

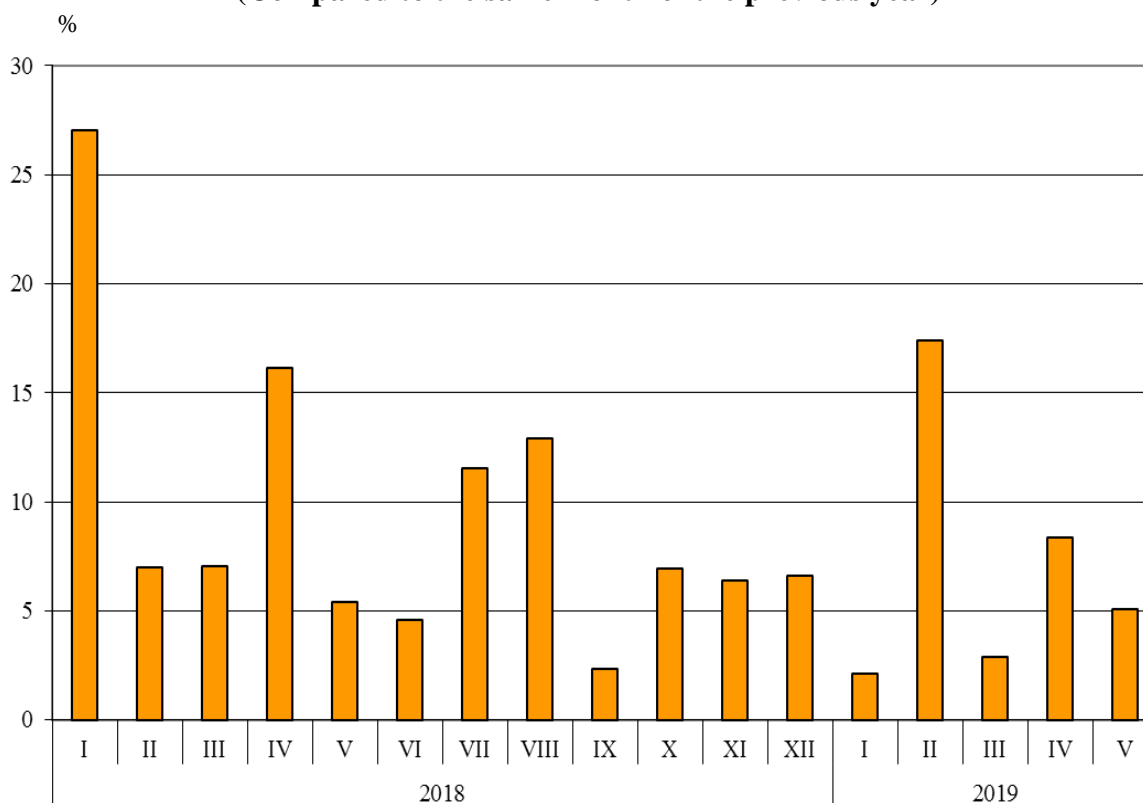


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 6.9% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 15 925.9 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 **May 2019** the exports to the EU grew by 5.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 176.8 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 - May 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' (129.7%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (19.6%).

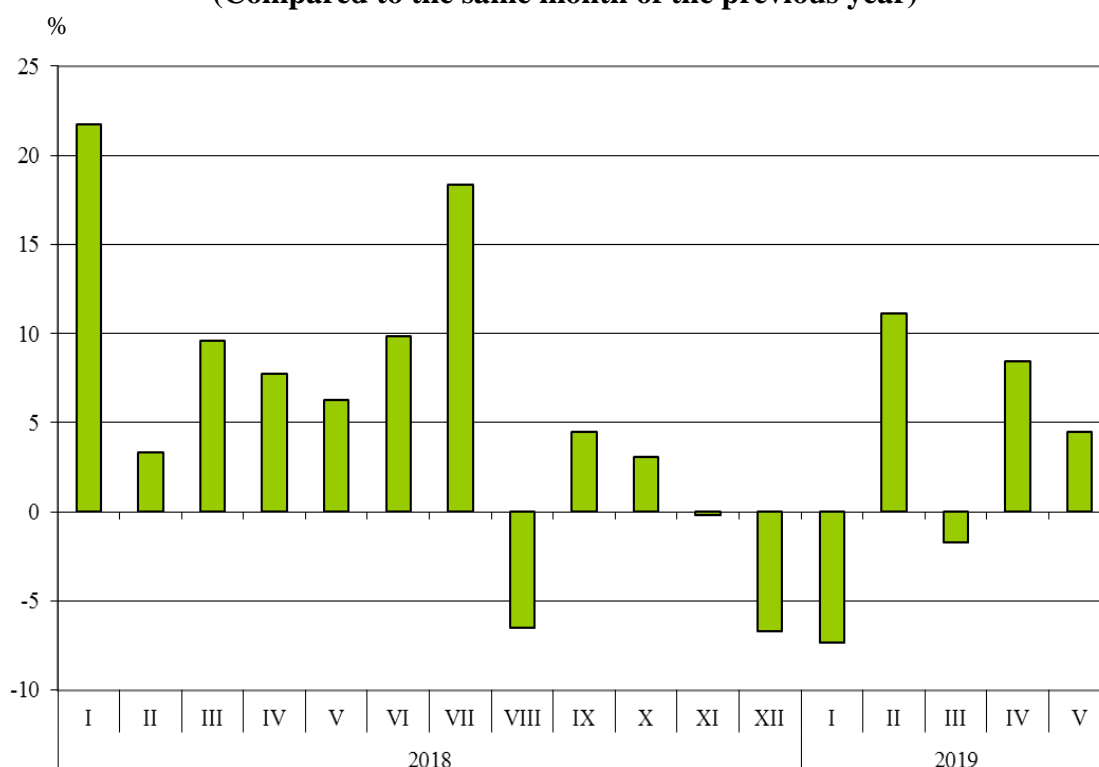
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - May 2019** increased by 2.7% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 16 809.6 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 **May 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 4.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 512.0 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 - May 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’ (41.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)²’ (27.9%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - May 2019** was negative and added up to 883.7 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 135.3 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 - May 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
V.2018	4324.2	3023.0	1301.2	5162.4	3361.0	1801.4	4800.8	3147.1	1653.7	-838.2	-338.0	-500.2	-476.6	-124.1	-352.5
I - V.2018	21364.2	14902.7	6461.5	24871.1	16360.7	8510.4	23104.2	15306.1	7798.1	-3506.9	-1458.0	-2048.9	-1740.0	-403.4	-1336.6
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
V.2019	4646.9	3176.8	1470.1	5181.9	3512.0	1669.9	4832.3	3305.6	1526.7	-535.0	-335.2	-199.8	-185.4	-128.8	-56.6
I - V.2019	23316.1	15925.9	7390.2	25795.8	16809.6	8986.2	23999.8	15790.6	8209.2	-2479.7	-883.7	-1596.0	-683.7	135.3	-819.0

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

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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
V	7.5	5.1	13.0	0.4	4.5	-7.3	0.7	5.0	-7.7
I - V	9.1	6.9	14.4	3.7	2.7	5.6	3.9	3.2	5.3

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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	21364.2	23316.1	9.1	24871.1	25795.8	3.7	-3506.9	-2479.7
EU	14902.7	15925.9	6.9	16360.7	16809.6	2.7	-1458.0	-883.7
Austria	414.4	452.6	9.2	615.4	706.3	14.8	-201.0	-253.7
Belgium	666.2	799.9	20.1	506.6	519.2	2.5	159.6	280.7
Croatia	109.3	115.0	5.2	77.5	61.0	-21.3	31.8	54.0
Cyprus	79.5	85.2	7.2	146.7	83.5	-43.1	-67.2	1.7
Czech Republic	461.4	553.3	19.9	565.1	662.4	17.2	-103.7	-109.1
Denmark	143.2	153.2	7.0	118.0	117.7	-0.3	25.2	35.5
Estonia	23.0	24.3	5.7	20.2	28.8	42.6	2.8	-4.5
Finland	41.2	55.2	34.0	56.7	56.4	-0.5	-15.5	-1.2
France	889.4	959.0	7.8	738.6	823.5	11.5	150.8	135.5
Germany	3492.2	3494.6	0.1	3209.7	3319.1	3.4	282.5	175.5
Greece	1450.2	1648.7	13.7	1070.2	1219.0	13.9	380.0	429.7
Hungary	370.0	423.7	14.5	892.4	963.9	8.0	-522.4	-540.2
Ireland	40.0	68.3	70.8	100.9	123.1	22.0	-60.9	-54.8
Italy	1929.7	1857.5	-3.7	1906.3	1991.1	4.4	23.4	-133.6
Latvia	29.5	24.1	-18.3	32.4	16.9	-47.8	-2.9	7.2
Lithuania	56.5	56.4	-0.2	41.5	62.2	49.9	15.0	-5.8
Luxembourg	6.2	9.3	50.0	51.2	37.2	-27.3	-45.0	-27.9
Malta	18.2	20.0	9.9	76.2	15.2	-80.1	-58.0	4.8
Netherlands	578.3	621.1	7.4	930.0	953.9	2.6	-351.7	-332.8
Poland	549.5	507.5	-7.6	756.0	926.5	22.6	-206.5	-419.0
Portugal	63.0	123.3	95.7	82.5	78.7	-4.6	-19.5	44.6
Romania	1811.6	1963.4	8.4	1765.0	1858.1	5.3	46.6	105.3
Slovakia	165.5	260.5	57.4	317.5	350.0	10.2	-152.0	-89.5
Slovenia	152.4	194.8	27.8	186.3	214.6	15.2	-33.9	-19.8
Spain	512.1	506.4	-1.1	1475.2	1017.6	-31.0	-963.1	-511.2
Sweden	193.8	226.6	16.9	175.4	163.0	-7.1	18.4	63.6
United Kingdom	533.3	535.9	0.5	395.7	385.9	-2.5	137.6	150.0
Not specified	123.1	186.1	51.2	51.5	54.8	6.4	71.6	131.3

¹ Partner country:

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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 - May 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	6461.5	7390.2	14.4	8510.4	8986.2	5.6	-2048.9	-1596.0
CIS³	429.7	541.3	26.0	2158.9	2134.9	-1.1	-1729.2	-1593.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	16.7	24.6	47.3	4.2	2.4	-42.9	12.5	22.2
Russian Federation	304.9	387.3	27.0	2063.1	2056.5	-0.3	-1758.2	-1669.2
OECD⁴	2316.6	2418.2	4.4	2381.2	2527.7	6.2	-64.6	-109.5
of which:								
Canada	41.7	39.3	-5.8	60.0	33.2	-44.7	-18.3	6.1
Israel	50.5	98.1	94.3	40.7	42.2	3.7	9.8	55.9
Japan	30.1	27.3	-9.3	105.1	104.5	-0.6	-75.0	-77.2
Korea, Republic of	43.9	54.8	24.8	125.2	123.1	-1.7	-81.3	-68.3
Turkey	1617.7	1533.5	-5.2	1553.6	1773.5	14.2	64.1	-240.0
United States	311.0	396.5	27.5	232.1	202.6	-12.7	78.9	193.9
EFTA⁵	158.8	170.7	7.5	205.9	214.8	4.3	-47.1	-44.1
of which:								
Norway	31.5	34.0	7.9	22.6	20.1	-11.1	8.9	13.9
Switzerland	125.5	135.4	7.9	180.5	192.3	6.5	-55.0	-56.9

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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 - May 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	67.5	63.8	-5.5	10.5	16.8	60.0	57.0	47.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48.6	53.1	9.3	14.9	19.6	31.5	33.7	33.5
Brazil	36.9	31.2	-15.4	25.7	22.8	-11.3	11.2	8.4
China	492.0	620.3	26.1	1023.5	1205.7	17.8	-531.5	-585.4
Egypt	130.5	227.7	74.5	184.6	384.9	108.5	-54.1	-157.2
Georgia	121.0	122.7	1.4	304.1	255.0	-16.1	-183.1	-132.3
India	78.1	91.4	17.0	144.5	153.8	6.4	-66.4	-62.4
Indonesia	19.5	20.8	6.7	43.3	215.3	397.2	-23.8	-194.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	23.1	33.9	46.8	27.8	32.3	16.2	-4.7	1.6
Peru	7.8	7.0	-10.3	26.6	5.9	-77.8	-18.8	1.1
Republic of North Macedonia	337.0	331.7	-1.6	262.8	209.2	-20.4	74.2	122.5
Serbia	366.2	490.8	34.0	499.0	455.6	-8.7	-132.8	35.2
Singapore	169.1	97.4	-42.4	34.6	30.7	-11.3	134.5	66.7
South Africa	72.0	98.6	36.9	34.8	49.5	42.2	37.2	49.1
Syrian Arab Republic	14.8	9.8	-33.8	0.3	0.1	-66.7	14.5	9.7
Taiwan	22.4	21.1	-5.8	85.1	79.8	-6.2	-62.7	-58.7
Ukraine	127.4	195.2	53.2	395.6	453.1	14.5	-268.2	-257.9
United Arab Emirates	75.0	86.5	15.3	25.4	23.8	-6.3	49.6	62.7
Viet Nam	17.7	24.8	40.1	37.9	47.5	25.3	-20.2	-22.7

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - May 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	21364.2	23316.1	9.1	24871.1	25795.8	3.7	-3506.9	-2479.7
of which EU	14902.7	15925.9	6.9	16360.7	16809.6	2.7	-1458.0	-883.7
Food and live animals	2186.5	2407.4	10.1	1886.4	2038.8	8.1	300.1	368.6
of which EU	1655.8	1727.5	4.3	1522.4	1594.8	4.8	133.4	132.7
Beverages and tobacco	248.9	259.6	4.3	332.5	453.2	36.3	-83.6	-193.6
of which EU	147.0	138.8	-5.6	253.8	357.8	41.0	-106.8	-219.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1379.2	1479.2	7.3	2492.8	2132.6	-14.4	-1113.6	-653.4
of which EU	949.2	953.2	0.4	1550.1	1117.1	-27.9	-600.9	-163.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1218.3	2173.5	78.4	2762.9	2807.6	1.6	-1544.6	-634.1
of which EU	345.0	792.4	129.7	661.7	600.3	-9.3	-316.7	192.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	260.2	260.4	0.1	81.3	89.3	9.8	178.9	171.1
of which EU	160.5	129.0	-19.6	47.4	45.7	-3.6	113.1	83.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2154.4	2576.0	19.6	3588.0	3928.7	9.5	-1433.6	-1352.7
of which EU	1371.1	1577.7	15.1	2796.3	2994.9	7.1	-1425.2	-1417.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5351.9	4902.3	-8.4	4467.7	4499.7	0.7	884.2	402.6
of which EU	3726.3	3439.3	-7.7	2556.8	2590.1	1.3	1169.5	849.2
Machinery and transport equipment	5061.3	5634.8	11.3	7093.2	7467.7	5.3	-2031.9	-1832.9
of which EU	3876.7	4366.0	12.6	5430.2	5825.0	7.3	-1553.5	-1459.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3437.6	3540.6	3.0	2023.4	2226.8	10.1	1414.2	1313.8
of which EU	2619.6	2737.9	4.5	1415.0	1549.1	9.5	1204.6	1188.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	65.9	82.3	24.9	142.9	151.4	5.9	-77.0	-69.1
of which EU	51.5	64.1	24.5	127.0	134.8	6.1	-75.5	-70.7

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