

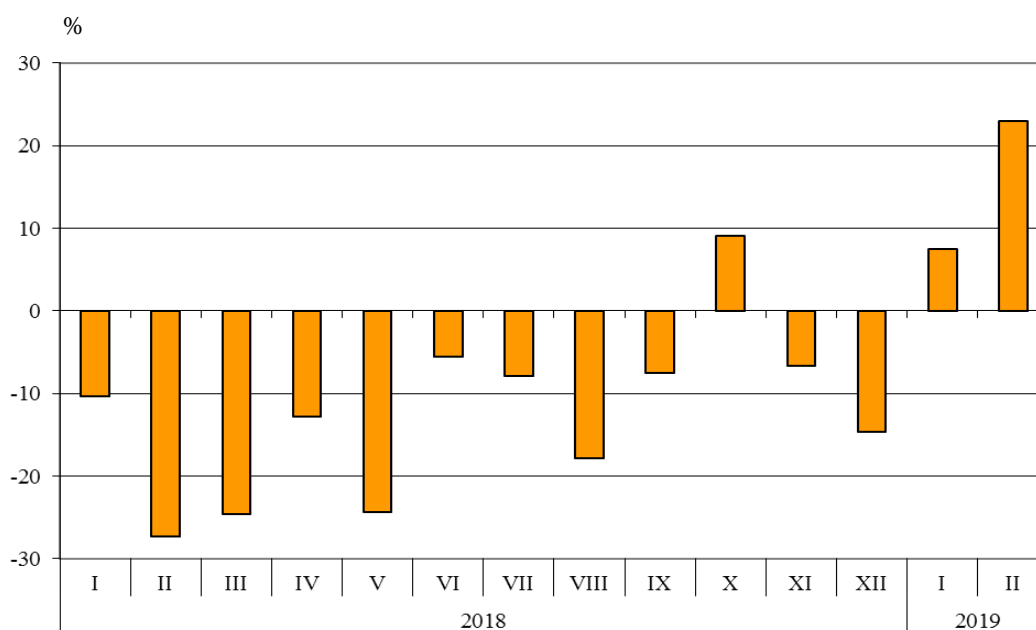


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - February 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 15.0% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 2 874.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, Egypt and the Russian Federation which accounted for 51.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 23.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 480.3 Million BGN.

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



In the period January - February 2019 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of the previous year was recorded in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (85.8%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (65.3%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported only in section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (5.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

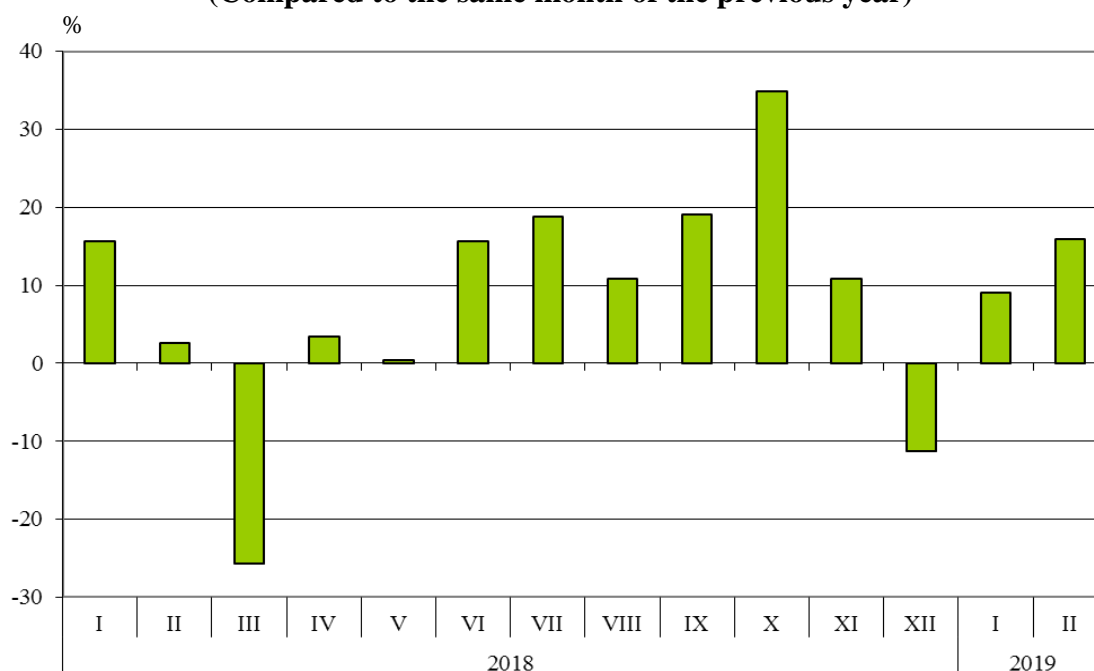
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2019 increased by 12.3% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 3 909.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices) (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 15.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 915.6 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - February 2019** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** the largest growths compared to the same period of the previous year were recorded in the section 'Food and live animals' (34.9%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (28.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (26.0%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - February 2019 was negative and added up to 1 035.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) was also negative and amounted to 694.7 Million BGN.

In **February 2019** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 435.3 Million BGN.

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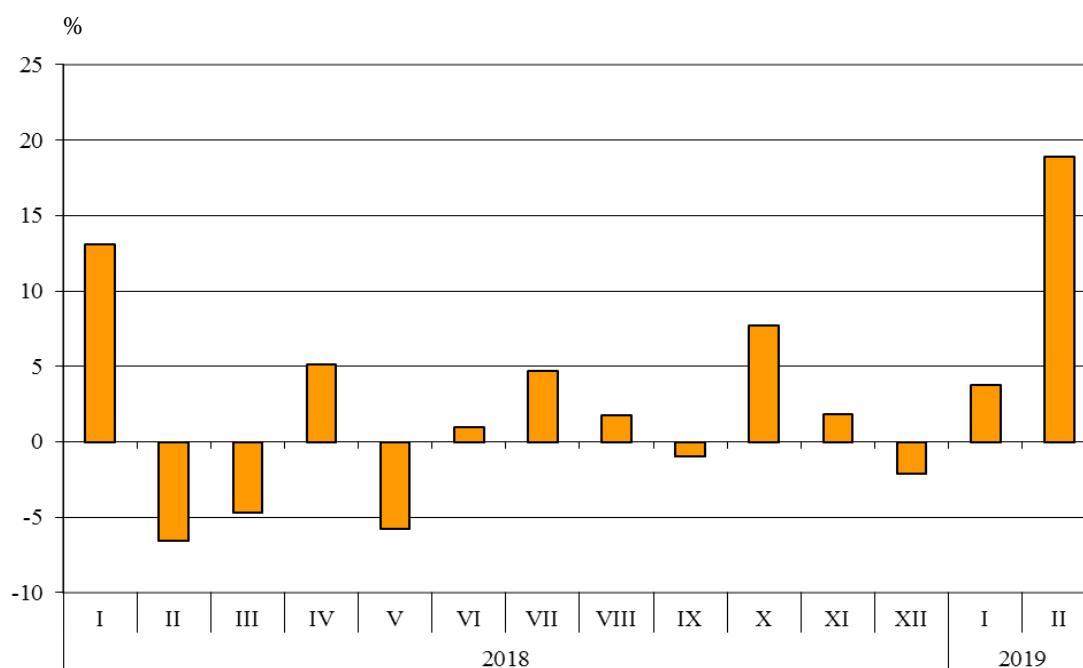


Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 9 202.0 Million BGN which is 10.9% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 643.2 Million BGN and increased by 18.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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



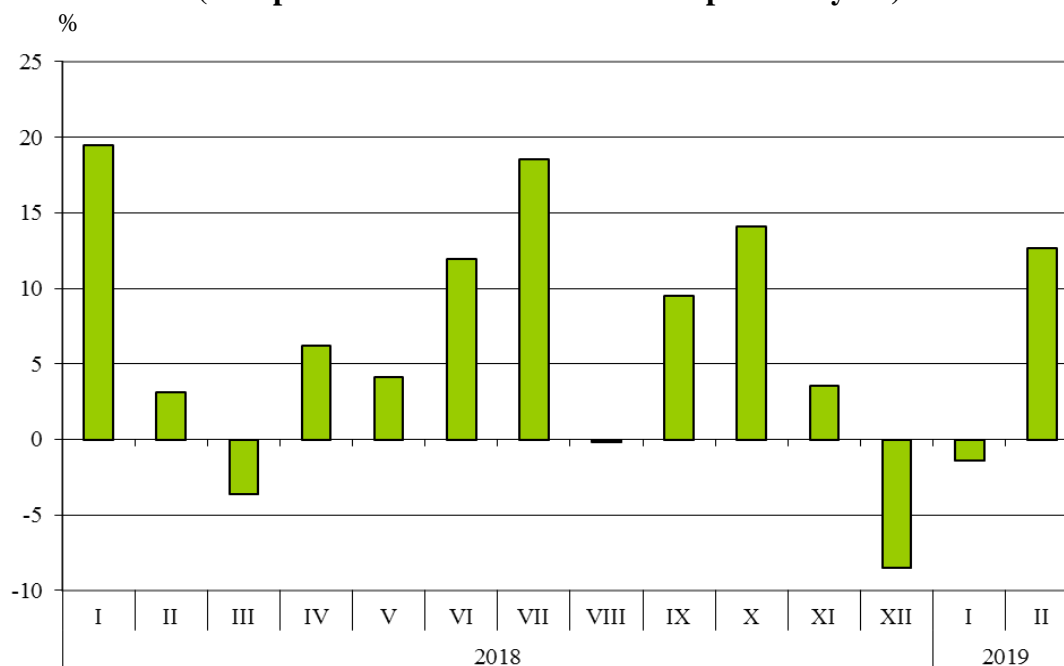
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - February 2019** amounted to 10 129.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 5.2% more than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2019** the total imports of goods increased by 12.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 144.7 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



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



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **the period January - February 2019** and amounted to 927.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - February 2019 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 242.6 Million BGN.

In **February 2019** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 501.5 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 178.0 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2018¹ and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2018	4393.5	3096.8	1296.7	5057.1	3228.7	1828.4	4678.8	3011.6	1667.2	-663.6	-131.9	-531.7	-285.3	85.2	-370.5
II.2018	3904.4	2700.7	1203.7	4568.0	2914.7	1653.3	4256.2	2742.3	1513.9	-663.6	-214.0	-449.6	-351.8	-41.6	-310.2
I - II.2018	8297.9	5797.5	2500.4	9625.1	6143.4	3481.7	8935.0	5753.9	3181.1	-1327.2	-345.9	-981.3	-637.1	43.6	-680.7
I.2019	4558.8	3164.6	1394.2	4984.9	2990.6	1994.3	4623.4	2807.7	1815.7	-426.1	174.0	-600.1	-64.6	356.9	-421.5
II.2019	4643.2	3162.9	1480.3	5144.7	3229.1	1915.6	4821.2	3067.7	1753.5	-501.5	-66.2	-435.3	-178.0	95.2	-273.2
I - II.2019	9202.0	6327.5	2874.5	10129.6	6219.7	3909.9	9444.6	5875.4	3569.2	-927.6	107.8	-1035.4	-242.6	452.1	-694.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2019¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	3.8	2.2	7.5	-1.4	-7.4	9.1	-1.2	-6.8	8.9
II	18.9	17.1	23.0	12.6	10.8	15.9	13.3	11.9	15.8
I - II	10.9	9.1	15.0	5.2	1.2	12.3	5.7	2.1	12.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - February 2018² and 2019²

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	
Third countries -total	2500.4	2874.5	15.0	3481.7	3909.9	12.3	-981.3	-1035.4
of which:								
Albania	27.0	23.6	-12.6	3.8	4.0	5.3	23.2	19.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.9	19.7	-1.0	5.9	5.9	0.0	14.0	13.8
Brazil	5.6	5.8	3.6	14.7	10.2	-30.6	-9.1	-4.4
Canada	13.7	14.2	3.6	24.4	17.7	-27.5	-10.7	-3.5
China	221.8	256.3	15.6	453.7	518.6	14.3	-231.9	-262.3
Egypt	83.2	144.9	74.2	83.8	165.8	97.9	-0.6	-20.9
Georgia	38.8	50.4	29.9	182.5	42.2	-76.9	-143.7	8.2
Gibraltar	25.3	50.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	x	25.3	50.6
India	22.4	29.5	31.7	63.6	58.2	-8.5	-41.2	-28.7
Indonesia	8.5	7.5	-11.8	18.1	174.2	862.4	-9.6	-166.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	14.0	13.2	-5.7	12.1	11.5	-5.0	1.9	1.7
Israel	21.0	59.9	185.2	14.8	15.0	1.4	6.2	44.9
Japan	12.1	10.2	-15.7	36.2	37.1	2.5	-24.1	-26.9
Kazakhstan	9.8	13.6	38.8	3.2	1.0	-68.8	6.6	12.6
Korea, Republic of	12.5	27.9	123.2	48.1	43.7	-9.1	-35.6	-15.8
Libya	9.3	15.3	64.5	4.0	-	-100.0	5.3	15.3
Morocco	18.9	33.4	76.7	30.7	28.6	-6.8	-11.8	4.8
Namibia	53.9	64.2	19.1	0.0	0.0	x	53.9	64.2
Norway	12.5	16.1	28.8	5.6	6.0	7.1	6.9	10.1
Peru	5.6	1.6	-71.4	2.8	3.7	32.1	2.8	-2.1
Republic of North Macedonia	134.1	123.4	-8.0	97.3	68.9	-29.2	36.8	54.5
Russian Federation	121.0	127.7	5.5	846.1	1142.0	35.0	-725.1	-1014.3
Serbia	124.5	175.0	40.6	189.5	156.9	-17.2	-65.0	18.1
Singapore	66.7	65.6	-1.6	16.9	15.9	-5.9	49.8	49.7
South Africa	16.5	31.6	91.5	13.5	19.9	47.4	3.0	11.7
Switzerland	48.0	52.9	10.2	62.2	71.3	14.6	-14.2	-18.4
Syrian Arab Republic	2.4	6.0	150.0	0.3	0.0	x	2.1	6.0
Taiwan	8.8	8.6	-2.3	32.3	32.4	0.3	-23.5	-23.8
Turkey	633.8	577.1	-8.9	576.4	709.4	23.1	57.4	-132.3
Ukraine	45.8	76.6	67.2	161.8	179.5	10.9	-116.0	-102.9
United Arab Emirates	32.2	25.2	-21.7	9.3	5.7	-38.7	22.9	19.5
United States	142.1	193.3	36.0	120.5	81.0	-32.8	21.6	112.3
Viet-Nam	6.9	7.6	10.1	19.3	19.6	1.6	-12.4	-12.0

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 12-th April 2019.

'x' - category not applicable.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - February 2018¹ and 2019¹

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	
Third countries - total	2500.4	2874.5	15.0	3481.7	3909.9	12.3	-981.3	-1035.4
Food and live animals	161.2	266.4	65.3	146.5	197.7	34.9	14.7	68.7
Beverages and tobacco	40.7	56.5	38.8	18.5	23.6	27.6	22.2	32.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	183.3	196.4	7.1	398.6	417.2	4.7	-215.3	-220.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	493.2	535.2	8.5	924.6	1188.7	28.6	-431.4	-653.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	26.1	48.5	85.8	16.9	12.5	-26.0	9.2	36.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	300.8	376.0	25.0	314.3	387.0	23.1	-13.5	-11.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	603.4	573.3	-5.0	732.8	747.8	2.0	-129.4	-174.5
Machinery and transport equipment	445.2	499.0	12.1	673.4	661.6	-1.8	-228.2	-162.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	241.8	316.1	30.7	250.2	267.8	7.0	-8.4	48.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	4.7	7.1	51.1	5.9	6.0	1.7	-1.2	1.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th April 2019.