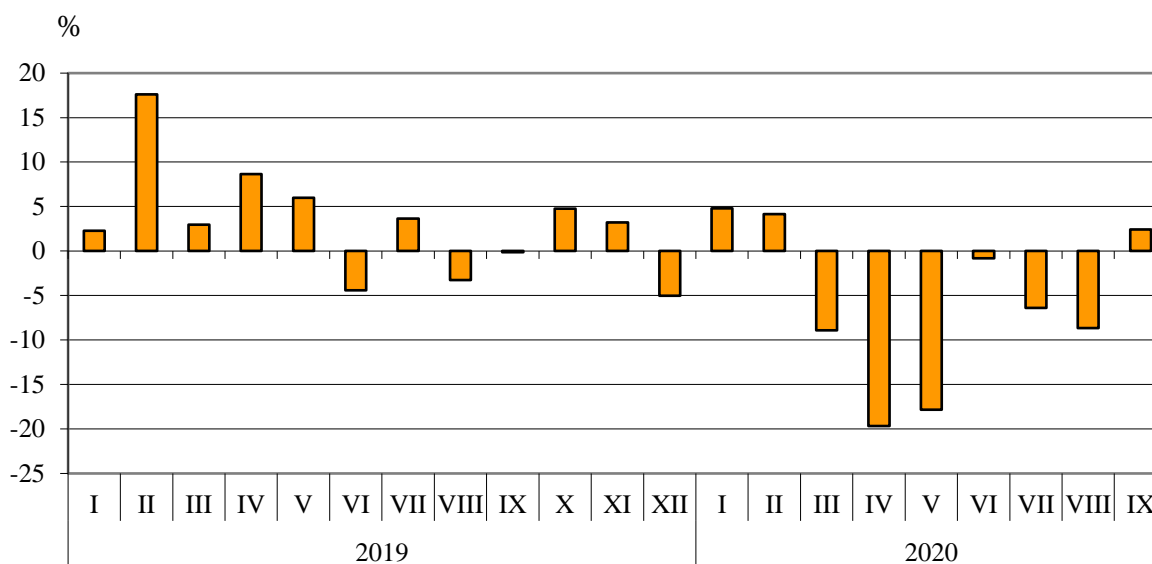


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 5.7% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 26 440.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.2 % of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 2.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 184.3 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 - September 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’ (41.9%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (20.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (41.4%).

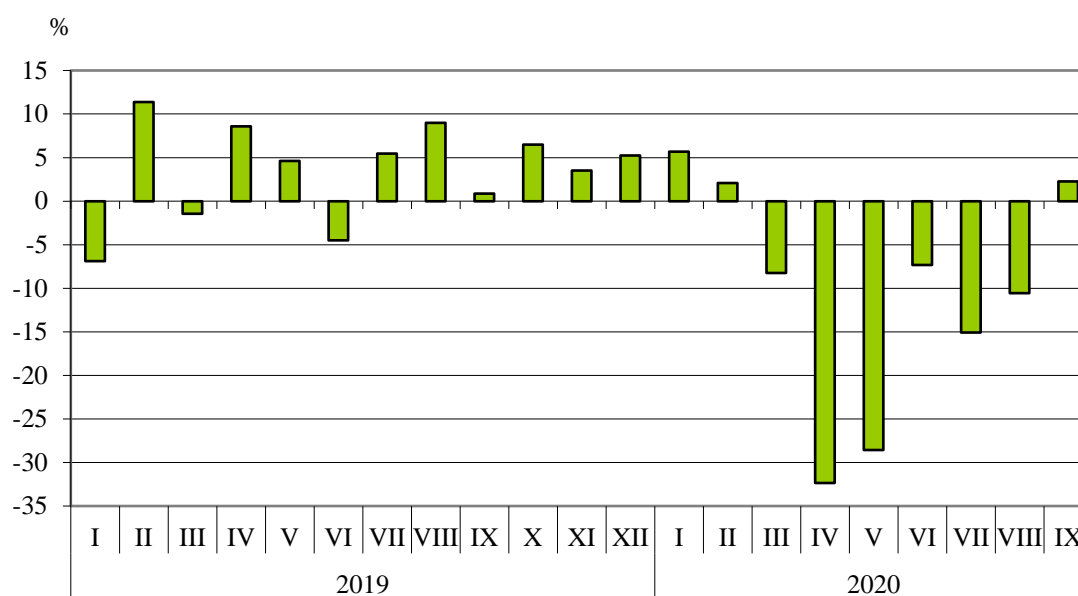
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - September 2020** decreased by 10.7% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 26 475.8 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 **September 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States grew by 2.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 256.4 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 - September 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’ (10.0%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (53.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - September 2020** was negative and added up to 35.6 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 - September 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
VIII.2019	4845.2	3061.7	1783.5	5081.0	3158.6	1922.4	-235.8	-96.9	-138.9
IX.2019	4920.0	3108.5	1811.5	5365.8	3184.7	2181.1	-445.8	-76.2	-369.6
VII - IX.2019	15123.4	9671.0	5452.4	16415.0	10019.3	6395.7	-1291.6	-348.3	-943.3
I - IX.2019	43398.0	28032.5	15365.5	48587.2	29663.3	18923.9	-5189.2	-1630.8	-3558.4
I.2020	4989.3	3209.8	1779.5	5282.5	3100.0	2182.5	-293.2	109.8	-403.0
II.2020	4848.4	3177.1	1671.3	5256.9	3229.8	2027.1	-408.5	-52.7	-355.8
III.2020	4505.5	2884.4	1621.1	5036.3	3225.3	1811.0	-530.8	-340.9	-189.9
I - III.2020	14343.2	9271.3	5071.9	15575.7	9555.1	6020.6	-1232.5	-283.8	-948.7
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.2	1444.3	3828.0	2295.9	1532.1	61.5	149.3	-87.8
V.2020	3816.1	2532.9	1283.2	4072.0	2449.0	1623.0	-255.9	83.9	-339.8
VI.2020	4380.8	2932.5	1448.3	4822.6	2972.7	1849.9	-441.8	-40.2	-401.6
IV - VI.2020	12086.4	7910.6	4175.8	12722.6	7717.6	5005.0	-636.2	193.0	-829.2
I - VI.2020	26429.6	17181.9	9247.7	28298.3	17272.7	11025.6	-1868.7	-90.8	-1777.9
VII.2020	4835.1	3277.1	1558.0	5076.2	3121.4	1954.8	-241.1	155.7	-396.8
VIII.2020	4141.6	2796.9	1344.7	4571.7	2825.3	1746.4	-430.1	-28.4	-401.7
IX.2020	4848.5	3184.3	1664.2	5298.7	3256.4	2042.3	-450.2	-72.1	-378.1
VII - IX.2020	13825.2	9258.3	4566.9	14946.6	9203.1	5743.5	-1121.4	55.2	-1176.6
I - IX.2020	40254.8	26440.2	13814.6	43244.9	26475.8	16769.1	-2990.1	-35.6	-2954.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th December 2020.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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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 - September 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	6.3	4.8	9.0	4.3	5.7	2.4
II	3.2	4.2	1.4	-1.6	2.1	-6.9
III	-6.3	-8.9	-1.3	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
I - III	1.0	-0.1	3.0	-1.3	-0.6	-2.5
IV	-16.8	-19.7	-11.5	-31.4	-32.4	-29.9
V	-19.8	-17.8	-23.4	-28.1	-28.6	-27.3
VI	-5.6	-0.8	-14.0	-6.3	-7.3	-4.5
IV - VI	-14.1	-12.9	-16.3	-22.4	-23.1	-21.2
I - VI	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	-12.0	-12.1	-12.0
VII	-9.8	-6.4	-16.1	-14.9	-15.1	-14.7
VIII	-14.5	-8.6	-24.6	-10.0	-10.6	-9.2
IX	-1.5	2.4	-8.1	-1.3	2.3	-6.4
VII - IX	-8.6	-4.3	-16.2	-8.9	-8.1	-10.2
I - IX	-7.2	-5.7	-10.1	-11.0	-10.7	-11.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11th December 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 - September 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	43398.0	40254.8	-7.2	48587.2	43244.9	-11.0	-5189.2	-2990.1
EU³	28032.5	26440.2	-5.7	29663.3	26475.8	-10.7	-1630.8	-35.6
Austria	799.6	780.2	-2.4	1229.3	1185.2	-3.6	-429.7	-405.0
Belgium	1300.5	1346.7	3.6	928.2	786.0	-15.3	372.3	560.7
Croatia	225.4	226.6	0.5	117.3	223.8	90.8	108.1	2.8
Cyprus	152.6	158.6	3.9	219.7	72.6	-67.0	-67.1	86.0
Czech Republic	1053.7	897.7	-14.8	1181.6	1083.3	-8.3	-127.9	-185.6
Denmark	260.9	287.6	10.2	208.9	215.2	3.0	52.0	72.4
Estonia	39.7	30.7	-22.7	45.9	37.7	-17.9	-6.2	-7.0
Finland	94.3	94.8	0.5	98.7	118.2	19.8	-4.4	-23.4
France	1653.7	1574.7	-4.8	1470.6	1273.1	-13.4	183.1	301.6
Germany	6375.7	6552.2	2.8	5894.4	5270.6	-10.6	481.3	1281.6
Greece	2929.8	2687.8	-8.3	2242.4	2247.2	0.2	687.4	440.6
Hungary	759.1	682.5	-10.1	1678.7	1647.5	-1.9	-919.6	-965.0
Ireland	126.3	109.4	-13.4	252.9	267.7	5.9	-126.6	-158.3
Italy	3198.6	2731.8	-14.6	3623.8	3097.5	-14.5	-425.2	-365.7
Latvia	44.5	62.4	40.2	45.5	35.2	-22.6	-1.0	27.2
Lithuania	101.3	114.1	12.6	110.7	102.1	-7.8	-9.4	12.0
Luxembourg	15.7	21.1	34.4	66.0	55.2	-16.4	-50.3	-34.1
Malta	31.9	36.6	14.7	28.2	48.6	72.3	3.7	-12.0
Netherlands	1061.6	1122.7	5.8	1690.6	1766.7	4.5	-629.0	-644.0
Poland	921.3	972.9	5.6	1643.9	1596.2	-2.9	-722.6	-623.3
Portugal	259.6	157.5	-39.3	135.2	90.3	-33.2	124.4	67.2
Romania	3799.9	3674.3	-3.3	3429.8	3191.9	-6.9	370.1	482.4
Slovakia	451.7	397.0	-12.1	624.3	609.8	-2.3	-172.6	-212.8
Slovenia	367.5	265.2	-27.8	383.1	326.1	-14.9	-15.6	-60.9
Spain	1240.6	946.7	-23.7	1921.4	819.2	-57.4	-680.8	127.5
Sweden	389.8	356.5	-8.5	291.0	270.7	-7.0	98.8	85.8
Not specified	377.2	151.9	-59.7	101.2	38.2	-62.3	276.0	113.7

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 11-th December 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 - September 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	15365.5	13814.6	-10.1	18923.9	16769.1	-11.4	-3558.4	-2954.5
CIS⁴	1039.0	942.8	-9.3	4996.9	2828.8	-43.4	-3957.9	-1886.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	43.3	50.1	15.7	3.1	19.0	512.9	40.2	31.1
Russian Federation	732.3	615.1	-16.0	4851.1	2683.1	-44.7	-4118.8	-2068.0
OECD⁵	5961.3	5244.4	-12.0	5362.8	5577.7	4.0	598.5	-333.3
of which:								
Canada	92.2	186.0	101.7	75.1	232.8	210.0	17.1	-46.8
Israel	198.9	161.8	-18.7	74.8	67.9	-9.2	124.1	93.9
Japan	70.0	74.6	6.6	203.7	196.9	-3.3	-133.7	-122.3
Korea, Republic of	186.7	96.0	-48.6	225.7	190.7	-15.5	-39.0	-94.7
Turkey	3055.9	2515.6	-17.7	3132.8	2971.0	-5.2	-76.9	-455.4
United Kingdom	1011.5	937.1	-7.4	659.8	524.4	-20.5	351.7	412.7
United States	791.4	775.5	-2.0	477.4	561.5	17.6	314.0	214.0
EFTA⁶	338.3	335.3	-0.9	397.0	396.9	0.0	-58.7	-61.6
of which:								
Norway	62.6	69.2	10.5	33.2	36.9	11.1	29.4	32.3
Switzerland	273.6	264.5	-3.3	361.0	354.4	-1.8	-87.4	-89.9

¹ Partner country:

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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 - September 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	124.6	128.0	2.7	30.9	43.6	41.1	93.7	84.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	88.6	120.1	35.6	37.6	32.5	-13.6	51.0	87.6
Brazil	50.6	68.8	36.0	39.6	105.1	165.4	11.0	-36.3
China	1103.2	1347.9	22.2	2221.1	2187.8	-1.5	-1117.9	-839.9
Egypt	483.9	243.1	-49.8	1013.6	562.1	-44.5	-529.7	-319.0
Georgia	216.7	191.1	-11.8	472.9	708.9	49.9	-256.2	-517.8
India	167.8	165.4	-1.4	258.3	212.5	-17.7	-90.5	-47.1
Indonesia	85.8	59.2	-31.0	248.3	174.6	-29.7	-162.5	-115.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	77.1	159.5	106.9	51.4	28.4	-44.7	25.7	131.1
Peru	16.9	11.1	-34.3	27.5	445.7	1520.7	-10.6	-434.6
Republic of North Macedonia	613.5	660.6	7.7	478.9	415.4	-13.3	134.6	245.2
Serbia	878.8	707.8	-19.5	900.9	903.4	0.3	-22.1	-195.6
Singapore	149.6	31.8	-78.7	58.6	47.2	-19.5	91.0	-15.4
South Africa	147.2	162.8	10.6	76.3	41.4	-45.7	70.9	121.4
Syrian Arab Republic	47.8	4.2	-91.2	0.2	0.4	100.0	47.6	3.8
Taiwan	41.5	59.9	44.3	152.1	137.4	-9.7	-110.6	-77.5
Tunisia	428.8	180.9	-57.8	33.4	22.5	-32.6	395.4	158.4
Ukraine	527.6	322.1	-38.9	814.4	748.9	-8.0	-286.8	-426.8
United Arab Emirates	151.2	101.2	-33.1	48.7	34.1	-30.0	102.5	67.1
Viet Nam	54.8	54.9	0.2	99.1	96.9	-2.2	-44.3	-42.0

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 11-th December 2020.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - September 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	43398.0	40254.8	-7.2	48587.2	43244.9	-11.0	-5189.2	-2990.1
of which: EU ²	28032.5	26440.2	-5.7	29663.3	26475.8	-10.7	-1630.8	-35.6
Food and live animals	4958.5	4722.7	-4.8	3667.2	3754.4	2.4	1291.3	968.3
of which: EU	3353.6	2957.6	-11.8	2868.9	2916.1	1.6	484.7	41.5
Beverages and tobacco	497.4	553.7	11.3	838.7	865.1	3.1	-341.3	-311.4
of which: EU	274.5	389.5	41.9	622.3	681.2	9.5	-347.8	-291.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2847.1	2971.2	4.4	3791.8	4408.1	16.3	-944.7	-1436.9
of which: EU	1805.1	1819.6	0.8	1894.8	889.1	-53.1	-89.7	930.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4260.3	2033.5	-52.3	6869.5	3834.2	-44.2	-2609.2	-1800.7
of which: EU	1359.4	797.2	-41.4	1346.8	1139.2	-15.4	12.6	-342.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	449.0	610.1	35.9	162.9	203.0	24.6	286.1	407.1
of which: EU	251.8	303.6	20.6	86.8	95.5	10.0	165.0	208.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4748.2	4712.2	-0.8	7039.7	6785.5	-3.6	-2291.5	-2073.3
of which: EU	2776.9	2843.0	2.4	5210.4	5119.3	-1.7	-2433.5	-2276.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8743.2	9212.2	5.4	8200.9	7544.5	-8.0	542.3	1667.7
of which: EU	5824.7	5960.2	2.3	4493.8	4151.0	-7.6	1330.9	1809.2
Machinery and transport equipment	10197.2	9412.3	-7.7	13561.6	11809.1	-12.9	-3364.4	-2396.8
of which: EU	7632.6	7071.7	-7.3	10127.7	8715.2	-13.9	-2495.1	-1643.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6554.6	5868.5	-10.5	4171.3	3708.3	-11.1	2383.3	2160.2
of which: EU	4649.2	4185.9	-10.0	2764.2	2471.4	-10.6	1885.0	1714.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	142.5	158.4	11.2	283.6	332.7	17.3	-141.1	-174.3
of which: EU	104.7	111.9	6.9	247.6	297.8	20.3	-142.9	-185.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.