

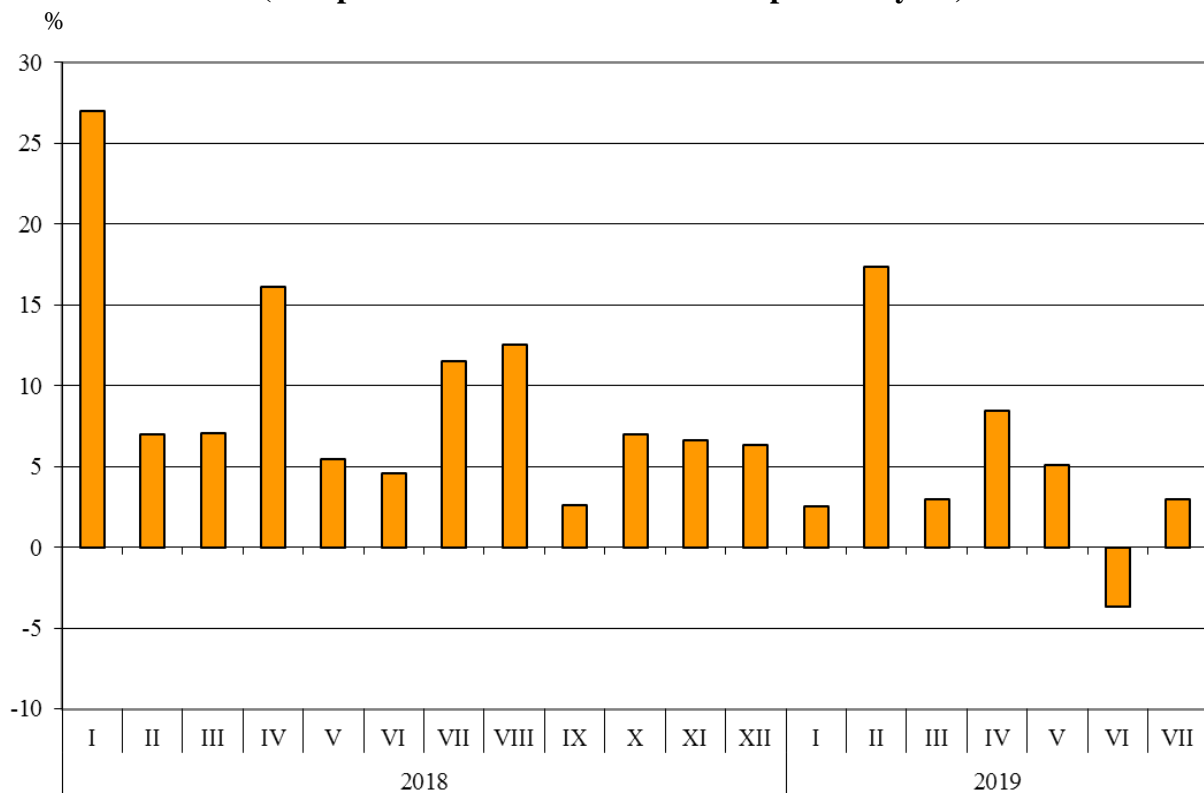


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2019** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 4.8% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 22 629.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2019** the exports to the EU grew by 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 600.0 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 - July 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' (46.4%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (17.0%).

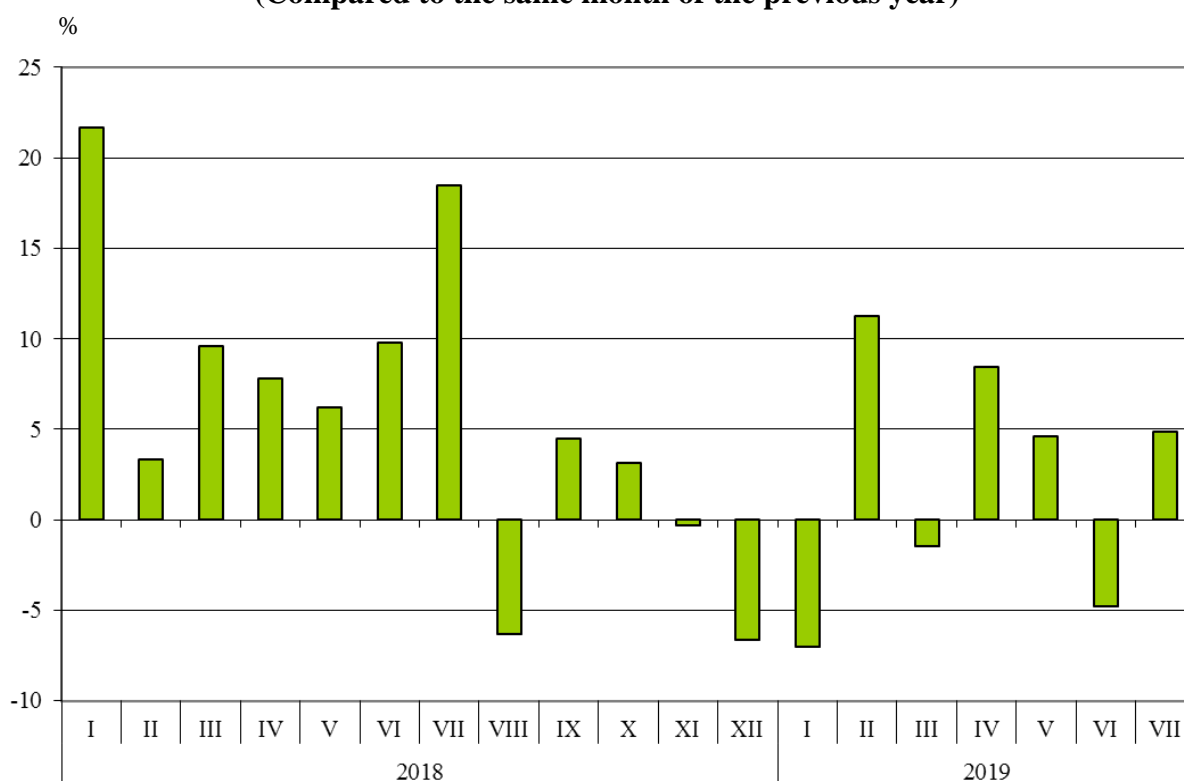
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - July 2019** increased by 2.1% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 23 842.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹(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 **July 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 4.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 740.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - July 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' (24.9%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (28.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - July 2019** was negative and added up to 1 213.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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 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 - July 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
VII.2018	5142.7	3496.2	1646.5	5598.6	3566.6	2032.0	-455.9	-70.4	-385.5
I - VII.2018	31806.2	21602.5	10203.7	35948.2	23361.7	12586.5	-4142.0	-1759.2	-2382.8
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
VII.2019	5282.9	3600.0	1682.9	5584.3	3740.7	1843.6	-301.4	-140.7	-160.7
I - VII.2019	33139.9	22629.6	10510.3	36108.0	23842.7	12265.3	-2968.1	-1213.1	-1755.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2019.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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
VII	2.7	3.0	2.2	-0.3	4.9	-9.3
I - VII	4.2	4.8	3.0	0.4	2.1	-2.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	31806.2	33139.9	4.2	35948.2	36108.0	0.4	-4142.0	-2968.1
EU	21602.5	22629.6	4.8	23361.7	23842.7	2.1	-1759.2	-1213.1
Austria	587.7	641.5	9.2	885.3	990.7	11.9	-297.6	-349.2
Belgium	1097.7	1113.7	1.5	742.7	729.6	-1.8	355.0	384.1
Croatia	162.2	173.3	6.8	111.7	92.8	-16.9	50.5	80.5
Cyprus	112.2	119.4	6.4	219.8	153.3	-30.3	-107.6	-33.9
Czech Republic	667.5	792.2	18.7	816.6	917.6	12.4	-149.1	-125.4
Denmark	211.4	209.5	-0.9	174.8	163.9	-6.2	36.6	45.6
Estonia	33.3	32.1	-3.6	28.1	37.9	34.9	5.2	-5.8
Finland	58.7	73.3	24.9	78.7	77.7	-1.3	-20.0	-4.4
France	1282.1	1334.2	4.1	1035.8	1190.0	14.9	246.3	144.2
Germany	4804.2	4851.4	1.0	4584.8	4627.1	0.9	219.4	224.3
Greece	2063.0	2346.4	13.7	1545.6	1814.6	17.4	517.4	531.8
Hungary	549.0	586.7	6.9	1241.8	1322.9	6.5	-692.8	-736.2
Ireland	67.5	98.4	45.8	147.5	191.4	29.8	-80.0	-93.0
Italy	2867.7	2572.0	-10.3	2827.8	2936.5	3.8	39.9	-364.5
Latvia	41.6	34.4	-17.3	44.0	35.3	-19.8	-2.4	-0.9
Lithuania	82.5	79.8	-3.3	63.7	87.0	36.6	18.8	-7.2
Luxembourg	11.0	12.6	14.5	69.0	50.5	-26.8	-58.0	-37.9
Malta	26.2	25.2	-3.8	76.5	22.3	-70.8	-50.3	2.9
Netherlands	804.1	882.8	9.8	1345.7	1316.7	-2.2	-541.6	-433.9
Poland	749.3	722.8	-3.5	1114.4	1278.4	14.7	-365.1	-555.6
Portugal	107.3	218.6	103.7	113.1	105.4	-6.8	-5.8	113.2
Romania	2689.5	2861.1	6.4	2514.7	2610.6	3.8	174.8	250.5
Slovakia	235.2	353.6	50.3	442.0	487.1	10.2	-206.8	-133.5
Slovenia	225.3	266.6	18.3	265.2	305.2	15.1	-39.9	-38.6
Spain	813.2	849.4	4.5	1972.6	1469.3	-25.5	-1159.4	-619.9
Sweden	279.7	313.8	12.2	243.9	229.8	-5.8	35.8	84.0
United Kingdom	760.5	784.3	3.1	554.1	521.8	-5.8	206.4	262.5
Not specified	212.9	280.5	31.8	101.8	77.3	-24.1	111.1	203.2

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.

² Data are preliminary as of 10-th of October 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 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	10203.7	10510.3	3.0	12586.5	12265.3	-2.6	-2382.8	-1755.0
CIS³	666.4	764.3	14.7	3420.9	2639.1	-22.9	-2754.5	-1874.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	26.3	34.0	29.3	5.2	2.7	-48.1	21.1	31.3
Russian Federation	464.4	543.2	17.0	3282.1	2522.2	-23.2	-2817.7	-1979.0
OECD⁴	3700.4	3509.6	-5.2	3303.5	3619.3	9.6	396.9	-109.7
of which:								
Canada	71.7	63.2	-11.9	81.0	48.1	-40.6	-9.3	15.1
Israel	91.9	155.5	69.2	51.0	59.5	16.7	40.9	96.0
Japan	49.6	48.7	-1.8	150.2	143.0	-4.8	-100.6	-94.3
Korea, Republic of	92.5	79.9	-13.6	178.8	169.8	-5.0	-86.3	-89.9
Turkey	2424.8	2225.6	-8.2	2173.7	2467.8	13.5	251.1	-242.2
United States	616.8	537.9	-12.8	312.3	353.7	13.3	304.5	184.2
EFTA⁵	241.3	251.6	4.3	280.7	304.3	8.4	-39.4	-52.7
of which:								
Norway	51.9	46.6	-10.2	24.8	26.2	5.6	27.1	20.4
Switzerland	186.4	203.1	9.0	252.8	275.3	8.9	-66.4	-72.2

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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 - July 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	95.0	95.3	0.3	15.4	23.9	55.2	79.6	71.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73.4	71.0	-3.3	23.7	29.8	25.7	49.7	41.2
Brazil	45.2	39.4	-12.8	35.5	30.5	-14.1	9.7	8.9
China	765.8	844.2	10.2	1480.4	1690.2	14.2	-714.6	-846.0
Egypt	284.6	358.4	25.9	349.7	537.0	53.6	-65.1	-178.6
Georgia	186.5	164.5	-11.8	401.4	320.5	-20.2	-214.9	-156.0
India	121.7	131.2	7.8	218.4	206.3	-5.5	-96.7	-75.1
Indonesia	33.9	38.5	13.6	101.5	231.7	128.3	-67.6	-193.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	32.0	57.5	79.7	37.1	43.1	16.2	-5.1	14.4
Peru	13.7	8.9	-35.0	44.2	8.3	-81.2	-30.5	0.6
Republic of North Macedonia	477.3	464.1	-2.8	372.4	291.6	-21.7	104.9	172.5
Serbia	558.6	668.1	19.6	715.2	675.0	-5.6	-156.6	-6.9
Singapore	301.4	124.5	-58.7	44.9	41.6	-7.3	256.5	82.9
South Africa	85.8	132.2	54.1	40.5	67.9	67.7	45.3	64.3
Syrian Arab Republic	19.7	18.9	-4.1	0.3	0.1	-66.7	19.4	18.8
Taiwan	50.5	27.8	-45.0	124.4	107.9	-13.3	-73.9	-80.1
Ukraine	218.0	362.6	66.3	538.9	632.4	17.4	-320.9	-269.8
United Arab Emirates	124.0	116.1	-6.4	30.7	39.0	27.0	93.3	77.1
Viet Nam	35.6	36.5	2.5	52.5	67.7	29.0	-16.9	-31.2

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 10-th of October 2019



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - July 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	31806.2	33139.9	4.2	35948.2	36108.0	0.4	-4142.0	-2968.1
of which EU	21602.5	22629.6	4.8	23361.7	23842.7	2.1	-1759.2	-1213.1
Food and live animals	3231.3	3565.0	10.3	2631.9	2828.2	7.5	599.4	736.8
of which EU	2433.6	2602.8	7.0	2150.1	2230.7	3.7	283.5	372.1
Beverages and tobacco	366.2	369.0	0.8	516.3	633.9	22.8	-150.1	-264.9
of which EU	207.4	210.8	1.6	393.6	491.7	24.9	-186.2	-280.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2067.2	2140.6	3.6	3438.9	2785.2	-19.0	-1371.7	-644.6
of which EU	1370.1	1378.7	0.6	2051.2	1463.6	-28.6	-681.1	-84.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2318.3	3143.2	35.6	4365.3	3750.3	-14.1	-2047.0	-607.1
of which EU	748.9	1096.4	46.4	968.2	1013.4	4.7	-219.3	83.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	354.8	350.1	-1.3	115.9	128.9	11.2	238.9	221.2
of which EU	219.3	182.1	-17.0	68.2	67.9	-0.4	151.1	114.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3229.0	3640.5	12.7	5168.3	5552.6	7.4	-1939.3	-1912.1
of which EU	2008.9	2260.4	12.5	3971.1	4244.2	6.9	-1962.2	-1983.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7647.2	6804.2	-11.0	6339.8	6415.3	1.2	1307.4	388.9
of which EU	5196.7	4765.5	-8.3	3671.6	3637.3	-0.9	1525.1	1128.2
Machinery and transport equipment	7362.1	7981.7	8.4	10243.1	10635.4	3.8	-2881.0	-2653.7
of which EU	5574.6	6161.4	10.5	7864.7	8310.9	5.7	-2290.1	-2149.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5138.5	5033.4	-2.0	2926.7	3161.1	8.0	2211.8	1872.3
of which EU	3771.5	3884.8	3.0	2043.7	2189.5	7.1	1727.8	1695.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	91.6	112.2	22.5	202.0	217.1	7.5	-110.4	-104.9
of which EU	71.5	86.7	21.3	179.3	193.5	7.9	-107.8	-106.8

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