

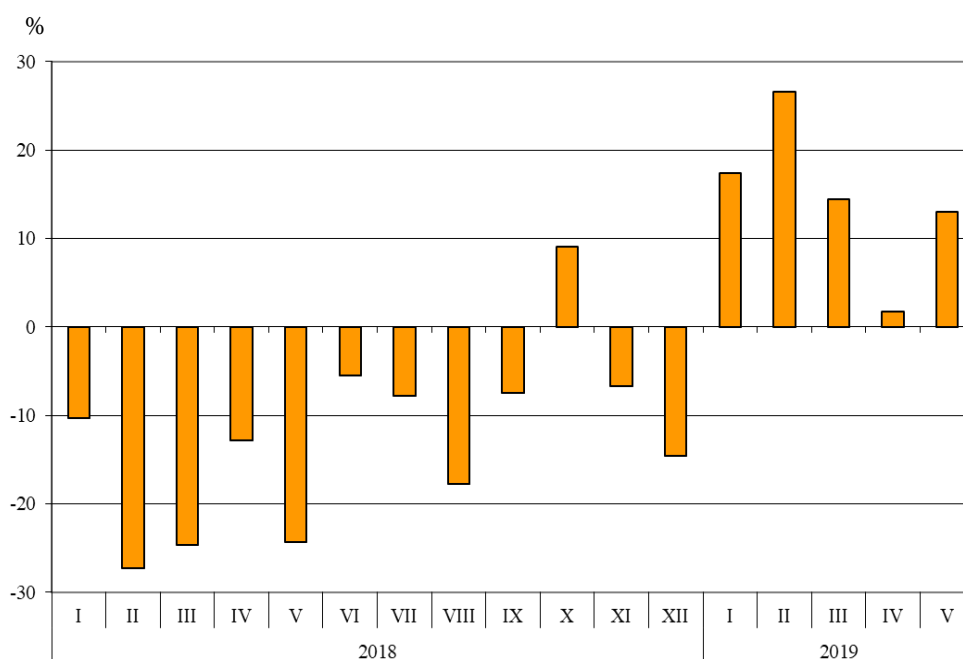


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.4% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 7 390.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, Serbia, the United States, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 50.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 13.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 470.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - May 2019 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growths compared to the same period of the previous year were recorded in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (58.2%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (31.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'<sup>2</sup> (10.0%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

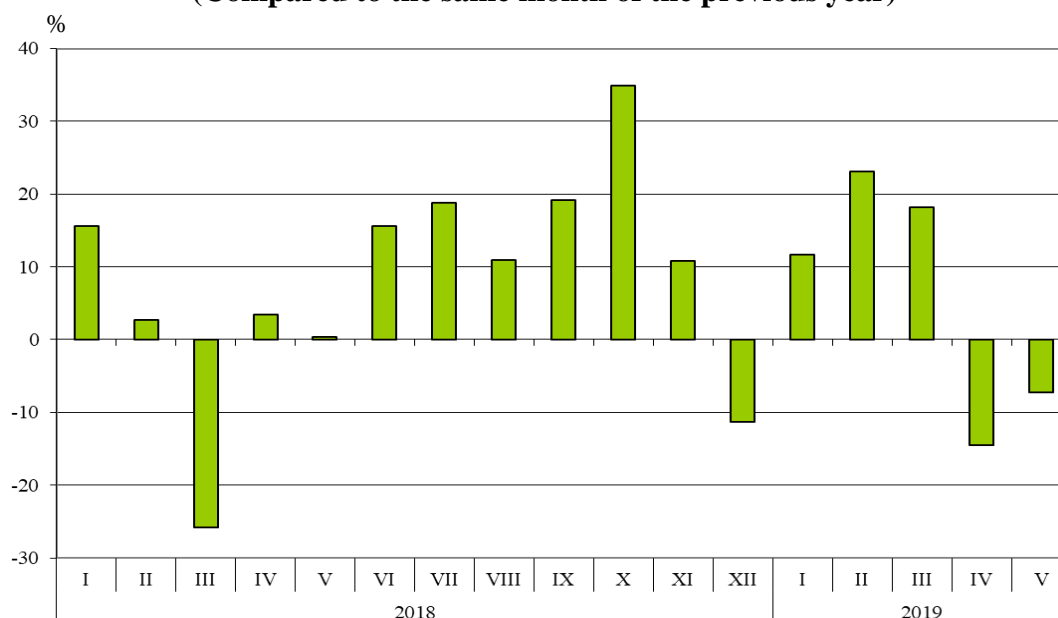
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up 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 - May 2019** increased by 5.6% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 8 986.2 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 7.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 669.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - May 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 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (28.6%) and 'Food and live animals' (22.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Machinery and transport equipment' (1.2%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with third countries** in the period January - May 2019 was negative and added up to 1 595.9 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 818.9 Million BGN.

In **May 2019** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with third countries was negative and amounted to 199.7 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

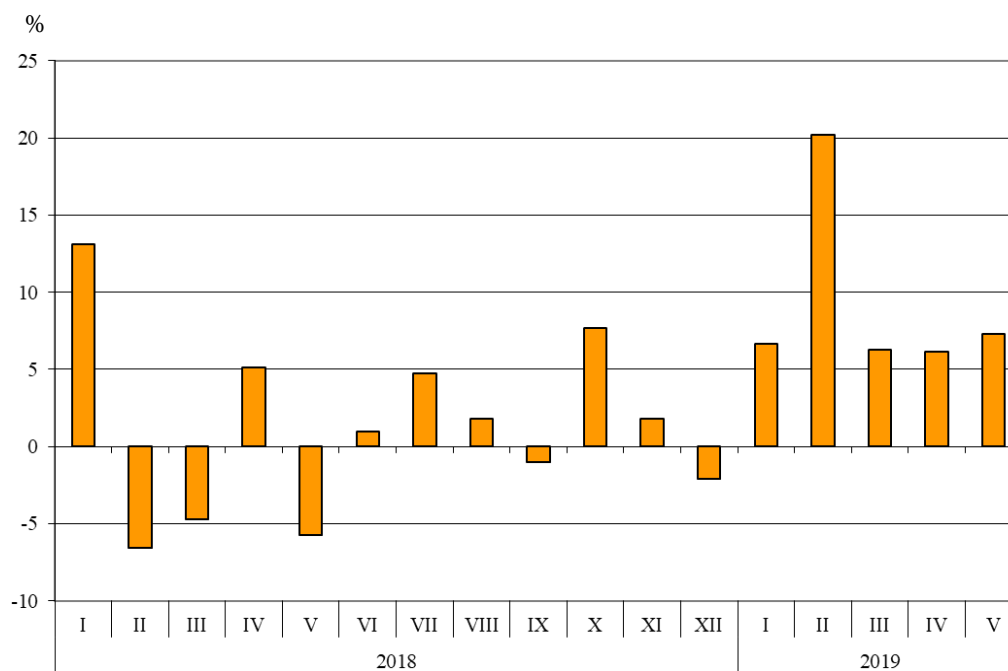


## Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - May 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 23 308.5 Million BGN which is 9.1% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 639.3 Million BGN and increased by 7.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2018 - 2019  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



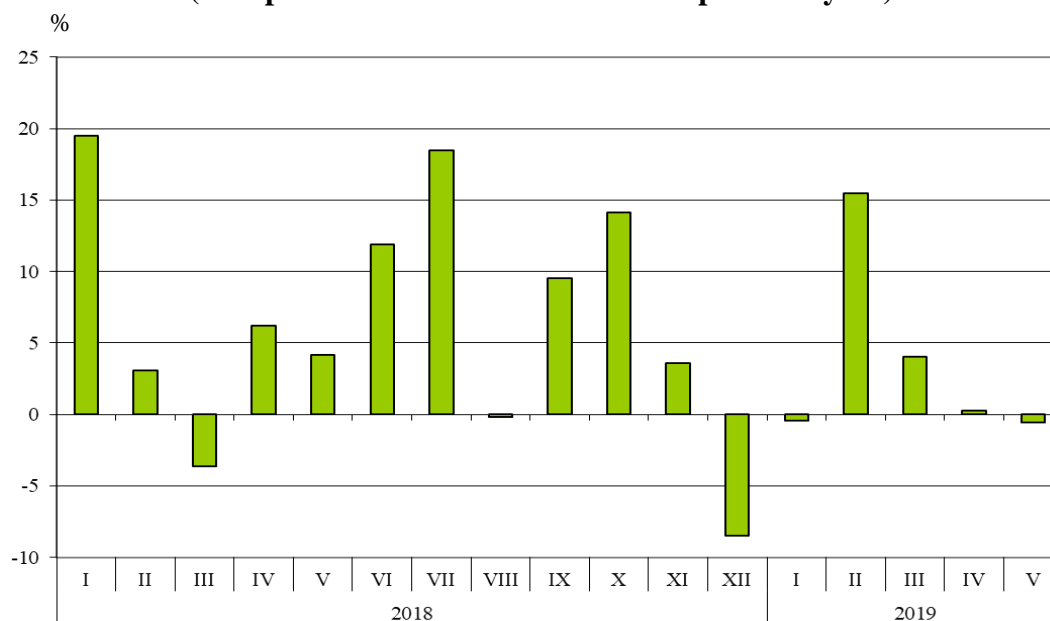
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - May 2019** amounted to 25 747.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 3.5% more than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 0.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 133.1 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - May 2019** and amounted to 2 438.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) in the period January - May 2019 the total foreign trade balance was also negative and added up to 675.7 Million BGN.

In **May 2019** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative and added up to 493.8 Million BGN. The trade balance at FOB/FOB prices was also negative and amounted to 177.4 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2018<sup>1</sup> and 2019<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB <sup>2</sup>		
	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
III.2018	4505.9	3183.0	1322.9	5117.9	3647.6	1470.3	4759.0	3407.5	1351.5	-612.0	-464.6	-147.4	-253.1	-224.5	-28.6
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>12803.8</b>	<b>8980.5</b>	<b>3823.3</b>	<b>14743.0</b>	<b>9791.0</b>	<b>4952.0</b>	<b>13694.0</b>	<b>9161.4</b>	<b>4532.6</b>	<b>-1939.2</b>	<b>-810.5</b>	<b>-1128.7</b>	<b>-890.2</b>	<b>-180.9</b>	<b>-709.3</b>
IV.2018	4236.2	2899.2	1337.0	4965.7	3208.7	1757.0	4609.4	2997.6	1611.8	-729.5	-309.5	-420.0	-373.2	-98.4	-274.8
V.2018	4324.2	3023.0	1301.2	5162.4	3361.0	1801.4	4800.8	3147.1	1653.7	-838.2	-338.0	-500.2	-476.6	-124.1	-352.5
<b>I - V.2018</b>	<b>21364.2</b>	<b>14902.7</b>	<b>6461.5</b>	<b>24871.1</b>	<b>16360.7</b>	<b>8510.4</b>	<b>23104.2</b>	<b>15306.1</b>	<b>7798.1</b>	<b>-3506.9</b>	<b>-1458.0</b>	<b>-2048.9</b>	<b>-1740.0</b>	<b>-403.4</b>	<b>-1336.6</b>
I.2019	4684.7	3162.9	1521.8	5033.5	2992.5	2041.0	4665.9	2809.5	1856.4	-348.8	170.4	-519.2	18.8	353.4	-334.6
II.2019	4694.1	3169.9	1524.2	5274.5	3239.3	2035.2	4898.6	3035.2	1863.4	-580.4	-69.4	-511.0	-204.5	134.7	-339.2
III.2019	4788.4	3274.3	1514.1	5322.9	3586.0	1736.9	4958.4	3377.7	1580.7	-534.5	-311.7	-222.8	-170.0	-103.4	-66.6
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14167.2</b>	<b>9607.1</b>	<b>4560.1</b>	<b>15630.9</b>	<b>9817.8</b>	<b>5813.1</b>	<b>14522.9</b>	<b>9222.4</b>	<b>5300.5</b>	<b>-1463.7</b>	<b>-210.7</b>	<b>-1253.0</b>	<b>-355.7</b>	<b>384.7</b>	<b>-740.4</b>
IV.2019	4502.0	3142.0	1360.0	4983.0	3479.8	1503.2	4644.6	3262.6	1382.0	-481.0	-337.8	-143.2	-142.6	-120.6	-22.0
V.2019	4639.3	3169.1	1470.2	5133.1	3463.2	1669.9	4816.7	3290.0	1526.7	-493.8	-294.1	-199.7	-177.4	-120.9	-56.5
<b>I - V.2019</b>	<b>23308.5</b>	<b>15918.2</b>	<b>7390.3</b>	<b>25747.0</b>	<b>16760.8</b>	<b>8986.2</b>	<b>23984.2</b>	<b>15775.0</b>	<b>8209.2</b>	<b>-2438.5</b>	<b>-842.6</b>	<b>-1595.9</b>	<b>-675.7</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>-818.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2019.

<sup>2</sup> By data of BNB for the transport costs.



**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2019<sup>1</sup> 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	6.6	2.1	17.4	-0.5	-7.3	11.6	-0.3	-6.7	11.3
II	20.2	17.4	26.6	15.5	11.1	23.1	15.1	10.7	23.1
III	6.3	2.9	14.5	4.0	-1.7	18.1	4.2	-0.9	17.0
<b>I - III</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>16.9</b>
IV	6.3	8.4	1.7	0.3	8.4	-14.4	0.8	8.8	-14.3
V	7.3	4.8	13.0	-0.6	3.0	-7.3	0.3	4.5	-7.7
<b>I - V</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
in the period January - May 2018<sup>2</sup> and 2019<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>6461.5</b>	<b>7390.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>8510.4</b>	<b>8986.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-2048.9</b>	<b>-1595.9</b>
of which:								
Albania	67.5	63.8	-5.5	10.5	16.8	60.0	57.0	47.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48.6	53.1	9.3	14.9	19.6	31.5	33.7	33.5
Brazil	36.9	31.2	-15.4	25.7	22.8	-11.3	11.2	8.4
Canada	41.7	39.3	-5.8	60.0	33.2	-44.7	-18.3	6.1
China	492.0	620.3	26.1	1023.5	1205.7	17.8	-531.5	-585.4
Egypt	130.5	227.7	74.5	184.6	384.9	108.5	-54.1	-157.2
Georgia	121.0	122.7	1.4	304.1	255.0	-16.1	-183.1	-132.3
Gibraltar	56.6	106.6	88.3	0.0	0.0	x	56.6	106.6
India	78.1	91.4	17.0	144.5	153.8	6.4	-66.4	-62.4
Indonesia	19.5	20.8	6.7	43.3	215.3	397.2	-23.8	-194.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	23.1	33.9	46.8	27.8	32.3	16.2	-4.7	1.6
Israel	50.5	98.1	94.3	40.7	42.2	3.7	9.8	55.9
Japan	30.1	27.3	-9.3	105.1	104.5	-0.6	-75.0	-77.2
Kazakhstan	16.7	24.6	47.3	4.2	2.4	-42.9	12.5	22.2
Korea, Republic of	43.9	54.8	24.8	125.2	123.1	-1.7	-81.3	-68.3
Libya	47.7	62.1	30.2	4.0	0.0	x	43.7	62.1
Morocco	64.4	55.5	-13.8	62.7	62.3	-0.6	1.7	-6.8
Namibia	126.1	113.3	-10.2	0.0	0.0	x	126.1	113.3
Norway	31.5	34.0	7.9	22.6	20.1	-11.1	8.9	13.9
Peru	7.8	7.0	-10.3	26.6	5.9	-77.8	-18.8	1.1
Republic of North Macedonia	337.0	331.7	-1.6	262.8	209.2	-20.4	74.2	122.5
Russian Federation	304.9	387.3	27.0	2063.1	2056.5	-0.3	-1758.2	-1669.2
Serbia	366.2	490.8	34.0	499.0	455.6	-8.7	-132.8	35.2
Singapore	169.1	97.4	-42.4	34.6	30.7	-11.3	134.5	66.7
South Africa	72.0	98.6	36.9	34.8	49.5	42.2	37.2	49.1
Switzerland	125.5	135.4	7.9	180.5	192.3	6.5	-55.0	-56.9
Syrian Arab Republic	14.8	9.8	-33.8	0.3	0.1	-66.7	14.5	9.7
Taiwan	22.4	21.1	-5.8	85.1	79.8	-6.2	-62.7	-58.7
Turkey	1617.7	1533.5	-5.2	1553.6	1773.5	14.2	64.1	-240.0
Ukraine	127.4	195.2	53.2	395.6	453.1	14.5	-268.2	-257.9
United Arab Emirates	75.0	86.5	15.3	25.4	23.8	-6.3	49.6	62.7
United States	311.0	396.5	27.5	232.1	202.6	-12.7	78.9	193.9
Viet-Nam	17.7	24.8	40.1	37.9	47.5	25.3	-20.2	-22.7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2019.

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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 - May 2018<sup>1</sup> and 2019<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>6461.5</b>	<b>7390.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>8510.4</b>	<b>8986.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-2048.9</b>	<b>-1595.9</b>
Food and live animals	530.7	679.9	28.1	364.0	444.1	22.0	166.7	235.8
Beverages and tobacco	101.9	120.8	18.5	78.7	95.4	21.2	23.2	25.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	430.0	526.1	22.3	942.8	1015.5	7.7	-512.8	-489.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	873.2	1381.1	58.2	2101.2	2207.3	5.0	-1228.0	-826.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	99.7	131.4	31.8	33.9	43.6	28.6	65.8	87.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	783.4	998.3	27.4	791.6	933.8	18.0	-8.2	64.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1625.6	1463.1	-10.0	1910.8	1909.6	-0.1	-285.2	-446.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1184.6	1268.7	7.1	1663.0	1642.6	-1.2	-478.4	-373.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	818.0	802.7	-1.9	608.5	677.7	11.4	209.5	125.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.4	18.2	26.4	15.9	16.6	4.4	-1.5	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th July 2019.