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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

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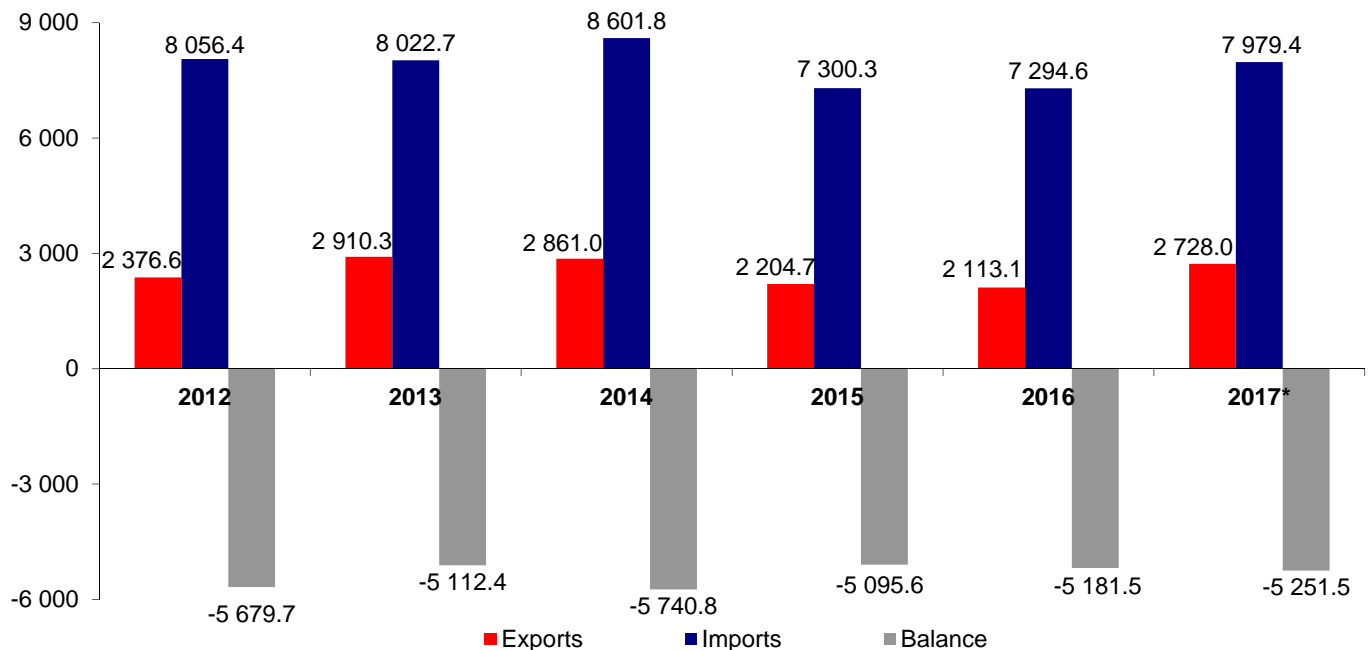
External Trade of Georgia in 2017

(Preliminary)

In 2017 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 10 707.4 million, 13.8 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2 728.0 million (29.1 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 7 979.4 million (9.4 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 5 251.5 million in 2017 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 49.0 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 2 063.0 million, 24.5 percent higher year-on-year.

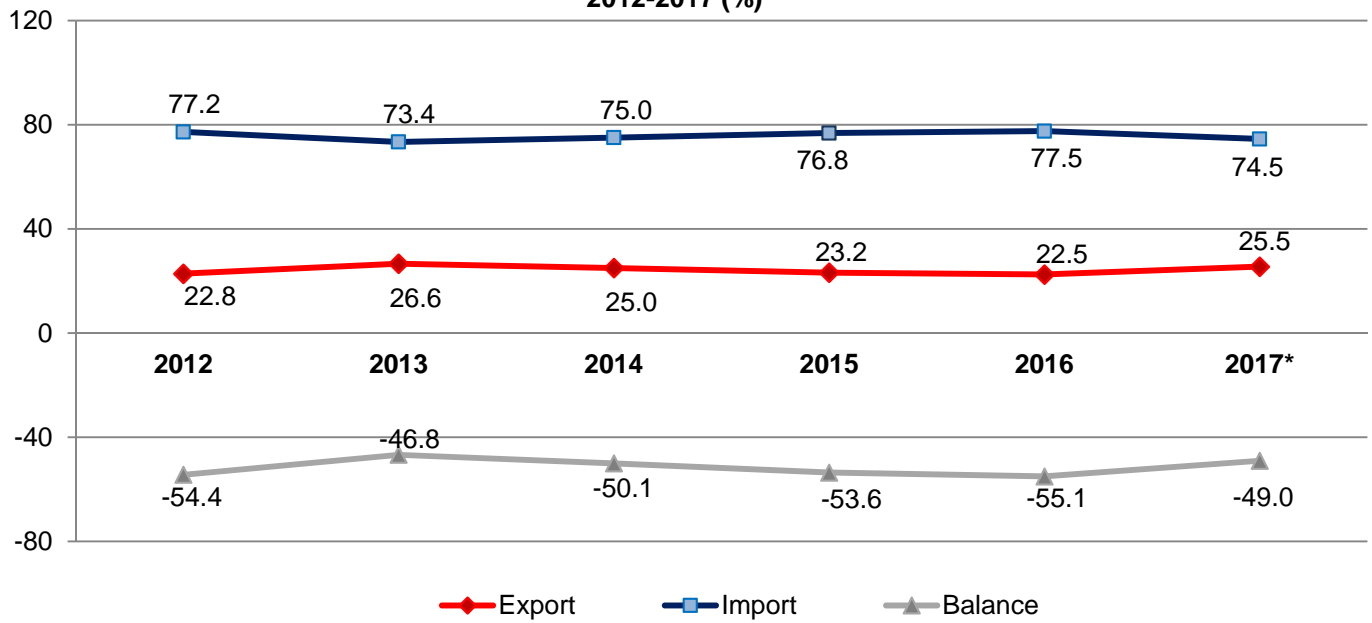
The charts below reflect basic trends of the external trade of Georgia for 2012-2017:

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



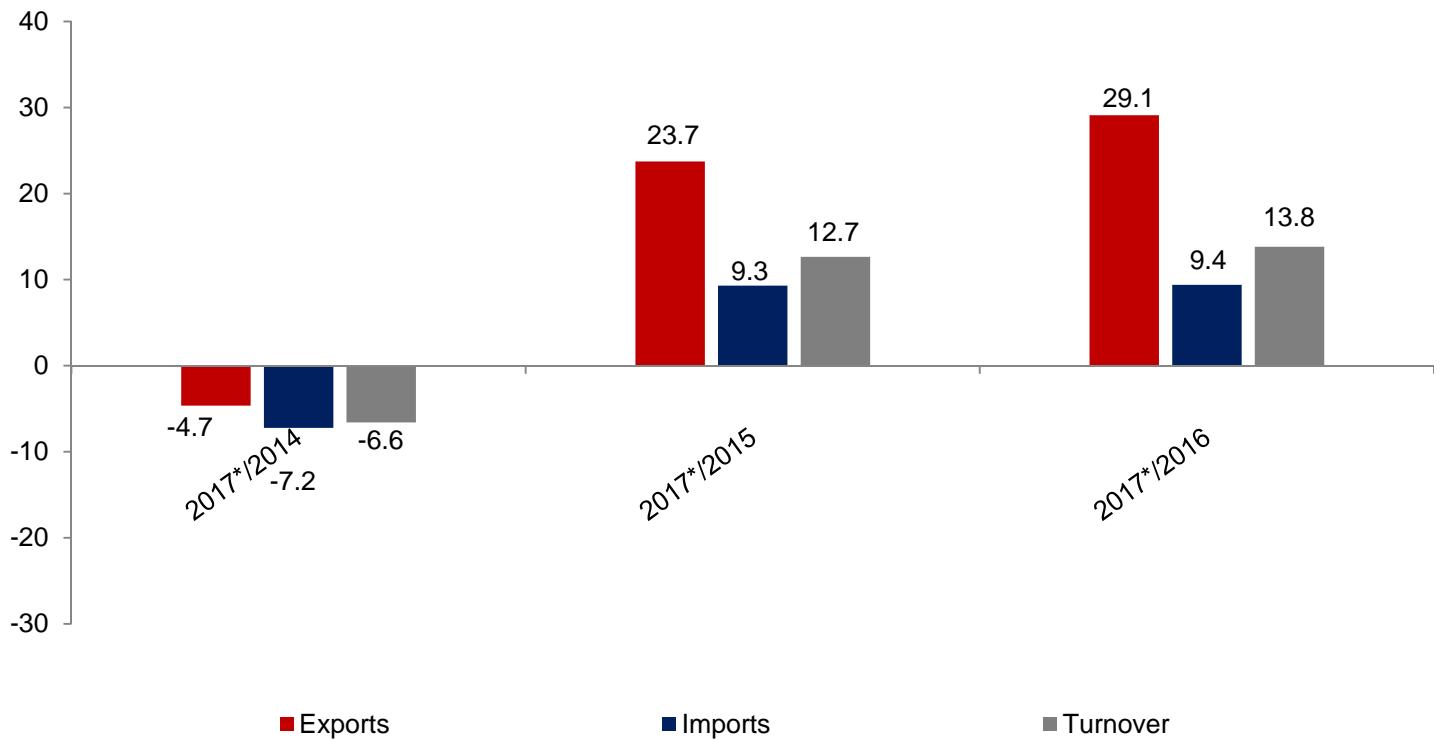
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**Share of external trade indicators in turnover
2012-2017 (%)**



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



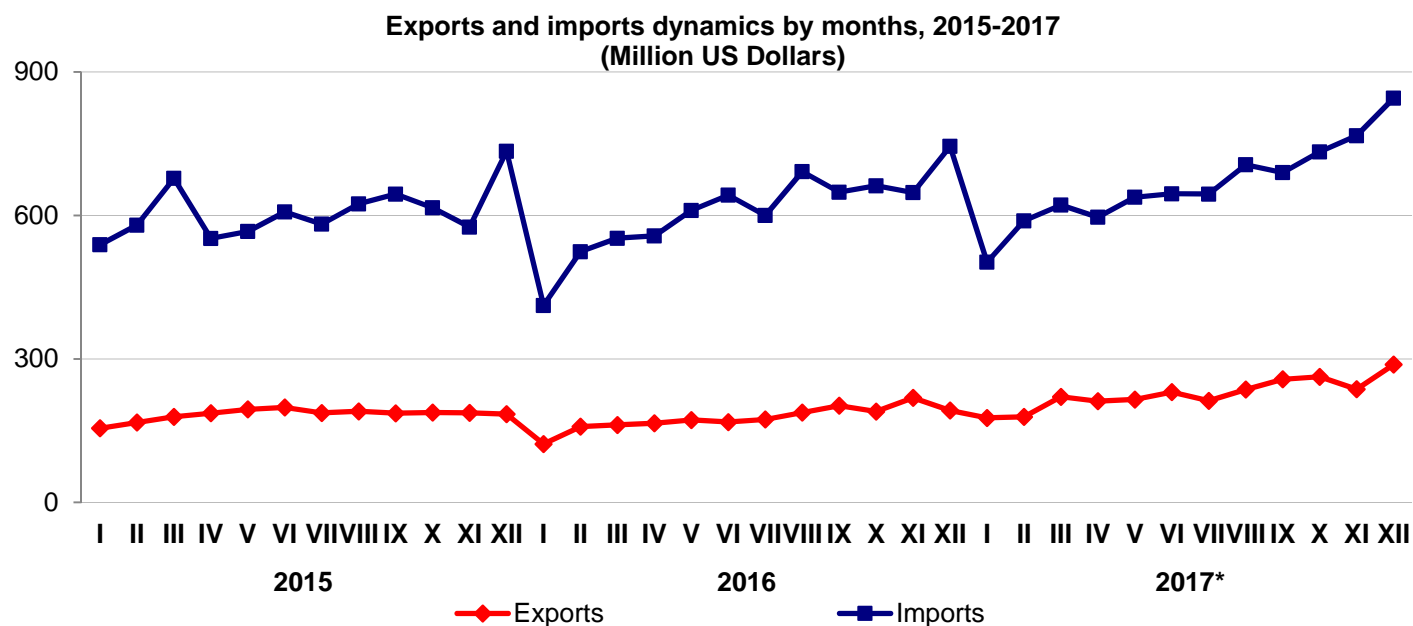
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The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2017 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their change (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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	411 902.7	-23.6
	February	158 392.0	-5.3	524 249.0	-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	610 704.8	7.8
	June	167 996.4	-15.4	642 542.5	5.8
	July	173 586.4	-7.2	600 172.7	3.1
	August	187 931.1	-1.3	691 718.7	10.8
	September	202 368.7	8.6	648 854.4	0.6
	October	190 013.5	1.1	662 176.8	7.5
	November	218 736.2	16.8	647 979.4	12.5
	December	192 184.1	4.1	744 734.0	1.4
2017*	January	176 774.5	44.7	502 458.3	22.0
	February	178 910.1	13.0	588 983.8	12.3
	March	220 843.5	36.3	621 832.6	12.6
	April	211 605.9	27.9	596 404.2	7.0
	May	215 234.8	24.9	638 299.2	4.5
	June	230 813.3	37.4	645 467.4	0.5
	July	212 474.8	22.4	644 781.2	7.4
	August	236 122.3	25.6	706 196.2	2.1
	September	257 521.1	27.3	689 754.4	6.3
	October	262 736.8	38.3	733 096.8	10.7
	November	236 697.7	8.2	766 834.9	18.3
	December	288 236.7	50.0	845 325.9	13.5

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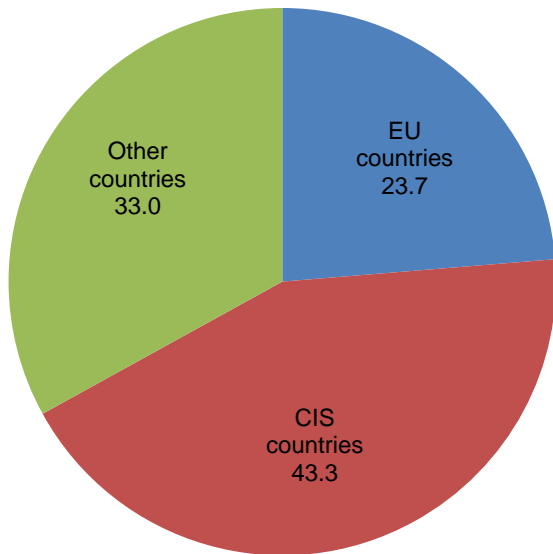
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In 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 844.0 million, grew by 2.0 percent compared to the previous year. Exports amounted to USD 646.5 million (13.0 percent higher), while imports amounted to USD 2 197.5 million (0.8 percent lower). The share of these countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 26.6 percent, 23.7 percent in exports and 27.5 percent in imports (in 2016 29.6, 27.1 and 30.4 percent correspondingly). 29.5 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (31.7 percent in 2016).

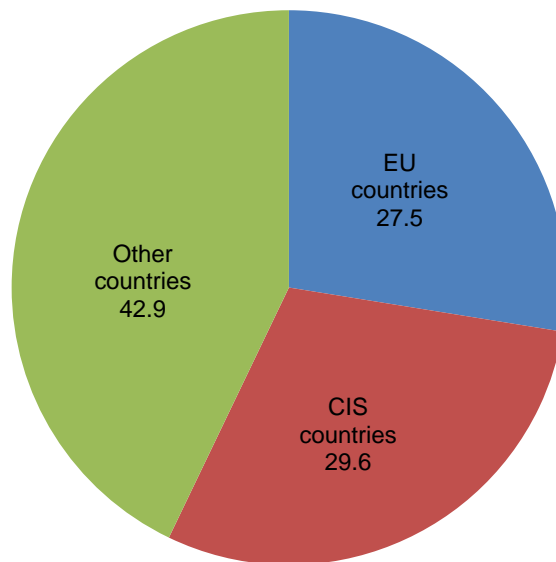
In 2017 the external trade turnover of Georgia with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 541.6 million (higher by 30.2 percent compared to 2016). Exports stood at USD 1 180.7 million (60.0 percent higher), while imports equaled USD 2 360.9 million (19.2 percent higher). The share of the CIS countries in the external trade turnover of Georgia constituted 33.1 percent, 43.3 percent in exports and 29.6 percent in imports (In 2016 28.9, 34.9 and 27.2 percent, respectively). In 2017 compared to previous year, CIS countries accounted for 22.5 percent of the overall trade deficit (24.0 percent in 2016).

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

Georgian export by country in 2017* (%)



Georgian import by country in 2017* (%)



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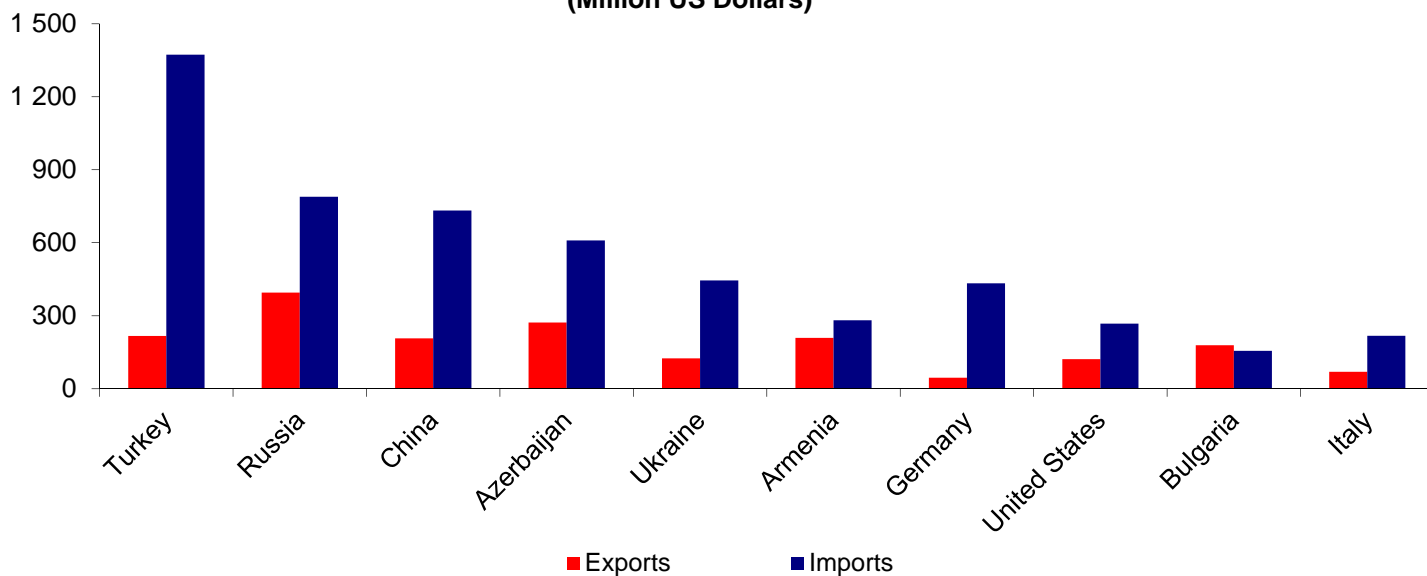
In 2017 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.7 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 589.4 million), Russia (USD 1 183.7 million) and China (USD 939.5 million).

Top trading partners by turnover in 2017*

	Exports		Imports		Turnover	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total	2 727 971.5	100.0	7 979 435.0	100.0	10 707 406.5	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	216 567.1	7.9	1 372 802.7	17.2	1 589 377.7	14.8
Russia	394 712.4	14.5	788 970.2	9.9	1 183 697.0	11.1
China	207 218.0	7.6	732 292.9	9.2	939 518.6	8.8
Azerbaijan	272 172.5	10.0	609 721.8	7.6	881 904.2	8.2
Ukraine	124 449.8	4.6	445 147.0	5.6	569 601.4	5.3
Armenia	208 701.5	7.7	281 137.6	3.5	489 846.7	4.6
Germany	45 361.6	1.7	433 330.0	5.4	478 693.2	4.5
United States	121 794.2	4.5	267 746.1	3.4	389 544.8	3.6
Bulgaria	178 827.4	6.6	155 551.2	1.9	334 385.2	3.1
Italy	69 278.0	2.5	217 299.6	2.7	286 580.2	2.7
Other countries	888 888.9	32.6	2 675 435.9	33.5	3 564 257.4	33.3

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



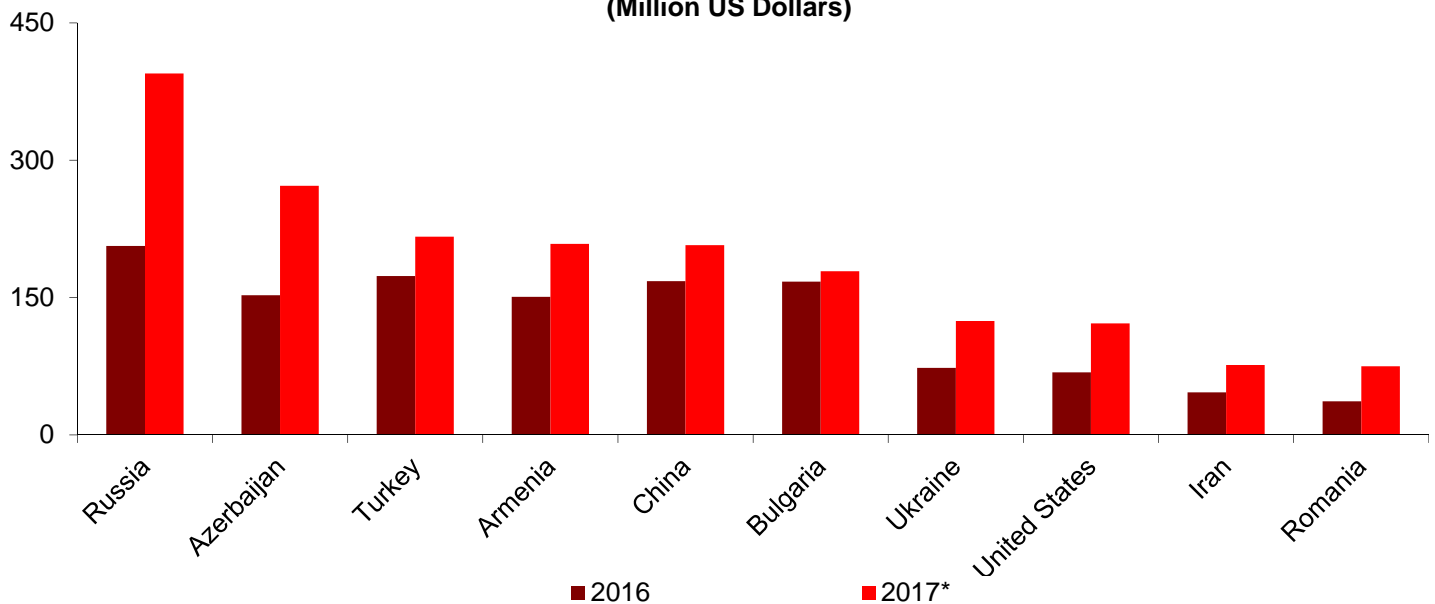
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Top trading partners by exports in 2017

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	2 113 136.1	100.0	2 727 971.5	100.0
Of which:				
Russia	206 366.4	9.8	394 712.4	14.5
Azerbaijan	152 599.3	7.2	272 172.5	10.0
Turkey	173 605.5	8.2	216 567.1	7.9
Armenia	150 807.8	7.1	208 701.5	7.7
China	167 896.2	7.9	207 218.0	7.6
Bulgaria	167 357.9	7.9	178 827.4	6.6
Ukraine	73 236.6	3.5	124 449.8	4.6
United States	68 283.1	3.2	121 794.2	4.5
Iran	46 592.2	2.2	76 326.9	2.8
Romania	36 721.4	1.7	75 023.6	2.8
Other countries	869 669.6	41.2	852 178.0	31.2

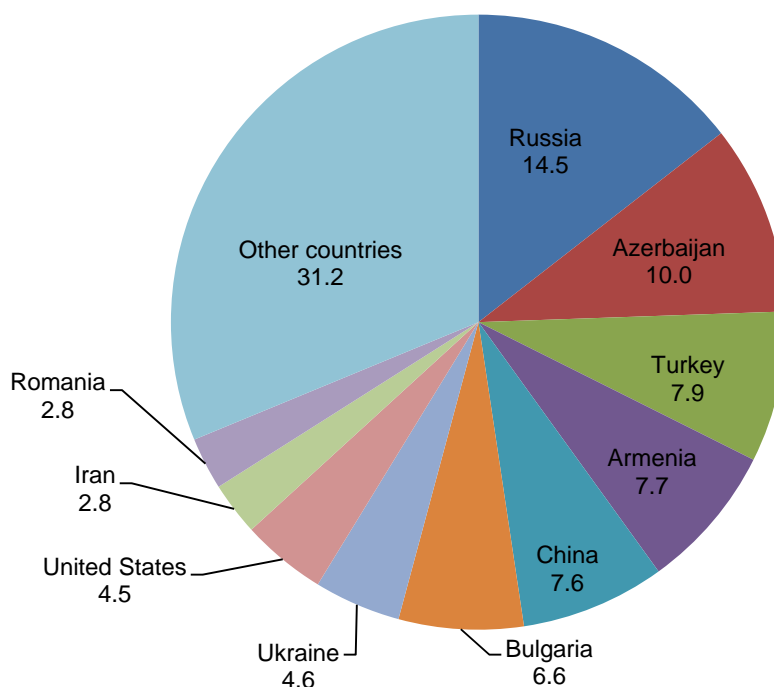
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Top trading partners by exports in 2016-2017 (Million US Dollars)



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



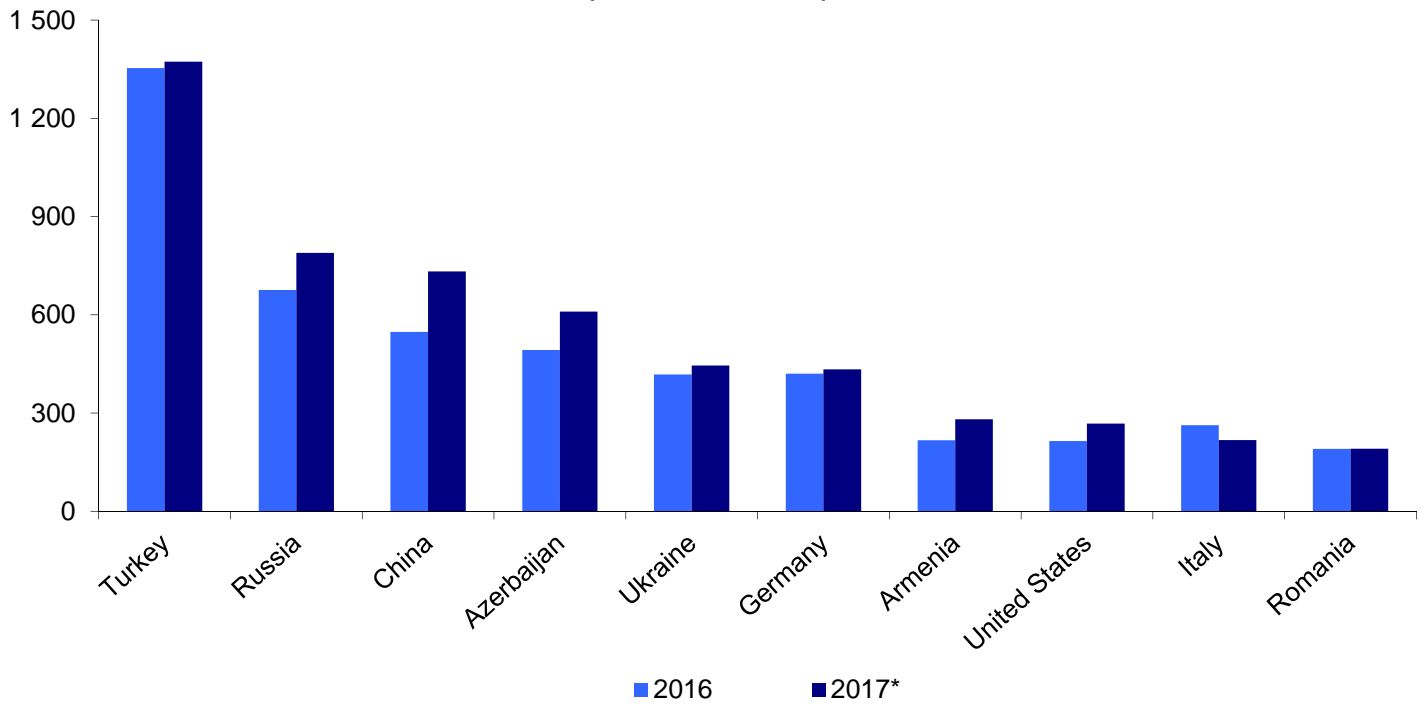
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Top trading partners by imports in 2017

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	7 294 605.0	100.0	7 979 435.0	100.0
Of which:				
Turkey	1 353 606.7	18.6	1 372 802.7	17.2
Russia	675 630.2	9.3	788 970.2	9.9
China	547 768.8	7.5	732 292.9	9.2
Azerbaijan	492 476.7	6.8	609 721.8	7.6
Ukraine	417 857.4	5.7	445 147.0	5.6
Germany	420 357.3	5.8	433 330.0	5.4
Armenia	216 816.9	3.0	281 137.6	3.5
United States	214 613.4	2.9	267 746.1	3.4
Italy	263 073.1	3.6	217 299.6	2.7
Romania	190 328.1	2.6	191 014.2	2.4
Other countries	2 502 076.5	34.3	2 639 972.9	33.1

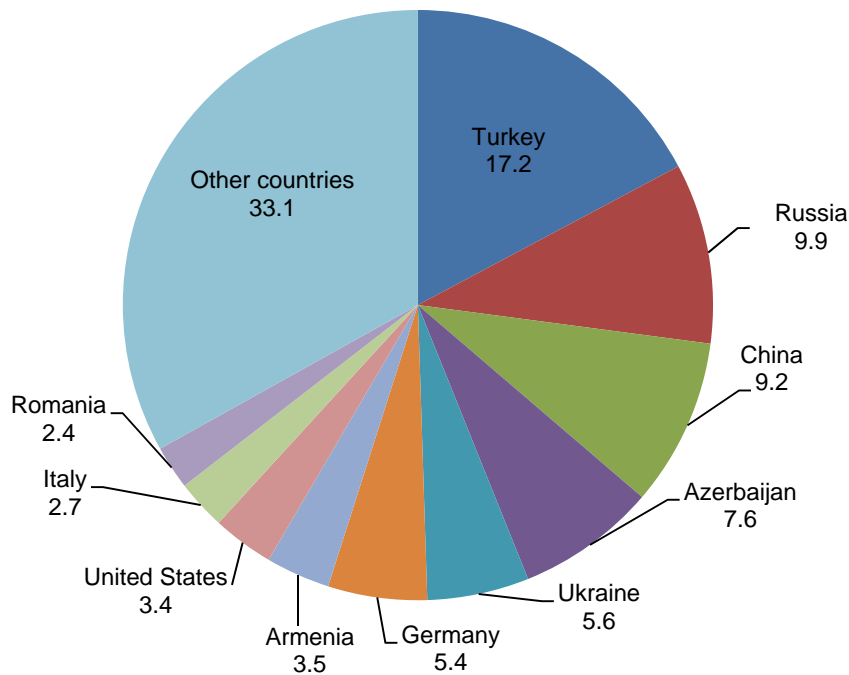
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**Top trading partners by imports in 2016-2017
(Million US Dollars)**



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



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Major commodity groups by exports and imports

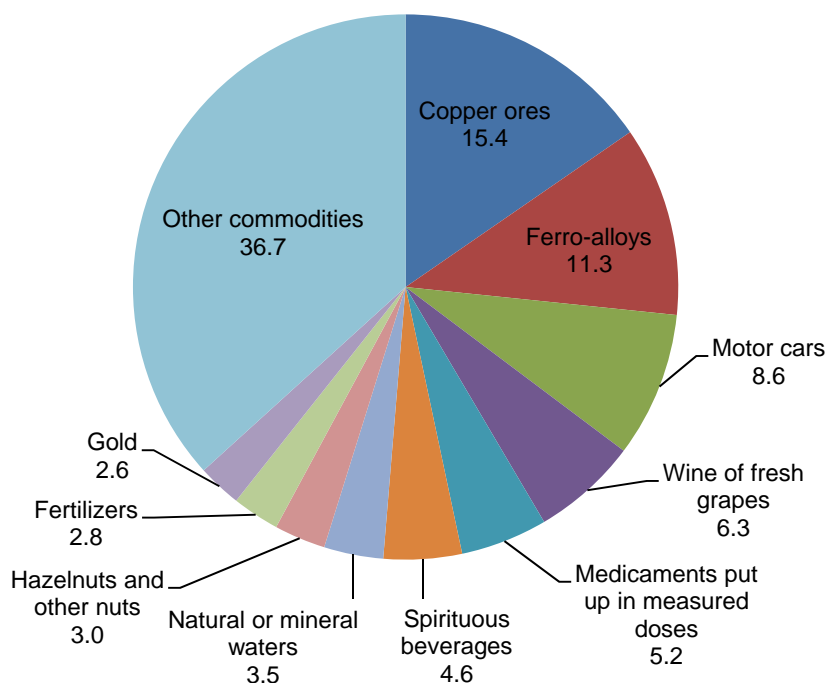
In 2017 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 419.8 million, or 15.4 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 306.9 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 11.3 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 234.9 million and 8.6 percent of the total exports.

Major commodity groups by exports

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Exports	2 113 136.1	100.0	2 727 971.5	100.0
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	312 323.5	14.8	419 805.0	15.4
Ferro-alloys	169 300.6	8.0	306 931.9	11.3
Motor cars	166 633.7	7.9	234 884.9	8.6
Wine of fresh grapes	113 533.7	5.4	170 985.5	6.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	107 426.8	5.1	140 568.8	5.2
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	91 911.4	4.3	126 612.7	4.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	79 825.3	3.8	95 762.4	3.5
Hazelnuts and other nuts	179 509.6	8.5	83 081.6	3.0
Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	65 649.5	3.1	76 447.3	2.8
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	81 082.8	3.8	70 771.2	2.6
Other commodities	745 939.3	35.3	1 002 120.2	36.7

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



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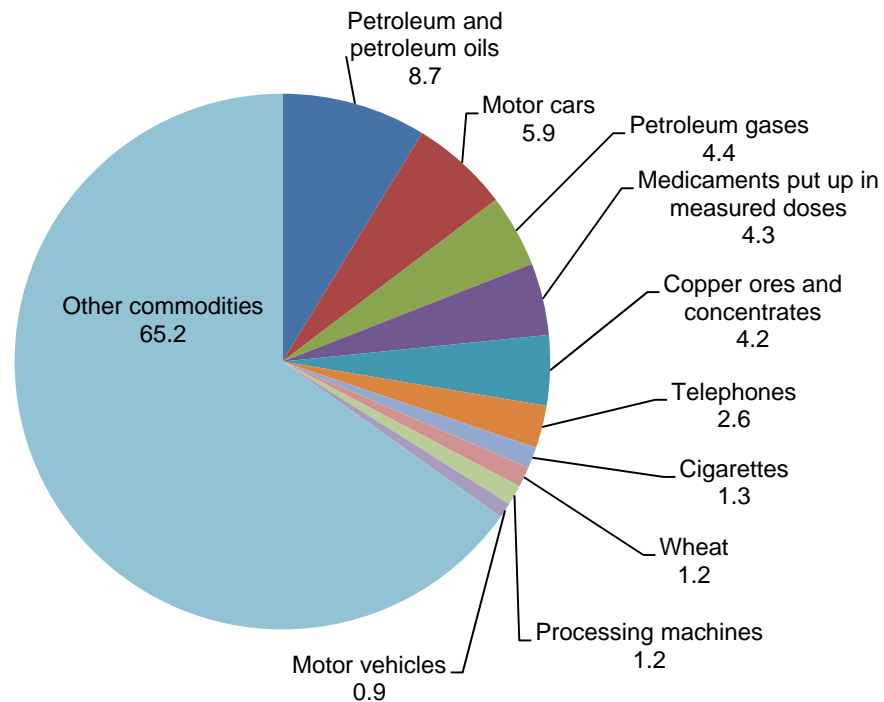
The top import commodity In 2017 were Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 696.6 million and 8.7 percent of the total imports. Motor cars commodity group followed in the list with USD 474.4 million, or 5.9 percent of imports. Petroleum gases came third with USD 350.4 million (4.4 percent of imports).

Major commodity groups by imports

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)	Thsd. US Dollars	Share in total (%)
Total Imports	7 294 605.0	100.0	7 979 435.0	100.0
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	620 198.3	8.5	696 587.2	8.7
Motor cars	477 040.2	6.5	474 360.0	5.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	314 673.1	4.3	350 404.7	4.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	326 058.1	4.5	346 199.0	4.3
Copper ores and concentrates	248 535.3	3.4	338 260.7	4.2
Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	176 476.4	2.4	204 313.3	2.6
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	102 142.0	1.4	102 369.8	1.3
Wheat and meslin	86 062.2	1.2	98 006.0	1.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	62 272.2	0.9	96 930.3	1.2
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	70 054.0	1.0	72 026.5	0.9
Other commodities	4 811 093.3	66.0	5 199 977.4	65.2

*Preliminary data.

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



*Preliminary data.

Top trading partners by turnover

TURKEY

Exports of major commodity groups to Turkey

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	173 605.5		216 567.1	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	37 240.0	1 422.5	42 957.1	1 585.4
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	12 026.9	37 791.6	26 653.6	65 477.3
Ferro-alloys	11 743.0	15 577.0	24 522.5	21 813.8
Electrical energy	13 110.8	...	11 986.0	...
Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	12 379.0	30 320.0	11 783.9	23 095.6
Other commodities	87 105.9		98 664.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Turkey

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	1 353 606.7		1 372 802.7	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	51 017.1	727.9	68 438.7	818.0
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	41 091.0	63 667.6	46 352.9	65 760.4
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	57 407.2	29 205.3	37 579.6	19 880.0
Sanitary commodities	34 641.3	10 081.9	31 619.7	9 555.3
Motor cars (units)	10 829.2	681	30 018.8	1 313
Other commodities	1 158 620.9		1 158 793.0	

*Preliminary data.

RUSSIA

Exports of major commodity groups to Russia

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	206 366.4		394 712.4	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	39 435.1	50 624.6	129 156.1	299 976.1
Wine of fresh grapes	55 801.3	20 049.5	98 803.0	35 950.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	35 300.9	51 963.1	45 597.9	67 357.3
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	12 530.8	2 488.3	22 699.6	6 647.9
Motor cars (units)	6 998.1	1 824	13 120.6	2 717
Other commodities	56 300.2		85 335.3	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from Russia

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total imports	675 630.2		788 970.2	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	102 382.5	224 480.6	134 654.2	237 417.0
Wheat	85 919.6	456 014.0	97 554.3	512 266.9
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	19 085.3	52.4	37 350.2	76.0
Petroleum gases and other gaseous	30 897.9	94 013.4	32 372.3	104 850.4
Sunflower oil	27 535.8	28 304.8	28 929.2	32 230.5
Other commodities	409 809.1		458 109.9	

*Preliminary data.

Exports of major commodity groups to China

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Exports	167 896.2		207 218.0	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	131 914.8	106 758.5	169 578.4	130 521.8
Wine of fresh grapes	13 953.9	3 724.5	20 300.2	5 403.2
Motor cars (units)	2 191.8	31	7 519.0	154
Copper waste and scrap	4 108.1	1 210.8	2 840.0	746.7
Undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	-	-	1 924.4	9.4
Other commodities	15 727.7		5 056.0	

*Preliminary data.

Imports of major commodity groups from China

	2016		2017*	
	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons	Thsd. US Dollars	Tons
Total Imports	547 768.8		732 292.9	
Of which:				
Aircraft	-	-	43 488.2	83.1
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel	22 884.9	35 152.4	38 892.8	54 805.6
Automatic data processing machines	18 384.0	212.9	29 043.2	266.9
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	15 205.8	6 568.5	22 954.3	9 643.5
Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics	13 175.5	1 642.3	17 804.3	2 328.3
Other commodities	478 118.5		580 110.0	

*Preliminary data.

External trade balance

	Number of countries	External trade balance Mil. US Dollars
Negative trade balance		
2016	92	5 432.1
2017*	98	5 480.6
Positive trade balance		
2016	44	250.6
2017*	42	229.2
Total		
2016	136	5 181.5
2017*	140	5 251.5

*Preliminary data.

Georgian external trade by countries in 2017*

(Thsd. US Dollars)

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
External trade – Total	2 727 971.5	7 979 435.0	-5 251 463.5
Of which:			
EU countries	646 450.6	2 197 528.7	-1 551 078.1
Austria	5 625.0	63 156.4	-57 531.4
Belgium	18 033.2	75 444.4	-57 411.3
Bulgaria	178 827.4	155 551.2	23 276.2
Croatia	32.3	4 424.1	-4 391.9
Cyprus	3 014.1	16 442.6	-13 428.5
Czech Republic	8 934.5	76 952.1	-68 017.6
Denmark	1 416.2	16 466.5	-15 050.3
Estonia	6 133.6	6 630.2	-496.5
Finland	320.1	17 947.0	-17 626.9
France	26 940.3	134 613.3	-107 673.0
Germany	45 361.6	433 330.0	-387 968.3
Greece	3 863.9	89 459.7	-85 595.8
Hungary	1 043.7	50 141.0	-49 097.3
Ireland	542.2	29 385.4	-28 843.2
Italy	69 278.0	217 299.6	-148 021.6
Latvia	9 443.2	24 092.5	-14 649.2
Lithuania	35 129.7	45 547.7	-10 418.0
Luxembourg	2 175.5	2 183.9	-8.4
Malta	19 441.3	2 346.7	17 094.5
Netherlands	40 109.0	154 961.8	-114 852.8
Poland	18 782.8	127 197.4	-108 414.6
Portugal	85.5	12 334.1	-12 248.6
Romania	75 023.6	191 014.2	-115 990.6
Slovakia	3 053.1	13 570.3	-10 517.2
Slovenia	959.0	25 134.2	-24 175.2
Spain	59 430.5	101 266.7	-41 836.2
Sweden	247.4	12 026.6	-11 779.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
United Kingdom	13 203.9	98 609.1	-85 405.2
CIS countries	1 180 749.6	2 360 869.8	-1 180 120.2
Armenia	208 701.5	281 137.6	-72 436.1
Azerbaijan	272 172.5	609 721.8	-337 549.3
Belarus	27 466.4	66 913.0	-39 446.6
Kazakhstan	51 447.1	29 632.5	21 814.6
Kyrgyzstan	9 447.0	2 027.9	7 419.0
Moldova	3 243.1	11 132.5	-7 889.4
Russia	394 712.4	788 970.2	-394 257.8
Tajikistan	3 380.5	3.0	3 377.5
Turkmenistan	21 573.2	119 263.3	-97 690.1
Ukraine	124 449.8	445 147.0	-320 697.2
Uzbekistan	64 156.1	6 921.0	57 235.1
Other countries	900 771.3	3 421 036.5	-2 520 265.2
Afghanistan	139.2	1.2	138.0
Albania	50.6	222.2	-171.5
Algeria	324.6	7.6	317.0
Angola	6 327.4	-	6 327.4
Argentina	-	3 345.2	-3 345.2
Australia	936.1	1 541.3	-605.2
Bahamas	-	2 822.3	-2 822.3
Bahrain	240.8	2.9	238.0
Bangladesh	667.1	1 616.2	-949.1
Belize	-	84.8	-84.8
Bhutan	19.8	-	19.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	402.4	-398.8
Botswana	-	0.6	-0.6
Brazil	2.0	95 743.2	-95 741.2
Cambodia	-	8.9	-8.9
Canada	2 373.0	29 840.1	-27 467.1
Chile	477.6	46 979.2	-46 501.6
China	207 218.0	732 292.9	-525 074.9
Colombia	682.0	10 167.1	-9 485.1
Congo	-	1.0	-1.0
Costa Rica	16.8	376.7	-359.9
Cote d'Ivoire	1.2	-	1.2
Cuba	2.7	136.8	-134.2
Djibouti	-	75.0	-75.0
Dominican Republic	-	14.5	-14.5
Ecuador	-	18 950.5	-18 950.5
Egypt	6 428.7	8 693.9	-2 265.2
Ethiopia	227.5	276.2	-48.7
French Polynesia	-	2.7	-2.7
Gabon	-	7 047.8	-7 047.8
Gambia	-	25.2	-25.2
Ghana	452.3	-	452.3
Gibraltar	6 343.7	-	6 343.7
Guatemala	92.7	-	92.7
Haiti	-	23.8	-23.8

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
Hong Kong, SAR of China	6 348.4	102 575.6	-96 227.2
Iceland	42.7	6 124.4	-6 081.7
India	8 961.8	47 773.0	-38 811.2
Indonesia	0.3	11 871.5	-11 871.2
Iran	76 326.9	105 155.4	-28 828.4
Iraq	31 382.4	3 129.7	28 252.7
Israel	7 004.9	13 253.0	-6 248.0
Jamaica	-	0.6	-0.6
Japan	7 362.0	138 468.3	-131 106.3
Jordan	86.8	371.1	-284.3
Kenya	1 579.9	808.1	771.8
Korea, Republic of	17 450.5	80 993.5	-63 542.9
Kuwait	1 678.2	29.9	1 648.3
Lebanon	437.4	1 065.7	-628.3
Libya	1 025.1	312.9	712.2
Liechtenstein	60.1	465.9	-405.8
Macau	4.3	-	4.3
Macedonia (FYR)	145.7	497.6	-351.9
Malawi	2 954.7	136.1	2 818.6
Malaysia	66.3	10 535.0	-10 468.6
Mali	-	70.0	-70.0
Marshall Islands	-	20.5	-20.5
Martinique	57.7	-	57.7
Mauritania	-	59.0	-59.0
Mexico	11 696.7	3 118.4	8 578.3
Mongolia	1 092.3	-	1 092.3
Montenegro	125.4	11.0	114.4
Morocco	2 785.3	2 285.6	499.7
Nepal	0.2	13.9	-13.7
New Zealand	68.6	1 491.8	-1 423.2
Niger	92.5	0.2	92.3
Nigeria	17.1	17.3	-0.2
Norway	850.0	12 393.6	-11 543.6
Oman	9.5	212.7	-203.2
Pakistan	779.7	3 134.8	-2 355.1
Panama	1 979.8	94.4	1 885.4
Paraguay	0.1	-	0.1
Peru	3 869.1	45.2	3 823.8
Philippines	276.6	475.1	-198.5
Qatar	1 281.2	710.4	570.8
San Marino	-	152.8	-152.8
Saudi Arabia	3 917.9	3 261.1	656.8
Senegal	181.1	-	181.1
Serbia	220.5	6 952.6	-6 732.0
Sierra Leone	11.5	-	11.5
Singapore	13 753.3	13 764.8	-11.5
South Africa	103.1	15 014.5	-14 911.4
Sri Lanka	0.5	1 160.7	-1 160.2

	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance
State of Palestine	76.6	-	76.6
Sudan	1 803.5	12.7	1 790.8
Switzerland	71 560.4	48 112.5	23 447.8
Syrian	173.5	202.7	-29.3
Taiwan, Province of China	963.7	7 577.5	-6 613.7
Tanzania	998.3	-	998.3
Thailand	254.8	21 698.4	-21 443.5
Tunisia	2 424.1	326.1	2 098.0
Turkey	216 567.1	1 372 802.7	-1 156 235.7
Uganda	91.3	15.3	76.0
United Arab Emirates	37 441.2	144 749.7	-107 308.5
United States	121 794.2	267 746.1	-145 951.9
Uruguay	45.7	1 297.3	-1 251.6
Venezuela	0.7	-	0.7
Viet Nam	2 711.9	7 455.3	-4 743.5
Virgin Islands, British	-	297.1	-297.1
Zambia	1.2	13.2	-12.1
Zimbabwe	4 747.5	-	4 747.5

*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 2011-2014 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.

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