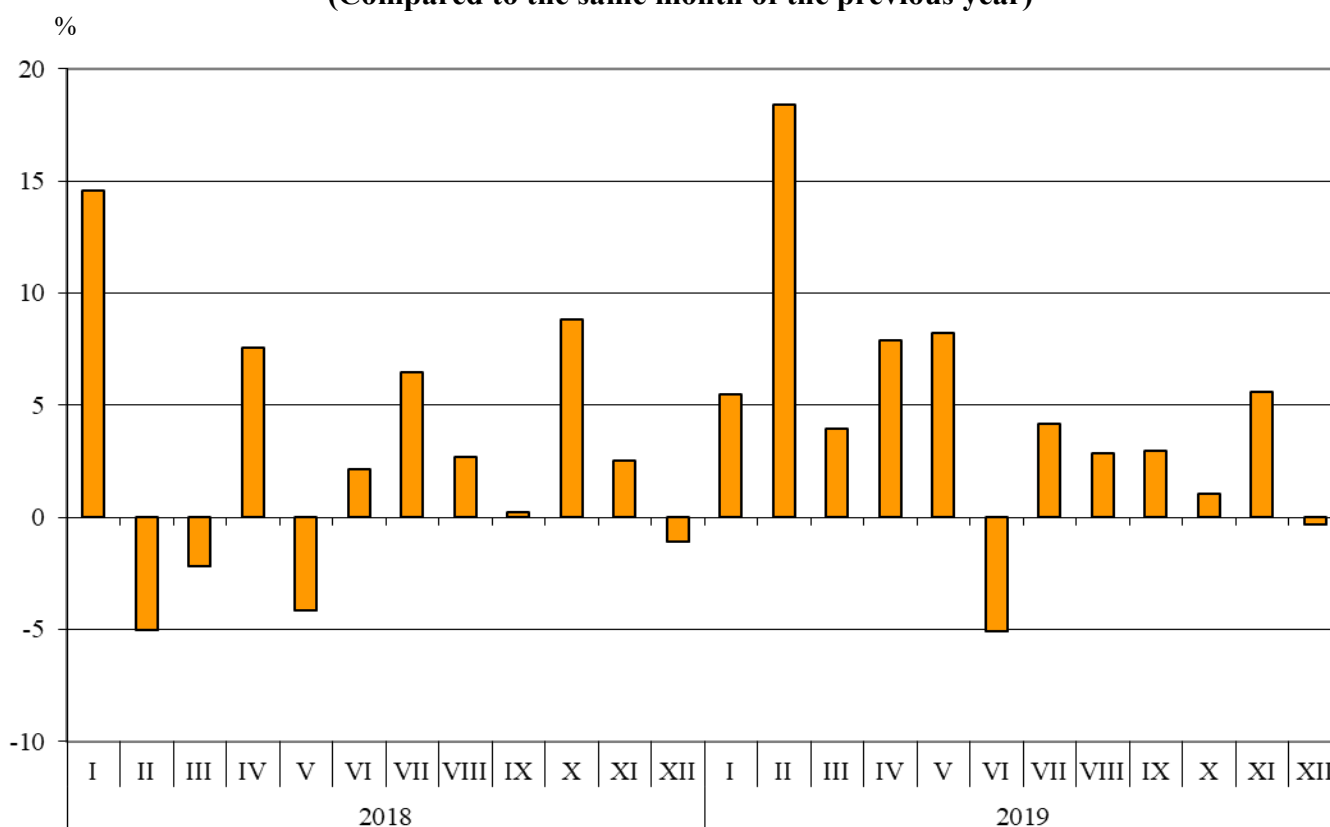


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA IN 2019 - FINAL DATA

In 2019 the **goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 58 459.4 Million BGN or 4.3% more than in 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). In comparing monthly data for 2019 with data for the corresponding month of the previous year the highest growth in exports was observed in February (18.4%), while the most notable fall was registered in June (5.1%).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



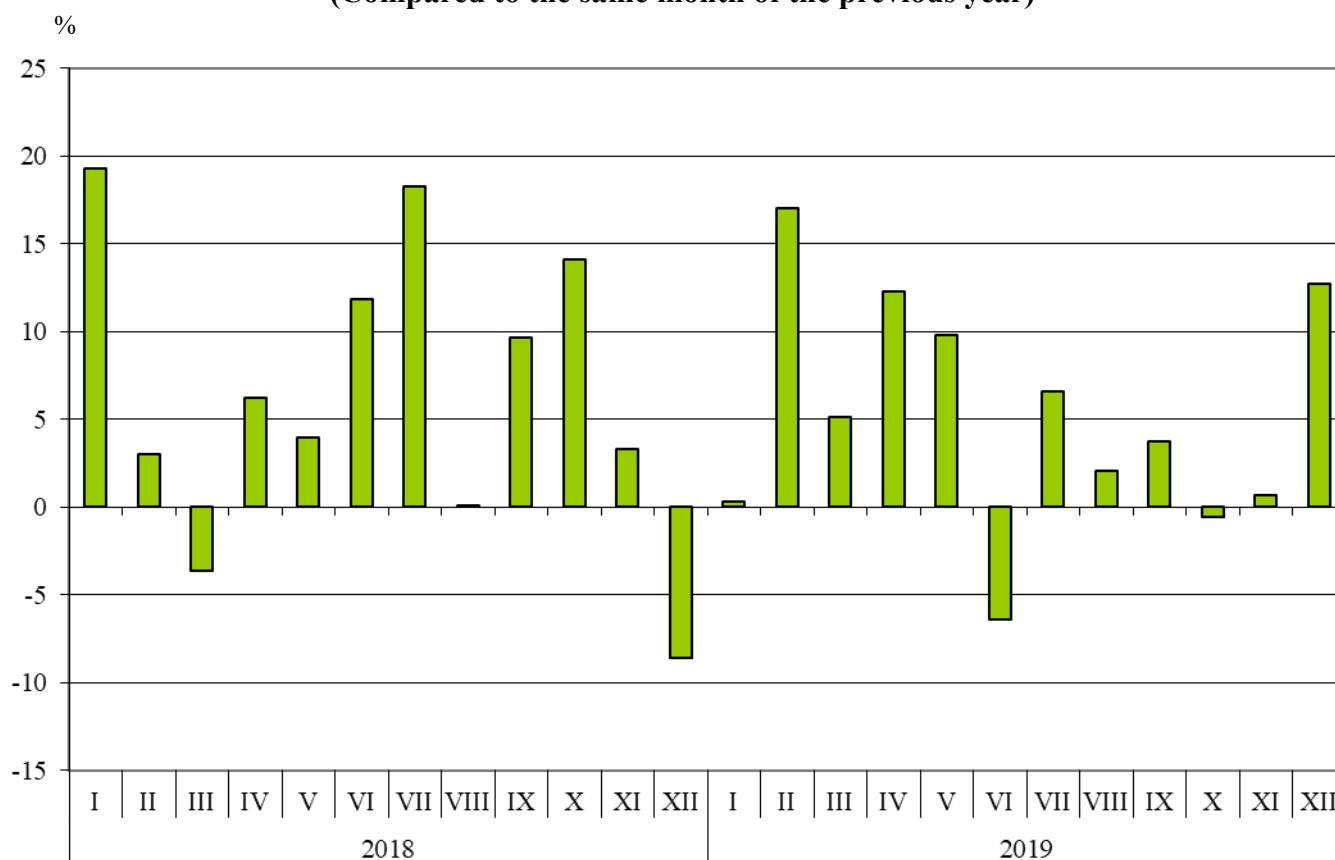
In the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2019 compared to 2018 the largest growth was reported in section ‘Food and live animals’ (14.0%). The most notable fall was observed in section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (9.5%) (Annex, Table 4).

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.

The imported goods in 2019 were for 65 989.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ which is 5.0% more than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Analyzing the monthly data on imports in 2019 and the corresponding ones in 2018, the biggest increase was observed in February (17.1%). The biggest decrease was registered in June (6.4%).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2019 compared to the previous year the largest increase was registered in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (24.8%) while a decrease was observed only in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (6.1%).

Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in 2019 and amounted to 7 530.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB
(http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN).

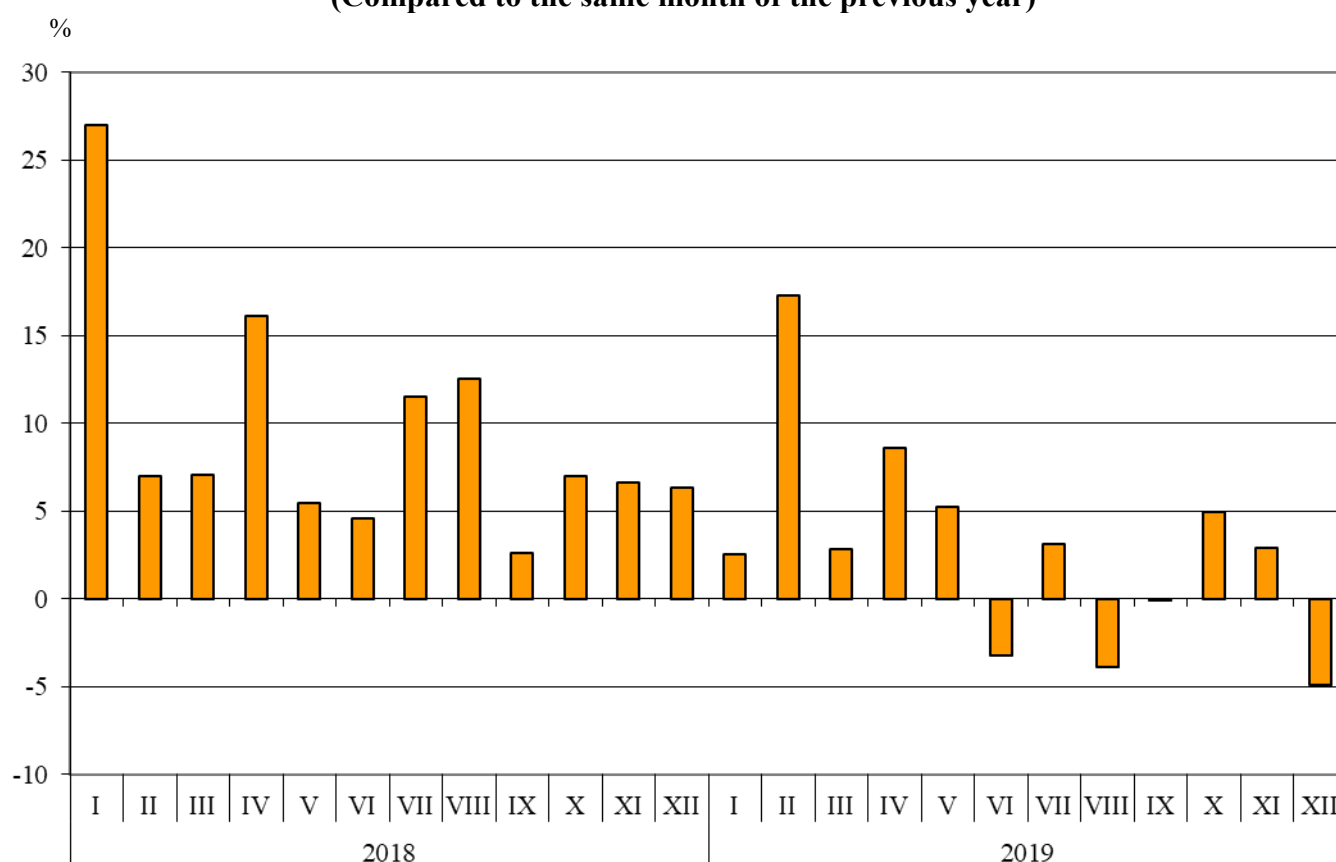
² Value changes at current prices.

³ The section includes 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.s.

Trade in goods of Bulgaria with the EU

In 2019 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to the **EU countries** increased by 2.8% compared to the previous year and amounted to 38 755.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.5% of the exports to the EU (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

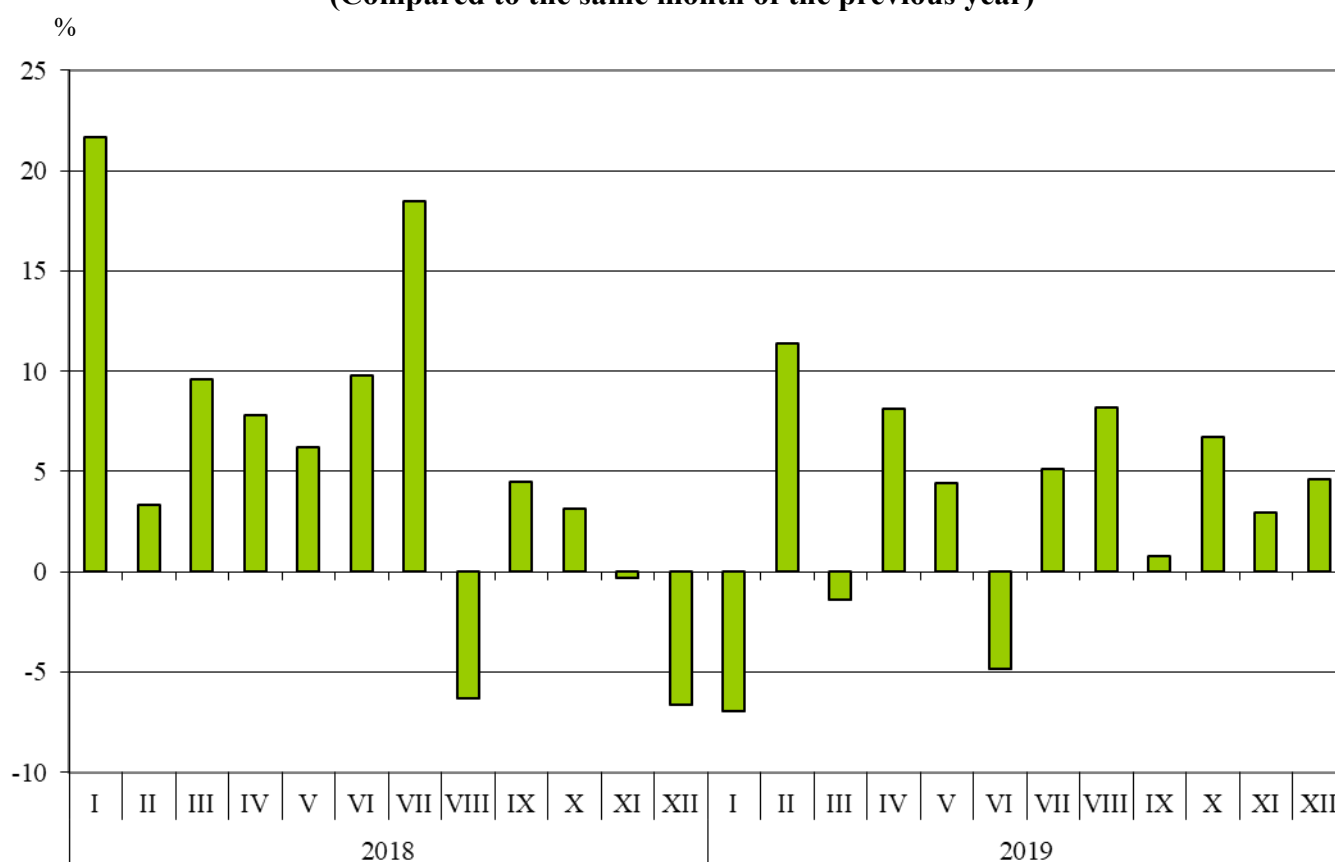


In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2019 compared to 2018 the largest increase was registered in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (19.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (4.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria from the **EU countries** in 2019 increased by 3.1% compared to 2018 and amounted to 41 157.9 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The most significant amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain which represent 56.0% from the imports from the EU.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods from the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2019 compared to the previous year the largest growth was registered in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (28.0%), while the biggest decrease was observed in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (16.5%).

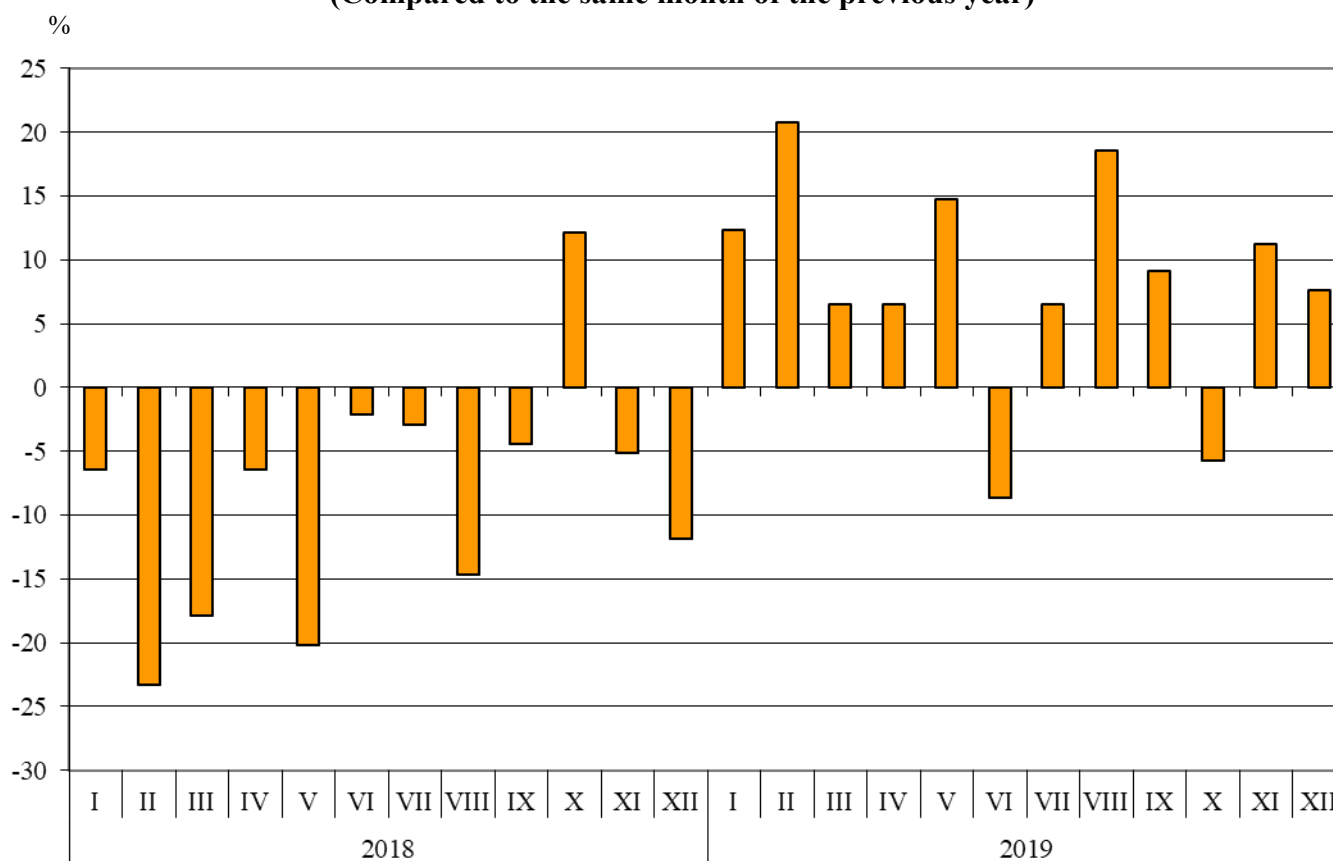
Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) of Bulgaria with the **EU countries** in 2019 was negative and amounted to 2 402.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Bulgarian trade in goods with third countries

In 2019 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 7.5% compared to the previous year and added up to 19 704.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Leading trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Russian Federation and Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 50.6% of the total exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table.3).

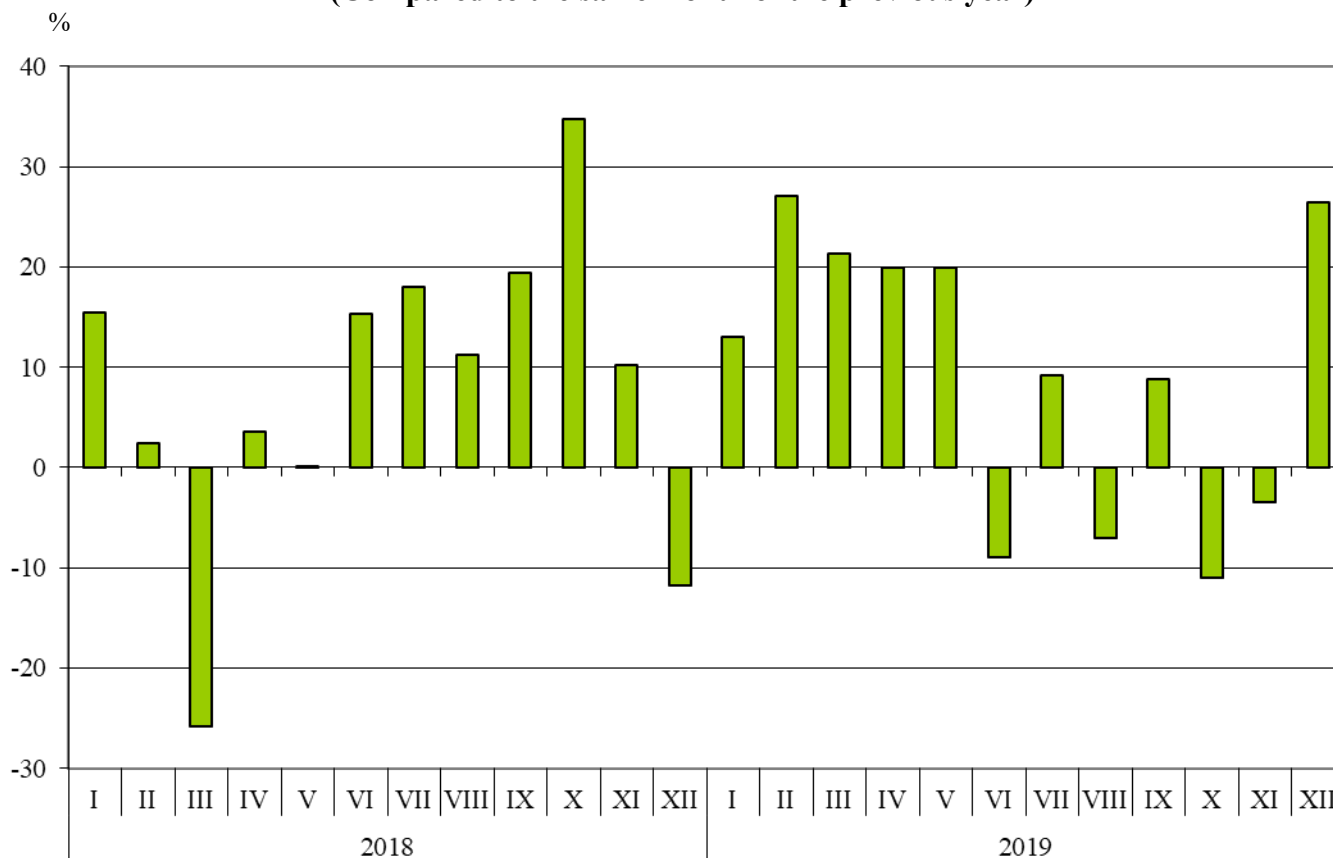
Figure 5. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in 2019 increased by 8.1% compared to 2018 and amounted to 24 832.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China, Egypt and Serbia whose share amounted to 66.4% of the total imports from non EU countries.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 6. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries
 in the period 2018 - 2019
 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



Foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with **third countries** in 2019 was negative and amounted to 5 128.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2018 and 2019 by months

Final data

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ¹			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
XI.2018	5077.7	3431.9	1645.8	5670.5	3596.5	2074.0	-592.8	-164.6	-428.2
XII.2018	4211.9	2675.0	1536.9	4877.6	3065.9	1811.7	-665.7	-390.9	-274.8
X - XII.2018	14735.4	9572.2	5163.2	16777.0	10338.9	6438.1	-2041.6	-766.7	-1274.9
I - XII.2018	56030.4	37700.3	18330.1	62875.6	39907.7	22967.9	-6845.2	-2207.4	-4637.8
I.2019	4694.9	3174.7	1520.2	5065.6	3002.4	2063.2	-370.7	172.3	-543.0
II.2019	4698.3	3166.9	1531.4	5341.8	3247.5	2094.3	-643.5	-80.6	-562.9
III.2019	4809.0	3272.6	1536.4	5379.6	3598.2	1781.4	-570.6	-325.6	-245.0
I - III.2019	14202.2	9614.2	4588.0	15787.0	9848.1	5938.9	-1584.8	-233.9	-1350.9
IV.2019	4675.9	3147.8	1528.1	5578.2	3469.4	2108.8	-902.3	-321.6	-580.7
V.2019	4756.7	3181.3	1575.4	5661.0	3508.5	2152.5	-904.3	-327.2	-577.1
VI.2019	4639.8	3098.4	1541.4	5146.0	3271.0	1875.0	-506.2	-172.6	-333.6
IV - VI.2019	14072.4	9427.5	4644.9	16385.2	10248.9	6136.3	-2312.8	-821.4	-1491.4
I - VI.2019	28274.6	19041.7	9232.9	32172.2	20097.0	12075.2	-3897.6	-1055.3	-2842.3
VII.2019	5358.2	3604.9	1753.3	5968.2	3749.8	2218.4	-610.0	-144.9	-465.1
VIII.2019	4845.2	3164.5	1680.7	5081.0	3217.4	1863.6	-235.8	-52.9	-182.9
IX.2019	4920.0	3232.7	1687.3	5365.8	3258.8	2107.0	-445.8	-26.1	-419.7
VII - IX.2019	15123.4	10002.1	5121.3	16415.0	10226.0	6189.0	-1291.6	-223.9	-1067.7
I - IX.2019	43398.0	29043.8	14354.2	48587.2	30323.0	18264.2	-5189.2	-1279.2	-3910.0
X.2019	5502.4	3636.3	1866.1	6195.9	3923.1	2272.8	-693.5	-286.8	-406.7
XI.2019	5361.8	3531.4	1830.4	5706.8	3703.6	2003.2	-345.0	-172.2	-172.8
XII.2019	4197.2	2543.9	1653.3	5500.0	3208.2	2291.8	-1302.8	-664.3	-638.5
X - XII.2019	15061.4	9711.6	5349.8	17402.7	10834.9	6567.8	-2341.3	-1123.3	-1218.0
I - XII.2019	58459.4	38755.4	19704.0	65989.9	41157.9	24832.0	-7530.5	-2402.5	-5128.0

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2019 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	12.3	0.3	-6.9	13.1
II	18.4	17.3	20.7	17.1	11.4	27.0
III	4.0	2.8	6.6	5.1	-1.4	21.3
I - III	8.9	7.1	12.9	7.2	0.6	20.2
IV	7.9	8.6	6.5	12.3	8.1	19.9
V	8.2	5.2	14.8	9.8	4.5	19.9
VI	-5.1	-3.2	-8.6	-6.4	-4.9	-8.9
IV - VI	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.9	2.4	9.3
I - VI	6.0	5.2	7.9	6.0	1.5	14.4
VII	4.2	3.1	6.5	6.6	5.1	9.2
VIII	2.9	-3.9	18.6	2.0	8.2	-7.1
IX	3.0	0.0	9.2	3.8	0.8	8.8
VII - IX	3.4	-0.2	11.1	4.2	4.6	3.6
I - IX	5.1	3.3	9.0	5.4	2.6	10.5
X	1.0	4.9	-5.8	-0.5	6.7	-11.0
XI	5.6	2.9	11.2	0.6	3.0	-3.4
XII	-0.3	-4.9	7.6	12.8	4.6	26.5
X - XII	2.2	1.5	3.6	3.7	4.8	2.0
I - XII	4.3	2.8	7.5	5.0	3.1	8.1

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2018 and 2019

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	56030.4	58459.4	4.3	62875.6	65989.9	5.0	-6845.2	-7530.5
EU	37700.3	38755.4	2.8	39907.7	41157.9	3.1	-2207.4	-2402.5
Austria	991.1	1068.8	7.8	1568.7	1645.1	4.9	-577.6	-576.3
Belgium	1904.2	1664.2	-12.6	1265.9	1256.2	-0.8	638.3	408.0
Croatia	366.4	288.5	-21.3	186.3	159.5	-14.4	180.1	129.0
Cyprus	200.4	216.5	8.0	244.2	282.1	15.5	-43.8	-65.6
Czech Republic	1182.4	1388.0	17.4	1497.7	1665.0	11.2	-315.3	-277.0
Denmark	392.6	345.5	-12.0	288.7	282.7	-2.1	103.9	62.8
Estonia	59.5	50.2	-15.6	49.1	58.7	19.6	10.4	-8.5
Finland	116.3	125.3	7.7	159.4	133.0	-16.6	-43.1	-7.7
France	2204.8	2204.8	0.0	1723.6	1978.2	14.8	481.2	226.6
Germany	8175.4	8625.3	5.5	7779.8	7925.1	1.9	395.6	700.2
Greece	3696.4	3925.5	6.2	2737.4	3028.8	10.6	959.0	896.7
Hungary	977.5	1009.2	3.2	2169.4	2332.8	7.5	-1191.9	-1323.6
Ireland	191.4	162.9	-14.9	269.4	356.3	32.3	-78.0	-193.4
Italy	4775.3	4276.5	-10.4	4742.7	4907.1	3.5	32.6	-630.6
Latvia	73.9	59.0	-20.2	66.4	61.6	-7.2	7.5	-2.6
Lithuania	148.0	141.9	-4.1	128.8	146.4	13.7	19.2	-4.5
Luxembourg	21.9	25.5	16.4	98.3	84.7	-13.8	-76.4	-59.2
Malta	40.9	43.5	6.4	231.2	49.3	-78.7	-190.3	-5.8
Netherlands	1514.2	1479.8	-2.3	2380.8	2359.4	-0.9	-866.6	-879.6
Poland	1274.4	1263.1	-0.9	2091.8	2243.5	7.3	-817.4	-980.4
Portugal	194.6	307.8	58.2	170.2	180.7	6.2	24.4	127.1
Romania	4690.8	5081.5	8.3	4319.4	4712.2	9.1	371.4	369.3
Slovakia	424.6	589.3	38.8	770.1	858.5	11.5	-345.5	-269.2
Slovenia	408.0	481.7	18.1	463.0	525.3	13.5	-55.0	-43.6
Spain	1366.6	1589.5	16.3	2920.7	2481.0	-15.1	-1554.1	-891.5
Sweden	494.4	513.2	3.8	402.0	390.3	-2.9	92.4	122.9
United Kingdom	1362.9	1368.9	0.4	963.0	900.8	-6.5	399.9	468.1
Not specified	451.4	459.5	1.8	219.7	153.6	-30.1	231.7	305.9

¹ Partner country:

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2018 and 2019

(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	18330.1	19704.0	7.5	22967.9	24832.0	8.1	-4637.8	-5128.0
CIS²	1158.1	1460.9	26.1	6350.1	6760.8	6.5	-5192.0	-5299.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	52.8	66.1	25.2	8.9	6.3	-29.2	43.9	59.8
Russian Federation	795.9	1027.4	29.1	6111.5	6515.0	6.6	-5315.6	-5487.6
OECD³	6626.2	6960.4	5.0	6017.7	6493.7	7.9	608.5	466.7
of which:								
Canada	155.0	217.9	40.6	128.1	145.0	13.2	26.9	72.9
Israel	150.6	277.2	84.1	79.3	91.1	14.9	71.3	186.1
Japan	83.9	98.8	17.8	273.4	285.8	4.5	-189.5	-187.0
Korea, Republic of	195.3	257.0	31.6	298.5	290.4	-2.7	-103.2	-33.4
Turkey	4368.5	4247.8	-2.8	3935.1	4299.7	9.3	433.4	-51.9
United States	1048.8	1108.4	5.7	566.4	630.8	11.4	482.4	477.6
EFTA⁴	401.8	463.9	15.5	534.8	555.9	3.9	-133.0	-92.0
of which:								
Norway	85.9	83.5	-2.8	60.6	44.4	-26.7	25.3	39.1
Switzerland	310.3	377.9	21.8	470.5	508.1	8.0	-160.2	-130.2

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² CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

³ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁴ 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 2018 and 2019

(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	164.3	168.8	2.7	34.0	55.5	63.2	130.3	113.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.6	124.7	0.1	43.5	49.6	14.0	81.1	75.1
Brazil	64.2	61.5	-4.2	87.2	100.4	15.1	-23.0	-38.9
China	1494.2	1612.7	7.9	2578.7	2976.2	15.4	-1084.5	-1363.5
Egypt	487.1	764.8	57.0	1040.0	1459.0	40.3	-552.9	-694.2
Georgia	347.1	295.9	-14.8	632.4	660.4	4.4	-285.3	-364.5
India	191.5	222.8	16.3	381.2	328.1	-13.9	-189.7	-105.3
Indonesia	54.3	123.7	127.8	322.6	271.2	-15.9	-268.3	-147.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	79.5	125.2	57.5	64.1	66.5	3.7	15.4	58.7
Peru	31.1	27.7	-10.9	80.9	92.4	14.2	-49.8	-64.7
Republic of North Macedonia	828.2	829.4	0.1	627.5	639.2	1.9	200.7	190.2
Serbia	1039.9	1145.2	10.1	1234.6	1236.5	0.2	-194.7	-91.3
Singapore	495.1	196.8	-60.3	76.8	78.0	1.6	418.3	118.8
South Africa	301.1	195.1	-35.2	70.9	95.3	34.4	230.2	99.8
Syrian Arab Republic	33.3	51.2	53.8	0.6	0.5	-16.7	32.7	50.7
Taiwan	76.2	55.2	-27.6	222.9	202.4	-9.2	-146.7	-147.2
Tunisia	227.8	539.3	136.7	12.0	40.5	237.5	215.8	498.8
Ukraine	368.2	666.7	81.1	934.7	1048.2	12.1	-566.5	-381.5
United Arab Emirates	212.5	216.8	2.0	52.8	63.1	19.5	159.7	153.7
Viet Nam	62.6	79.1	26.4	92.3	133.0	44.1	-29.7	-53.9

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.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2018 and 2019

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	56030.4	58459.4	4.3	62875.6	65989.9	5.0	-6845.2	-7530.5
of which EU	37700.3	38755.4	2.8	39907.7	41157.9	3.1	-2207.4	-2402.5
Food and live animals	5962.7	6799.6	14.0	4627.7	5062.5	9.4	1335.0	1737.1
of which EU	4632.9	4608.6	-0.5	3765.0	4009.3	6.5	867.9	599.3
Beverages and tobacco	649.4	714.1	10.0	930.4	1161.4	24.8	-281.0	-447.3
of which EU	359.0	427.3	19.0	724.7	927.6	28.0	-365.7	-500.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3542.6	3970.0	12.1	5713.3	5364.8	-6.1	-2170.7	-1394.8
of which EU	2414.7	2531.8	4.8	3072.5	2565.7	-16.5	-657.8	-33.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4986.9	5574.6	11.8	8529.1	9139.6	7.2	-3542.2	-3565.0
of which EU	1864.8	1796.5	-3.7	1700.9	1784.1	4.9	163.9	12.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	622.5	616.0	-1.0	201.3	220.7	9.6	421.2	395.3
of which EU	381.6	374.1	-2.0	118.9	124.2	4.5	262.7	249.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5702.7	6396.4	12.2	8813.9	9335.1	5.9	-3111.2	-2938.7
of which EU	3546.4	3900.6	10.0	6760.1	7138.7	5.6	-3213.7	-3238.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13011.6	11776.7	-9.5	10793.2	11050.4	2.4	2218.4	726.3
of which EU	8407.5	8026.5	-4.5	6206.8	6079.9	-2.0	2200.7	1946.6
Machinery and transport equipment	12643.9	13671.2	8.1	17655.7	18513.2	4.9	-5011.8	-4842.0
of which EU	9576.0	10382.9	8.4	13525.4	14194.9	4.9	-3949.4	-3812.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8752.6	8748.8	0.0	5271.1	5746.5	9.0	3481.5	3002.3
of which EU	6394.4	6561.6	2.6	3733.6	3979.1	6.6	2660.8	2582.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	155.5	192.0	23.5	339.9	395.7	16.4	-184.4	-203.7
of which EU	123.0	145.5	18.3	299.8	354.4	18.2	-176.8	-208.9