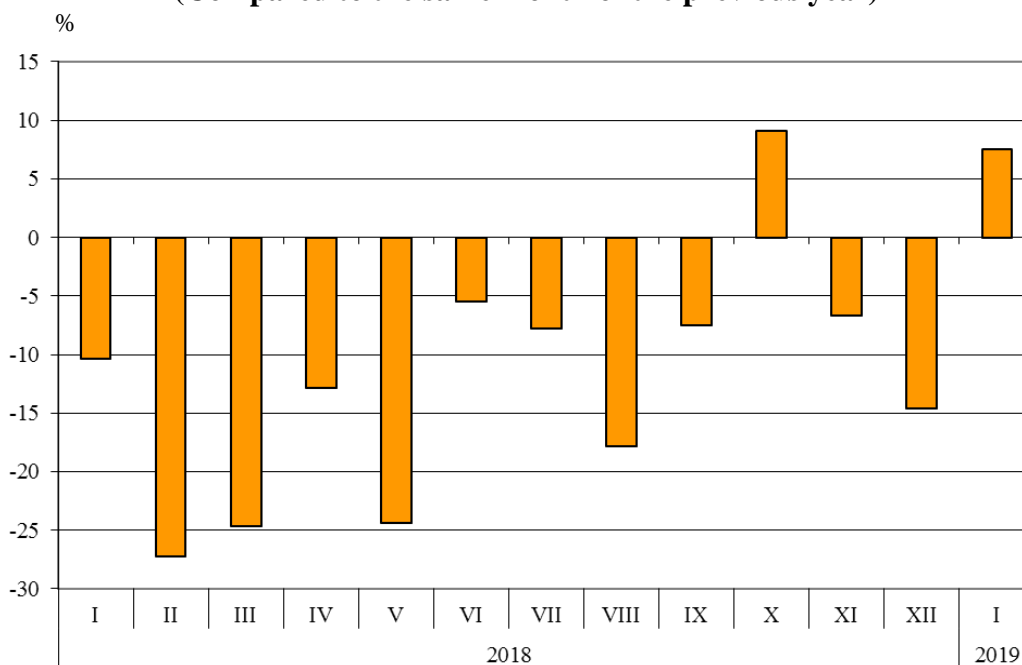




## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2019** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 7.5% in comparison with the same month of the previous year and added up to 1 394.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Egypt, Serbia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 54.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In **January 2019** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same month of the previous year was recorded in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (168.1%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (38.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were reported in sections ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’<sup>2</sup> (10.2%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (4.9%).

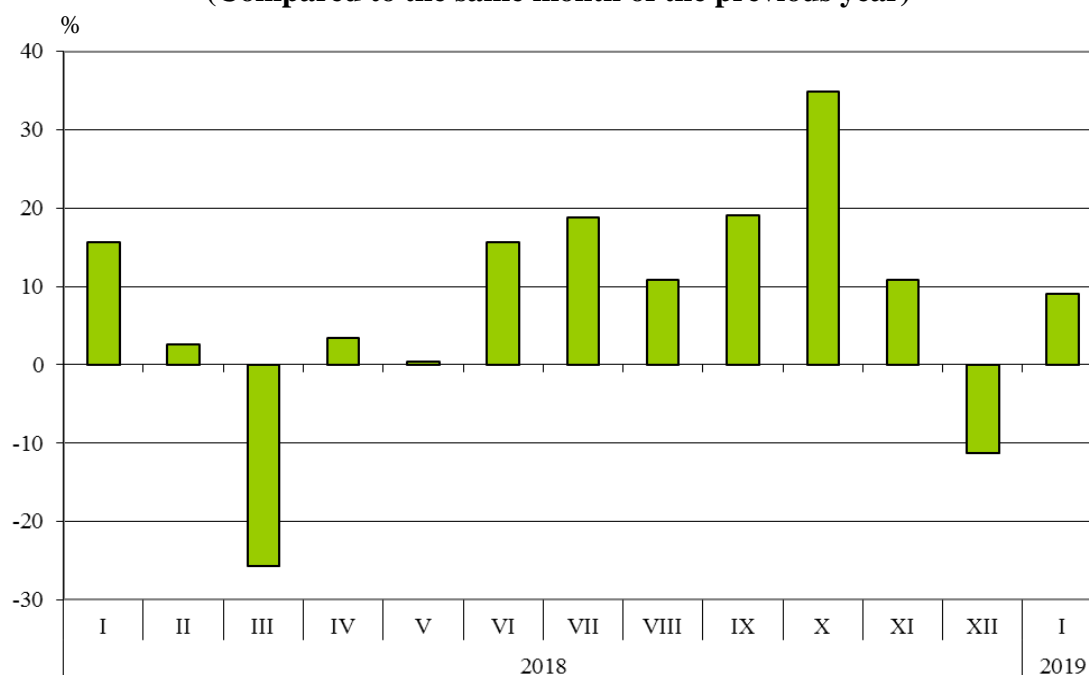
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in January 2019** increased by 9.1% in comparison with same month of 2018 and added up to 1 994.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Egypt (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2018 - 2019**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2019** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same month of the previous year were recorded in the section 'Food and live animals' (43.8%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (34.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable falls were observed in sectors 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (28.6%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (14.3%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in January 2019 was negative and added up to 600.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 421.5 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



## Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In **January 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 4 558.3 Million BGN which is 3.8% more than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

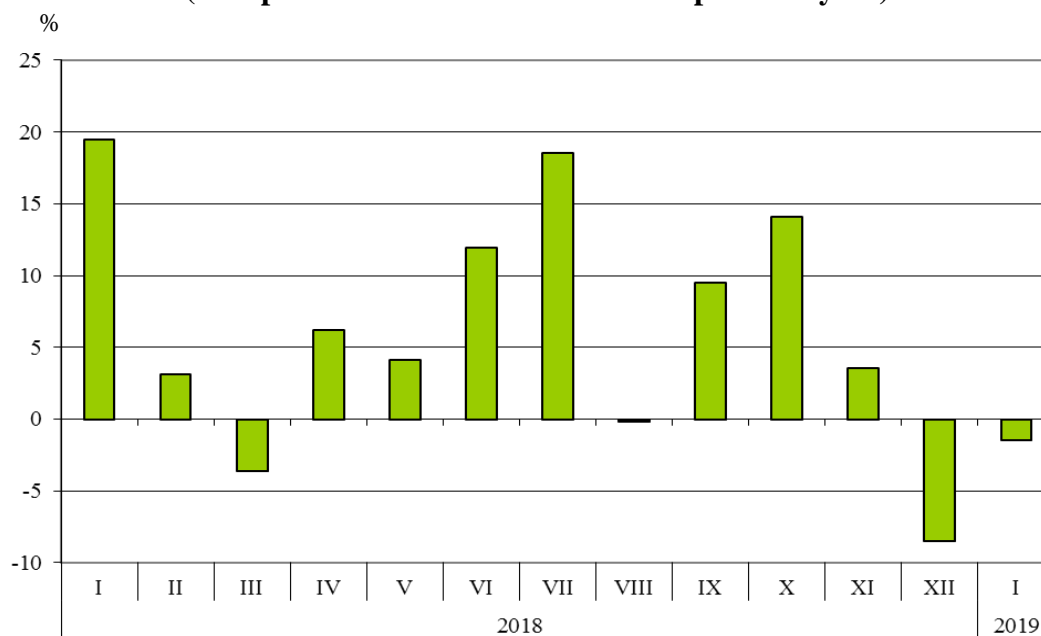


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **January 2019** amounted to 4 983.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.5% less than January 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **January 2019** and amounted to 425.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in 2019 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 97.1 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Table 1**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2018<sup>1</sup> and 2019<sup>1</sup> by months**

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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	4558.3	3164.1	1394.2	4983.5	2989.2	1994.3	4655.4	2839.7	1815.7	-425.2	174.9	-600.1	-97.1	324.4	-421.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2019.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2019<sup>1</sup> 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	-1.5	-7.4	9.1	-0.5	-5.7	8.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in January 2018<sup>2</sup> and 2019<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>1296.7</b>	<b>1394.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1828.4</b>	<b>1994.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-531.7</b>	<b>-600.1</b>
of which:								
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
Canada	6.5	6.1	-6.2	16.8	14.0	-16.7	-10.3	-7.9
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
Gibraltar	0.2	25.4	12600.0	-	-	x	0.2	25.4
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
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
Kazakhstan	6.4	8.2	28.1	1.7	0.5	-70.6	4.7	7.7
Korea, Republic of	5.5	20.3	269.1	26.5	21.4	-19.2	-21.0	-1.1
Libya	8.4	1.2	-85.7	4.0	-	-100.0	4.4	1.2
Morocco	3.8	18.9	397.4	15.8	18.5	17.1	-12.0	0.4
Namibia	23.8	35.2	47.9	-	-	x	23.8	35.2
Norway	5.4	6.9	27.8	3.1	3.7	19.4	2.3	3.2
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
Russian Federation	59.4	59.9	0.8	486.9	538.5	10.6	-427.5	-478.6
Serbia	63.2	82.8	31.0	97.6	80.5	-17.5	-34.4	2.3
Singapore	1.5	3.4	126.7	0.3	0.0	-100.0	1.2	3.4
South Africa	11.7	26.1	123.1	10.2	8.0	-21.6	1.5	18.1
Switzerland	25.1	26.6	6.0	29.5	33.6	13.9	-4.4	-7.0
Syrian Arab Republic	54.4	97.3	78.9	88.4	-	x	-34.0	97.3
Taiwan	3.8	5.2	36.8	18.8	18.7	-0.5	-15.0	-13.5
Turkey	354.2	311.0	-12.2	291.9	330.0	13.1	62.3	-19.0
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
United States	24.2	39.4	62.8	9.4	8.5	-9.6	14.8	30.9
Viet-Nam	3.5	4.5	28.6	10.4	10.9	4.8	-6.9	-6.4

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2019.

'x' - category not applicable.

'-' - no case.

'0' - figure less than half of the unit used.



**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in January 2018<sup>1</sup> and 2019<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>1296.7</b>	<b>1394.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1828.4</b>	<b>1994.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-531.7</b>	<b>-600.1</b>
Food and live animals	78.5	108.3	38.0	77.6	111.6	43.8	0.9	-3.3
Beverages and tobacco	20.6	19.6	-4.9	11.0	13.2	20.0	9.6	6.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	82.7	94.3	14.0	201.7	205.7	2.0	-119.0	-111.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	281.7	323.0	14.7	466.3	626.3	34.3	-184.6	-303.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	13.5	36.2	168.1	9.8	7.0	-28.6	3.7	29.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	155.3	181.0	16.5	175.7	188.7	7.4	-20.4	-7.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	315.6	283.3	-10.2	374.2	379.2	1.3	-58.6	-95.9
Machinery and transport equipment	223.8	227.3	1.6	379.3	325.0	-14.3	-155.5	-97.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	122.4	118.8	-2.9	129.6	134.6	3.9	-7.2	-15.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.6	2.4	-7.7	3.2	3.0	-6.3	-0.6	-0.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th March 2019.