

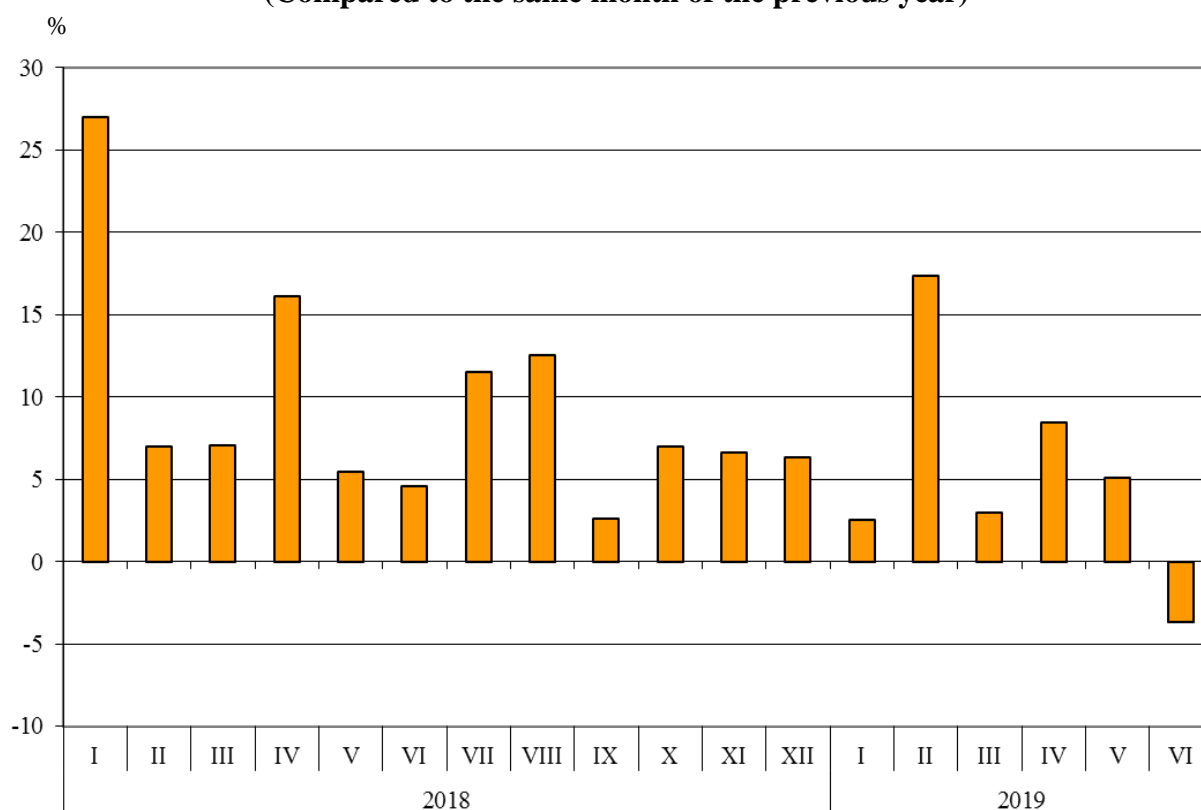


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 5.1% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 19 029.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.1% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2019** the exports to the EU dropped by 3.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 085.8 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 - June 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' (95.9%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (18.2%).

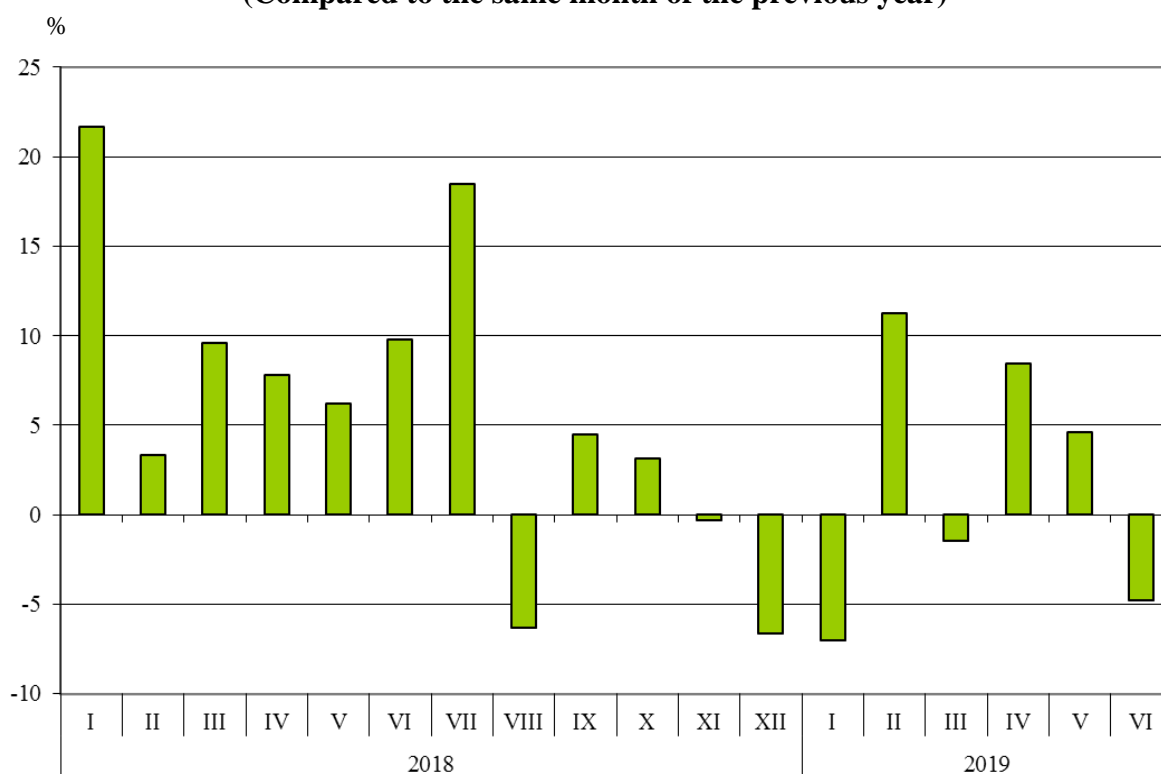
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - June 2019** increased by 1.6% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 20 102.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices)²(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 **June 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States decreased by 4.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 272.5 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value³ 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 - June 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' (29.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'⁴ (31.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - June 2019** was negative and added up to 1 072.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

³ Value changes at current prices.

⁴ 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.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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
I.2019	4697.5	3175.1	1522.4	5038.9	2998.9	2040.0	-341.4	176.2	-517.6
II.2019	4693.5	3169.6	1523.9	5277.1	3242.1	2035.0	-583.6	-72.5	-511.1
III.2019	4791.1	3277.4	1513.7	5330.5	3593.7	1736.8	-539.4	-316.3	-223.1
I - III.2019	14182.1	9622.1	4560.0	15646.5	9834.7	5811.8	-1464.4	-212.6	-1251.8
IV.2019	4504.5	3144.5	1360.0	4983.5	3480.3	1503.2	-479.0	-335.8	-143.2
V.2019	4647.2	3177.2	1470.0	5184.2	3514.5	1669.7	-537.0	-337.3	-199.7
VI.2019	4523.2	3085.8	1437.4	4709.5	3272.5	1437.0	-186.3	-186.7	0.4
IV - VI.2019	13674.9	9407.5	4267.4	14877.2	10267.3	4609.9	-1202.3	-859.8	-342.5
I - VI.2019	27857.0	19029.6	8827.4	30523.7	20102.0	10421.7	-2666.7	-1072.4	-1594.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2019.

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - June 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	5.5	2.5	12.5	-0.2	-7.0	11.8
II	18.3	17.4	20.1	15.6	11.2	23.4
III	3.6	2.9	5.0	4.2	-1.5	18.3
I - III	8.7	7.1	12.2	6.2	0.5	17.6
IV	3.9	8.5	-5.2	0.3	8.5	-14.5
V	5.7	5.1	7.1	0.6	4.6	-7.0
VI	-7.5	-3.6	-14.8	-14.3	-4.8	-30.2
IV - VI	0.4	3.1	-5.0	-4.7	2.6	-17.9
I - VI	4.5	5.1	3.2	0.6	1.6	-1.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th September 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2018 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	26663.5	27857.0	4.5	30349.6	30523.7	0.6	-3686.1	-2666.7
EU	18106.3	19029.6	5.1	19795.1	20102.0	1.6	-1688.8	-1072.4
Austria	498.5	543.8	9.1	749.3	829.0	10.6	-250.8	-285.2
Belgium	876.2	905.6	3.4	637.8	619.9	-2.8	238.4	285.7
Croatia	133.6	141.6	6.0	98.2	75.2	-23.4	35.4	66.4
Cyprus	97.8	105.2	7.6	147.6	86.4	-41.5	-49.8	18.8
Czech Republic	568.8	668.8	17.6	698.7	788.0	12.8	-129.9	-119.2
Denmark	174.9	182.1	4.1	145.6	135.7	-6.8	29.3	46.4
Estonia	26.6	28.1	5.6	25.0	33.7	34.8	1.6	-5.6
Finland	49.2	64.8	31.7	67.6	68.0	0.6	-18.4	-3.2
France	1090.9	1133.3	3.9	885.6	996.6	12.5	205.3	136.7
Germany	4159.1	4136.5	-0.5	3878.5	3955.5	2.0	280.6	181.0
Greece	1755.9	1985.7	13.1	1295.6	1517.2	17.1	460.3	468.5
Hungary	459.5	505.0	9.9	1072.2	1131.9	5.6	-612.7	-626.9
Ireland	56.3	77.3	37.3	122.6	154.0	25.6	-66.3	-76.7
Italy	2338.2	2201.5	-5.8	2334.0	2453.9	5.1	4.2	-252.4
Latvia	35.1	29.6	-15.7	35.8	20.3	-43.3	-0.7	9.3
Lithuania	71.0	66.9	-5.8	51.4	75.5	46.9	19.6	-8.6
Luxembourg	8.0	10.6	32.5	62.8	42.8	-31.8	-54.8	-32.2
Malta	22.5	22.6	0.4	75.3	17.4	-76.9	-52.8	5.2
Netherlands	670.1	716.8	7.0	1123.1	1125.9	0.2	-453.0	-409.1
Poland	648.3	609.2	-6.0	917.1	1087.4	18.6	-268.8	-478.2
Portugal	87.0	155.6	78.9	90.9	90.7	-0.2	-3.9	64.9
Romania	2246.5	2398.2	6.8	2144.4	2209.0	3.0	102.1	189.2
Slovakia	199.1	308.2	54.8	383.8	421.0	9.7	-184.7	-112.8
Slovenia	185.4	231.9	25.1	223.6	256.8	14.8	-38.2	-24.9
Spain	600.0	622.5	3.8	1771.2	1205.1	-32.0	-1171.2	-582.6
Sweden	240.6	276.3	14.8	207.7	194.3	-6.5	32.9	82.0
United Kingdom	641.9	680.0	5.9	473.6	448.5	-5.3	168.3	231.5
Not specified	165.3	221.9	34.2	76.1	62.3	-18.1	89.2	159.6

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination 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 - June 2018 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	8557.2	8827.4	3.2	10554.5	10421.7	-1.3	-1997.3	-1594.3
CIS³	567.8	653.7	15.1	2835.1	2349.7	-17.1	-2267.3	-1696.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	21.8	29.6	35.8	5.0	2.5	-50.0	16.8	27.1
Russian Federation	401.6	465.4	15.9	2714.1	2255.9	-16.9	-2312.5	-1790.5
OECD⁴	3091.1	2874.1	-7.0	2829.0	2952.3	4.4	262.1	-78.2
of which:								
Canada	61.4	54.5	-11.2	71.7	42.5	-40.7	-10.3	12.0
Israel	79.2	108.2	36.6	45.4	51.7	13.9	33.8	56.5
Japan	40.4	37.9	-6.2	125.8	120.8	-4.0	-85.4	-82.9
Korea, Republic of	77.6	62.4	-19.6	152.2	144.2	-5.3	-74.6	-81.8
Turkey	2043.9	1820.1	-10.9	1859.1	2042.2	9.8	184.8	-222.1
United States	484.6	459.7	-5.1	274.5	250.7	-8.7	210.1	209.0
EFTA⁵	210.3	204.0	-3.0	236.2	260.6	10.3	-25.9	-56.6
of which:								
Norway	46.0	39.4	-14.3	17.4	24.1	38.5	28.6	15.3
Switzerland	161.5	163.1	1.0	215.7	233.8	8.4	-54.2	-70.7

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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 - June 2018 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	81.4	76.2	-6.4	12.9	19.5	51.2	68.5	56.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	62.3	63.1	1.3	19.9	23.4	17.6	42.4	39.7
Brazil	42.2	34.8	-17.5	31.1	28.0	-10.0	11.1	6.8
China	655.5	706.7	7.8	1242.9	1427.7	14.9	-587.4	-721.0
Egypt	230.1	289.1	25.6	331.4	456.4	37.7	-101.3	-167.3
Georgia	155.7	141.2	-9.3	365.5	293.4	-19.7	-209.8	-152.2
India	107.6	113.7	5.7	175.2	174.9	-0.2	-67.6	-61.2
Indonesia	30.2	23.2	-23.2	48.8	221.5	353.9	-18.6	-198.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	28.6	44.2	54.5	31.0	37.9	22.3	-2.4	6.3
Peru	11.4	8.1	-28.9	43.9	7.2	-83.6	-32.5	0.9
Republic of North Macedonia	405.8	392.8	-3.2	314.0	250.5	-20.2	91.8	142.3
Serbia	470.4	579.7	23.2	603.8	557.7	-7.6	-133.4	22.0
Singapore	245.0	122.0	-50.2	41.2	35.9	-12.9	203.8	86.1
South Africa	80.2	126.0	57.1	38.5	63.7	65.5	41.7	62.3
Syrian Arab Republic	17.4	10.0	-42.5	0.3	0.1	-66.7	17.1	9.9
Taiwan	38.1	23.9	-37.3	103.8	92.3	-11.1	-65.7	-68.4
Ukraine	188.1	280.2	49.0	457.4	530.8	16.0	-269.3	-250.6
United Arab Emirates	108.4	102.6	-5.4	26.9	30.4	13.0	81.5	72.2
Viet Nam	28.1	29.6	5.3	45.2	56.4	24.8	-17.1	-26.8

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - June 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	
Total	26663.5	27857.0	4.5	30349.6	30523.7	0.6	-3686.1	-2666.7
of which EU	18106.3	19029.6	5.1	19795.1	20102.0	1.6	-1688.8	-1072.4
Food and live animals	2622.4	2885.8	10.0	2255.3	2402.0	6.5	367.1	483.8
of which EU	1928.7	2080.4	7.9	1831.1	1887.8	3.1	97.6	192.6
Beverages and tobacco	315.4	305.5	-3.1	417.4	529.0	26.7	-102.0	-223.5
of which EU	178.5	171.0	-4.2	319.5	414.2	29.6	-141.0	-243.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1711.6	1793.4	4.8	2980.1	2411.4	-19.1	-1268.5	-618.0
of which EU	1129.8	1147.7	1.6	1820.2	1244.1	-31.7	-690.4	-96.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1762.0	2596.9	47.4	3568.5	3223.4	-9.7	-1806.5	-626.5
of which EU	480.4	941.0	95.9	764.7	784.1	2.5	-284.3	156.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	299.5	315.1	5.2	99.6	108.9	9.3	199.9	206.2
of which EU	186.1	152.3	-18.2	57.5	55.2	-4.0	128.6	97.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2713.7	3064.3	12.9	4345.4	4681.7	7.7	-1631.7	-1617.4
of which EU	1676.2	1880.1	12.2	3367.6	3575.7	6.2	-1691.4	-1695.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6581.0	5752.8	-12.6	5370.6	5319.5	-1.0	1210.4	433.3
of which EU	4489.5	4040.0	-10.0	3111.6	3081.7	-1.0	1377.9	958.3
Machinery and transport equipment	6303.6	6792.1	7.7	8685.8	9001.1	3.6	-2382.2	-2209.0
of which EU	4767.8	5264.9	10.4	6648.8	7040.3	5.9	-1881.0	-1775.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4274.7	4253.2	-0.5	2453.0	2662.5	8.5	1821.7	1590.7
of which EU	3207.6	3276.2	2.1	1719.5	1854.7	7.9	1488.1	1421.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	79.6	97.9	23.0	173.9	184.2	5.9	-94.3	-86.3
of which EU	61.7	76.0	23.2	154.6	164.2	6.2	-92.9	-88.2

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