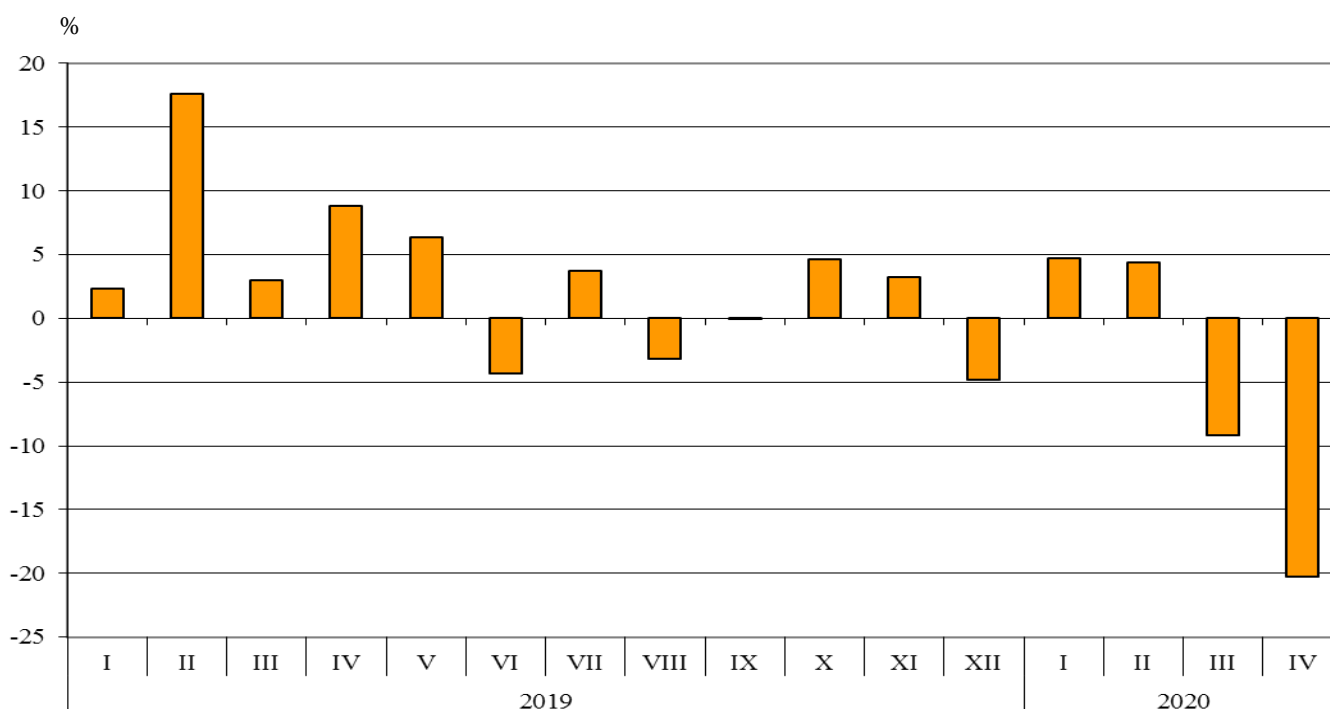


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2020** Bulgarian exports to the EU<sup>1</sup> dropped by 5.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and amounted to 11 700.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2020** the exports to the EU decreased by 20.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 432.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2020** 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 sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (42.3%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (42.3%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (27.8%).

<sup>1</sup> As during the transitional period the information on the exports and imports to/from the United Kingdom will continue to be collected through Intrastat declarations, in the ‘Foreign trade’ Information system the data for this country will be included in the trade with the EU and not with third countries.

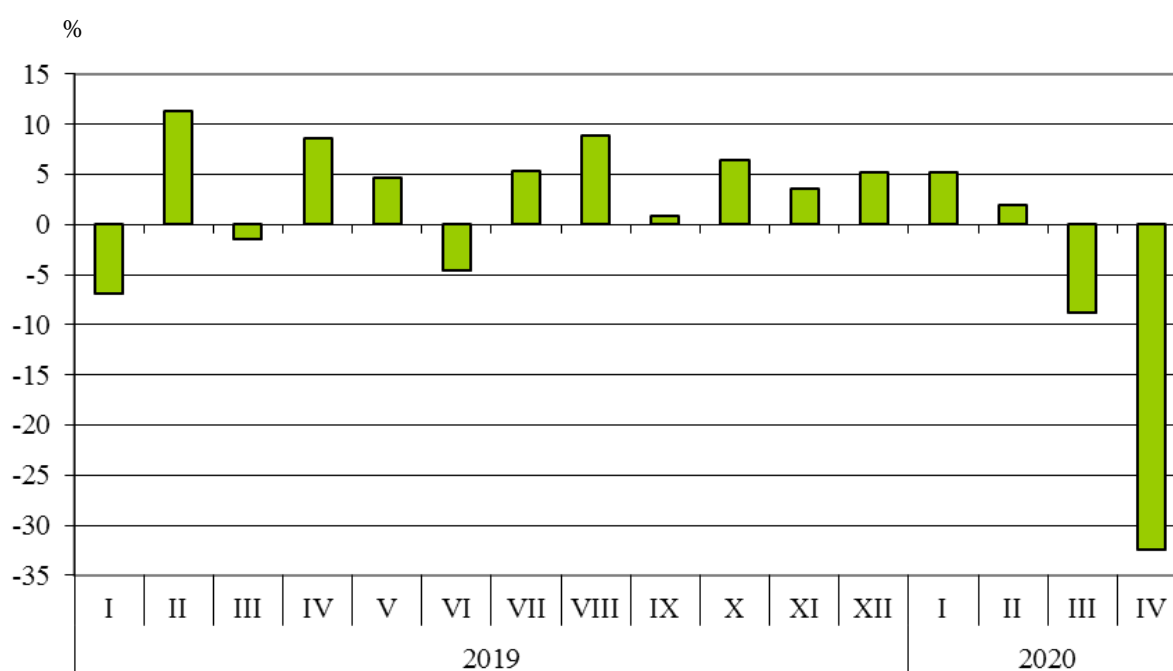
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - April 2020** decreased by 9.1% compared to the same period of 2019 and reached 11 816.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2020** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 32.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 295.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2020** compared to the corresponding period of 2019 the largest growth in the imports from the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, was reported in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (24.7%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (54.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - April 2020** was negative and added up to 116.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>3</sup> 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 - April 2019<sup>1</sup> and 2020<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>
I.2019	4723.1	3062.7	1660.4	5051.0	2933.6	2117.4	-327.9	129.1	-457.0
II.2019	4693.6	3051.0	1642.6	5290.5	3163.7	2126.8	-596.9	-112.7	-484.2
III.2019	4808.6	3167.5	1641.1	5361.7	3515.0	1846.7	-553.1	-347.5	-205.6
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14225.3</b>	<b>9281.2</b>	<b>4944.1</b>	<b>15703.2</b>	<b>9612.3</b>	<b>6090.9</b>	<b>-1477.9</b>	<b>-331.1</b>	<b>-1146.8</b>
IV.2019	4681.0	3049.4	1631.6	5450.1	3394.2	2055.9	-769.1	-344.8	-424.3
<b>I - IV.2019</b>	<b>18906.3</b>	<b>12330.6</b>	<b>6575.7</b>	<b>21153.3</b>	<b>13006.5</b>	<b>8146.8</b>	<b>-2247.0</b>	<b>-675.9</b>	<b>-1571.1</b>
I.2020	4965.1	3206.5	1758.6	5274.4	3088.0	2186.4	-309.3	118.5	-427.8
II.2020	4838.9	3184.4	1654.5	5278.6	3226.6	2052.0	-439.7	-42.2	-397.5
III.2020	4435.2	2877.5	1557.7	5023.3	3206.8	1816.5	-588.1	-329.3	-258.8
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14239.2</b>	<b>9268.4</b>	<b>4970.8</b>	<b>15576.3</b>	<b>9521.4</b>	<b>6054.9</b>	<b>-1337.1</b>	<b>-253.0</b>	<b>-1084.1</b>
IV.2020	3763.7	2432.3	1331.4	3781.7	2295.5	1486.2	-18.0	136.8	-154.8
<b>I - IV.2020</b>	<b>18002.9</b>	<b>11700.7</b>	<b>6302.2</b>	<b>19358.0</b>	<b>11816.9</b>	<b>7541.1</b>	<b>-1355.1</b>	<b>-116.2</b>	<b>-1238.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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<sup>3</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>4</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - April 2020<sup>1</sup> compared to the same period of the  
previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>
I	5.1	4.7	5.9	4.4	5.3	3.3
II	3.1	4.4	0.7	-0.2	2.0	-3.5
III	-7.8	-9.2	-5.1	-6.3	-8.8	-1.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
IV	-19.6	-20.2	-18.4	-30.6	-32.4	-27.7
<b>I - IV</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-7.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2020.

<sup>2</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2019<sup>2</sup> and 2020<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18906.3</b>	<b>18002.9</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>21153.3</b>	<b>19358.0</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-2247.0</b>	<b>-1355.1</b>
<b>EU<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>12330.6</b>	<b>11700.7</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>13006.5</b>	<b>11816.9</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-675.9</b>	<b>-116.2</b>
Austria	364.5	357.8	-1.8	559.8	520.9	-6.9	-195.3	-163.1
Belgium	712.8	736.5	3.3	413.0	330.9	-19.9	299.8	405.6
Croatia	89.1	96.9	8.8	40.2	64.7	60.9	48.9	32.2
Cyprus	70.0	75.1	7.3	79.9	13.7	-82.9	-9.9	61.4
Czech Republic	453.0	375.3	-17.2	523.9	494.5	-5.6	-70.9	-119.2
Denmark	127.6	113.3	-11.2	94.3	100.4	6.5	33.3	12.9
Estonia	18.5	13.8	-25.4	23.4	18.1	-22.6	-4.9	-4.3
Finland	43.6	42.1	-3.4	44.7	49.2	10.1	-1.1	-7.1
France	772.2	679.8	-12.0	655.7	576.2	-12.1	116.5	103.6
Germany	2835.1	2909.7	2.6	2618.8	2401.3	-8.3	216.3	508.4
Greece	1244.7	1181.7	-5.1	919.9	1029.4	11.9	324.8	152.3
Hungary	326.4	310.1	-5.0	772.3	778.3	0.8	-445.9	-468.2
Ireland	49.6	44.5	-10.3	92.7	113.3	22.2	-43.1	-68.8
Italy	1488.1	1213.6	-18.4	1549.7	1281.7	-17.3	-61.6	-68.1
Latvia	18.3	24.2	32.2	12.7	12.7	0.0	5.6	11.5
Lithuania	44.4	46.1	3.8	51.1	44.0	-13.9	-6.7	2.1
Luxembourg	7.6	11.2	47.4	32.3	22.8	-29.4	-24.7	-11.6
Malta	16.2	16.6	2.5	12.2	18.1	48.4	4.0	-1.5
Netherlands	480.8	439.7	-8.5	748.4	810.7	8.3	-267.6	-371.0
Poland	407.1	434.3	6.7	737.5	689.9	-6.5	-330.4	-255.6
Portugal	96.8	59.9	-38.1	54.2	41.2	-24.0	42.6	18.7
Romania	1537.2	1549.2	0.8	1473.1	1485.0	0.8	64.1	64.2
Slovakia	216.2	190.3	-12.0	287.7	260.6	-9.4	-71.5	-70.3
Slovenia	158.1	111.2	-29.7	173.0	151.0	-12.7	-14.9	-39.8
Spain	430.5	425.5	-1.2	851.4	355.7	-58.2	-420.9	69.8
Sweden	180.3	165.7	-8.1	133.7	131.8	-1.4	46.6	33.9
Not specified	141.9	76.6	-46.0	50.9	20.8	-59.1	91.0	55.8

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th of July 2020.

<sup>3</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2019<sup>2</sup> and 2020<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Non EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6575.7</b>	<b>6302.2</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>8146.8</b>	<b>7541.1</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-1571.1</b>	<b>-1238.9</b>
<b>CIS<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>445.8</b>	<b>427.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>2159.8</b>	<b>1518.1</b>	<b>-29.7</b>	<b>-1714.0</b>	<b>-1091.1</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	23.0	22.5	-2.2	2.0	8.6	330.0	21.0	13.9
Russian Federation	320.7	283.7	-11.5	2100.5	1444.1	-31.2	-1779.8	-1160.4
<b>OECD<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>2116.0</b>	<b>2040.8</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>2027.4</b>	<b>2094.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>-53.6</b>
of which:								
Canada	34.0	106.6	213.5	32.6	68.3	109.5	1.4	38.3
Israel	83.7	79.5	-5.0	33.3	32.5	-2.4	50.4	47.0
Japan	23.0	32.4	40.9	81.4	94.4	16.0	-58.4	-62.0
Korea, Republic of	52.1	29.4	-43.6	92.9	87.3	-6.0	-40.8	-57.9
Turkey	1337.9	1223.0	-8.6	1418.7	1281.7	-9.7	-80.8	-58.7
United Kingdom	438.5	418.8	-4.5	309.4	235.9	-23.8	129.1	182.9
United States	358.0	340.2	-5.0	168.0	210.2	25.1	190.0	130.0
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>186.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>-32.8</b>	<b>-31.7</b>
of which:								
Norway	26.8	37.0	38.1	14.7	19.9	35.4	12.1	17.1
Switzerland	108.8	116.9	7.4	152.4	161.8	6.2	-43.6	-44.9

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

<sup>4</sup> CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

<sup>5</sup> OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2019<sup>2</sup> and 2020<sup>2</sup>

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	50.2	49.1	-2.2	12.9	14.2	10.1	37.3	34.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40.3	55.1	36.7	15.4	16.3	5.8	24.9	38.8
Brazil	29.8	13.7	-54.0	19.3	19.3	0.0	10.5	-5.6
China	529.9	526.9	-0.6	950.5	903.0	-5.0	-420.6	-376.1
Egypt	229.2	130.6	-43.0	445.2	361.7	-18.8	-216.0	-231.1
Georgia	105.6	81.5	-22.8	211.8	293.8	38.7	-106.2	-212.3
India	64.7	62.2	-3.9	123.6	96.0	-22.3	-58.9	-33.8
Indonesia	19.3	24.5	26.9	207.5	103.8	-50.0	-188.2	-79.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	28.4	101.8	258.5	25.5	14.9	-41.6	2.9	86.9
Peru	5.6	4.4	-21.4	5.2	210.9	3955.8	0.4	-206.5
Republic of North Macedonia	271.5	237.8	-12.4	189.4	182.5	-3.6	82.1	55.3
Serbia	392.7	300.0	-23.6	356.0	388.9	9.2	36.7	-88.9
Singapore	95.6	22.6	-76.4	25.5	24.2	-5.1	70.1	-1.6
South Africa	70.6	71.6	1.4	37.0	22.3	-39.7	33.6	49.3
Syrian Arab Republic	8.6	3.2	-62.8	0.1	0.2	100.0	8.5	3.0
Taiwan	18.9	25.3	33.9	61.8	62.6	1.3	-42.9	-37.3
Tunisia	109.9	108.8	-1.0	4.1	11.8	187.8	105.8	97.0
Ukraine	167.3	136.8	-18.2	379.9	358.3	-5.7	-212.6	-221.5
United Arab Emirates	51.8	45.7	-11.8	17.9	17.6	-1.7	33.9	28.1
Viet Nam	17.8	24.2	36.0	41.8	40.2	-3.8	-24.0	-16.0

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2020.

**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - April 2019<sup>1</sup> and 2020<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2019	2020
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18906.3</b>	<b>18002.9</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>21153.3</b>	<b>19358.0</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-2247.0</b>	<b>-1355.1</b>
<b>of which: EU<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>12330.6</b>	<b>11700.7</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>13006.5</b>	<b>11816.9</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-675.9</b>	<b>-116.2</b>
Food and live animals	1981.6	2236.0	12.8	1645.0	1747.6	6.2	336.6	488.4
of which: EU	1363.2	1299.1	-4.7	1259.7	1351.6	7.3	103.5	-52.5
Beverages and tobacco	212.2	232.9	9.8	346.7	359.9	3.8	-134.5	-127.0
of which: EU	106.4	151.4	42.3	261.9	276.2	5.5	-155.5	-124.8
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1222.6	1306.5	6.9	1844.8	1874.3	1.6	-622.2	-567.8
of which: EU	779.3	761.8	-2.2	929.9	427.1	-54.1	-150.6	334.7
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1717.8	1121.0	-34.7	2782.4	1990.2	-28.5	-1064.6	-869.2
of which: EU	560.1	404.2	-27.8	433.3	517.3	19.4	126.8	-113.1
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	198.8	298.3	50.1	60.1	95.3	58.6	138.7	203.0
of which: EU	102.8	146.3	42.3	34.8	43.4	24.7	68.0	102.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2090.3	2094.3	0.2	3161.2	3130.2	-1.0	-1070.9	-1035.9
of which: EU	1205.9	1282.9	6.4	2324.6	2389.6	2.8	-1118.7	-1106.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4040.2	3907.5	-3.3	3570.1	3328.9	-6.8	470.1	578.6
of which: EU	2704.6	2633.0	-2.6	2014.9	1864.6	-7.5	689.7	768.4
Machinery and transport equipment	4510.2	4121.5	-8.6	5856.1	5103.5	-12.9	-1345.9	-982.0
of which: EU	3374.3	3119.2	-7.6	4451.8	3773.6	-15.2	-1077.5	-654.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2866.4	2617.8	-8.7	1766.9	1586.0	-10.2	1099.5	1031.8
of which: EU	2084.5	1853.5	-11.1	1190.5	1046.7	-12.1	894.0	806.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	66.2	67.1	1.4	120.0	142.1	18.4	-53.8	-75.0
of which: EU	49.5	49.3	-0.4	105.1	126.8	20.6	-55.6	-77.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2020.

<sup>2</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.