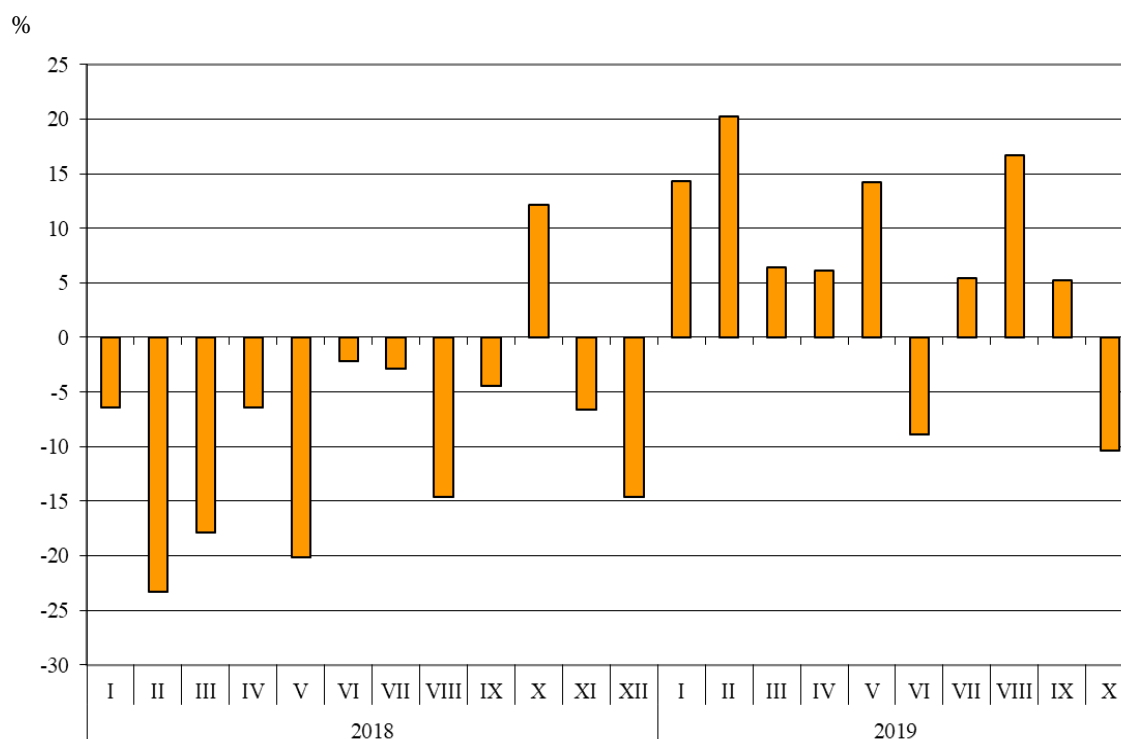


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - October 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 5.8% in comparison with the same period of the previous year and added up to 16 026.9 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 50.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In October 2019 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 10.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 775.6 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 - October 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' (56.8%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (24.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (21.8%).

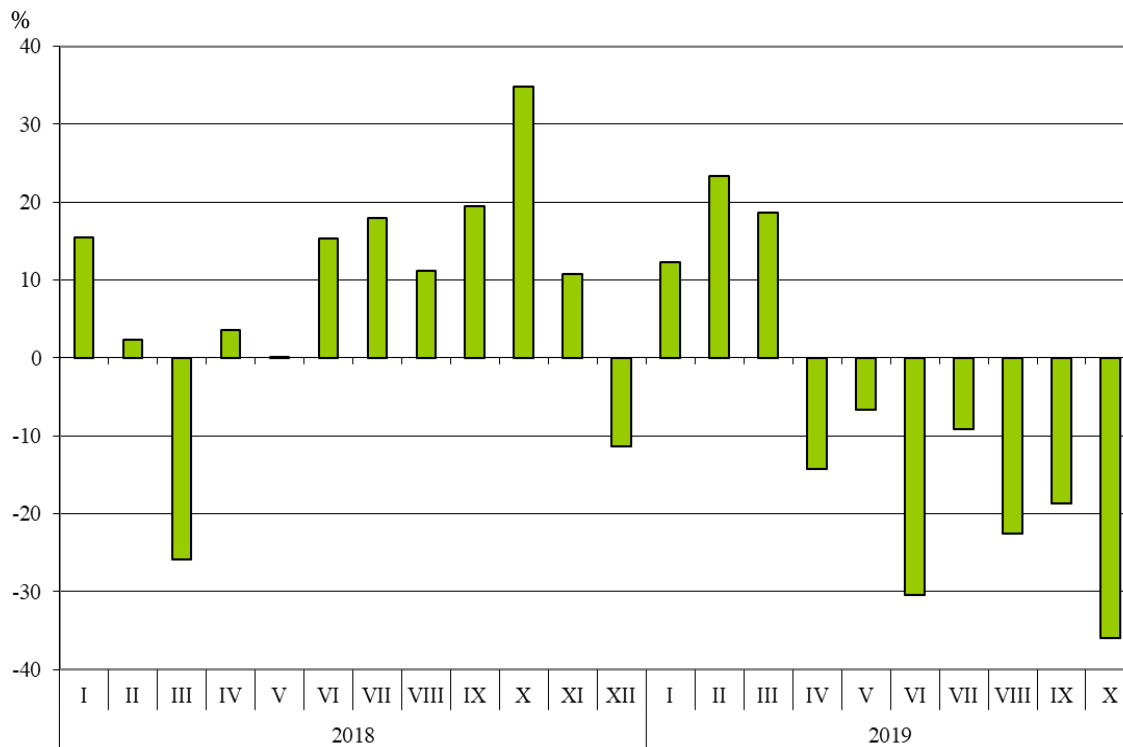
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - October 2019** decreased by 10.7% in comparison with same period of 2018 and added up to 17 048.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2019** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 35.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 635.3 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - October 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' (23.9%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (17.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (37.9%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - October 2019 was negative and added up to 1 021.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In October 2019 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was positive and amounted to 140.3 Million BGN.

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

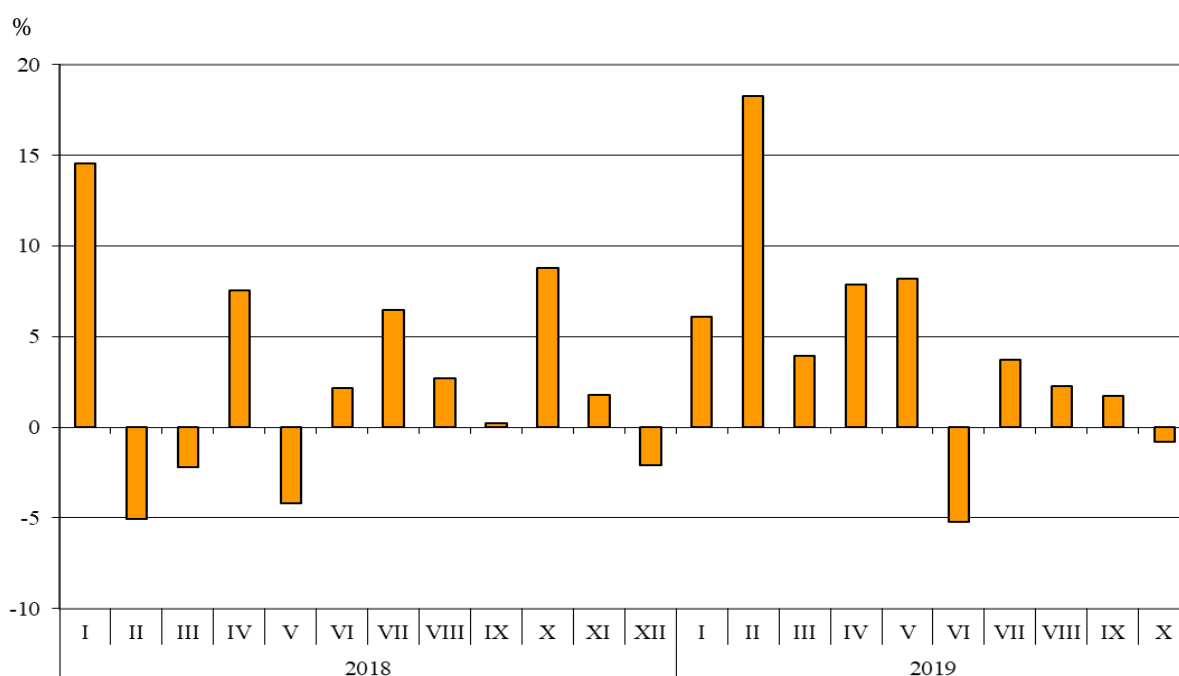
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - October 2019** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 48 702.6 Million BGN which is 4.2% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2019** the total exports of goods added up to 5 402.2 Million BGN and decreased by 0.8% 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)**



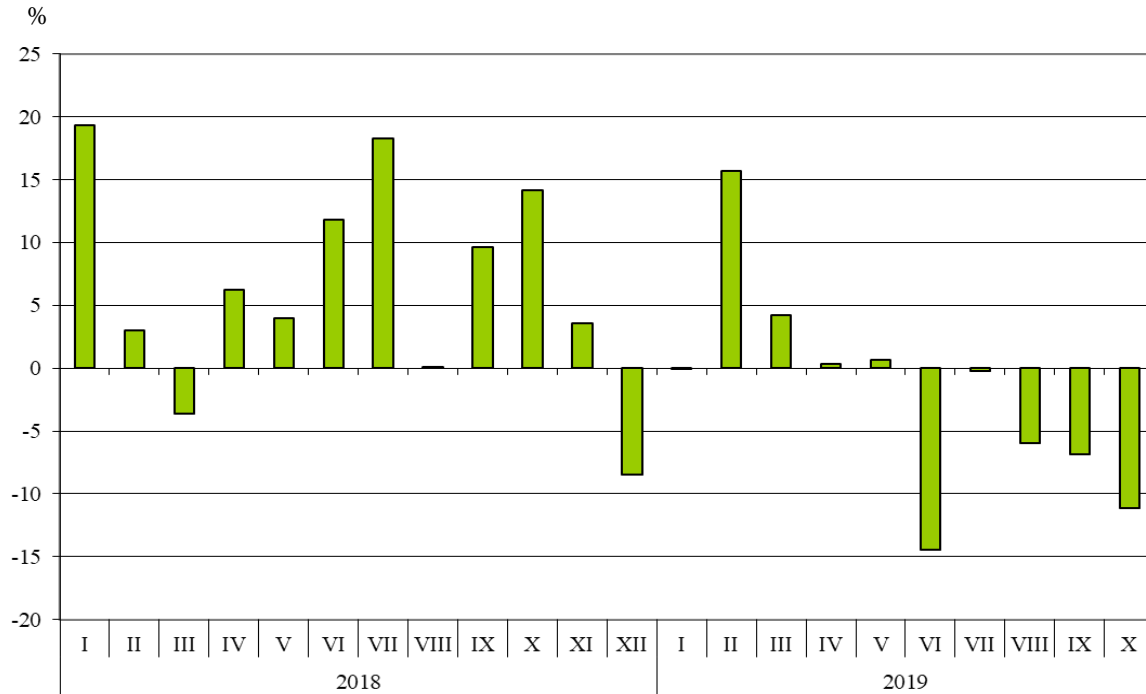
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - October 2019** amounted to 51 157.1 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 2.2% less than the same period of 2018 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2019** the total imports of goods decreased by 11.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 534.1 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 - October 2019 and amounted to 2 454.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In October 2019 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 131.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 2018 and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			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
I - X.2018	46740.8	31593.4	15147.4	52327.5	33245.3	19082.2	-5586.7	-1651.9	-3934.8
I.2019	4722.3	3174.9	1547.4	5049.5	3001.2	2048.3	-327.2	173.7	-500.9
II.2019	4693.3	3167.7	1525.6	5279.3	3246.3	2033.0	-586.0	-78.6	-507.4
III.2019	4807.8	3273.3	1534.5	5334.7	3592.7	1742.0	-526.9	-319.4	-207.5
I - III.2019	14223.4	9615.9	4607.5	15663.5	9840.2	5823.3	-1440.1	-224.3	-1215.8
IV.2019	4675.9	3153.5	1522.4	4985.7	3476.9	1508.8	-309.8	-323.4	13.6
V.2019	4756.1	3188.9	1567.2	5187.5	3512.2	1675.3	-431.4	-323.3	-108.1
VI.2019	4633.3	3096.2	1537.1	4700.3	3268.1	1432.2	-67.0	-171.9	104.9
IV - VI.2019	14065.3	9438.6	4626.7	14873.5	10257.2	4616.3	-808.2	-818.6	10.4
I - VI.2019	28288.7	19054.5	9234.2	30537.0	20097.4	10439.6	-2248.3	-1042.9	-1205.4
VII.2019	5334.7	3599.0	1735.7	5587.1	3741.3	1845.8	-252.4	-142.3	-110.1
VIII.2019	4816.4	3161.8	1654.6	4681.3	3127.3	1554.0	135.1	34.5	100.6
IX.2019	4860.6	3233.8	1626.8	4817.6	3243.7	1573.9	43.0	-9.9	52.9
VII - IX.2019	15011.7	9994.6	5017.1	15086.0	10112.3	4973.7	-74.3	-117.7	43.4
I - IX.2019	43300.4	29049.1	14251.3	45623.0	30209.7	15413.3	-2322.6	-1160.6	-1162.0
X.2019	5402.2	3626.6	1775.6	5534.1	3898.8	1635.3	-131.9	-272.2	140.3
I - X.2019	48702.6	32675.7	16026.9	51157.1	34108.5	17048.6	-2454.5	-1432.8	-1021.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2019.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria
in the period January - October 2019¹ 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	6.1	2.5	14.3	0.0	-7.0	12.3
II	18.3	17.3	20.3	15.7	11.4	23.3
III	3.9	2.8	6.4	4.3	-1.5	18.6
I - III	9.0	7.1	13.4	6.3	0.5	17.8
IV	7.9	8.8	6.1	0.4	8.3	-14.2
V	8.2	5.5	14.2	0.6	4.6	-6.7
VI	-5.2	-3.3	-8.9	-14.5	-4.9	-30.4
IV - VI	3.3	3.4	3.0	-4.8	2.5	-17.7
I - VI	6.1	5.2	7.9	0.6	1.5	-1.1
VII	3.7	2.9	5.4	-0.2	4.9	-9.2
VIII	2.3	-4.0	16.7	-6.0	5.2	-22.5
IX	1.7	0.0	5.3	-6.8	0.3	-18.8
VII - IX	2.6	-0.3	8.8	-4.2	3.5	-16.8
I - IX	4.9	3.3	8.2	-1.0	2.2	-6.8
X	-0.8	4.7	-10.3	-11.2	6.0	-35.9
I - X	4.2	3.4	5.8	-2.2	2.6	-10.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th
December 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - October 2018 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	15147.4	16026.9	5.8	19082.2	17048.6	-10.7	-3934.8	-1021.7
of which:								
Albania	138.8	140.9	1.5	24.5	41.0	67.3	114.3	99.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	105.7	99.1	-6.2	36.2	42.9	18.5	69.5	56.2
Brazil	56.1	52.1	-7.1	78.7	44.1	-44.0	-22.6	8.0
Canada	133.9	132.1	-1.3	105.6	62.8	-40.5	28.3	69.3
China	1168.4	1230.7	5.3	2188.6	2447.6	11.8	-1020.2	-1216.9
Egypt	372.1	557.6	49.9	775.1	692.6	-10.6	-403.0	-135.0
Georgia	286.9	240.8	-16.1	541.1	379.3	-29.9	-254.2	-138.5
Gibraltar	258.3	247.0	-4.4	0.0	6.3	x	258.3	240.7
India	160.1	179.0	11.8	319.2	287.8	-9.8	-159.1	-108.8
Indonesia	48.1	94.5	96.5	309.6	254.6	-17.8	-261.5	-160.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	62.5	95.7	53.1	53.7	56.2	4.7	8.8	39.5
Israel	126.6	234.1	84.9	67.9	78.4	15.5	58.7	155.7
Japan	72.8	82.6	13.5	225.9	218.9	-3.1	-153.1	-136.3
Kazakhstan	43.5	48.4	11.3	8.9	3.9	-56.2	34.6	44.5
Korea, Republic of	148.1	227.8	53.8	252.7	249.1	-1.4	-104.6	-21.3
Libya	75.7	110.6	46.1	5.1	0.0	x	70.6	110.6
Morocco	124.6	87.5	-29.8	246.3	148.7	-39.6	-121.7	-61.2
Namibia	169.6	203.4	19.9	0.1	0.0	x	169.5	203.4
Norway	72.3	71.0	-1.8	53.6	37.2	-30.6	18.7	33.8
Peru	15.9	16.1	1.3	67.4	13.8	-79.5	-51.5	2.3
Republic of North Macedonia	684.7	677.7	-1.0	534.4	406.1	-24.0	150.3	271.6
Russian Federation	664.9	856.7	28.8	5121.3	3314.3	-35.3	-4456.4	-2457.6
Serbia	841.1	973.7	15.8	1022.3	1003.7	-1.8	-181.2	-30.0
Singapore	424.6	167.4	-60.6	65.1	63.0	-3.2	359.5	104.4
South Africa	215.2	177.2	-17.7	59.2	84.8	43.2	156.0	92.4
Switzerland	265.2	309.2	16.6	397.2	414.3	4.3	-132.0	-105.1
Syrian Arab Republic	26.2	48.4	84.7	0.5	0.3	-40.0	25.7	48.1
Taiwan	68.0	44.4	-34.7	187.6	161.2	-14.1	-119.6	-116.8
Turkey	3727.8	3413.1	-8.4	3204.6	3449.1	7.6	523.2	-36.0
Ukraine	307.5	595.6	93.7	785.9	877.2	11.6	-478.4	-281.6
United Arab Emirates	173.7	153.5	-11.6	43.4	54.7	26.0	130.3	98.8
United States	863.3	861.6	-0.2	441.9	505.9	14.5	421.4	355.7
Viet-Nam	49.9	59.7	19.6	77.9	107.3	37.7	-28.0	-47.6

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 11-th December 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 - October 2018 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	15147.4	16026.9	5.8	19082.2	17048.6	-10.7	-	-
Food and live animals	1096.8	1719.5	56.8	690.4	855.4	23.9	406.4	864.1
Beverages and tobacco	239.3	237.8	-0.6	174.5	204.8	17.4	64.8	33.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	934.1	1130.9	21.1	2216.7	1653.0	-25.4	1282.6	-522.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2515.9	3134.7	24.6	5535.2	3434.7	-37.9	3019.3	-300.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	208.8	213.4	2.2	68.4	80.5	17.7	140.4	132.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1781.8	2055.4	15.4	1779.5	1855.1	4.2	2.3	200.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3850.2	3012.6	-21.8	3875.3	4115.1	6.2	-25.1	1102.5
Machinery and transport equipment	2515.7	2704.0	7.5	3423.1	3333.8	-2.6	-907.4	-629.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1977.4	1780.8	-9.9	1286.0	1482.0	15.2	691.4	298.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	27.4	37.8	38.0	33.1	34.2	3.3	-5.7	3.6

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