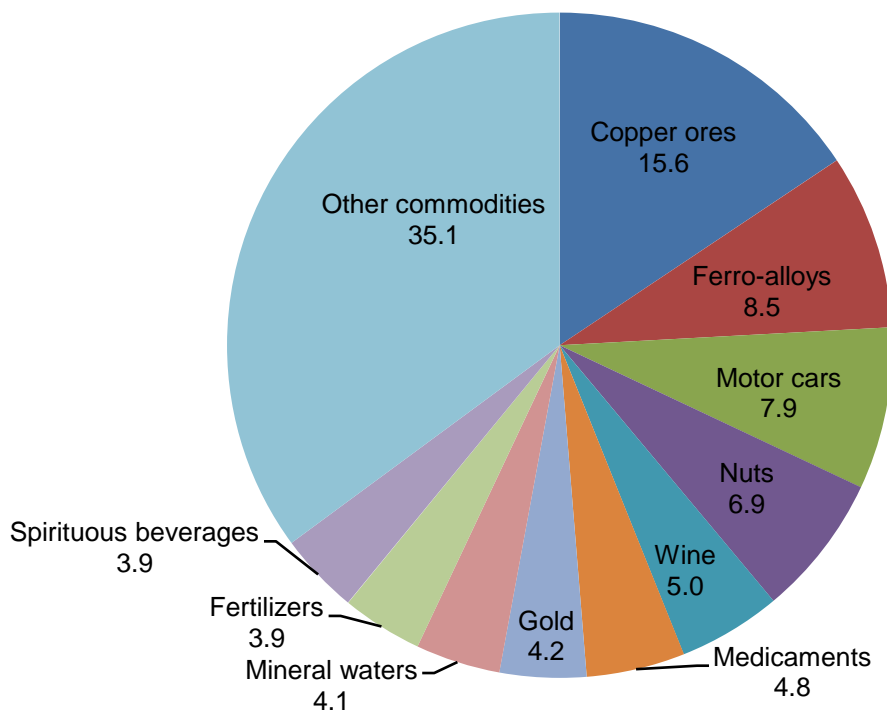
In January-August 2016 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 205 million, or 16 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys totaled USD 112 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 9 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 103 million and 8 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 458 528.0	100.0	1 312 146.0	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	172 372.5	11.8	205 045.2	15.6
Ferro-alloys	149 343.3	10.2	111 609.1	8.5
Motor cars	124 781.7	8.6	103 438.1	7.9
Other nuts, fresh or dried	92 144.1	6.3	90 469.7	6.9
Wine of fresh grapes	55 377.7	3.8	65 633.4	5.0
Medicaments	85 369.9	5.9	62 742.2	4.8
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	40 296.8	2.8	55 263.1	4.2
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	58 235.0	4.0	53 962.7	4.1
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	77 686.8	5.3	51 621.5	3.9
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	37 171.6	2.5	51 552.1	3.9
Other commodities	565 748.5	38.8	460 808.7	35.1

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Share of major commodity groups by exports in January-August 2016* (%)



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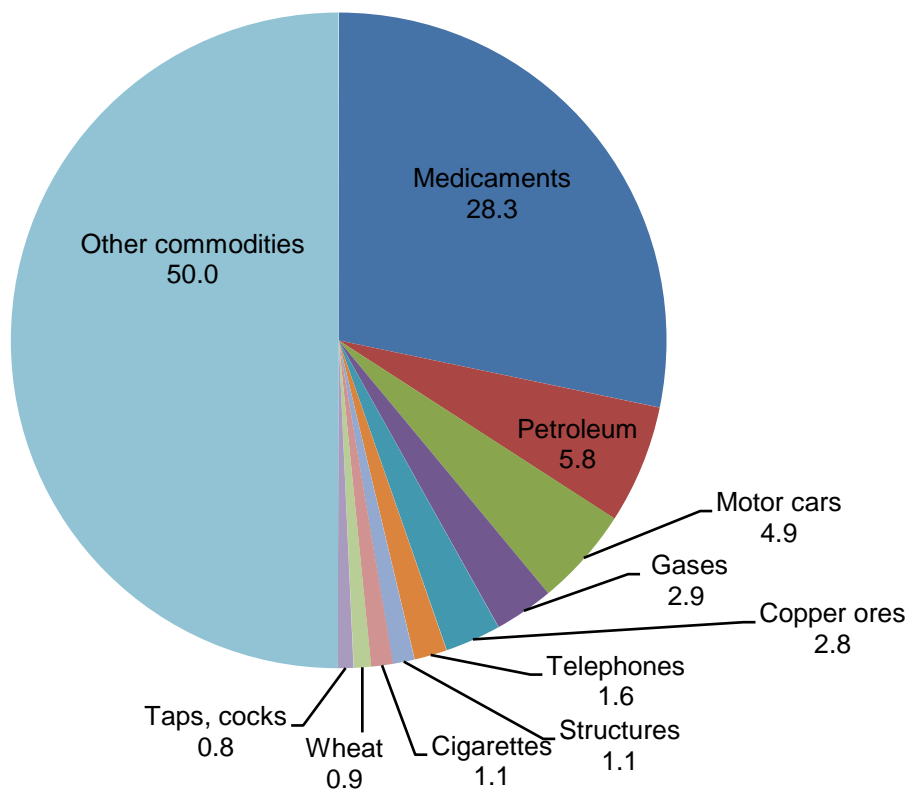
The top import commodity in January-August 2016 were Medicaments, imports of which amounted to USD 1730 million and 28 percent of the total imports from which USD 1558 million comes to the import of C hepatitis medicaments. Petroleum and petroleum oils commodity group followed in the list with USD 356 million, or 6 percent of imports. Motor cars came third with USD 298 million (5 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	4 955 479.6	100.0	6 113 953.1	100.0
Of which:				
Medicaments	427 889.9	8.6	1 729 572.8	28.3
Petroleum and petroleum oils	443 553.3	9.0	356 464.5	5.8
Motor cars	326 727.1	6.6	297 564.4	4.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	259 781.1	5.2	178 744.1	2.9
Copper ores and concentrates	135 950.3	2.7	168 324.6	2.8
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	92 746.6	1.9	98 879.6	1.6
Structures and parts of structures of iron	36 451.1	0.7	65 794.8	1.1
Cigarettes	61 124.7	1.2	65 221.2	1.1
Wheat	66 882.2	1.3	52 275.5	0.9
Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes	31 417.2	0.6	47 110.2	0.8
Other commodities	3 072 956.1	62.0	3 054 001.4	50.0

*Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January-August 2016* (%)



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

CANADA

Exports of major commodity groups to Canada

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	46 094.5		40 141.6	
Of which:				
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	38 326.8	1.9	31 576.6	1.5
Ferro-alloys	6 517.1	6 396.8	7 254.5	10 300.4
Other nuts, fresh or dried	153.3	15.2	651.5	85.6
Wine of fresh grapes	602.1	97.0	272.4	64.1
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	272.3	320.0	234.7	293.7
Other commodities	223.0		151.9	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Canada

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	7 465.8		1 265 018.0	
Of which:				
Medicaments	280.0	4.0	1 260 191.7	5.6
Fish, frozen	592.2	336.1	1 855.5	1 499.3
Meat of swine	1 233.6	765.2	767.5	473.1
Motor cars (units)	1 273.8	133	668.7	90
Meat of the poultry	330.9	297.1	568.4	431.0
Other commodities	3 755.3		966.2	

*Preliminary data.

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	133 422.5		134 405.3	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	28 104.1	807.5	28 062.0	1 038.4
Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans	4 322.0	2 471.6	13 428.2	9 322.5
Electrical energy	15 102.1	...	13 071.1	...
Bars and rods of iron	6 214.5	13 980.0	10 391.3	25 661.4
Semi-finished products of iron	18 418.8	50 540.9	8 567.3	27 795.1
Other commodities	61 261.2		60 885.3	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-August 2015*		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	855 829.3		890 959.6	
Of which:				
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	23 567.4	11 972.0	40 600.6	20 862.7
Medicaments	52 397.5	589.2	32 384.4	515.1
Tubes and pipes of iron or steel	21 682.2	30 383.3	27 634.0	42 371.2
Insulated wire and cable	15 035.0	3 109.0	25 966.9	5 442.1
Sanitary commodities	22 580.5	5 048.0	24 659.6	7 078.2
Other commodities	720 566.6		739 714.2	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	98 041.1		118 187.3	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	25 816.3	7 910.2	31 783.4	11 435.5
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	22 256.9	27 040.3	24 189.6	35 560.0
Ferro-alloys	15 262.4	16 587.1	19 484.5	28 044.6
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	5 546.8	924.7	6 582.6	1 278.0
Other nuts, fresh or dried	6 011.9	617.8	4 474.4	765.0
Other commodities	23 146.8		31 672.8	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-August 2015		January-August 2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	359 578.4		419 755.7	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	41 686.5	83 189.5	63 389.5	146 721.3
Wheat	62 585.3	267 582.3	52 274.4	273 625.6
Cigarettes	12 571.2	657.5	22 267.1	1 521.0
Sunflower oil	13 717.6	13 474.0	17 263.7	17 500.0
Electrical energy	16 964.5	...	14 941.9	...
Other commodities	212 053.2		249 619.2	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-August 2015	98	3 712,2
January-August 2016*	92	4 970,4
Positive trade balance		
January-August 2015	35	215,2
January-August 2016*	38	168,6
Total		
January-August 2015	133	3 497,0
January-August 2016*	130	4 801,8

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries in January-August 2016*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	1 312 146.0	6 113 953.1	-4 801 807.1
Of which:			
EU countries	316 533.4	1 651 880.6	-1 335 347.2
Austria	268.7	45 974.7	-45 706.1
Belgium	4 969.2	40 330.0	-35 360.8
Bulgaria	97 358.4	78 327.5	19 030.9
Croatia	0.7	1 256.5	-1 255.9
Cyprus	424.1	1 760.3	-1 336.3
Czech Republic	7 032.1	41 971.0	-34 938.9
Denmark	491.7	19 856.7	-19 365.0
Estonia	1 924.1	4 104.4	-2 180.3
Finland	226.8	8 752.9	-8 526.1
France	12 653.7	72 434.5	-59 780.9
Germany	37 025.2	262 840.0	-225 814.8
Greece	8 878.9	31 695.9	-22 817.0
Hungary	423.0	26 659.6	-26 236.5
Ireland	298.7	301 880.9	-301 582.2
Italy	45 253.2	170 413.7	-125 160.5
Latvia	3 548.6	19 432.8	-15 884.2
Lithuania	15 392.7	26 520.7	-11 128.0
Luxembourg	0.3	1 126.7	-1 126.4
Malta	1 525.5	1 025.2	500.3
Netherlands	22 596.7	106 035.0	-83 438.3
Poland	5 150.9	62 265.2	-57 114.3
Portugal	1 019.9	11 929.2	-10 909.3
Romania	12 815.1	121 598.9	-108 783.8
Slovakia	4 482.4	10 702.4	-6 220.0
Slovenia	18.8	13 818.3	-13 799.5
Spain	22 067.7	59 735.9	-37 668.2
Sweden	20.8	5 293.0	-5 272.2
United Kingdom	10 665.5	104 138.8	-93 473.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	428 926.0	1 194 957.9	-766 031.9
Armenia	101 223.0	138 589.7	-37 366.7
Azerbaijan	76 746.6	285 018.4	-208 271.8
Belarus	10 495.1	42 836.6	-32 341.5
Kazakhstan	20 870.5	11 708.8	9 161.7
Kyrgyzstan	3 865.8	953.2	2 912.6
Moldova	1 228.7	5 490.6	-4 261.9
Russia	118 187.3	419 755.7	-301 568.4
Tajikistan	3 106.7	-	3 106.7
Turkmenistan	6 906.9	39 862.9	-32 956.0
Ukraine	40 616.1	244 252.1	-203 636.0
Uzbekistan	45 679.3	6 490.0	39 189.3
Other countries	566 686.6	3 267 114.6	-2 700 428.0
Afghanistan	46.2	25.2	21.0
Albania	3.7	14.2	-10.5
Algeria	466.8	0.9	465.9
Angola	618.4	-	618.4
Argentina	-	1 303.0	-1 303.0
Australia	315.9	991.8	-675.9
Bahrain	116.7	0.3	116.4
Bangladesh	3.8	769.8	-766.1
Belize	-	91.6	-91.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	178.3	-178.3
Brazil	273.3	65 518.2	-65 244.9
Cambodia	1.3	4.9	-3.6
Cameroon	-	0.1	-0.1
Canada	40 141.6	1 265 018.0	-1 224 876.4
Cayman Islands	-	13.0	-13.0
Chile	1 231.1	11 566.7	-10 335.6
China	117 682.3	364 435.1	-246 752.7
Colombia	2 010.1	62.2	1 947.9
Congo	330.4	-	330.4
Costa Rica	28.4	216.8	-188.3
Cuba	5.1	47.1	-42.1
Djibouti	25.4	-	25.4
Ecuador	-	9 442.7	-9 442.7
Egypt	14 874.2	2 933.6	11 940.6
Faroe Islands	-	359.3	-359.3
Gabon	-	5 098.3	-5 098.3
Ghana	34.5	-	34.5
Gibraltar	3 820.8	-	3 820.8
Guatemala	250.6	-	250.6
Hong Kong, SAR of China	3 093.7	50 138.2	-47 044.6
Iceland	0.1	2 238.5	-2 238.4
India	15 699.7	54 311.2	-38 611.6
Indonesia	7.0	6 000.1	-5 993.1
Iran	24 204.7	54 679.4	-30 474.7
Iraq	21 626.9	1 467.9	20 159.0
Israel	3 546.4	7 787.7	-4 241.3
Jamaica	5.6	-	5.6

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Japan	1 105.8	114 698.8	-113 592.9
Jordan	326.8	221.5	105.3
Kenya	78.2	10.0	68.2
Korea, Republic of	6 541.2	29 772.1	-23 230.9
Kuwait	87.8	5.8	82.0
Lebanon	458.3	1 336.8	-878.5
Libya	393.0	-	393.0
Liechtenstein	-	317.2	-317.2
Macedonia (FYR)	12.8	1 383.0	-1 370.2
Madagascar	-	0.8	-0.8
Malawi	-	13.5	-13.5
Malaysia	218.8	6 719.1	-6 500.4
Martinique	57.7	-	57.7
Mauritius	2.2	-	2.2
Mexico	6 620.8	1 639.5	4 981.4
Monaco	15.8	4.9	10.9
Mongolia	468.2	-	468.2
Morocco	41.5	1 241.8	-1 200.3
Myanmar	-	10.7	-10.7
Nepal	-	11.4	-11.4
New Zealand	-	1 649.4	-1 649.4
Nigeria	41.5	16.1	25.4
Norway	53.1	5 709.6	-5 656.4
Oman	-	21.9	-21.9
Pakistan	70.4	2 319.3	-2 249.0
Panama	1 620.9	160.2	1 460.7
Paraguay	-	51.5	-51.5
Peru	1 323.8	6 370.1	-5 046.3
Philippines	72.8	80.3	-7.5
Qatar	481.9	94.0	388.0
San Marino	-	163.3	-163.3
Saudi Arabia	16 313.7	1 937.6	14 376.1
Serbia and Montenegro	12.5	3 328.5	-3 316.0
Seychelles	-	63.3	-63.3
Singapore	6 845.7	10 231.0	-3 385.3
South Africa	121.2	5 361.0	-5 239.7
Sri Lanka	1.4	1 032.5	-1 031.1
Sudan	6.8	10.3	-3.5
Suriname	-	119.0	-119.0
Switzerland	54 013.4	25 956.9	28 056.5
Syrian	563.7	219.0	344.7
Taiwan, Province of China	870.0	4 325.2	-3 455.2
Tanzania,	743.4	12.7	730.7
Thailand	-	10 674.9	-10 674.9
Tunisia	3 010.5	108.6	2 901.9
Turkey	134 405.3	890 959.6	-756 554.3
Uganda	27.7	-	27.7
United Arab Emirates	23 863.6	86 751.9	-62 888.3
United States	54 011.1	132 517.3	-78 506.2
Uruguay	317.6	607.3	-289.7
Viet Nam	546.9	13 441.0	-12 894.1

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Virgin Islands, British	-	636.2	-636.2
Virgin Islands, U.S	-	84.3	-84.3
Zimbabwe	454.4	-	454.4

*Preliminary data.

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Explanation of symbols:

- Not applicable;
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude;
- * Data are preliminary and subject to revisions;
- ... Data are confidential.

- Notice:**
1. The discrepancy between the totals and the sum in some cases can be explained by using rounded data;
 2. Data for 2011-2015 are updated by the data of Special Customs Declarations;
 3. Information does not cover the data of Simplified Customs Declarations (Form №4);
 4. According to the international methodology, there are some difference in coverage of trade flows between external merchandise trade statistics and customs statistics. Diplomatic, temporary, transit and analogous goods are excluded from the database of external merchandise trade statistics.

The preliminary data will be revised according to the Geostat's revision policy (based on the regular revision principle) as a result of adjusting data by respondents/administrative sources.

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