

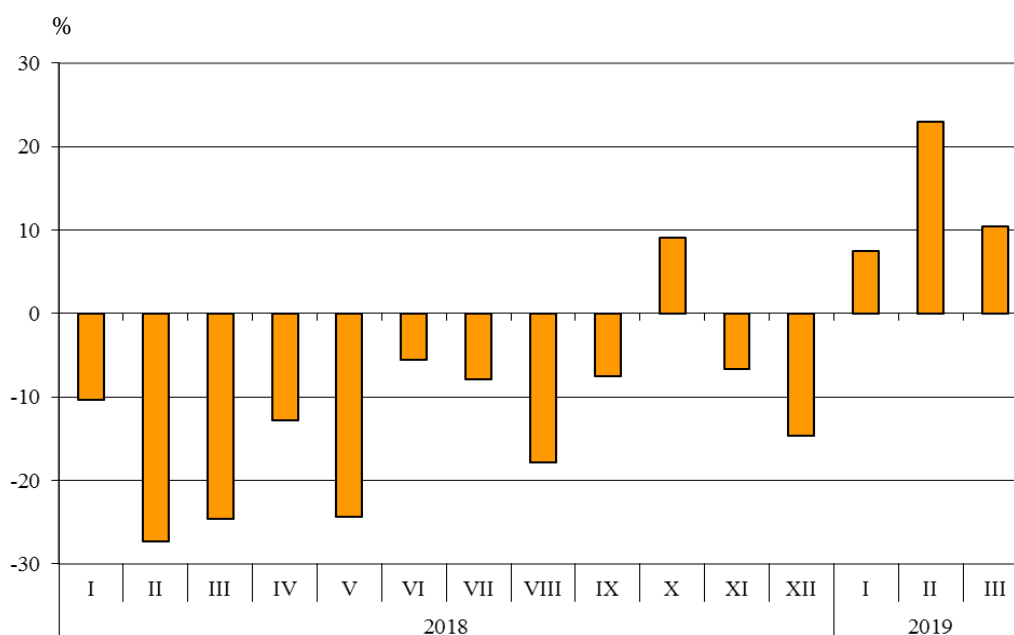


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - March 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 13.4% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 4 335.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Russian Federation and Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 51.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 10.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 460.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 the period January - March 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 period of the previous year was recorded in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (55.3%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (43.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (5.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

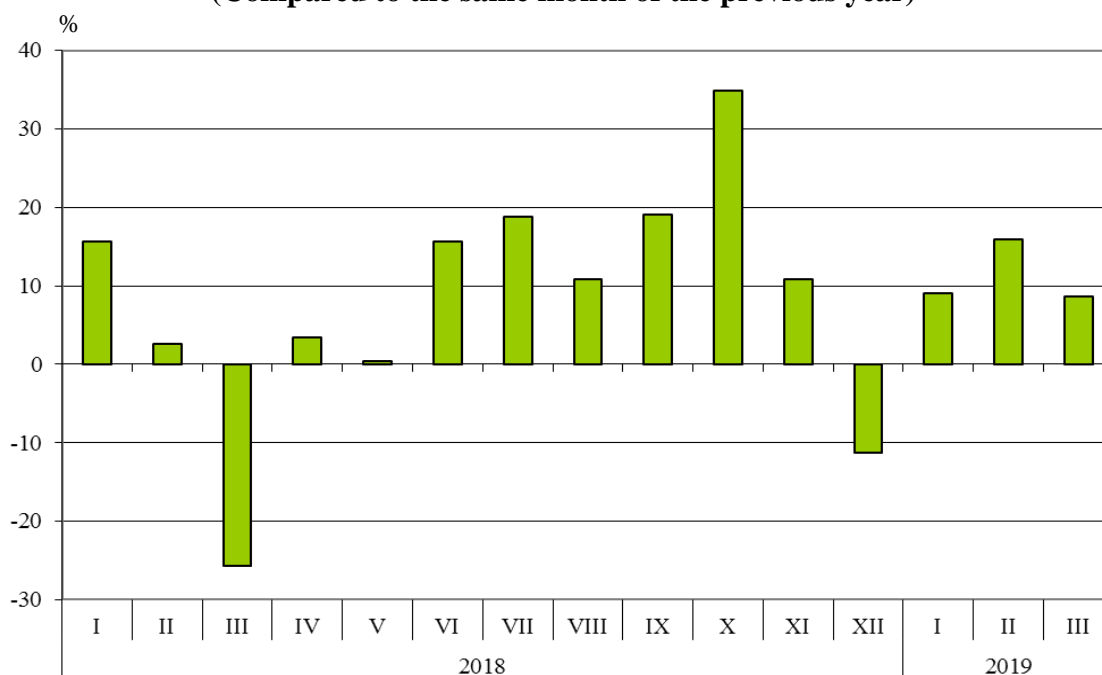
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, 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 the period January - March 2019 increased by 11.2% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 5 506.6 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 8.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 596.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 the period **January - March 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 period of the previous year were recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (53.4%), 'Food and live animals' (25.7%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (25.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (17.5%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - March 2019 was negative and added up to 1 171.6 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 687.9 Million BGN.

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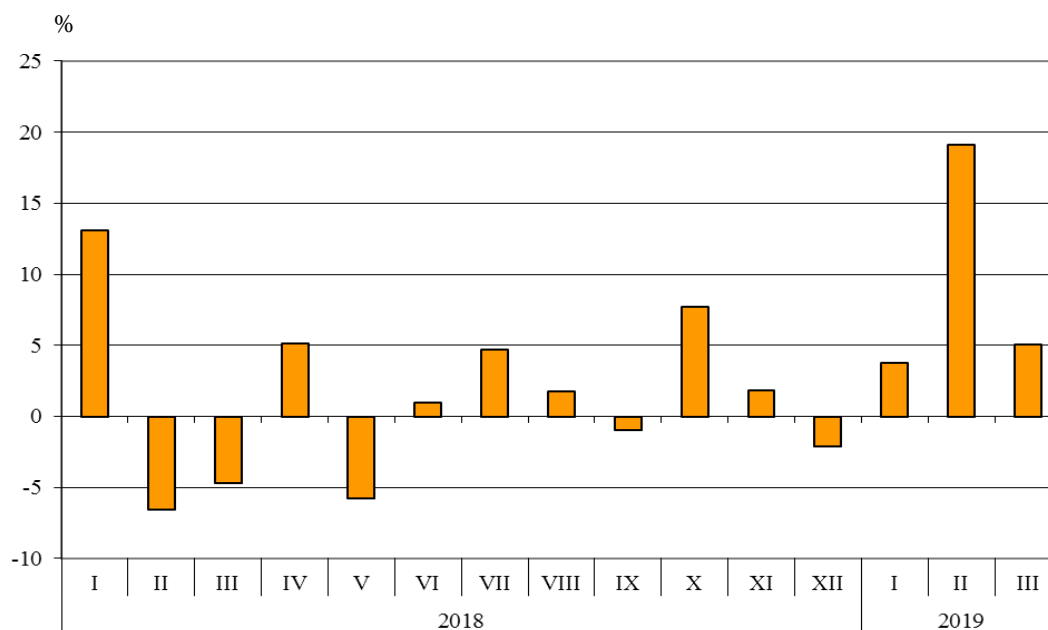
In **March 2019** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 136.2 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - March 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 13 942.1 Million BGN which is 8.9% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 733.3 Million BGN and increased by 5.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



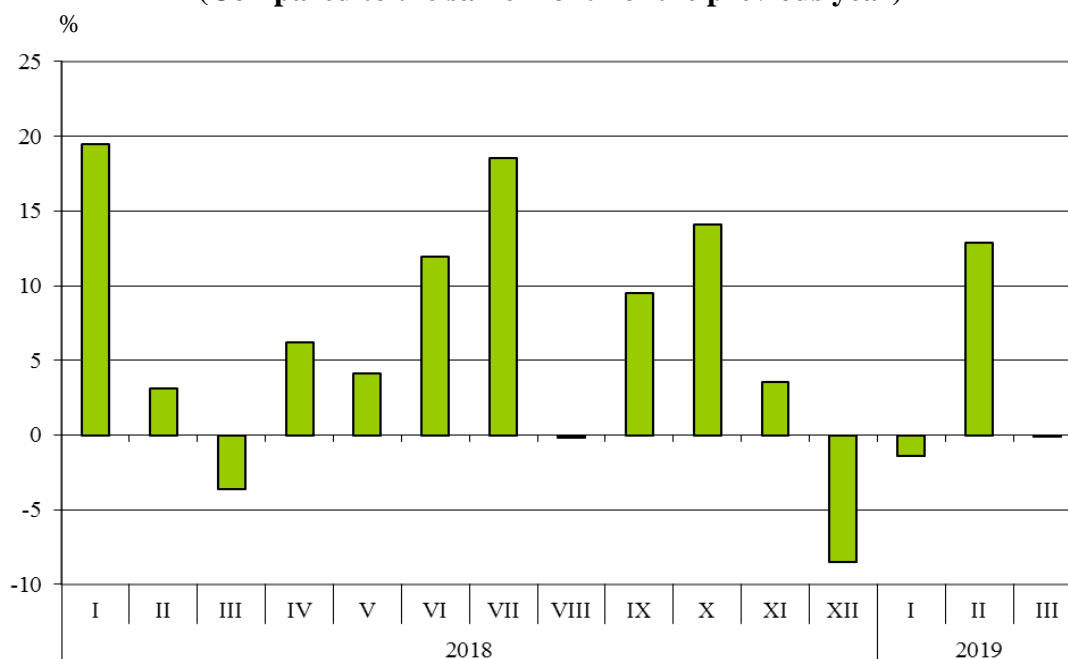
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - March 2019** amounted to 15 253.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 3.5% more than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 0.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 113.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 the **period January - March 2019** and amounted to 1 311.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - March 2019 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 264.6 Million BGN.

In **March 2019** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 380.1 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 61.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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
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
II.2019	4650.0	3169.7	1480.3	5154.9	3239.3	1915.6	4788.6	3035.2	1753.4	-504.9	-69.6	-435.3	-138.6	134.5	-273.1
III.2019	4733.3	3272.8	1460.5	5113.4	3516.7	1596.7	4794.7	3340.9	1453.8	-380.1	-243.9	-136.2	-61.4	-68.1	6.7
I - III.2019	13942.1	9607.1	4335.0	15253.2	9746.6	5506.6	14206.7	9183.8	5022.9	-1311.1	-139.5	-1171.6	-264.6	423.3	-687.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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	3.8	2.2	7.5	-1.4	-7.4	9.1	-1.2	-6.8	8.9
II	19.1	17.4	23.0	12.8	11.1	15.9	12.5	10.7	15.8
III	5.0	2.8	10.4	-0.1	-3.6	8.6	0.8	-2.0	7.6
I - III	8.9	7.0	13.4	3.5	-0.5	11.2	3.7	0.2	10.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2019.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - March 2018² and 2019²

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	
Third countries - total	3823.3	4335.0	13.4	4952.0	5506.6	11.2	-1128.7	-1171.6
of which:								
Albania	40.5	36.1	-10.9	5.4	6.9	27.8	35.1	29.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.9	29.3	-5.2	8.2	10.2	24.4	22.7	19.1
Brazil	8.5	24.4	187.1	19.0	13.8	-27.4	-10.5	10.6
Canada	21.7	21.3	-1.8	33.3	23.1	-30.6	-11.6	-1.8
China	333.0	414.0	24.3	658.0	761.2	15.7	-325.0	-347.2
Egypt	94.8	189.7	100.1	99.8	175.9	76.3	-5.0	13.8
Georgia	65.7	81.3	23.7	211.9	153.8	-27.4	-146.2	-72.5
Gibraltar	25.5	50.8	99.2	0.0	0.0	x	25.5	50.8
India	41.5	43.1	3.9	85.5	88.3	3.3	-44.0	-45.2
Indonesia	14.3	11.4	-20.3	26.4	199.8	656.8	-12.1	-188.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15.9	22.6	42.1	16.2	18.5	14.2	-0.3	4.1
Israel	31.4	68.7	118.8	25.4	22.4	-11.8	6.0	46.3
Japan	18.7	15.2	-18.7	57.7	57.3	-0.7	-39.0	-42.1
Kazakhstan	12.8	18.4	43.8	3.2	1.1	-65.6	9.6	17.3
Korea, Republic of	22.5	34.3	52.4	72.9	67.3	-7.7	-50.4	-33.0
Libya	19.5	34.7	77.9	4.0	-	-100.0	15.5	34.7
Morocco	41.2	44.2	7.3	37.6	32.2	-14.4	3.6	12.0
Namibia	54.0	64.2	18.9	0.0	0.0	x	54.0	64.2
Norway	19.3	21.5	11.4	7.4	9.4	27.0	11.9	12.1
Peru	6.1	2.9	-52.5	26.5	4.1	-84.5	-20.4	-1.2
Republic of North Macedonia	209.1	196.2	-6.2	153.5	108.9	-29.1	55.6	87.3
Russian Federation	193.6	206.7	6.8	1072.5	1373.6	28.1	-878.9	-1166.9
Serbia	213.5	298.1	39.6	293.0	261.1	-10.9	-79.5	37.0
Singapore	90.8	93.0	2.4	24.2	19.9	-17.8	66.6	73.1
South Africa	41.3	60.4	46.2	16.4	20.7	26.2	24.9	39.7
Switzerland	77.0	79.6	3.4	104.2	113.4	8.8	-27.2	-33.8
Syrian Arab Republic	13.4	6.9	-48.5	0.3	0.0	x	13.1	6.9
Taiwan	13.1	12.3	-6.1	48.6	48.6	0.0	-35.5	-36.3
Turkey	942.4	854.9	-9.3	934.5	1084.1	16.0	7.9	-229.2
Ukraine	68.9	125.8	82.6	213.6	254.8	19.3	-144.7	-129.0
United Arab Emirates	45.8	35.8	-21.8	14.4	11.5	-20.1	31.4	24.3
United States	200.3	258.4	29.0	158.3	124.0	-21.7	42.0	134.4
Viet-Nam	10.7	11.5	7.5	26.0	28.8	10.8	-15.3	-17.3

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 13-th May 2019.

'x' - category not applicable.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - March 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	
Third countries - total	3823.3	4335.0	13.4	4952.0	5506.6	11.2	-1128.7	-1171.6
Food and live animals	283.4	405.5	43.1	222.8	280.1	25.7	60.6	125.4
Beverages and tobacco	65.3	79.3	21.4	32.0	49.1	53.4	33.3	30.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	246.1	298.5	21.3	567.2	653.3	15.2	-321.1	-354.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	590.6	726.2	23.0	1101.8	1385.2	25.7	-511.2	-659.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	53.2	82.6	55.3	22.8	18.8	-17.5	30.4	63.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	471.0	593.5	26.0	494.1	572.7	15.9	-23.1	20.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	940.2	885.1	-5.9	1132.3	1120.4	-1.1	-192.1	-235.3
Machinery and transport equipment	701.5	794.3	13.2	996.8	1012.7	1.6	-295.3	-218.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	464.2	458.8	-1.2	372.7	404.9	8.6	91.5	53.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	7.8	11.2	43.6	9.5	9.4	-1.1	-1.7	1.8

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