

# **National Statistics Office of Georgia**

# **EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA**

2018

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS) 19.10.2018



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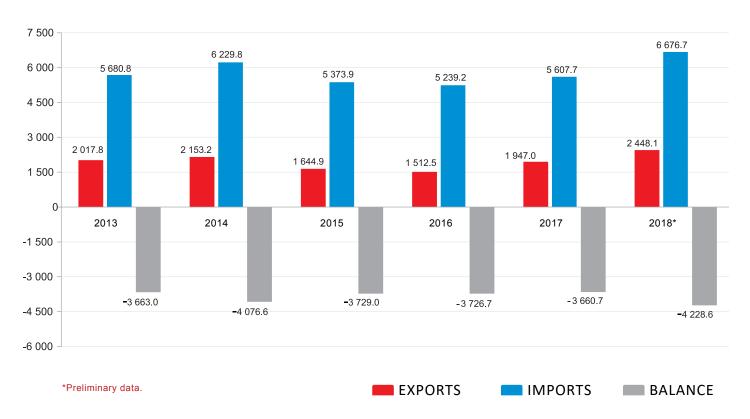
#### **EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018**

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-September 2018 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 9 124.8 million, 20.8 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2 448.1 million (25.7 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 6 676.7 million (19.1 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 4 228.6 million in January-September 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 46.3 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 1 716.8 million, 12.8 percent higher year-on-year.

The charts below reflect basic trends of the external merchandise trade of Georgia:

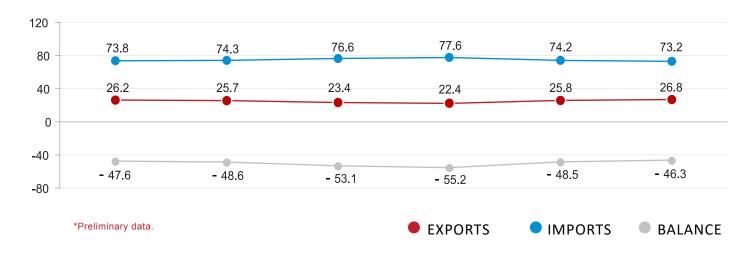
# GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER **2013-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)**





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# SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2013-2018 (%)



The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2018 exports and imports in absolute values and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.



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## **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA**

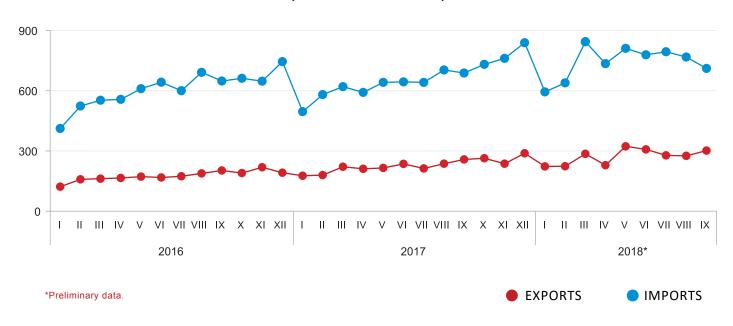
		EXPORTS		IMP	ORTS
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
	January	122 188.8	-21.2	411 902.8	-23.6
	February	158 391.8	-5.3	524 278.0	-9.6
	March	161 991.0	-9.5	552 375.9	-18.5
	April	165 647.1	-11.2	557 215.7	0.9
	May	172 313.7	-11.5	610 332.9	7.7
9	June	168 021.6	-15.4	642 419.7	5.7
2016	July	173 579.4	-7.2	600 157.3	3.1
	August	187 944.1	-1.3	691 649.7	10.8
	September	202 393.8	8.6	648 847.6	0.6
	October	190 107.3	1.2	662 093.8	7.5
	November	219 027.5	16.9	648 018.4	12.5
	December	191 319.2	3.6	744 734.2	1.4
	January	176 873.6	44.8	495 550.6	20.3
	February	179 869.4	13.6	580 380.4	10.7
	March	221 168.1	36.5	620 187.8	12.3
	April	211 591.1	27.7	591 561.6	6.2
	May	215 311.5	25.0	642 014.1	5.2
	June	235 601.9	40.2	643 952.1	0.2
2017	July	212 640.9	22.5	641 979.3	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 664.4	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 417.4	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 381.5	10.5
	November	236 877.5	8.1	761 312.0	17.5
	December	288 312.0	50.7	838 872.0	12.6
	January	222 727.5	25.9	594 605.4	20.0
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 839.0	10.1
*	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 628.5	36.2
2018*	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 823.7	24.2
2	May	323 339.6	50.2	811 181.7	26.3
	June	307 820.6	30.7	778 760.3	20.9
	July	278 313.3	30.9	794 576.4	23.8
	August	275 564.1	16.6	767 836.1	9.1
	September	301 720.6	17.1	711 429.3	3.3

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.



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## **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2016-2018** (MILLION US DOLLARS)



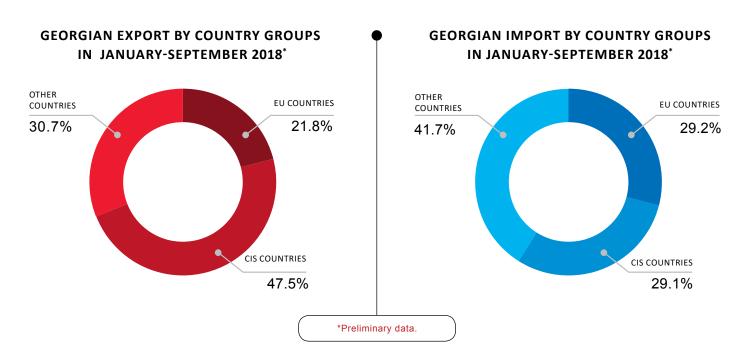
In January-September 2018 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 533.0 million (13.2 percent higher compared to the January-September 2017) and constituted 21.8 percent in total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 1 950.4 million (21.5 percent higher) with 29.2 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 483.4 million, grew by 19.6 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. 33.5 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries.

In January-September 2018 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 161.6 million (47.2 percent higher compared to the January-September 2017) and reached 47.5 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 1 942.3 million (20.3 percent higher) with 29.1 percent in total import. The external trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 104.0 million (higher by 29.2 percent). The CIS countries accounted for 18.5 percent of the overall trade deficit in the corresponding period.

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



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In January-September 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 71.8 percent. The top partners were Azerbaijan (USD 343.0 million), Russia (USD 314.7 million) and Armenia (USD 199.2 million).

#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018**

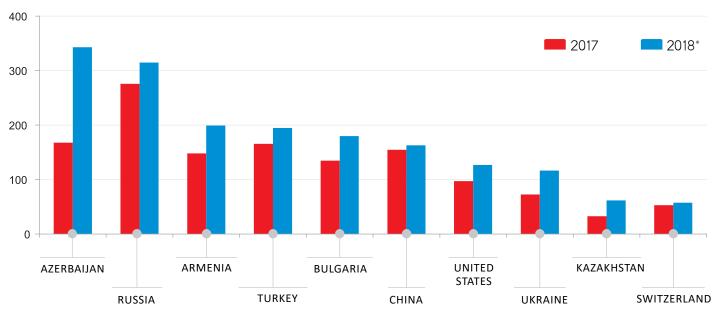
	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 946 969.7	100.0	2 448 079.3	100.0	25.7
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	167 771.1	8.6	342 983.4	14.0	104.4
Russia	275 843.2	14.2	314 684.0	12.9	14.1
Armenia	148 118.2	7.6	199 237.3	8.1	34.5
Turkey	165 500.3	8.5	194 615.3	7.9	17.6
Bulgaria	134 712.6	6.9	179 687.8	7.3	33.4
China	154 696.0	7.9	162 804.2	6.7	5.2
United States	97 070.9	5.0	126 859.9	5.2	30.7
Ukraine	72 688.2	3.7	116 560.4	4.8	60.4
Kazakhstan	32 739.6	1.7	61 781.9	2.5	88.7
Switzerland	52 972.1	2.7	57 458.0	2.3	8.5
Other countries	644 857.4	33.1	691 407.1	28.2	7.2

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.



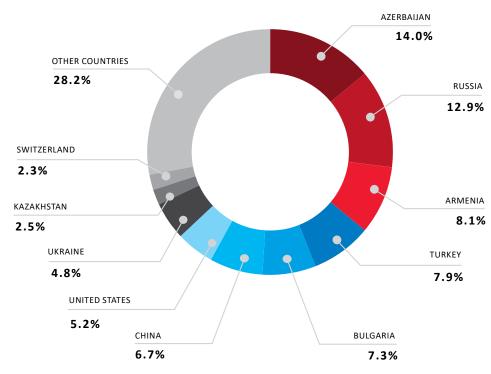
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# **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017-2018** (MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

#### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\*



\*Preliminary data.



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In January-September 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 64.9 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 059.3 million), Russia (USD 675.6 million) and China (USD 647.9 million).

### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018**

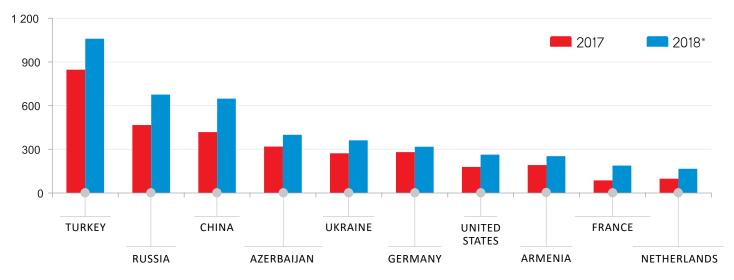
	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 607 707.6	100.0	6 676 680.4	100.0	19.1
Of which:					
Turkey	951 256.8	17.0	1 059 266.0	15.9	11.4
Russia	541 265.2	9.7	675 623.7	10.1	24.8
China	481 139.2	8.6	647 903.1	9.7	34.7
Azerbaijan	360 578.5	6.4	399 501.3	6.0	10.8
Ukraine	315 433.7	5.6	361 015.9	5.4	14.5
Germany	316 902.0	5.7	318 021.4	4.8	0.4
United States	198 815.0	3.5	263 878.4	4.0	32.7
Armenia	215 286.3	3.8	252 481.1	3.8	17.3
France	99 195.7	1.8	188 381.5	2.8	89.9
Netherlands	114 180.8	2.0	166 900.6	2.5	46.2
Other countries	2 013 654.5	35.9	2 343 707.5	35.1	16.4

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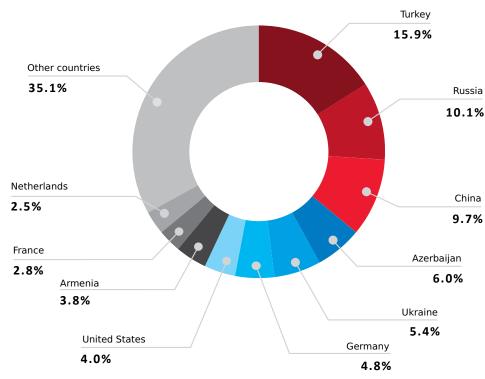
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# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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#### SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\*



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In January-August 2018 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.2 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 121.7 million), Russia (USD 879.8 million) and China (USD 727.3 million).

### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\*

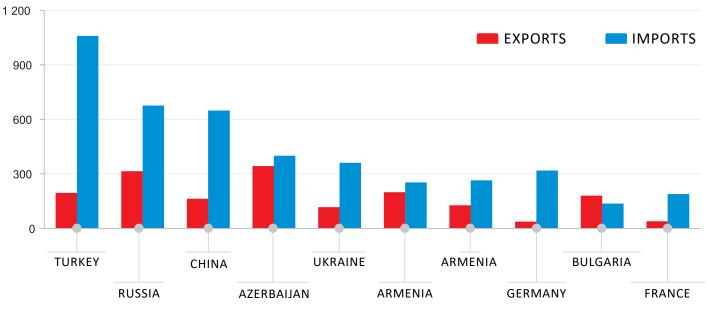
	EXP	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL	2 448 079.3	100.0	6 676 680.4	100.0	9 124 759.7	100.0	
Of which:							
Turkey	194 615.3	7.9	1 059 266.0	15.9	1 253 881.3	13.7	
Russia	314 684.0	12.9	675 623.7	10.1	990 307.6	10.9	
China	162 804.2	6.7	647 903.1	9.7	810 707.4	8.9	
Azerbaijan	342 983.4	14.0	399 501.3	6.0	742 484.7	8.1	
Ukraine	116 560.4	4.8	361 015.9	5.4	477 576.2	5.2	
Armenia	199 237.3	8.1	252 481.1	3.8	451 718.5	5.0	
United States	126 859.9	5.2	263 878.4	4.0	390 738.2	4.3	
Germany	37 118.0	1.5	318 021.4	4.8	355 139.3	3.9	
Bulgaria	179 687.8	7.3	136 580.5	2.0	316 268.3	3.5	
France	38 934.4	1.6	188 381.5	2.8	227 315.9	2.5	
Other countries	734 594.6	30.0	2 374 027.6	35.6	3 108 622.2	34.1	

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### TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

In January-September 2018 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 375.3 million, or 15.3 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 279.5 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 11.4 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 271.9 million and constituting 11.1 percent of the total exports.

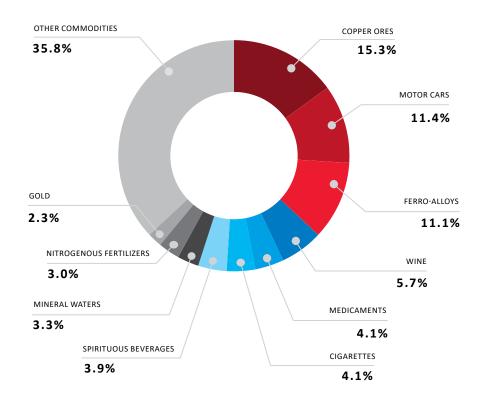
#### **MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS**

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 946 969.7	100.0	2 448 079.3	100.0	25.7
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	311 848.5	16.0	375 289.5	15.3	20.3
Motor cars	149 375.6	7.7	279 549.6	11.4	87.1
Ferro-alloys	236 683.6	12.2	271 882.7	11.1	14.9
Wine of fresh grapes	116 312.8	6.0	138 754.1	5.7	19.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	99 865.9	5.1	101 352.2	4.1	1.5
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	17 779.0	0.9	100 461.6	4.1	465.1
Spirituous beverages	80 656.2	4.1	95 944.1	3.9	19.0
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	67 726.0	3.5	79 584.5	3.3	17.5
Nitrogenous fertilizers	55 580.2	2.9	72 465.7	3.0	30.4
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured	53 408.4	2.7	56 100.3	2.3	5.0
Other commodities	757 733.5	38.9	876 694.9	35.8	15.7



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#### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\*



\*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-September 2018 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 644.4 million (9.7 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 438.0 million, or 6.6 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 296.0 million (4.4 percent of imports).



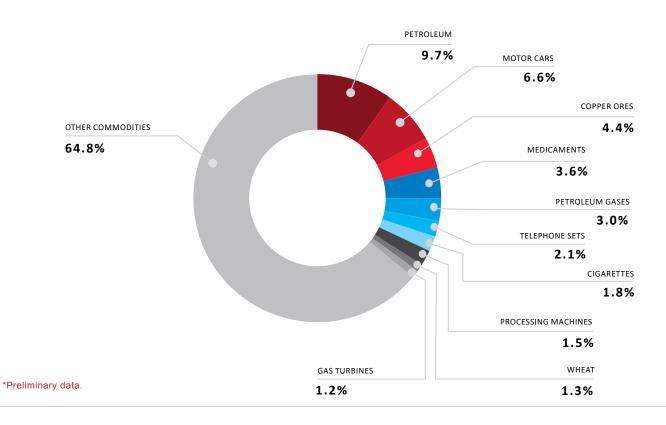
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#### **MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS**

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	5 607 707.6	100.0	6 676 680.4	100.0	19.1
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	487 435.8	8.7	644 395.8	9.7	32.2
Motor cars	344 958.6	6.2	437 985.1	6.6	27.0
Copper ores and concentrates	259 012.6	4.6	296 026.2	4.4	14.3
Medicaments put up in measured doses	244 760.1	4.4	240 319.5	3.6	-1.8
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	198 336.4	3.5	198 177.6	3.0	-0.1
Telephone sets	146 434.0	2.6	143 035.2	2.1	-2.3
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	59 423.9	1.1	123 177.9	1.8	107.3
Automatic data processing machines	62 477.3	1.1	97 503.7	1.5	56.1
Wheat and meslin	74 746.4	1.3	86 604.5	1.3	15.9
Gas turbines	11 206.7	0.2	82 561.2	1.2	636.7
Other commodities	3 718 915.8	66.3	4 326 893.8	64.8	16.3

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

#### SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018\*





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#### **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER**

#### **TURKEY**

### **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY**

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
* * * * * C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	165 500.3		194 615.3	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	34 848.2	1 232.2	31 290.6	1 279.6
Ferro-alloys	18 446.9	16 696.3	25 184.7	20 643.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	19 496.2	50 140.8	21 079.8	43 994.4
Copper ores and concentrates	ı	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Electrical energy	11 939.6		13 782.7	
Other commodities	80 769.4		84 791.5	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

C* >> + +	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	951 256.8		1 059 266.0	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	41 451.8	508.2	41 776.5	559.7
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	31 240.4	46 630.2	41 324.8	51 620.1
Motor cars (unit)	12 228.7	721	26 288.3	1 207
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	20 677.3	4 873.5	23 538.1	5 719.2
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	28 758.8	14 838.0	23 499.9	13 020.2
Other commodities	816 899.8		902 838.3	

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#### **RUSSIA**

### **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA**

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
* * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	275 843.2		314 684.0	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	94 712.5	81 318.5	100 194.3	84 447.3
Wine of fresh grapes	67 843.1	25 028.8	82 427.3	28 040.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	32 042.8	47 950.7	35 310.6	51 483.8
Spirituous beverages	14 559.8	4 743.5	14 278.9	3 536.1
Centrifuges	100.0	2.9	9 604.0	14.3
Other commodities	66 585.0		72 868.9	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

## **IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA**

<b>→</b> > <del>•</del> • •	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	541 265.2		675 623.7	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	80 163.7	146 101.1	142 258.9	216 002.1
Wheat and meslin	74 732.9	390 445.6	73 559.6	377 512.0
Coke and semi-coke of coal	10 981.6	41 019.7	26 108.4	95 428.5
Sunflower-seed oil	21 008.7	23 510.6	23 742.7	26 198.6
Telephone sets	25 624.0	65.3	22 550.0	22.3
Other commodities	328 754.1		387 404.0	

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#### **CHINA**

### **EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA**

	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	154 696.0		162 804.2	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	128 628.7	103 704.8	133 648.1	92 054.4
Wine of fresh grapes	14 688.0	4 021.4	13 667.0	3 391.5
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	436.7	1.4	7 770.8	48.0
Copper waste and scrap	2 131.0	573.3	2 327.3	495.9
Orthopaedic appliances	1.1	0.0	1 328.7	1.2
Other commodities	8 810.5		4 062.4	

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

*) >> + + +	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2017		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018*	
// <u>+ +</u>	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	481 139.2		647 903.1	
Of which:				
Automatic data processing machines	19 730.3	211.8	38 713.8	340.4
Gas turbines	-	-	37 970.8	586.8
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel	29 508.2	42 645.0	27 199.0	32 596.0
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	14 996.0	6 231.8	20 115.7	8 021.9
Air conditioning machines	13 063.1	2 415.8	16 045.3	2 773.3
Other commodities	403 841.7		507 858.5	

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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-September 2017	93	3 835.0
January-September 2018*	96	4 438.6
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-September 2017	44	174.3
January-September 2018*	44	210.0
TOTAL		
January-September 2017	137	3 660.7
January-September 2018*	140	4 228.6

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary data.

#### Sources:

- LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
- LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
- Georgian State Electric System, JSC;
- Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
- Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

### **Explanation of symbols:**

- Not applicable;
- \* Data are preliminary and subject to revisions;
- ... Data are confidential



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#### **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. Information does not cover non-organized trade, also occupied territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali region;
- 5. 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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