

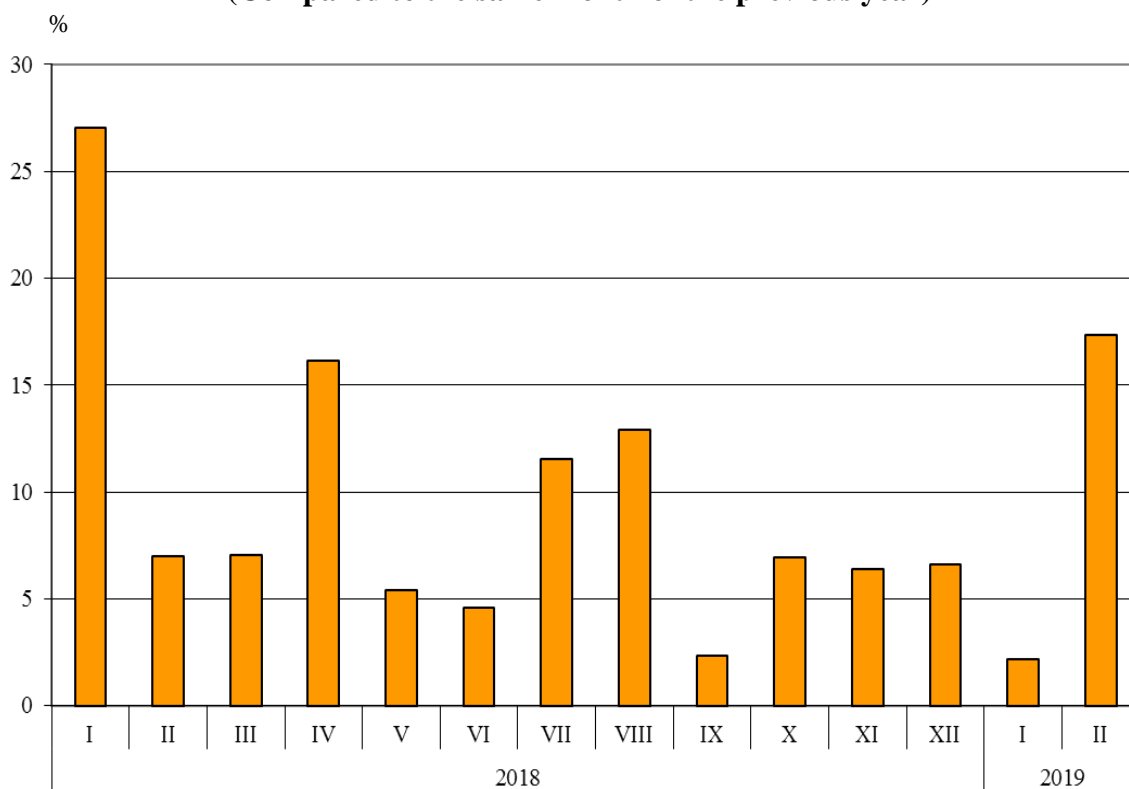


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2019** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 9.3% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 6 334.3 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2019** the exports to the EU grew by 17.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 169.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2018 - 2019  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2019** in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (95.4%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (38.8%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (17.4%).

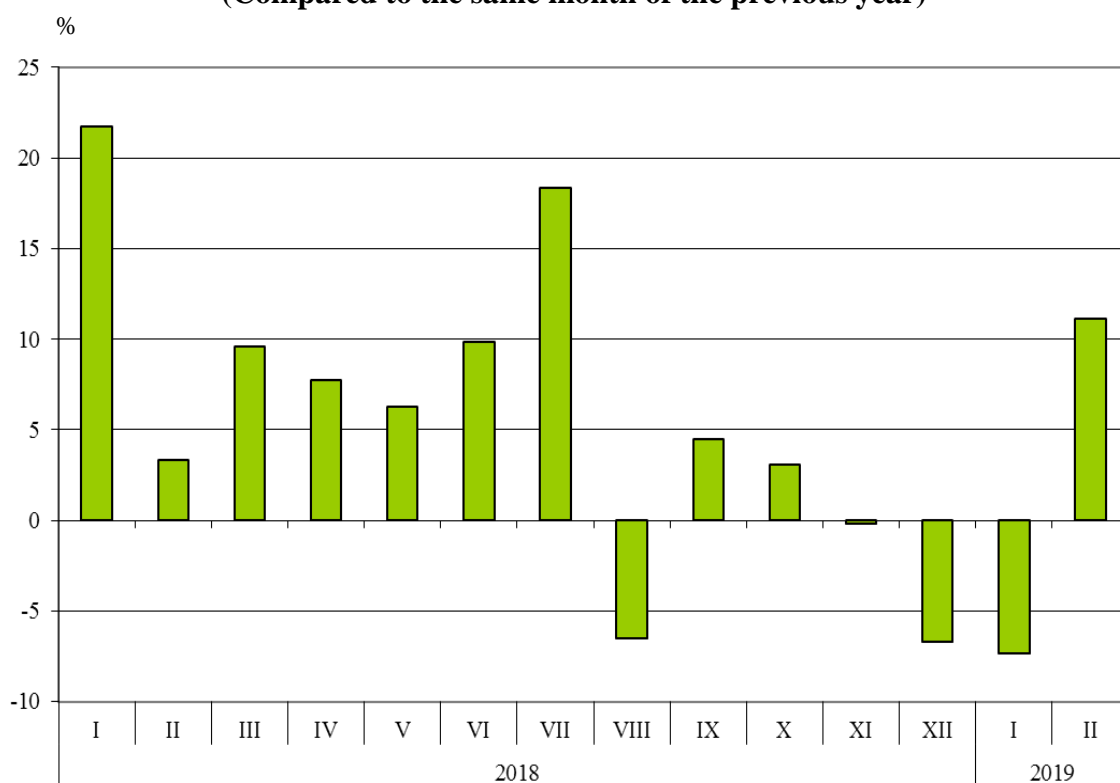
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - February 2019** increased by 1.4% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 6 229.9 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 11.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 239.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2019** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (62.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (48.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - February 2019** was positive and added up to 104.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also positive and amounted to 491.4 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

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

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
<b>I - II.2018</b>	<b>8297.9</b>	<b>5797.5</b>	<b>2500.4</b>	<b>9625.1</b>	<b>6143.4</b>	<b>3481.7</b>	<b>8935.0</b>	<b>5753.9</b>	<b>3181.1</b>	<b>-1327.2</b>	<b>-345.9</b>	<b>-981.3</b>	<b>-637.1</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>-680.7</b>
I.2019	4558.8	3164.6	1394.2	4984.9	2990.6	1994.3	4623.4	2807.7	1815.7	-426.1	174.0	-600.1	-64.6	356.9	-421.5
II.2019	4650.0	3169.7	1480.3	5154.9	3239.3	1915.6	4788.6	3035.2	1753.4	-504.9	-69.6	-435.3	-138.6	134.5	-273.1
<b>I - II.2019</b>	<b>9208.8</b>	<b>6334.3</b>	<b>2874.5</b>	<b>10139.8</b>	<b>6229.9</b>	<b>3909.9</b>	<b>9412.0</b>	<b>5842.9</b>	<b>3569.1</b>	<b>-931.0</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>-1035.4</b>	<b>-203.2</b>	<b>491.4</b>	<b>-694.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2019.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2019<sup>1</sup> 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	3.8	2.2	7.5	-1.4	-7.4	9.1	-1.2	-6.8	8.9
II	19.1	17.4	23.0	12.8	11.1	15.9	12.5	10.7	15.8
<b>I - II</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2019.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2018<sup>2</sup> and 2019<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of 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>Total</b>	<b>8297.9</b>	<b>9208.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>9625.1</b>	<b>10139.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-1327.2</b>	<b>-931.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>5797.5</b>	<b>6334.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>6143.4</b>	<b>6229.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-345.9</b>	<b>104.4</b>
Austria	156.0	176.6	13.2	234.3	257.7	10.0	-78.3	-81.1
Belgium	357.8	312.8	-12.6	188.7	187.6	-0.6	169.1	125.2
Croatia	45.1	39.6	-12.2	25.3	22.8	-9.9	19.8	16.8
Cyprus	25.6	31.2	21.9	68.6	8.2	-88.0	-43.0	23.0
Czech Republic	186.8	224.6	20.2	213.3	249.2	16.8	-26.5	-24.6
Denmark	50.2	68.8	37.1	45.4	48.7	7.3	4.8	20.1
Estonia	9.2	10.6	15.2	7.3	12.3	68.5	1.9	-1.7
Finland	17.6	21.1	19.9	25.7	17.7	-31.1	-8.1	3.4
France	359.5	392.7	9.2	290.3	304.8	5.0	69.2	87.9
Germany	1344.9	1444.3	7.4	1222.6	1228.7	0.5	122.3	215.6
Greece	538.5	601.7	11.7	402.9	451.3	12.0	135.6	150.4
Hungary	139.0	166.7	19.9	352.3	385.6	9.5	-213.3	-218.9
Ireland	13.0	24.4	87.7	43.7	39.4	-9.8	-30.7	-15.0
Italy	775.0	769.2	-0.7	670.6	682.4	1.8	104.4	86.8
Latvia	9.6	9.7	1.0	10.4	5.9	-43.3	-0.8	3.8
Lithuania	22.4	22.4	0.0	14.6	24.7	69.2	7.8	-2.3
Luxembourg	2.1	5.2	147.6	22.4	14.5	-35.3	-20.3	-9.3
Malta	7.3	8.6	17.8	69.8	5.8	-91.7	-62.5	2.8
Netherlands	264.2	258.4	-2.2	345.5	354.5	2.6	-81.3	-96.1
Poland	225.9	209.0	-7.5	284.0	334.2	17.7	-58.1	-125.2
Portugal	24.0	58.5	143.8	43.9	31.4	-28.5	-19.9	27.1
Romania	578.2	686.8	18.8	658.0	680.2	3.4	-79.8	6.6
Slovakia	60.2	104.7	73.9	126.2	129.9	2.9	-66.0	-25.2
Slovenia	55.4	77.2	39.4	66.2	79.0	19.3	-10.8	-1.8
Spain	206.0	203.9	-1.0	481.2	428.0	-11.1	-275.2	-224.1
Sweden	72.5	88.5	22.1	64.8	74.3	14.7	7.7	14.2
United Kingdom	210.8	228.1	8.2	149.0	150.5	1.0	61.8	77.6
Not specified	40.7	89.0	118.7	16.4	20.6	25.6	24.3	68.4

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2018<sup>2</sup> and 2019<sup>2</sup>

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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>Non EU countries</b>	<b>2500.4</b>	<b>2874.5</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>3481.7</b>	<b>3909.9</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>-981.3</b>	<b>-1035.4</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>187.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>877.2</b>	<b>1166.7</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>-706.8</b>	<b>-978.8</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	9.8	13.6	38.8	3.2	1.0	-68.8	6.6	12.6
Russian Federation	121.0	127.7	5.5	846.1	1142.0	35.0	-725.1	-1014.3
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>921.7</b>	<b>985.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>906.1</b>	<b>995.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
of which:								
Canada	13.7	14.2	3.6	24.4	17.7	-27.5	-10.7	-3.5
Israel	21.0	59.9	185.2	14.8	15.0	1.4	6.2	44.9
Japan	12.1	10.2	-15.7	36.2	37.1	2.5	-24.1	-26.9
Korea, Republic of	12.5	27.9	123.2	48.1	43.7	-9.1	-35.6	-15.8
Turkey	633.8	577.1	-8.9	576.4	709.4	23.1	57.4	-132.3
United States	142.1	193.3	36.0	120.5	81.0	-32.8	21.6	112.3
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
of which:								
Norway	12.5	16.1	28.8	5.6	6.0	7.1	6.9	10.1
Switzerland	48.0	52.9	10.2	62.2	71.3	14.6	-14.2	-18.4

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<sup>3</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

<sup>4</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



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(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	27.0	23.6	-12.6	3.8	4.0	5.3	23.2	19.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.9	19.7	-1.0	5.9	5.9	0.0	14.0	13.8
Brazil	5.6	5.8	3.6	14.7	10.2	-30.6	-9.1	-4.4
China	221.8	256.3	15.6	453.7	518.6	14.3	-231.9	-262.3
Egypt	83.2	144.9	74.2	83.8	165.8	97.9	-0.6	-20.9
Georgia	38.8	50.4	29.9	182.5	42.2	-76.9	-143.7	8.2
India	22.4	29.5	31.7	63.6	58.2	-8.5	-41.2	-28.7
Indonesia	8.5	7.5	-11.8	18.1	174.2	862.4	-9.6	-166.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	14.0	13.2	-5.7	12.1	11.5	-5.0	1.9	1.7
Peru	5.6	1.6	-71.4	2.8	3.7	32.1	2.8	-2.1
Republic of North Macedonia	134.1	123.4	-8.0	97.3	68.9	-29.2	36.8	54.5
Serbia	124.5	175.0	40.6	189.5	156.9	-17.2	-65.0	18.1
Singapore	66.7	65.6	-1.6	16.9	15.9	-5.9	49.8	49.7
South Africa	16.5	31.6	91.5	13.5	19.9	47.4	3.0	11.7
Syrian Arab Republic	2.4	6.0	150.0	0.3	0.0	x	2.1	x
Taiwan	8.8	8.6	-2.3	32.3	32.4	0.3	-23.5	-23.8
Ukraine	45.8	76.6	67.2	161.8	179.5	10.9	-116.0	-102.9
United Arab Emirates	32.2	25.2	-21.7	9.3	5.7	-38.7	22.9	19.5
Viet Nam	6.9	7.6	10.1	19.3	19.6	1.6	-12.4	-12.0

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - February 2018<sup>1</sup> 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>Total</b>	<b>8297.9</b>	<b>9208.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>9625.1</b>	<b>10139.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-1327.2</b>	<b>-931.0</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>5797.5</b>	<b>6334.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>6143.4</b>	<b>6229.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-345.9</b>	<b>104.4</b>
Food and live animals	770.1	995.6	29.3	739.2	807.4	9.2	30.9	188.2
of which EU	608.9	729.3	19.8	592.7	609.8	2.9	16.2	119.5
Beverages and tobacco	80.6	111.9	38.8	100.0	156.2	56.2	-19.4	-44.3
of which EU	39.9	55.4	38.8	81.6	132.5	62.4	-41.7	-77.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	573.0	628.0	9.6	946.1	917.1	-3.1	-373.1	-289.1
of which EU	389.6	431.6	10.8	547.5	499.8	-8.7	-157.9	-68.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	635.1	812.5	27.9	1250.3	1355.6	8.4	-615.2	-543.1
of which EU	141.9	277.3	95.4	325.7	166.9	-48.8	-183.8	110.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	94.3	104.9	11.2	34.4	28.0	-18.6	59.9	76.9
of which EU	68.3	56.4	-17.4	17.5	15.5	-11.4	50.8	40.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	825.1	971.7	17.8	1372.7	1529.2	11.4	-547.6	-557.5
of which EU	524.3	595.7	13.6	1058.4	1142.3	7.9	-534.1	-546.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2096.1	1916.4	-8.6	1669.3	1698.8	1.8	426.8	217.6
of which EU	1492.7	1343.1	-10.0	936.5	951.0	1.5	556.2	392.1
Machinery and transport equipment	1906.1	2171.8	13.9	2684.3	2747.6	2.4	-778.2	-575.8
of which EU	1460.9	1672.8	14.5	2010.8	2086.0	3.7	-549.9	-413.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1292.2	1462.9	13.2	773.6	843.4	9.0	518.6	619.5
of which EU	1050.4	1146.8	9.2	523.4	575.6	10.0	527.0	571.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	25.3	33.1	30.8	55.2	56.5	2.4	-29.9	-23.4
of which EU	20.6	25.9	25.7	49.3	50.5	2.4	-28.7	-24.6

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