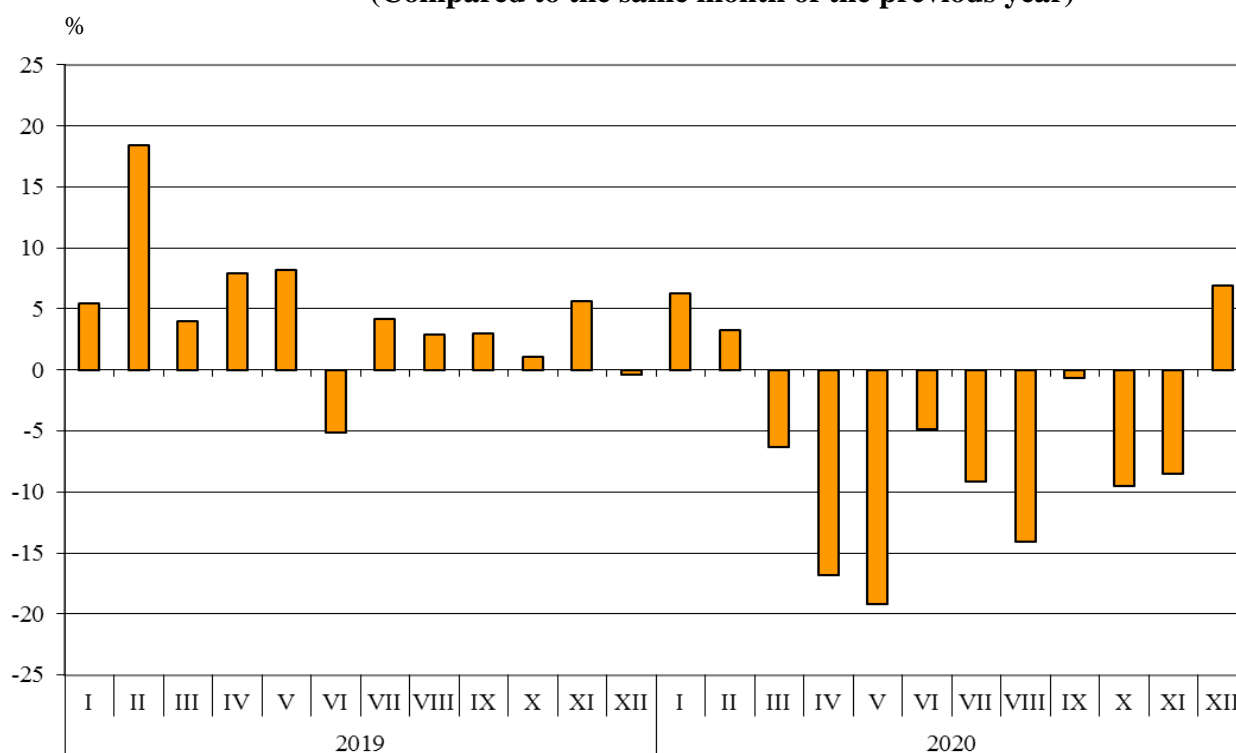


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA IN 2020 - FINAL DATA

In **2020** the **goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 54 779.3 million BGN or 6.3% less than in 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). In comparing monthly data for 2020 with data for the corresponding month of the previous year the highest growth in exports was observed in December (6.9%), while the most notable fall was registered in May (19.2%).

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

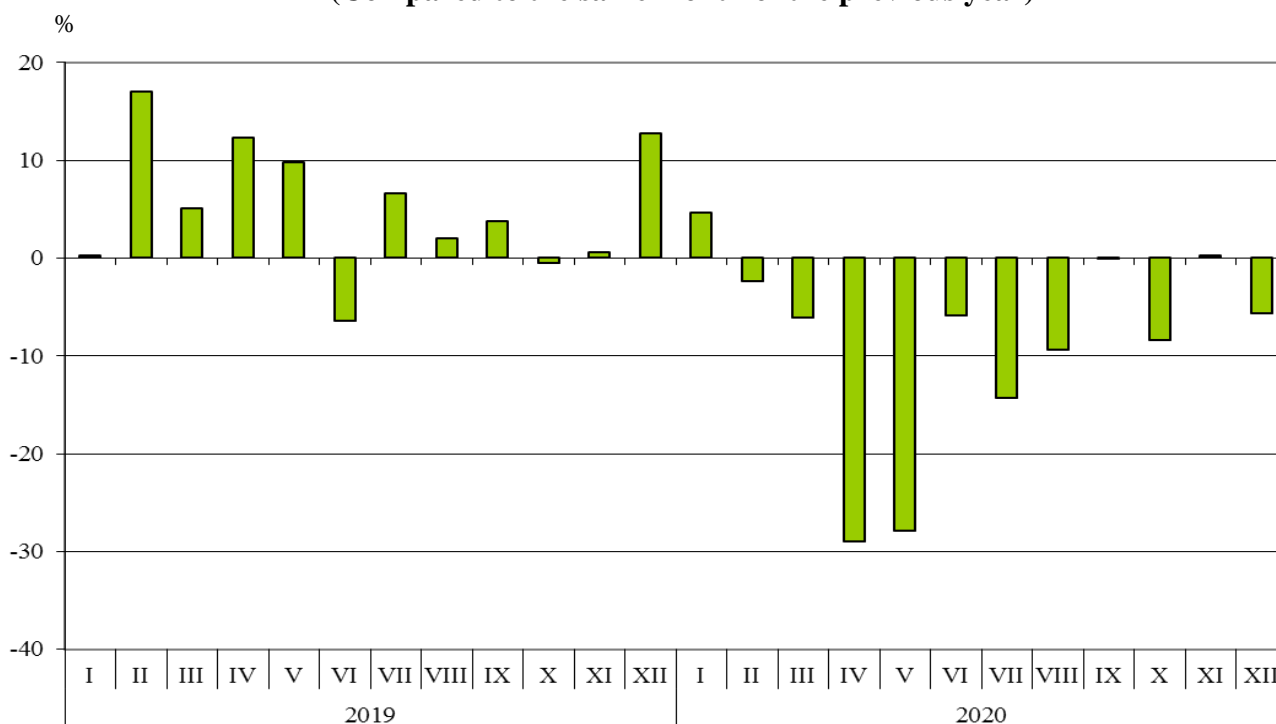


In the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2020 compared to 2019 the largest growth was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (35.5%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (54.3%) (Annex, Table 4).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

The imported goods in 2020 were for 60 127.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹, which is 8.9% less than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Analyzing the monthly data on imports in 2020 and the corresponding ones in 2019, the biggest increase was observed in January (4.6%). The biggest decrease was registered in April (28.9%).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020
(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 2020 compared to the previous year the largest increase was registered in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.4%) while the most notable fall was observed in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (44.0%).

Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in 2020 and amounted to 5 347.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

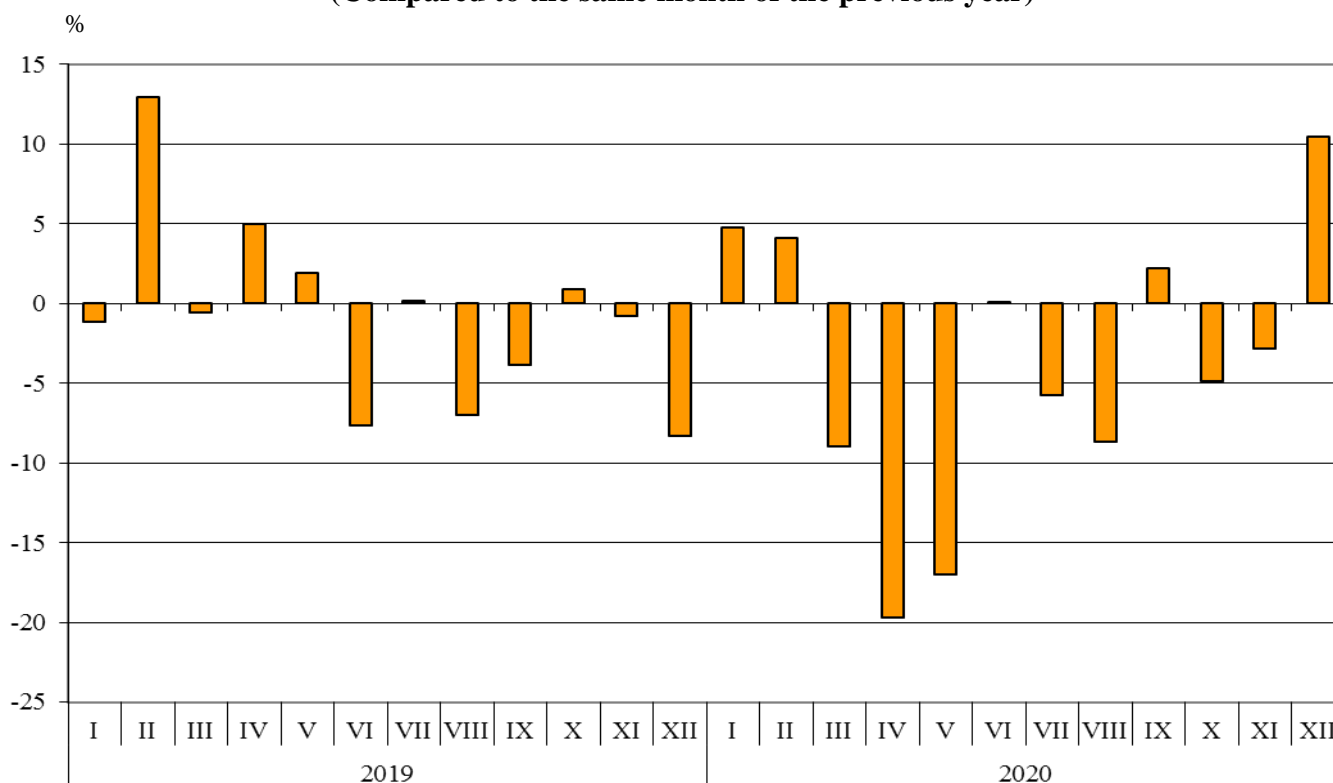
¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

Trade in goods of Bulgaria with the EU

In 2020 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to the EU countries decreased by 4.1% compared to the previous year and amounted to 35 845.3 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 (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 3. 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)



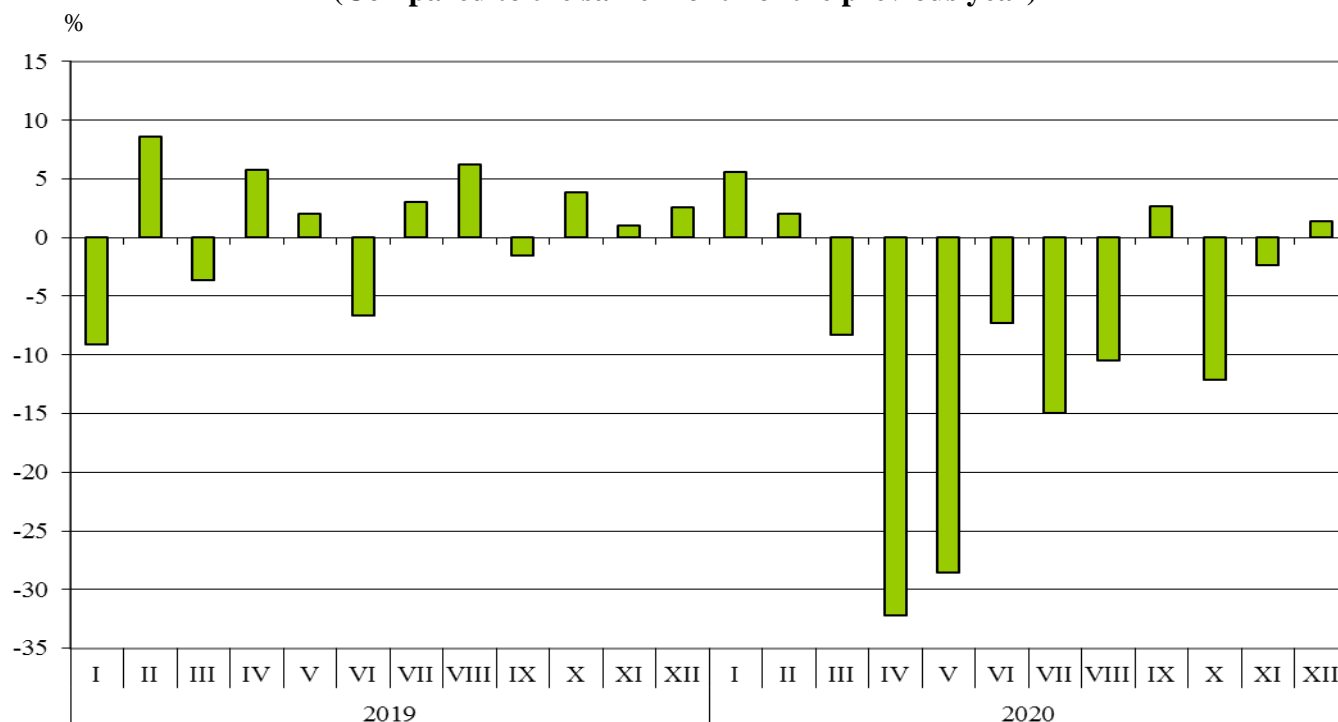
In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2020 compared to 2019 the largest increase was registered in section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (32.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (42.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU countries** in 2020 decreased by 9.1% compared to 2019 and amounted to 36 582.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The most significant amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and the Netherlands, which represent 58.1% from the imports from the EU.

In the imports of goods from the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, in 2020 compared to the previous year the largest growth was registered in section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (9.9%), while the biggest decrease was observed in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (49.8%).

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



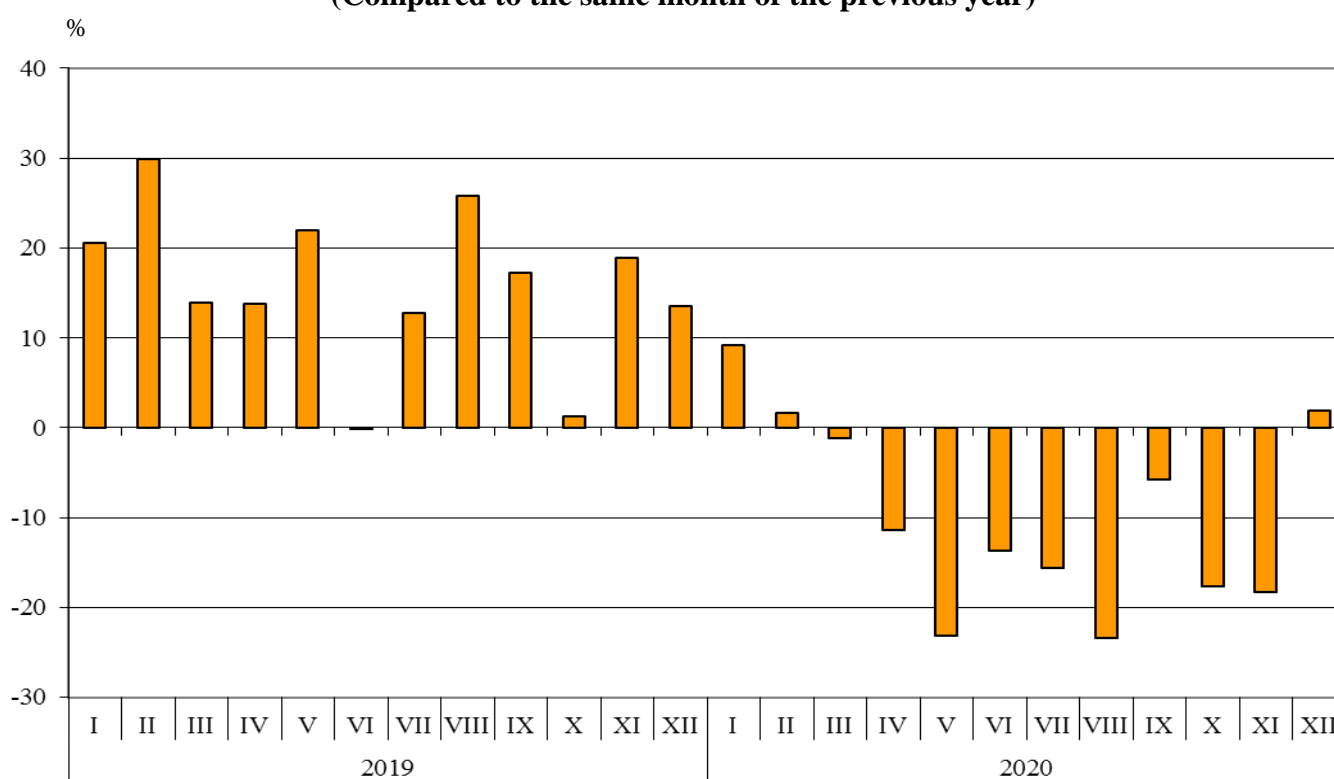
Foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) of Bulgaria **with the EU countries** in 2020 was negative and amounted to 736.7 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Bulgarian trade in goods with third countries

In 2020 the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 10.1% compared to the previous year and added up to 18 934.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Leading trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 54.9% of the total exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

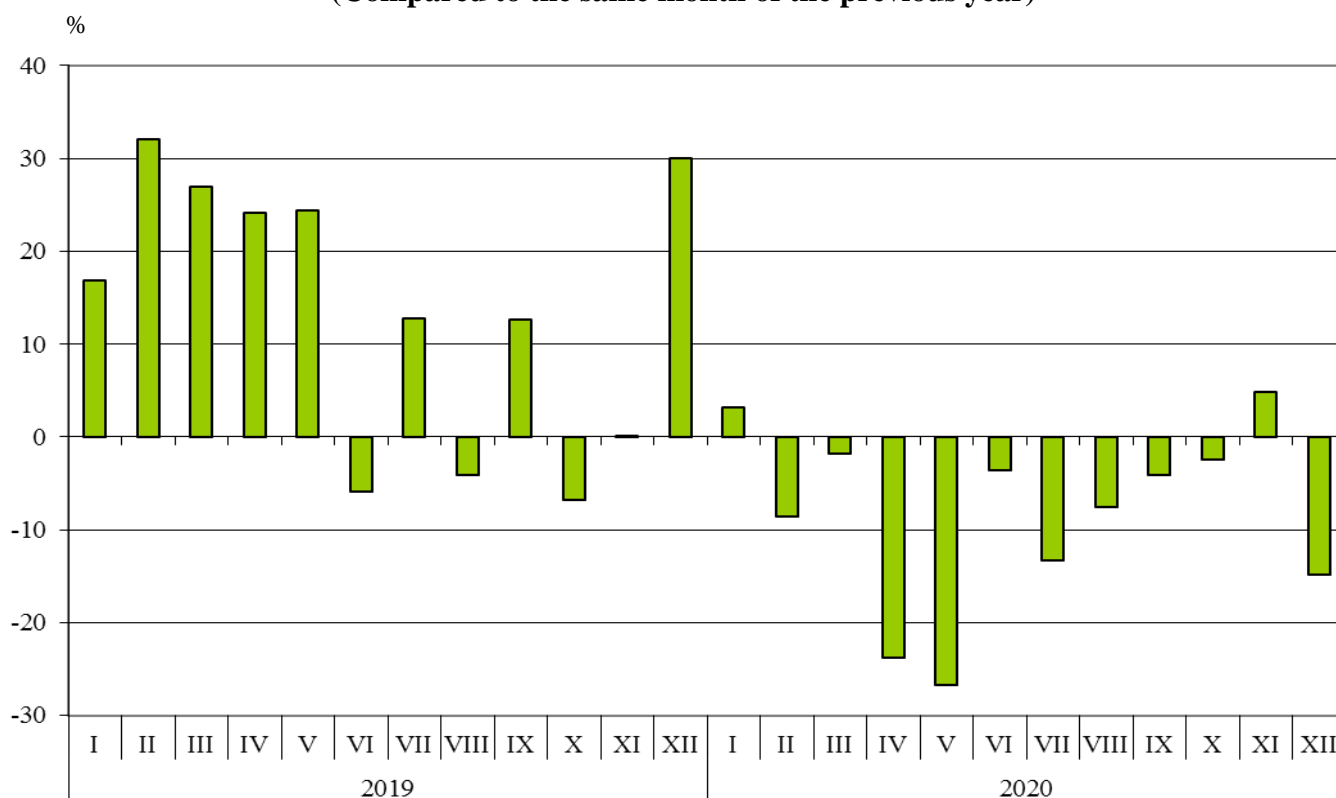
Figure 5. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in 2020 decreased by 8.5% compared to 2019 and amounted to 23 545.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia and Ukraine whose share amounted to 56.7% 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 2019 - 2020**
 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



Foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in 2020 was negative and amounted to 4 611.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2019 and 2020 by months

Final data

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ¹			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
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
X.2019	5502.4	3496.0	2006.4	6195.9	3817.4	2378.5	-693.5	-321.4	-372.1
XI.2019	5361.8	3406.0	1955.8	5706.8	3631.8	2075.0	-345.0	-225.8	-119.2
XII.2019	4197.2	2452.2	1745.0	5500.0	3144.6	2355.4	-1302.8	-692.4	-610.4
X - XII.2019	15061.4	9354.2	5707.2	17402.7	10593.8	6808.9	-2341.3	-1239.6	-1101.7
I - XII.2019	58459.4	37386.7	21072.7	65989.9	40257.1	25732.8	-7530.5	-2870.4	-4660.1
I.2020	4990.9	3207.9	1783.0	5299.0	3098.6	2200.4	-308.1	109.3	-417.4
II.2020	4849.6	3174.6	1675.0	5216.8	3227.4	1989.4	-367.2	-52.8	-314.4
III.2020	4506.0	2883.5	1622.5	5053.6	3223.8	1829.8	-547.6	-340.3	-207.3
I - III.2020	14346.5	9266.0	5080.5	15569.4	9549.8	6019.6	-1222.9	-283.8	-939.1
IV.2020	3890.5	2444.9	1445.6	3964.4	2299.7	1664.7	-73.9	145.2	-219.1
V.2020	3844.5	2558.3	1286.2	4084.8	2447.9	1636.9	-240.3	110.4	-350.7
VI.2020	4412.7	2959.7	1453.0	4842.2	2973.3	1868.9	-429.5	-13.6	-415.9
IV - VI.2020	12147.7	7962.9	4184.8	12891.4	7720.9	5170.5	-743.7	242.0	-985.7
I - VI.2020	26494.2	17228.9	9265.3	28460.8	17270.7	11190.1	-1966.6	-41.8	-1924.8
VII.2020	4865.8	3299.3	1566.5	5113.5	3125.4	1988.1	-247.7	173.9	-421.6
VIII.2020	4160.8	2795.2	1365.6	4602.3	2826.3	1776.0	-441.5	-31.1	-410.4
IX.2020	4885.8	3177.8	1708.0	5361.9	3270.5	2091.4	-476.1	-92.7	-383.4
VII - IX.2020	13912.4	9272.3	4640.1	15077.7	9222.2	5855.5	-1165.3	50.1	-1215.4
I - IX.2020	40406.6	26501.2	13905.4	43538.5	26492.9	17045.6	-3131.9	8.3	-3140.2
X.2020	4977.1	3324.9	1652.2	5674.6	3355.0	2319.6	-697.5	-30.1	-667.4
XI.2020	4907.5	3309.6	1597.9	5721.9	3546.8	2175.1	-814.4	-237.2	-577.2
XII.2020	4488.1	2709.6	1778.5	5192.1	3187.3	2004.8	-704.0	-477.7	-226.3
X - XII.2020	14372.7	9344.1	5028.6	16588.6	10089.1	6499.5	-2215.9	-745.0	-1470.9
I - XII.2020	54779.3	35845.3	18934.0	60127.1	36582.0	23545.1	-5347.8	-736.7	-4611.1

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2020
compared to the same period of the previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ¹	Non EU ²	Total	EU ¹	Non EU ²
I	6.3	4.8	9.2	4.6	5.6	3.2
II	3.2	4.1	1.6	-2.3	2.0	-8.6
III	-6.3	-8.9	-1.2	-6.1	-8.3	-1.8
I - III	1.0	-0.1	3.2	-1.4	-0.7	-2.5
IV	-16.8	-19.7	-11.4	-28.9	-32.2	-23.8
V	-19.2	-17.0	-23.2	-27.8	-28.6	-26.7
VI	-4.9	0.1	-13.7	-5.9	-7.3	-3.6
IV - VI	-13.7	-12.3	-16.1	-21.3	-23.0	-18.6
I - VI	-6.3	-6.2	-6.5	-11.5	-12.1	-10.7
VII	-9.2	-5.8	-15.7	-14.3	-15.0	-13.3
VIII	-14.1	-8.7	-23.4	-9.4	-10.5	-7.6
IX	-0.7	2.2	-5.7	-0.1	2.7	-4.1
VII - IX	-8.0	-4.1	-14.9	-8.1	-8.0	-8.4
I - IX	-6.9	-5.5	-9.5	-10.4	-10.7	-9.9
X	-9.5	-4.9	-17.7	-8.4	-12.1	-2.5
XI	-8.5	-2.8	-18.3	0.3	-2.3	4.8
XII	6.9	10.5	1.9	-5.6	1.4	-14.9
X - XII	-4.6	-0.1	-11.9	-4.7	-4.8	-4.5
I - XII	-6.3	-4.1	-10.1	-8.9	-9.1	-8.5

¹ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

² Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2019 and 2020

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	58459.4	54779.3	-6.3	65989.9	60127.1	-8.9	-7530.5	-5347.8
EU²	37386.7	35845.3	-4.1	40257.1	36582.0	-9.1	-2870.4	-736.7
Austria	1068.8	1049.9	-1.8	1645.1	1614.2	-1.9	-576.3	-564.3
Belgium	1664.2	1903.8	14.4	1256.2	1143.5	-9.0	408.0	760.3
Croatia	288.5	323.1	12.0	159.5	353.0	121.3	129.0	-29.9
Cyprus	216.5	227.7	5.2	282.1	91.0	-67.7	-65.6	136.7
Czechia	1388.0	1266.2	-8.8	1665.0	1596.1	-4.1	-277.0	-329.9
Denmark	345.5	380.1	10.0	282.7	290.5	2.8	62.8	89.6
Estonia	50.2	41.1	-18.1	58.7	52.3	-10.9	-8.5	-11.2
Finland	125.3	126.4	0.9	133.0	157.1	18.1	-7.7	-30.7
France	2204.8	2100.4	-4.7	1978.2	1736.1	-12.2	226.6	364.3
Germany	8625.3	8773.8	1.7	7925.1	7262.2	-8.4	700.2	1511.6
Greece	3925.5	3637.8	-7.3	3028.8	2965.5	-2.1	896.7	672.3
Hungary	1009.2	951.9	-5.7	2332.8	2346.5	0.6	-1323.6	-1394.6
Ireland	162.9	129.8	-20.3	356.3	362.7	1.8	-193.4	-232.9
Italy	4276.5	3760.3	-12.1	4907.1	4261.8	-13.2	-630.6	-501.5
Latvia	59.0	83.7	41.9	61.6	52.6	-14.6	-2.6	31.1
Lithuania	141.9	160.4	13.0	146.4	142.1	-2.9	-4.5	18.3
Luxembourg	25.5	30.0	17.6	84.7	75.8	-10.5	-59.2	-45.8
Malta	43.5	46.9	7.8	49.3	59.8	21.3	-5.8	-12.9
Netherlands	1479.8	1440.1	-2.7	2359.4	2382.6	1.0	-879.6	-942.5
Poland	1263.1	1359.6	7.6	2243.5	2224.1	-0.9	-980.4	-864.5
Portugal	307.8	202.6	-34.2	180.7	128.3	-29.0	127.1	74.3
Romania	5081.5	4976.0	-2.1	4712.2	4397.3	-6.7	369.3	578.7
Slovakia	589.3	526.7	-10.6	858.5	838.2	-2.4	-269.2	-311.5
Slovenia	481.7	359.9	-25.3	525.3	458.9	-12.6	-43.6	-99.0
Spain	1589.5	1308.8	-17.7	2481.0	1145.9	-53.8	-891.5	162.9
Sweden	513.2	483.5	-5.8	390.3	368.8	-5.5	122.9	114.7
Not specified	459.7	194.8	-57.6	153.6	75.1	-51.1	306.1	119.7

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.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2019 and 2020

(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 countries²	21072.7	18934.0	-10.1	25732.8	23545.1	-8.5	-4660.1	-4611.1
CIS³	1460.9	1268.2	-13.2	6760.8	3888.0	-42.5	-5299.9	-2619.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	66.1	64.8	-2.0	6.3	27.4	334.9	59.8	37.4
Russian Federation	1027.4	826.6	-19.5	6515.0	3674.2	-43.6	-5487.6	-2847.6
OECD⁴	8329.3	7343.5	-11.8	7394.5	7852.2	6.2	934.8	-508.7
of which:								
Canada	217.9	232.3	6.6	145.0	295.0	103.4	72.9	-62.7
Israel	277.2	204.7	-26.2	91.1	127.1	39.5	186.1	77.6
Japan	98.8	99.9	1.1	285.8	297.9	4.2	-187.0	-198.0
Korea, Republic of	257.0	185.9	-27.7	290.4	262.3	-9.7	-33.4	-76.4
Turkey	4247.8	3531.6	-16.9	4299.7	4264.5	-0.8	-51.9	-732.9
United Kingdom	1368.9	1303.7	-4.8	900.8	763.4	-15.3	468.1	540.3
United States	1108.4	1105.1	-0.3	630.8	773.3	22.6	477.6	331.8
EFTA⁵	463.9	447.8	-3.5	555.9	528.9	-4.9	-92.0	-81.1
of which:								
Norway	83.5	91.3	9.3	44.4	44.7	0.7	39.1	46.6
Switzerland	377.9	354.2	-6.3	508.1	478.0	-5.9	-130.2	-123.8

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² Non EU including the United Kingdom.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

⁴ 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.

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 2019 and 2020

(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	168.8	174.5	3.4	55.5	76.8	38.4	113.3	97.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.7	158.3	26.9	49.6	41.2	-16.9	75.1	117.1
Brazil	61.5	85.7	39.3	100.4	203.4	102.6	-38.9	-117.7
China	1612.7	1806.3	12.0	2976.2	3057.2	2.7	-1363.5	-1250.9
Egypt	764.8	328.8	-57.0	1459.0	659.2	-54.8	-694.2	-330.4
Georgia	295.9	258.9	-12.5	660.4	923.2	39.8	-364.5	-664.3
India	222.8	222.3	-0.2	328.1	283.3	-13.7	-105.3	-61.0
Indonesia	123.7	69.5	-43.8	271.2	235.8	-13.1	-147.5	-166.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	125.2	187.3	49.6	66.5	40.3	-39.4	58.7	147.0
Peru	27.7	14.2	-48.7	92.4	539.1	483.4	-64.7	-524.9
Republic of North Macedonia	829.4	851.9	2.7	639.2	592.6	-7.3	190.2	259.3
Serbia	1145.2	969.2	-15.4	1236.5	1202.6	-2.7	-91.3	-233.4
Singapore	196.8	39.9	-79.7	78.0	66.8	-14.4	118.8	-26.9
South Africa	195.1	215.2	10.3	95.3	56.0	-41.2	99.8	159.2
Syrian Arab Republic	51.2	6.8	-86.7	0.5	0.8	60.0	50.7	6.0
Taiwan	55.2	80.1	45.1	202.4	214.6	6.0	-147.2	-134.5
Tunisia	539.3	256.3	-52.5	40.5	30.4	-24.9	498.8	225.9
Ukraine	666.7	445.6	-33.2	1048.2	1141.2	8.9	-381.5	-695.6
United Arab Emirates	216.8	139.2	-35.8	63.1	57.6	-8.7	153.7	81.6
Viet Nam	79.1	78.6	-0.6	133.0	132.6	-0.3	-53.9	-54.0

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 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in 2019 and 2020

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	58459.4	54779.3	-6.3	65989.9	60127.1	-8.9	-7530.5	-5347.8
of which EU¹	37386.7	35845.3	-4.1	40257.1	36582.0	-9.1	-2870.4	-736.7
Food and live animals	6799.6	6447.6	-5.2	5062.5	5157.2	1.9	1737.1	1290.4
of which EU	4444.8	4090.4	-8.0	3952.9	4009.9	1.4	491.9	80.5
Beverages and tobacco	714.1	730.3	2.3	1161.4	1156.4	-0.4	-447.3	-426.1
of which EU	417.1	512.6	22.9	877.0	915.5	4.4	-459.9	-402.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3970.0	3907.1	-1.6	5364.8	6270.0	16.9	-1394.8	-2362.9
of which EU	2453.3	2356.3	-4.0	2544.8	1277.2	-49.8	-91.5	1079.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5574.6	2545.1	-54.3	9139.6	5116.4	-44.0	-3565.0	-2571.3
of which EU	1735.6	993.9	-42.7	1781.1	1482.7	-16.8	-45.5	-488.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	616.0	834.6	35.5	220.7	309.9	40.4	395.3	524.7
of which EU	348.3	460.7	32.3	121.8	133.9	9.9	226.5	326.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	6396.4	6400.9	0.1	9335.1	9147.3	-2.0	-2938.7	-2746.4
of which EU	3725.6	3848.5	3.3	6954.9	6921.8	-0.5	-3229.3	-3073.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11776.7	12502.3	6.2	11050.4	10172.3	-7.9	726.3	2330.0
of which EU	7745.6	8050.0	3.9	6014.8	5630.7	-6.4	1730.8	2419.3
Machinery and transport equipment	13671.2	12975.7	-5.1	18513.2	17070.3	-7.8	-4842.0	-4094.6
of which EU	10159.3	9723.9	-4.3	13807.9	12283.1	-11.0	-3648.6	-2559.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8748.8	8212.5	-6.1	5746.5	5259.9	-8.5	3002.3	2952.6
of which EU	6217.6	5649.2	-9.1	3855.3	3511.2	-8.9	2362.3	2138.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	192.0	223.2	16.3	395.7	467.4	18.1	-203.7	-244.2
of which EU	139.5	159.8	14.6	346.6	416.0	20.0	-207.1	-256.2

¹ EU excluding the United Kingdom.