

# **National Statistics Office of Georgia**

# **EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA**

2018

JANUARY-NOVEMBER

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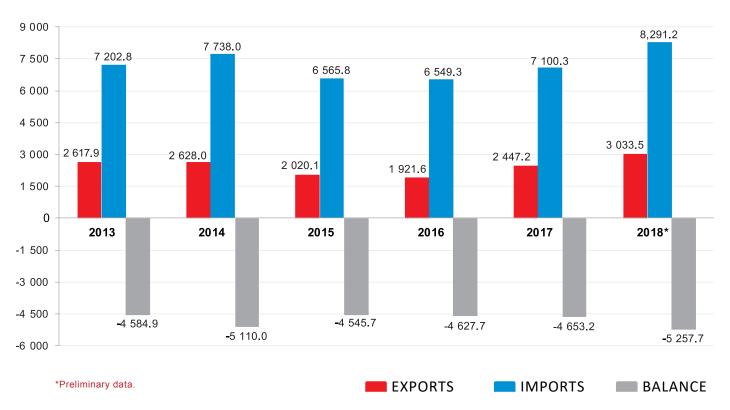
## **EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018**

(PRELIMINARY)

In January-November 2018 the external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 11 324.7 million, 18.6 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 3 033.5 million (24.0 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 8 291.2 million (16.8 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 5 257.7 million in January-November 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 46.4 percent. The exports excluding re-exports amounted to USD 2 086.7 million, 11.1 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-NOVEMBER **2013-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)**





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# SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-NOVEMBER 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**

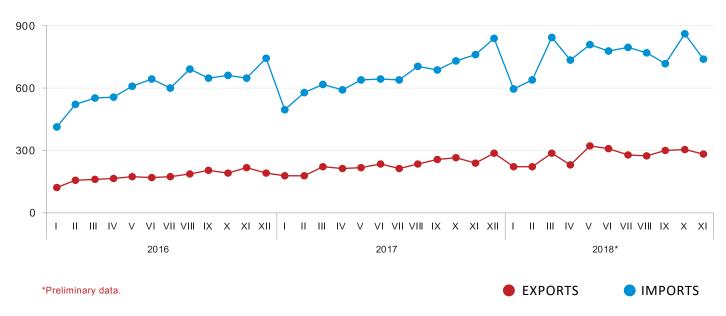
		EXPO	ORTS	IMPORTS		
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	
	January	122 188.8	-21.2	411 902.8	-23.6	
	February	158 391.8	-5.3	524 278.0	-9.6	
	March	161 991.0	-9.5	552 375.9	-18.5	
	April	165 647.1	-11.2	557 215.7	0.9	
	May	172 313.7	-11.5	610 332.9	7.7	
9	June	168 021.6	-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	688 365.7	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	
	January	222 639.9	25.9	594 607.1	20.0	
	February	223 647.0	24.3	638 884.8	10.1	
	March	285 803.4	29.2	844 697.4	36.2	
	April	229 143.3	8.3	734 840.6	24.2	
*	May	323 339.6	50.2	810 770.6	26.3	
2018*	June	307 811.0	30.6	779 220.2	21.0	
7	July	278 313.3	30.9	796 493.7	24.1	
	August	275 365.9	16.5	772 070.7	9.7	
	September	301 139.4	16.9	718 205.6	4.3	
	October	302 961.4	15.0	863 324.4	18.0	
	November	283 335.9	19.6	738 041.7	-3.1	

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



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



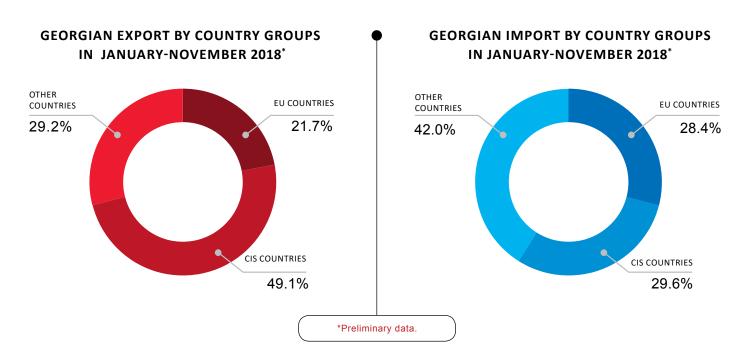
In January-November 2018 the exports from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 658.9 million (12.0 percent higher compared to the January-November 2017) and constituted 21.7 percent in total exports, while the imports amounted to USD 2 356.3 million (18.4 percent higher) with 28.4 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 3 015.2 million, grew by 16.9 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. 32.3 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries.

In January-November 2018 the exports to the CIS countries stood at USD 1 490.0 million (44.0 percent higher compared to the January-November 2017) and reached 49.1 percent of total exports, while the imports equaled USD 2 452.6 million (18.9 percent higher) with 29.6 percent in total import. The trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 3 942.7 million (higher by 27.3 percent). The CIS countries accounted for 18.3 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-November 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 72.2 percent. The top partners were Azerbaijan (USD 435.8 million), Russia (USD 393.6 million) and Armenia (USD 260.0 million).

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

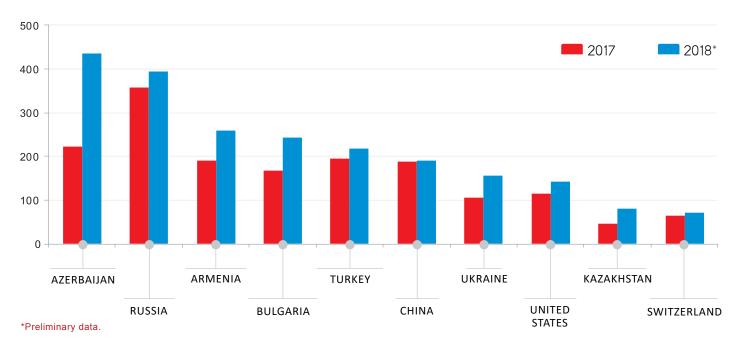
	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 447 174.5	100.0	3 033 499.8	100.0	24.0
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	221 775.4	9.1	435 846.0	14.4	96.5
Russia	357 110.0	14.6	393 584.8	13.0	10.2
Armenia	189 778.3	7.8	259 989.6	8.6	37.0
Bulgaria	166 937.6	6.8	242 772.3	8.0	45.4
Turkey	194 707.6	8.0	216 933.7	7.2	11.4
China	188 251.0	7.7	190 020.0	6.3	0.9
Ukraine	106 473.7	4.4	156 015.4	5.1	46.5
United States	115 168.2	4.7	142 360.7	4.7	23.6
Kazakhstan	45 114.1	1.8	80 739.4	2.7	79.0
Switzerland	65 072.4	2.7	71 680.3	2.4	10.2
Other countries	796 786.2	32.6	843 557.8	27.8	5.9

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

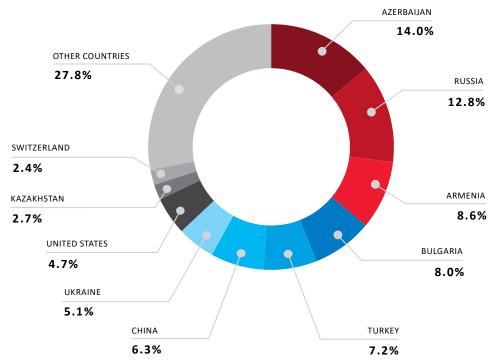


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## **TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017-2018** (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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



\*Preliminary data.



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In January-November 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 65.1 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 1 334.0 million), Russia (USD 861.3 million) and China (USD 776.9 million).

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

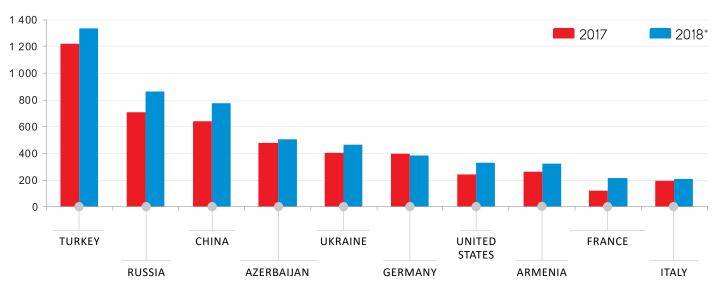
	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	7 100 339.3	100.0	8 291 156. <i>7</i>	100.0	16.8
Of which:					
Turkey	1 220 861.1	17.2	1 334 004.8	16.1	9.3
Russia	707 155.9	10.0	861 288.1	10.4	21.8
China	641 199.4	9.0	776 932.5	9.4	21.2
Azerbaijan	474 784.1	6.7	507 011.9	6.1	6.8
Ukraine	401 871.4	5.7	463 902.4	5.6	15.4
Germany	396 640.3	5.6	385 756.6	4.7	-2.7
United States	238 678.2	3.4	326 132.8	3.9	36.6
Armenia	259 366.4	3.7	320 696.0	3.9	23.6
France	119 264.3	1.7	217 112.0	2.6	82.0
Italy	196 197.3	2.8	205 912.6	2.5	5.0
Other countries	2 444 320.9	34.4	2 892 407.0	34.9	18.3

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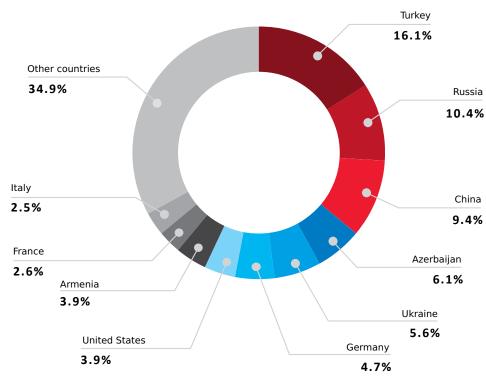
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# TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



\*Preliminary data.

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



\*Preliminary data.



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In January-November 2018 the share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.1 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 550.9 million), Russia (USD 1 254.9 million) and China (USD 967.0 million).

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

	EXP	ORTS	IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
TOTAL	3 033 499.8	100.0	8 291 156.7	100.0	11 324 656.5	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	216 933.7	7.2	1 334 004.8	16.1	1 550 938.5	13.7
Russia	393 584.8	13.0	861 288.1	10.4	1 254 872.8	11.1
China	190 020.0	6.3	776 932.5	9.4	966 952.5	8.5
Azerbaijan	435 846.0	14.4	507 011.9	6.1	942 857.9	8.3
Ukraine	156 015.4	5.1	463 902.4	5.6	619 917.8	5.5
Armenia	259 989.6	8.6	320 696.0	3.9	580 685.5	5.1
United States	142 360.7	4.7	326 132.8	3.9	468 493.4	4.1
Germany	45 632.4	1.5	385 756.6	4.7	431 389.1	3.8
Bulgaria	242 772.3	8.0	166 035.7	2.0	408 807.9	3.6
France	42 139.4	1.4	217 112.0	2.6	259 251.5	2.3
Other countries	908 205.7	29.9	2 932 283.9	35.4	3 840 489.6	33.9

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In January-November 2018 copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 461.4 million, or 15.2 percent of total exports. The exports of motor cars totaled USD 356.6 million and their share in the total exports amounted to 11.8 percent. The ferroalloys exports occupied the third place standing at USD 318.8 million and constituting 10.5 percent of the total exports.

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

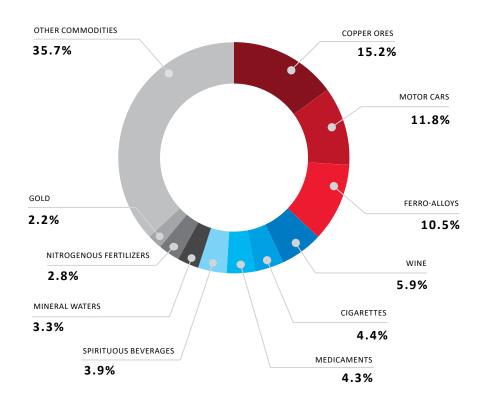
	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-I 20	CHANGE (%)	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	2 447 174.5	100.0	3 033 499.8	100.0	24.0
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	381 827.9	15.6	461 446.3	15.2	20.9
Motor cars	197 087.4	8.1	356 563.3	11.8	80.9
Ferro-alloys	284 882.6	11.6	318 755.9	10.5	11.9
Wine of fresh grapes	155 407.3	6.4	178 900.2	5.9	15.1
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	29 739.2	1.2	133 345.6	4.4	348.4
Medicaments put up in measured doses	127 734.6	5.2	131 424.2	4.3	2.9
Spirituous beverages	108 538.3	4.4	119 286.3	3.9	9.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	87 084.6	3.6	100 232.8	3.3	15.1
Nitrogenous fertilizers	71 686.4	2.9	85 734.5	2.8	19.6
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	64 665.6	2.6	65 618.7	2.2	1.5
Other commodities	938 520.5	38.4	1 082 192.3	35.7	15.3

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



\*Preliminary data.

The top import commodities in January-November 2018 were petroleum and petroleum oils whose imports equaled USD 794.4 million (9.6 percent of the total imports). The motor cars followed in the list with USD 533.1 million, or 6.4 percent of imports. The copper ores and concentrates were third in the top import commodity list with USD 378.7 million (4.6 percent of imports).



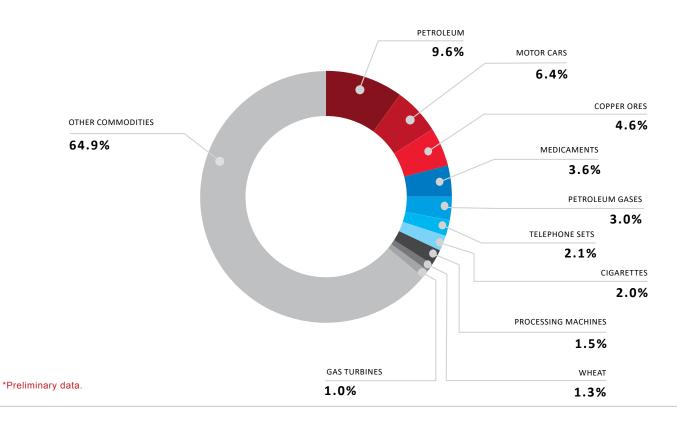
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#### **MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS**

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL IMPORTS	7 100 339.3	100.0	8 291 156.7	100.0	16.8
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	617 769.0	8.7	794 416.7	9.6	28.6
Motor cars	421 421.1	5.9	533 132.9	6.4	26.5
Copper ores and concentrates	309 789.9	4.4	378 656.1	4.6	22.2
Medicaments put up in measured doses	309 612.8	4.4	300 035.9	3.6	-3.1
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	255 045.1	3.6	247 244.2	3.0	-3.1
Telephone sets	182 182.8	2.6	174 641.5	2.1	-4.1
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	85 639.5	1.2	165 432.3	2.0	93.2
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	83 159.6	1.2	122 779.3	1.5	47.6
Wheat and meslin	88 983.5	1.3	107 362.9	1.3	20.7
Gas turbines	11 215.8	0.2	82 781.9	1.0	638.1
Other commodities	4 735 520.3	66.7	5 384 672.9	64.9	13.7

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

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





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

#### **TURKEY**

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

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*	
* * * » C*	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	194 707.6		216 933.7	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	39 550.6	1 446.6	36 509.9	1 558.4
Ferro-alloys	22 147.8	19 829.8	30 371.2	25 276.7
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	24 314.3	60 391.9	22 041.3	46 215.5
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Electrical energy	11 986.0		13 782.7	
Other commodities	96 709.0		95 742.7	

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

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

C* >> + +	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	1 220 861.1		1 334 004.8	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	59 225.2	715.6	54 301.3	754.1
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	42 298.4	60 681.8	46 992.8	59 110.6
Motor cars (unit)	19 741.3	1 002	38 733.8	1 586
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	34 349.1	18 060.4	31 910.3	17 939.3
Insulated wire, cable and other insulated electric conductors	24 651.3	5 774.4	28 395.7	6 938.8
Other commodities	1 040 595.8		1 133 670.9	

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#### **RUSSIA**

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

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*	
*** * *	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	357 110.0		393 584.8	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	116 971.7	99 508.7	120 119.7	103 317.1
Wine of fresh grapes	91 341.9	33 258.7	105 050.2	35 633.9
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters	41 506.0	61 628.7	45 168.5	66 261.6
Spirituous beverages	20 691.3	6 067.5	18 987.8	4 602.3
Centrifuges	2 189.8	8.9	13 506.9	18.3
Other commodities	84 409.3		90 751.6	

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

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

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	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	707 155.9		861 288.1	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	114 976.0	204 975.8	187 241.3	281 798.0
Wheat and meslin	88 866.1	467 591.0	89 525.3	453 486.4
Coke and semi-coke of coal	13 728.6	54 373.0	35 612.5	130 020.4
Sunflower-seed oil	26 315.7	29 386.4	30 160.6	33 468.0
Telephones	33 582.8	72.3	27 377.3	26.9
Other commodities	429 686.7		491 371.0	

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#### **CHINA**

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

	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*	
*** **	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL EXPORTS	188 251.0		190 020.0	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	155 252.8	119 948.1	151 436.0	104 514.5
Wine of fresh grapes	18 006.9	4 833.1	17 676.1	4 412.2
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	1 370.4	5.9	9 918.0	55.9
Copper waste and scrap	2 631.9	696.8	3 979.1	865.5
Orthopaedic appliances	29.0	0.0	1 655.5	1.8
Other commodities	10 960.1		5 355.4	

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

#### IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA

*) >> + + +	JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2017		JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2018*	
***	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
TOTAL IMPORTS	641 199.4		776 932.5	
Of which:				
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	22 191.5	230.9	40 783.9	367.4
Gas turbines	-	-	37 971.6	586.8
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel	35 434.3	50 361.5	33 317.8	39 553.6
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	20 439.7	8 583.8	24 585.9	9 767.3
Air conditioning machines	13 521.2	2 503.4	17 322.1	2 945.3
Other commodities	549 612.9		622 951.1	

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#### **EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE**

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-November 2017	94	4 653.2
January-November 2018*	98	5 542.3
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-November 2017	45	215.8
January-November 2018*	47	284.7
TOTAL		
January-November 2017	139	4 868.9
January-November 2018*	145	5 257.7

<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
- 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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