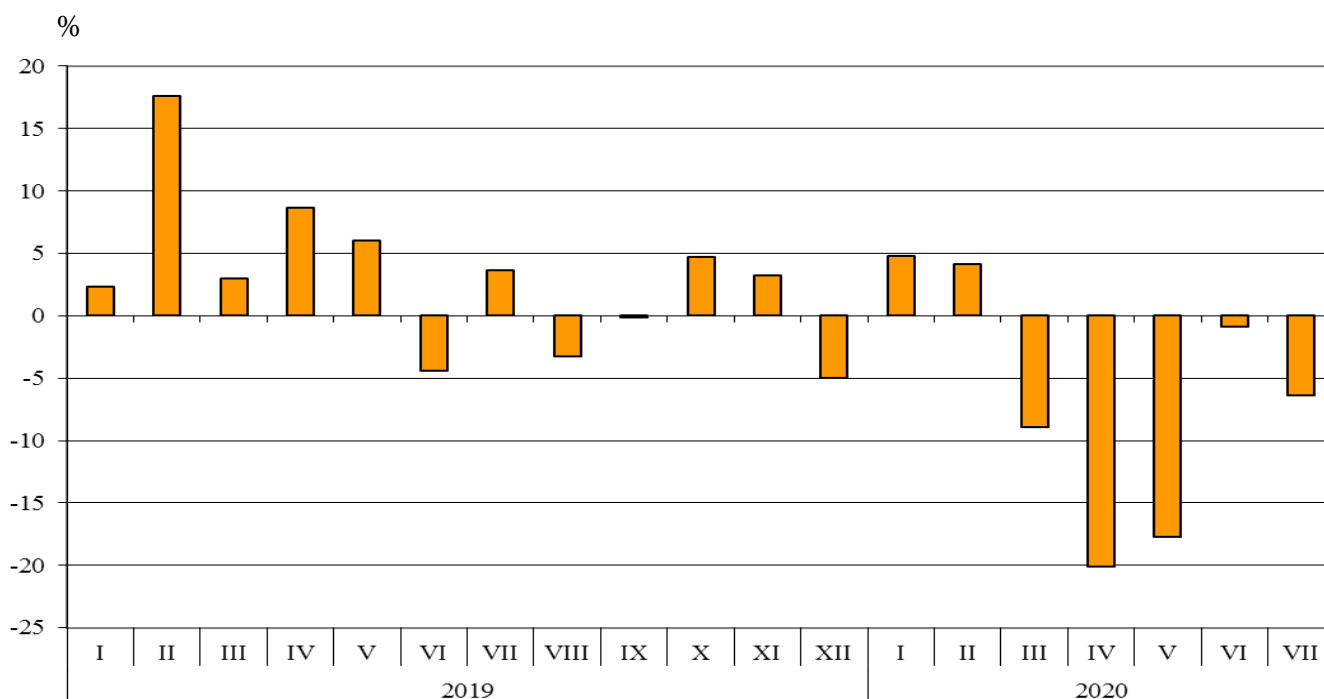


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 6.5% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 20 448.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU dropped by 6.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 277.8 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



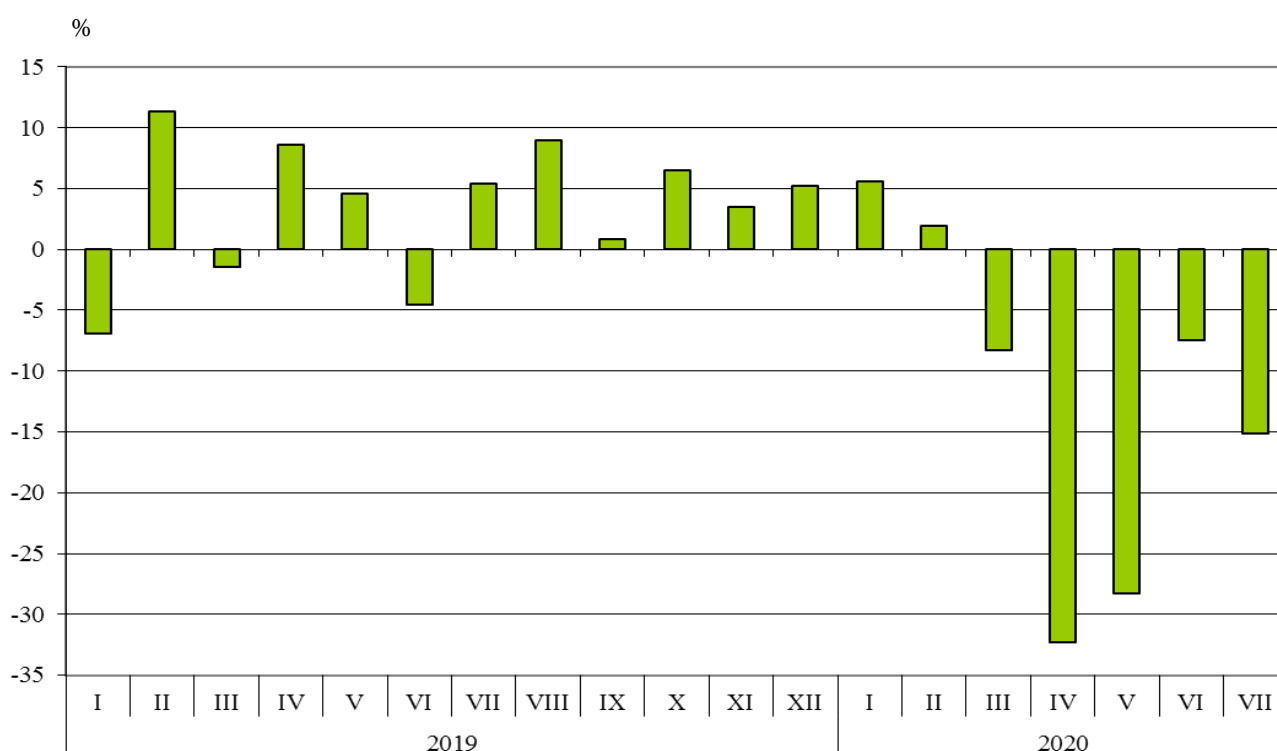
In the period **January - July 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (47.7%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (37.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (40.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - July 2020** decreased by 12.5% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 20 394.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 **July 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States dropped by 15.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 120.8 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - July 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (13.4%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (55.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - July 2020** was positive and added up to 54.4 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 2019 and 2020¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2019	4694.9	3062.4	1632.5	5065.6	2933.6	2132.0	-370.7	128.8	-499.5
II.2019	4698.3	3050.3	1648.0	5341.8	3164.6	2177.2	-643.5	-114.3	-529.2
III.2019	4809.0	3166.4	1642.6	5379.6	3515.8	1863.8	-570.6	-349.4	-221.2
I - III.2019	14202.2	9279.1	4923.1	15787.0	9614.0	6173.0	-1584.8	-334.9	-1249.9
IV.2019	4675.9	3044.0	1631.9	5578.2	3394.0	2184.2	-902.3	-350.0	-552.3
V.2019	4756.7	3082.0	1674.7	5661.0	3427.8	2233.2	-904.3	-345.8	-558.5
VI.2019	4639.8	2956.4	1683.4	5146.0	3208.2	1937.8	-506.2	-251.8	-254.4
IV - VI.2019	14072.4	9082.4	4990.0	16385.2	10030.0	6355.2	-2312.8	-947.6	-1365.2
I - VI.2019	28274.6	18361.5	9913.1	32172.2	19644.0	12528.2	-3897.6	-1282.5	-2615.1
VII.2019	5358.2	3500.8	1857.4	5968.2	3676.0	2292.2	-610.0	-175.2	-434.8
I - VII.2019	33632.8	21862.3	11770.5	38140.4	23320.0	14820.4	-4507.6	-1457.7	-3049.9
I.2020	4981.8	3209.9	1771.9	5281.1	3097.4	2183.7	-299.3	112.5	-411.8
II.2020	4842.6	3177.3	1665.3	5254.3	3226.7	2027.6	-411.7	-49.4	-362.3
III.2020	4500.7	2884.0	1616.7	5036.6	3225.0	1811.6	-535.9	-341.0	-194.9
I - III.2020	14325.1	9271.2	5053.9	15572.0	9549.1	6022.9	-1246.9	-277.9	-969.0
IV.2020	3863.0	2432.2	1430.8	3825.7	2297.9	1527.8	37.3	134.3	-97.0
V.2020	3785.7	2535.7	1250.0	4055.5	2458.1	1597.4	-269.8	77.6	-347.4
VI.2020	4352.3	2931.5	1420.8	4779.6	2968.1	1811.5	-427.3	-36.6	-390.7
IV - VI.2020	12001.0	7899.4	4101.6	12660.8	7724.1	4936.7	-659.8	175.3	-835.1
I - VI.2020	26326.1	17170.6	9155.5	28232.8	17273.2	10959.6	-1906.7	-102.6	-1804.1
VII.2020	4788.8	3277.8	1511.0	5017.2	3120.8	1896.4	-228.4	157.0	-385.4
I - VII.2020	31114.9	20448.4	10666.5	33250.0	20394.0	12856.0	-2135.1	54.4	-2189.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th October 2020.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN&toLang=_EN)

³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

⁴ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - July 2020¹ compared to the same period of the
previous year**

(Percent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	6.1	4.8	8.5	4.3	5.6	2.4
II	3.1	4.2	1.0	-1.6	2.0	-6.9
III	-6.4	-8.9	-1.6	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
I - III	0.9	-0.1	2.7	-1.4	-0.7	-2.4
IV	-17.4	-20.1	-12.3	-31.4	-32.3	-30.1
V	-20.4	-17.7	-25.4	-28.4	-28.3	-28.5
VI	-6.2	-0.8	-15.6	-7.1	-7.5	-6.5
IV - VI	-14.7	-13.0	-17.8	-22.7	-23.0	-22.3
I - VI	-6.9	-6.5	-7.6	-12.2	-12.1	-12.5
VII	-10.6	-6.4	-18.6	-15.9	-15.1	-17.3
I - VII	-7.5	-6.5	-9.4	-12.8	-12.5	-13.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th October 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2019 and 2020²

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	
Total	33632.8	31114.9	-7.5	38140.4	33250.0	-12.8	-4507.6	-2135.1
EU³	21862.3	20448.4	-6.5	23320.0	20394.0	-12.5	-1457.7	54.4
Austria	640.8	613.6	-4.2	990.3	914.8	-7.6	-349.5	-301.2
Belgium	1105.3	1157.5	4.7	730.1	615.2	-15.7	375.2	542.3
Croatia	173.4	172.0	-0.8	89.0	151.3	70.0	84.4	20.7
Cyprus	118.8	123.6	4.0	153.3	24.1	-84.3	-34.5	99.5
Czech Republic	816.9	654.9	-19.8	918.4	852.6	-7.2	-101.5	-197.7
Denmark	209.7	234.8	12.0	165.6	169.0	2.1	44.1	65.8
Estonia	31.8	23.6	-25.8	37.9	28.8	-24.0	-6.1	-5.2
Finland	73.1	73.4	0.4	76.9	96.4	25.4	-3.8	-23.0
France	1328.9	1267.2	-4.6	1193.4	986.0	-17.4	135.5	281.2
Germany	4859.4	4923.1	1.3	4628.8	4060.1	-12.3	230.6	863.0
Greece	2343.3	2098.1	-10.5	1814.7	1778.2	-2.0	528.6	319.9
Hungary	586.5	531.4	-9.4	1322.8	1282.5	-3.0	-736.3	-751.1
Ireland	98.3	82.9	-15.7	191.3	211.8	10.7	-93.0	-128.9
Italy	2568.2	2148.6	-16.3	2933.1	2419.5	-17.5	-364.9	-270.9
Latvia	34.2	49.0	43.3	35.5	24.3	-31.5	-1.3	24.7
Lithuania	79.9	85.8	7.4	86.6	78.2	-9.7	-6.7	7.6
Luxembourg	12.7	17.9	40.9	50.5	40.6	-19.6	-37.8	-22.7
Malta	25.1	27.2	8.4	22.3	27.6	23.8	2.8	-0.4
Netherlands	883.9	823.0	-6.9	1312.4	1363.0	3.9	-428.5	-540.0
Poland	722.4	742.6	2.8	1278.3	1204.0	-5.8	-555.9	-461.4
Portugal	218.5	135.5	-38.0	105.1	66.8	-36.4	113.4	68.7
Romania	2857.9	2803.4	-1.9	2612.1	2424.0	-7.2	245.8	379.4
Slovakia	353.8	323.2	-8.6	486.3	459.8	-5.4	-132.5	-136.6
Slovenia	266.6	201.2	-24.5	306.2	250.8	-18.1	-39.6	-49.6
Spain	858.5	729.5	-15.0	1470.9	619.8	-57.9	-612.4	109.7
Sweden	313.8	284.6	-9.3	231.2	215.5	-6.8	82.6	69.1
Not specified	280.6	120.8	-56.9	77.0	29.3	-61.9	203.6	91.5

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 12-th October 2020.

³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2019 and 2020²

(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	
Non EU countries³	11770.5	10666.5	-9.4	14820.4	12856.0	-13.3	-3049.9	-2189.5
CIS⁴	782.3	715.0	-8.6	3814.4	2415.8	-36.7	-3032.1	-1700.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	35.3	36.7	4.0	2.7	12.0	344.4	32.6	24.7
Russian Federation	554.8	473.0	-14.7	3697.7	2305.5	-37.7	-3142.9	-1832.5
OECD⁵	4570.6	4158.1	-9.0	4259.8	4153.1	-2.5	310.8	5.0
of which:								
Canada	73.3	166.4	127.0	58.4	195.6	234.9	14.9	-29.2
Israel	161.8	132.4	-18.2	59.6	52.0	-12.8	102.2	80.4
Japan	50.2	61.6	22.7	149.0	154.2	3.5	-98.8	-92.6
Korea, Republic of	98.0	59.7	-39.1	170.9	146.2	-14.5	-72.9	-86.5
Turkey	2383.7	2005.1	-15.9	2514.9	2272.3	-9.6	-131.2	-267.2
United Kingdom	784.5	728.4	-7.2	526.8	369.9	-29.8	257.7	358.5
United States	593.4	606.3	2.2	377.7	399.1	5.7	215.7	207.2
EFTA⁶	258.3	268.7	4.0	305.2	319.4	4.7	-46.9	-50.7
of which:								
Norway	47.6	54.8	15.1	26.2	27.1	3.4	21.4	27.7
Switzerland	208.8	212.6	1.8	276.3	286.8	3.8	-67.5	-74.2

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² Data are preliminary as of 12th October 2020.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 2019 and 2020²

(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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	95.9	96.7	0.8	23.6	30.9	30.9	72.3	65.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	72.9	99.9	37.0	30.3	26.9	-11.2	42.6	73.0
Brazil	42.4	56.0	32.1	30.5	30.6	0.3	11.9	25.4
China	854.9	1012.5	18.4	1733.0	1689.7	-2.5	-878.1	-677.2
Egypt	386.8	181.4	-53.1	809.2	451.0	-44.3	-422.4	-269.6
Georgia	172.3	136.4	-20.8	403.8	507.5	25.7	-231.5	-371.1
India	135.9	104.5	-23.1	206.3	167.8	-18.7	-70.4	-63.3
Indonesia	43.7	37.2	-14.9	232.7	128.0	-45.0	-189.0	-90.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	58.3	142.3	144.1	43.0	22.1	-48.6	15.3	120.2
Peru	10.1	6.6	-34.7	17.8	365.5	1953.4	-7.7	-358.9
Republic of North Macedonia	480.3	397.4	-17.3	362.7	306.7	-15.4	117.6	90.7
Serbia	686.0	540.7	-21.2	683.4	698.6	2.2	2.6	-157.9
Singapore	126.3	27.7	-78.1	44.0	37.2	-15.5	82.3	-9.5
South Africa	135.9	150.6	10.8	68.5	32.4	-52.7	67.4	118.2
Syrian Arab Republic	19.2	3.8	-80.2	0.1	0.3	200.0	19.1	3.5
Taiwan	32.2	48.1	49.4	113.1	104.2	-7.9	-80.9	-56.1
Tunisia	360.2	129.2	-64.1	28.0	17.2	-38.6	332.2	112.0
Ukraine	365.5	240.6	-34.2	651.2	569.2	-12.6	-285.7	-328.6
United Arab Emirates	119.4	73.0	-38.9	39.1	29.7	-24.0	80.3	43.3
Viet Nam	44.1	42.2	-4.3	72.6	74.2	2.2	-28.5	-32.0

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 12th October 2020.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - July 2019 and 2020¹**

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	
Total	33632.8	31114.9	-7.5	38140.4	33250.0	-12.8	-4507.6	-2135.1
of which: EU²	21862.3	20448.4	-6.5	23320.0	20394.0	-12.5	-1457.7	54.4
Food and live animals	3618.4	3721.4	2.8	2828.0	2937.4	3.9	790.4	784.0
of which: EU	2514.1	2286.2	-9.1	2195.4	2264.8	3.2	318.7	21.4
Beverages and tobacco	375.4	435.9	16.1	634.7	655.8	3.3	-259.3	-219.9
of which: EU	204.3	301.8	47.7	467.0	516.1	10.5	-262.7	-214.3
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	2167.1	2228.9	2.9	2987.2	3127.8	4.7	-820.1	-898.9
of which: EU	1341.9	1304.7	-2.8	1446.0	650.4	-55.0	-104.1	654.3
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	3255.3	1639.5	-49.6	5362.6	3027.5	-43.5	-2107.3	-1388.0
of which: EU	1047.8	626.6	-40.2	1014.1	858.5	-15.3	33.7	-231.9
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	352.1	502.5	42.7	128.6	156.2	21.5	223.5	346.3
of which: EU	176.8	242.2	37.0	66.2	75.1	13.4	110.6	167.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3696.4	3693.5	-0.1	5549.2	5322.7	-4.1	-1852.8	-1629.2
of which: EU	2155.1	2244.7	4.2	4122.9	4010.5	-2.7	-1967.8	-1765.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6917.5	6994.2	1.1	6435.1	5928.6	-7.9	482.4	1065.6
of which: EU	4600.5	4634.7	0.7	3594.9	3247.3	-9.7	1005.6	1387.4
Machinery and transport equipment	8064.4	7254.0	-10.0	10821.6	9043.4	-16.4	-2757.2	-1789.4
of which: EU	6058.1	5468.3	-9.7	8093.6	6693.7	-17.3	-2035.5	-1225.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5073.5	4523.7	-10.8	3174.9	2794.8	-12.0	1898.6	1728.9
of which: EU	3680.4	3250.0	-11.7	2129.0	1848.4	-13.2	1551.4	1401.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	112.7	121.3	7.6	218.5	255.8	17.1	-105.8	-134.5
of which: EU	83.3	89.2	7.1	190.9	229.2	20.1	-107.6	-140.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th October 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.