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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2018

JANUARY-OCTOBER

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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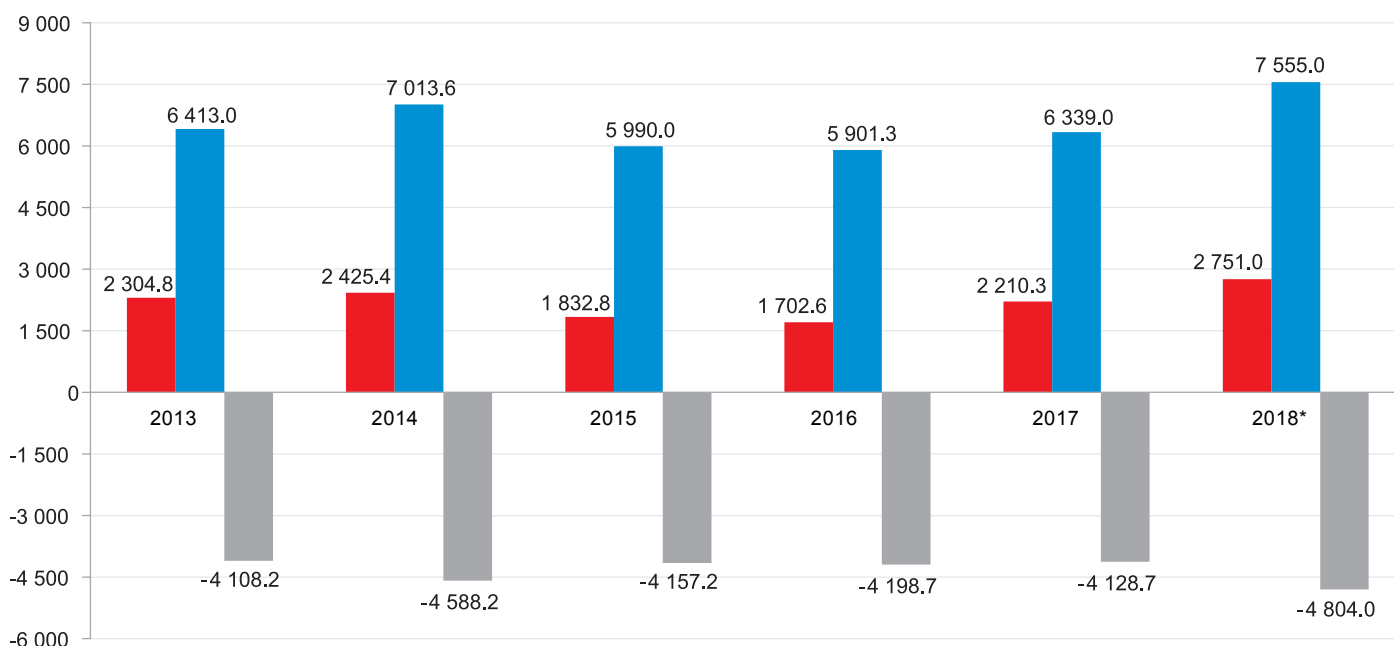
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-October 2018 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 10 305.9 million, 20.5 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 2 751.0 million (24.5 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 7 555.0 million (19.2 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 4 804.0 million in January-October 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 46.6 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 1 912.1 million, 12.0 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-OCTOBER 2013-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



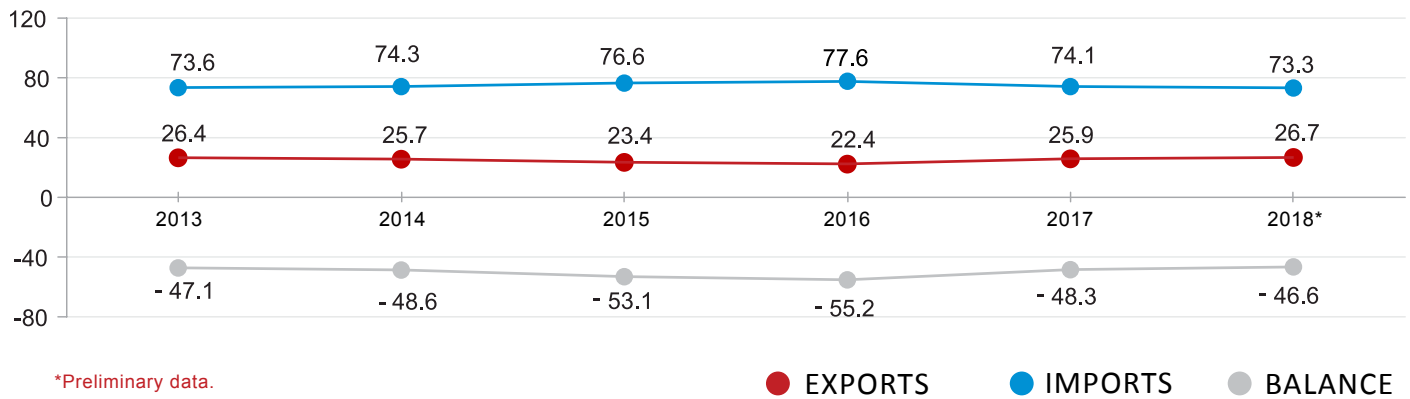
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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-OCTOBER 2013-2018 (%)



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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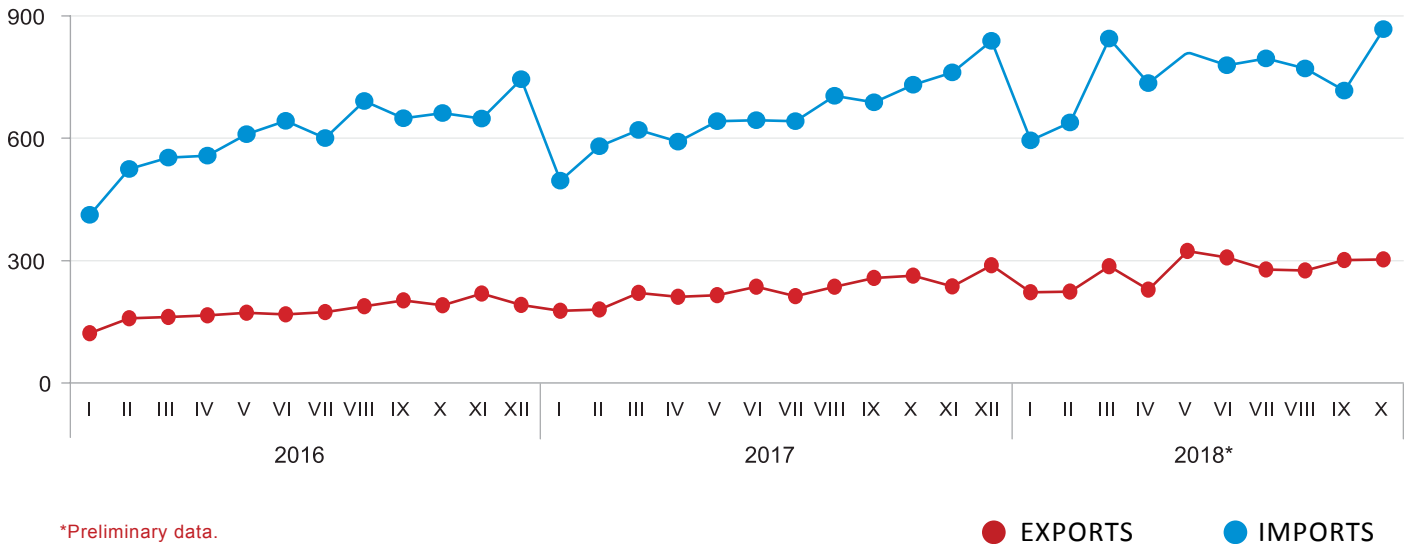
EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2016	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
	June	168 021.6	-15.4	642 419.7	5.7
	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
2017	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
	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	688 365.7	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	838 874.4	12.6
2018*	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 607.1	20.0
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 839.0	10.1
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 664.6	36.2
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 840.8	24.2
	May	323 339.6	50.2	810 743.7	26.3
	June	307 820.6	30.7	779 160.1	21.0
	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 113.1	24.0
	August	275 564.1	16.6	770 977.9	9.6
	September	301 720.6	17.1	717 129.2	4.2
	October	302 961.4	15.0	867 911.8	18.7

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



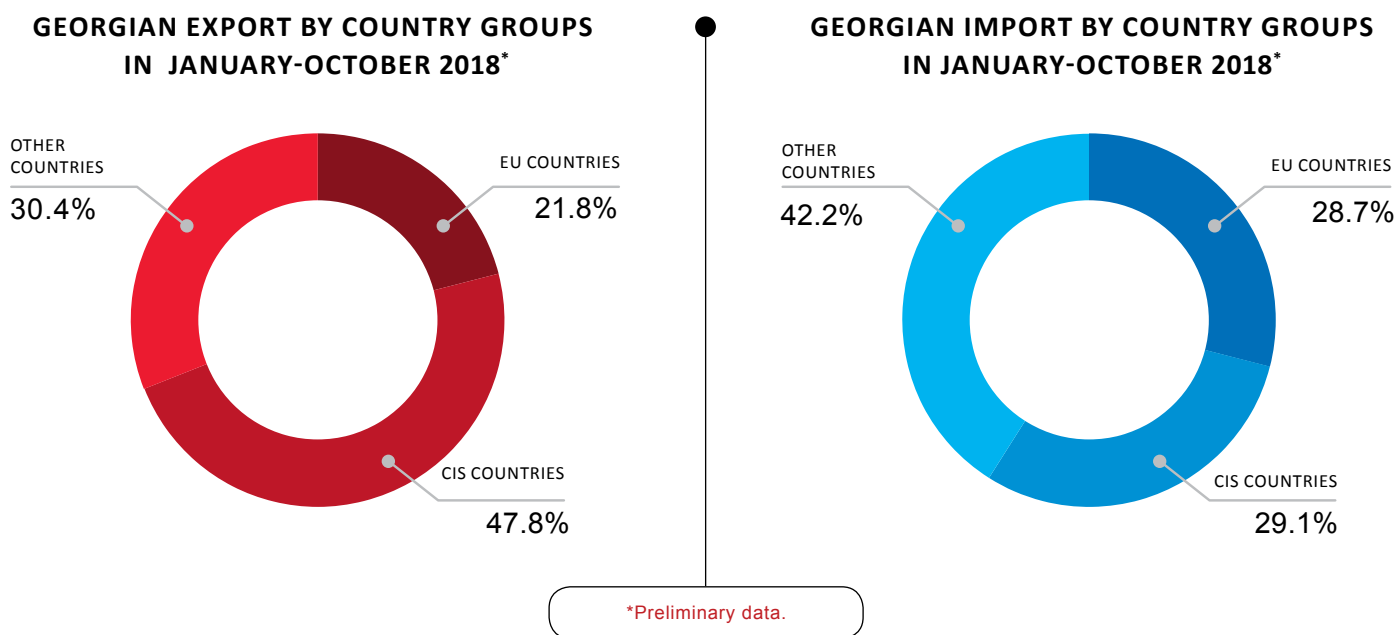
In January-October 2018 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 599.7 million (11.1 percent higher compared to the January-October 2017) and constituted 21.8 percent in total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 2 169.9 million (20.9 percent higher) with 28.7 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 2 769.7 million, grew by 18.6 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. 32.7 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries.

In January-October 2018 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 315.2 million (43.7 percent higher compared to the January-October 2017) and reached 47.8 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 2 197.2 million (19.4 percent higher) with 29.1 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 512.4 million (higher by 27.4 percent). The CIS countries accounted for 18.4 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-October 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 386.0 million), Russia (USD 351.9 million) and Armenia (USD 226.0 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018

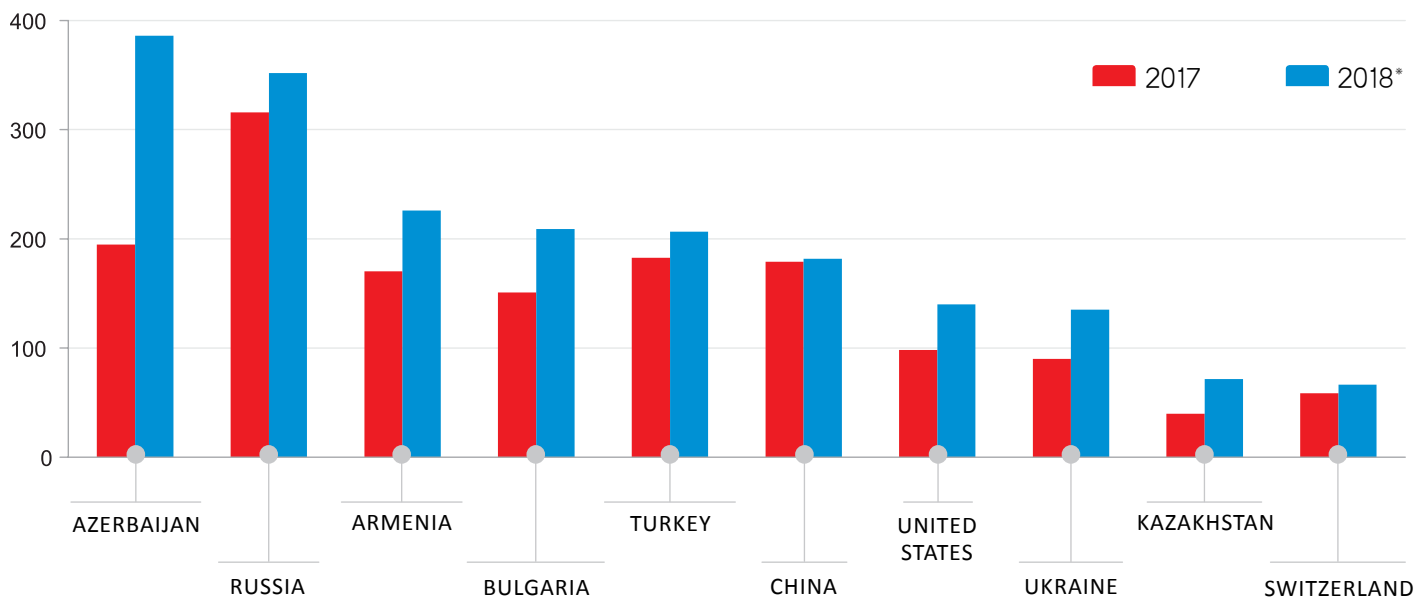
	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 210 305.8	100.0	2 750 953.0	100.0	24.5
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	194 710.0	8.8	385 993.3	14.0	98.2
Russia	315 967.6	14.3	351 902.5	12.8	11.4
Armenia	170 131.2	7.7	225 983.3	8.2	32.8
Bulgaria	150 938.6	6.8	208 911.6	7.6	38.4
Turkey	182 770.3	8.3	206 622.9	7.5	13.1
China	178 969.6	8.1	181 870.3	6.6	1.6
United States	98 173.4	4.4	140 006.7	5.1	42.6
Ukraine	89 978.9	4.1	135 080.8	4.9	50.1
Kazakhstan	39 690.6	1.8	71 613.9	2.6	80.4
Switzerland	58 500.3	2.6	66 576.7	2.4	13.8
Other countries	730 475.3	33.0	776 391.1	28.2	6.3

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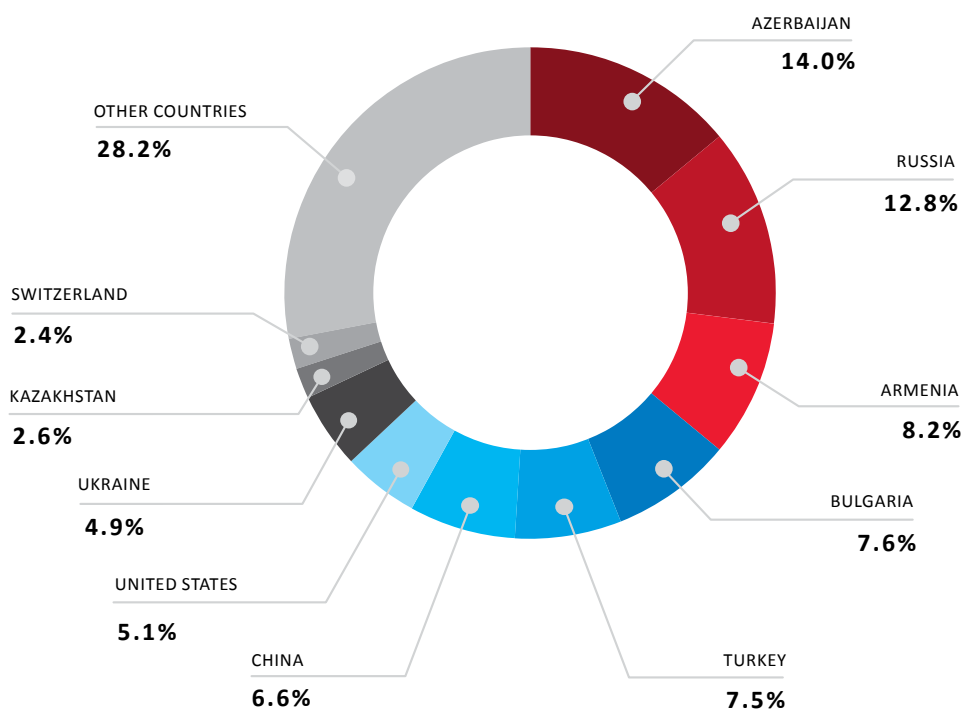
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*



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In January-October 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 1 215.5 million), Russia (USD 776.9 million) and China (USD 721.6 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018

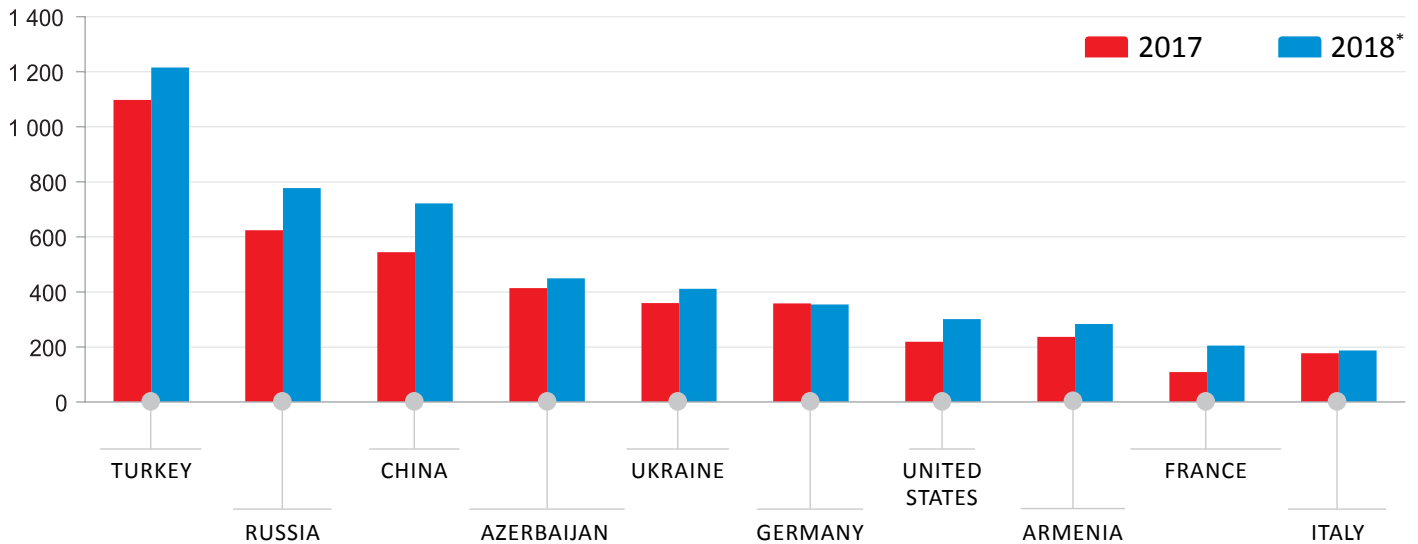
	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	6 339 037.4	100.0	7 554 987.3	100.0	19.2
Of which:					
Turkey	1 097 321.0	17.3	1 215 482.5	16.1	10.8
Russia	624 422.5	9.9	776 948.7	10.3	24.4
China	544 534.9	8.6	721 552.0	9.6	32.5
Azerbaijan	414 069.3	6.5	449 789.4	6.0	8.6
Ukraine	359 385.8	5.7	410 697.1	5.4	14.3
Germany	358 570.3	5.7	354 580.2	4.7	-1.1
United States	219 114.1	3.5	301 546.8	4.0	37.6
Armenia	235 836.6	3.7	282 757.3	3.7	19.9
France	107 899.6	1.7	205 330.4	2.7	90.3
Italy	176 660.8	2.8	187 057.6	2.5	5.9
Other countries	2 201 222.6	34.7	2 649 245.2	35.1	20.4

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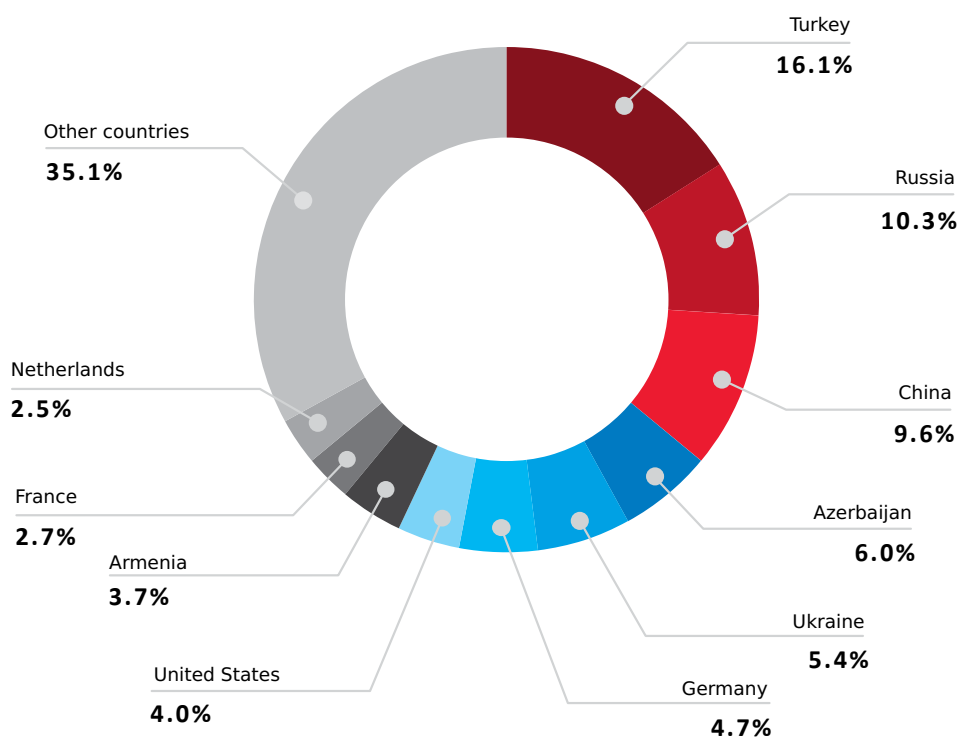
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*



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In January-October 2018 the 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 1 422.1 million), Russia (USD 1 128.9 million) and China (USD 903.4 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*

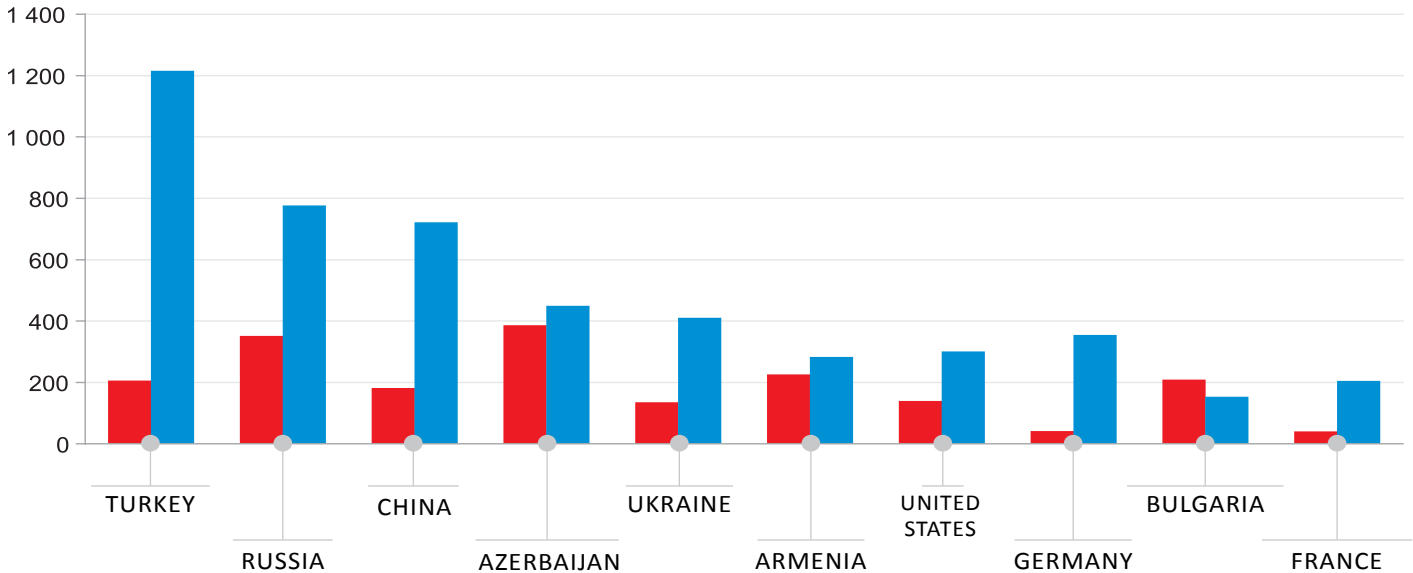
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	2 750 953.0	100.0	7 554 987.3	100.0	10 305 940.3	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	206 622.9	7.5	1 215 482.5	16.1	1 422 105.4	13.8
Russia	351 902.5	12.8	776 948.7	10.3	1 128 851.1	11.0
China	181 870.3	6.6	721 552.0	9.6	903 422.3	8.8
Azerbaijan	385 993.3	14.0	449 789.4	6.0	835 782.8	8.1
Ukraine	135 080.8	4.9	410 697.1	5.4	545 777.9	5.3
Armenia	225 983.3	8.2	282 757.3	3.7	508 740.6	4.9
United States	140 006.7	5.1	301 546.8	4.0	441 553.5	4.3
Germany	41 765.7	1.5	354 580.2	4.7	396 345.9	3.8
Bulgaria	208 911.6	7.6	153 264.8	2.0	362 176.4	3.5
France	40 247.8	1.5	205 330.4	2.7	245 578.2	2.4
Other countries	832 568.2	30.3	2 683 038.1	35.5	3 515 606.3	34.1

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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In January-October 2018 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 423.9 million, or 15.4 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 316.6 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 11.5 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 301.3 million and constituting 11.0 percent of the total exports.

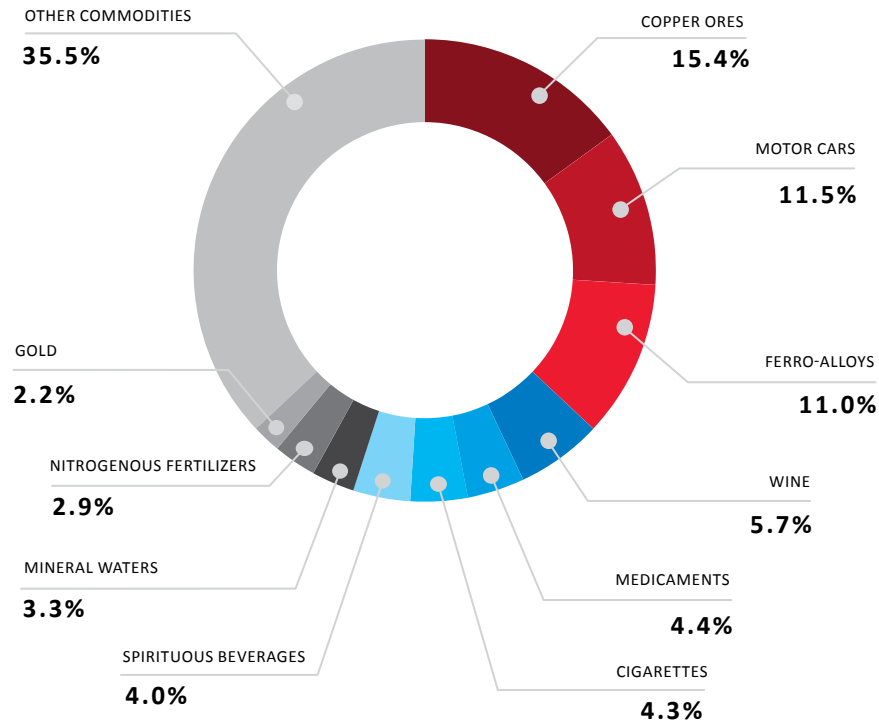
MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 210 305.8	100.0	2 750 953.0	100.0	24.5
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	355 066.0	16.1	423 868.0	15.4	19.4
Motor cars	173 891.3	7.9	316 628.9	11.5	82.1
Ferro-alloys	254 520.0	11.5	301 254.8	11.0	18.4
Wine of fresh grapes	134 365.3	6.1	157 307.5	5.7	17.1
Medicaments put up in measured doses	116 929.3	5.3	120 479.2	4.4	3.0
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	22 787.4	1.0	117 039.8	4.3	413.6
Spirituous beverages	93 159.6	4.2	108 870.0	4.0	16.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	77 182.1	3.5	89 626.4	3.3	16.1
Nitrogenous fertilizers	64 677.0	2.9	78 507.6	2.9	21.4
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured	58 207.7	2.6	61 012.9	2.2	4.8
Other commodities	859 520.1	38.9	976 358.0	35.5	13.6

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SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*



*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-October 2018 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 730.0 million (9.7 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 492.0 million, or 6.5 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 338.3 million (4.5 percent of imports).

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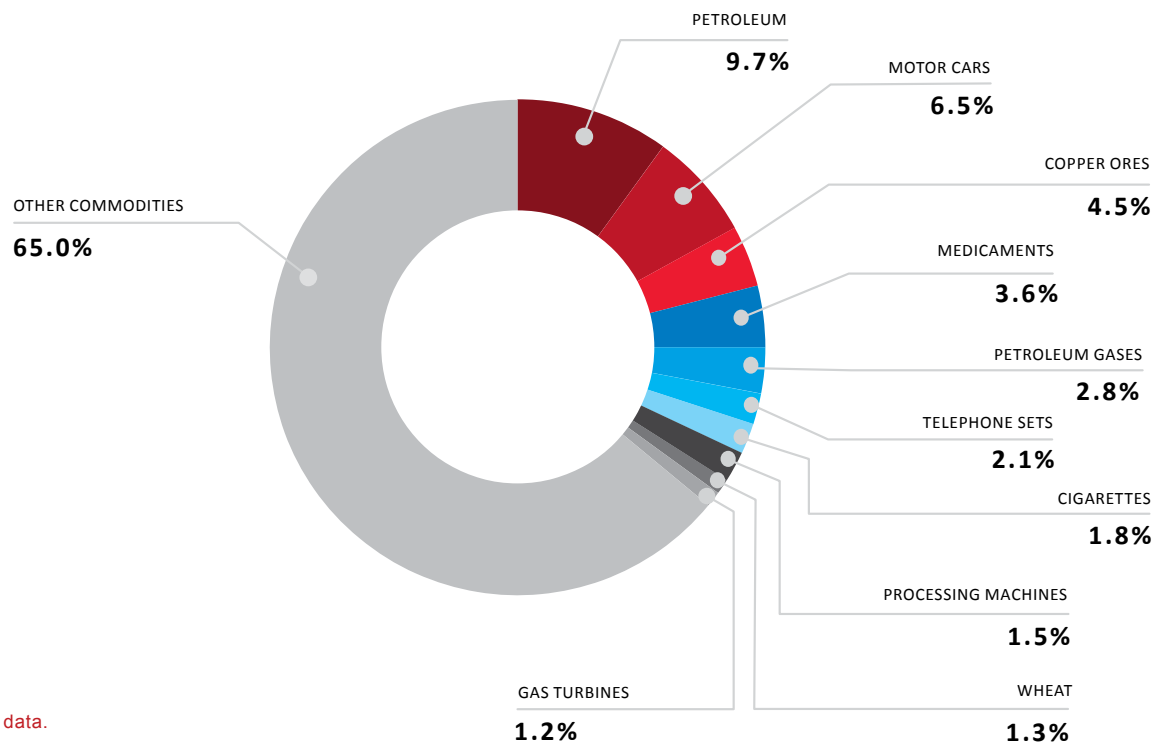
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	6 339 037.4	100.0	7 554 987.3	100.0	19.2
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	556 127.1	8.8	730 004.2	9.7	31.3
Motor cars	379 966.2	6.0	491 989.4	6.5	29.5
Copper ores and concentrates	274 995.5	4.3	338 271.9	4.5	23.0
Medicaments put up in measured doses	277 041.5	4.4	271 345.3	3.6	-2.1
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	219 920.6	3.5	214 323.4	2.8	-2.5
Telephone sets	163 142.4	2.6	158 956.4	2.1	-2.6
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	72 082.5	1.1	138 280.6	1.8	91.8
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	68 043.5	1.1	117 067.9	1.5	72.0
Wheat and meslin	82 719.8	1.3	100 572.2	1.3	21.6
Gas turbines	11 215.8	0.2	82 562.0	1.1	636.1
Other commodities	4 233 782.6	66.8	4 911 614.0	65.0	16.0

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SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER



TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	182 770.3		206 622.9	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	37 135.7	1 326.5	33 711.4	1 429.9
Ferro-alloys	20 275.2	18 265.3	27 487.2	22 664.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	24 314.3	60 391.9	21 754.3	45 535.6
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Electrical energy	11 939.6	...	13 782.7	...
Other commodities	89 105.6		91 401.2	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	1 097 321.0		1 215 482.5	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	52 538.9	633.6	48 594.9	662.7
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	37 936.4	55 079.7	44 237.9	55 466.0
Motor cars (unit)	14 959.5	845	35 514.3	1 471
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	31 598.6	16 308.0	27 605.6	15 383.1
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	23 465.5	5 490.3	26 078.5	6 382.6
Other commodities	936 822.2		1 033 451.3	



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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL EXPORTS	315 967.6		351 902.5	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	106 164.8	90 540.1	110 152.3	93 467.3
Wine of fresh grapes	79 258.7	28 946.5	91 972.3	31 334.5
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	36 764.9	54 938.6	39 972.1	58 647.2
Spirituos beverages	17 453.0	5 362.2	16 236.1	4 027.7
Centrifuges	1 251.8	7.7	12 281.3	17.1
Other commodities	75 074.4		81 288.4	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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TOTAL IMPORTS	624 422.5		776 948.7	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	96 383.9	173 930.5	166 715.4	250 457.4
Wheat and meslin	82 617.7	433 852.4	84 006.9	426 809.2
Coke and semi-coke of coal	12 956.9	51 715.0	31 118.8	113 878.6
Sunflower-seed oil	23 811.2	26 618.5	27 424.9	30 354.4
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	12 834.5	122 510.0	24 590.9	242 403.6
Other commodities	395 818.4		443 091.8	

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CHINA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA



	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	178 969.6		181 870.3	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	149 876.2	116 639.9	147 942.6	102 251.8
Wine of fresh grapes	15 791.0	4 291.3	15 473.6	3 873.8
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	883.4	3.8	8 766.6	52.2
Copper waste and scrap	2 426.4	647.0	3 354.9	719.6
Orthopaedic appliances	1.1	0.0	1 481.2	1.5
Other commodities	9 991.5		4 851.3	

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IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA



	JANUARY-OCTOBER 2017		JANUARY-OCTOBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	544 534.9		721 552.0	
Of which:				
Automatic data processing machines	20 415.4	219.8	39 683.0	349.4
Gas turbines	-	-	37 971.6	586.8
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel	32 555.6	46 624.3	31 673.2	37 705.9
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	18 137.9	7 557.3	22 928.4	9 098.2
Air conditioning machines	13 334.5	2 466.8	17 092.1	2 915.4
Other commodities	460 091.6		572 203.7	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-October 2017	93	4 235.5
January-October 2018*	96	5 044.7
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-October 2017	46	196.8
January-October 2018*	46	240.6
TOTAL		
January-October 2017	139	4 128.7
January-October 2018*	142	4 804.0

*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
- 0.0 Negligible magnitude

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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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