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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2017

JANUARY-MAY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

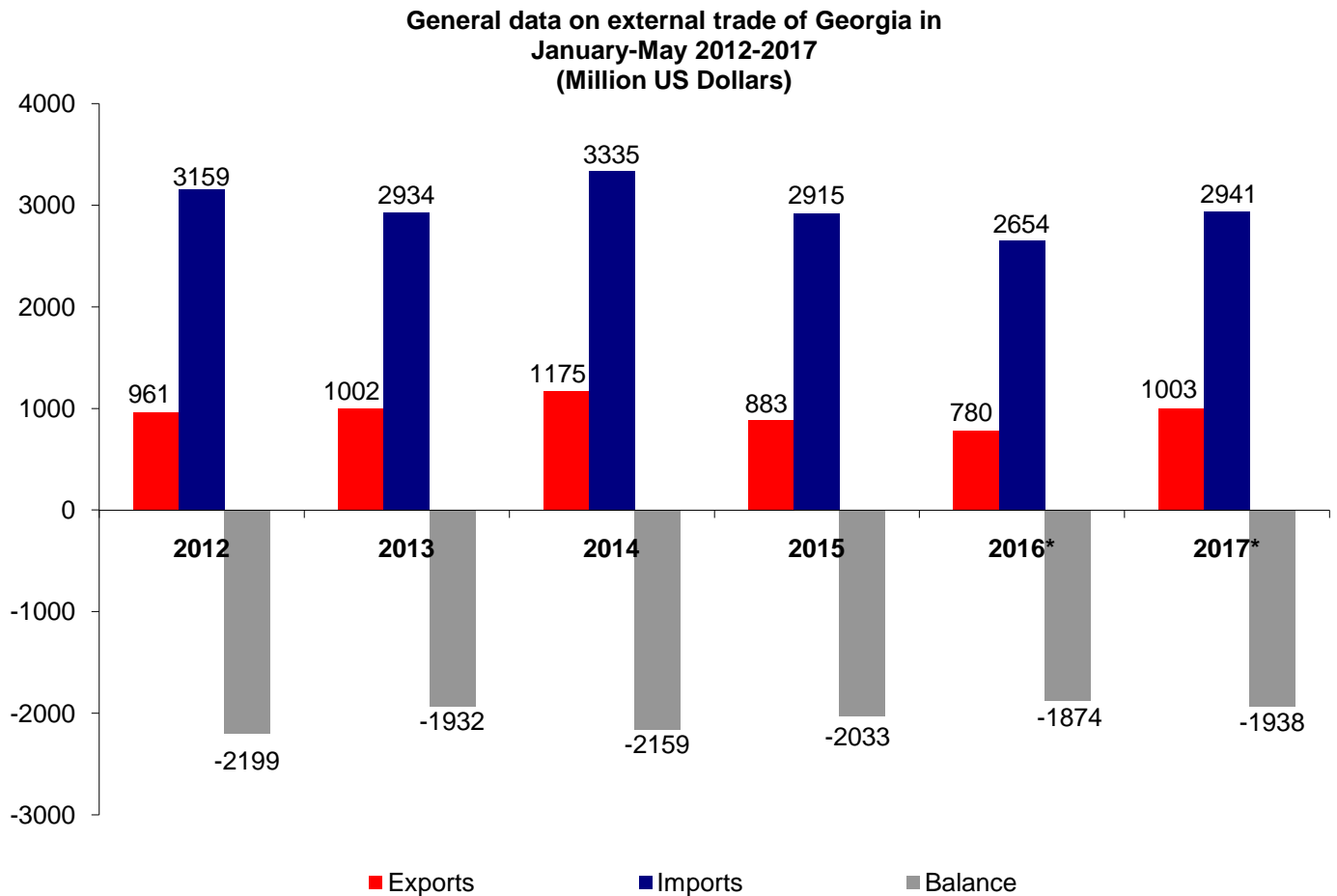
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External Trade of Georgia in January- May 2017 (Preliminary)

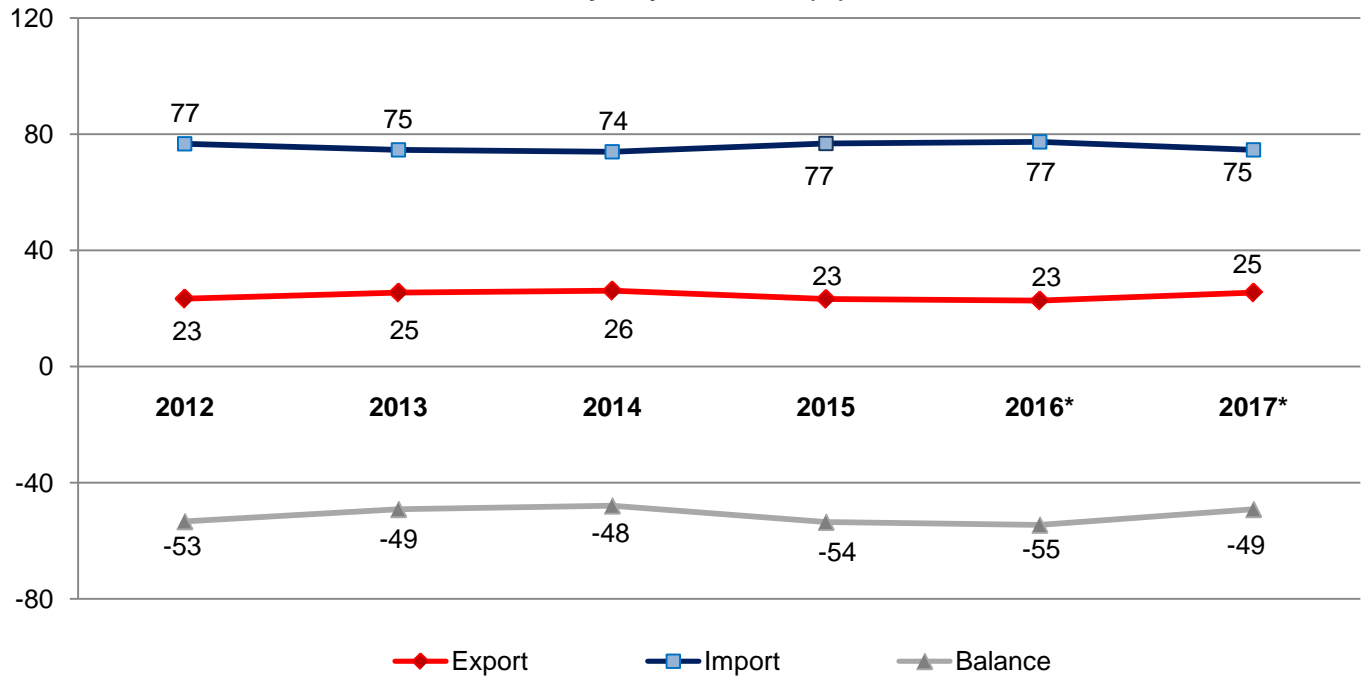
In January-May 2017 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 3944.8 million, 14.9 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1003.4 million (28.7 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 2941.4 million (10.8 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 1938.1 million in January-May 2017 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 49.1 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 799.8 million, 28.1 percent higher year-on-year.

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



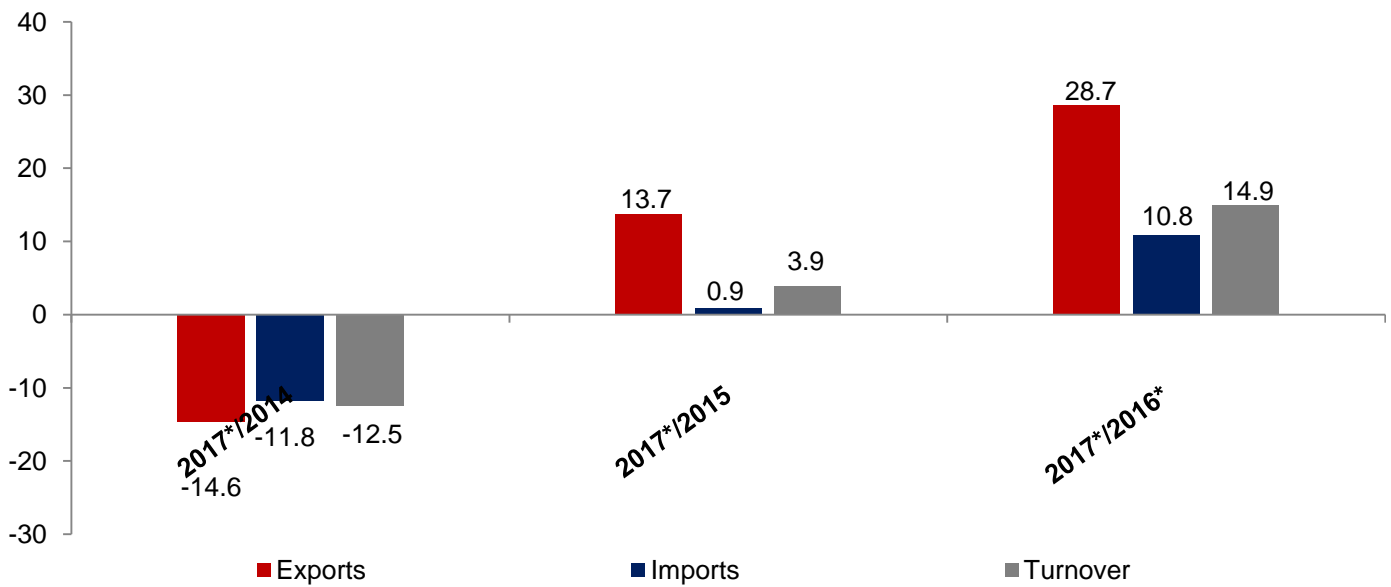
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January-May 2012-2017 (%)**



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



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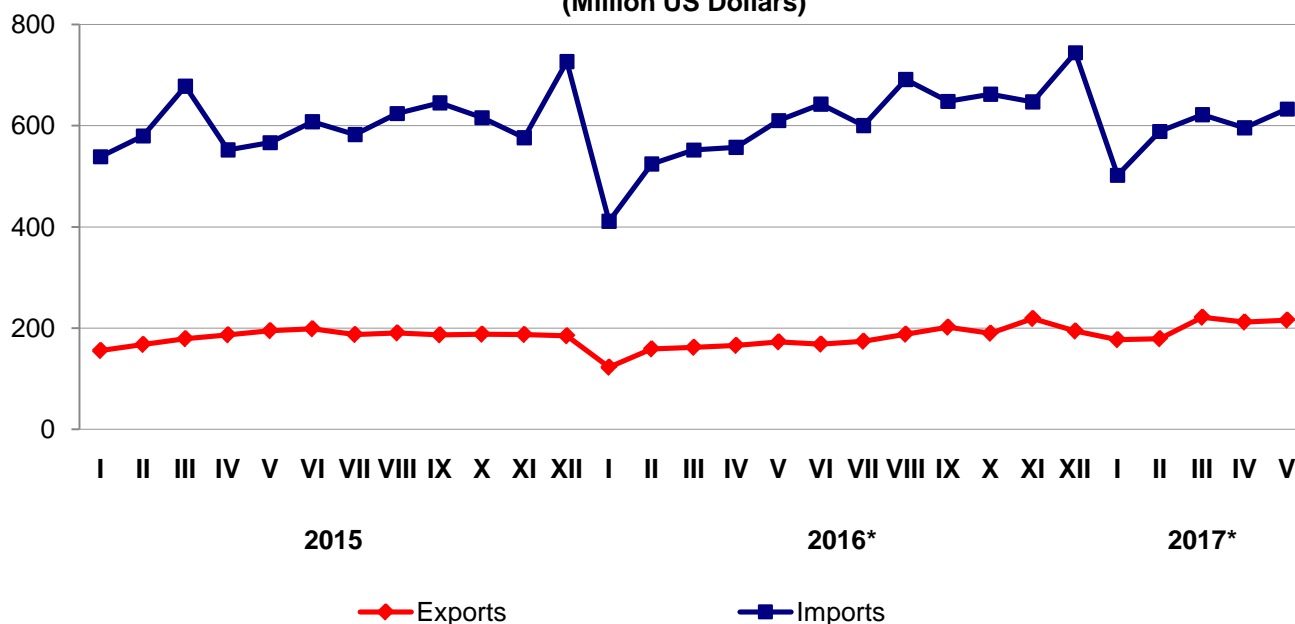
The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2017 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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	610 321.1	7.7
	June	167 891.2	-15.5	642 325.8	5.7
	July	173 603.8	-7.2	600 010.7	3.1
	August	187 912.5	-1.3	691 085.8	10.7
	September	201 747.2	8.3	648 256.0	0.5
	October	189 338.7	0.8	662 010.9	7.4
	November	218 695.9	16.8	646 829.0	12.3
	December	193 781.0	5.0	744 360.0	2.5
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	502 164.9	22.2
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 794.9	12.4
	March	220 843.5	36.4	621 589.9	12.6
	April	211 605.9	28.0	595 661.9	7.0
	May	215 234.8	25.0	633 218.7	3.8

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

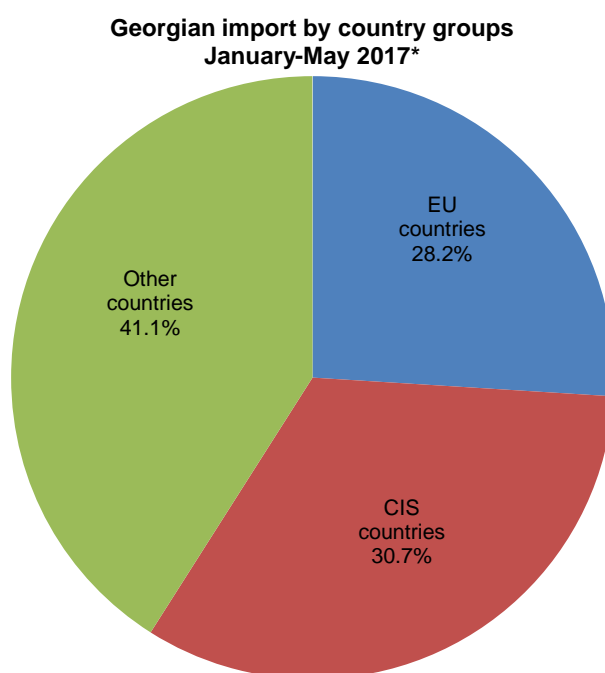
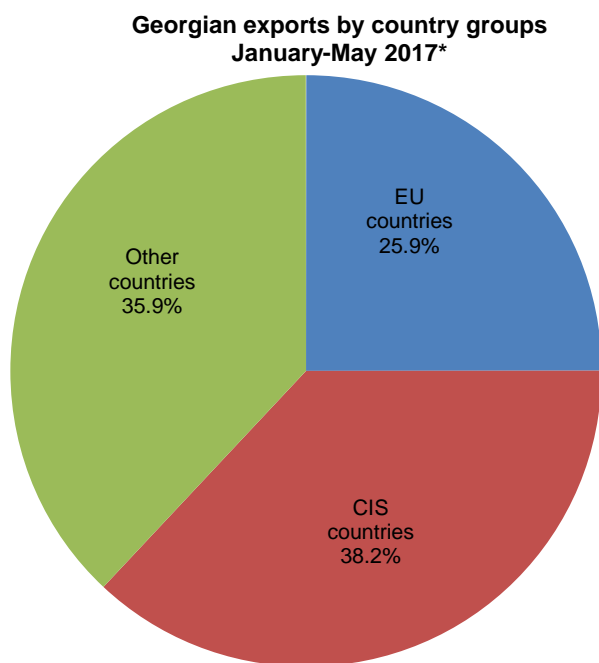


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In January-May 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1090.5 million, grew by 15.3 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 260.0 million (40.7 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 830.4 million (9.1 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27.6 percent, 25.9 percent in exports and 28.2 percent in imports (in January-May 2016 27.5, 23.7 and 28.7 percent correspondingly). 29.4 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (30.8 percent in January-May 2016).

In January-May 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 1285.1 million (higher by 36.0 percent compared to January-May 2016). Exports stood at USD 383.4 million (62.7 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 901.8 million (27.2 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 32.6 percent, 38.2 percent in exports and 30.7 percent in imports (In January-May 2016 27.5, 30.2 and 26.7 percent, respectively). In January-May 2017 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 26.8 percent of the overall trade deficit (25.3 percent in January-May 2016).

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



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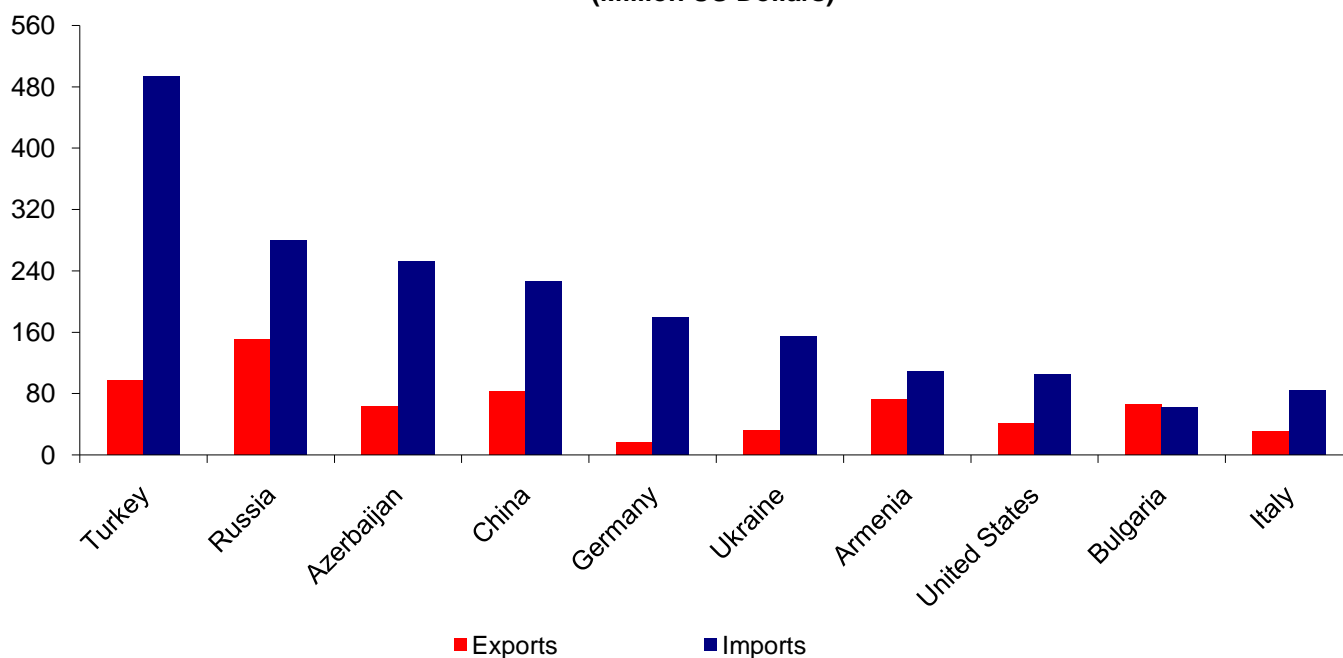
In January-May 2017 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 65.8 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 591.1 million), Russia (USD 430.5 million) and Azerbaijan (USD 316.3 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-May 2017*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	1 003 368.8	100.0	2 941 430.3	100.0	3 944 799.0	100.0
of which:						
Turkey	97 068.8	9.7	494 005.3	16.8	591 074.1	15.0
Russia	151 094.0	15.1	279 361.4	9.5	430 455.4	10.9
Azerbaijan	63 450.6	6.3	252 834.8	8.6	316 285.4	8.0
China	82 314.6	8.2	226 000.4	7.7	308 315.0	7.8
Germany	16 399.0	1.6	179 420.3	6.1	195 819.3	5.0
Ukraine	31 827.2	3.2	154 207.6	5.2	186 034.8	4.7
Armenia	71 474.7	7.1	109 346.5	3.7	180 821.2	4.6
United States	40 867.8	4.1	104 893.8	3.6	145 761.6	3.7
Bulgaria	66 401.0	6.6	61 761.2	2.1	128 162.2	3.2
Italy	29 836.3	3.0	84 059.1	2.9	113 895.4	2.9
Other countries	352 634.8	35.1	995 539.8	33.8	1 348 174.6	34.2

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



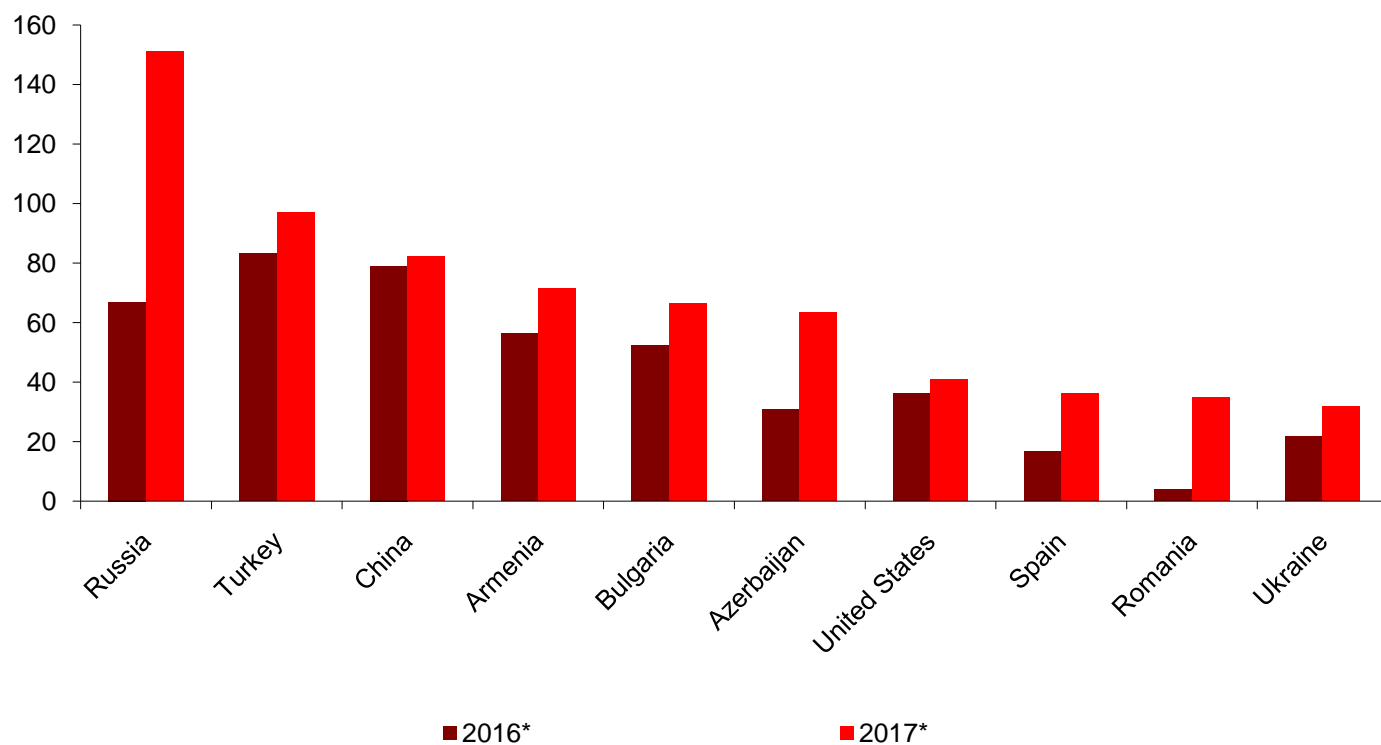
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Top trading partners by exports in January-May 2017

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	779 920.1	100.0	1 003 368.8	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	66 904.2	8.6	151 094.0	15.1
Turkey	83 282.8	10.7	97 068.8	9.7
China	79 101.2	10.1	82 314.6	8.2
Armenia	56 501.1	7.2	71 474.7	7.1
Bulgaria	52 405.9	6.7	66 401.0	6.6
Azerbaijan	30 885.0	4.0	63 450.6	6.3
United States	36 315.8	4.7	40 867.8	4.1
Spain	16 820.4	2.2	36 242.1	3.6
Romania	3 954.8	0.5	34 754.7	3.5
Ukraine	21 813.9	2.8	31 827.2	3.2
Other countries	331 934.9	42.6	327 873.2	32.7

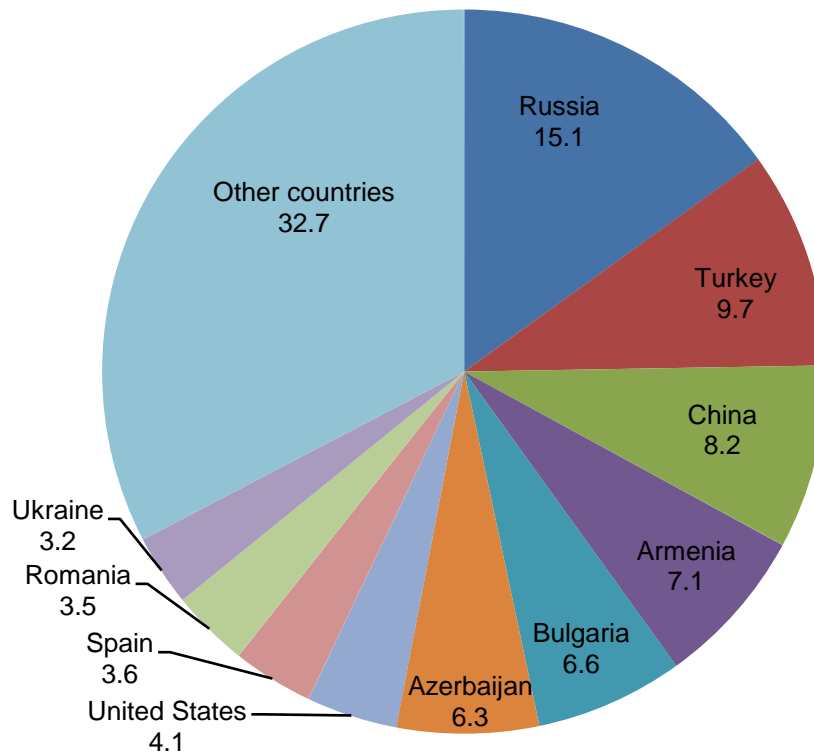
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Top trading partners by exports in January-May 2016-2017 (Million US Dollars)



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



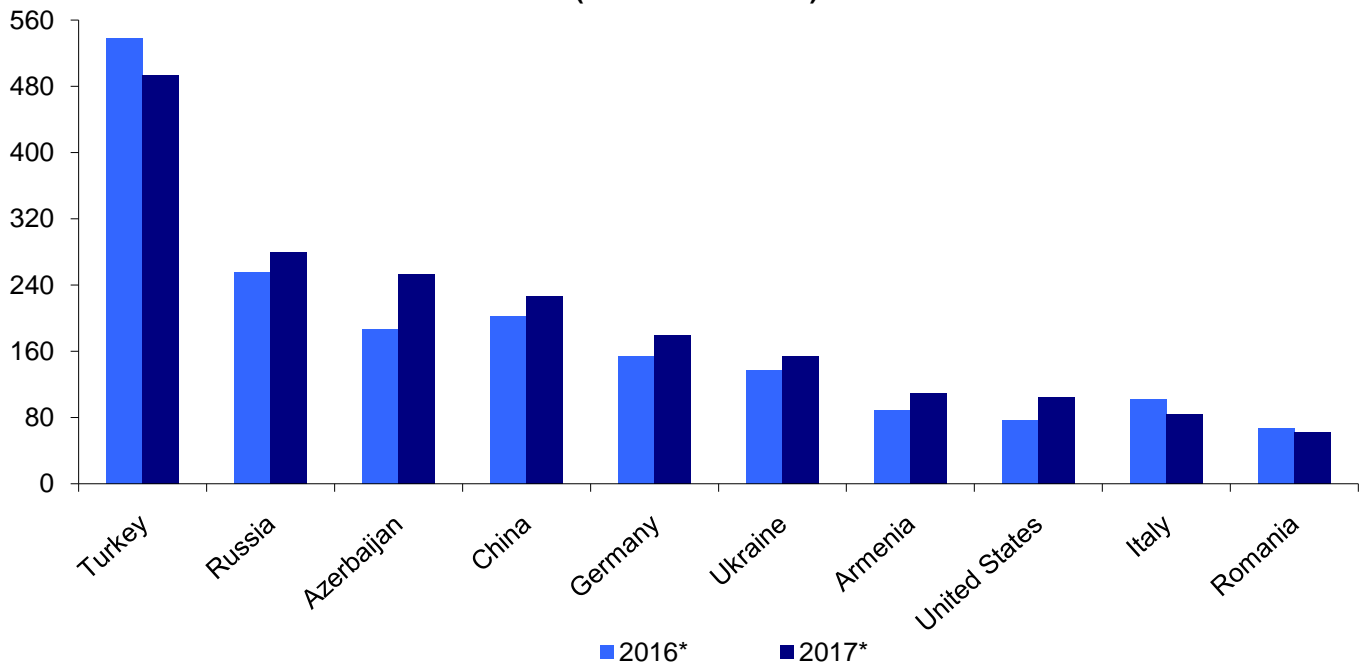
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Top trading partners by imports in January-May 2017

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 653 888.9	100.0	2 941 430.3	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	537 616.9	20.3	494 005.3	16.8
Russia	255 474.1	9.6	279 361.4	9.5
Azerbaijan	186 480.4	7.0	252 834.8	8.6
China	202 342.9	7.6	226 000.4	7.7
Germany	154 627.4	5.8	179 420.3	6.1
Ukraine	137 160.2	5.2	154 207.6	5.2
Armenia	88 675.7	3.3	109 346.5	3.7
United States	77 043.2	2.9	104 893.8	3.6
Italy	101 606.6	3.8	84 059.1	2.9
Romania	66 710.7	2.5	62 179.3	2.1
Other countries	846 150.9	31.9	995 121.7	33.8

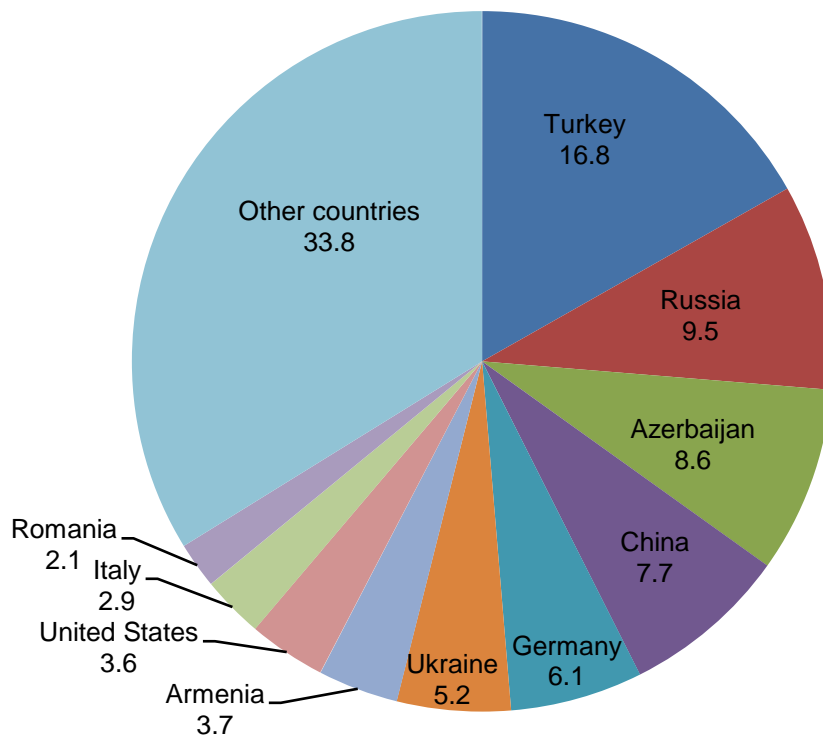
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**Top trading partners by imports in January-May 2016-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



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



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

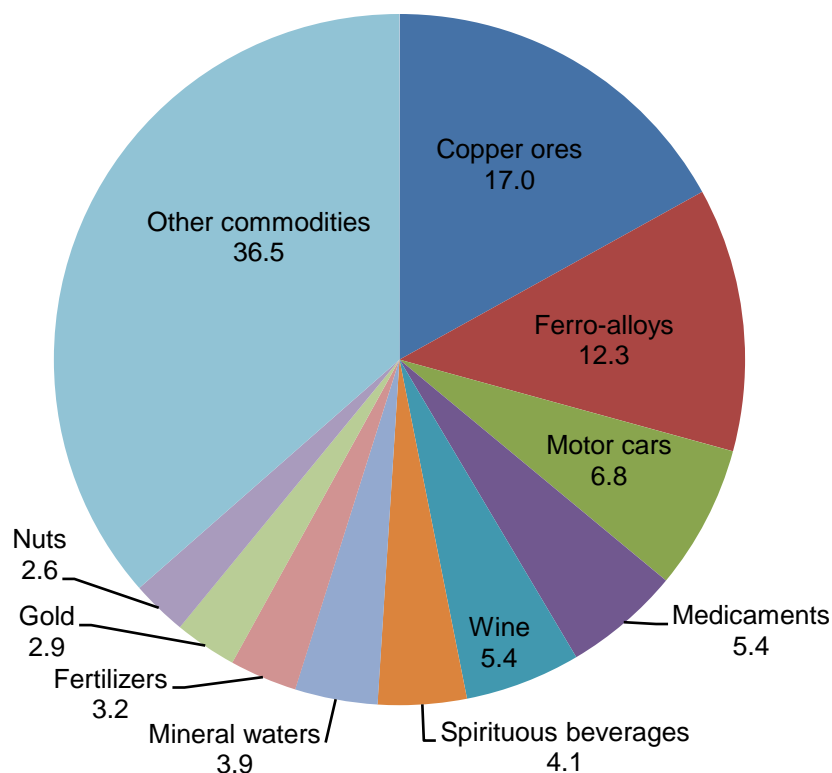
In January-May 2017 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 170.1 million, or 17.0 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 123.6 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 12.3 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 67.7 million and 6.8 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	779 920.1	100.0	1 003 368.8	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	126 610.0	16.2	170 102.9	17.0
Ferro-alloys	65 586.8	8.4	123 580.9	12.3
Motor cars	63 012.6	8.1	67 733.5	6.8
Medicaments	39 871.7	5.1	54 619.4	5.4
Wine of fresh grapes	36 550.5	4.7	54 130.9	5.4
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	29 559.4	3.8	41 616.2	4.1
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	33 465.0	4.3	38 806.2	3.9
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	39 273.1	5.0	31 625.9	3.2
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	32 302.4	4.1	29 251.0	2.9
Other nuts, fresh or dried	58 137.7	7.5	26 127.2	2.6
Other commodities	255 550.9	32.8	365 774.7	36.5

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



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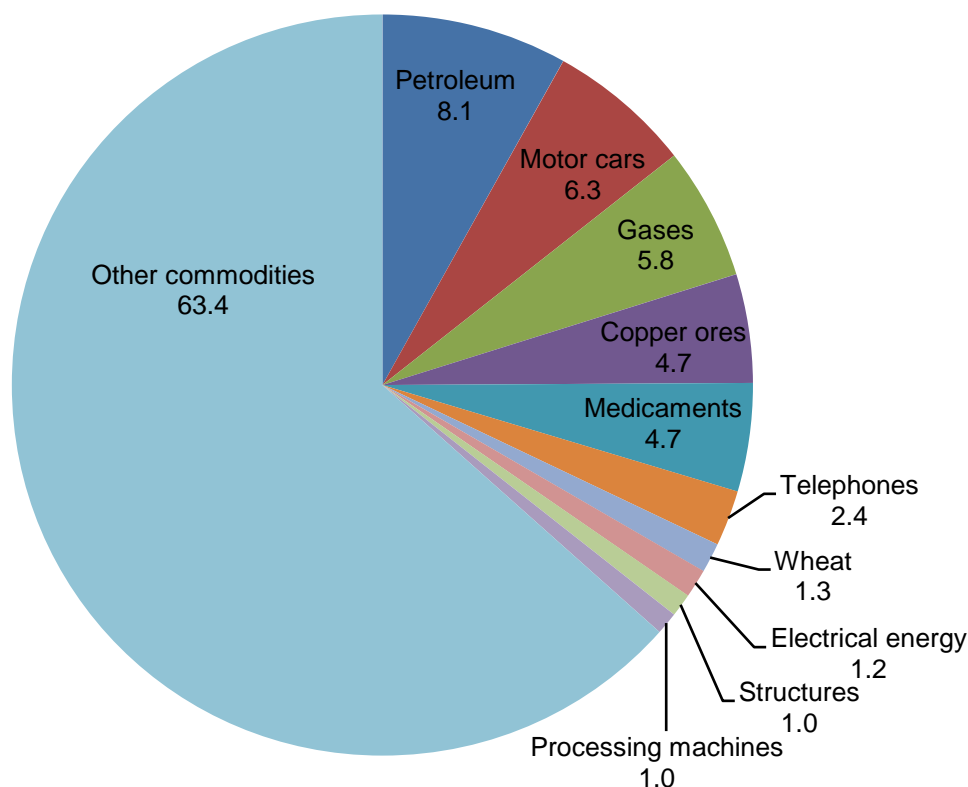
The top import commodity In January-May 2017 were, Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 238.3 million and 8.1 percent of the total imports. Motor cars commodity group followed in the list with USD 185.2 million, or 6.3 percent of imports. Petroleum gases and other gaseous came third with USD 169.7 million (5.8 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	2 653 888.9	100.0	2 941 430.3	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	186 484.7	7.0	238 347.2	8.1
Motor cars	180 835.3	6.8	185 194.9	6.3
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	139 401.9	5.3	169 734.4	5.8
Copper ores and concentrates	99 824.5	3.8	139 600.1	4.7
Medicaments	115 466.1	4.4	138 701.4	4.7
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	49 749.8	1.9	71 596.8	2.4
Wheat	23 835.4	0.9	37 911.9	1.3
Electrical energy	16 217.8	0.6	36 587.7	1.2
Structures and parts of iron	34 643.8	1.3	29 906.9	1.0
Automatic data processing machines	24 093.4	0.9	28 866.9	1.0
Other commodities	1 783 336.2	67.2	1 864 982.1	63.4

*Preliminary data.

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



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	83 282.8		97 068.8	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	18 842.8	677.8	23 416.3	768.8
Ferro-alloys	3 552.2	5 189.7	10 421.5	9 656.7
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	3 741.5	12 497.4	10 340.8	27 754.7
Flours, meals and pellets, unfit for human consumption	10 520.4	7 314.6	6 871.7	4 898.5
Men's suits and ensembles knitted	5 155.8	184.5	4 349.1	159.1
Other commodities	41 470.1		41 669.3	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	537 616.9		494 005.3	
Of which:				
Medicaments	19 469.0	337.6	22 883.6	296.8
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	21 662.4	11 308.7	17 555.3	8 585.5
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	11 782.8	487.8	15 912.0	598.6
Sanitary commodities	17 753.1	5 088.3	14 207.9	4 476.8
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	17 876.6	26 959.2	13 031.6	19 491.6
Other commodities	449 073.2		410 414.9	

*Preliminary data.

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	66 904.2		151 094.0	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	8 028.7	11 780.7	60 351.2	51 746.6
Wine of fresh grapes	17 932.6	6 228.2	30 580.2	11 372.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	14 945.2	22 145.5	18 870.0	28 140.4
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	4 892.8	933.3	7 692.7	1 892.1
Motor cars (units)	1 410.1	414	5 227.1	1 174
Other commodities	19 694.8		28 372.7	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	255 474.1		279 361.4	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	40 223.6	99 370.0	38 939.1	71 397.4
Wheat	23 834.3	123 834.5	37 907.6	195 840.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	12 796.2	35 137.8	22 193.8	73 480.7
Sunflower oil	9 885.0	10 303.2	12 085.2	13 508.8
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	228.0	0.6	11 656.2	53.7
Other commodities	168 506.9		156 579.5	

*Preliminary data.

AZERBAIJAN

Exports of major commodity groups to Azerbaijan

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	30 885.0		63 450.6	
Of which:				
Motor cars (units)	7 095.3	220	14 406.5	556
Medicaments	3 834.6	265.5	7 096.5	533.9
Potatoes	-	-	4 966.2	35 064.4
Other bars and rods of iron	127.3	366.2	3 190.0	7 341.2
Waters, mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar	1 537.0	2 363.7	2 524.3	3 272.3
Other commodities	18 290.8		31 267.1	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Azerbaijan

	January-May 2016*		January-May 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	186 480.4		252 834.8	
Of which:				
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	121 883.4	677 796.5	147 527.9	762 109.9
Petroleum and petroleum oils	30 928.6	91 987.4	30 928.3	64 236.2
Electrical energy	1 409.2	...	28 324.6	...
Copper ores and concentrates	3 677.9	2 123.6	7 310.4	3 450.3
Gypsum; anhydrite; plasters	3 862.1	29 640.0	5 338.4	44 194.6
Other commodities	24 719.3		33 405.2	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-May 2016*	82	1 998.1
January-May 2017*	89	2 017.2
Positive trade balance		
January-May 2016*	40	124.1
January-May 2017*	35	79.1
Total		
January-May 2016*	122	1 874.0
January-May 2017*	124	1 938.1

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries In January-May 2017*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	1 003 368.8	2 941 430.3	-1 938 061.5
Of which:			
EU countries	260 033.1	830 442.0	-570 408.9
Austria	2 227.1	19 563.7	-17 336.7
Belgium	6 627.7	31 867.1	-25 239.4
Bulgaria	66 401.0	61 761.2	4 639.8
Croatia	4.9	499.2	-494.2
Cyprus	948.3	3 682.3	-2 734.0
Czech Republic	4 021.1	24 001.7	-19 980.6
Denmark	196.2	6 295.6	-6 099.3
Estonia	802.2	3 277.5	-2 475.2
Finland	74.5	6 950.1	-6 875.6
France	9 645.6	48 206.2	-38 560.6
Germany	16 399.0	179 420.3	-163 021.3
Greece	2 748.5	33 016.7	-30 268.3
Hungary	571.9	16 807.8	-16 235.9
Ireland	124.8	25 640.5	-25 515.7
Italy	29 836.3	84 059.1	-54 222.8
Latvia	3 143.1	5 865.7	-2 722.6
Lithuania	14 461.9	13 819.8	642.1
Luxembourg	2 008.9	1 312.9	696.1
Malta	203.0	1 148.1	-945.1
Netherlands	15 412.0	61 247.3	-45 835.3
Poland	7 645.6	43 490.3	-35 844.7
Portugal	-	3 747.2	-3 747.2
Romania	34 754.7	62 179.3	-27 424.6
Slovakia	919.1	5 064.1	-4 145.1
Slovenia	654.2	6 524.9	-5 870.8
Spain	36 242.1	40 517.4	-4 275.2
Sweden	183.9	4 163.2	-3 979.3
United Kingdom	3 775.5	36 312.6	-32 537.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	383 352.2	901 784.8	-518 432.6
Armenia	71 474.7	109 346.5	-37 871.9
Azerbaijan	63 450.6	252 834.8	-189 384.2
Belarus	9 364.9	39 034.9	-29 670.1
Kazakhstan	17 520.2	17 045.7	474.5
Kyrgyzstan	3 639.8	788.3	2 851.4
Moldova	1 174.3	4 663.4	-3 489.1
Russia	151 094.0	279 361.4	-128 267.3
Tajikistan	1 576.5	-	1 576.5
Turkmenistan	5 015.4	41 586.8	-36 571.4
Ukraine	31 827.2	154 207.6	-122 380.4
Uzbekistan	27 214.7	2 915.2	24 299.4
Other countries	359 983.5	1 209 203.5	-849 220.0
Afghanistan	107.8	1.2	106.6
Albania	5.1	48.9	-43.8
Algeria	-	3.5	-3.5
Angola	2 655.4	-	2 655.4
Argentina	-	1 008.9	-1 008.9
Australia	278.8	383.6	-104.8
Bahrain	1.1	-	1.1
Bangladesh	-	530.8	-530.8
Belize	-	6.8	-6.8
Bhutan	19.8	-	19.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	203.8	-200.2
Brazil	-	23 858.7	-23 858.7
Canada	491.0	3 395.5	-2 904.5
Chile	477.6	27 115.8	-26 638.2
China	82 314.6	226 000.4	-143 685.7
Colombia	642.6	8 140.1	-7 497.5
Costa Rica	-	175.7	-175.7
Cote d'Ivoire	1.2	-	1.2
Cuba	-	62.6	-62.6
Djibouti	-	27.0	-27.0
Dominican Republic	-	5.8	-5.8
Ecuador	-	7 564.7	-7 564.7
Egypt	5 723.1	3 003.6	2 719.5
Ethiopia	5.5	111.1	-105.6
French Polynesia	-	2.7	-2.7
Gambia	-	25.2	-25.2
Gibraltar	995.6	-	995.6
Guatemala	91.8	-	91.8
Hong Kong, SAR of China	2 644.1	38 983.8	-36 339.7
Iceland	10.6	1 613.2	-1 602.6
India	3 598.7	21 776.1	-18 177.4
Indonesia	-	4 301.7	-4 301.7
Iran	24 216.0	33 034.5	-8 818.5
Iraq	16 501.9	887.1	15 614.8
Israel	3 190.5	4 550.5	-1 359.9
Japan	2 849.9	53 161.5	-50 311.6
Jordan	53.8	227.6	-173.8

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Kenya	1 452.1	431.0	1 021.1
Korea, Republic of	5 846.5	41 477.1	-35 630.5
Kuwait	255.7	14.0	241.8
Lebanon	268.4	515.4	-247.0
Libya	134.9	21.2	113.7
Liechtenstein	-	120.0	-120.0
Macau	4.3	-	4.3
Macedonia (FYR)	104.0	284.1	-180.1
Malaysia	22.6	3 446.2	-3 423.6
Marshall Islands	-	20.5	-20.5
Martinique	28.8	-	28.8
Mexico	635.2	709.2	-74.0
Mongolia	269.5	-	269.5
Montenegro	-	11.0	-11.0
Morocco	2 012.8	1 820.5	192.3
Nepal	-	10.4	-10.4
New Zealand	-	523.7	-523.7
Niger	92.5	0.1	92.4
Nigeria	14.5	1.5	13.0
Norway	23.2	3 623.4	-3 600.3
Oman	0.1	31.6	-31.5
Pakistan	66.4	1 277.7	-1 211.3
Panama	956.4	84.9	871.5
Peru	3 788.3	-	3 788.3
Philippines	66.8	92.9	-26.1
Qatar	90.1	317.3	-227.1
San Marino	-	26.5	-26.5
Saudi Arabia	2 086.2	1 122.2	964.0
Serbia	0.6	2 581.1	-2 580.5
Sierra Leone	11.5	-	11.5
Singapore	5 021.6	5 709.1	-687.6
South Africa	18.7	5 258.1	-5 239.4
Sri Lanka	-	394.8	-394.8
Sudan	78.3	12.5	65.8
Switzerland	29 301.0	16 812.9	12 488.1
Syrian	65.0	104.7	-39.7
Taiwan, Province of China	241.4	2 672.3	-2 431.0
Tanzania,	186.9	-	186.9
Thailand	245.4	6 645.5	-6 400.2
Tunisia	1 419.2	38.5	1 380.8
Turkey	97 068.8	494 005.3	-396 936.6
Uganda	18.4	15.3	3.1
United Arab Emirates	20 247.9	50 509.6	-30 261.8
United States	40 867.8	104 893.8	-64 026.0
Uruguay	45.7	499.1	-453.4
Venezuela	0.7	-	0.7
Viet Nam	44.9	2 840.3	-2 795.4
Virgin Islands, British	-	15.9	-15.9

*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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