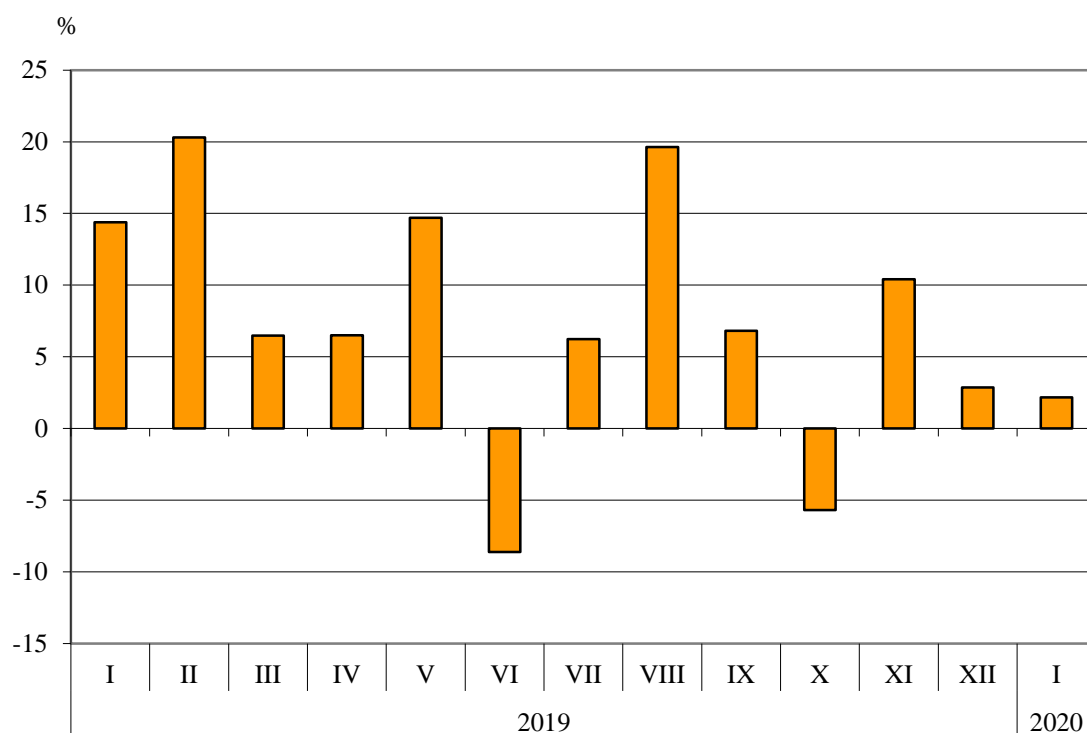


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 2.2% in comparison with the same month of 2019 and added up to 1 581.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 53.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In **January 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growths compared to January 2019 were recorded in sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)<sup>2</sup> (58.3%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (46.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (20.8%).

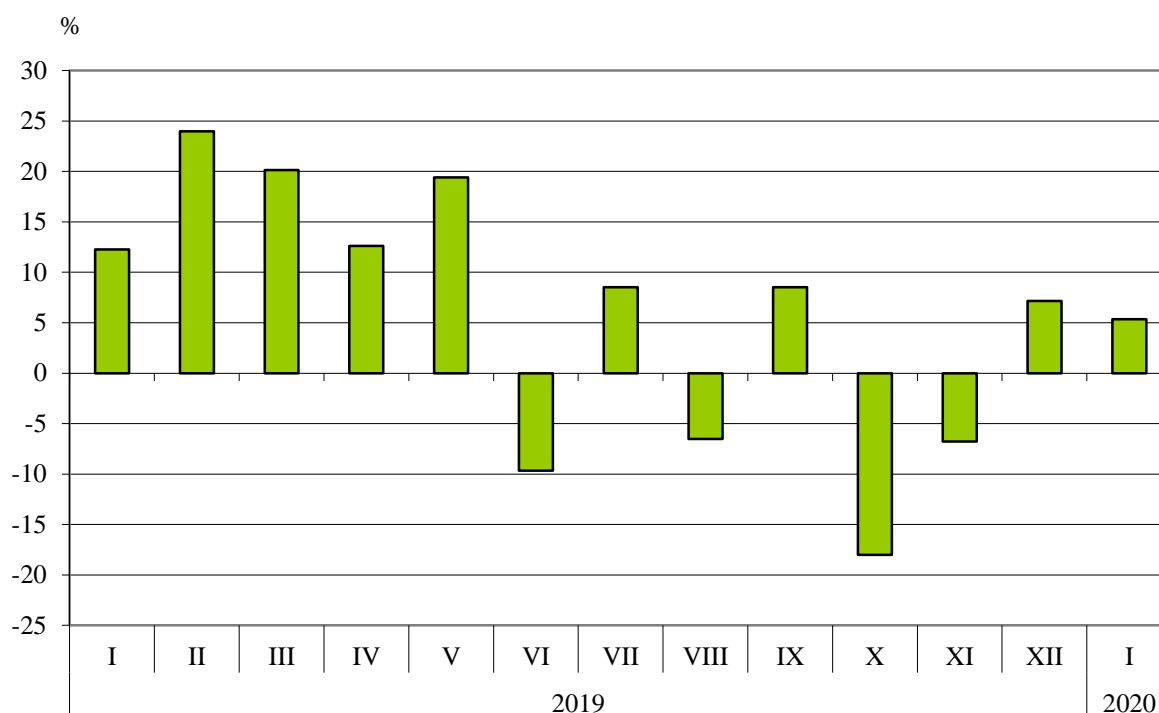
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

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**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in **January 2020** increased by 5.4% in comparison with the same month of 2019 and added up to 2 158.2 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 Egypt. (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2019 - 2020**  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growths compared to January 2019 were recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (85.5%), and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (68.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (16.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in January 2020 was negative and added up to 576.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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

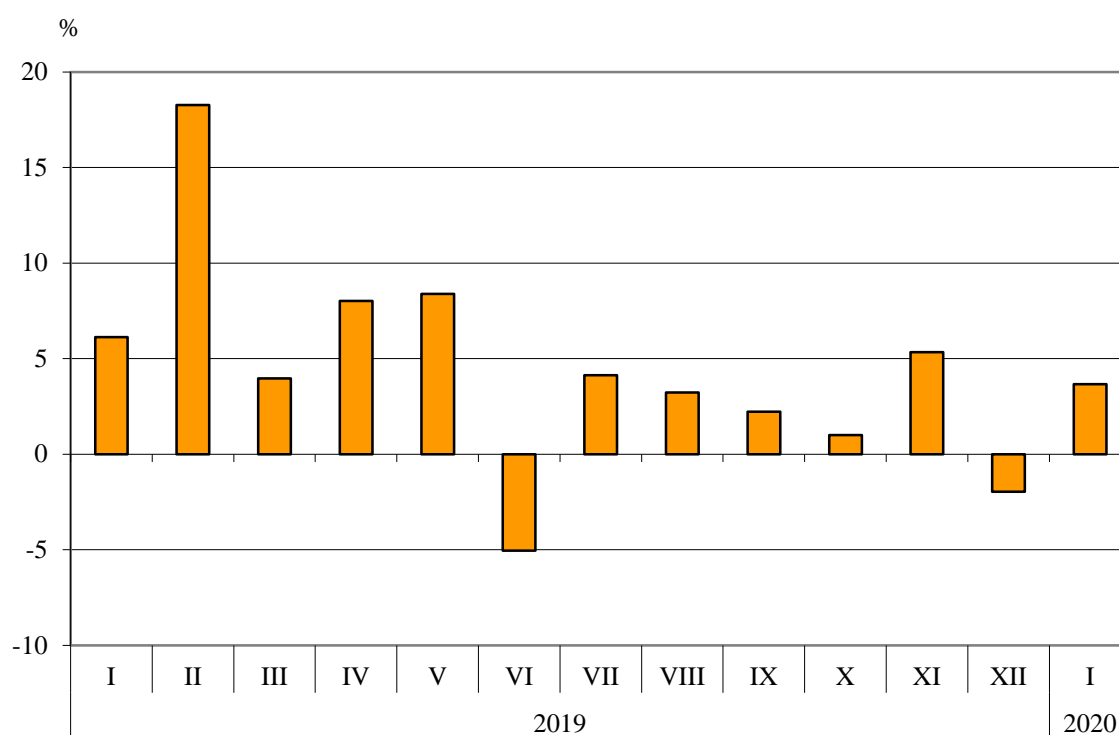
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### Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In **January 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 4 896.1 Million BGN which is 3.7% more than the same month of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **January 2020** amounted to 5 297.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 4.9% more than January 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

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**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in January 2020 and amounted to 401.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

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## Annex

**Table 1**

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2019<sup>1</sup> and 2020<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.2019	4723.1	3175.0	1548.1	5051.0	3002.5	2048.5	-327.9	172.5	-500.4
I.2020	4896.1	3314.6	1581.5	5297.6	3139.4	2158.2	-401.5	175.2	-576.7

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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**Table 2**

### Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2020<sup>1</sup> compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	3.7	4.4	2.2	4.9	4.6	5.4

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2020.

**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in January 2019<sup>2</sup> and 2020<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>1548.1</b>	<b>1581.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2048.5</b>	<b>2158.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-500.4</b>	<b>-576.7</b>
of which:								
Albania	10.2	11.4	11.8	2.4	6.1	154.2	7.8	5.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.6	13.3	38.5	2.3	8.1	252.2	7.3	5.2
Brazil	3.2	3.2	0.0	5.4	5.3	-1.9	-2.2	-2.1
Canada	7.4	27.7	274.3	14.0	8.3	-40.7	-6.6	19.4
China	116.9	166.8	42.7	280.7	299.4	6.7	-163.8	-132.6
Egypt	95.4	40.4	-57.7	140.1	145.8	4.1	-44.7	-105.4
Georgia	24.6	25.6	4.1	8.2	62.4	661.0	16.4	-36.8
Gibraltar	25.4	30.6	20.5	-	0.1	x	25.4	30.5
India	16.8	17.1	1.8	35.7	30.5	-14.6	-18.9	-13.4
Indonesia	4.8	3.6	-25.0	88.8	8.5	-90.4	-84.0	-4.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3.8	27.4	621.1	3.9	5.9	51.3	-0.1	21.5
Israel	12.2	9.8	-19.7	8.5	6.7	-21.2	3.7	3.1
Japan	6.8	9.6	41.2	17.6	23.3	32.4	-10.8	-13.7
Kazakhstan	8.5	8.0	-5.9	0.6	4.2	600.0	7.9	3.8
Korea, Republic of	22.0	7.6	-65.5	21.5	23.2	7.9	0.5	-15.6
Libya	1.8	31.6	1655.6	-	-	x	1.8	31.6
Morocco	19.5	21.0	7.7	24.7	3.3	-86.6	-5.2	17.7
Namibia	35.2	0.1	-99.7	-	0.0	x	35.2	0.1
Norway	7.0	6.4	-8.6	3.7	5.1	37.8	3.3	1.3
Peru	0.6	1.0	66.7	1.6	78.4	4800.0	-1.0	-77.4
Republic of North Macedonia	68.8	61.4	-10.8	43.0	51.1	18.8	25.8	10.3
Russian Federation	62.4	58.7	-5.9	547.5	460.8	-15.8	-485.1	-402.1
Serbia	98.8	79.6	-19.4	86.3	107.4	24.4	12.5	-27.8
Singapore	39.6	16.8	-57.6	8.4	6.1	-27.4	31.2	10.7
South Africa	27.0	30.2	11.9	8.0	9.5	18.8	19.0	20.7
Switzerland	26.6	29.7	11.7	33.6	41.7	24.1	-7.0	-12.0
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	0.6	-82.9	-	0.0	x	3.5	0.6
Taiwan	7.0	6.0	-14.3	18.7	18.4	-1.6	-11.7	-12.4
Tunisia	2.7	31.1	1051.9	0.3	4.1	1266.7	2.4	27.0
Turkey	401.1	396.5	-1.1	338.5	345.6	2.1	62.6	50.9
Ukraine	35.5	32.7	-7.9	94.6	108.7	14.9	-59.1	-76.0
United Arab Emirates	13.7	10.4	-24.1	5.7	4.4	-22.8	8.0	6.0
United States	102.7	82.6	-19.6	39.6	62.3	57.3	63.1	20.3
Viet-Nam	4.5	3.3	-26.7	10.9	12.2	11.9	-6.4	-8.9

<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 March 2020.

'x'- category not applicable.

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

'-' no case.

**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4  
in January 2019<sup>1</sup> and 2020<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>1548.1</b>	<b>1581.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2048.5</b>	<b>2158.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-500.4</b>	<b>-576.7</b>
Food and live animals	117.5	133.3	13.4	111.6	100.3	-10.1	5.9	33.0
Beverages and tobacco	20.9	30.6	46.4	13.1	12.5	-4.6	7.8	18.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	97.7	154.7	58.3	233.7	433.4	85.5	-136.0	-278.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	432.3	342.3	-20.8	635.1	532.0	-16.2	-202.8	-189.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	36.2	46.4	28.2	7.0	11.8	68.6	29.2	34.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	188.9	165.4	-12.4	189.1	184.5	-2.4	-0.2	-19.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	296.3	293.9	-0.8	394.6	381.8	-3.2	-98.3	-87.9
Machinery and transport equipment	235.3	237.5	0.9	326.2	337.8	3.6	-90.9	-100.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	120.6	172.3	42.9	135.2	161.0	19.1	-14.6	11.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.4	5.1	112.5	2.9	3.1	6.9	-0.5	2.0

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2020.