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2016

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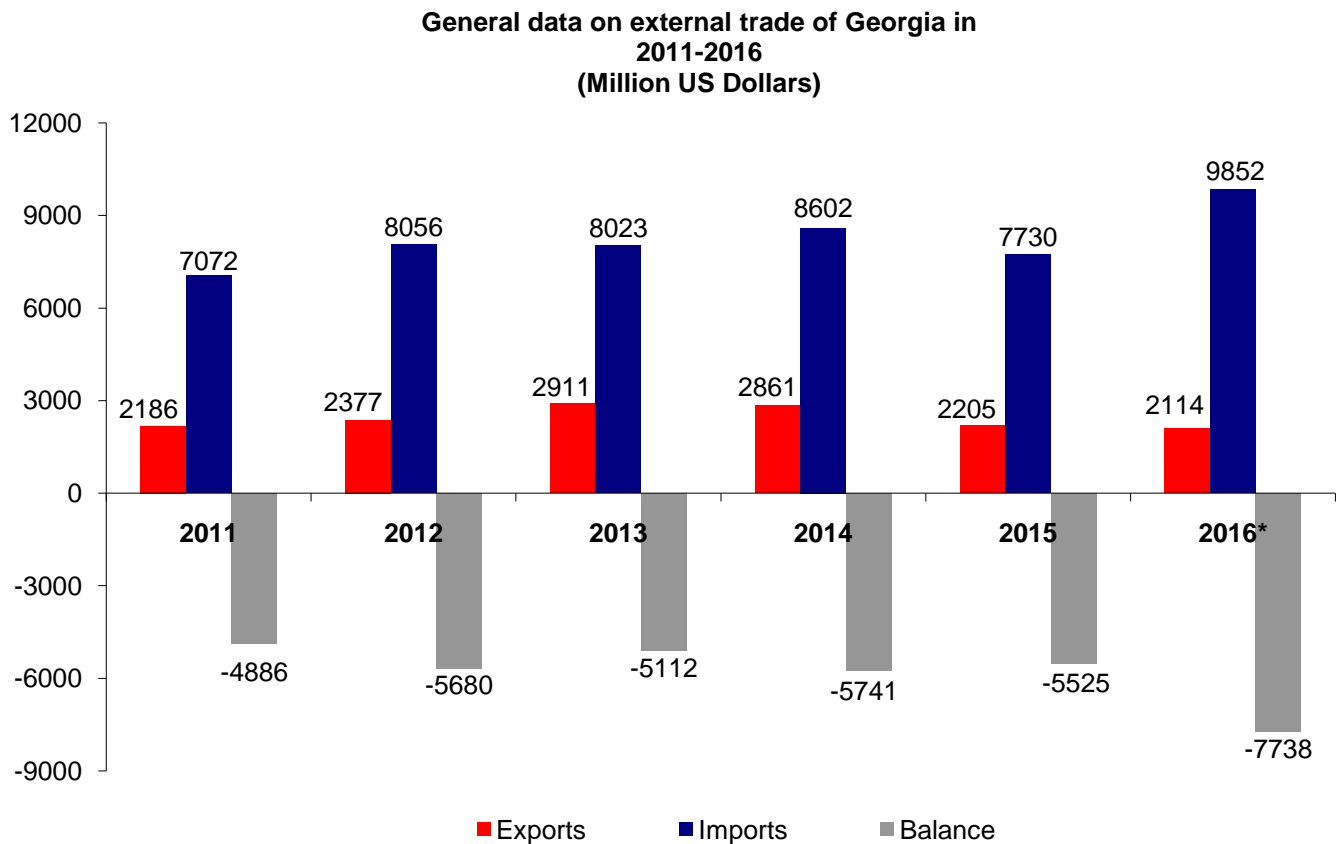
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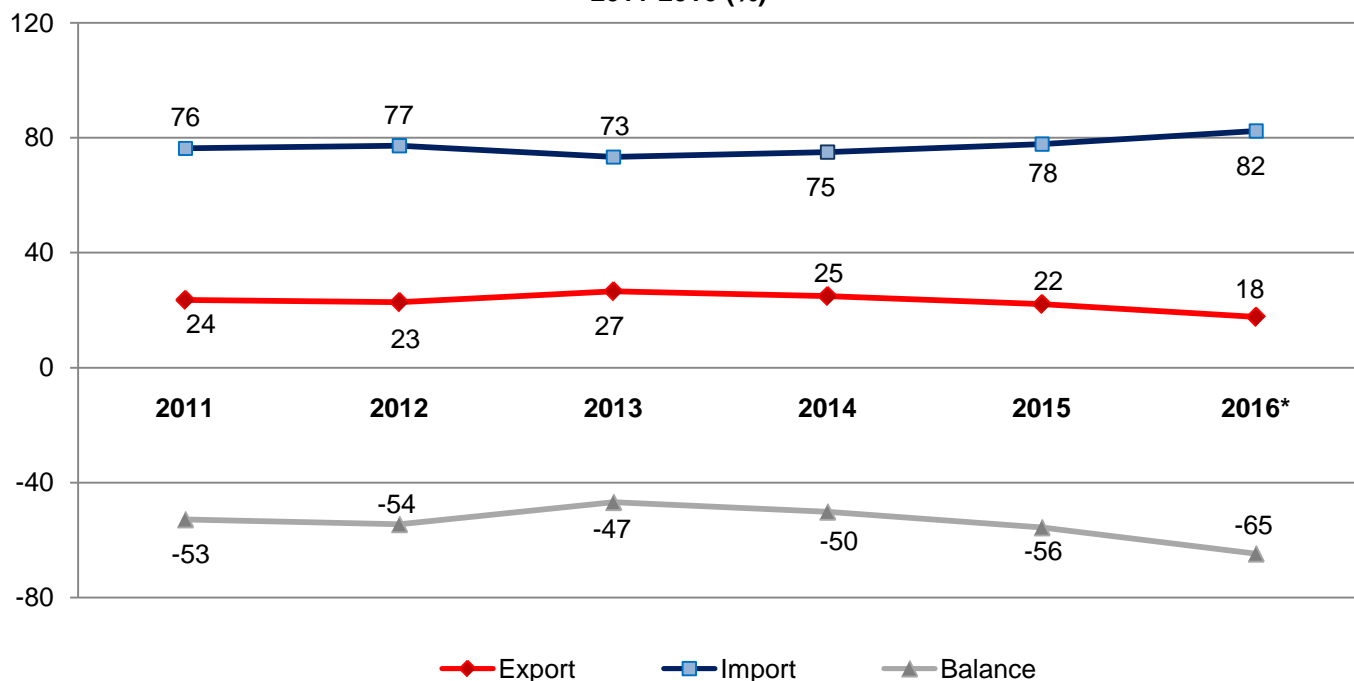
In 2016 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 11966 million, 20 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2114 million (4 percent lower), while the imports stood at USD 9852 million (27 percent higher). It should be noticed that in the accounting period import of C hepatitis medicaments took place excluding which import equals USD 7233 million (1 percent lower). The negative trade balance was USD 7738 million in 2016 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 65 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 1658 million, 1 percent higher year-on-year.

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



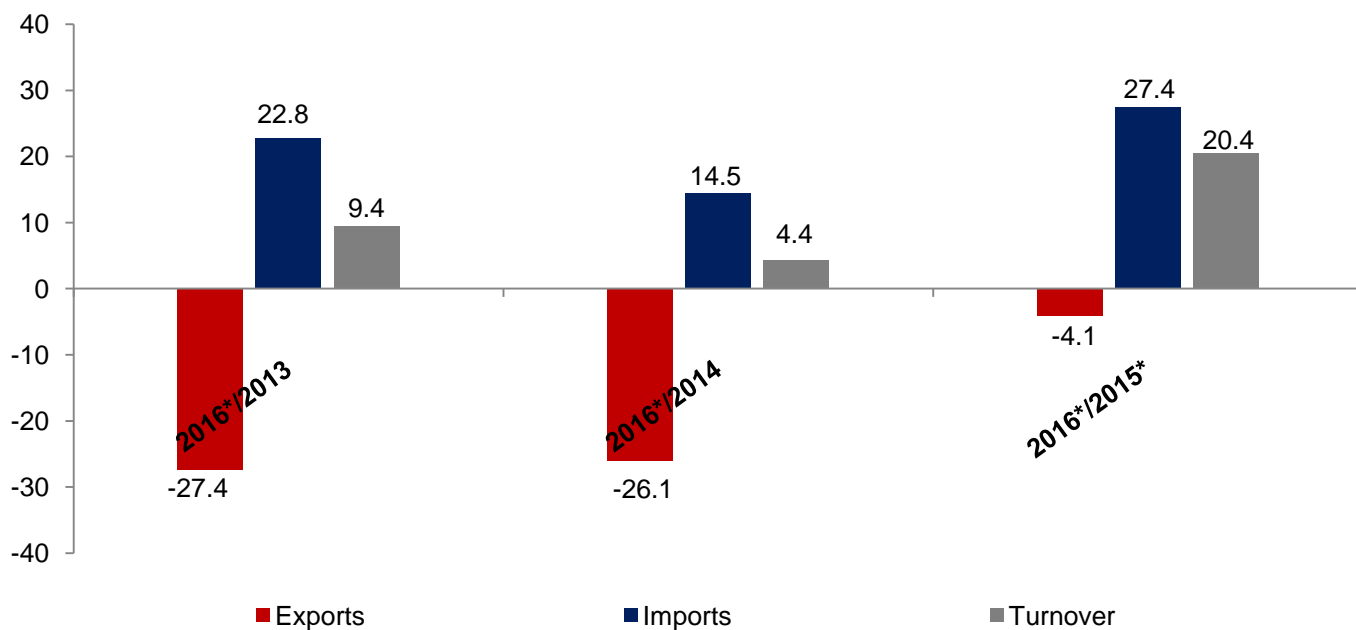
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
2011-2016 (%)**



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



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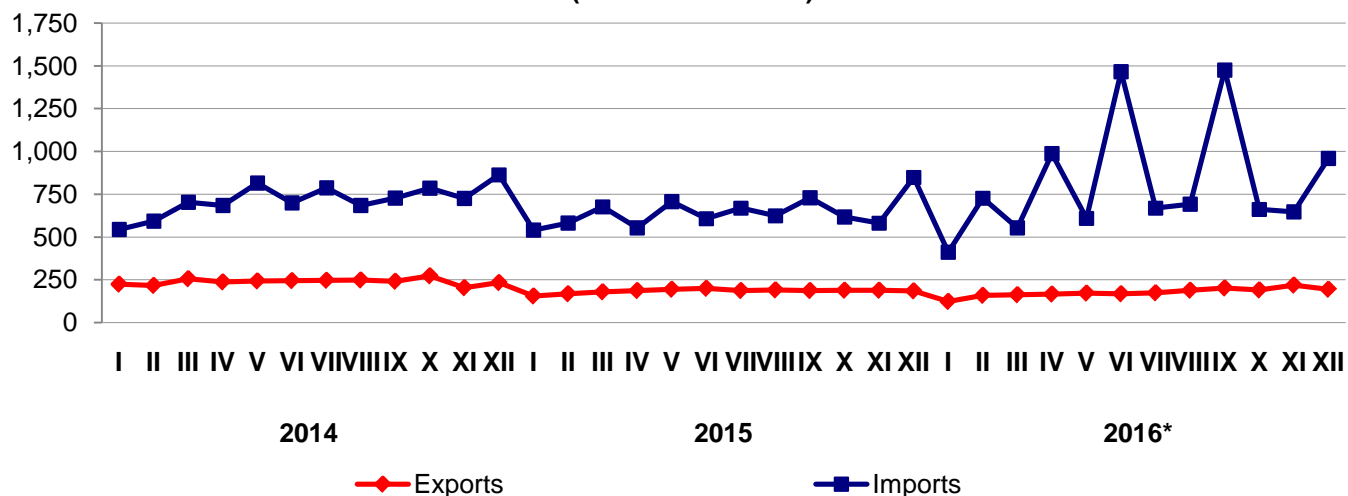
The table below shows monthly data for 2015-2016 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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	410 772.7	-23.8
	February	158 749.4	-5.1	727 349.6	25.4
	March	161 900.1	-9.6	552 107.0	-18.4
	April	165 302.9	-11.4	985 773.7	78.6
	May	172 239.0	-11.5	609 664.6	-13.7
	June	167 884.9	-15.5	1 465 451.3	141.2
	July	173 588.3	-7.2	669 587.7	0.0
	August	188 142.5	-1.2	690 943.8	10.7
	September	201 744.0	8.3	1 473 785.8	102.3
	October	189 333.8	0.8	661 637.1	7.4
	November	218 689.7	16.8	646 167.0	11.2
	December	194 004.0	5.1	958 671.6	13.0

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



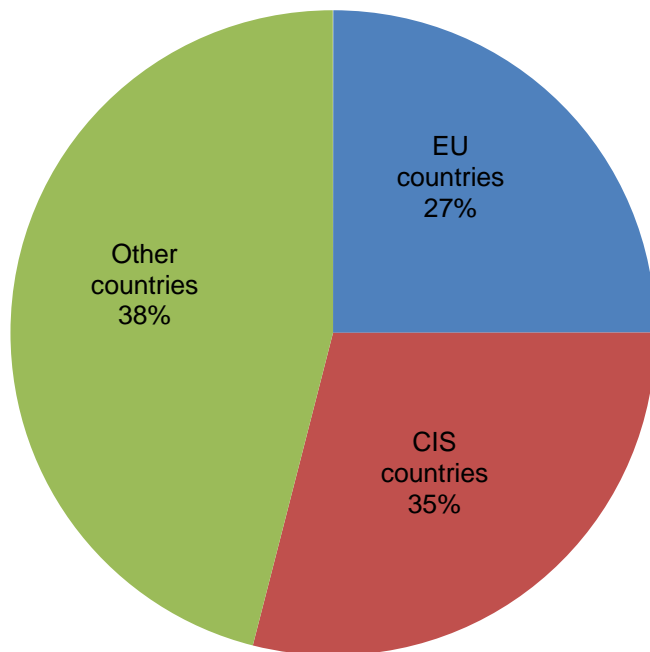
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In 2016 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 3601 million, grew by 14 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 571 million (12 percent lower), while imports amounted to USD 3030 million (20 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 30 percent, 27 percent in exports and 31 percent in imports (in 2015 32, 29 and 33 percent correspondingly). 32 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (34 percent in 2015).

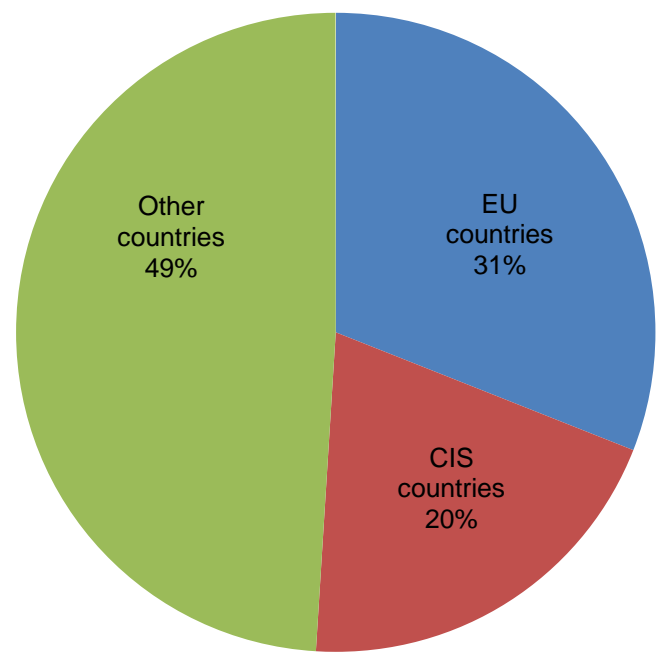
In 2016 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 2721 million (lower by 3 percent compared to 2015). Exports stood at USD 739 million (12 percent lower), while imports equaled USD 1983 million (1 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 23 percent, 35 percent in exports and 20 percent in imports (In 2015 28, 38 and 25 percent, respectively). In 2016 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 16 percent of the overall trade deficit (20 percent in 2015).

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

**Georgian exports by country groups
2016***



**Georgian import by country groups
2016***



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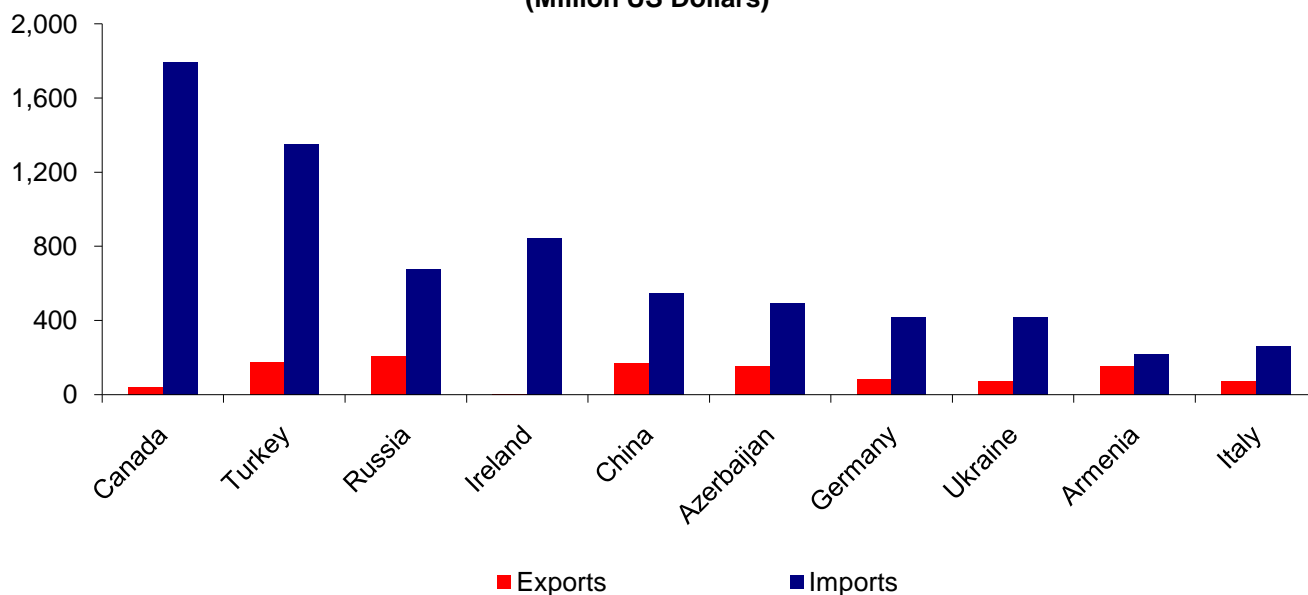
In 2016 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 68 percent. The top trading partners were Canada (USD 1832 million), Turkey (USD 1525 million) and Russia (USD 881 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in 2016*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	2 113 739.6	100.0	9 851 911.9	100.0	11 965 651.6	100.0
of which:						
Canada	41 259.9	2.0	1 791 001.1	18.2	1 832 261.0	15.3
Turkey	173 568.8	8.2	1 351 426.5	13.7	1 524 995.4	12.7
Russia	206 225.3	9.8	675 008.5	6.9	881 233.8	7.4
Ireland	380.1	0.0	844 278.5	8.6	844 658.6	7.1
China	169 586.9	8.0	547 495.5	5.6	717 082.3	6.0
Azerbaijan	153 464.1	7.3	495 385.6	5.0	648 849.7	5.4
Germany	85 313.5	4.0	419 032.2	4.3	504 345.7	4.2
Ukraine	73 254.2	3.5	417 448.0	4.2	490 702.3	4.1
Armenia	150 645.8	7.1	216 790.1	2.2	367 435.9	3.1
Italy	72 471.0	3.4	262 826.5	2.7	335 297.4	2.8
Other countries	987 570.0	46.7	2 831 219.5	28.7	3 818 789.6	31.9

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



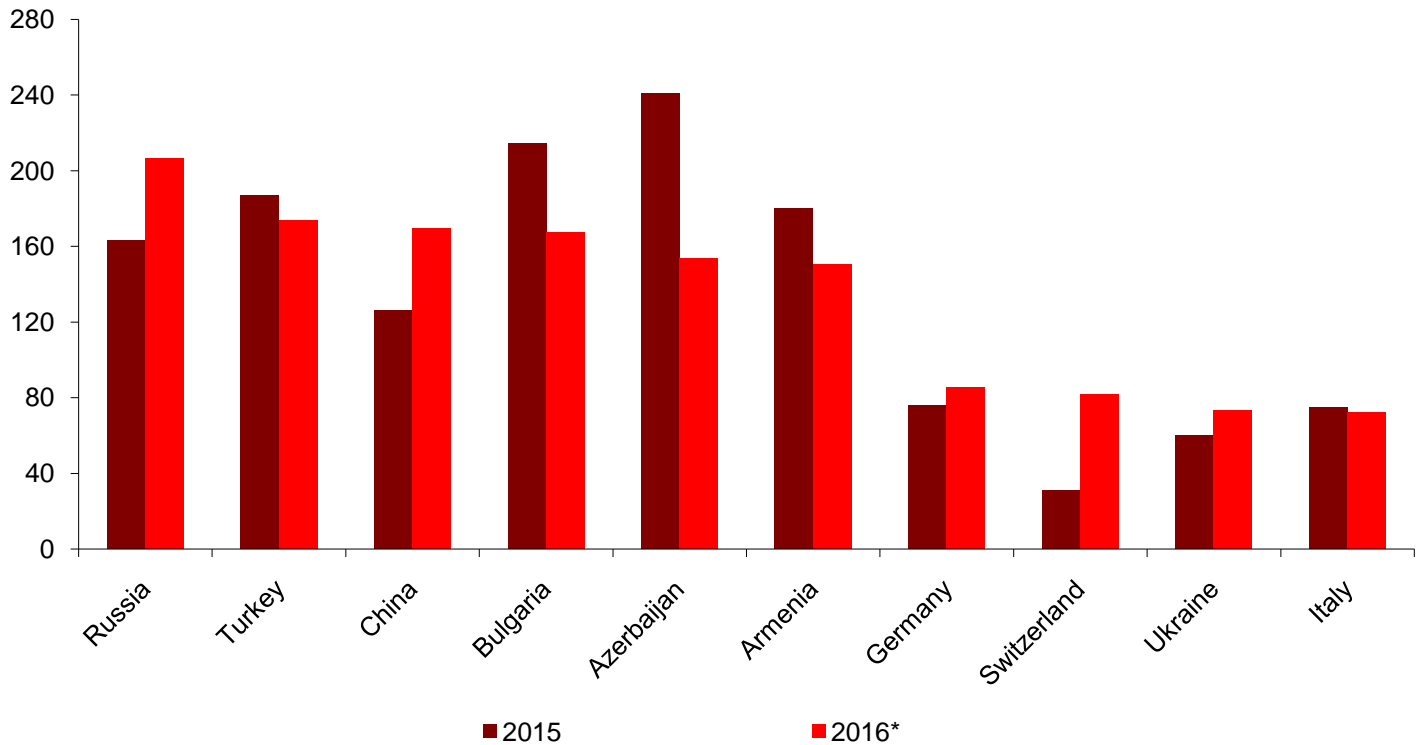
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Top trading partners by exports in 2016

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	2 204 684.2	100.0	2 113 739.6	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	162 889.4	7.4	206 225.3	9.8
Turkey	186 769.6	8.5	173 568.8	8.2
China	125 800.2	5.7	169 586.9	8.0
Bulgaria	214 247.1	9.7	167 159.3	7.9
Azerbaijan	240 951.5	10.9	153 464.1	7.3
Armenia	180 154.2	8.2	150 645.8	7.1
Germany	75 811.3	3.4	85 313.5	4.0
Switzerland	30 848.2	1.4	81 768.3	3.9
Ukraine	59 873.6	2.7	73 254.2	3.5
Italy	74 605.6	3.4	72 471.0	3.4
Other countries	852 733.4	38.7	780 282.4	36.9

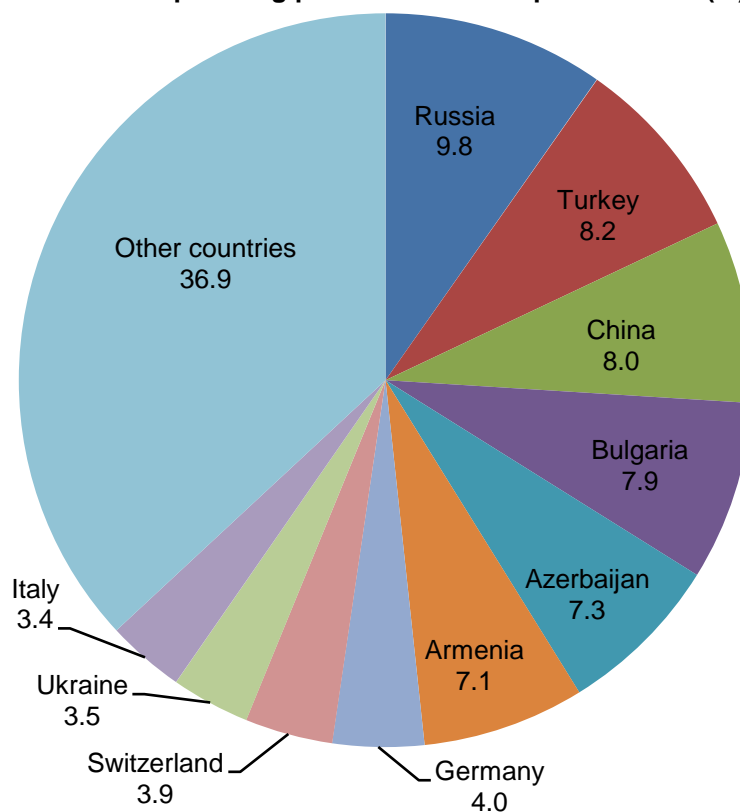
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Top trading partners by exports in 2015-2016 (Million US Dollars)



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Share of the top trading partners in total exports in 2016 (%)



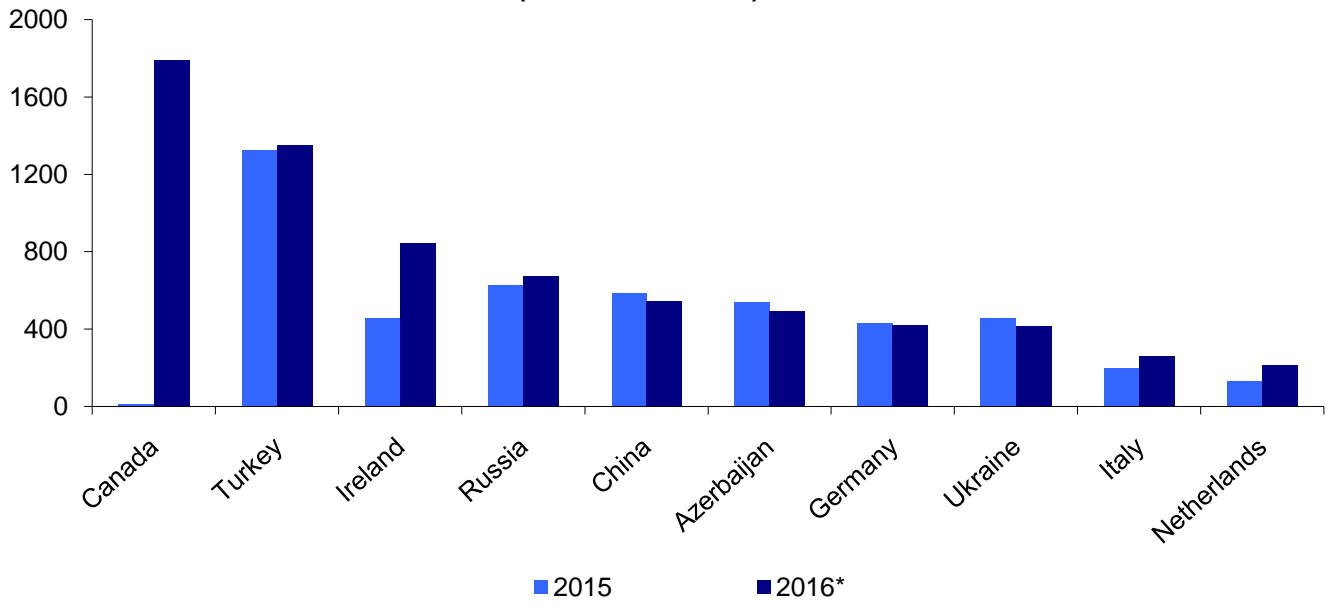
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Top trading partners by imports in 2016

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	7 730 103.0	100.0	9 851 911.9	100.0
Of which:				
Canada	11 588.8	0.1	1 791 001.1	18.2
Turkey	1 327 397.5	17.2	1 351 426.5	13.7
Ireland	456 223.8	5.9	844 278.5	8.6
Russia	625 122.3	8.1	675 008.5	6.9
China	587 378.8	7.6	547 495.5	5.6
Azerbaijan	538 990.4	7.0	495 385.6	5.0
Germany	430 964.6	5.6	419 032.2	4.3
Ukraine	455 571.5	5.9	417 448.0	4.2
Italy	197 659.0	2.6	262 826.5	2.7
Netherlands	128 241.2	1.7	217 132.0	2.2
Other countries	2 970 965.1	38.4	2 830 877.6	28.7

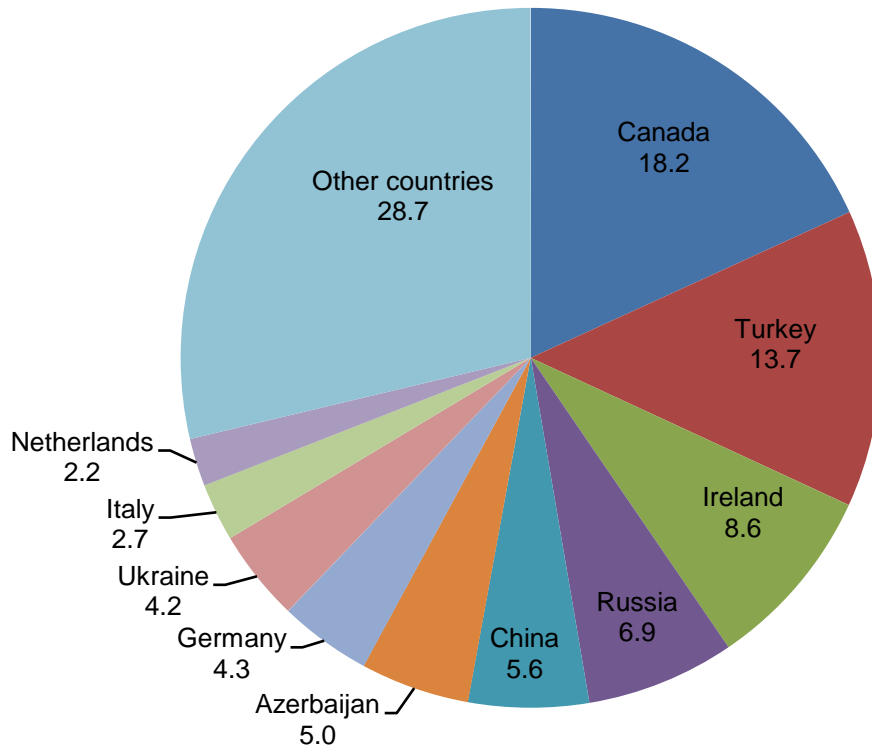
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**Top trading partners by imports in 2015-2016
(Million US Dollars)**



*Preliminary data.

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



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

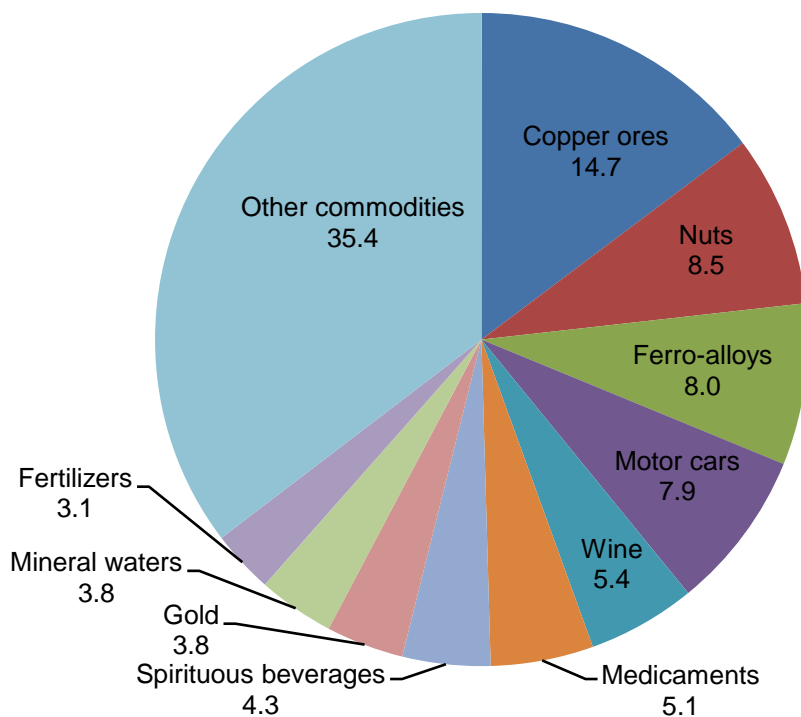
In 2016 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 312 million, or 15 percent of total exports. Exports Nuts totaled USD 179 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 9 percent. Ferro-alloys occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 169 million and 8 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	2 204 684.2	100.0	2 113 739.6	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	270 601.0	12.3	311 703.3	14.7
Other nuts, fresh or dried	176 632.2	8.0	178 904.1	8.5
Ferro-alloys	194 765.9	8.8	169 264.6	8.0
Motor cars	179 646.1	8.1	166 633.7	7.9
Wine of fresh grapes	95 795.7	4.3	113 496.9	5.4
Medicaments	141 530.8	6.4	107 423.2	5.1
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	64 891.7	2.9	91 847.2	4.3
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	62 102.1	2.8	81 082.8	3.8
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	82 228.4	3.7	79 816.7	3.8
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	109 776.5	5.0	65 649.5	3.1
Other commodities	826 713.7	37.5	747 917.5	35.4

*Preliminary data.

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



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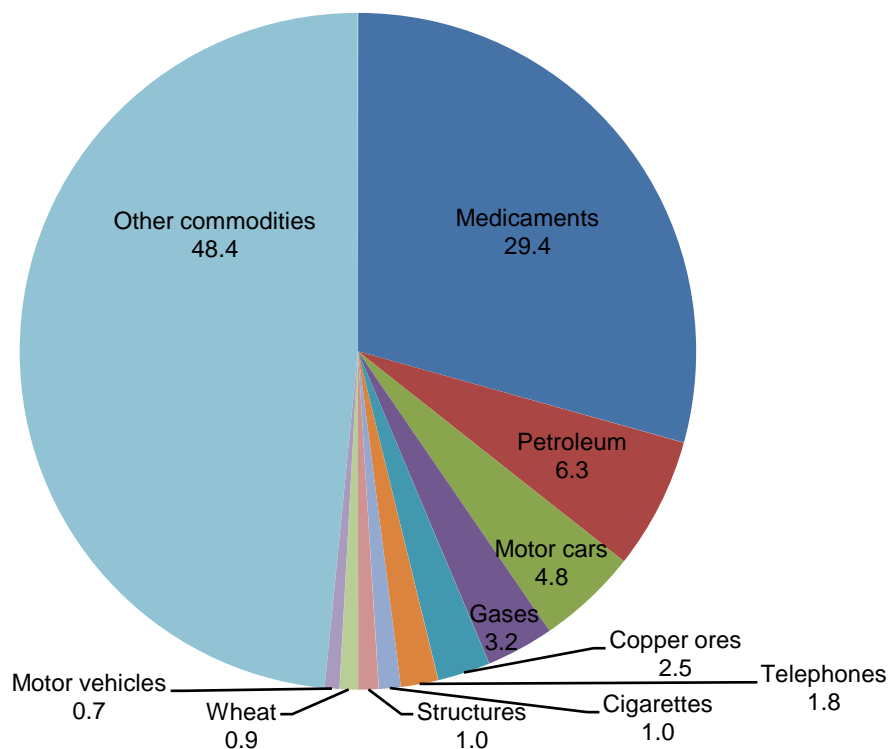
The top import commodity in 2016 were Medicaments, imports of which amounted to USD 2892 million and 29 percent of the total imports from which USD 2619 million comes to the import of C hepatitis medicaments. Petroleum and petroleum oils commodity group followed in the list with USD 619 million, or 6 percent of imports. Motor cars came third with USD 473 million (5 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	7 730 103.0	100.0	9 851 911.9	100.0
Of which:				
Medicaments	742 194.3	9.6	2 891 619.9	29.4
Petroleum and petroleum oils	658 712.1	8.5	618 721.0	6.3
Motor cars	468 135.8	6.1	473 471.6	4.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	416 085.8	5.4	317 981.7	3.2
Copper ores and concentrates	207 870.7	2.7	248 535.3	2.5
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	149 012.0	1.9	176 312.8	1.8
Cigarettes	103 585.3	1.3	101 872.9	1.0
Structures and parts of structures of iron	63 582.9	0.8	97 214.0	1.0
Wheat	119 352.4	1.5	86 051.3	0.9
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	53 036.8	0.7	69 423.6	0.7
Other commodities	4 748 534.8	61.4	4 770 707.8	48.4

*Preliminary data.

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



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

CANADA

Exports of major commodity groups to Canada

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	70 170.3		41 259.9	
Of which:				
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	58 842.1	2.9	31 576.6	1.5
Ferro-alloys	9 591.4	10 396.8	7 254.5	10 300.4
Other nuts, fresh or dried	316.3	35.2	1 264.9	166.3
Wine of fresh grapes	719.1	119.3	570.7	137.1
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	329.6	399.8	324.2	408.8
Other commodities	371.8		269.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Canada

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	11 588.8		1 791 001.1	
Of which:				
Medicaments	392.9	4.8	1 782 693.7	7.3
Fish, frozen	862.0	609.5	2 349.6	1 963.7
Prefabricated buildings	1 498.0	314.7	1 483.0	344.4
Meat of swine	1 483.9	920.1	1 069.2	675.8
Motor cars (units)	1 501.8	165	1 050.0	139
Other commodities	5 850.3		2 355.6	

*Preliminary data.

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	186 769.6		173 568.8	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	40 493.3	1 232.8	37 255.7	1 423.2
Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans	10 525.3	6 506.9	13 715.7	9 520.2
Electrical energy	18 362.1	...	13 093.6	...
Bars and rods of iron	10 210.4	25 019.4	12 379.0	30 320.0
Ferro-alloys	19 018.2	52 414.2	12 026.9	37 791.6
Other commodities	88 160.4		85 098.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	2015*		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	1 327 397.5		1 351 426.5	
Of which:				
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	41 093.9	21 539.1	57 392.9	29 198.8
Medicaments	77 948.8	915.1	51 017.1	727.9
Tubes and pipes of iron or steel	31 836.6	47 721.4	41 035.8	63 588.6
Insulated wire and cable	24 626.7	5 289.5	38 215.4	8 108.1
Sanitary commodities	35 279.1	8 220.1	34 641.3	10 081.9
Other commodities	1 116 612.3		1 129 124.0	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	162 889.4		206 225.3	
Of which:				
Wine of fresh grapes	43 347.8	13 471.3	55 766.3	20 030.7
Ferro-alloys	22 644.6	25 406.3	39 435.1	50 624.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	33 027.3	40 397.6	35 300.9	51 963.1
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	10 571.6	1 803.4	12 530.8	2 488.3
Other nuts, fresh or dried	10 664.9	1 410.5	9 467.2	1 505.9
Other commodities	42 633.3		53 725.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	2015		2016*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	625 122.3		675 008.5	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	69 424.6	145 415.0	101 951.1	223 581.3
Wheat	114 568.3	519 625.4	85 909.4	456 014.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	80 274.3	217 270.6	30 823.0	94 013.4
Sunflower oil	22 138.2	21 664.3	27 535.8	28 304.8
Cigarettes	21 954.3	1 242.1	23 257.6	1 586.8
Other commodities	316 762.5		405 531.5	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
2015	103	5 809,7
2016*	93	7 988,4
Positive trade balance		
2015	36	284,3
2016*	44	250,2
Total		
2015	139	5 525,4
2016*	137	7 738,2

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries In 2016*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	2 113 739.6	9 851 911.9	-7 738 172.3
Of which:			
EU countries	571 003.5	3 030 060.4	-2 459 056.8
Austria	780.3	70 354.0	-69 573.7
Belgium	7 533.4	61 882.4	-54 349.0
Bulgaria	167 159.3	150 392.7	16 766.6
Croatia	235.5	1 914.4	-1 678.9
Cyprus	652.0	3 432.9	-2 781.0
Czech Republic	13 838.7	69 803.0	-55 964.2
Denmark	1 206.5	24 948.0	-23 741.5
Estonia	2 786.4	5 681.8	-2 895.4
Finland	242.5	13 908.4	-13 665.9
France	24 996.1	120 007.3	-95 011.2
Germany	85 313.5	419 032.2	-333 718.6
Greece	11 525.6	65 231.8	-53 706.3
Hungary	658.6	41 988.5	-41 329.9
Ireland	380.1	844 278.5	-843 898.4
Italy	72 471.0	262 826.5	-190 355.5
Latvia	5 674.0	24 628.1	-18 954.1
Lithuania	25 132.6	40 825.0	-15 692.4
Luxembourg	42.0	1 402.5	-1 360.6
Malta	1 778.6	1 260.5	518.1
Netherlands	36 999.8	217 132.0	-180 132.2
Poland	8 664.9	101 475.6	-92 810.7
Portugal	1 531.5	15 346.5	-13 815.0
Romania	36 721.4	190 153.1	-153 431.6
Slovakia	8 337.1	16 076.9	-7 739.8
Slovenia	124.1	22 967.6	-22 843.5
Spain	40 965.1	89 907.4	-48 942.3
Sweden	55.6	9 664.1	-9 608.5
United Kingdom	15 197.5	143 538.7	-128 341.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	738 534.4	1 982 637.5	-1 244 103.1
Armenia	150 645.8	216 790.1	-66 144.3
Azerbaijan	153 464.1	495 385.6	-341 921.5
Belarus	18 251.6	57 958.9	-39 707.3
Kazakhstan	39 804.1	22 279.5	17 524.6
Kyrgyzstan	7 322.9	2 200.2	5 122.7
Moldova	2 039.3	10 816.3	-8 777.0
Russia	206 225.3	675 008.5	-468 783.2
Tajikistan	5 870.2	5.0	5 865.2
Turkmenistan	10 353.6	75 484.2	-65 130.5
Ukraine	73 254.2	417 448.0	-344 193.8
Uzbekistan	71 303.2	9 261.2	62 042.0
Other countries	804 201.7	4 839 214.1	-4 035 012.4
Afghanistan	56.8	26.5	30.3
Albania	207.6	14.2	193.4
Algeria	656.6	3.7	652.9
Angola	2 076.1	-	2 076.1
Argentina	-	2 559.0	-2 559.0
Australia	950.4	1 394.6	-444.2
Bahrain	119.7	0.3	119.4
Bangladesh	3.8	1 248.9	-1 245.1
Belize	43.1	171.7	-128.6
Benin	-	0.2	-0.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	382.8	-382.8
Brazil	583.2	77 068.9	-76 485.7
Cambodia	1.3	6.3	-5.1
Cameroon	-	1.4	-1.4
Canada	41 259.9	1 791 001.1	-1 749 741.1
Cayman Islands	-	13.0	-13.0
Chile	2 782.4	14 498.1	-11 715.7
China	169 586.9	547 495.5	-377 908.6
Colombia	2 629.0	2 252.7	376.3
Congo	330.4	-	330.4
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	-	127.5	-127.5
Costa Rica	28.4	308.5	-280.1
Cote d'Ivoire	6.3	-	6.3
Cuba	15.4	74.9	-59.5
Djibouti	25.4	-	25.4
Ecuador	-	15 327.7	-15 327.7
Egypt	15 310.0	4 124.4	11 185.6
Ethiopia	3.5	2.2	1.4
Faroe Islands	-	359.3	-359.3
Gabon	-	5 937.6	-5 937.6
Ghana	74.1	-	74.1
Gibraltar	4 841.2	-	4 841.2
Guatemala	382.5	-	382.5
Hong Kong, SAR of China	4 276.5	76 956.1	-72 679.7
Iceland	39.8	5 960.1	-5 920.3
India	22 201.2	77 399.1	-55 198.0
Indonesia	7.0	10 272.0	-10 265.0

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Iran	46 550.6	84 445.1	-37 894.6
Iraq	40 802.8	1 674.9	39 127.8
Israel	5 451.1	9 993.8	-4 542.7
Jamaica	5.6	-	5.6
Japan	2 673.2	187 852.4	-185 179.1
Jordan	369.4	278.4	91.1
Kenya	153.5	136.8	16.7
Korea, Republic of	14 026.8	48 766.4	-34 739.6
Kuwait	376.7	5.8	370.8
Lebanon	923.5	1 589.3	-665.8
Libya	393.0	-	393.0
Liechtenstein	-	580.0	-580.0
Macedonia (FYR)	12.8	1 491.3	-1 478.6
Madagascar	-	0.8	-0.8
Malawi	-	27.0	-27.0
Malaysia	248.6	9 090.0	-8 841.4
Marshall Islands	-	158.8	-158.8
Martinique	86.5	-	86.5
Mauritius	2.2	-	2.2
Mexico	11 203.7	2 606.4	8 597.3
Monaco	15.8	7.2	8.7
Mongolia	841.6	3.5	838.0
Morocco	1 903.0	1 276.5	626.5
Mozambique	2 264.5	-	2 264.5
Myanmar	-	11.0	-11.0
Nepal	-	11.4	-11.4
New Zealand	-	2 545.0	-2 545.0
Nigeria	72.4	16.9	55.6
Norway	285.6	11 969.3	-11 683.6
Oman	0.7	43.4	-42.6
Pakistan	70.4	3 023.1	-2 952.7
Panama	3 411.2	282.2	3 128.9
Paraguay	-	59.4	-59.4
Peru	2 970.3	11 087.9	-8 117.6
Philippines	140.0	218.6	-78.6
Qatar	486.4	361.1	125.3
San Marino	-	229.2	-229.2
Saudi Arabia	24 415.4	4 227.9	20 187.5
Serbia and Montenegro	95.0	5 970.5	-5 875.5
Seychelles	-	69.1	-69.1
Sierra Leone	10.5	-	10.5
Singapore	10 691.4	17 119.6	-6 428.2
South Africa	140.0	10 358.4	-10 218.4
Sri Lanka	1.7	1 511.1	-1 509.4
Sudan	21.1	22.3	-1.2
Suriname	-	119.0	-119.0
Switzerland	81 768.3	41 755.6	40 012.7
Syrian	563.7	265.8	297.9
Taiwan, Province of China	1 283.8	6 045.9	-4 762.0
Tanzania,	1 210.7	12.7	1 198.0

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Thailand	154.2	15 840.6	-15 686.5
Tunisia	4 412.6	230.2	4 182.4
Turkey	173 568.8	1 351 426.5	-1 177 857.7
Uganda	27.7	-	27.7
United Arab Emirates	32 006.2	138 466.6	-106 460.5
United States	68 258.1	213 749.1	-145 491.0
Uruguay	317.6	819.9	-502.3
Viet Nam	560.2	15 629.8	-15 069.6
Virgin Islands, British	-	658.1	-658.1
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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