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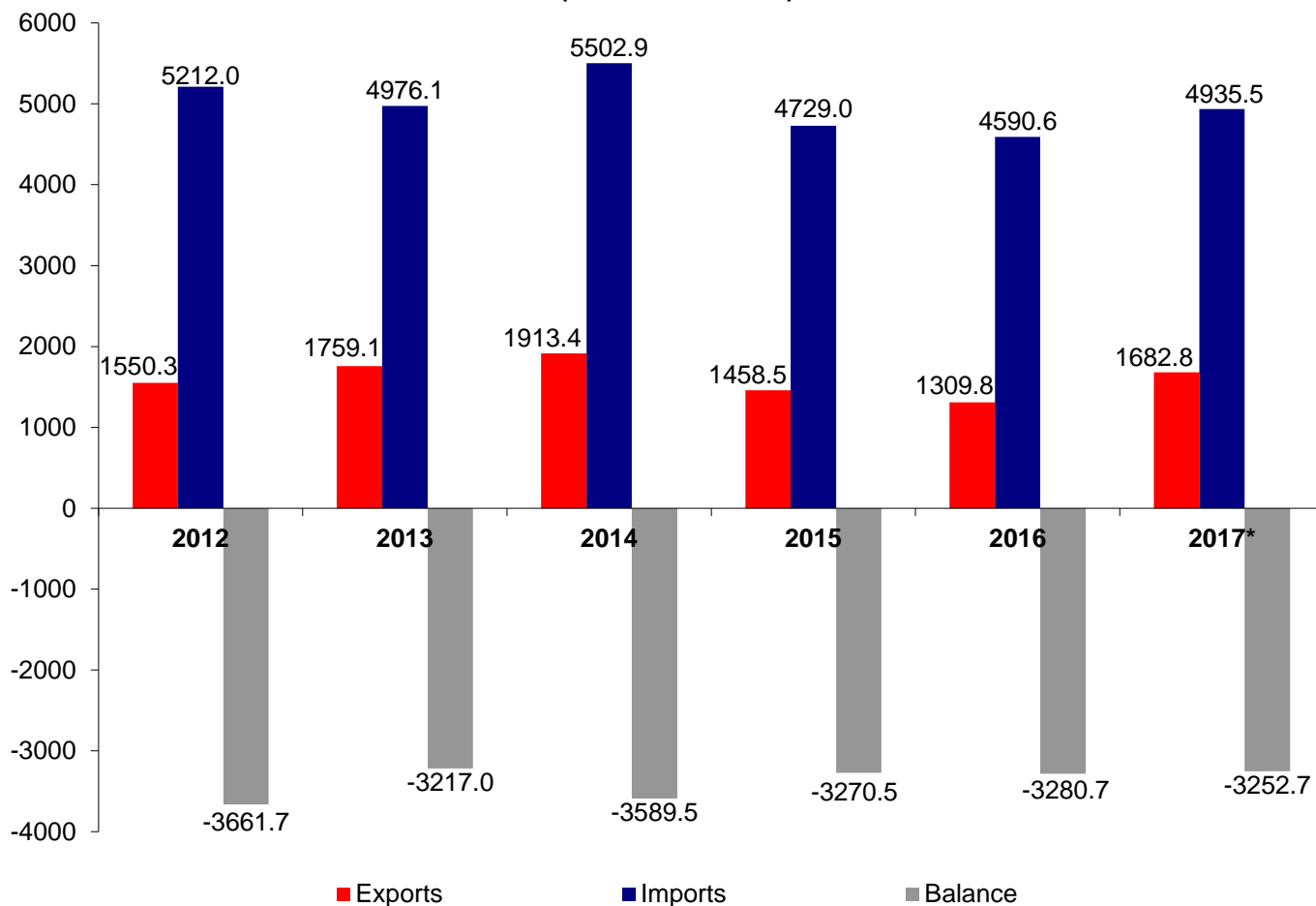
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**External Trade of Georgia in January- August 2017
(Preliminary)**

In January-August 2017 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) in Georgia amounted to USD 6618.2 million, 12.2 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1682.8 million (28.5 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 4935.5 million (7.5 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 3252.7 million in January-August 2017 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 49.1 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 1322.1 million, 27.0 percent higher year-on-year.

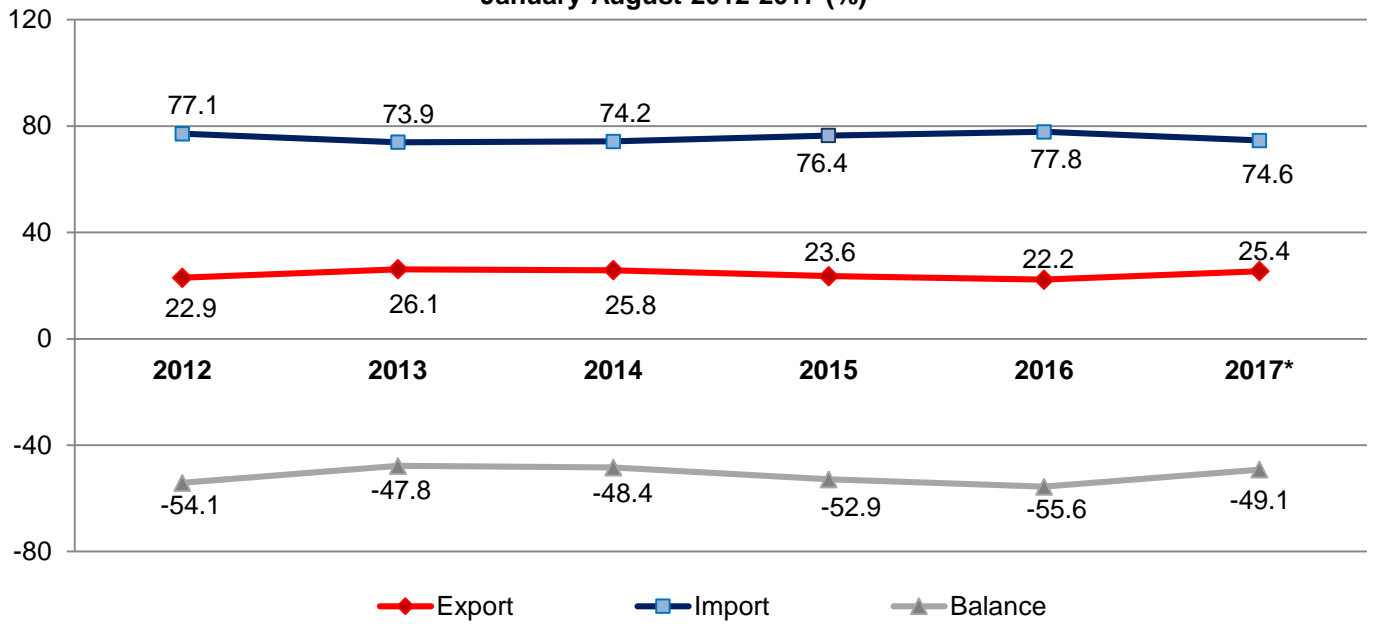
The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2012-2017:

**General data on external trade of Georgia in
January-August 2012-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



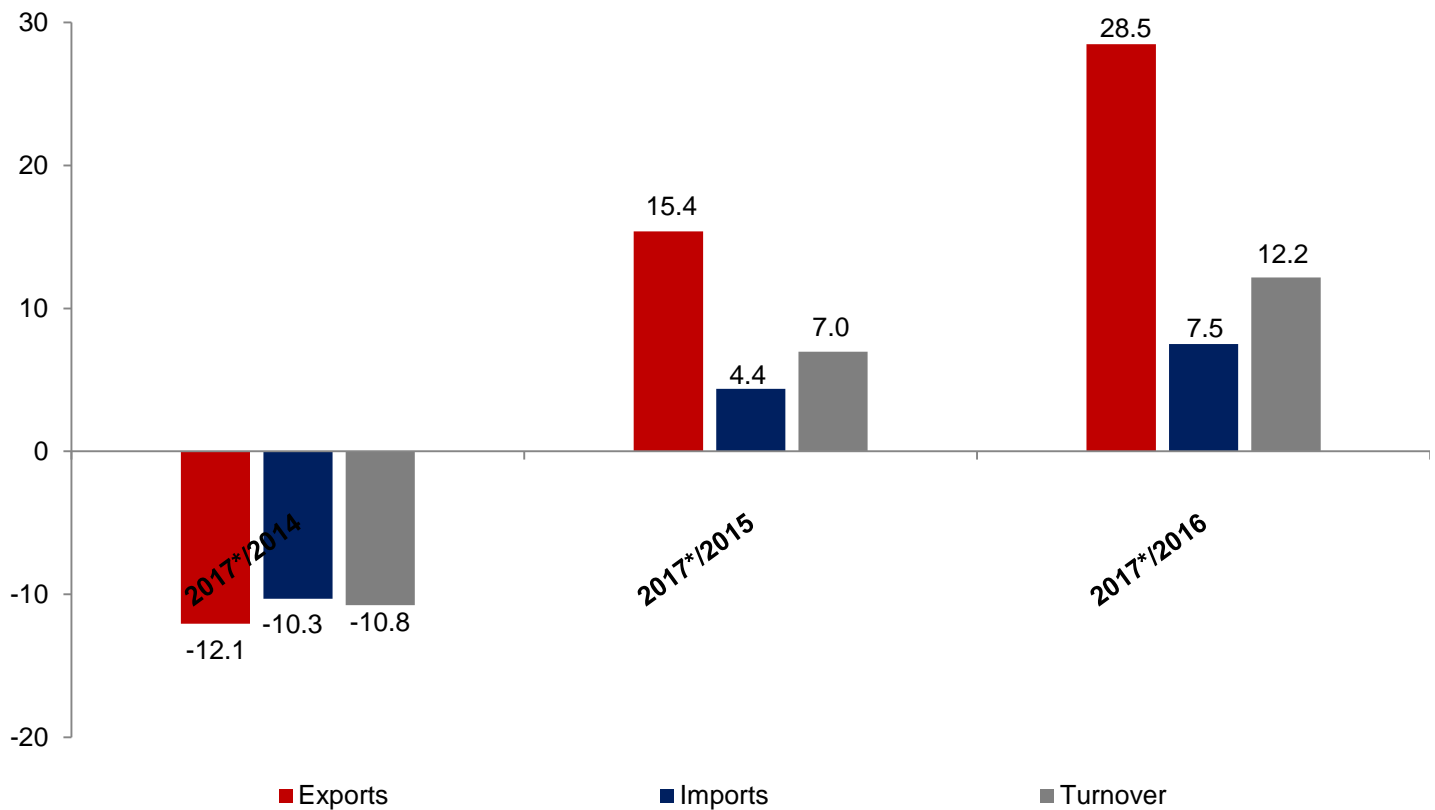
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Share of external trade indicators in turnover
January-August 2012-2017 (%)



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



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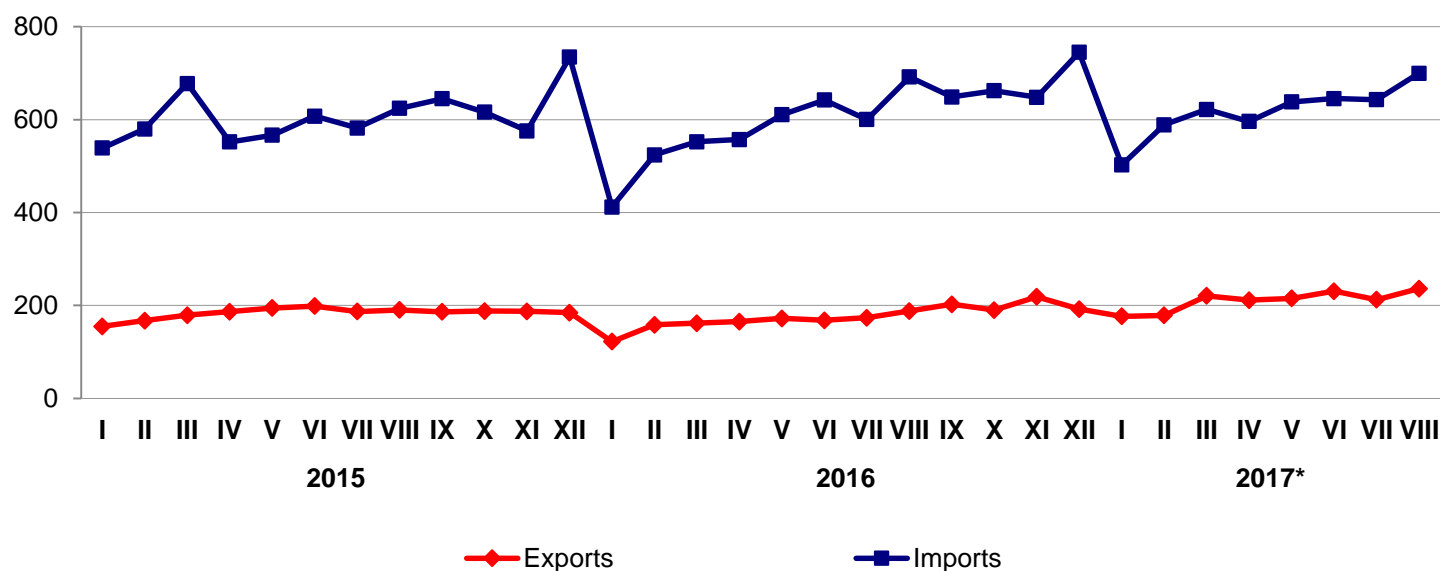
The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2017 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Exports and imports of Georgia

		Exports		Imports	
		Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Changes m-o-m (%)
2016	January	122 188.0	-21.2	411 902.4	-23.6
	February	158 392.0	-5.3	524 248.7	-9.6
	March	161 983.2	-9.5	552 359.4	-18.5
	April	165 488.7	-11.3	557 210.6	0.9
	May	172 267.9	-11.5	610 566.8	7.8
	June	167 996.4	-15.4	642 411.4	5.7
	July	173 586.4	-7.2	600 163.3	3.1
	August	187 931.1	-1.3	691 693.4	10.8
	September	202 368.7	8.6	648 853.6	0.6
	October	190 013.5	1.1	662 159.2	7.5
	November	218 736.2	16.8	647 979.2	12.5
	December	192 184.1	4.1	744 733.0	1.4
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	502 405.7	22.0
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 951.6	12.3
	March	220 843.5	36.3	621 843.3	12.6
	April	211 605.9	27.9	596 077.5	7.0
	May	215 234.8	24.9	638 223.3	4.5
	June	230 813.3	37.4	645 315.3	0.5
	July	212 474.8	22.4	642 963.7	7.1
	August	236 122.3	25.6	699 675.6	1.2

*Preliminary data.

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



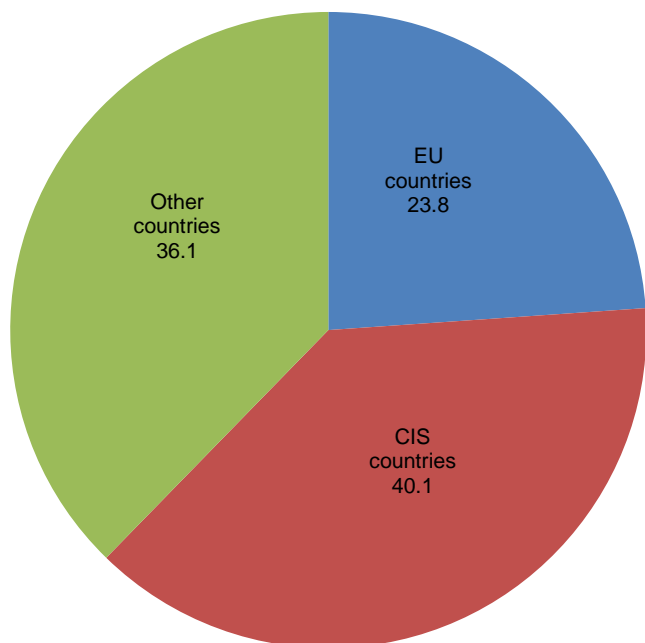
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In January-August 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1804.4 million, grew by 7.4 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 400.9 million (26.6 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 1403.5 million (2.9 percent higher). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 27.3 percent, 23.8 percent in exports and 28.4 percent in imports (in January-August 2016 28.5, 24.2 and 29.7 percent correspondingly). 30.8 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (31.9 percent in January-August 2016).

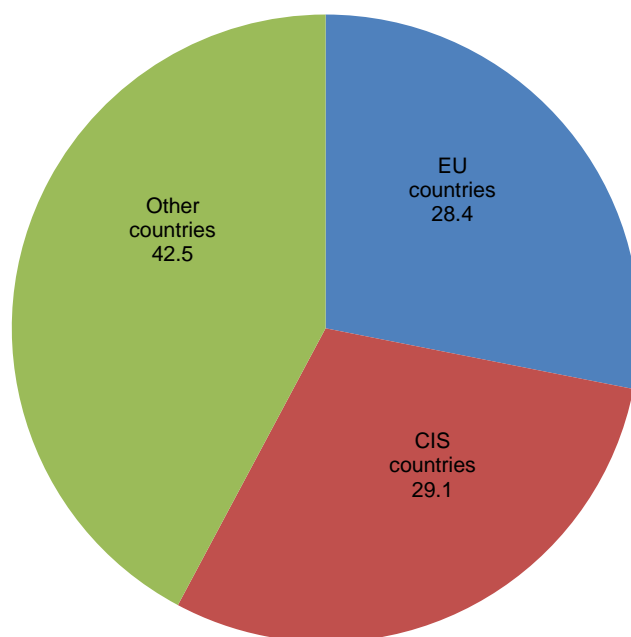
In January-August 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 2110.5 million (higher by 31.0 percent compared to January-August 2016). Exports stood at USD 674.0 million (58.1 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 1436.5 million (21.3 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 31.9 percent, 40.1 percent in exports and 29.1 percent in imports (In January-August 2016 27.3, 32.5 and 25.8 percent, respectively). In January-August 2017 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, CIS countries accounted for 23.4 percent of the overall trade deficit (23.1 percent in January-August 2016).

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

**Georgian exports by country groups
January-August 2017* (%)**



**Georgian import by country groups
January-August 2017* (%)**



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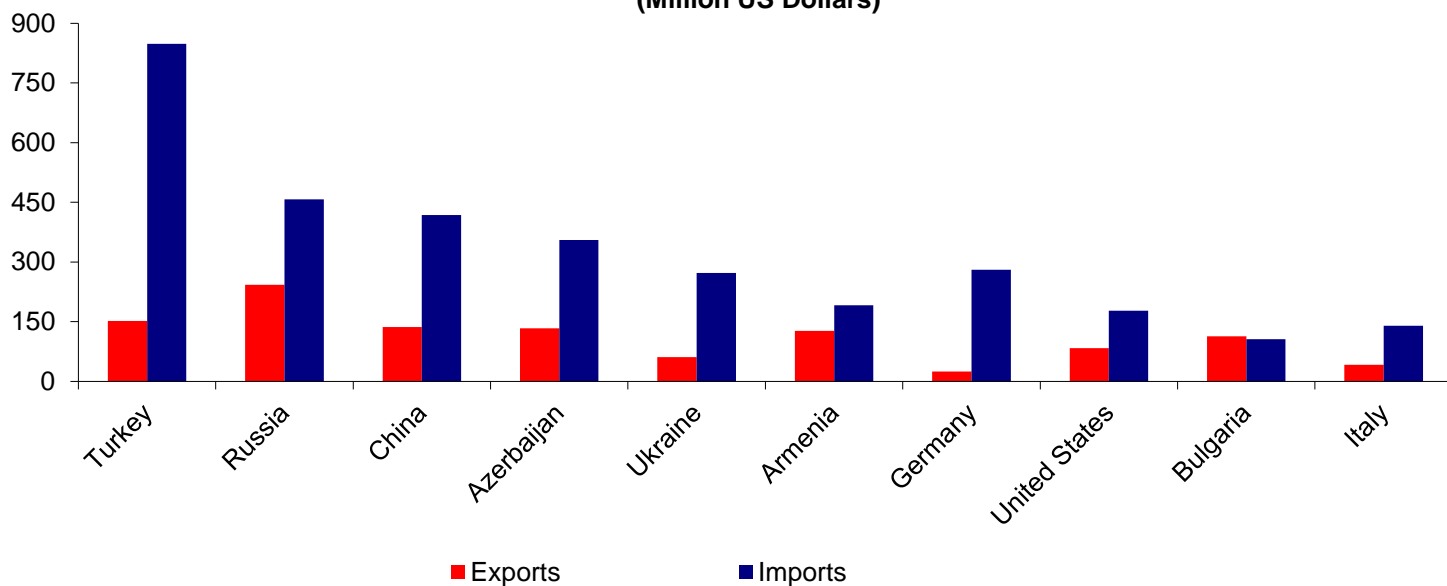
In January-August 2017 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 65.9 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1000.2 million), Russia (USD 700.4 million) and China (USD 554.1 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in January-August 2017*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	1 682 779.1	100.0	4 935 456.0	100.0	6 618 235.1	100.0
of which:						
Turkey	151 790.7	9.0	848 405.9	17.2	1 000 196.7	15.1
Russia	242 896.8	14.4	457 511.4	9.3	700 408.2	10.6
China	136 485.3	8.1	417 652.3	8.5	554 137.6	8.4
Azerbaijan	132 977.3	7.9	354 831.4	7.2	487 808.7	7.4
Ukraine	60 727.2	3.6	272 026.6	5.5	332 753.8	5.0
Armenia	126 856.5	7.5	191 120.1	3.9	317 976.6	4.8
Germany	24 572.2	1.5	280 382.0	5.7	304 954.2	4.6
United States	83 656.3	5.0	177 824.5	3.6	261 480.8	4.0
Bulgaria	113 404.2	6.7	106 081.8	2.1	219 486.0	3.3
Italy	41 116.0	2.4	139 553.3	2.8	180 669.3	2.7
Other countries	568 296.5	33.8	1 690 066.7	34.2	2 258 363.2	34.1

*Preliminary data.

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



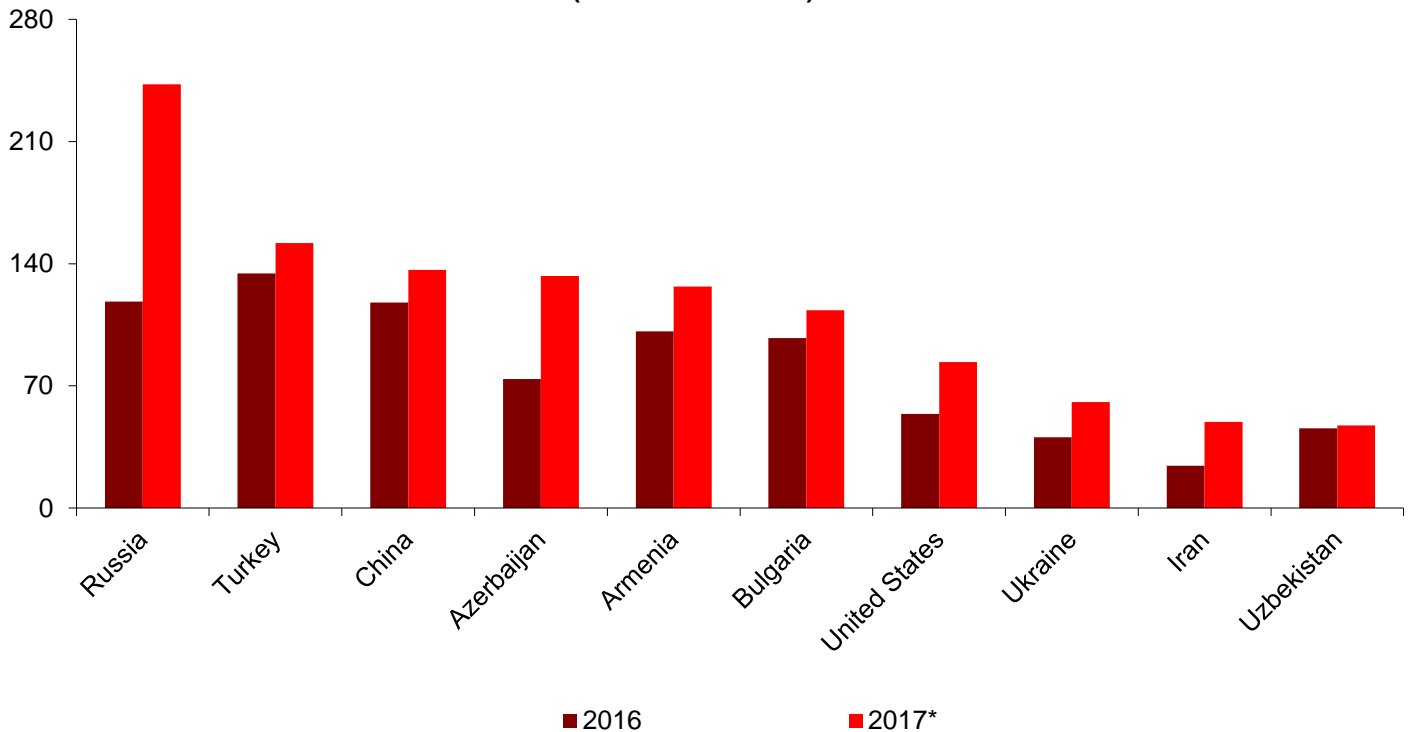
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Top trading partners by exports in January-August 2017

	January-August 2016*		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 309 833.6	100.0	1 682 779.1	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	118 253.8	9.0	242 896.8	14.4
Turkey	134 450.7	10.3	151 790.7	9.0
China	117 700.8	9.0	136 485.3	8.1
Azerbaijan	73 896.2	5.6	132 977.3	7.9
Armenia	101 341.2	7.7	126 856.5	7.5
Bulgaria	97 358.4	7.4	113 404.2	6.7
United States	54 011.1	4.1	83 656.3	5.0
Ukraine	40 598.4	3.1	60 727.2	3.6
Iran	24 210.4	1.8	49 442.8	2.9
Uzbekistan	45 679.3	3.5	47 354.2	2.8
Other countries	502 333.4	38.4	537 187.8	31.9

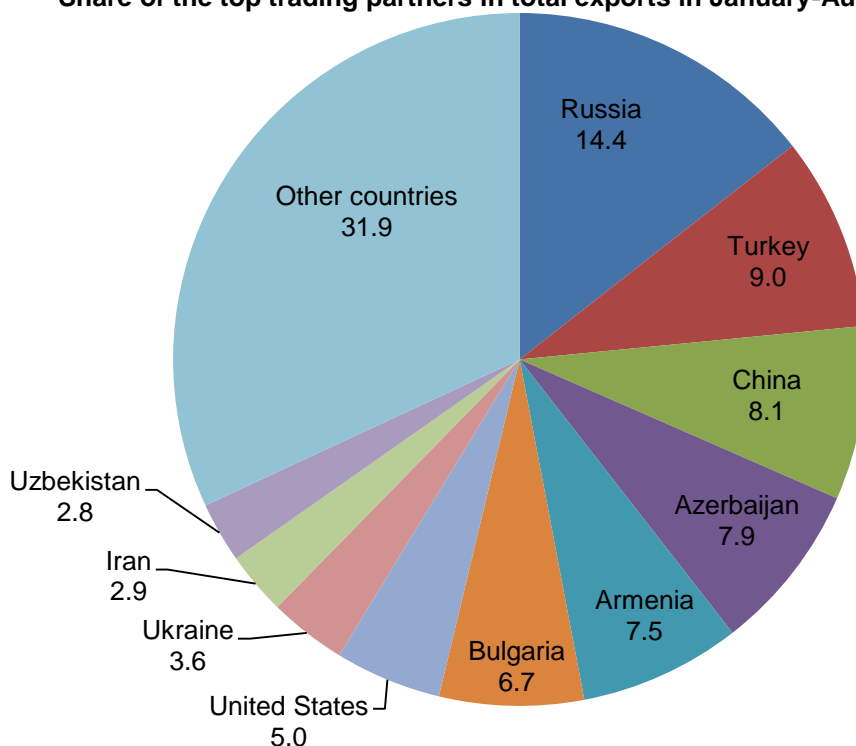
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Top trading partners by exports in January-August 2016-2017 (Million US Dollars)



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



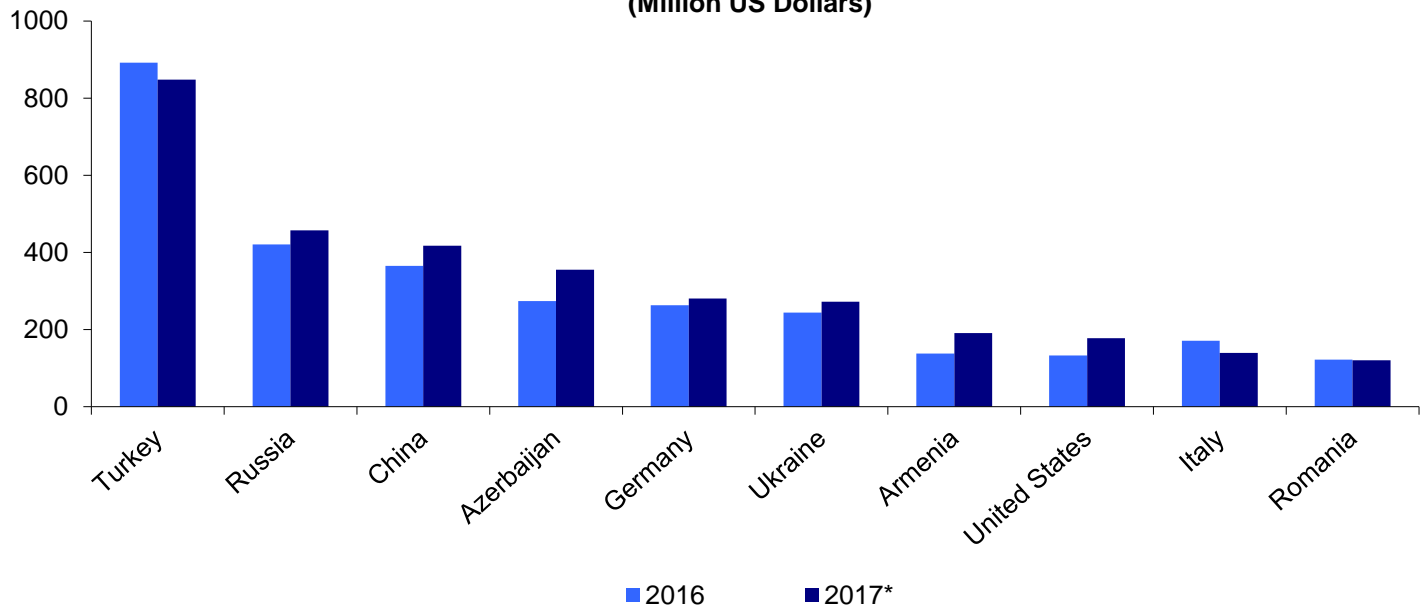
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Top trading partners by imports in January-August 2017

	January-August 2016*		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	4 590 556.1	100.0	4 935 456.0	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	891 699.6	19.4	848 405.9	17.2
Russia	420 848.9	9.2	457 511.4	9.3
China	364 737.3	7.9	417 652.3	8.5
Azerbaijan	273 582.9	6.0	354 831.4	7.2
Germany	263 291.3	5.7	280 382.0	5.7
Ukraine	244 208.8	5.3	272 026.6	5.5
Armenia	138 105.3	3.0	191 120.1	3.9
United States	132 994.0	2.9	177 824.5	3.6
Italy	170 538.2	3.7	139 553.3	2.8
Romania	121 726.8	2.7	120 185.9	2.4
Other countries	1 568 823.1	34.2	1 675 962.6	34.0

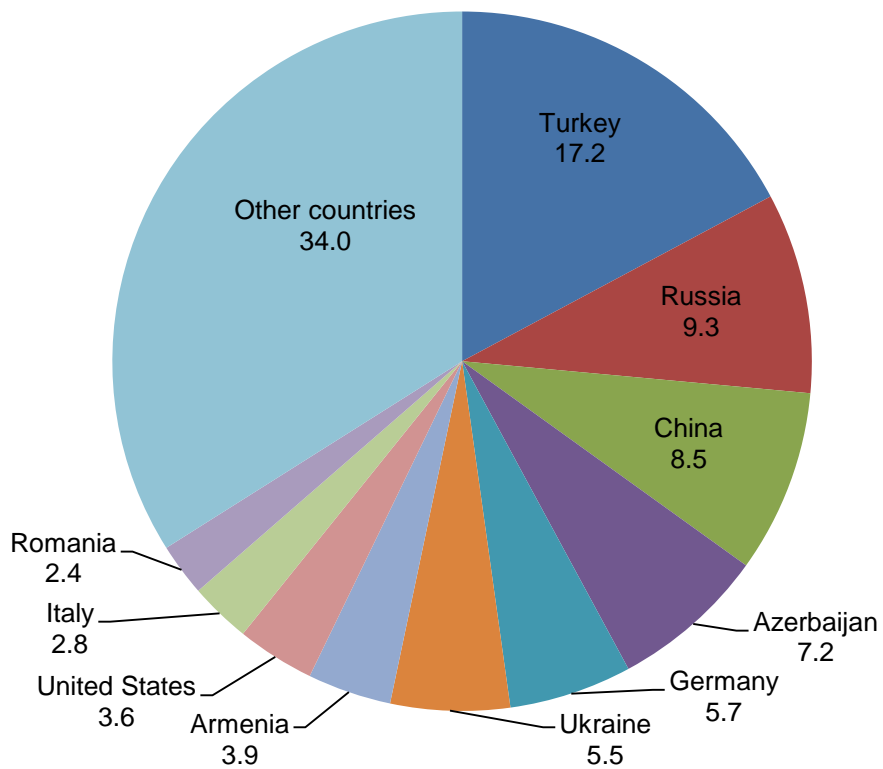
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**Top trading partners by imports in January-August 2016-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



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



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

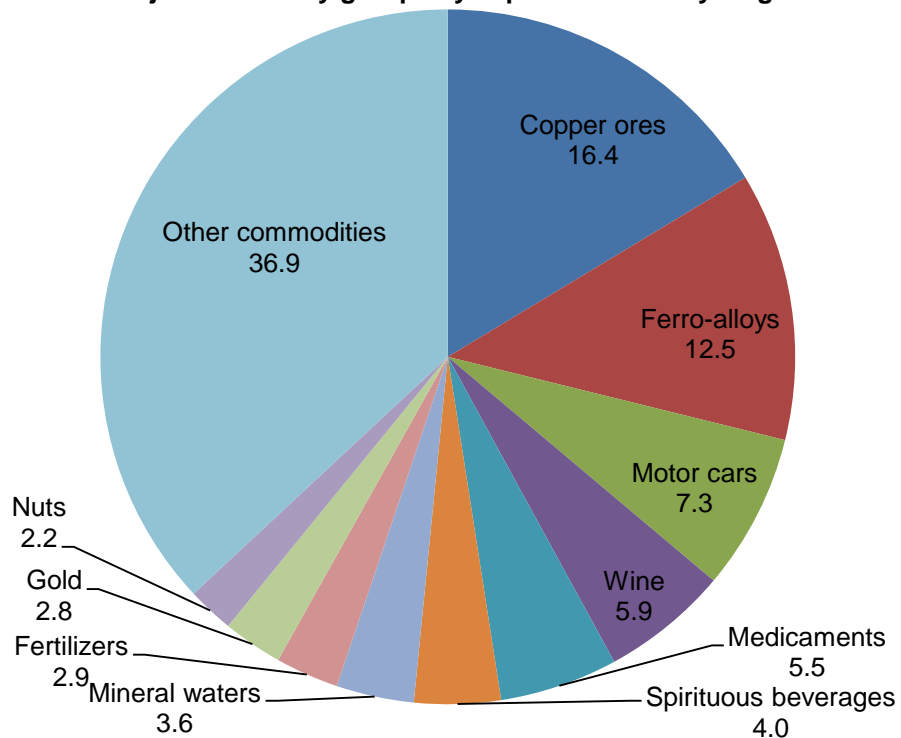
In January-August 2017 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 275.5 million, or 16.4 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 210.0 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 12.5 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 122.6 million and 7.3 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	1 309 833.6	100.0	1 682 779.1	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	205 063.7	15.7	275 464.5	16.4
Ferro-alloys	111 609.1	8.5	210 046.3	12.5
Motor cars	103 438.1	7.9	122 603.5	7.3
Wine of fresh grapes	65 633.4	5.0	99 447.6	5.9
Medicaments	62 745.8	4.8	92 476.2	5.5
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	51 613.0	3.9	67 647.5	4.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	53 971.3	4.1	60 816.6	3.6
Mineral or chemical fertilizers	51 621.5	3.9	49 513.0	2.9
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	55 263.1	4.2	46 703.9	2.8
Other nuts, fresh or dried	90 642.4	6.9	36 461.6	2.2
Other commodities	458 232.2	35.0	621 598.4	36.9

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



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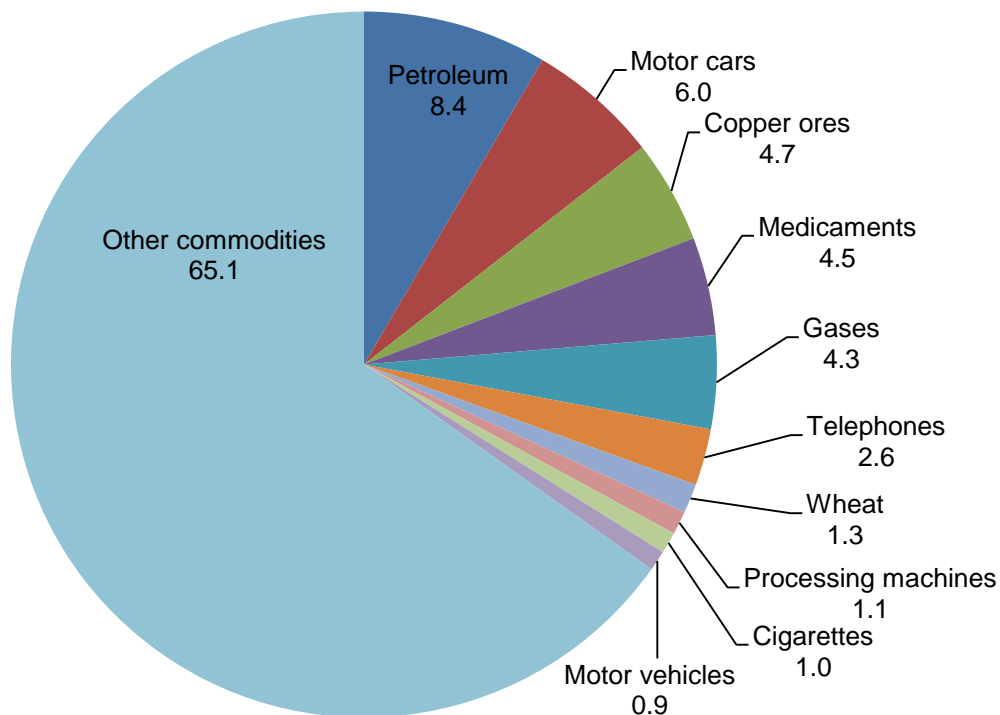
The top import commodity In January-August 2017 were, Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 416.7 million and 8.4 percent of the total imports. Motor cars commodity group followed in the list with USD 296.8 million, or 6.0 percent of imports. Copper ores and concentrates came third with USD 233.3 million (4.7 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	4 590 556.1	100.0	4 935 456.0	100
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	357 124.8	7.8	416 731.4	8.4
Motor cars	305 327.8	6.7	296 773.1	6.0
Copper ores and concentrates	168 324.6	3.7	233 298.2	4.7
Medicaments	204 000.7	4.4	221 394.0	4.5
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	167 170.2	3.6	210 819.6	4.3
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	98 916.5	2.2	128 124.4	2.6
Wheat	52 280.1	1.1	65 711.1	1.3
Automatic data processing machines	40 855.7	0.9	52 942.0	1.1
Cigarettes	65 342.0	1.4	48 440.2	1.0
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	42 967.1	0.9	45 873.4	0.9
Other commodities	3 088 246.6	67.3	3 215 348.6	65.1

*Preliminary data.

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



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	134 450.7		151 790.7	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	28 046.3	1 037.7	32 385.8	1 120.5
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	8 567.3	27 795.1	17 895.0	46 816.5
Ferro-alloys	5 179.0	7 473.0	17 182.4	15 606.3
Electrical energy	13 097.0	...	11 939.6	...
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	10 391.3	25 661.4	8 307.0	16 913.2
Other commodities	69 169.8		64 081.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	891 699.6		848 405.9	
Of which:				
Medicaments	32 384.4	515.1	38 498.2	443.6
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	27 649.8	42 397.2	27 336.9	41 249.1
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	40 612.7	20 869.1	26 599.8	13 633.9
Sanitary commodities	24 659.6	7 078.2	22 293.9	6 873.3
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	16 639.8	723.9	21 675.3	928.6
Other commodities	749 753.3		712 001.8	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	118 253.8		242 896.8	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	19 484.5	28 044.6	86 393.4	264 494.0
Wine of fresh grapes	31 783.4	11 435.5	57 949.5	21 326.1
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	24 189.6	35 560.0	29 367.8	43 710.7
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	6 582.6	1 278.0	12 990.0	4 153.2
Motor cars (units)	3 030.4	846	9 030.0	1 927
Other commodities	33 183.2		47 166.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	420 848.9		457 511.4	
Of which:				
Wheat	52 278.2	273 625.6	65 706.7	342 078.8
Petroleum and petroleum oils	63 796.6	147 620.6	61 479.0	113 907.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	13 583.2	37 491.8	23 851.5	78 059.5
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	5 998.0	4.4	21 894.0	62.3
Sunflower oil	17 263.7	17 500.0	18 880.1	21 150.0
Other commodities	267 929.2		265 700.2	

*Preliminary data.

CHINA**Exports of major commodity groups to China**

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	117 700.8		136 485.3	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	103 912.6	83 960.8	113 382.0	92 535.0
Wine of fresh grapes	8 562.8	2 376.4	13 454.8	3 640.8
Motor cars (units)	1 217.0	10	4 398.5	92
Copper waste and scrap	3 154.7	912.6	1 933.3	524.3
Udenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	429.8	36.8	1 046.9	145.6
Other commodities	423.8		2 269.8	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from China

	January-August 2016		January-August 2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	364 737.3		417 652.3	
Of which:				
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel	13 116.1	20 027.4	23 972.9	34 472.3
Automatic data processing machines	13 905.3	169.6	15 934.3	188.8
Air conditioning machines	13 293.8	2 560.8	12 824.9	2 381.2
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	9 208.1	3 935.1	11 752.3	4 886.6
Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics	8 176.6	1 015.9	11 626.9	1 525.6
Other commodities	307 037.5		341 541.0	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
January-August 2016	91	3 459,1
January-August 2017*	93	3 394,3
Positive trade balance		
January-August 2016	39	178,4
January-August 2017*	40	141,6
Total		
January-August 2016	130	3 280,7
January-August 2017*	133	3 252,7

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries In January-August 2017* (Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	1 682 779.1	4 935 456.0	-3 252 676.9
Of which:			
EU countries	400 880.0	1 403 548.4	-1 002 668.3
Austria	3 553.0	36 175.2	-32 622.2
Belgium	9 735.0	47 505.1	-37 770.1
Bulgaria	113 404.2	106 081.8	7 322.4
Croatia	5.0	2 430.5	-2 425.5
Cyprus	1 395.6	10 733.4	-9 337.8
Czech Republic	5 785.6	42 288.8	-36 503.2
Denmark	274.0	10 599.5	-10 325.5
Estonia	1 947.4	4 499.5	-2 552.1
Finland	85.6	12 635.2	-12 549.6
France	16 614.0	86 654.0	-70 040.0
Germany	24 572.2	280 382.0	-255 809.8
Greece	3 238.2	53 144.0	-49 905.8
Hungary	788.4	31 779.1	-30 990.7
Ireland	267.3	27 324.0	-27 056.7
Italy	41 116.0	139 553.3	-98 437.3
Latvia	5 428.8	11 153.3	-5 724.5
Lithuania	21 871.5	32 164.8	-10 293.3
Luxembourg	2 169.5	1 848.8	320.7
Malta	8 701.6	1 660.9	7 040.7
Netherlands	24 760.4	98 207.2	-73 446.9
Poland	13 581.5	77 185.5	-63 604.0
Portugal	-	7 325.1	-7 325.1
Romania	45 302.8	120 185.9	-74 883.1
Slovakia	1 292.1	8 501.3	-7 209.2
Slovenia	811.8	14 081.4	-13 269.6
Spain	45 386.9	66 689.5	-21 302.6
Sweden	193.2	7 647.2	-7 454.0
United Kingdom	8 598.3	65 111.9	-56 513.7

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
CIS countries	674 031.5	1 436 514.2	-762 482.7
Armenia	126 856.5	191 120.1	-64 263.6
Azerbaijan	132 977.3	354 831.4	-221 854.1
Belarus	16 349.7	50 039.6	-33 689.9
Kazakhstan	27 669.5	21 842.3	5 827.2
Kyrgyzstan	5 219.8	969.9	4 250.0
Moldova	1 813.6	7 208.2	-5 394.5
Russia	242 896.8	457 511.4	-214 614.7
Tajikistan	2 495.1	-	2 495.1
Turkmenistan	9 671.8	76 883.6	-67 211.7
Ukraine	60 727.2	272 026.6	-211 299.4
Uzbekistan	47 354.2	4 081.3	43 272.9
Other countries	607 867.6	2 095 393.4	-1 487 525.9
Afghanistan	107.8	1.2	106.6
Albania	22.1	55.7	-33.6
Algeria	-	5.4	-5.4
Angola	4 653.4	-	4 653.4
Argentina	-	2 295.0	-2 295.0
Australia	408.9	737.7	-328.8
Bahamas	-	1 383.2	-1 383.2
Bahrain	142.0	0.5	141.5
Bangladesh	-	1 053.3	-1 053.3
Belize	-	39.5	-39.5
Bhutan	19.8	-	19.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	246.4	-242.8
Brazil	-	59 021.9	-59 021.9
Cambodia	-	3.5	-3.5
Canada	962.1	16 486.0	-15 523.9
Chile	477.6	29 271.7	-28 794.2
China	136 485.3	417 652.3	-281 167.0
Colombia	682.0	10 143.3	-9 461.3
Costa Rica	-	200.5	-200.5
Cote d'Ivoire	1.2	-	1.2
Cuba	-	92.6	-92.6
Djibouti	-	27.0	-27.0
Dominican Republic	-	14.5	-14.5
Ecuador	-	11 868.8	-11 868.8
Egypt	5 812.5	4 090.8	1 721.7
Ethiopia	152.6	205.0	-52.3
French Polynesia	-	2.7	-2.7
Gabon	-	997.0	-997.0
Gambia	-	25.2	-25.2
Ghana	14.8	-	14.8
Gibraltar	5 830.1	-	5 830.1
Guatemala	91.8	-	91.8
Haiti	-	23.8	-23.8
Hong Kong, SAR of China	3 020.3	67 236.8	-64 216.5
Iceland	10.6	2 468.6	-2 458.1
India	7 225.8	33 760.7	-26 534.9
Indonesia	-	6 859.3	-6 859.3

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Iran	49 442.8	67 182.0	-17 739.3
Iraq	26 034.7	1 734.9	24 299.8
Israel	4 847.1	7 863.1	-3 016.0
Jamaica	-	0.6	-0.6
Japan	4 745.3	84 829.3	-80 084.0
Jordan	63.3	280.5	-217.2
Kenya	1 521.8	544.9	976.9
Korea, Republic of	9 496.2	51 815.5	-42 319.4
Kuwait	730.6	20.2	710.4
Lebanon	298.6	787.1	-488.5
Libya	393.3	312.9	80.3
Liechtenstein	-	306.2	-306.2
Macau	4.3	-	4.3
Macedonia (FYR)	145.7	339.3	-193.6
Malaysia	63.2	6 773.8	-6 710.6
Marshall Islands	-	20.5	-20.5
Martinique	57.7	-	57.7
Mauritania	-	59.0	-59.0
Mexico	6 654.0	1 841.6	4 812.4
Mongolia	292.9	-	292.9
Montenegro	-	11.0	-11.0
Morocco	2 749.6	2 033.0	716.6
Nepal	0.2	13.9	-13.7
New Zealand	-	1 255.1	-1 255.1
Niger	92.5	0.1	92.4
Nigeria	16.7	15.7	1.0
Norway	734.7	8 072.5	-7 337.8
Oman	0.2	93.9	-93.8
Pakistan	73.5	1 619.3	-1 545.8
Panama	1 024.6	90.2	934.4
Peru	3 869.1	45.2	3 823.8
Philippines	135.4	261.9	-126.5
Qatar	592.8	452.4	140.4
San Marino	-	102.1	-102.1
Saudi Arabia	3 457.6	1 691.3	1 766.3
Senegal	181.1	-	181.1
Serbia	216.4	4 824.7	-4 608.3
Sierra Leone	11.5	-	11.5
Singapore	8 868.6	10 264.2	-1 395.6
South Africa	42.8	6 618.5	-6 575.7
Sri Lanka	0.5	750.8	-750.2
Sudan	89.7	12.5	77.2
Switzerland	47 154.3	29 910.3	17 244.0
Syrian	65.0	152.5	-87.5
Taiwan, Province of China	433.6	4 503.6	-4 070.1
Tanzania,	655.3	-	655.3
Thailand	253.4	13 444.6	-13 191.2
Tunisia	1 724.8	218.8	1 506.0
Turkey	151 790.7	848 405.9	-696 615.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Uganda	76.1	15.3	60.8
United Arab Emirates	27 931.2	86 202.0	-58 270.9
United States	83 656.3	177 824.5	-94 168.2
Uruguay	45.7	912.3	-866.6
Venezuela	0.7	-	0.7
Viet Nam	977.5	4 368.8	-3 391.3
Virgin Islands, British	-	225.2	-225.2
Zimbabwe	29.8	-	29.8

*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.