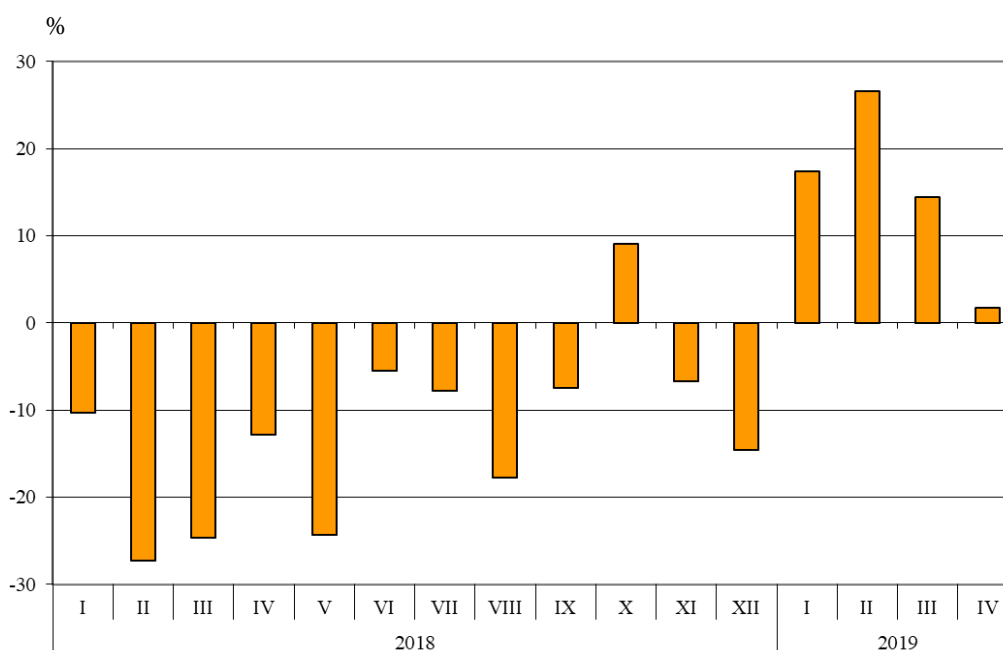


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - April 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.7% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 5 920.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 51.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 1.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 360.0 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 - April 2019 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growths compared to the same period of the previous year were recorded in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (54.8%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (9.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

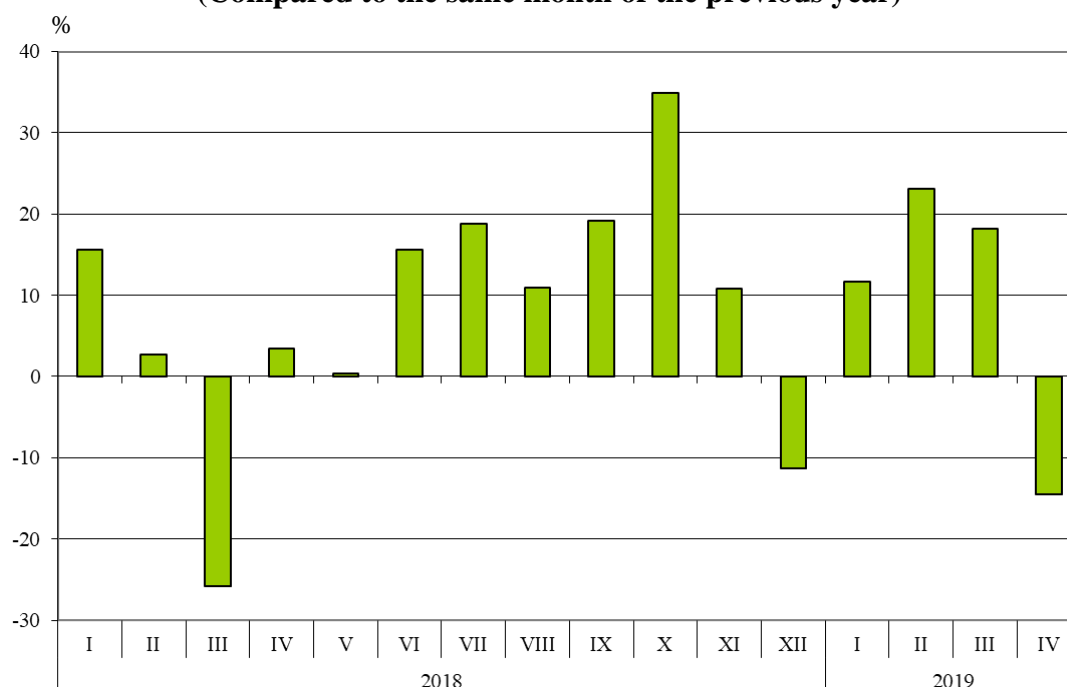
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, 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 - April 2019 increased by 9.1% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 7 316.3 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).

In **April 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 14.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 503.2 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 - April 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’ (32.3%), ‘Food and live animals’ (23.1%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (21.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (9.6%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - April 2019 was negative and added up to 1 396.2 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 762.4 Million BGN.

In **April 2019** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 143.2 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

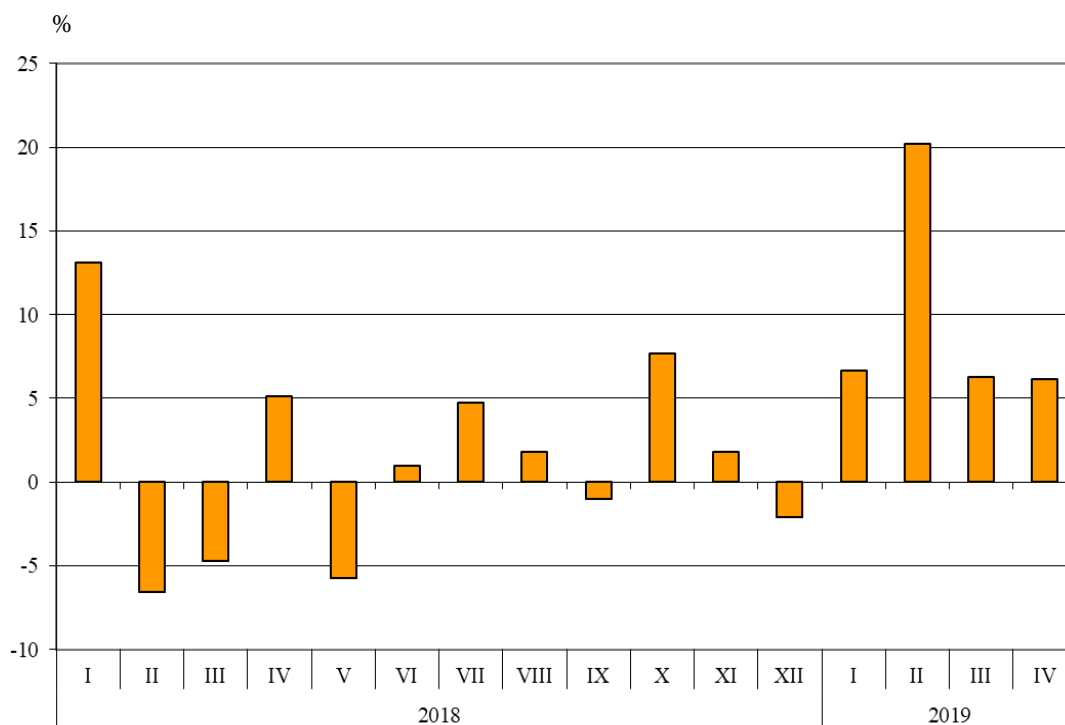


Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 18 663.9 Million BGN which is 9.5% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 496.7 Million BGN and increased by 6.1% 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)**



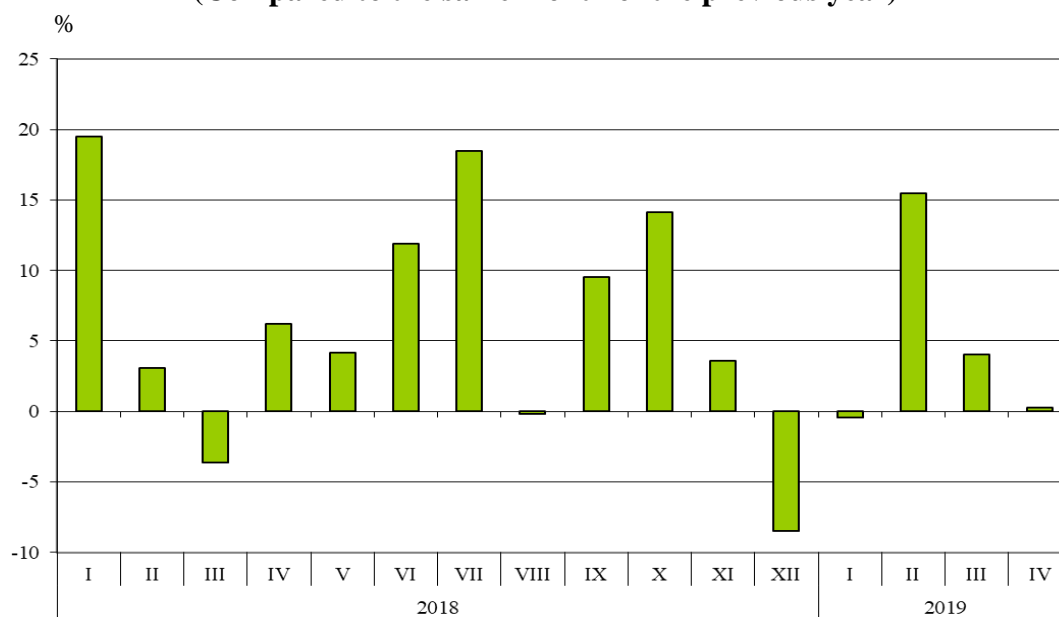
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2019** amounted to 20 608.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 4.6% more than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2019** the total imports of goods increased by 0.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 978.0 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 - April 2019** and amounted to 1 945.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - April 2019 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 542.0 Million BGN.

In **April 2019** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 481.3 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 186.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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	4496.7	3136.7	1360.0	4978.0	3474.8	1503.2	4683.0	3301.0	1382.0	-481.3	-338.1	-143.2	-186.3	-164.3	-22.0
I - IV.2019	18663.9	12743.8	5920.1	20608.9	13292.6	7316.3	19205.9	12523.4	6682.5	-1945.0	-548.8	-1396.2	-542.0	220.4	-762.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 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	6.1	8.2	1.7	0.2	8.3	-14.4	1.6	10.1	-14.3
I - IV	9.5	7.3	14.7	4.6	2.3	9.1	4.9	3.0	8.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - April 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	5160.3	5920.1	14.7	6709.0	7316.3	9.1	-1548.7	-1396.2
of which:								
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
Canada	33.8	32.1	-5.0	50.7	27.5	-45.8	-16.9	4.6
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
Gibraltar	25.5	79.0	209.8	0.0	0.0	x	25.5	79.0
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
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
Kazakhstan	15.0	22.0	46.7	3.8	2.0	-47.4	11.2	20.0
Korea, Republic of	30.5	47.5	55.7	98.8	91.9	-7.0	-68.3	-44.4
Libya	39.0	38.8	-0.5	4.0	0.0	x	35.0	38.8
Morocco	57.5	50.6	-12.0	51.7	46.9	-9.3	5.8	3.7
Namibia	94.0	87.5	-6.9	0.0	0.0	x	94.0	87.5
Norway	25.5	26.5	3.9	17.4	14.7	-15.5	8.1	11.8
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
Russian Federation	251.7	315.0	25.1	1510.8	1735.8	14.9	-1259.1	-1420.8
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
Switzerland	100.1	106.6	6.5	138.3	152.7	10.4	-38.2	-46.1
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
Turkey	1316.4	1246.2	-5.3	1259.5	1413.0	12.2	56.9	-166.8
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
United States	253.0	339.7	34.3	191.9	160.2	-16.5	61.1	179.5
Viet-Nam	13.8	15.5	12.3	32.8	40.3	22.9	-19.0	-24.8

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 11-th June 2019.

'x'- category not applicable.

'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 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	
Third countries -total	5160.3	5920.1	14.7	6709.0	7316.3	9.1	-1548.7	-1396.2
Food and live animals	409.7	543.4	32.6	296.5	365.0	23.1	113.2	178.4
Beverages and tobacco	83.7	99.5	18.9	51.7	68.4	32.3	32.0	31.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	340.5	408.4	19.9	776.1	843.0	8.6	-435.6	-434.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	705.5	1092.1	54.8	1577.5	1911.4	21.2	-872.0	-819.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	67.4	94.5	40.2	27.0	24.4	-9.6	40.4	70.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	612.6	801.6	30.9	639.3	760.1	18.9	-26.7	41.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1315.3	1191.1	-9.4	1497.8	1514.2	1.1	-182.5	-323.1
Machinery and transport equipment	947.7	1034.9	9.2	1346.0	1282.6	-4.7	-398.3	-247.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	666.6	640.2	-4.0	484.8	534.3	10.2	181.8	105.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	11.3	14.4	27.4	12.3	12.9	4.9	-1.0	1.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2019.