

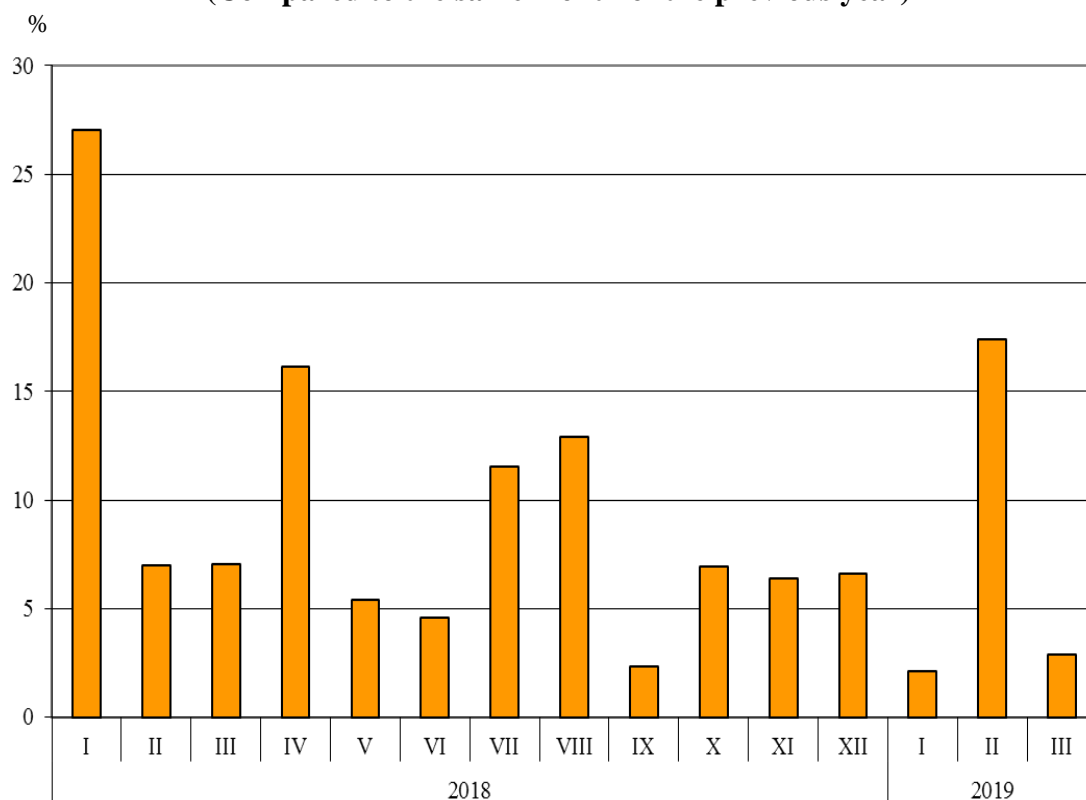


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 7.0% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 9 607.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2019** the exports to the EU grew by 2.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 274.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 - March 2019** in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (75.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (8.4%).

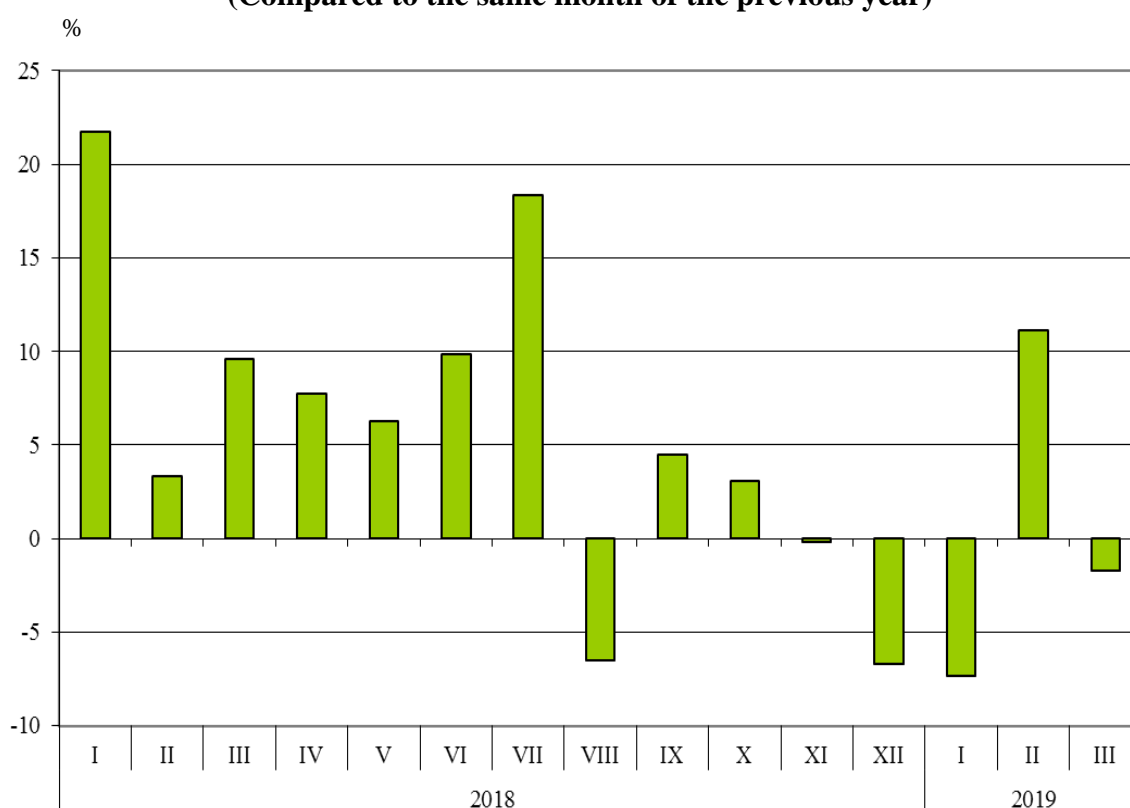
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - March 2019** increased by 0.3% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 9 817.8 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 Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 1.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 586.0 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 - March 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' (50.0%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)²' (29.4%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - March 2019** was negative and added up to 210.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was positive and amounted to 384.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the 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.c.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2018¹ and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	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
III.2018	4505.9	3183.0	1322.9	5117.9	3647.6	1470.3	4759.0	3407.5	1351.5	-612.0	-464.6	-147.4	-253.1	-224.5	-28.6
I - III.2018	12803.8	8980.5	3823.3	14743.0	9791.0	4952.0	13694.0	9161.4	4532.6	-1939.2	-810.5	-1128.7	-890.2	-180.9	-709.3
I.2019	4684.7	3162.9	1521.8	5033.5	2992.5	2041.0	4665.9	2809.5	1856.4	-348.8	170.4	-519.2	18.8	353.4	-334.6
II.2019	4694.1	3169.9	1524.2	5274.5	3239.3	2035.2	4898.6	3035.2	1863.4	-580.4	-69.4	-511.0	-204.5	134.7	-339.2
III.2019	4788.4	3274.3	1514.1	5322.9	3586.0	1736.9	4958.4	3377.7	1580.7	-534.5	-311.7	-222.8	-170.0	-103.4	-66.6
I - III.2019	14167.2	9607.1	4560.1	15630.9	9817.8	5813.1	14522.9	9222.4	5300.5	-1463.7	-210.7	-1253.0	-355.7	384.7	-740.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2019¹ 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	6.6	2.1	17.4	-0.5	-7.3	11.6	-0.3	-6.7	11.3
II	20.2	17.4	26.6	15.5	11.1	23.1	15.1	10.7	23.1
III	6.3	2.9	14.5	4.0	-1.7	18.1	4.2	-0.9	17.0
I - III	10.6	7.0	19.3	6.0	0.3	17.4	6.1	0.7	16.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2018² and 2019²

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	
Total	12803.8	14167.2	10.6	14743.0	15630.9	6.0	-1939.2	-1463.7
EU	8980.5	9607.1	7.0	9791.0	9817.8	0.3	-810.5	-210.7
Austria	241.5	272.9	13.0	377.2	416.3	10.4	-135.7	-143.4
Belgium	519.4	572.5	10.2	305.7	298.4	-2.4	213.7	274.1
Croatia	66.9	68.5	2.4	41.6	34.1	-18.0	25.3	34.4
Cyprus	46.6	47.2	1.3	71.3	75.2	5.5	-24.7	-28.0
Czech Republic	280.6	333.2	18.7	336.4	388.0	15.3	-55.8	-54.8
Denmark	84.2	97.1	15.3	68.6	71.4	4.1	15.6	25.7
Estonia	13.5	14.5	7.4	11.1	18.4	65.8	2.4	-3.9
Finland	26.0	32.8	26.2	38.6	30.8	-20.2	-12.6	2.0
France	551.3	606.5	10.0	457.4	488.9	6.9	93.9	117.6
Germany	2042.4	2114.8	3.5	1937.6	1930.6	-0.4	104.8	184.2
Greece	857.2	908.4	6.0	639.2	690.1	8.0	218.0	218.3
Hungary	218.6	243.1	11.2	549.7	595.1	8.3	-331.1	-352.0
Ireland	27.4	31.3	14.2	63.2	64.0	1.3	-35.8	-32.7
Italy	1177.1	1123.7	-4.5	1089.0	1130.9	3.8	88.1	-7.2
Latvia	14.9	14.6	-2.0	22.6	9.4	-58.4	-7.7	5.2
Lithuania	34.4	35.2	2.3	23.1	36.9	59.7	11.3	-1.7
Luxembourg	3.1	5.9	90.3	34.9	20.6	-41.0	-31.8	-14.7
Malta	10.1	12.2	20.8	72.0	8.9	-87.6	-61.9	3.3
Netherlands	380.7	357.5	-6.1	532.1	540.1	1.5	-151.4	-182.6
Poland	336.0	315.0	-6.3	450.3	538.7	19.6	-114.3	-223.7
Portugal	39.5	85.0	115.2	68.1	43.1	-36.7	-28.6	41.9
Romania	1007.9	1135.1	12.6	1073.4	1102.6	2.7	-65.5	32.5
Slovakia	95.2	165.5	73.8	193.6	201.4	4.0	-98.4	-35.9
Slovenia	91.1	120.4	32.2	106.5	127.9	20.1	-15.4	-7.5
Spain	312.4	316.2	1.2	861.2	583.2	-32.3	-548.8	-267.0
Sweden	115.8	135.4	16.9	106.4	99.9	-6.1	9.4	35.5
United Kingdom	319.6	333.5	4.3	230.2	231.4	0.5	89.4	102.1
Not specified	67.1	109.1	62.6	30.0	41.5	38.3	37.1	67.6

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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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2018² and 2019²

(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	
Non EU countries	3823.3	4560.1	19.3	4952.0	5813.1	17.4	-1128.7	-1253.0
CIS³	268.6	303.6	13.0	1120.8	1564.8	39.6	-852.2	-1261.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	112.8	18.8	46.9	3.2	1.2	-62.5	9.6	17.6
Russian Federation	193.6	211.8	9.4	1072.5	1528.2	42.5	-878.9	-1316.4
OECD⁴	1371.5	1562.6	13.9	1420.0	1498.1	5.5	-48.5	64.5
of which:								
Canada	21.7	24.2	11.5	33.3	23.1	-30.6	-11.6	1.1
Israel	31.4	72.4	130.6	25.4	22.4	-11.8	6.0	50.0
Japan	18.7	16.6	-11.2	57.7	57.5	-0.3	-39.0	-40.9
Korea, Republic of	22.5	37.3	65.8	72.9	68.3	-6.3	-50.4	-31.0
Turkey	942.4	967.9	2.7	934.5	1062.1	13.7	7.9	-94.2
United States	200.3	284.2	41.9	158.3	125.3	-20.8	42.0	158.9
EFTA⁵	97.7	102.5	4.9	114.0	121.7	6.8	-16.3	-19.2
of which:								
Norway	19.3	21.7	12.4	7.4	9.4	27.0	11.9	12.3
Switzerland	77.0	80.0	3.9	104.2	110.2	5.8	-27.2	-30.2

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

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

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2018² and 2019²

(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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	40.5	36.1	-10.9	5.4	8.7	61.1	35.1	27.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.9	29.3	-5.2	8.2	10.9	32.9	22.7	18.4
Brazil	8.5	25.8	203.5	19.0	13.8	-27.4	-10.5	12.0
China	333.0	420.3	26.2	658.0	763.4	16.0	-325.0	-343.1
Egypt	94.8	195.1	105.8	99.8	305.6	206.2	-5.0	-110.5
Georgia	65.7	82.3	25.3	211.9	156.7	-26.1	-146.2	-74.4
India	41.5	44.1	6.3	85.5	88.6	3.6	-44.0	-44.5
Indonesia	14.3	13.6	-4.9	26.4	199.9	657.2	-12.1	-186.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15.9	22.9	44.0	16.2	18.5	14.2	-0.3	4.4
Peru	6.1	4.6	-24.6	26.5	4.1	-84.5	-20.4	0.5
Republic of North Macedonia	209.1	204.4	-2.2	153.5	118.3	-22.9	55.6	86.1
Serbia	213.5	298.7	39.9	293.0	261.9	-10.6	-79.5	36.8
Singapore	90.8	93.4	2.9	24.2	19.9	-17.8	66.6	73.5
South Africa	41.3	61.9	49.9	16.4	20.7	26.2	24.9	41.2
Syrian Arab Republic	13.4	7.7	-42.5	0.3	0.0	x	13.1	7.7
Taiwan	13.1	15.0	14.5	48.6	48.6	0.0	-35.5	-33.6
Ukraine	68.9	126.5	83.6	213.6	262.6	22.9	-144.7	-136.1
United Arab Emirates	45.8	38.4	-16.2	14.4	13.1	-9.0	31.4	25.3
Viet Nam	10.7	12.4	15.9	26.0	28.9	11.2	-15.3	-16.5

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - March 2018¹ 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	
Total	12803.8	14167.2	10.6	14743.0	15630.9	6.0	-1939.2	-1463.7
of which EU	8980.5	9607.1	7.0	9791.0	9817.8	0.3	-810.5	-210.7
Food and live animals	1287.5	1513.0	17.5	1152.9	1233.1	7.0	134.6	279.9
of which EU	1004.0	1085.9	8.2	930.1	952.0	2.4	73.9	133.9
Beverages and tobacco	142.6	165.4	16.0	166.2	250.5	50.7	-23.6	-85.1
of which EU	77.3	82.8	7.1	134.2	201.3	50.0	-56.9	-118.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	803.1	914.1	13.8	1521.2	1362.7	-10.4	-718.1	-448.6
of which EU	557.0	608.5	9.2	954.0	673.9	-29.4	-397.0	-65.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	798.8	1191.6	49.2	1535.0	1997.1	30.1	-736.2	-805.5
of which EU	208.2	365.2	75.4	433.2	334.7	-22.7	-225.0	30.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	143.8	165.7	15.2	51.4	43.9	-14.6	92.4	121.8
of which EU	90.6	83.0	-8.4	28.6	25.1	-12.2	62.0	57.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1297.5	1556.5	20.0	2180.9	2389.1	9.5	-883.4	-832.6
of which EU	826.5	946.0	14.5	1686.8	1807.4	7.1	-860.3	-861.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3196.9	3058.2	-4.3	2622.7	2637.8	0.6	574.2	420.4
of which EU	2256.7	2109.5	-6.5	1490.4	1498.6	0.6	766.3	610.9
Machinery and transport equipment	2995.7	3371.3	12.5	4207.5	4305.0	2.3	-1211.8	-933.7
of which EU	2294.3	2584.3	12.6	3210.7	3328.8	3.7	-916.4	-744.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2098.7	2181.6	4.0	1219.4	1324.6	8.6	879.3	857.0
of which EU	1634.5	1703.3	4.2	846.7	918.4	8.5	787.8	784.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	39.2	49.8	27.0	85.8	87.1	1.5	-46.6	-37.3
of which EU	31.4	38.6	22.9	76.3	77.6	1.7	-44.9	-39.0

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