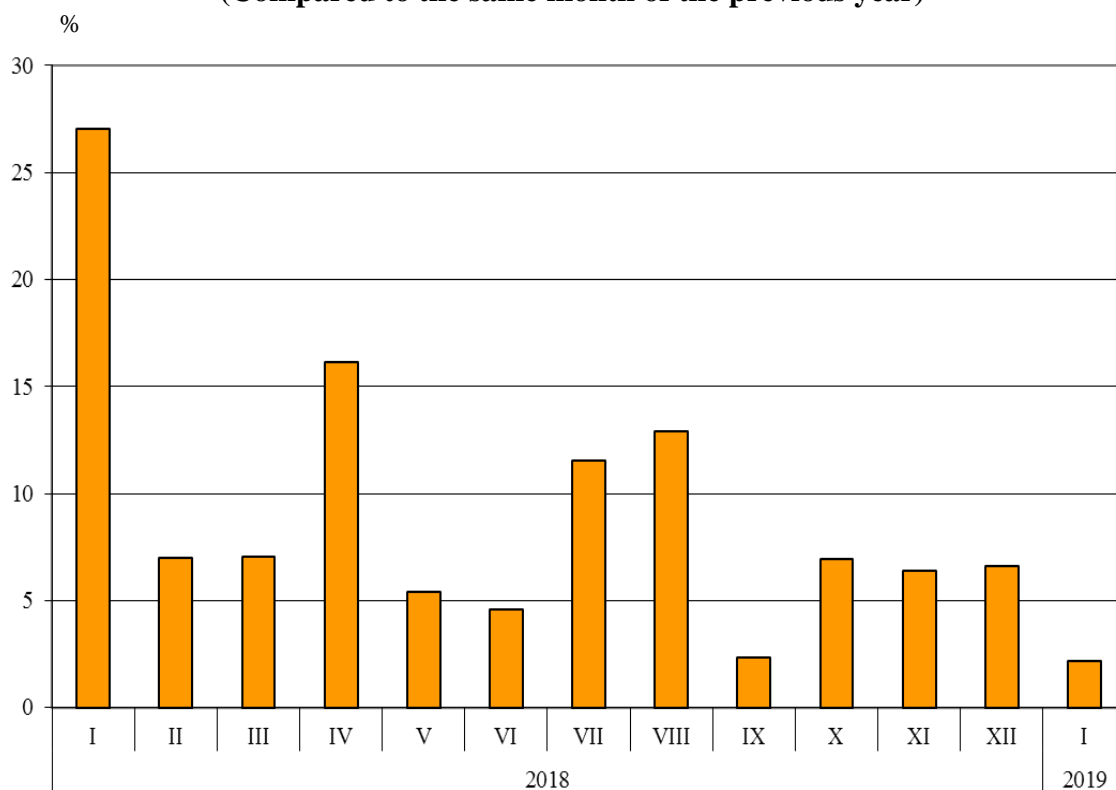




BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 2.2% in comparison with the same month of 2018 and amounted to 3 164.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and the Netherlands which accounted for 66.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



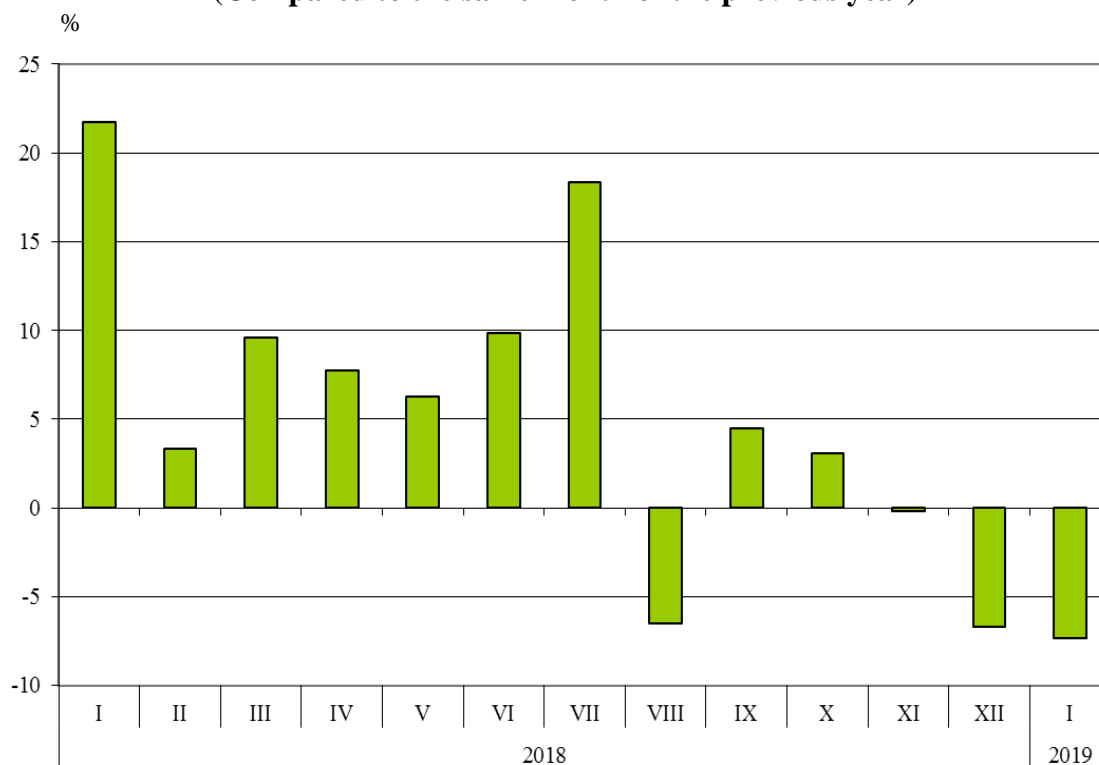
In **January 2019** in comparison to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (117.4%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (36.5%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (45.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in January 2019 decreased by 7.4% compared to same month of 2018 and reached 2 990.6 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2019** compared to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (48.1%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (62.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in January 2019 was positive and added up to 174.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also positive and amounted to 356.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2018¹ and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2018	4393.5	3096.8	1296.7	5057.1	3228.7	1828.4	4678.8	3011.6	1667.2	-663.6	-131.9	-531.7	-285.3	85.2	-370.5
I.2019	4558.8	3164.6	1394.2	4984.9	2990.6	1994.3	4623.4	2807.7	1815.7	-426.1	174.0	-600.1	-64.6	356.9	-421.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2019¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	3.8	2.2	7.5	-1.4	-7.4	9.1	-1.2	-6.8	8.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2018² and 2019²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	4393.5	4558.8	3.8	5057.1	4984.9	-1.4	-663.6	-426.1
EU	3096.8	3164.6	2.2	3228.7	2990.6	-7.4	-131.9	174.0
Austria	81.5	96.2	18.0	119.8	120.6	0.7	-38.3	-24.4
Belgium	147.9	130.2	-12.0	88.5	101.0	14.1	59.4	29.2
Croatia	22.5	18.7	-16.9	10.9	11.3	3.7	11.6	7.4
Cyprus	15.1	19.3	27.8	65.8	5.6	-91.5	-50.7	13.7
Czech Republic	96.4	112.7	16.9	108.4	125.3	15.6	-12.0	-12.6
Denmark	24.4	36.1	48.0	17.1	26.0	52.0	7.3	10.1
Estonia	4.4	4.8	9.1	2.7	5.8	114.8	1.7	-1.0
Finland	8.9	10.4	16.9	13.2	9.1	-31.1	-4.3	1.3
France	187.6	205.9	9.8	151.0	149.9	-0.7	36.6	56.0
Germany	782.5	775.3	-0.9	607.5	584.8	-3.7	175.0	190.5
Greece	279.0	286.2	2.6	193.2	230.1	19.1	85.8	56.1
Hungary	70.4	78.1	10.9	179.4	197.2	9.9	-109.0	-119.1
Ireland	7.6	5.9	-22.4	22.0	19.2	-12.7	-14.4	-13.3
Italy	437.4	373.5	-14.6	338.7	328.4	-3.0	98.7	45.1
Latvia	5.0	5.3	6.0	8.4	2.7	-67.9	-3.4	2.6
Lithuania	11.6	12.0	3.4	6.8	8.5	25.0	4.8	3.5
Luxembourg	1.2	2.4	100.0	13.1	9.7	-26.0	-11.9	-7.3
Malta	3.5	5.0	42.9	67.7	4.0	-94.1	-64.2	1.0
Netherlands	162.0	130.6	-19.4	177.7	172.6	-2.9	-15.7	-42.0
Poland	119.0	107.7	-9.5	153.8	161.2	4.8	-34.8	-53.5
Portugal	12.6	44.8	255.6	22.9	8.8	-61.6	-10.3	36.0
Romania	291.6	330.0	13.2	324.4	312.0	-3.8	-32.8	18.0
Slovakia	29.7	54.9	84.8	69.9	66.7	-4.6	-40.2	-11.8
Slovenia	27.8	38.7	39.2	32.9	38.0	15.5	-5.1	0.7
Spain	106.2	97.8	-7.9	315.8	177.5	-43.8	-209.6	-79.7
Sweden	38.6	45.6	18.1	32.6	39.0	19.6	6.0	6.6
United Kingdom	103.6	111.7	7.8	75.7	67.8	-10.4	27.9	43.9
Not specified	18.8	24.8	31.9	8.8	7.8	-11.4	10.0	17.0

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2018² and 2019²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	1296.7	1394.2	7.5	1828.4	1994.3	9.1	-531.7	-600.1
CIS³	86.0	90.7	5.5	502.4	550.4	9.6	-416.4	-459.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	6.4	8.2	28.1	1.7	0.5	-70.6	4.7	7.7
Russian Federation	59.4	59.9	0.8	486.9	538.5	10.6	-427.5	-478.6
OECD⁴	481.0	501.9	4.3	494.6	473.4	-4.3	-13.6	28.5
of which:								
Canada	6.5	6.1	-6.2	16.8	14.0	-16.7	-10.3	-7.9
Israel	9.6	10.7	11.5	6.1	8.5	39.3	3.5	2.2
Japan	5.8	5.3	-8.6	20.1	17.6	-12.4	-14.3	-12.3
Korea, Republic of	5.5	20.3	269.1	26.5	21.4	-19.2	-21.0	-1.1
Turkey	354.2	311.0	-12.2	291.9	330.0	13.1	62.3	-19.0
United States	54.4	97.3	78.9	88.4	38.3	-56.7	-34.0	59.0
EFTA⁵	31.4	33.8	7.6	32.9	37.6	14.3	-1.5	-3.8
of which:								
Norway	5.4	6.9	27.8	3.1	3.7	19.4	2.3	3.2
Switzerland	25.1	26.6	6.0	29.5	33.6	13.9	-4.4	-7.0

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² Data are preliminary as of 12-th of April 2019.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2018² and 2019²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	15.5	10.2	-34.2	1.3	1.6	23.1	14.2	8.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.2	9.6	-5.9	2.1	2.1	0.0	8.1	7.5
Brazil	2.6	2.9	11.5	3.3	5.4	63.6	-0.7	-2.5
China	106.9	114.1	6.7	259.0	279.7	8.0	-152.1	-165.6
Egypt	38.5	93.0	141.6	12.4	140.3	1031.5	26.1	-47.3
Georgia	16.9	24.6	45.6	41.6	8.0	-80.8	-24.7	16.6
India	11.4	16.3	43.0	35.6	35.7	0.3	-24.2	-19.4
Indonesia	4.1	3.7	-9.8	9.2	88.8	865.2	-5.1	-85.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	9.8	3.7	-62.2	6.4	3.9	-39.1	3.4	-0.2
Peru	5.0	0.5	-90.0	0.7	1.6	128.6	4.3	-1.1
Republic of North Macedonia	65.8	58.0	-11.9	51.3	33.6	-34.5	14.5	24.4
Serbia	63.2	82.8	31.0	97.6	80.5	-17.5	-34.4	2.3
Singapore	24.2	39.4	62.8	9.4	8.5	-9.6	14.8	30.9
South Africa	11.7	26.1	123.1	10.2	8.0	-21.6	1.5	18.1
Syrian Arab Republic	1.5	3.4	126.7	0.3	-	x	9.9	x
Taiwan	3.8	5.2	36.8	18.8	18.7	-0.5	-15.0	-13.5
Ukraine	21.4	34.7	62.1	69.2	94.4	36.4	-47.8	-59.7
United Arab Emirates	19.6	12.4	-36.7	6.2	4.1	-33.9	13.4	8.3
Viet Nam	3.5	4.5	28.6	10.4	10.9	4.8	-6.9	-6.4

¹ Partner country:

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'x' - category not applicable.

'-' - no case.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in January 2018¹ and 2019¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	4393.5	4558.8	3.8	5057.1	4984.9	-1.4	-663.6	-426.1
of which EU	3096.8	3164.6	2.2	3228.7	2990.6	-7.4	-131.9	174.0
Food and live animals	406.1	497.2	22.4	378.4	415.6	9.8	27.7	81.6
of which EU	327.6	388.9	18.7	300.8	304.0	1.1	26.8	84.9
Beverages and tobacco	40.9	47.3	15.6	55.9	79.7	42.6	-15.0	-32.4
of which EU	20.3	27.7	36.5	44.9	66.5	48.1	-24.6	-38.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	355.5	319.6	-10.1	556.9	404.0	-27.5	-201.4	-84.4
of which EU	272.8	225.3	-17.4	355.2	198.3	-44.2	-82.4	27.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	334.9	438.9	31.1	703.8	714.7	1.5	-368.9	-275.8
of which EU	53.3	115.9	117.4	237.5	88.4	-62.8	-184.2	27.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	48.2	55.3	14.7	19.1	15.1	-20.9	29.1	40.2
of which EU	34.7	19.1	-45.0	9.3	8.1	-12.9	25.4	11.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	442.5	472.2	6.7	711.7	724.5	1.8	-269.2	-252.3
of which EU	287.2	291.2	1.4	536.0	535.7	-0.1	-248.8	-244.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1123.4	964.8	-14.1	834.9	840.5	0.7	288.5	124.3
of which EU	807.8	681.5	-15.6	460.7	461.3	0.1	347.1	220.2
Machinery and transport equipment	962.2	1063.9	10.6	1373.3	1344.5	-2.1	-411.1	-280.6
of which EU	738.4	836.6	13.3	994.1	1019.5	2.6	-255.7	-182.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	666.3	685.0	2.8	394.8	416.8	5.6	271.5	268.2
of which EU	543.9	566.2	4.1	265.2	282.2	6.4	278.7	284.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	13.5	14.6	8.1	28.3	29.5	4.2	-14.8	-14.9
of which EU	10.8	12.2	13.0	25.0	26.6	6.4	-14.2	-14.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.