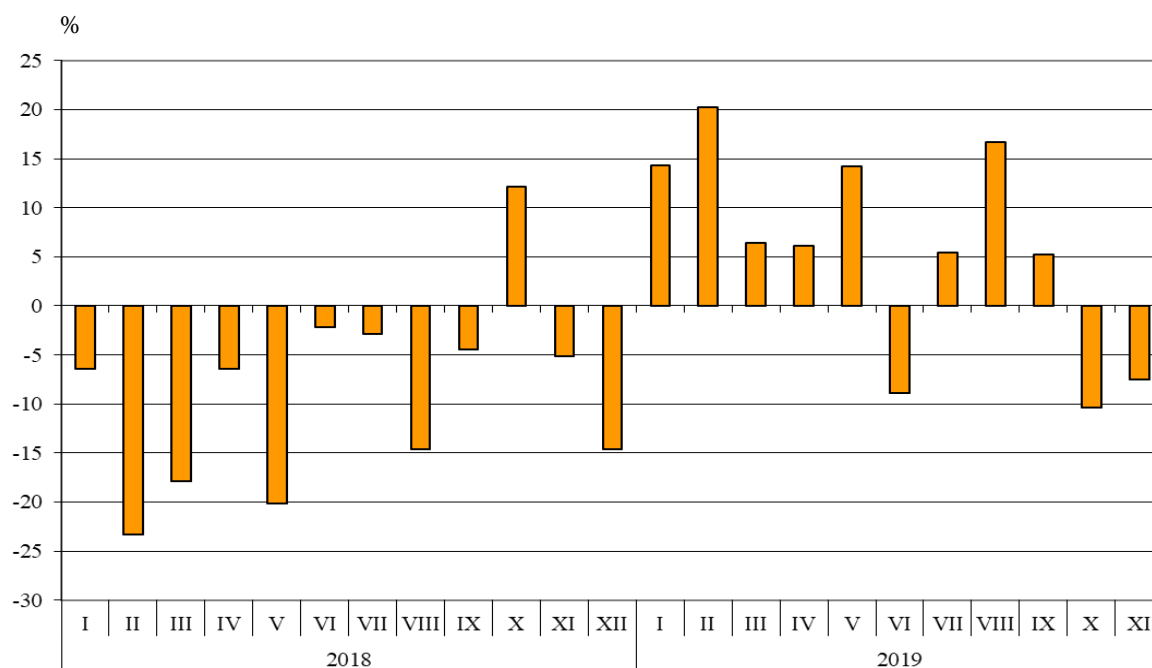


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - November 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 4.5% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 17 549.7 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 50.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In November 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 7.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 522.8 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 - November 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' (55.9%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (21.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (21.6%).

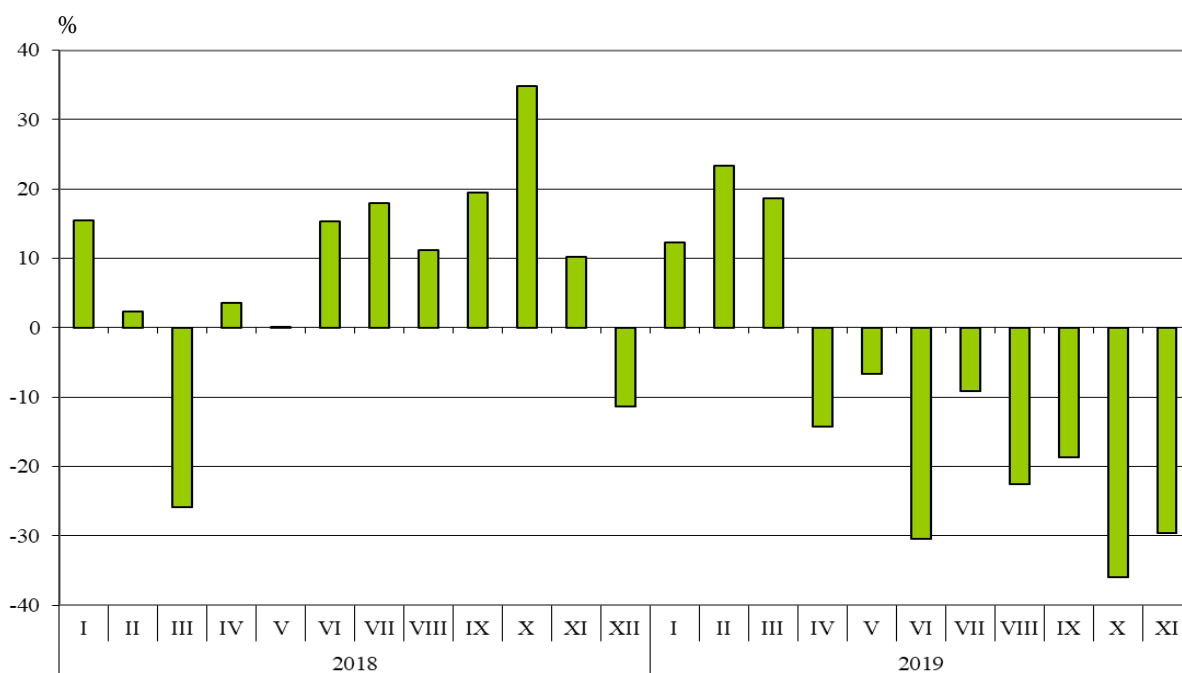
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - November 2019** decreased by 12.5% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 18 507.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **November 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 29.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 458.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - November 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’ (23.3%), ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (14.9%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’³ (14.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (42.1%).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

³ The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - November 2019 was negative and added up to 957.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

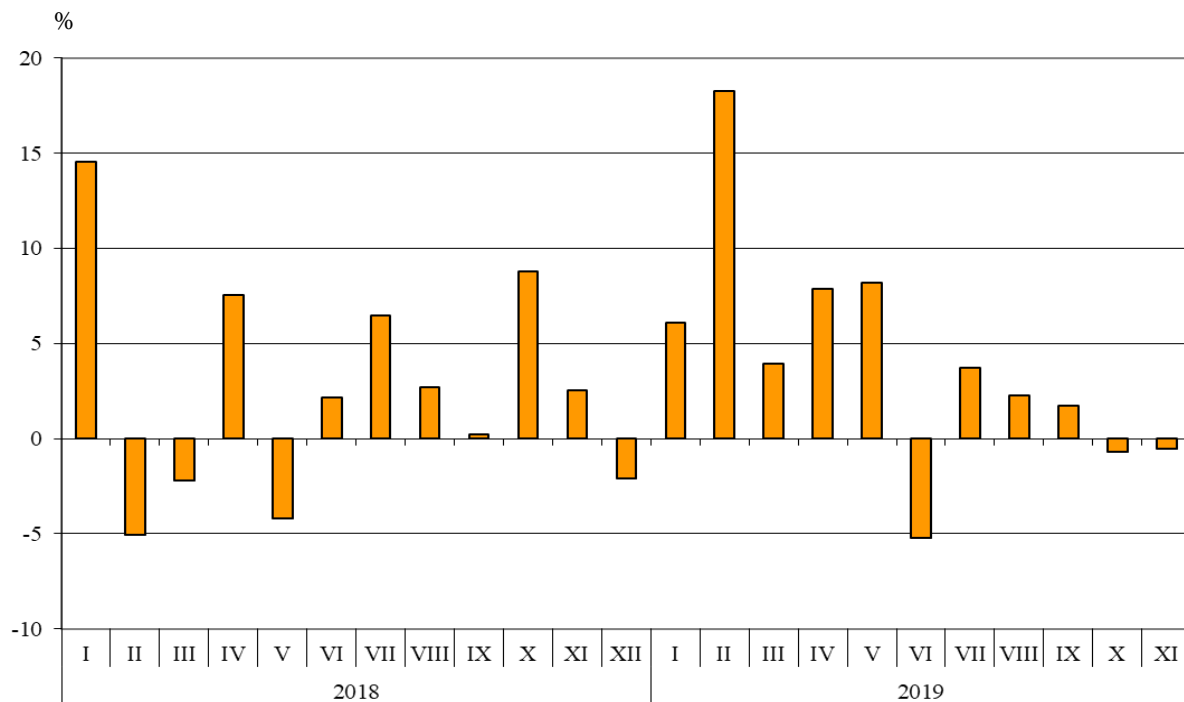
In November 2019 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was positive and amounted to 64.1 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - November 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 53 758.2 Million BGN which is 3.7% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 5 050.2 Million BGN and decreased by 0.5% 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)

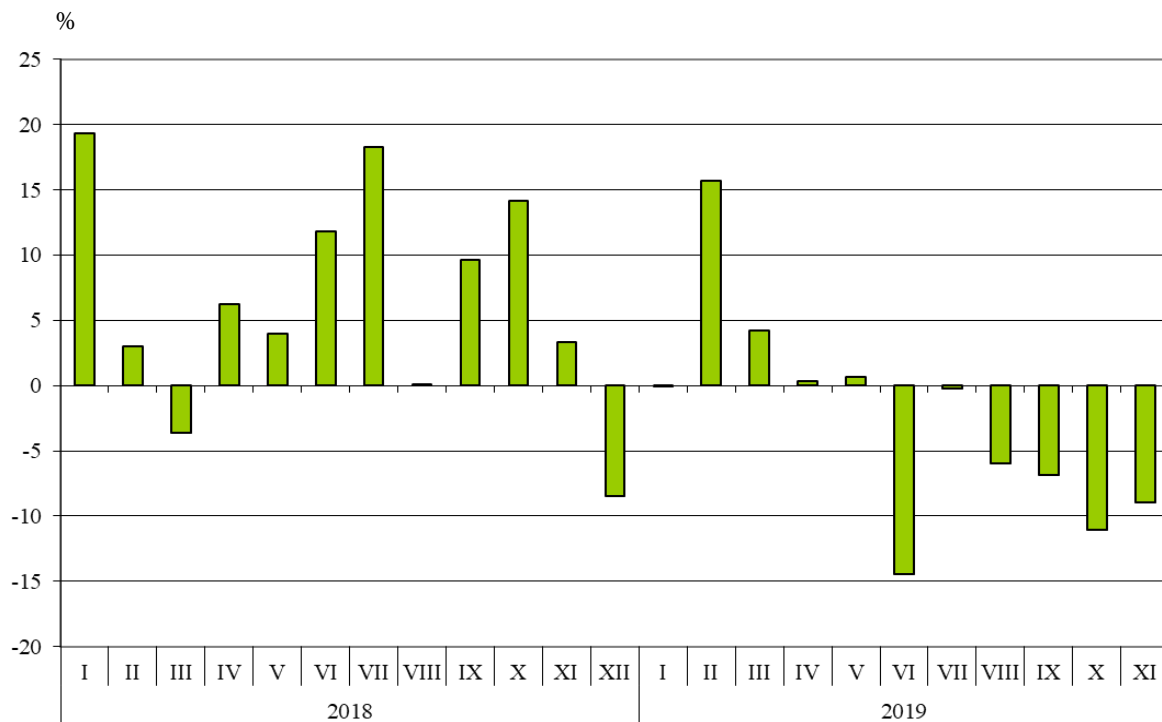


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - November 2019** amounted to 56 324.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 2.9% less than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 8.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 163.6 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 - November 2019 and amounted to 2 566.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In November 2019 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 113.4 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - November 2018 and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			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
I - III.2018	13044.6	8980.9	4063.7	14731.3	9789.3	4942.0	-1686.7	-808.4	-878.3
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
IV - VI.2018	13618.9	9125.4	4493.5	15618.3	10005.8	5612.5	-1999.4	-880.4	-1119.0
I - VI.2018	26663.5	18106.3	8557.2	30349.6	19795.1	10554.5	-3686.1	-1688.8	-1997.3
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
VII - IX.2018	14631.5	10021.8	4609.7	15749.0	9773.7	5975.3	-1117.5	248.1	-1365.6
I - IX.2018	41295.0	28128.1	13166.9	46098.6	29568.8	16529.8	-4803.6	-1440.7	-3362.9
X.2018	5445.8	3465.3	1980.5	6228.9	3676.5	2552.4	-783.1	-211.2	-571.9
XI.2018	5077.7	3431.9	1645.8	5670.5	3596.5	2074.0	-592.8	-164.6	-428.2
I - XI.2018	51818.5	35025.3	16793.2	57998.0	36841.8	21156.2	-6179.5	-1816.5	-4363.0
I.2019	4722.3	3174.9	1547.4	5049.5	3001.2	2048.3	-327.2	173.7	-500.9
II.2019	4693.3	3167.7	1525.6	5279.3	3246.3	2033.0	-586.0	-78.6	-507.4
III.2019	4807.8	3273.3	1534.5	5334.7	3592.7	1742.0	-526.9	-319.4	-207.5
I - III.2019	14223.4	9615.9	4607.5	15663.5	9840.2	5823.3	-1440.1	-224.3	-1215.8
IV.2019	4675.9	3153.5	1522.4	4985.7	3476.9	1508.8	-309.8	-323.4	13.6
V.2019	4756.1	3188.9	1567.2	5187.5	3512.2	1675.3	-431.4	-323.3	-108.1
VI.2019	4633.3	3096.2	1537.1	4700.3	3268.1	1432.2	-67.0	-171.9	104.9
IV - VI.2019	14065.3	9438.6	4626.7	14873.5	10257.2	4616.3	-808.2	-818.6	10.4
I - VI.2019	28288.7	19054.5	9234.2	30537.0	20097.4	10439.6	-2248.3	-1042.9	-1205.4
VII.2019	5334.7	3599.0	1735.7	5587.1	3741.3	1845.8	-252.4	-142.3	-110.1
VIII.2019	4816.4	3161.8	1654.6	4681.3	3127.3	1554.0	135.1	34.5	100.6
IX.2019	4860.6	3233.8	1626.8	4817.6	3243.7	1573.9	43.0	-9.9	52.9
VII - IX.2019	15011.7	9994.6	5017.1	15086.0	10112.3	4973.7	-74.3	-117.7	43.4
I - IX.2019	43300.4	29049.1	14251.3	45623.0	30209.7	15413.3	-2322.6	-1160.6	-1162.0
X.2019	5407.6	3632.0	1775.6	5538.3	3903.0	1635.3	-130.7	-271.0	140.3
XI.2019	5050.2	3527.4	1522.8	5163.6	3704.9	1458.7	-113.4	-177.5	64.1
I - XI.2019	53758.2	36208.5	17549.7	56324.9	37817.6	18507.3	-2566.7	-1609.1	-957.6

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - November 2019¹ 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	6.1	2.5	14.3	0.0	-7.0	12.3
II	18.3	17.3	20.3	15.7	11.4	23.3
III	3.9	2.8	6.4	4.3	-1.5	18.6
I - III	9.0	7.1	13.4	6.3	0.5	17.8
IV	7.9	8.8	6.1	0.4	8.3	-14.2
V	8.2	5.5	14.2	0.6	4.6	-6.7
VI	-5.2	-3.3	-8.9	-14.5	-4.9	-30.4
IV - VI	3.3	3.4	3.0	-4.8	2.5	-17.7
I - VI	6.1	5.2	7.9	0.6	1.5	-1.1
VII	3.7	2.9	5.4	-0.2	4.9	-9.2
VIII	2.3	-4.0	16.7	-6.0	5.2	-22.5
IX	1.7	0.0	5.3	-6.8	0.3	-18.8
VII - IX	2.6	-0.3	8.8	-4.2	3.5	-16.8
I - IX	4.9	3.3	8.2	-1.0	2.2	-6.8
X	-0.7	4.8	-10.3	-11.1	6.2	-35.9
XI	-0.5	2.8	-7.5	-8.9	3.0	-29.7
I - XI	3.7	3.4	4.5	-2.9	2.6	-12.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th January 2020.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - November 2018 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	16793.2	17549.7	4.5	21156.2	18507.3	-12.5	-4363.0	-957.6
of which:								
Albania	152.6	155.6	2.0	30.2	49.1	62.6	122.4	106.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	117.3	113.1	-3.6	40.3	45.6	13.2	77.0	67.5
Brazil	59.7	54.6	-8.5	82.7	48.6	-41.2	-23.0	6.0
Canada	143.2	154.4	7.8	116.9	66.9	-42.8	26.3	87.5
China	1330.8	1387.7	4.3	2394.6	2679.9	11.9	-1063.8	-1292.2
Egypt	418.3	572.0	36.7	916.9	706.1	-23.0	-498.6	-134.1
Georgia	317.6	268.8	-15.4	581.0	394.2	-32.2	-263.4	-125.4
Gibraltar	287.0	247.1	-13.9	0.0	6.3	x	287.0	240.8
India	175.2	193.8	10.6	355.0	308.8	-13.0	-179.8	-115.0
Indonesia	51.7	115.8	124.0	316.5	261.3	-17.4	-264.8	-145.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	68.6	108.7	58.5	60.8	61.2	0.7	7.8	47.5
Israel	139.4	249.3	78.8	74.0	84.2	13.8	65.4	165.1
Japan	78.0	89.1	14.2	253.2	243.8	-3.7	-175.2	-154.7
Kazakhstan	47.0	60.2	28.1	8.9	4.8	-46.1	38.1	55.4
Korea, Republic of	181.0	235.0	29.8	277.8	273.0	-1.7	-96.8	-38.0
Libya	97.4	123.3	26.6	5.1	0.0	x	92.3	123.3
Morocco	138.4	107.6	-22.3	252.7	158.3	-37.4	-114.3	-50.7
Namibia	195.1	203.5	4.3	0.1	0.0	x	195.0	203.5
Norway	80.9	78.7	-2.7	58.5	40.8	-30.3	22.4	37.9
Peru	19.1	23.9	25.1	80.0	16.4	-79.5	-60.9	7.5
Republic of North Macedonia	757.4	746.5	-1.4	586.5	440.8	-24.8	170.9	305.7
Russian Federation	736.8	965.6	31.1	5606.8	3508.0	-37.4	-4870.0	-2542.4
Serbia	952.2	1070.3	12.4	1139.5	1112.3	-2.4	-187.3	-42.0
Singapore	478.0	181.3	-62.1	72.9	72.4	-0.7	405.1	108.9
South Africa	263.6	180.8	-31.4	68.8	89.3	29.8	194.8	91.5
Switzerland	292.8	347.7	18.8	434.3	466.5	7.4	-141.5	-118.8
Syrian Arab Republic	29.7	49.2	65.7	0.5	0.3	-40.0	29.2	48.9
Taiwan	70.9	48.0	-32.3	209.2	178.4	-14.7	-138.3	-130.4
Turkey	4073.4	3730.2	-8.4	3584.4	3803.9	6.1	489.0	-73.7
Ukraine	333.5	632.3	89.6	866.5	958.7	10.6	-533.0	-326.4
United Arab Emirates	190.1	188.2	-1.0	48.5	59.9	23.5	141.6	128.3
United States	955.4	960.5	0.5	515.1	551.8	7.1	440.3	408.7
Viet-Nam	58.1	74.1	27.5	86.9	116.3	33.8	-28.8	-42.2

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 January 2020.

'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 - November 2018 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	16793.2	17549.7	4.5	21156.2	18507.3	-12.5	-4363.0	-957.6
Food and live animals	1231.6	1920.2	55.9	777.7	959.1	23.3	453.9	961.1
Beverages and tobacco	262.8	255.8	-2.7	192.8	221.5	14.9	70.0	34.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1035.7	1258.5	21.5	2429.9	1788.7	-26.4	-1394.2	-530.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2819.6	3236.3	14.8	6211.4	3595.1	-42.1	-3391.8	-358.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	226.5	226.7	0.1	75.7	86.9	14.8	150.8	139.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1972.8	2266.3	14.9	1924.6	2026.6	5.3	48.2	239.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4253.5	3334.9	-21.6	4276.0	4498.6	5.2	-22.5	-1163.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2793.9	3019.2	8.1	3814.8	3665.7	-3.9	-1020.9	-646.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2166.8	1989.8	-8.2	1416.5	1627.1	14.9	750.3	362.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	30.0	42.0	40.0	36.8	38.0	3.3	-6.8	4.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th January 2020.