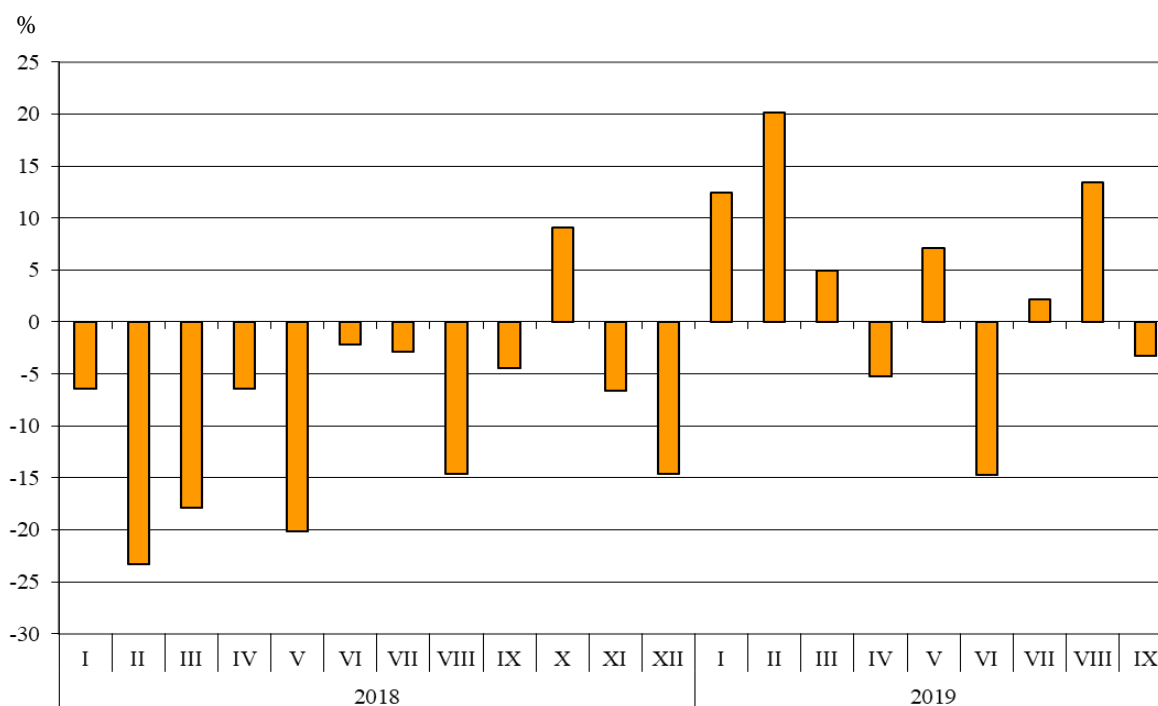


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 3.4% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 13 613.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the Russian Federation, the United States and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 50.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 3.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 495.5 Million BGN.

**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 the period January - September 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 'Food and live animals' (43.7%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (20.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'<sup>2</sup> (21.4%).

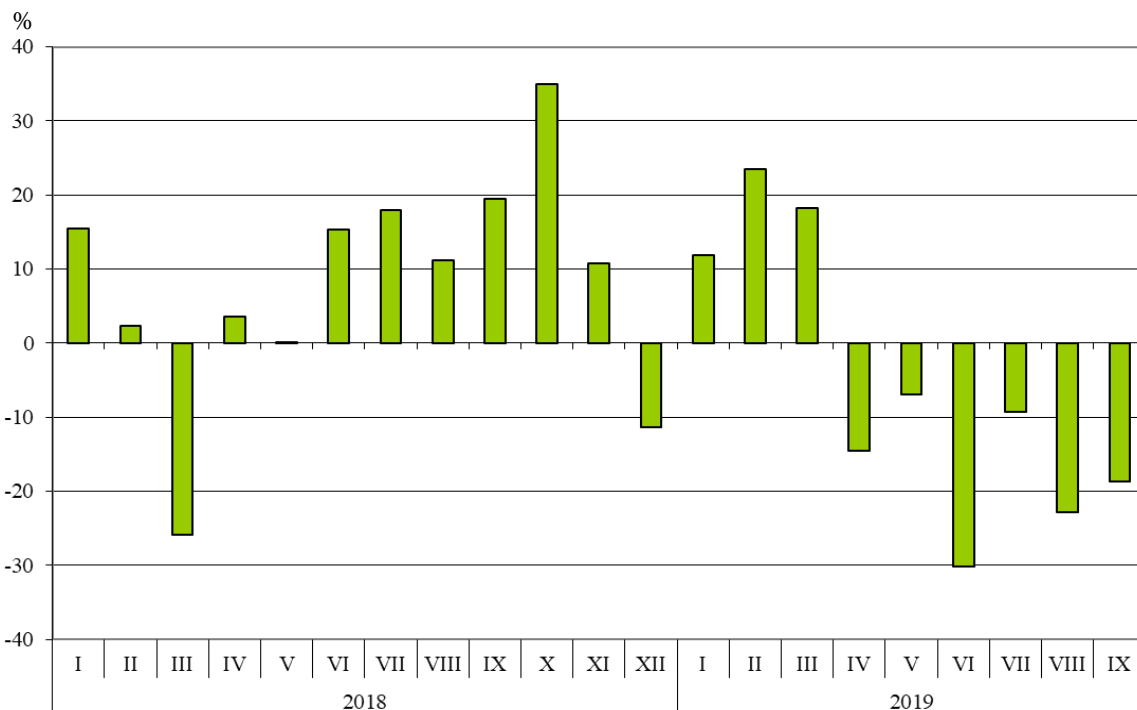
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<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 the period January - September 2019 decreased by 6.9% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 15 387.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **September 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 18.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 574.0 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</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 the period January - September 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 sections 'Food and live animals' (24.9%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (20.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.7%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - September 2019 was negative and added up to 1 774.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In September 2019 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 78.5 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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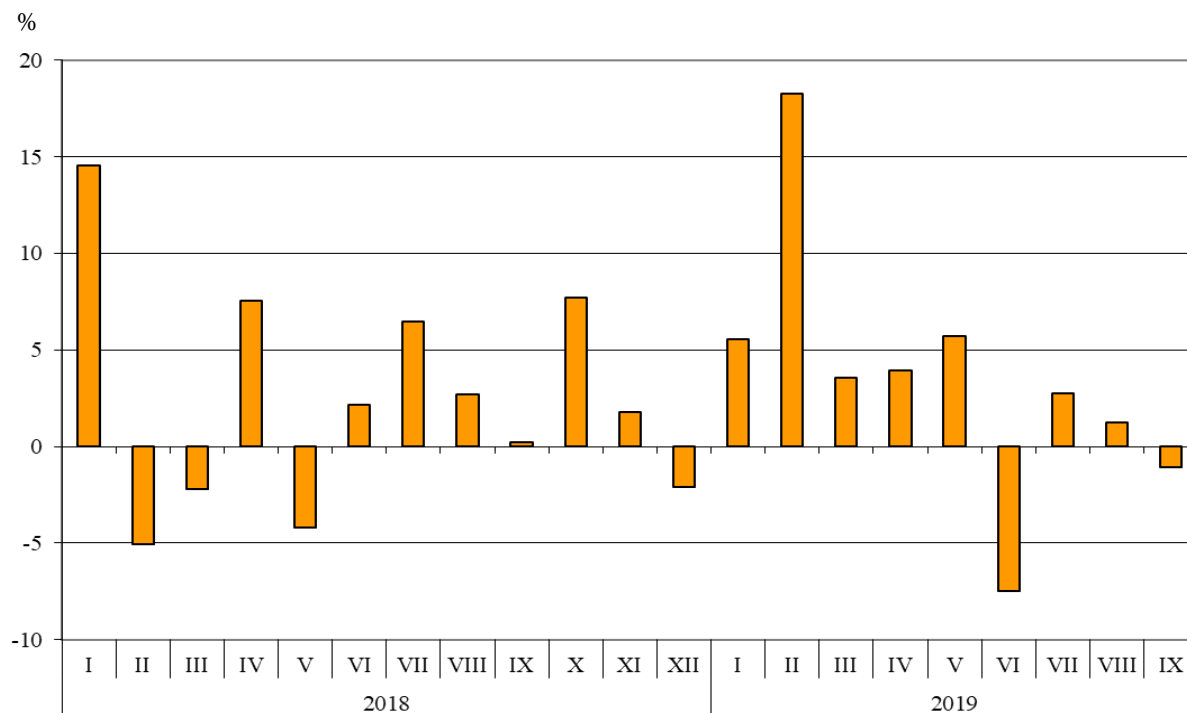
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - September 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 42 636.7 Million BGN which is 3.2% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 728.5 Million BGN and decreased by 1.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**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)**



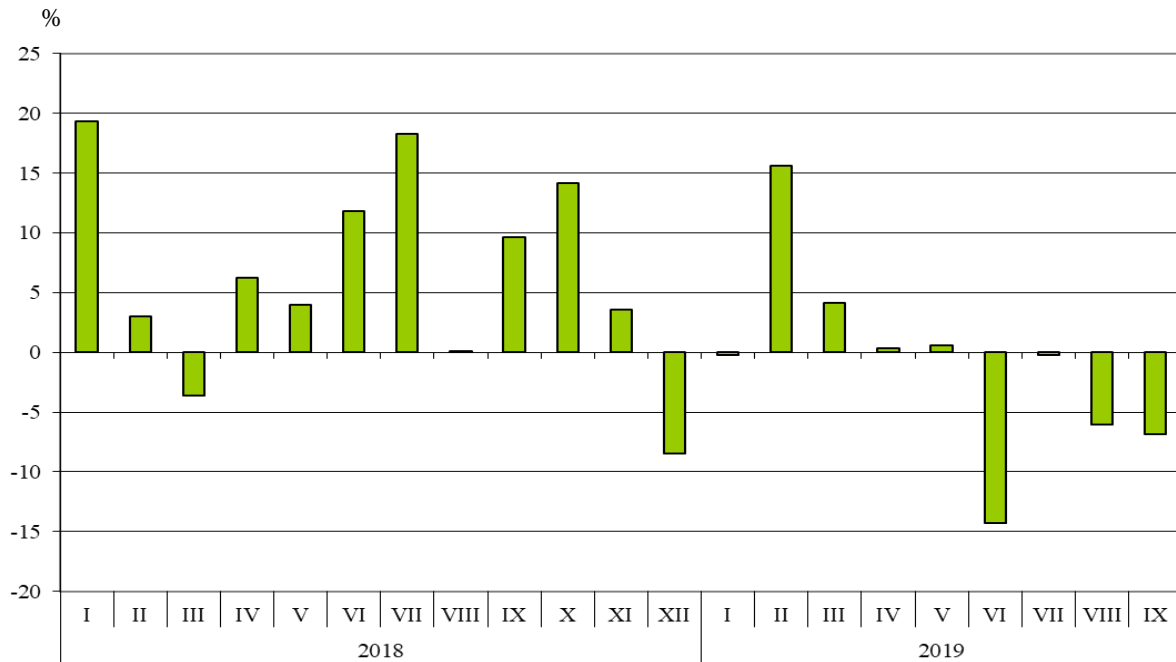
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2019** amounted to 45 599.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.1% less than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 6.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 814.5 Million BGN.

<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 the period January - September 2019 and amounted to 2 962.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In September 2019 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 86.0 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - September 2018 and 2019<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2018	4450.6	3097.2	1353.4	5050.9	3226.3	1824.6	-600.3	-129.1	-471.2
II.2018	3968.6	2700.2	1268.4	4563.5	2914.8	1648.7	-594.9	-214.6	-380.3
III.2018	4625.4	3183.5	1441.9	5116.9	3648.2	1468.7	-491.5	-464.7	-26.8
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>13044.6</b>	<b>8980.9</b>	<b>4063.7</b>	<b>14731.3</b>	<b>9789.3</b>	<b>4942.0</b>	<b>-1686.7</b>	<b>-808.4</b>	<b>-878.3</b>
IV.2018	4333.8	2899.2	1434.6	4967.6	3209.0	1758.6	-633.8	-309.8	-324.0
V.2018	4396.2	3023.8	1372.4	5154.5	3359.0	1795.5	-758.3	-335.2	-423.1
VI.2018	4888.9	3202.4	1686.5	5496.2	3437.8	2058.4	-607.3	-235.4	-371.9
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13618.9</b>	<b>9125.4</b>	<b>4493.5</b>	<b>15618.3</b>	<b>10005.8</b>	<b>5612.5</b>	<b>-1999.4</b>	<b>-880.4</b>	<b>-1119.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>26663.5</b>	<b>18106.3</b>	<b>8557.2</b>	<b>30349.6</b>	<b>19795.1</b>	<b>10554.5</b>	<b>-3686.1</b>	<b>-1688.8</b>	<b>-1997.3</b>
VII.2018	5142.7	3496.2	1646.5	5598.6	3566.6	2032.0	-455.9	-70.4	-385.5
VIII.2018	4709.8	3292.2	1417.6	4979.5	2973.5	2006.0	-269.7	318.7	-588.4
IX.2018	4779.0	3233.4	1545.6	5170.9	3233.6	1937.3	-391.9	-0.2	-391.7
<b>VII - IX.2018</b>	<b>14631.5</b>	<b>10021.8</b>	<b>4609.7</b>	<b>15749.0</b>	<b>9773.7</b>	<b>5975.3</b>	<b>-1117.5</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>-1365.6</b>
<b>I - IX.2018</b>	<b>41295.0</b>	<b>28128.1</b>	<b>13166.9</b>	<b>46098.6</b>	<b>29568.8</b>	<b>16529.8</b>	<b>-4803.6</b>	<b>-1440.7</b>	<b>-3362.9</b>
I.2019	4697.5	3175.1	1522.4	5038.9	2998.9	2040.0	-341.4	176.2	-517.6
II.2019	4693.5	3169.6	1523.9	5277.1	3242.1	2035.0	-583.6	-72.5	-511.1
III.2019	4791.1	3277.4	1513.7	5330.5	3593.7	1736.8	-539.4	-316.3	-223.1
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14182.1</b>	<b>9622.1</b>	<b>4560.0</b>	<b>15646.5</b>	<b>9834.7</b>	<b>5811.8</b>	<b>-1464.4</b>	<b>-212.6</b>	<b>-1251.8</b>
IV.2019	4504.5	3144.5	1360.0	4983.5	3480.3	1503.2	-479.0	-335.8	-143.2
V.2019	4647.2	3177.2	1470.0	5184.2	3514.5	1669.7	-537.0	-337.3	-199.7
VI.2019	4523.2	3085.8	1437.4	4709.5	3272.5	1437.0	-186.3	-186.7	0.4
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>13674.9</b>	<b>9407.5</b>	<b>4267.4</b>	<b>14877.2</b>	<b>10267.3</b>	<b>4609.9</b>	<b>-1202.3</b>	<b>-859.8</b>	<b>-342.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>27857.0</b>	<b>19029.6</b>	<b>8827.4</b>	<b>30523.7</b>	<b>20102.0</b>	<b>10421.7</b>	<b>-2666.7</b>	<b>-1072.4</b>	<b>-1594.3</b>
VII.2019	5282.9	3600.0	1682.9	5584.3	3740.7	1843.6	-301.4	-140.7	-160.7
VIII.2019	4768.3	3160.6	1607.7	4676.5	3127.9	1548.6	91.8	32.7	59.1
IX.2019	4728.5	3233.0	1495.5	4814.5	3240.5	1574.0	-86.0	-7.5	-78.5
<b>VII - IX.2019</b>	<b>14779.7</b>	<b>9993.6</b>	<b>4786.1</b>	<b>15075.3</b>	<b>10109.1</b>	<b>4966.2</b>	<b>-295.6</b>	<b>-115.5</b>	<b>-180.1</b>
<b>I - IX.2019</b>	<b>42636.7</b>	<b>29023.2</b>	<b>13613.5</b>	<b>45599.0</b>	<b>30211.1</b>	<b>15387.9</b>	<b>-2962.3</b>	<b>-1187.9</b>	<b>-1774.4</b>

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - September 2019<sup>1</sup> compared to the same period of the  
previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	5.5	2.5	12.5	-0.2	-7.0	11.8
II	18.3	17.4	20.1	15.6	11.2	23.4
III	3.6	2.9	5.0	4.2	-1.5	18.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>
IV	3.9	8.5	-5.2	0.3	8.5	-14.5
V	5.7	5.1	7.1	0.6	4.6	-7.0
VI	-7.5	-3.6	-14.8	-14.3	-4.8	-30.2
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-17.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
VII	2.7	3.0	2.2	-0.3	4.9	-9.3
VIII	1.2	-4.0	13.4	-6.1	5.2	-22.8
IX	-1.1	0.0	-3.2	-6.9	0.2	-18.8
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-16.9</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-6.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2019.



**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - September 2018 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>13166.9</b>	<b>13613.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>16529.8</b>	<b>15387.9</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-3362.9</b>	<b>-1774.4</b>
of which:								
Albania	124.9	123.9	-0.8	19.9	31.0	55.8	105.0	92.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	93.5	86.7	-7.3	32.3	36.8	13.9	61.2	49.9
Brazil	51.1	45.6	-10.8	44.4	39.6	-10.8	6.7	6.0
Canada	121.4	77.8	-35.9	97.3	58.2	-40.2	24.1	19.6
China	1009.0	1088.8	7.9	1928.1	2168.1	12.4	-919.1	-1079.3
Egypt	351.7	450.9	28.2	687.4	677.0	-1.5	-335.7	-226.1
Georgia	253.0	207.6	-17.9	466.6	350.8	-24.8	-213.6	-143.2
Gibraltar	258.3	198.9	-23.0	0.0	6.3	x	258.3	192.6
India	145.0	160.6	10.8	279.1	258.1	-7.5	-134.1	-97.5
Indonesia	44.0	79.4	80.5	221.1	247.3	11.8	-177.1	-167.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	53.4	75.6	41.6	47.9	51.4	7.3	5.5	24.2
Israel	115.9	189.7	63.7	62.5	75.0	20.0	53.4	114.7
Japan	64.0	67.8	5.9	197.3	194.0	-1.7	-133.3	-126.2
Kazakhstan	35.4	41.9	18.4	7.2	3.1	-56.9	28.2	38.8
Korea, Republic of	115.5	160.6	39.0	227.9	223.5	-1.9	-112.4	-62.9
Libya	69.0	91.9	33.2	5.1	0.0	x	63.9	91.9
Morocco	106.0	75.3	-29.0	218.5	145.4	-33.5	-112.5	-70.1
Namibia	169.6	176.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	x	169.6	176.0
Norway	63.8	61.4	-3.8	49.3	33.1	-32.9	14.5	28.3
Peru	15.2	12.8	-15.8	66.5	10.1	-84.8	-51.3	2.7
Republic of North Macedonia	606.2	600.6	-0.9	472.5	363.3	-23.1	133.7	237.3
Russian Federation	595.3	717.1	20.5	4341.7	3078.3	-29.1	-3746.4	-2361.2
Serbia	741.8	857.3	15.6	918.8	885.6	-3.6	-177.0	-28.3
Singapore	391.0	147.8	-62.2	58.9	56.2	-4.6	332.1	91.6
South Africa	132.0	141.8	7.4	49.2	75.7	53.9	82.8	66.1
Switzerland	236.8	267.3	12.9	338.0	359.0	6.2	-101.2	-91.7
Syrian Arab Republic	24.1	47.3	96.3	0.5	0.2	-60.0	23.6	47.1
Taiwan	63.5	34.8	-45.2	165.2	144.3	-12.7	-101.7	-109.5
Turkey	3146.6	2840.4	-9.7	2764.1	3060.9	10.7	382.5	-220.5
Ukraine	276.2	524.5	89.9	703.6	791.1	12.4	-427.4	-266.6
United Arab Emirates	151.1	135.9	-10.1	38.6	48.5	25.6	112.5	87.4
United States	766.7	702.2	-8.4	386.9	452.3	16.9	379.8	249.9
Viet-Nam	43.8	46.1	5.3	68.5	93.6	36.6	-24.7	-47.5

<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 12-th November 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 - September 2018 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>13166.9</b>	<b>13613.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>16529.8</b>	<b>15387.9</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-3362.9</b>	<b>-1774.4</b>
Food and live animals	971.9	1396.6	43.7	602.8	753.0	24.9	369.1	643.6
Beverages and tobacco	210.1	207.7	-1.1	151.1	181.6	20.2	59.0	26.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	862.3	959.1	11.2	1841.1	1532.0	-16.8	-978.8	-572.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2174.9	2617.8	20.4	4689.3	3248.9	-30.7	-2514.4	-631.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	198.1	180.0	-9.1	61.5	74.0	20.3	136.6	106.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1556.4	1760.1	13.1	1600.9	1665.4	4.0	-44.5	94.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3253.7	2558.4	-21.4	3411.5	3636.5	6.6	-157.8	-1078.1
Machinery and transport equipment	2242.0	2320.1	3.5	3005.6	2951.4	-1.8	-763.6	-631.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1673.0	1580.7	-5.5	1136.9	1314.7	15.6	536.1	266.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	24.5	33.0	34.7	29.1	30.4	4.5	-4.6	2.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2019.