

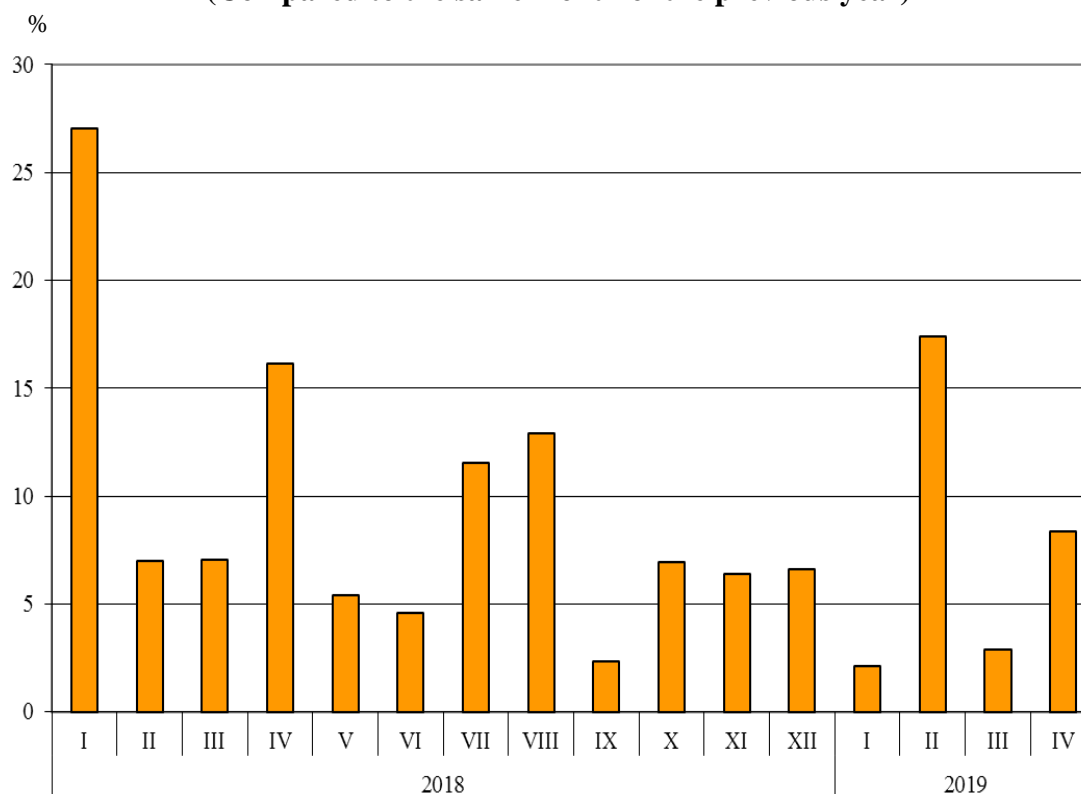


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2019** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 7.3% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 12 749.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2019** the exports to the EU grew by 8.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 142.0 Million BGN.

**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 the period **January - April 2019** in comparison to the corresponding period 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) was recorded in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (111.1%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (14.9%).

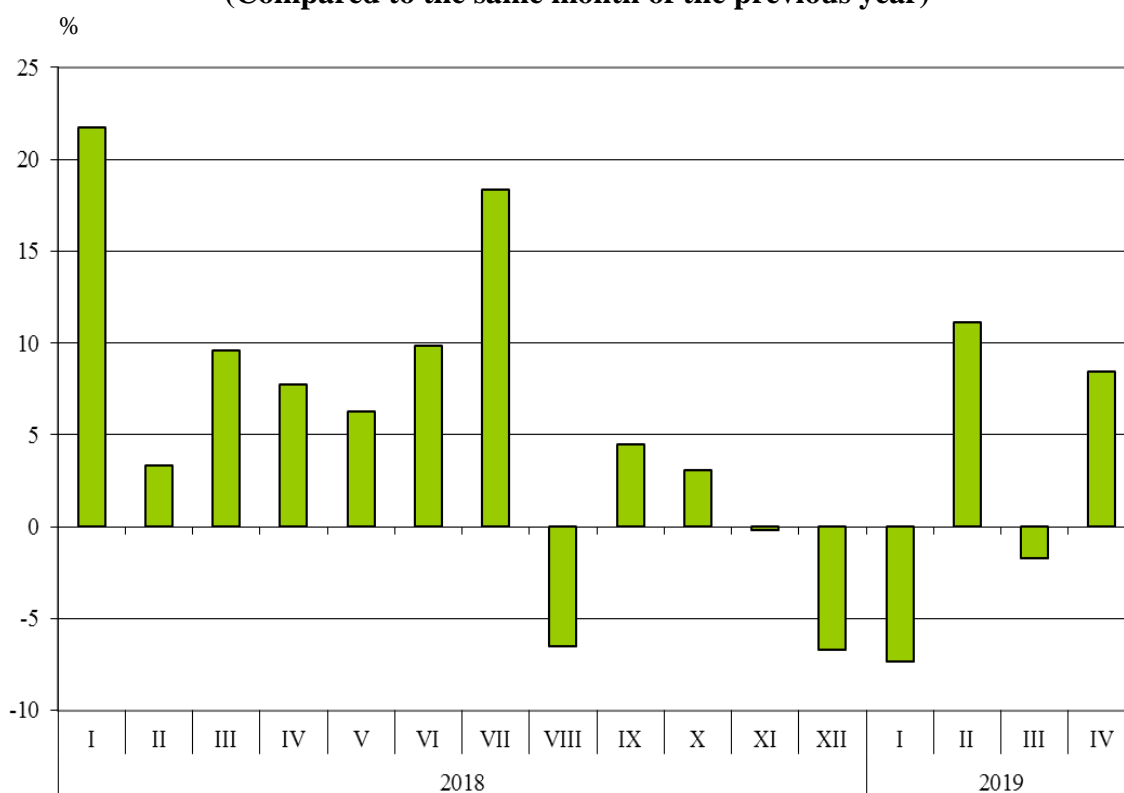
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - April 2019** increased by 2.3% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 13 297.6 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 Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 8.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 479.8 Million BGN.

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 the period **January - April 2019** compared to the corresponding period 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' (44.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)²' (27.4%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - April 2019** was negative and added up to 548.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 264.1 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.c.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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
II.2018	3904.4	2700.7	1203.7	4568.0	2914.7	1653.3	4256.2	2742.3	1513.9	-663.6	-214.0	-449.6	-351.8	-41.6	-310.2
III.2018	4505.9	3183.0	1322.9	5117.9	3647.6	1470.3	4759.0	3407.5	1351.5	-612.0	-464.6	-147.4	-253.1	-224.5	-28.6
I - III.2018	12803.8	8980.5	3823.3	14743.0	9791.0	4952.0	13694.0	9161.4	4532.6	-1939.2	-810.5	-1128.7	-890.2	-180.9	-709.3
IV.2018	4236.2	2899.2	1337.0	4965.7	3208.7	1757.0	4609.4	2997.6	1611.8	-729.5	-309.5	-420.0	-373.2	-98.4	-274.8
I - IV.2018	17040.0	11879.7	5160.3	19708.7	12999.7	6709.0	18303.4	12159.0	6144.4	-2668.7	-1120.0	-1548.7	-1263.4	-279.3	-984.1
I.2019	4684.7	3162.9	1521.8	5033.5	2992.5	2041.0	4665.9	2809.5	1856.4	-348.8	170.4	-519.2	18.8	353.4	-334.6
II.2019	4694.1	3169.9	1524.2	5274.5	3239.3	2035.2	4898.6	3035.2	1863.4	-580.4	-69.4	-511.0	-204.5	134.7	-339.2
III.2019	4788.4	3274.3	1514.1	5322.9	3586.0	1736.9	4958.4	3377.7	1580.7	-534.5	-311.7	-222.8	-170.0	-103.4	-66.6
I - III.2019	14167.2	9607.1	4560.1	15630.9	9817.8	5813.1	14522.9	9222.4	5300.5	-1463.7	-210.7	-1253.0	-355.7	384.7	-740.4
IV.2019	4502.0	3142.0	1360.0	4983.0	3479.8	1503.2	4644.6	3262.6	1382.0	-481.0	-337.8	-143.2	-142.6	-120.6	-22.0
I - IV.2019	18669.2	12749.1	5920.1	20613.9	13297.6	7316.3	19167.5	12485.0	6682.5	-1944.7	-548.5	-1396.2	-498.3	264.1	-762.4

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2019¹ compared to the same period 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	6.6	2.1	17.4	-0.5	-7.3	11.6	-0.3	-6.7	11.3
II	20.2	17.4	26.6	15.5	11.1	23.1	15.1	10.7	23.1
III	6.3	2.9	14.5	4.0	-1.7	18.1	4.2	-0.9	17.0
I - III	10.6	7.0	19.3	6.0	0.3	17.4	6.1	0.7	16.9
IV	6.3	8.4	1.7	0.3	8.4	-14.4	0.8	8.8	-14.3
I - IV	9.6	7.3	14.7	4.6	2.3	9.1	4.7	2.7	8.8

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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	17040.0	18669.2	9.6	19708.7	20613.9	4.6	-2668.7	-1944.7
EU	11879.7	12749.1	7.3	12999.7	13297.6	2.3	-1120.0	-548.5
Austria	327.7	366.8	11.9	497.2	560.6	12.8	-169.5	-193.8
Belgium	593.5	718.5	21.1	408.4	412.3	1.0	185.1	306.2
Croatia	88.3	89.2	1.0	60.6	44.0	-27.4	27.7	45.2
Cyprus	65.2	70.7	8.4	74.0	79.9	8.0	-8.8	-9.2
Czech Republic	369.5	441.6	19.5	449.3	523.7	16.6	-79.8	-82.1
Denmark	110.7	127.8	15.4	93.0	94.3	1.4	17.7	33.5
Estonia	17.0	18.5	8.8	14.5	23.3	60.7	2.5	-4.8
Finland	33.1	43.6	31.7	46.8	44.8	-4.3	-13.7	-1.2
France	720.1	772.1	7.2	605.6	656.4	8.4	114.5	115.7
Germany	2778.8	2832.3	1.9	2559.5	2613.6	2.1	219.3	218.7
Greece	1137.4	1243.2	9.3	840.4	918.7	9.3	297.0	324.5
Hungary	288.1	326.3	13.3	716.3	772.8	7.9	-428.2	-446.5
Ireland	33.2	49.6	49.4	80.1	91.8	14.6	-46.9	-42.2
Italy	1544.1	1485.1	-3.8	1469.9	1547.6	5.3	74.2	-62.5
Latvia	23.0	18.4	-20.0	28.4	12.7	-55.3	-5.4	5.7
Lithuania	45.4	44.3	-2.4	32.1	51.1	59.2	13.3	-6.8
Luxembourg	4.4	7.4	68.2	44.2	32.3	-26.9	-39.8	-24.9
Malta	15.6	16.2	3.8	74.5	12.2	-83.6	-58.9	4.0
Netherlands	484.5	480.8	-0.8	716.8	751.0	4.8	-232.3	-270.2
Poland	446.3	407.2	-8.8	597.6	737.2	23.4	-151.3	-330.0
Portugal	51.4	97.0	88.7	74.4	53.6	-28.0	-23.0	43.4
Romania	1388.4	1532.9	10.4	1415.1	1466.4	3.6	-26.7	66.5
Slovakia	127.5	216.1	69.5	254.6	286.7	12.6	-127.1	-70.6
Slovenia	120.9	158.1	30.8	147.9	173.0	17.0	-27.0	-14.9
Spain	401.1	426.1	6.2	1203.2	847.8	-29.5	-802.1	-421.7
Sweden	153.5	180.2	17.4	145.0	133.1	-8.2	8.5	47.1
United Kingdom	416.9	436.7	4.7	313.1	306.0	-2.3	103.8	130.7
Not specified	94.1	142.4	51.3	37.2	50.7	36.3	56.9	91.7

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.

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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	5160.3	5920.1	14.7	6709.0	7316.3	9.1	-1548.7	-1396.2
CIS³	350.1	437.8	25.0	1577.5	1795.1	13.8	-1227.4	-1357.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	15.0	22.0	46.7	3.8	2.0	-47.4	11.2	20.0
Russian Federation	251.7	315.0	25.1	1510.8	1735.8	14.9	-1259.1	-1420.8
OECD⁴	1873.8	1985.6	6.0	1920.1	2001.7	4.2	-46.3	-16.1
of which:								
Canada	33.8	32.1	-5.0	50.7	27.5	-45.8	-16.9	4.6
Israel	40.2	81.4	102.5	30.8	33.0	7.1	9.4	48.4
Japan	24.1	22.3	-7.5	79.0	81.4	3.0	-54.9	-59.1
Korea, Republic of	30.5	47.5	55.7	98.8	91.9	-7.0	-68.3	-44.4
Turkey	1316.4	1246.2	-5.3	1259.5	1413.0	12.2	56.9	-166.8
United States	253.0	339.7	34.3	191.9	160.2	-16.5	61.1	179.5
EFTA⁵	127.3	134.2	5.4	158.5	169.7	7.1	-31.2	-35.5
of which:								
Norway	25.5	26.5	3.9	17.4	14.7	-15.5	8.1	11.8
Switzerland	100.1	106.6	6.5	138.3	152.7	10.4	-38.2	-46.1

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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 the period January - April 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	53.0	49.9	-5.8	7.5	12.9	72.0	45.5	37.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	39.0	40.1	2.8	11.0	15.1	37.3	28.0	25.0
Brazil	11.6	28.4	144.8	23.4	19.3	-17.5	-11.8	9.1
China	417.8	525.8	25.8	817.1	948.4	16.1	-399.3	-422.6
Egypt	119.2	213.0	78.7	176.9	374.7	111.8	-57.7	-161.7
Georgia	93.4	100.2	7.3	258.4	211.3	-18.2	-165.0	-111.1
India	63.0	63.1	0.2	116.2	123.6	6.4	-53.2	-60.5
Indonesia	16.4	16.7	1.8	33.1	207.5	526.9	-16.7	-190.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	20.1	27.8	38.3	22.6	25.5	12.8	-2.5	2.3
Peru	7.1	5.5	-22.5	26.5	5.2	-80.4	-19.4	0.3
Republic of North Macedonia	271.7	263.9	-2.9	206.0	161.3	-21.7	65.7	102.6
Serbia	289.0	381.4	32.0	388.7	352.2	-9.4	-99.7	29.2
Singapore	140.9	95.2	-32.4	28.5	24.3	-14.7	112.4	70.9
South Africa	45.4	69.3	52.6	18.8	37.0	96.8	26.6	32.3
Syrian Arab Republic	14.2	8.6	-39.4	0.3	0.1	-66.7	13.9	8.5
Taiwan	17.6	18.3	4.0	65.2	61.7	-5.4	-47.6	-43.4
Ukraine	94.3	165.0	75.0	305.6	365.6	19.6	-211.3	-200.6
United Arab Emirates	58.3	50.8	-12.9	19.4	17.9	-7.7	38.9	32.9
Viet Nam	13.8	15.5	12.3	32.8	40.3	22.9	-19.0	-24.8

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Table 4



**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - April 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	17040.0	18669.2	9.6	19708.7	20613.9	4.6	-2668.7	-1944.7
of which EU	11879.7	12749.1	7.3	12999.7	13297.6	2.3	-1120.0	-548.5
Food and live animals	1754.6	1958.6	11.6	1524.8	1646.5	8.0	229.8	312.1
of which EU	1344.9	1415.2	5.2	1228.3	1281.5	4.3	116.6	133.7
Beverages and tobacco	190.4	208.9	9.7	244.7	347.3	41.9	-54.3	-138.4
of which EU	106.7	109.4	2.5	192.9	279.0	44.6	-86.2	-169.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1102.1	1210.7	9.9	2064.3	1778.1	-13.9	-962.2	-567.4
of which EU	761.6	802.3	5.3	1288.3	935.1	-27.4	-526.7	-132.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	973.9	1658.8	70.3	2090.2	2343.9	12.1	-1116.3	-685.1
of which EU	268.4	566.7	111.1	512.7	432.5	-15.6	-244.3	134.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	188.5	197.6	4.8	64.1	60.3	-5.9	124.4	137.3
of which EU	121.1	103.1	-14.9	37.1	35.8	-3.5	84.0	67.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1703.6	2067.4	21.4	2867.9	3161.1	10.2	-1164.3	-1093.7
of which EU	1091.0	1265.8	16.0	2228.6	2401.0	7.7	-1137.6	-1135.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4295.7	3983.8	-7.3	3496.0	3550.4	1.6	799.7	433.4
of which EU	2980.3	2792.7	-6.3	1998.2	2036.2	1.9	982.1	756.5
Machinery and transport equipment	3996.7	4473.4	11.9	5628.8	5846.9	3.9	-1632.1	-1373.5
of which EU	3049.0	3438.6	12.8	4282.8	4564.3	6.6	-1233.8	-1125.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2782.0	2843.8	2.2	1614.3	1760.0	9.0	1167.7	1083.8
of which EU	2115.4	2203.6	4.2	1129.5	1225.7	8.5	985.9	977.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	52.5	66.2	26.1	113.6	119.4	5.1	-61.1	-53.2
of which EU	41.3	51.7	25.2	101.3	106.5	5.1	-60.0	-54.8

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