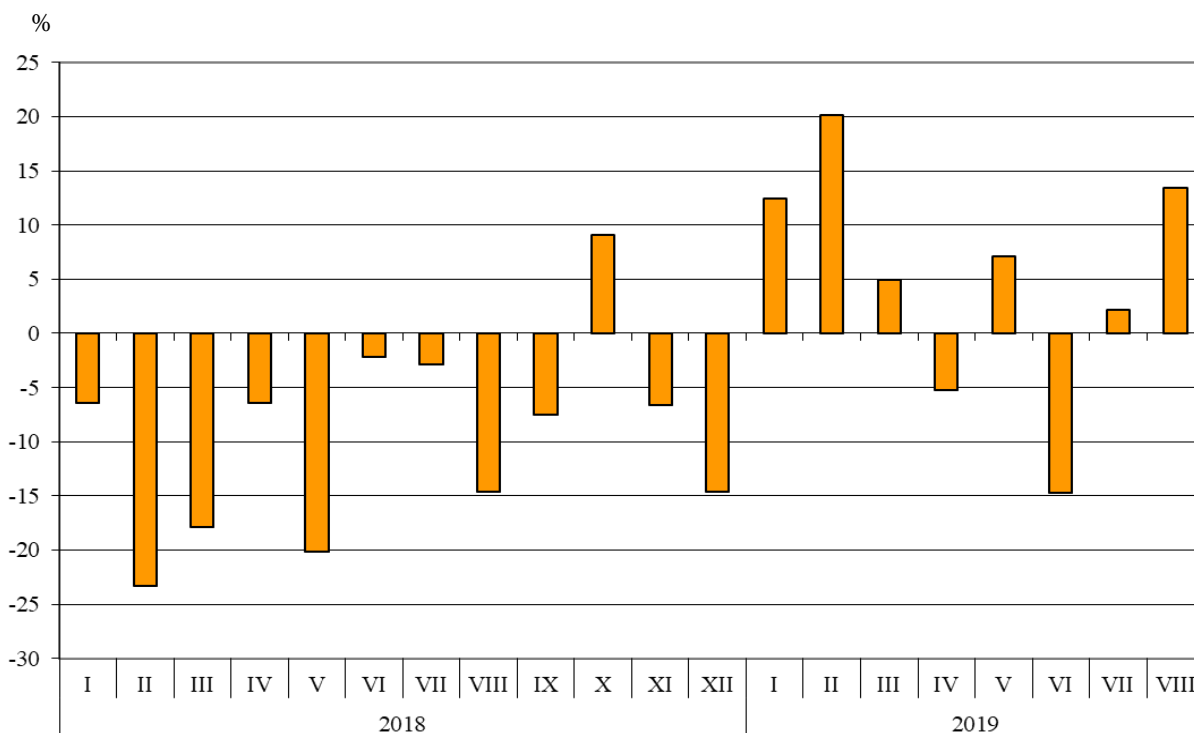


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 4.3% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 12 118.0 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 49.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 13.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 607.7 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 - August 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 'Food and live animals' (33.5%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (25.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'<sup>2</sup> (17.0%).

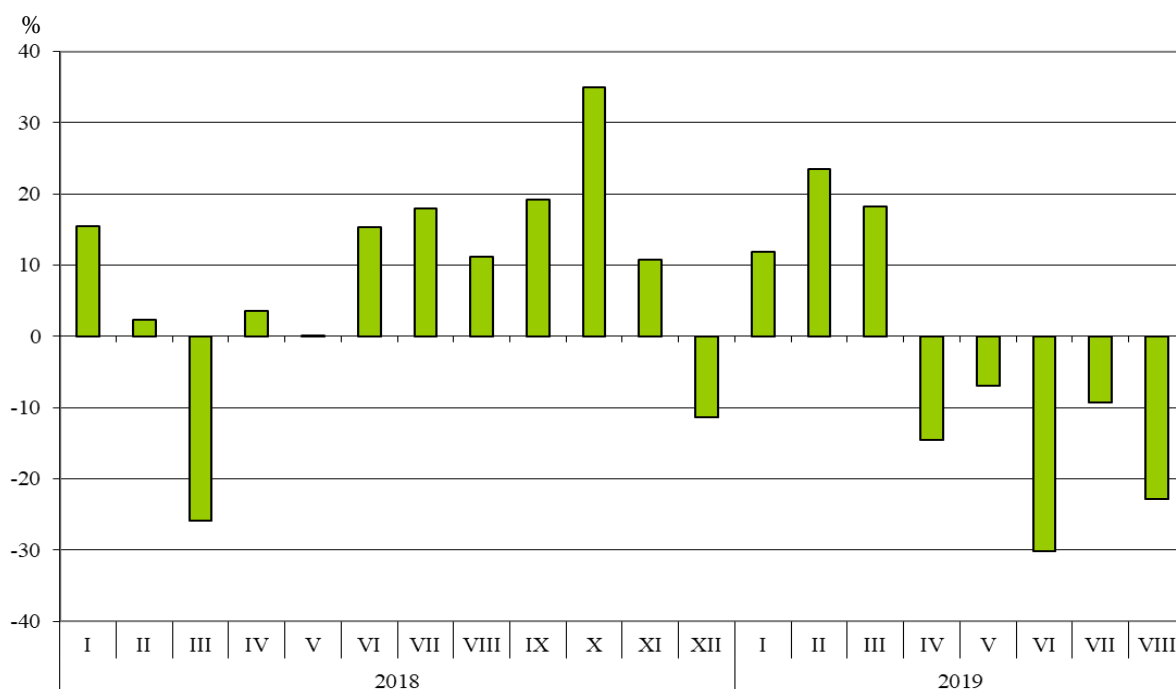
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<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 - August 2019** decreased by 5.3% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 13 813.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **August 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 22.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 548.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</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 - August 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 sections 'Food and live animals' (25.7%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (22.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (27.0%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - August 2019 was negative and added up to 1 695.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In August 2019 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was positive and amounted to 59.1 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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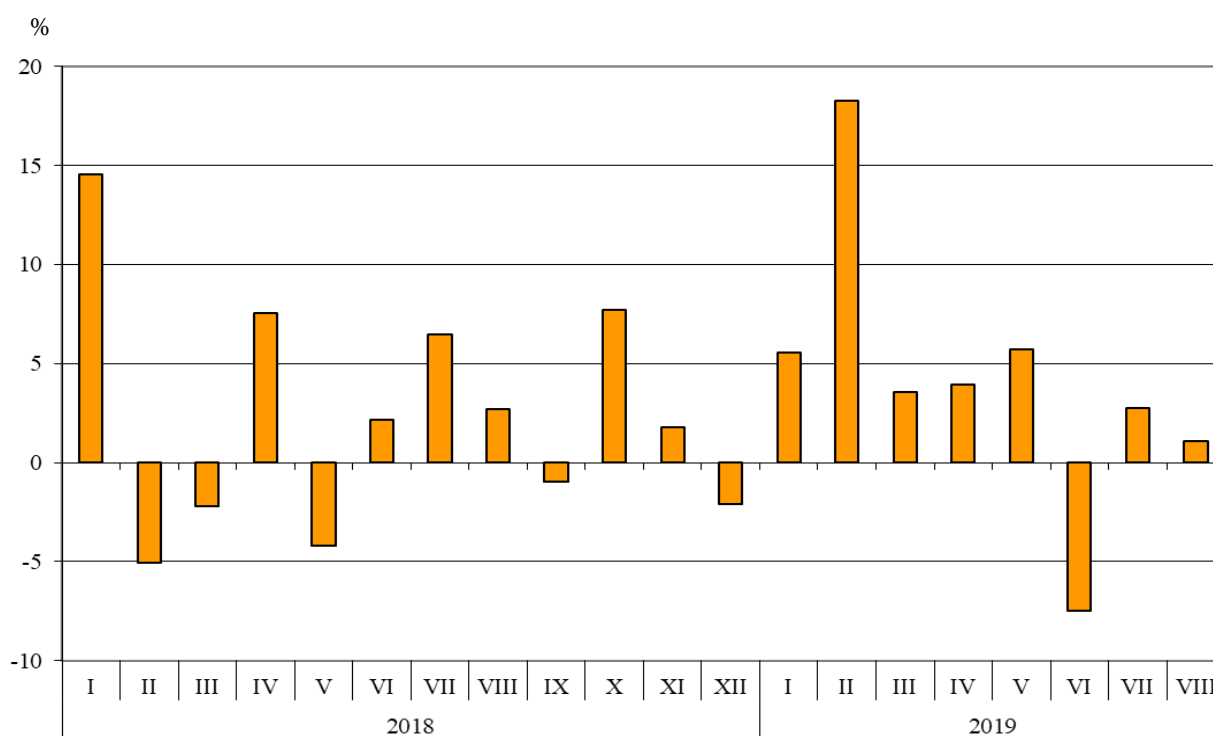
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - August 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 37 900.9 Million BGN which is 3.8% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 4 761.0 Million BGN and increased by 1.1% 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)**



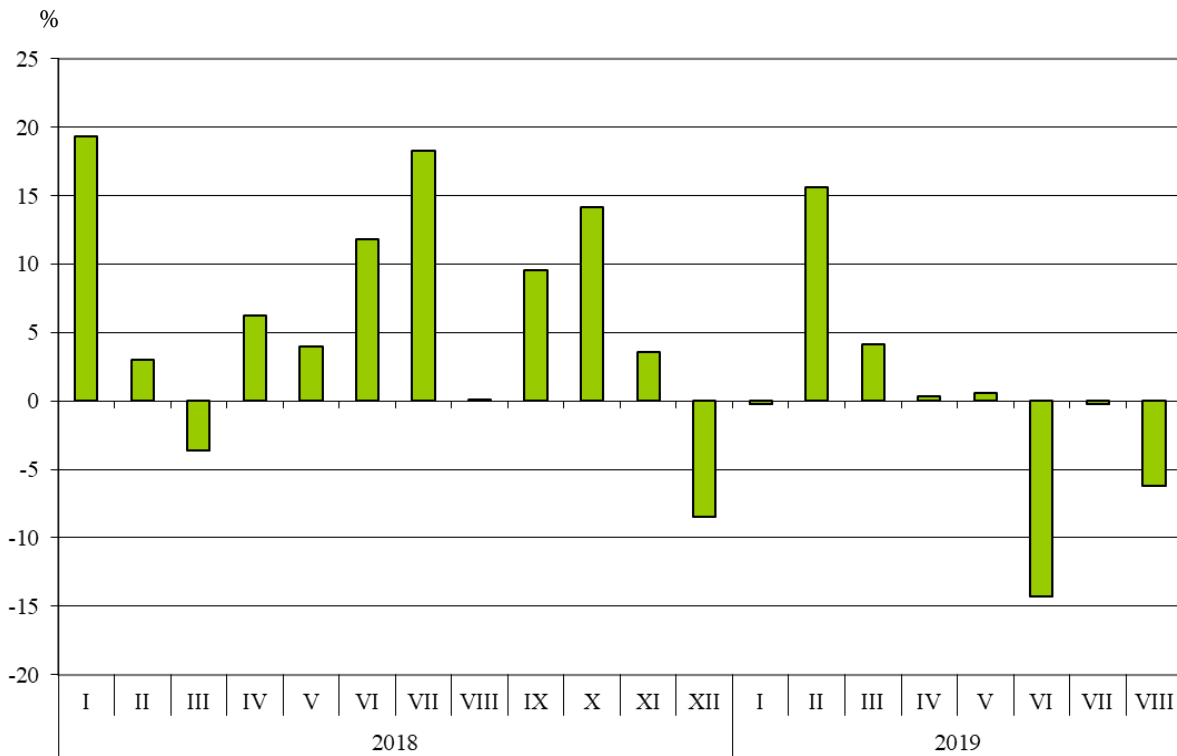
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2019** amounted to 40 779.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 0.4% less than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 6.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 671.6 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 - August 2019 and amounted to 2 878.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In August 2019 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was positive and added up to 89.4 Million BGN.

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



Annex

Table 1

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

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>13044.6</b>	<b>8980.9</b>	<b>4063.7</b>	<b>14731.3</b>	<b>9789.3</b>	<b>4942.0</b>	<b>-1686.7</b>	<b>-808.4</b>	<b>-878.3</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13618.9</b>	<b>9125.4</b>	<b>4493.5</b>	<b>15618.3</b>	<b>10005.8</b>	<b>5612.5</b>	<b>-1999.4</b>	<b>-880.4</b>	<b>-1119.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>26663.5</b>	<b>18106.3</b>	<b>8557.2</b>	<b>30349.6</b>	<b>19795.1</b>	<b>10554.5</b>	<b>-3686.1</b>	<b>-1688.8</b>	<b>-1997.3</b>
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
<b>I - VIII.2018</b>	<b>36516.0</b>	<b>24894.7</b>	<b>11621.3</b>	<b>40927.7</b>	<b>26335.2</b>	<b>14592.5</b>	<b>-4411.7</b>	<b>-1440.5</b>	<b>-2971.2</b>
I.2019	4697.5	3175.1	1522.4	5038.9	2998.9	2040.0	-341.4	176.2	-517.6
II.2019	4693.5	3169.6	1523.9	5277.1	3242.1	2035.0	-583.6	-72.5	-511.1
III.2019	4791.1	3277.4	1513.7	5330.5	3593.7	1736.8	-539.4	-316.3	-223.1
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14182.1</b>	<b>9622.1</b>	<b>4560.0</b>	<b>15646.5</b>	<b>9834.7</b>	<b>5811.8</b>	<b>-1464.4</b>	<b>-212.6</b>	<b>-1251.8</b>
IV.2019	4504.5	3144.5	1360.0	4983.5	3480.3	1503.2	-479.0	-335.8	-143.2
V.2019	4647.2	3177.2	1470.0	5184.2	3514.5	1669.7	-537.0	-337.3	-199.7
VI.2019	4523.2	3085.8	1437.4	4709.5	3272.5	1437.0	-186.3	-186.7	0.4
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>13674.9</b>	<b>9407.5</b>	<b>4267.4</b>	<b>14877.2</b>	<b>10267.3</b>	<b>4609.9</b>	<b>-1202.3</b>	<b>-859.8</b>	<b>-342.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>27857.0</b>	<b>19029.6</b>	<b>8827.4</b>	<b>30523.7</b>	<b>20102.0</b>	<b>10421.7</b>	<b>-2666.7</b>	<b>-1072.4</b>	<b>-1594.3</b>
VII.2019	5282.9	3600.0	1682.9	5584.3	3740.7	1843.6	-301.4	-140.7	-160.7
VIII.2019	4761.0	3153.3	1607.7	4671.6	3123.0	1548.6	89.4	30.3	59.1
<b>I - VIII.2019</b>	<b>37900.9</b>	<b>25782.9</b>	<b>12118.0</b>	<b>40779.6</b>	<b>26965.7</b>	<b>13813.9</b>	<b>-2878.7</b>	<b>-1182.8</b>	<b>-1695.9</b>

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - August 2019<sup>1</sup> 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	12.5	-0.2	-7.0	11.8
II	18.3	17.4	20.1	15.6	11.2	23.4
III	3.6	2.9	5.0	4.2	-1.5	18.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>
IV	3.9	8.5	-5.2	0.3	8.5	-14.5
V	5.7	5.1	7.1	0.6	4.6	-7.0
VI	-7.5	-3.6	-14.8	-14.3	-4.8	-30.2
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-17.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
VII	2.7	3.0	2.2	-0.3	4.9	-9.3
VIII	1.1	-4.2	13.4	-6.2	5.0	-22.8
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-5.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2019.



**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - August 2018 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>11621.3</b>	<b>12118.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14592.5</b>	<b>13813.9</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-2971.2</b>	<b>-1695.9</b>
of which:								
Albania	112.7	111.7	-0.9	17.1	26.9	57.3	95.6	84.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	83.3	78.0	-6.4	27.1	34.1	25.8	56.2	43.9
Brazil	48.9	42.4	-13.3	41.7	35.4	-15.1	7.2	7.0
Canada	81.3	70.1	-13.8	87.3	53.8	-38.4	-6.0	16.3
China	889.5	962.1	8.2	1719.4	1939.8	12.8	-829.9	-977.7
Egypt	299.2	403.9	35.0	588.5	608.1	3.3	-289.3	-204.2
Georgia	220.3	184.8	-16.1	421.4	349.8	-17.0	-201.1	-165.0
Gibraltar	189.1	167.8	-11.3	0.0	6.3	x	189.1	161.5
India	131.0	143.7	9.7	253.2	233.1	-7.9	-122.2	-89.4
Indonesia	39.1	48.6	24.3	109.1	239.1	119.2	-70.0	-190.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	48.4	64.9	34.1	43.1	47.3	9.7	5.3	17.6
Israel	105.6	175.3	66.0	56.5	67.2	18.9	49.1	108.1
Japan	59.0	58.3	-1.2	175.5	167.9	-4.3	-116.5	-109.6
Kazakhstan	31.2	38.7	24.0	5.8	2.9	-50.0	25.4	35.8
Korea, Republic of	106.7	125.0	17.2	204.4	198.0	-3.1	-97.7	-73.0
Libya	67.9	84.9	25.0	5.1	0.0	x	62.8	84.9
Morocco	92.4	70.3	-23.9	176.0	122.2	-30.6	-83.6	-51.9
Namibia	151.0	175.9	16.5	0.0	0.0	x	151.0	175.9
Norway	57.1	53.4	-6.5	45.2	30.6	-32.3	11.9	22.8
Peru	14.4	11.8	-18.1	55.9	8.7	-84.4	-41.5	3.1
Republic of North Macedonia	543.8	533.8	-1.8	420.2	319.8	-23.9	123.6	214.0
Russian Federation	533.4	620.6	16.3	3821.6	2803.9	-26.6	-3288.2	-2183.3
Serbia	649.9	757.0	16.5	814.7	778.9	-4.4	-164.8	-21.9
Singapore	330.4	145.9	-55.8	54.0	47.0	-13.0	276.4	98.9
South Africa	116.6	137.0	17.5	44.0	71.5	62.5	72.6	65.5
Switzerland	212.4	229.6	8.1	288.0	322.1	11.8	-75.6	-92.5
Syrian Arab Republic	20.5	40.5	97.6	0.5	0.2	-60.0	20.0	40.3
Taiwan	58.8	31.3	-46.8	145.1	123.8	-14.7	-86.3	-92.5
Turkey	2708.1	2530.1	-6.6	2468.0	2729.6	10.6	240.1	-199.5
Ukraine	248.6	440.0	77.0	629.7	701.8	11.4	-381.1	-261.8
United Arab Emirates	136.7	124.8	-8.7	35.0	42.9	22.6	101.7	81.9
United States	689.3	621.8	-9.8	345.9	414.6	19.9	343.4	207.2
Viet-Nam	39.8	41.9	5.3	60.9	80.6	32.3	-21.1	-38.7

<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 10-th October 2019.

'x'- category not applicable.

'0'- figure less than half of the unit used.



**Table 4**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4**  
**in the period January - August 2018 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>11621.3</b>	<b>12118.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>14592.5</b>	<b>13813.9</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-2971.2</b>	<b>-1695.9</b>
Food and live animals	889.5	1187.7	33.5	540.4	679.2	25.7	349.1	508.5
Beverages and tobacco	178.5	180.3	1.0	135.7	159.8	17.8	42.8	20.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	747.2	842.6	12.8	1542.7	1448.7	-6.1	-795.5	-606.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1875.8	2360.3	25.8	4128.6	3012.9	-27.0	-2252.8	-652.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	178.1	174.2	-2.2	55.0	67.1	22.0	123.1	107.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1390.7	1573.3	13.1	1396.5	1477.3	5.8	-5.8	96.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2787.9	2313.3	-17.0	3038.4	3157.3	3.9	-250.5	-844.0
Machinery and transport equipment	2019.6	2062.7	2.1	2714.5	2643.6	-2.6	-694.9	-580.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1532.0	1394.3	-9.0	1014.9	1141.2	12.4	517.1	253.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	22.0	29.3	33.2	25.8	26.8	3.9	-3.8	2.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th October 2019.