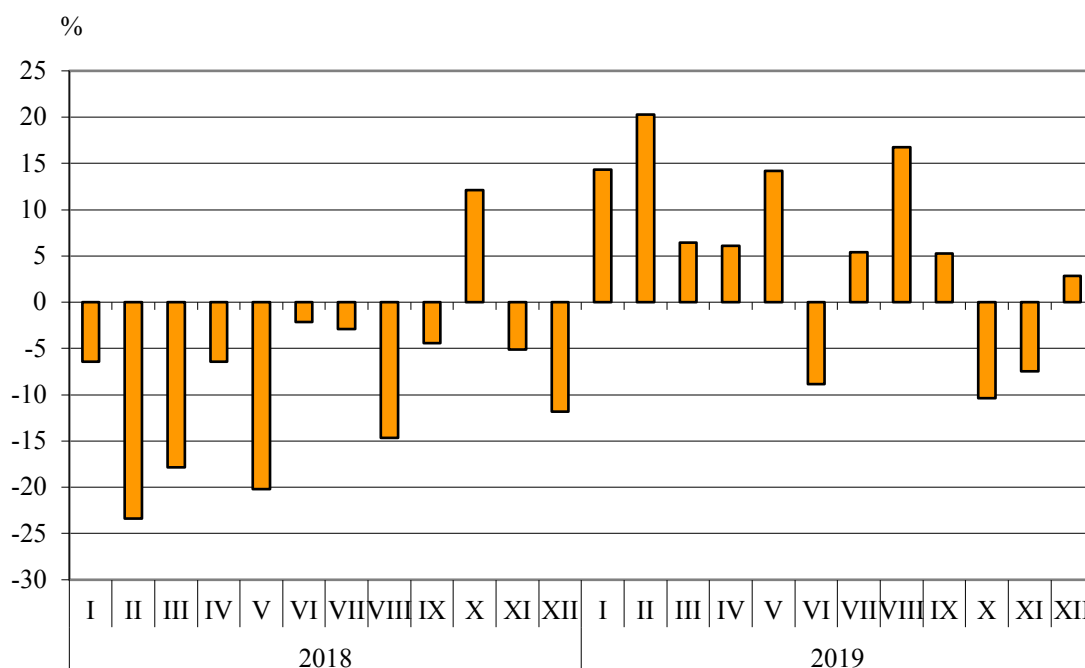


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2019** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 4.4% in comparison with 2018 and added up to 19 130.4 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 50.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2019** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 580.7 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 **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 2018 were recorded in sections ‘Food and live animals’ (59.4%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (23.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’<sup>2</sup> (20.2%).

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

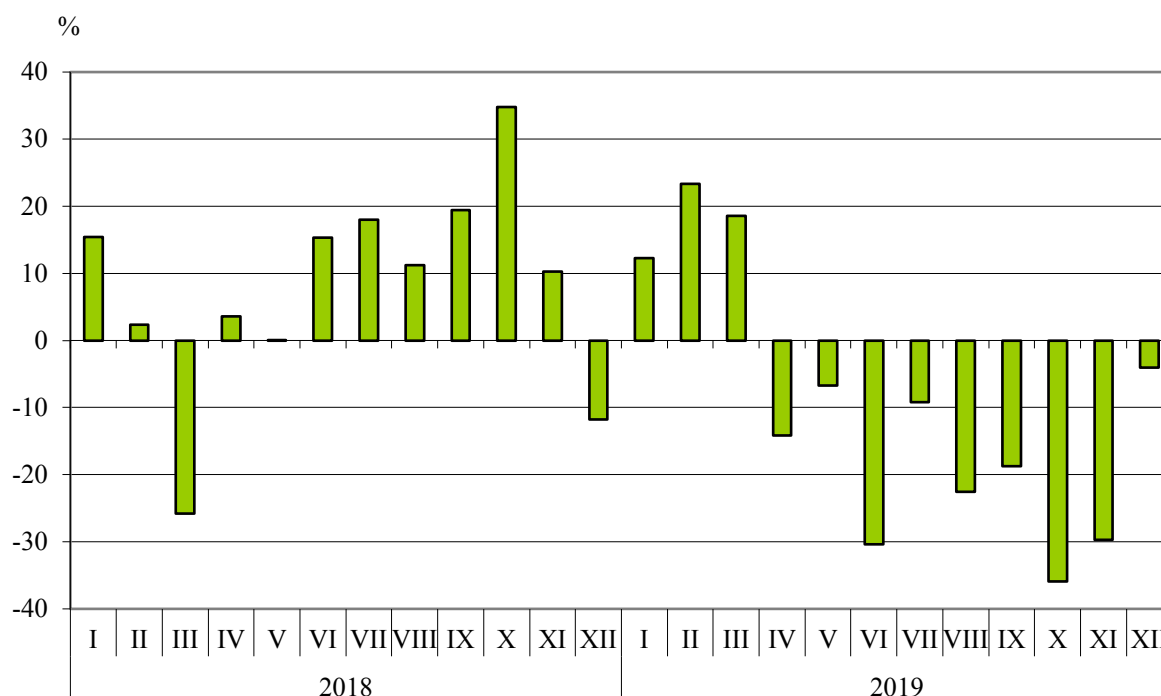
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up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

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**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in 2019** decreased by 11.9% in comparison with 2018 and added up to 20 245.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **December 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 4.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 738.4 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 **2019** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growths compared to 2018 were recorded in the sections ‘Food and live animals’ (21.5%), ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (16.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (42.2%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in 2019 was negative and added up to 1 115.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2019** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 157.7 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB ([http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=\\_EN](http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN)).

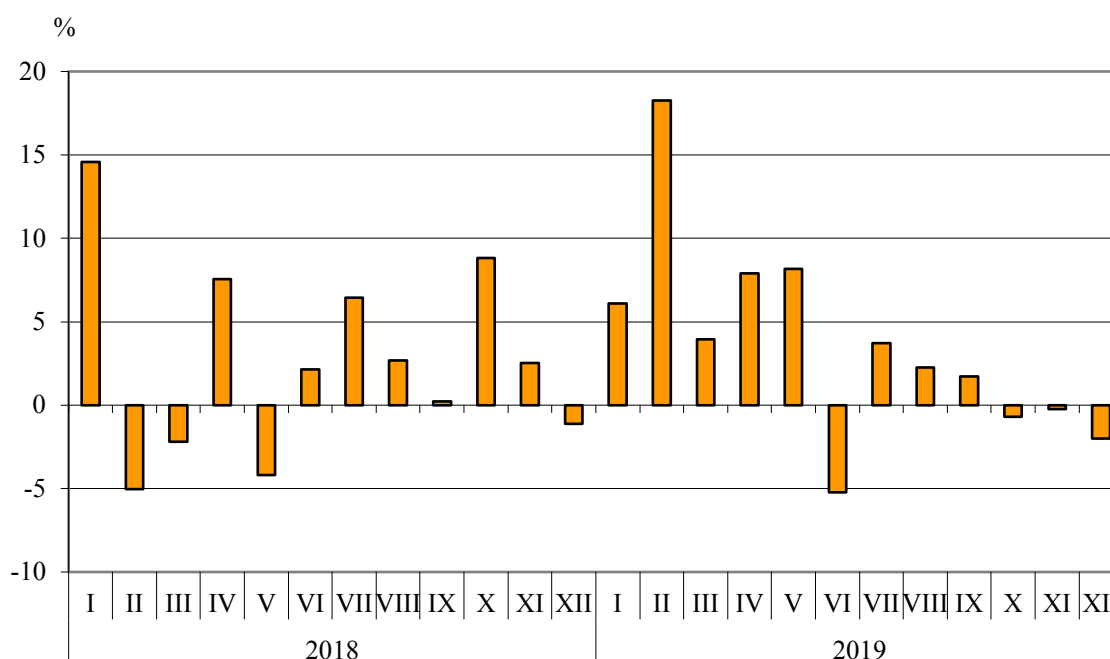
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In **2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 57 901.4 Million BGN which is 3.3% more than 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 127.8 Million BGN and decreased by 2.0% 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)**



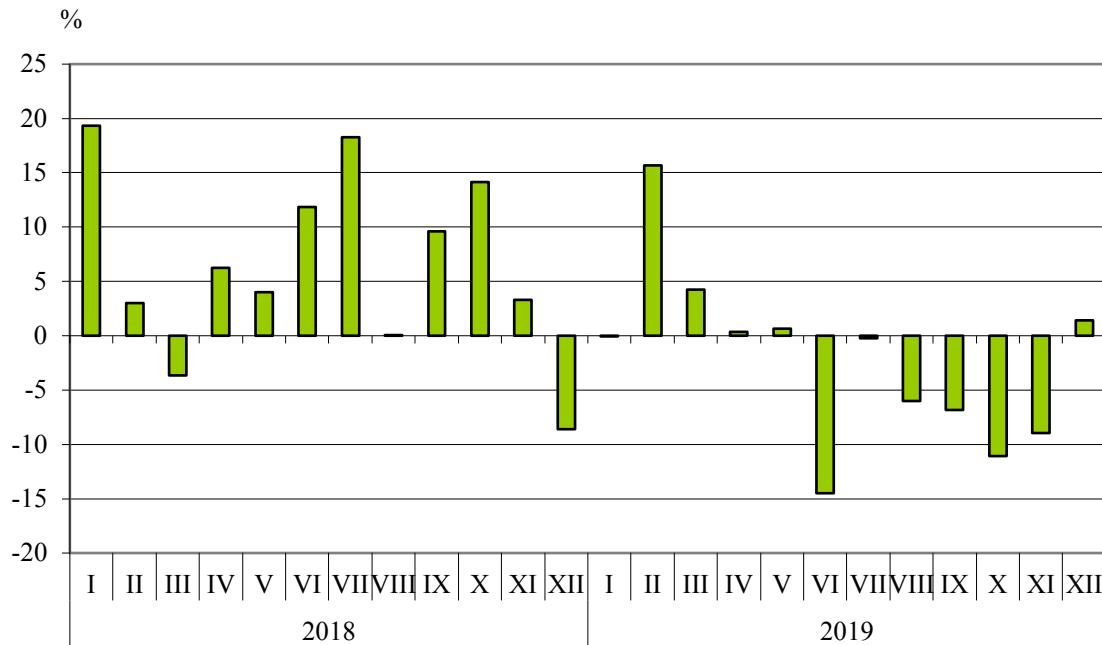
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **2019** amounted to 61 272.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 2.5% less than 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2019** the total imports of goods increased by 1.4% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 947.2 Million BGN.

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

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**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 2019 and amounted to 3 371.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In December 2019 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 819.4 Million BGN.

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

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## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 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>
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
XII.2018	4211.9	2675.0	1536.9	4877.6	3065.9	1811.7	-665.7	-390.9	-274.8
<b>X - XII.2018</b>	<b>14735.4</b>	<b>9572.2</b>	<b>5163.2</b>	<b>16777.0</b>	<b>10338.9</b>	<b>6438.1</b>	<b>-2041.6</b>	<b>-766.7</b>	<b>-1274.9</b>
<b>I - XII.2018</b>	<b>56030.4</b>	<b>37700.3</b>	<b>18330.1</b>	<b>62875.6</b>	<b>39907.7</b>	<b>22967.9</b>	<b>-6845.2</b>	<b>-2207.4</b>	<b>-4637.8</b>
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
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14223.4</b>	<b>9615.9</b>	<b>4607.5</b>	<b>15663.5</b>	<b>9840.2</b>	<b>5823.3</b>	<b>-1440.1</b>	<b>-224.3</b>	<b>-1215.8</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>14065.3</b>	<b>9438.6</b>	<b>4626.7</b>	<b>14873.5</b>	<b>10257.2</b>	<b>4616.3</b>	<b>-808.2</b>	<b>-818.6</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>28288.7</b>	<b>19054.5</b>	<b>9234.2</b>	<b>30537.0</b>	<b>20097.4</b>	<b>10439.6</b>	<b>-2248.3</b>	<b>-1042.9</b>	<b>-1205.4</b>
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
<b>VII - IX.2019</b>	<b>15011.7</b>	<b>9994.6</b>	<b>5017.1</b>	<b>15086.0</b>	<b>10112.3</b>	<b>4973.7</b>	<b>-74.3</b>	<b>-117.7</b>	<b>43.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2019</b>	<b>43300.4</b>	<b>29049.1</b>	<b>14251.3</b>	<b>45623.0</b>	<b>30209.7</b>	<b>15413.3</b>	<b>-2322.6</b>	<b>-1160.6</b>	<b>-1162.0</b>
X.2019	5407.6	3632.0	1775.6	5538.3	3903.0	1635.3	-130.7	-271.0	140.3
XI.2019	5065.6	3542.8	1522.8	5164.3	3705.6	1458.7	-98.7	-162.8	64.1
XII.2019	4127.8	2547.1	1580.7	4947.2	3208.8	1738.4	-819.4	-661.7	-157.7
<b>X - XII.2019</b>	<b>14601.0</b>	<b>9721.9</b>	<b>4879.1</b>	<b>15649.8</b>	<b>10817.4</b>	<b>4832.4</b>	<b>-1048.8</b>	<b>-1095.5</b>	<b>46.7</b>
<b>I - XII.2019</b>	<b>57901.4</b>	<b>38771.0</b>	<b>19130.4</b>	<b>61272.8</b>	<b>41027.1</b>	<b>20245.7</b>	<b>-3371.4</b>	<b>-2256.1</b>	<b>-1115.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 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	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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>
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
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-17.7</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
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
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-16.8</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-6.8</b>
X	-0.7	4.8	-10.3	-11.1	6.2	-35.9
XI	-0.2	3.2	-7.5	-8.9	3.0	-29.7
XII	-2.0	-4.8	2.8	1.4	4.7	-4.0
<b>X - XII</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-24.9</b>
<b>I - XII</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-11.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2020.

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
in 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>18330.1</b>	<b>19130.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22967.9</b>	<b>20245.7</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>-4637.8</b>	<b>-1115.3</b>
of which:								
Albania	164.3	168.7	2.7	34.0	55.6	63.5	130.3	113.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.6	123.1	-1.2	43.5	48.8	12.2	81.1	74.3
Brazil	64.2	57.2	-10.9	87.2	52.6	-39.7	-23.0	4.6
Canada	155.0	179.7	15.9	128.1	72.5	-43.4	26.9	107.2
China	1494.2	1591.1	6.5	2578.7	2902.6	12.6	-1084.5	-1311.5
Egypt	487.1	687.4	41.1	1040.0	728.3	-30.0	-552.9	-40.9
Georgia	347.1	293.2	-15.5	632.4	424.9	-32.8	-285.3	-131.7
Gibraltar	317.8	274.3	-13.7	0.0	6.3	x	317.8	268.0
India	191.5	216.0	12.8	381.2	328.1	-13.9	-189.7	-112.1
Indonesia	54.3	120.7	122.3	322.6	270.1	-16.3	-268.3	-149.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	79.5	124.6	56.7	64.1	66.6	3.9	15.4	58.0
Israel	150.6	271.0	79.9	79.3	89.4	12.7	71.3	181.6
Japan	83.9	96.7	15.3	273.4	269.1	-1.6	-189.5	-172.4
Kazakhstan	52.8	65.7	24.4	8.9	6.3	-29.2	43.9	59.4
Korea, Republic of	195.3	241.3	23.6	298.5	290.0	-2.8	-103.2	-48.7
Libya	108.5	126.4	16.5	5.1	0.0	x	103.4	126.4
Morocco	151.6	117.6	-22.4	267.9	160.7	-40.0	-116.3	-43.1
Namibia	223.8	225.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	x	223.7	225.2
Norway	85.9	83.0	-3.4	60.6	44.2	-27.1	25.3	38.8
Peru	31.1	25.1	-19.3	80.9	18.1	-77.6	-49.8	7.0
Republic of North Macedonia	828.2	821.2	-0.8	627.5	470.1	-25.1	200.7	351.1
Russian Federation	795.9	1021.0	28.3	6111.5	4044.9	-33.8	-5315.6	-3023.9
Serbia	1039.9	1141.4	9.8	1234.6	1218.1	-1.3	-194.7	-76.7
Singapore	495.1	196.2	-60.4	76.8	76.8	0.0	418.3	119.4
South Africa	301.1	192.3	-36.1	70.9	94.7	33.6	230.2	97.6
Switzerland	310.3	374.1	20.6	470.5	503.6	7.0	-160.2	-129.5
Syrian Arab Republic	33.3	51.2	53.8	0.6	0.4	-33.3	32.7	50.8
Taiwan	76.2	50.4	-33.9	222.9	190.5	-14.5	-146.7	-140.1
Turkey	4368.5	4057.1	-7.1	3935.1	4133.8	5.0	433.4	-76.7
Ukraine	368.2	665.0	80.6	934.7	1028.8	10.1	-566.5	-363.8
United Arab Emirates	212.5	202.2	-4.8	52.8	62.4	18.2	159.7	139.8
United States	1048.8	1044.3	-0.4	566.4	603.1	6.5	482.4	441.2
Viet-Nam	62.6	77.7	24.1	92.3	126.8	37.4	-29.7	-49.1

<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 10-th February 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 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>18330.1</b>	<b>19130.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22967.9</b>	<b>20245.7</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>-4637.8</b>	<b>-1115.3</b>
Food and live animals	1329.9	2119.7	59.4	862.7	1048.1	21.5	467.2	1071.6
Beverages and tobacco	290.4	283.4	-2.4	205.8	233.8	13.6	84.6	49.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1127.9	1396.5	23.8	2640.8	2001.3	-24.2	-1512.9	-604.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3122.1	3520.0	12.7	6828.2	3950.1	-42.2	-3706.1	-430.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	240.9	241.8	0.4	82.5	96.4	16.8	158.4	145.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2156.3	2442.2	13.3	2053.7	2172.5	5.8	102.6	269.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4604.1	3672.8	-20.2	4586.3	4954.1	8.0	17.8	-1281.3
Machinery and transport equipment	3067.9	3263.8	6.4	4130.3	3983.4	-3.6	-1062.4	-719.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2358.2	2143.7	-9.1	1537.5	1764.6	14.8	820.7	379.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	32.4	46.5	43.5	40.1	41.4	3.2	-7.7	5.1

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2020.