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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2017



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(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

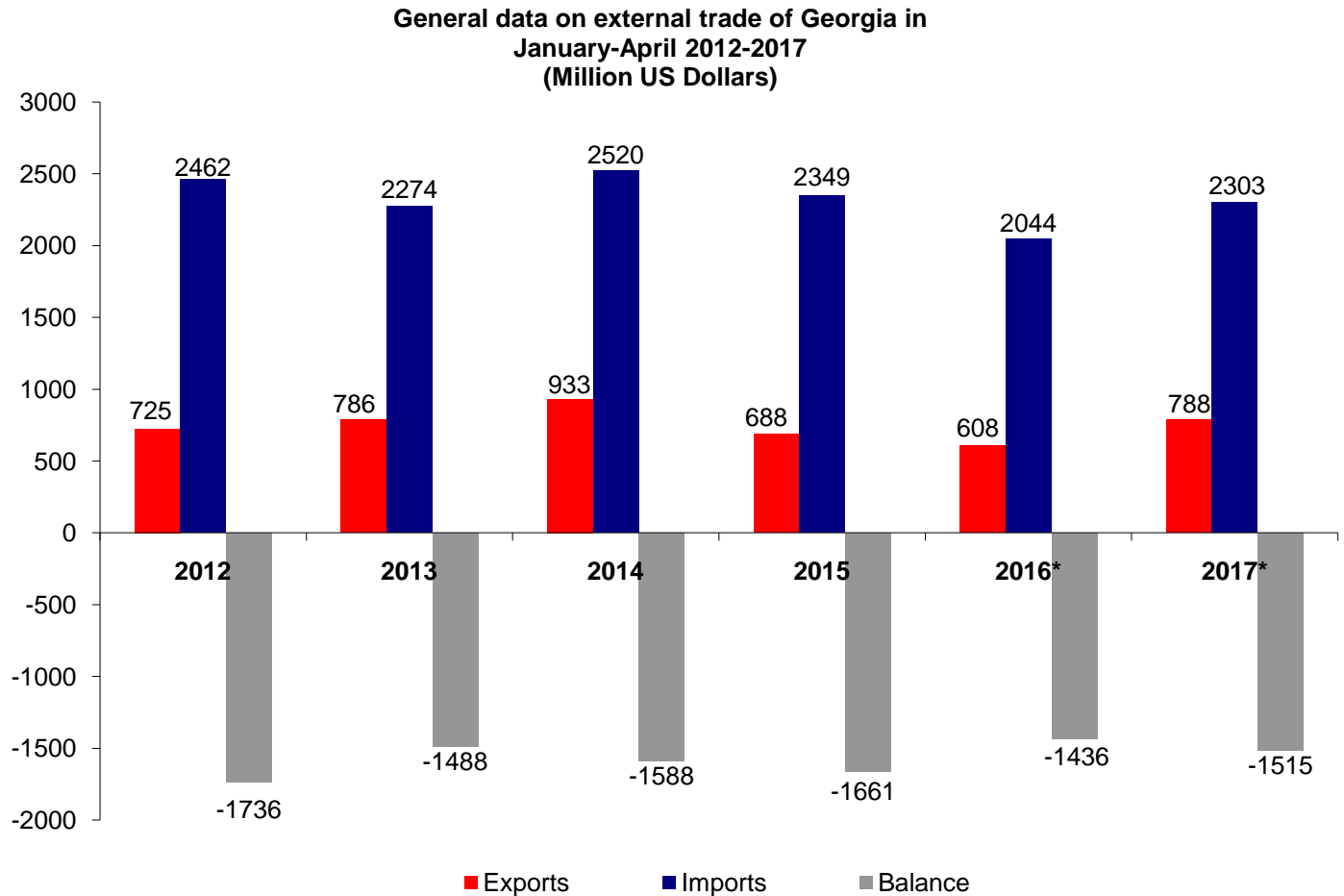
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External Trade of Georgia in January-April 2017 (Preliminary)

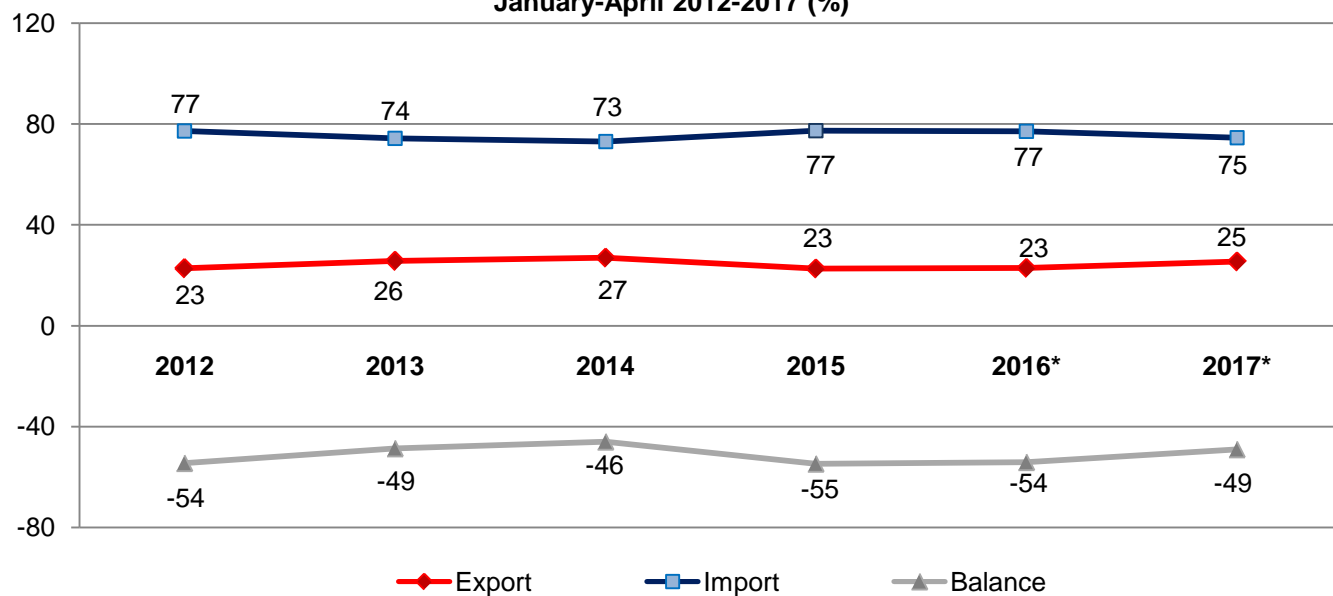
In January-April 2017 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 3091 million, 17 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 788 million (30 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 2303 million (13 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 1515 million in January-April 2017 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 49 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 636 million, 30 percent higher year-on-year.

The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2012-2017:



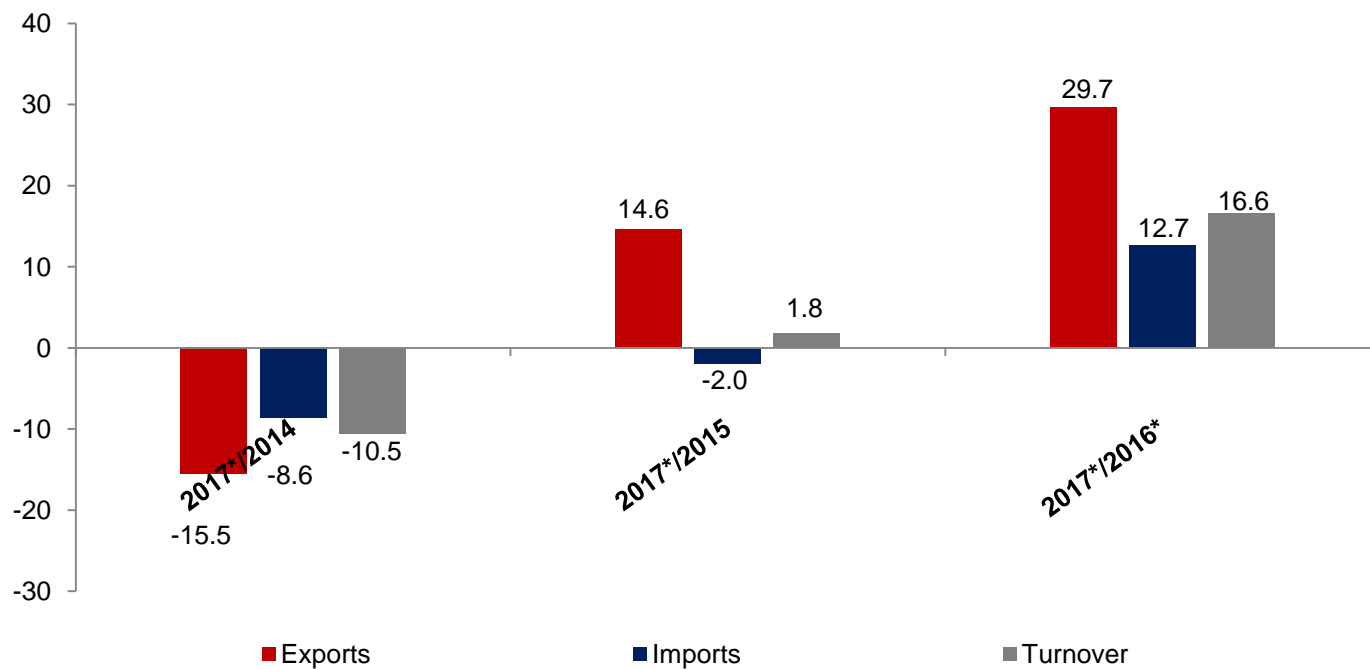
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January-April 2012-2017 (%)**



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Percentage changes in January-April 2017 compared to the same period of the previous years (%)



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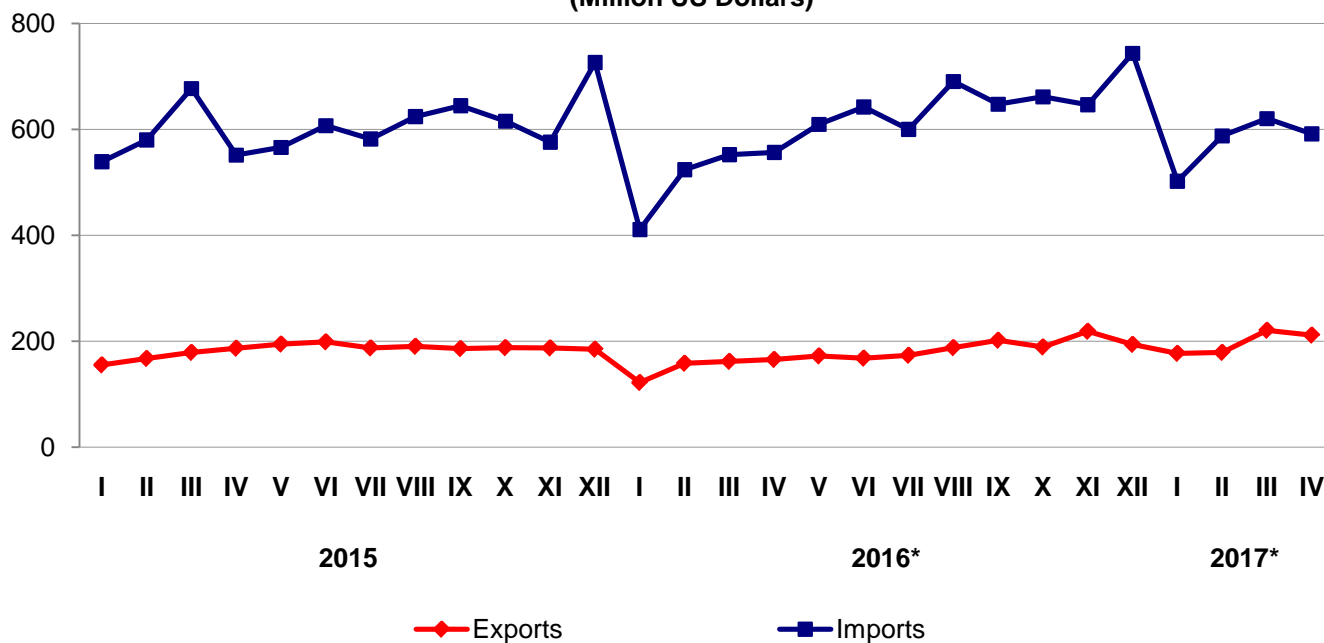
The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2017 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2016*	January	122 166.3	-21.2	410 780.9	-23.8
	February	158 306.0	-5.3	523 937.3	-9.7
	March	161 903.0	-9.6	552 128.0	-18.5
	April	165 303.5	-11.4	556 721.5	0.8
	May	172 241.3	-11.5	610 082.9	7.7
	June	167 891.2	-15.5	642 325.7	5.7
	July	173 603.8	-7.2	599 969.2	3.1
	August	187 912.5	-1.3	691 068.4	10.7
	September	201 747.2	8.3	648 215.8	0.5
	October	189 338.7	0.8	662 010.9	7.4
	November	218 695.9	16.8	646 812.4	12.3
	December	193 781.0	5.0	744 272.2	2.5
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	501 948.2	22.2
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 297.5	12.3
	March	220 843.5	36.4	620 877.8	12.5
	April	211 605.9	28.0	591 551.5	6.3

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Exports and imports dynamics by months, 2015-2017
(Million US Dollars)

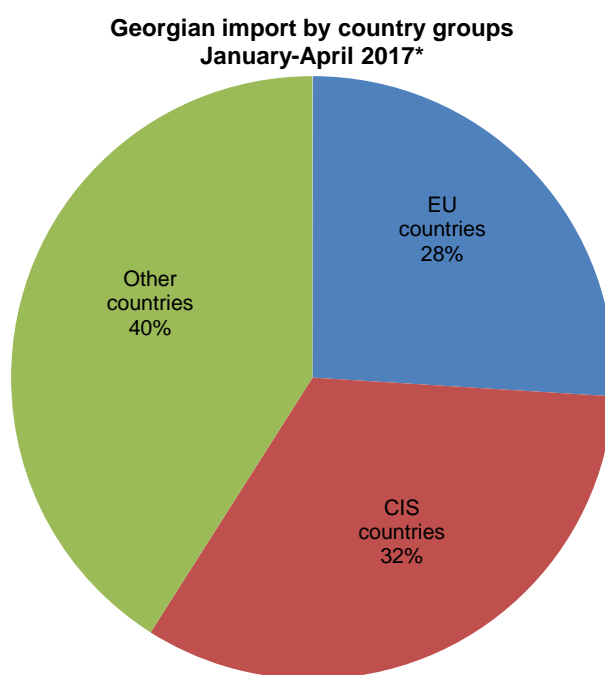
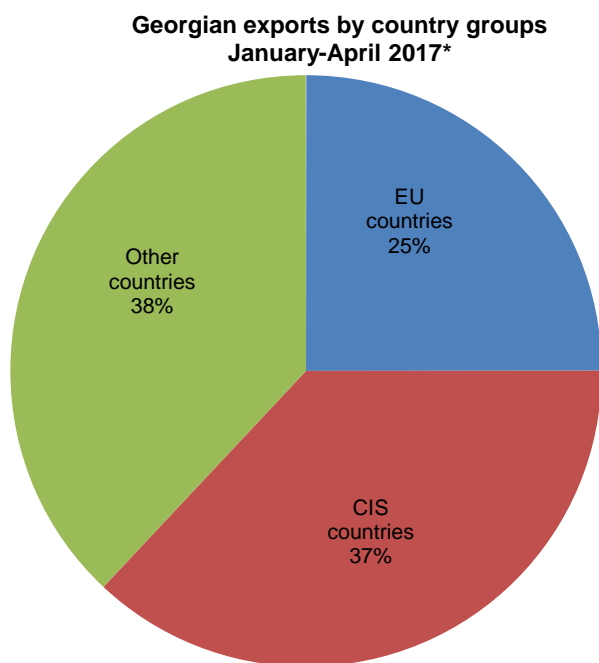


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In January-April 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 849 million, grew by 19 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 195 million (33 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 654 million (15 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27 percent, 25 percent in exports and 28 percent in imports (in January-April 2016 27, 24 and 28 percent correspondingly). 30 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (29 percent in January-April 2016).

In January-April 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 1027 million (higher by 35 percent compared to January-April 2016). Exports stood at USD 295 million (61 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 731 million (27 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 33 percent, 37 percent in exports and 32 percent in imports (In January-April 2016 29, 30 and 28 percent, respectively). In January-April 2017 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 29 percent of the overall trade deficit (27 percent in January-April 2016).

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



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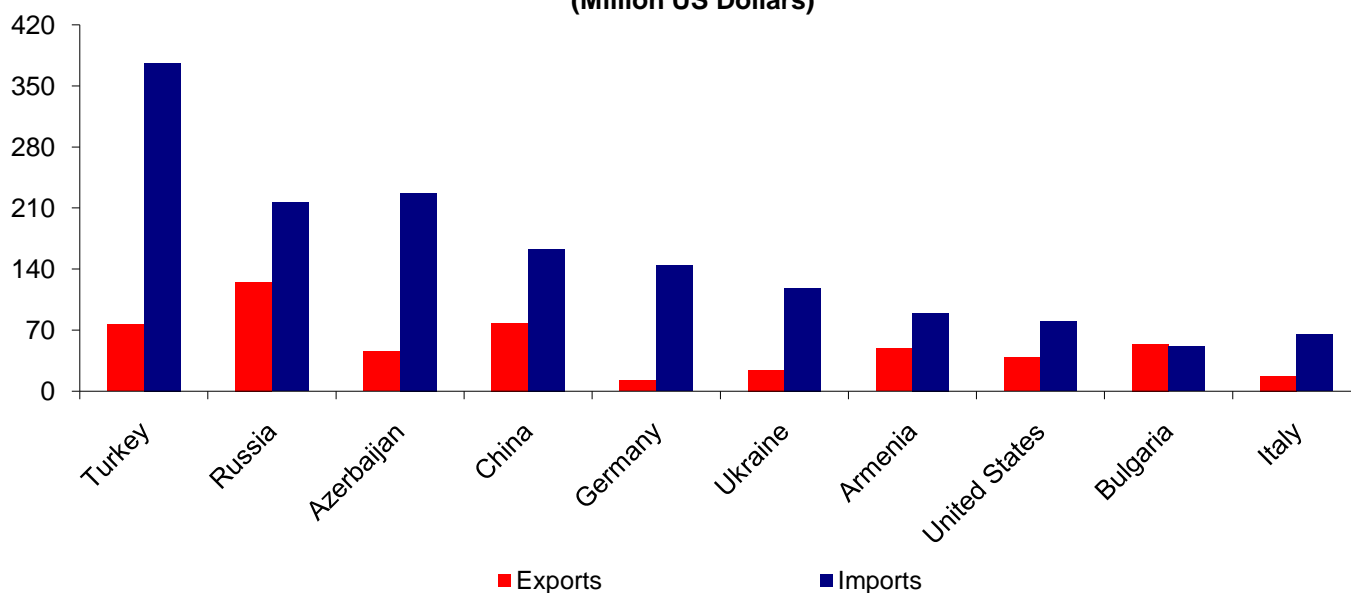
In January-April 2017 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 452 million), Russia (USD 341 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 273 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-April 2017*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	788 134.0	100.0	2 302 675.1	100.0	3 090 809.1	100.0
of which:						
Turkey	76 093.3	9.7	376 198.2	16.3	452 291.5	14.6
Russia	125 189.8	15.9	216 293.9	9.4	341 483.8	11.0
Azerbaijan	45 548.6	5.8	227 249.4	9.9	272 798.0	8.8
China	78 164.0	9.9	163 214.5	7.1	241 378.6	7.8
Germany	12 471.1	1.6	144 067.3	6.3	156 538.4	5.1
Ukraine	23 955.6	3.0	118 508.3	5.1	142 463.9	4.6
Armenia	49 038.9	6.2	89 653.2	3.9	138 692.1	4.5
United States	38 325.3	4.9	80 006.4	3.5	118 331.7	3.8
Bulgaria	54 226.0	6.9	50 770.2	2.2	104 996.2	3.4
Italy	17 102.8	2.2	64 859.6	2.8	81 962.3	2.7
Other countries	268 018.5	34.0	771 854.1	33.5	1 039 872.6	33.6

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Top trading partners by turnover in January-April 2017*
(Million US Dollars)



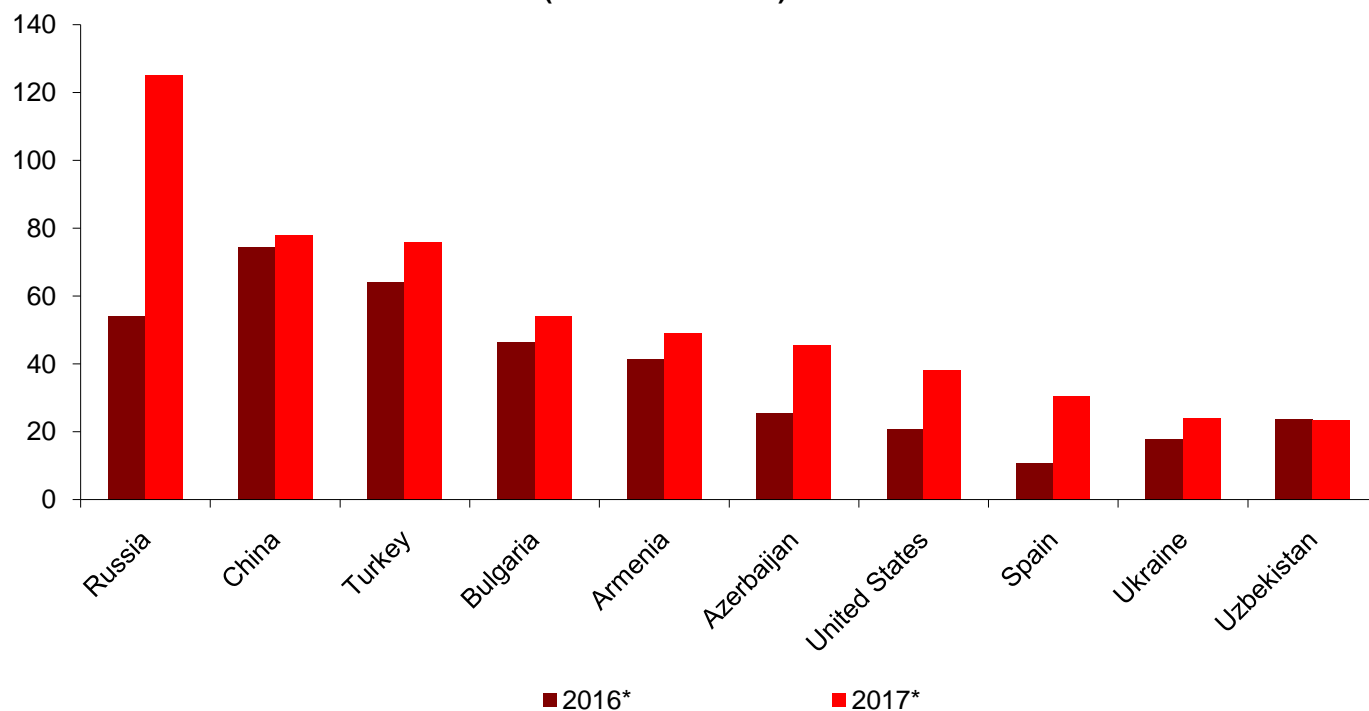
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Top trading partners by exports in January-April 2017

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	607 678.8	100.0	788 134.0	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	53 980.9	8.9	125 189.8	15.9
China	74 408.0	12.2	78 164.0	9.9
Turkey	64 057.2	10.5	76 093.3	9.7
Bulgaria	46 298.2	7.6	54 226.0	6.9
Armenia	41 525.6	6.8	49 038.9	6.2
Azerbaijan	25 575.0	4.2	45 548.6	5.8
United States	20 872.8	3.4	38 325.3	4.9
Spain	10 648.7	1.8	30 506.3	3.9
Ukraine	17 859.9	2.9	23 955.6	3.0
Uzbekistan	23 758.4	3.9	23 471.2	3.0
Other countries	228 694.0	37.6	243 615.0	30.9

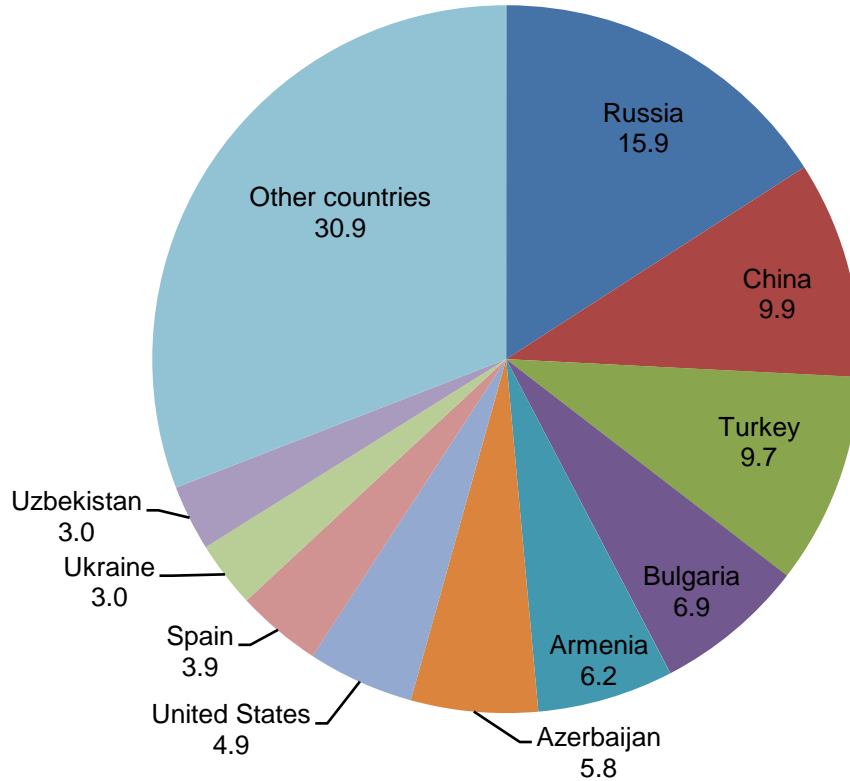
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Top trading partners by exports in January-April 2016-2017 (Million US Dollars)



*Preliminary data.

Share of the top trading partners in total exports in January-April 2016-2017* (%)



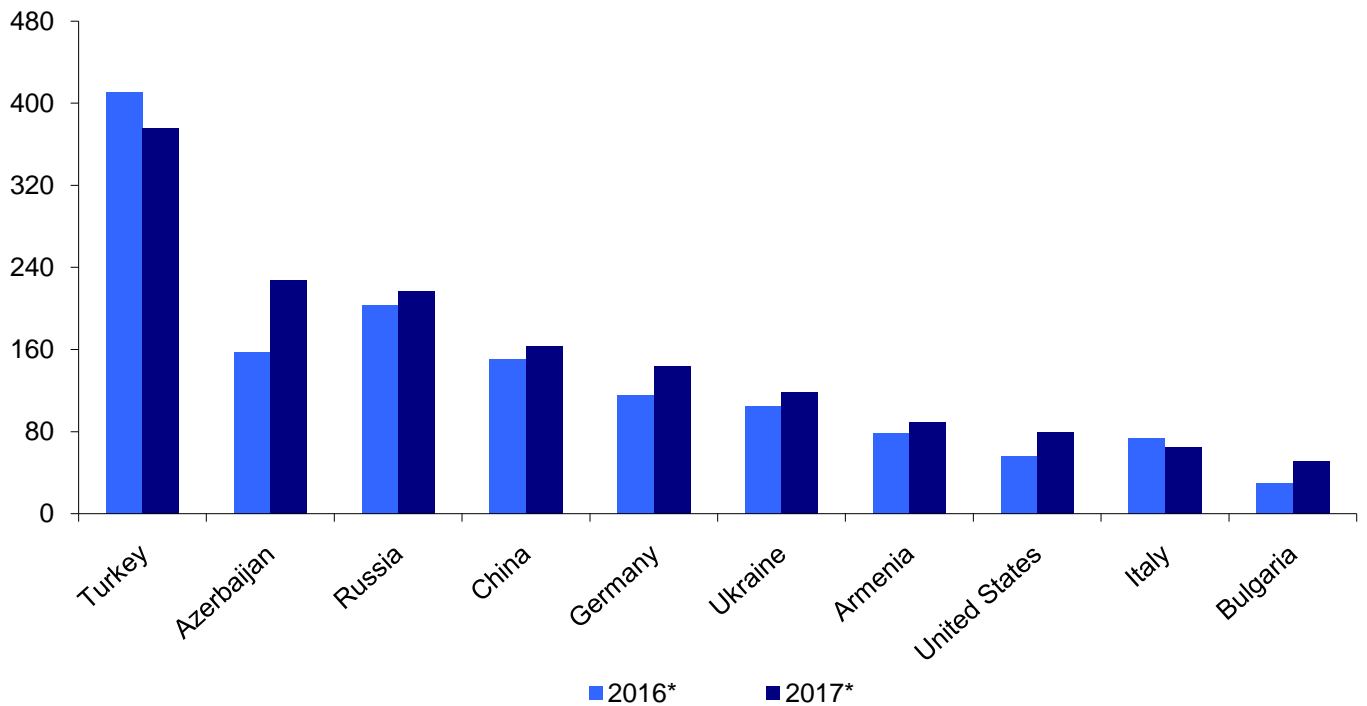
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Top trading partners by imports in January-April 2017

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 043 567.8	100.0	2 302 675.1	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	410 843.0	20.1	376 198.2	16.3
Azerbaijan	157 510.9	7.7	227 249.4	9.9
Russia	203 010.5	9.9	216 293.9	9.4
China	150 624.6	7.4	163 214.5	7.1
Germany	115 243.3	5.6	144 067.3	6.3
Ukraine	104 516.1	5.1	118 508.3	5.1
Armenia	78 589.0	3.8	89 653.2	3.9
United States	55 924.6	2.7	80 006.4	3.5
Italy	73 631.3	3.6	64 859.6	2.8
Bulgaria	29 734.2	1.5	50 770.2	2.2
Other countries	663 940.2	32.5	771 854.1	33.5

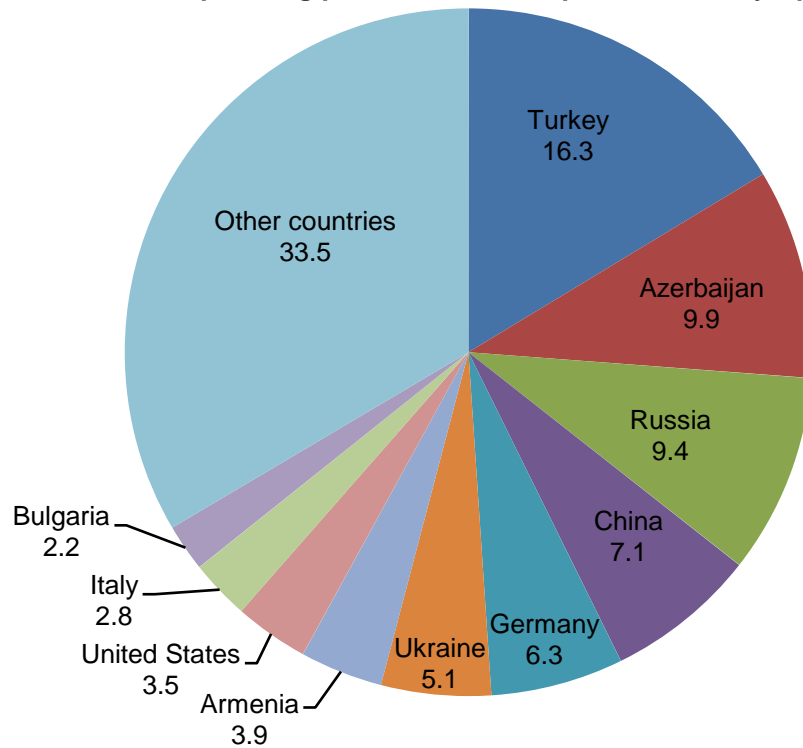
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**Top trading partners by imports in January-April 2016-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



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Share of the top trading partners in total imports in January-April 2017* (%)



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

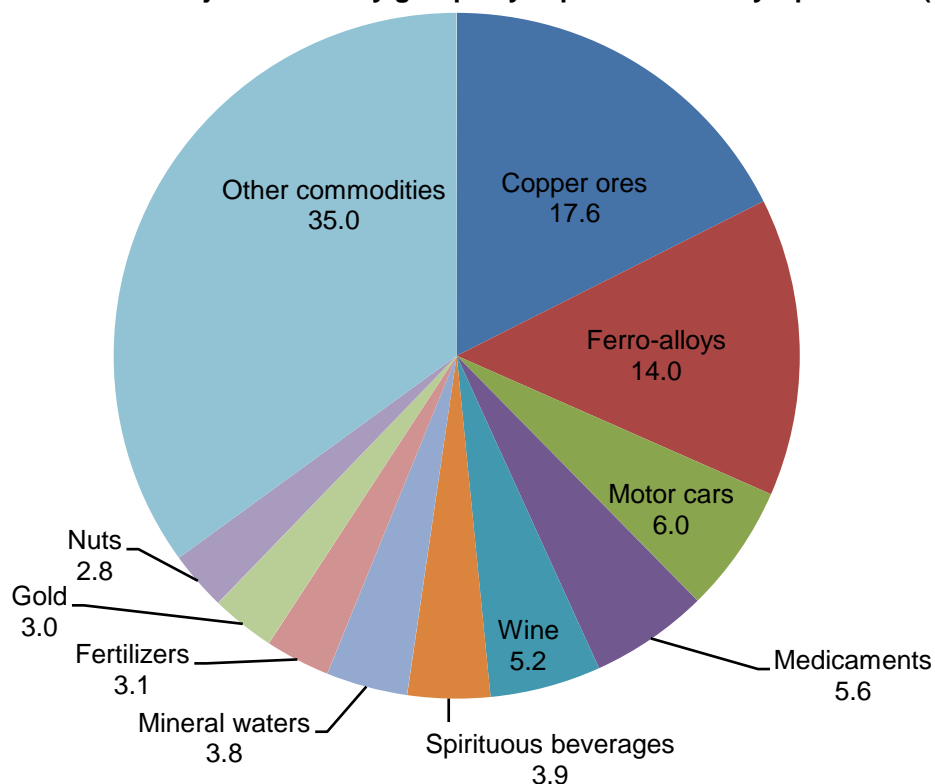
In January-April 2017 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 139 million, or 18 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 111 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 14 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 47 million and 6 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	607 678.8	100.0	788 134.0	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	113 142.8	18.6	138 575.9	17.6
Ferro-alloys	44 089.3	7.3	110 573.2	14.0
Motor cars	48 375.4	8.0	47 492.6	6.0
Medicaments	27 530.1	4.5	43 858.1	5.6
Wine of fresh grapes	28 385.9	4.7	41 064.0	5.2
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	23 932.7	3.9	30 773.4	3.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	26 633.6	4.4	30 253.8	3.8
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	32 763.8	5.4	24 083.6	3.1
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	24 828.6	4.1	23 636.3	3.0
Other nuts, fresh or dried	45 398.0	7.5	21 923.2	2.8
Other commodities	192 598.6	31.7	275 899.7	35.0

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Share of major commodity groups by exports in January-April 2017* (%)



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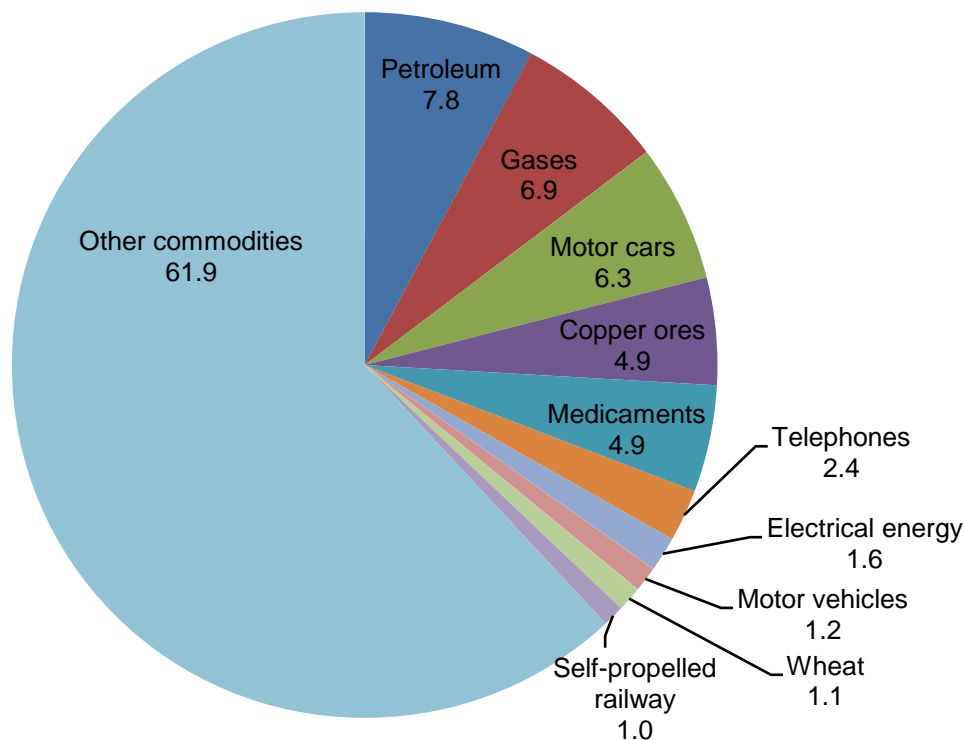
The top import commodity In January-April 2017 were, Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 180 million and 8 percent of the total imports. Petroleum gases and other gaseous commodity group followed in the list with USD 158 million, or 7 percent of imports. Motor cars came third with USD 144 million (6 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 043 567.8	100.0	2 302 675.1	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	135 056.9	6.6	180 302.7	7.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	128 088.9	6.3	158 335.2	6.9
Motor cars	138 579.5	6.8	144 868.7	6.3
Copper ores and concentrates	92 316.1	4.5	113 158.7	4.9
Medicaments	90 075.6	4.4	112 686.0	4.9
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	36 858.5	1.8	55 010.9	2.4
Electrical energy	16 054.3	0.8	36 492.9	1.6
Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	1 474.7	0.1	27 034.7	1.2
Wheat	17 263.4	0.8	26 121.9	1.1
Self-propelled railway	-	-	22 594.5	1.0
Other commodities	1 387 799.9	67.9	1 426 068.9	61.9

*Preliminary data.

Share of major commodity groups by imports in January-April 2017* (%)



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	64 057.2		76 093.3	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	15 628.7	561.4	19 044.0	625.5
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	1 475.7	6 537.3	9 131.0	24 652.7
Ferro-alloys	2 611.2	3 886.7	8 438.7	7 825.7
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption	7 666.8	5 361.1	6 871.7	4 898.5
Men's suits and ensembles knitted	3 924.5	145.7	3 299.6	116.7
Other commodities	32 750.3		29 308.3	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	410 843.0		376 198.2	
Of which:				
Medicaments	14 035.6	231.7	18 336.2	245.2
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	9 895.7	392.7	13 564.4	496.7
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	16 080.3	8 448.3	12 976.5	6 375.4
Sanitary commodities	14 583.2	4 144.6	11 810.9	3 778.0
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	15 218.1	22 883.4	9 369.7	13 975.6
Other commodities	341 030.2		310 140.5	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	53 980.9		125 189.8	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	6 561.0	9 740.6	54 582.7	46 379.5
Wine of fresh grapes	14 374.9	4 977.1	23 933.3	8 842.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	12 473.7	18 509.1	15 324.2	22 660.1
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	4 029.5	776.8	6 529.3	1 406.4
Other nuts, fresh or dried	2 643.2	476.0	4 277.4	786.5
Other commodities	13 898.6		20 542.9	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	203 010.5		216 293.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	32 406.6	82 620.2	31 266.8	57 060.9
Wheat	17 263.4	90 605.2	26 117.6	135 155.2
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	12 489.5	33 831.4	21 955.8	72 918.4
Sunflower oil	7 865.7	8 264.0	9 276.9	10 246.0
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	179.7	0.5	8 251.5	51.0
Other commodities	132 805.5		119 425.3	

*Preliminary data.

AZERBAIJAN

Exports of major commodity groups to Azerbaijan

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	25 575.0		45 548.6	
Of which:				
Motor cars (units)	7 095.3	220	9 277.2	357
Medicaments	2 824.4	106.6	5 268.1	363.9
Potatoes	-	-	4 647.7	32 836.8
Other bars and rods of iron	127.3	366.2	2 097.6	4 818.3
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	1 175.7	1 819.4	1 657.7	2 183.6
Other commodities	14 352.3		22 600.3	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Azerbaijan

	January-April 2016*		January-April 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	157 510.9		227 249.4	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	110 890.7	606 293.6	136 367.3	687 155.5
Petroleum and petroleum oils	21 919.6	69 542.6	28 665.2	59 333.0
Electrical energy	1 267.2	...	28 254.0	...
Copper ores and concentrates	3 412.4	1 976.2	5 174.9	2 554.9
Gypsum; anhydrite; plasters	2 536.8	20 085.0	3 977.0	33 200.6
Other commodities	17 484.1		24 810.9	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-April 2016*	86	1531,2
January-April 2017*	89	1583,1
Positive trade balance		
January-April 2016*	34	95,3
January-April 2017*	35	68,6
Total		
January-April 2016*	120	1435,9
January-April 2017*	124	1514,5

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries In January-April 2017*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	788 134.0	2 302 675.1	-1 514 541.1
Of which:			
EU countries	195 462.2	653 927.8	-458 465.7
Austria	1 914.0	15 182.6	-13 268.6
Belgium	5 153.9	25 428.0	-20 274.2
Bulgaria	54 226.0	50 770.2	3 455.8
Croatia	4.9	370.6	-365.7
Cyprus	617.2	3 337.0	-2 719.8
Czech Republic	3 866.3	19 190.1	-15 323.8
Denmark	127.9	4 597.8	-4 470.0
Estonia	663.5	2 925.5	-2 262.0
Finland	74.5	5 780.7	-5 706.2
France	7 762.4	35 136.9	-27 374.5
Germany	12 471.1	144 067.3	-131 596.1
Greece	2 516.7	27 373.7	-24 857.0
Hungary	428.8	12 656.4	-12 227.6
Ireland	29.8	25 063.8	-25 033.9
Italy	17 102.8	64 859.6	-47 756.8
Latvia	2 468.1	4 390.5	-1 922.4
Lithuania	11 992.3	11 545.3	447.0
Luxembourg	2 008.9	1 155.9	853.0
Malta	107.5	1 072.5	-965.0
Netherlands	11 060.1	46 707.7	-35 647.6
Poland	6 903.7	32 284.7	-25 381.0
Portugal	-	2 765.7	-2 765.7
Romania	18 440.1	44 450.6	-26 010.6
Slovakia	919.1	3 750.9	-2 831.8
Slovenia	618.7	5 258.4	-4 639.7
Spain	30 506.3	31 653.1	-1 146.9
Sweden	183.4	3 179.5	-2 996.2
United Kingdom	3 294.1	28 972.7	-25 678.6

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	295 309.0	731 223.2	-435 914.2
Armenia	49 038.9	89 653.2	-40 614.4
Azerbaijan	45 548.6	227 249.4	-181 700.8
Belarus	6 260.1	34 392.2	-28 132.1
Kazakhstan	12 541.9	8 342.2	4 199.7
Kyrgyzstan	2 746.1	656.4	2 089.7
Moldova	787.8	4 038.5	-3 250.7
Russia	125 189.8	216 293.9	-91 104.1
Tajikistan	1 323.7	-	1 323.7
Turkmenistan	4 445.4	29 822.6	-25 377.2
Ukraine	23 955.6	118 508.3	-94 552.8
Uzbekistan	23 471.2	2 266.4	21 204.8
Other countries	297 362.9	917 524.0	-620 161.2
Afghanistan	96.4	1.2	95.2
Albania	-	48.9	-48.9
Algeria	-	1.5	-1.5
Angola	1 816.4	-	1 816.4
Argentina	-	709.4	-709.4
Australia	240.0	274.0	-34.0
Bahrain	1.1	-	1.1
Bangladesh	-	313.3	-313.3
Belize	-	0.1	-0.1
Bhutan	19.8	-	19.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	169.4	-165.8
Brazil	-	17 274.2	-17 274.2
Canada	428.1	2 941.4	-2 513.4
Chile	477.6	24 419.0	-23 941.4
China	78 164.0	163 214.5	-85 050.5
Colombia	591.6	5 136.8	-4 545.2
Costa Rica	-	157.9	-157.9
Cote d'Ivoire	1.2	-	1.2
Cuba	-	62.6	-62.6
Djibouti	-	27.0	-27.0
Dominican Republic	-	5.8	-5.8
Ecuador	-	6 048.2	-6 048.2
Egypt	4 161.7	1 837.9	2 323.7
Ethiopia	2.0	40.6	-38.5
French Polynesia	-	2.7	-2.7
Gambia	-	25.2	-25.2
Gibraltar	649.7	-	649.7
Guatemala	91.8	-	91.8
Hong Kong, SAR of China	2 050.9	29 953.6	-27 902.7
Iceland	10.6	1 378.1	-1 367.5
India	1 150.7	16 384.5	-15 233.8
Indonesia	-	3 357.8	-3 357.8
Iran	18 596.8	24 011.5	-5 414.7
Iraq	14 451.0	766.7	13 684.3
Israel	2 737.4	3 161.9	-424.5
Japan	2 408.2	39 537.1	-37 129.0
Jordan	50.0	51.2	-1.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Kenya	693.7	392.1	301.6
Korea, Republic of	5 071.9	33 718.1	-28 646.2
Kuwait	167.8	14.0	153.9
Lebanon	198.3	490.4	-292.0
Libya	130.3	4.1	126.1
Liechtenstein	-	96.7	-96.7
Macau	4.3	-	4.3
Macedonia (FYR)	18.7	235.9	-217.2
Malaysia	22.6	2 674.3	-2 651.6
Marshall Islands	-	20.5	-20.5
Martinique	28.8	-	28.8
Mexico	-	632.8	-632.8
Mongolia	219.3	-	219.3
Montenegro	-	11.0	-11.0
Morocco	2 012.8	1 610.8	402.0
Nepal	-	10.4	-10.4
New Zealand	-	388.8	-388.8
Niger	92.5	0.1	92.4
Nigeria	13.1	0.6	12.5
Norway	23.2	3 340.2	-3 317.0
Oman	-	9.7	-9.6
Pakistan	66.4	847.5	-781.1
Panama	695.0	84.9	610.1
Peru	3 788.3	-	3 788.3
Philippines	66.8	92.9	-26.1
Qatar	75.9	112.2	-36.3
San Marino	-	26.5	-26.5
Saudi Arabia	1 899.2	1 097.5	801.7
Serbia	0.6	2 001.1	-2 000.5
Sierra Leone	11.5	-	11.5
Singapore	3 736.3	4 729.4	-993.1
South Africa	18.7	5 132.3	-5 113.6
Sri Lanka	-	366.9	-366.9
Sudan	78.3	-	78.3
Switzerland	22 898.0	13 836.1	9 061.9
Syrian	65.0	104.7	-39.7
Taiwan, Province of China	164.1	1 894.4	-1 730.3
Tanzania,	93.5	-	93.5
Thailand	241.9	4 077.9	-3 836.0
Tunisia	616.5	38.5	578.0
Turkey	76 093.3	376 198.2	-300 104.8
Uganda	18.4	15.3	3.1
United Arab Emirates	11 430.4	39 360.4	-27 930.0
United States	38 325.3	80 006.4	-41 681.1
Uruguay	45.7	483.2	-437.5
Venezuela	0.7	-	0.7
Viet Nam	35.0	2 045.2	-2 010.2
Virgin Islands, British	-	8.7	-8.7

*Preliminary data.

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LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
Georgian State Electric System, LTD;
Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

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 2011-2014 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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