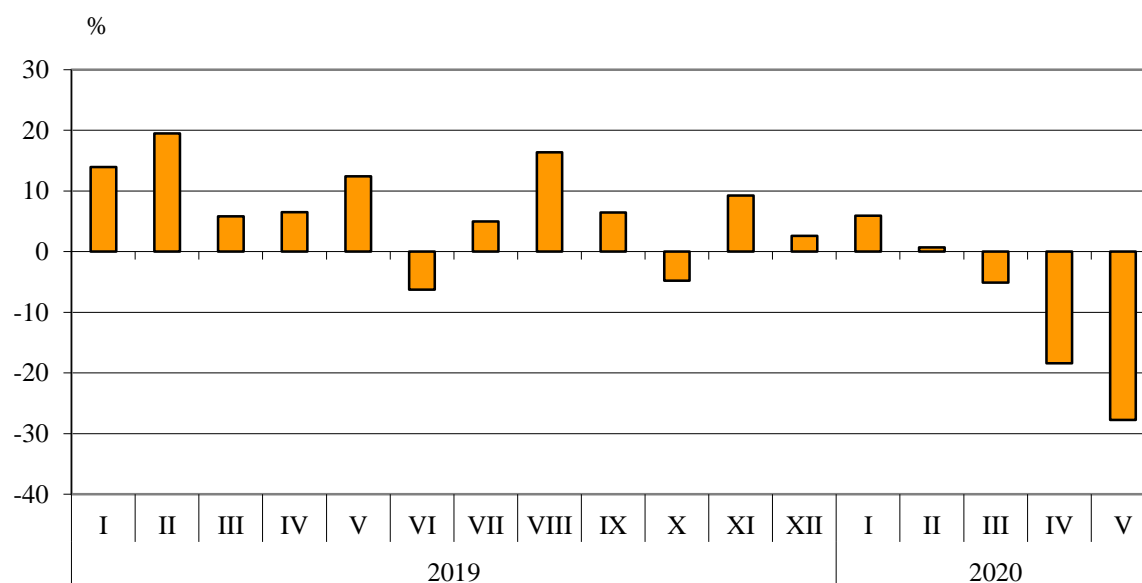


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 8.9% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 7 511.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 53.2% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries dropped by 27.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 209.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period January - May 2020 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 2019 was recorded in sections 'Food and live animals' (40.5%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (30.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (46.7%).

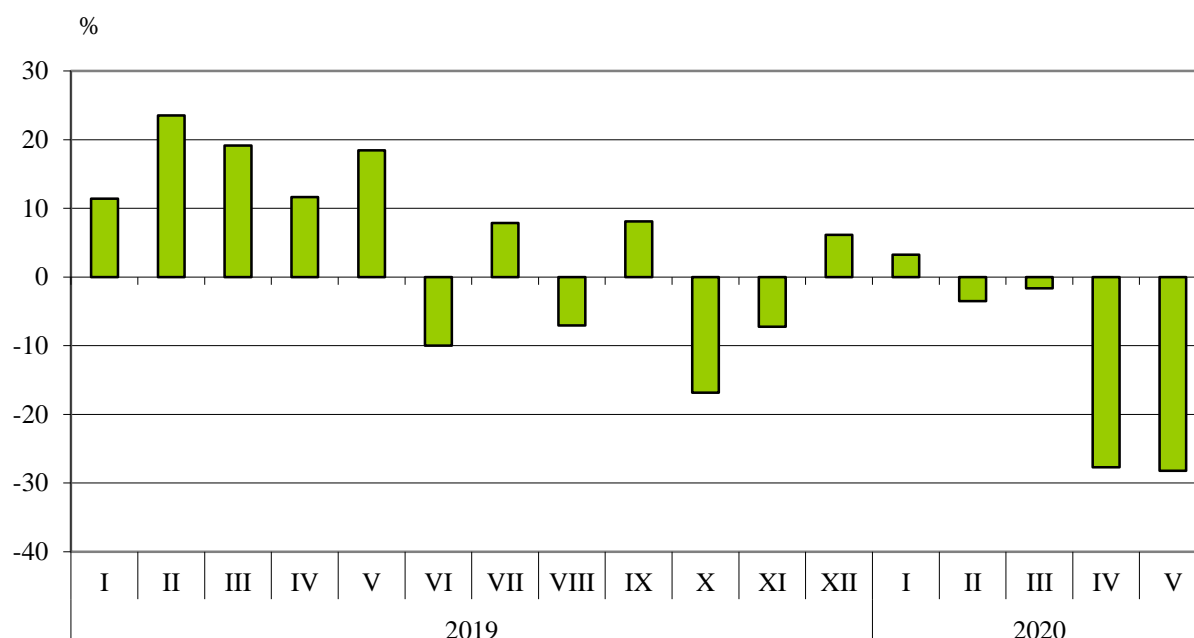
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - May 2020 decreased by 11.9% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 9 137.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 **May 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 28.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 596.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - May 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (55.9%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (35.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (46.8%).

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 following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

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The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - May 2020 was negative and added up to 1 626.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

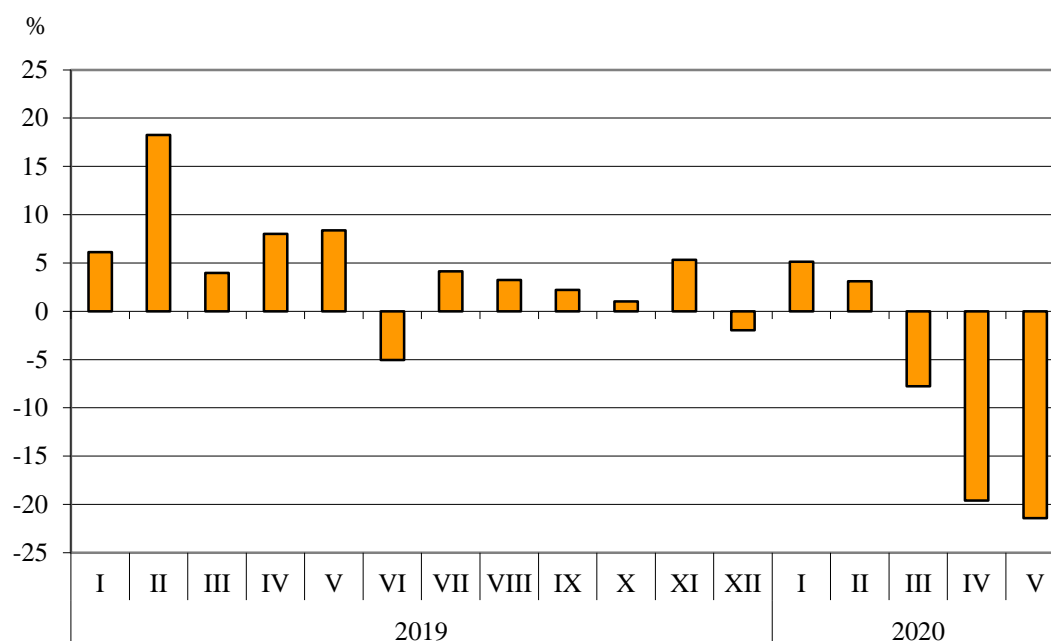
In May 2020 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 387.5 Million BGN.

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

In the period January - May 2020 the total value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 21 747.2 Million BGN which is 8.1% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In May 2020 the total exports of goods added up to 3 744.3 Million BGN and decreased by 21.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



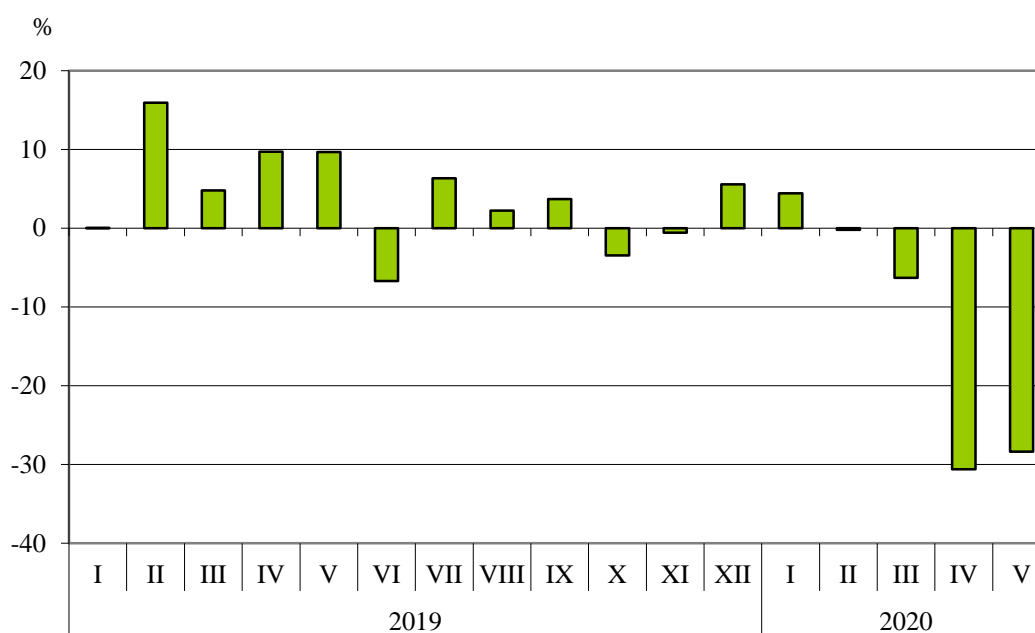
The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - May 2020 amounted to 23 407.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 12.7% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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In **May 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 28.4% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 049.8 Million BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in the period January - May 2020 and amounted to 1 660.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 305.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2019¹ and 2020¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2019	4723.1	3062.7	1660.4	5051.0	2933.6	2117.4	-327.9	129.1	-457.0
II.2019	4693.6	3051.0	1642.6	5290.5	3163.7	2126.8	-596.9	-112.7	-484.2
III.2019	4808.6	3167.5	1641.1	5361.7	3515.0	1846.7	-553.1	-347.5	-205.6
I - III.2019	14225.3	9281.2	4944.1	15703.2	9612.3	6090.9	-1477.9	-331.1	-1146.8
IV.2019	4681.0	3049.4	1631.6	5450.1	3394.2	2055.9	-769.1	-344.8	-424.3
V.2019	4765.0	3091.5	1673.5	5652.7	3428.1	2224.6	-887.7	-336.6	-551.1
I - V.2019	23671.3	15422.1	8249.2	26806.0	16434.6	10371.4	-3134.7	-1012.5	-2122.2
I.2020	4965.1	3206.5	1758.6	5274.4	3088.0	2186.4	-309.3	118.5	-427.8
II.2020	4838.9	3184.4	1654.5	5278.6	3226.6	2052.0	-439.7	-42.2	-397.5
III.2020	4435.2	2877.5	1557.7	5023.3	3206.8	1816.5	-588.1	-329.3	-258.8
I - III.2020	14239.2	9268.4	4970.8	15576.3	9521.4	6054.9	-1337.1	-253.0	-1084.1
IV.2020	3763.7	2432.3	1331.4	3781.7	2295.5	1486.2	-18.0	136.8	-154.8
V.2020	3744.3	2535.1	1209.2	4049.8	2453.1	1596.7	-305.5	82.0	-387.5
I - V.2020	21747.2	14235.8	7511.4	23407.8	14270.0	9137.8	-1660.6	-34.2	-1626.4

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

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

⁴ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2020¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	5.1	4.7	5.9	4.4	5.3	3.3
II	3.1	4.4	0.7	-0.2	2.0	-3.5
III	-7.8	-9.2	-5.1	-6.3	-8.8	-1.6
I - III	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6
IV	-19.6	-20.2	-18.4	-30.6	-32.4	-27.7
V	-21.4	-18.0	-27.7	-28.4	-28.4	-28.2
I - V	-8.1	-7.7	-8.9	-12.7	-13.2	-11.9

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

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - May 2019² and 2020²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries³-total	8249.2	7511.4	-8.9	10371.4	9137.8	-11.9	-2122.2	-1626.4
of which:								
Albania	64.2	61.5	-4.2	16.8	17.9	6.5	47.4	43.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54.2	68.0	25.5	19.9	18.1	-9.0	34.3	49.9
Brazil	33.5	16.9	-49.6	22.8	22.2	-2.6	10.7	-5.3
Canada	44.4	130.0	192.8	38.3	75.6	97.4	6.1	54.4
China	626.1	662.8	5.9	1208.0	1152.8	-4.6	-581.9	-490.0
Egypt	247.4	142.4	-42.4	524.6	389.7	-25.7	-277.2	-247.3
Georgia	128.4	93.5	-27.2	255.7	377.1	47.5	-127.3	-283.6
Gibraltar	106.6	115.0	7.9	0.0	0.1	x	106.6	114.9
India	93.9	71.3	-24.1	153.8	113.1	-26.5	-59.9	-41.8
Indonesia	24.5	28.1	14.7	215.3	112.9	-47.6	-190.8	-84.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	34.5	118.5	243.5	32.3	16.5	-48.9	2.2	102.0
Israel	101.9	102.5	0.6	42.4	39.2	-7.5	59.5	63.3
Japan	28.1	38.6	37.4	104.5	113.8	8.9	-76.4	-75.2
Kazakhstan	25.9	26.6	2.7	2.4	8.8	266.7	23.5	17.8
Korea, Republic of	63.8	35.5	-44.4	124.3	105.7	-15.0	-60.5	-70.2
Libya	62.4	84.7	35.7	0.0	0.0	x	62.4	84.7
Morocco	58.0	79.5	37.1	68.6	30.9	-55.0	-10.6	48.6
Namibia	113.3	83.9	-25.9	0.0	0.0	x	113.3	83.9
Norway	34.3	42.0	22.4	20.1	22.5	11.9	14.2	19.5
Peru	7.2	4.5	-37.5	5.9	282.2	4683.1	1.3	-277.7
Republic of North Macedonia	337.4	275.8	-18.3	247.0	221.5	-10.3	90.4	54.3
Russian Federation	396.0	332.1	-16.1	2705.4	1693.8	-37.4	-2309.4	-1361.7
Serbia	502.0	363.8	-27.5	462.4	478.8	3.5	39.6	-115.0
Singapore	98.4	24.1	-75.5	31.9	26.1	-18.2	66.5	-2.0
South Africa	100.9	74.1	-26.6	49.5	23.5	-52.5	51.4	50.6
Switzerland	140.2	144.2	2.9	192.3	203.4	5.8	-52.1	-59.2
Syrian Arab Republic	10.1	3.3	-67.3	0.1	0.3	200.0	10.0	3.0
Taiwan	23.5	29.1	23.8	80.0	74.5	-6.9	-56.5	-45.4
Tunisia	178.5	124.3	-30.4	25.9	13.1	-49.4	152.6	111.2
Turkey	1670.9	1453.8	-13.0	1782.8	1541.1	-13.6	-111.9	-87.3
Ukraine	198.1	168.3	-15.0	469.3	427.9	-8.8	-271.2	-259.6
United Arab Emirates	88.5	55.4	-37.4	23.8	20.1	-15.5	64.7	35.3
United Kingdom	537.9	507.0	-5.7	389.9	272.2	-30.2	148.0	234.8
United States	426.5	404.4	-5.2	216.8	291.7	34.5	209.7	112.7
Viet-Nam	29.7	29.6	-0.3	49.0	51.7	5.5	-19.3	-22.1

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.

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³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

'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 - May 2019¹ and 2020¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries² -total	8249.2	7511.4	-8.9	10371.4	9137.8	-11.9	-2122.2	-1626.4
Food and live animals	773.5	1086.9	40.5	468.8	489.5	4.4	304.7	597.4
Beverages and tobacco	130.8	95.9	-26.7	114.9	101.3	-11.8	15.9	-5.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	570.8	654.1	14.6	1125.8	1755.0	55.9	-555.0	-1100.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1472.6	784.5	-46.7	3081.1	1638.6	-46.8	-1608.5	-854.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	137.8	179.4	30.2	44.7	60.5	35.3	93.1	118.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1112.0	1005.5	-9.6	1026.8	916.7	-10.7	85.2	88.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1662.6	1548.9	-6.8	1960.3	1848.3	-5.7	-297.7	-299.4
Machinery and transport equipment	1392.5	1204.6	-13.5	1798.1	1663.7	-7.5	-405.6	-459.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	975.4	929.9	-4.7	731.7	646.3	-11.7	243.7	283.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	21.2	21.7	2.4	19.2	17.9	-6.8	2.0	3.8

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

² Non EU including the United Kingdom.