

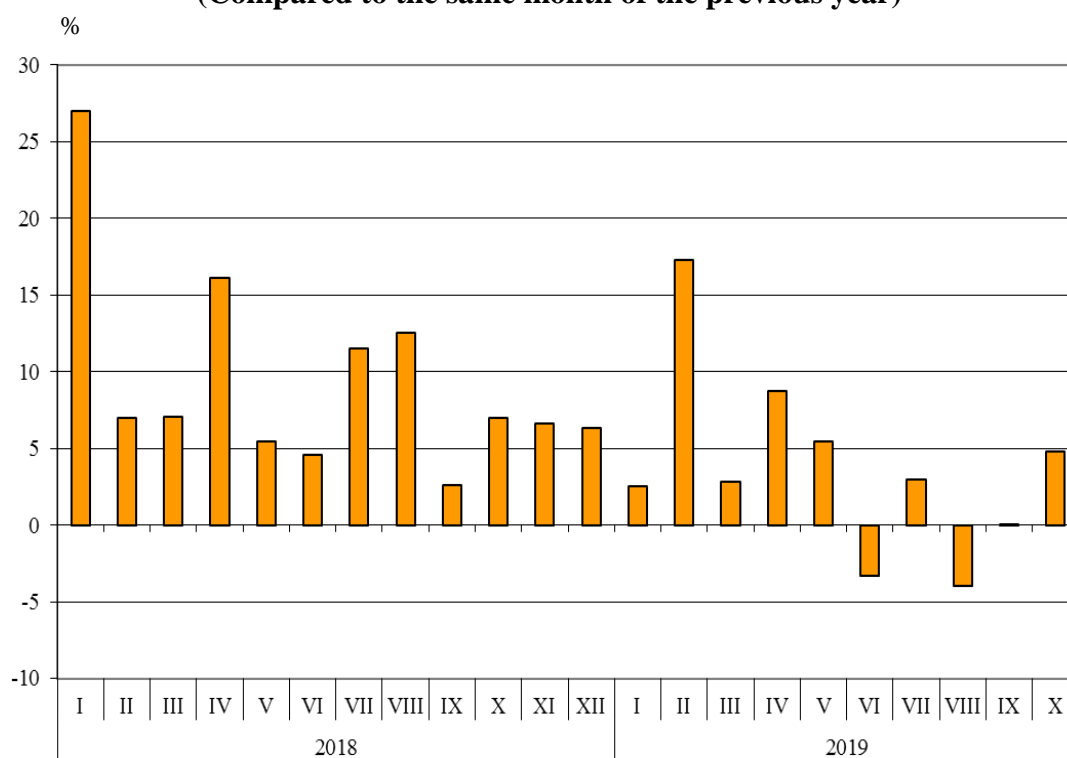


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2019** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 3.4% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 32 681.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2019** the exports to the EU increased by 4.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 632.0 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 - October 2019** in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest percentage increase in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (10.3%). The most notable decrease was observed in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (5.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

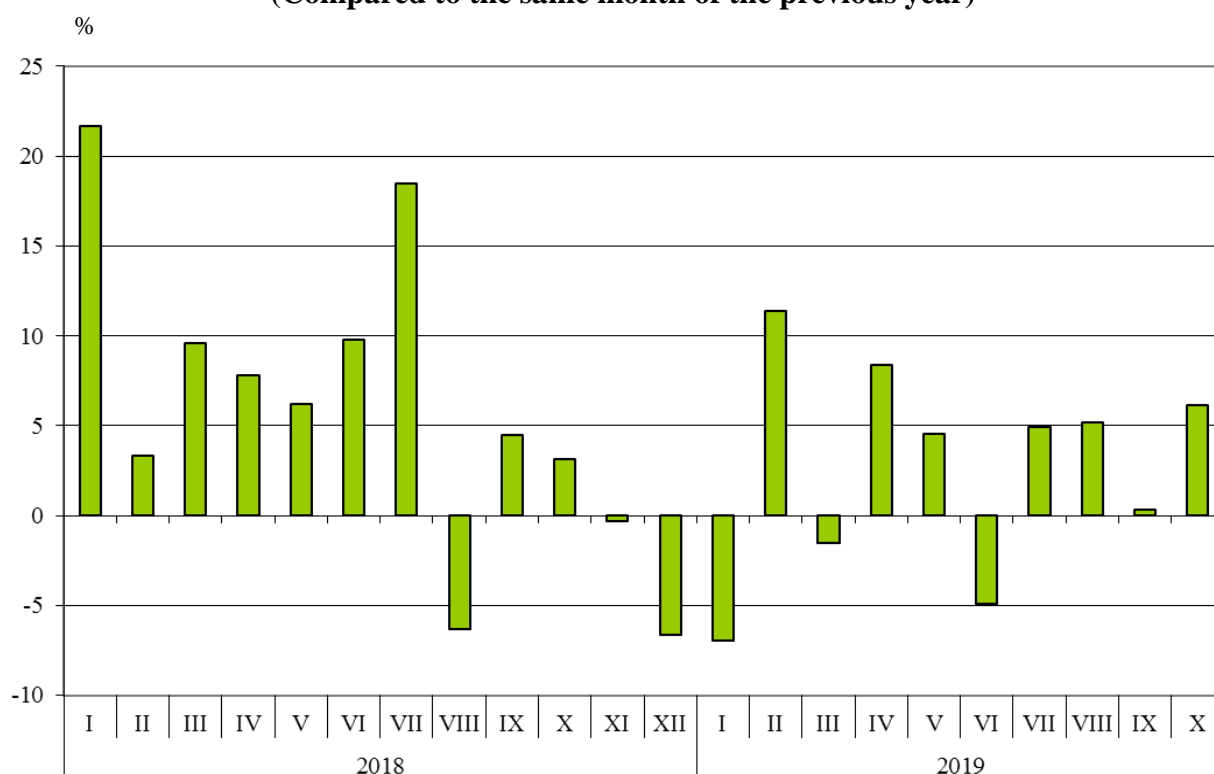
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - October 2019** increased by 2.6% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 34 112.7 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 **October 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 903.0 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 - October 2019** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth in the imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (27.3%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (16.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - October 2019** was negative and added up to 1 431.6 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 - October 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
VIII.2018	4709.8	3292.2	1417.6	4979.5	2973.5	2006.0	-269.7	318.7	-588.4
IX.2018	4779.0	3233.4	1545.6	5170.9	3233.6	1937.3	-391.9	-0.2	-391.7
VII - IX.2018	14631.5	10021.8	4609.7	15749.0	9773.7	5975.3	-1117.5	248.1	-1365.6
I - IX.2018	41295.0	28128.1	13166.9	46098.6	29568.8	16529.8	-4803.6	-1440.7	-3362.9
X.2018	5445.8	3465.3	1980.5	6228.9	3676.5	2552.4	-783.1	-211.2	-571.9
I - X.2018	46740.8	31593.4	15147.4	52327.5	33245.3	19082.2	-5586.7	-1651.9	-3934.8
I.2019	4722.3	3174.9	1547.4	5049.5	3001.2	2048.3	-327.2	173.7	-500.9
II.2019	4693.3	3167.7	1525.6	5279.3	3246.3	2033.0	-586.0	-78.6	-507.4
III.2019	4807.8	3273.3	1534.5	5334.7	3592.7	1742.0	-526.9	-319.4	-207.5
I - III.2019	14223.4	9615.9	4607.5	15663.5	9840.2	5823.3	-1440.1	-224.3	-1215.8
IV.2019	4675.9	3153.5	1522.4	4985.7	3476.9	1508.8	-309.8	-323.4	13.6
V.2019	4756.1	3188.9	1567.2	5187.5	3512.2	1675.3	-431.4	-323.3	-108.1
VI.2019	4633.3	3096.2	1537.1	4700.3	3268.1	1432.2	-67.0	-171.9	104.9
IV - VI.2019	14065.3	9438.6	4626.7	14873.5	10257.2	4616.3	-808.2	-818.6	10.4
I - VI.2019	28288.7	19054.5	9234.2	30537.0	20097.4	10439.6	-2248.3	-1042.9	-1205.4
VII.2019	5334.7	3599.0	1735.7	5587.1	3741.3	1845.8	-252.4	-142.3	-110.1
VIII.2019	4816.4	3161.8	1654.6	4681.3	3127.3	1554.0	135.1	34.5	100.6
IX.2019	4860.6	3233.8	1626.8	4817.6	3243.7	1573.9	43.0	-9.9	52.9
VII - IX.2019	15011.7	9994.6	5017.1	15086.0	10112.3	4973.7	-74.3	-117.7	43.4
I - IX.2019	43300.4	29049.1	14251.3	45623.0	30209.7	15413.3	-2322.6	-1160.6	-1162.0
X.2019	5407.6	3632.0	1775.6	5538.3	3903.0	1635.3	-130.7	-271.0	140.3
I - X.2019	48708.0	32681.1	16026.9	51161.3	34112.7	17048.6	-2453.3	-1431.6	-1021.7

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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 - October 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	6.1	2.5	14.3	0.0	-7.0	12.3
II	18.3	17.3	20.3	15.7	11.4	23.3
III	3.9	2.8	6.4	4.3	-1.5	18.6
I - III	9.0	7.1	13.4	6.3	0.5	17.8
IV	7.9	8.8	6.1	0.4	8.3	-14.2
V	8.2	5.5	14.2	0.6	4.6	-6.7
VI	-5.2	-3.3	-8.9	-14.5	-4.9	-30.4
IV - VI	3.3	3.4	3.0	-4.8	2.5	-17.7
I - VI	6.1	5.2	7.9	0.6	1.5	-1.1
VII	3.7	2.9	5.4	-0.2	4.9	-9.2
VIII	2.3	-4.0	16.7	-6.0	5.2	-22.5
IX	1.7	0.0	5.3	-6.8	0.3	-18.8
VII - IX	2.6	-0.3	8.8	-4.2	3.5	-16.8
I - IX	4.9	3.3	8.2	-1.0	2.2	-6.8
X	-0.7	4.8	-10.3	-11.1	6.2	-35.9
I - X	4.2	3.4	5.8	-2.2	2.6	-10.7

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



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - October 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	46740.8	48708.0	4.2	52327.5	51161.3	-2.2	-5586.7	-2453.3
EU	31593.4	32681.1	3.4	33245.3	34112.7	2.6	-1651.9	-1431.6
Austria	835.9	904.2	8.2	1279.5	1377.3	7.6	-443.6	-473.1
Belgium	1469.5	1425.5	-3.0	1073.8	1052.4	-2.0	395.7	373.1
Croatia	253.4	251.8	-0.6	156.5	129.2	-17.4	96.9	122.6
Cyprus	166.1	173.8	4.6	238.5	209.2	-12.3	-72.4	-35.4
Czech Republic	984.2	1179.9	19.9	1202.1	1323.7	10.1	-217.9	-143.8
Denmark	301.3	292.6	-2.9	238.5	235.1	-1.4	62.8	57.5
Estonia	48.7	44.4	-8.8	40.4	50.6	25.2	8.3	-6.2
Finland	92.5	106.8	15.5	127.2	110.0	-13.5	-34.7	-3.2
France	1836.1	1830.7	-0.3	1438.9	1635.0	13.6	397.2	195.7
Germany	7007.2	7233.9	3.2	6479.2	6603.8	1.9	528.0	630.1
Greece	3074.9	3267.3	6.3	2221.7	2519.8	13.4	853.2	747.5
Hungary	809.7	858.5	6.0	1788.9	1900.0	6.2	-979.2	-1041.5
Ireland	179.0	148.6	-17.0	212.5	282.7	33.0	-33.5	-134.1
Italy	4026.0	3587.4	-10.9	3973.9	4055.6	2.1	52.1	-468.2
Latvia	60.2	49.4	-17.9	59.0	51.1	-13.4	1.2	-1.7
Lithuania	121.4	115.2	-5.1	105.6	124.5	17.9	15.8	-9.3
Luxembourg	17.5	20.0	14.3	87.5	70.0	-20.0	-70.0	-50.0
Malta	35.5	38.1	7.3	227.2	33.0	-85.5	-191.7	5.1
Netherlands	1239.2	1249.8	0.9	1952.5	1983.0	1.6	-713.3	-733.2
Poland	1068.8	1050.9	-1.7	1696.3	1852.4	9.2	-627.5	-801.5
Portugal	172.5	284.9	65.2	147.0	145.4	-1.1	25.5	139.5
Romania	4000.0	4277.5	6.9	3633.4	3858.2	6.2	366.6	419.3
Slovakia	337.7	500.9	48.3	630.2	706.2	12.1	-292.5	-205.3
Slovenia	337.4	414.4	22.8	389.9	448.2	15.0	-52.5	-33.8
Spain	1186.1	1375.5	16.0	2540.7	2148.0	-15.5	-1354.6	-772.5
Sweden	415.1	435.4	4.9	341.2	329.4	-3.5	73.9	106.0
United Kingdom	1137.4	1150.2	1.1	797.9	759.1	-4.9	339.5	391.1
Not specified	380.1	413.5	8.8	165.3	119.8	-27.5	214.8	293.7

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 - October 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	15147.4	16026.9	5.8	19082.2	17048.6	-10.7	-3934.8	-1021.7
CIS³	965.8	1234.6	27.8	5318.8	3486.6	-34.4	-4353.0	-2252.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	43.5	48.4	11.3	8.9	3.9	-56.2	34.6	44.5
Russian Federation	664.9	856.7	28.8	5121.3	3314.3	-35.3	-4456.4	-2457.6
OECD⁴	5595.5	5557.5	-0.7	4941.0	5111.3	3.4	654.5	446.2
of which:								
Canada	133.9	132.1	-1.3	105.6	62.8	-40.5	28.3	69.3
Israel	126.6	234.1	84.9	67.9	78.4	15.5	58.7	155.7
Japan	72.8	82.6	13.5	225.9	218.9	-3.1	-153.1	-136.3
Korea, Republic of	148.1	227.8	53.8	252.7	249.1	-1.4	-104.6	-21.3
Turkey	3727.8	3413.1	-8.4	3204.6	3449.1	7.6	523.2	-36.0
United States	863.3	861.6	-0.2	441.9	505.9	14.5	421.4	355.7
EFTA⁵	342.6	382.4	11.6	454.0	454.9	0.2	-111.4	-72.5
of which:								
Norway	72.3	71.0	-1.8	53.6	37.2	-30.6	18.7	33.8
Switzerland	265.2	309.2	16.6	397.2	414.3	4.3	-132.0	-105.1

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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 - October 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	138.8	140.9	1.5	24.5	41.0	67.3	114.3	99.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	105.7	99.1	-6.2	36.2	42.9	18.5	69.5	56.2
Brazil	56.1	52.1	-7.1	78.7	44.1	-44.0	-22.6	8.0
China	1168.4	1230.7	5.3	2188.6	2447.6	11.8	-1020.2	-1216.9
Egypt	372.1	557.6	49.9	775.1	692.6	-10.6	-403.0	-135.0
Georgia	286.9	240.8	-16.1	541.1	379.3	-29.9	-254.2	-138.5
India	160.1	179.0	11.8	319.2	287.8	-9.8	-159.1	-108.8
Indonesia	48.1	94.5	96.5	309.6	254.6	-17.8	-261.5	-160.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	62.5	95.7	53.1	53.7	56.2	4.7	8.8	39.5
Peru	15.9	16.1	1.3	67.4	13.8	-79.5	-51.5	2.3
Republic of North Macedonia	684.7	677.7	-1.0	534.4	406.1	-24.0	150.3	271.6
Serbia	841.1	973.7	15.8	1022.3	1003.7	-1.8	-181.2	-30.0
Singapore	424.6	167.4	-60.6	65.1	63.0	-3.2	359.5	104.4
South Africa	215.2	177.2	-17.7	59.2	84.8	43.2	156.0	92.4
Syrian Arab Republic	26.2	48.4	84.7	0.5	0.3	-40.0	25.7	48.1
Taiwan	68.0	44.4	-34.7	187.6	161.2	-14.1	-119.6	-116.8
Ukraine	307.5	595.6	93.7	785.9	877.2	11.6	-478.4	-281.6
United Arab Emirates	173.7	153.5	-11.6	43.4	54.7	26.0	130.3	98.8
Viet Nam	49.9	59.7	19.6	77.9	107.3	37.7	-28.0	-47.6

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - October 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	46740.8	48708.0	4.2	52327.5	51161.3	-2.2	-5586.7	-2453.3
of which EU	31593.4	32681.1	3.4	33245.3	34112.7	2.6	-1651.9	-1431.6
Food and live animals	4989.2	5598.5	12.2	3803.1	4126.3	8.5	1186.1	1472.2
of which EU	3892.5	3879.1	-0.3	3112.7	3270.8	5.1	779.8	608.3
Beverages and tobacco	534.0	562.6	5.4	766.0	958.0	25.1	-232.0	-395.4
of which EU	294.6	324.9	10.3	591.5	753.2	27.3	-296.9	-428.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2990.1	3305.1	10.5	4858.3	3852.5	-20.7	-1868.2	-547.4
of which EU	2055.9	2174.1	5.7	2641.5	2199.5	-16.7	-585.6	-25.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3984.8	4658.6	16.9	6999.7	4868.5	-30.4	-3014.9	-209.9
of which EU	1469.0	1523.8	3.7	1464.5	1433.9	-2.1	4.5	89.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	518.5	512.6	-1.1	168.8	182.8	8.3	349.7	329.8
of which EU	309.7	299.2	-3.4	100.4	102.3	1.9	209.3	196.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4761.0	5339.2	12.1	7446.0	7863.6	5.6	-2685.0	-2524.4
of which EU	2979.2	3283.8	10.2	5666.5	6008.6	6.0	-2687.3	-2724.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11025.6	9830.5	-10.8	9082.0	9231.0	1.6	1943.6	599.5
of which EU	7175.3	6817.9	-5.0	5206.7	5115.9	-1.7	1968.6	1702.0
Machinery and transport equipment	10495.0	11446.0	9.1	14567.8	15025.8	3.1	-4072.8	-3579.8
of which EU	7979.3	8742.0	9.6	11144.6	11692.0	4.9	-3165.3	-2950.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7313.6	7295.1	-0.3	4350.3	4731.1	8.8	2963.3	2564.0
of which EU	5336.3	5514.3	3.3	3064.4	3249.1	6.0	2271.9	2265.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	129.0	159.8	23.9	285.5	321.7	12.7	-156.5	-161.9
of which EU	101.6	122.0	20.1	252.5	287.4	13.8	-150.9	-165.4

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