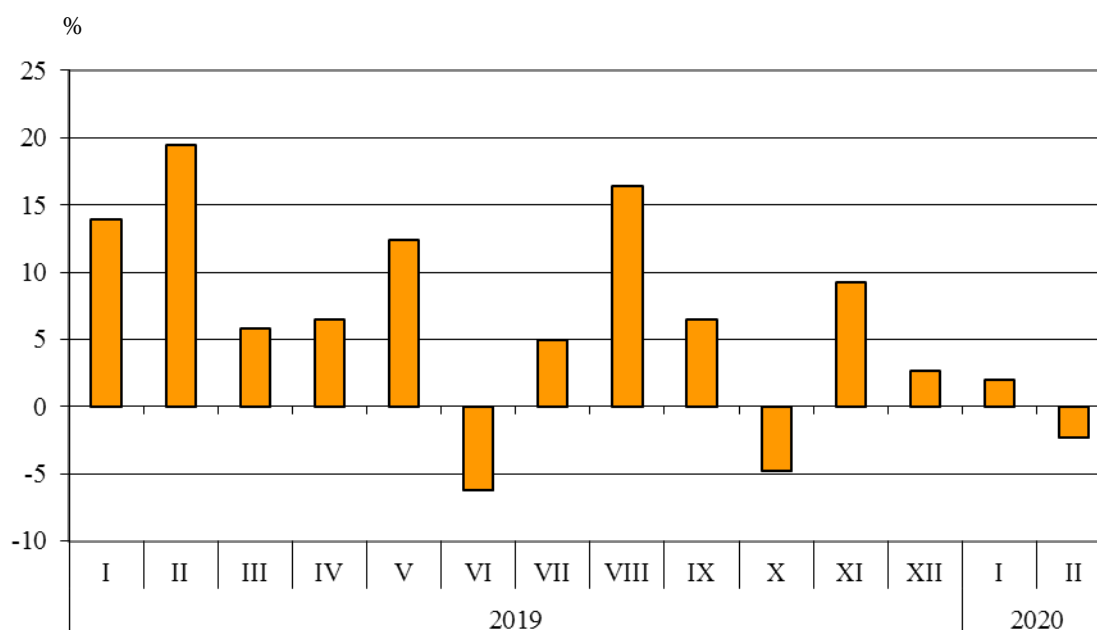


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - February 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 0.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 3 298.9 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom<sup>1</sup>, Serbia, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 51.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 2.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 605.3 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>2</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 the period January - February 2020 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 2019 was recorded in sections 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (54.6%) and 'Food and live animals' (48.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (23.2%).

<sup>1</sup> As during the transitional period the information on the exports and imports to/from the United Kingdom will continue to be collected through Intrastat declarations, in the 'Foreign trade' Information system the data for this country will be included in the trade with the EU and not with third countries.

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2020** decreased by 0.9% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 4 207.9 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 Egypt (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 6.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 986.9 Million BGN.

**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 the period **January - February 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (77.1%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (67.4%), (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (24.1%).

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

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

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

<sup>3</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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The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period January - February 2020 was negative and added up to 909.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

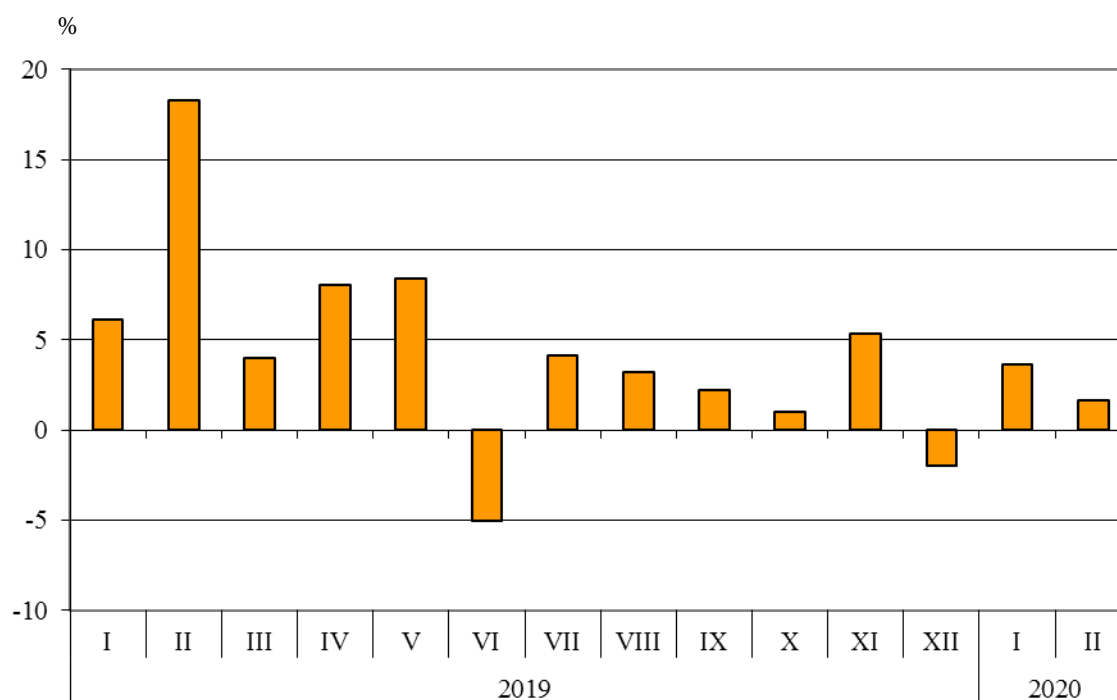
In February 2020 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 381.6 Million BGN.

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

In the period January - February 2020 the total value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 9 666.5 Million BGN which is 2.7% more than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In February 2020 the total exports of goods added up to 4 770.4 Million BGN and increased by 1.6% 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 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



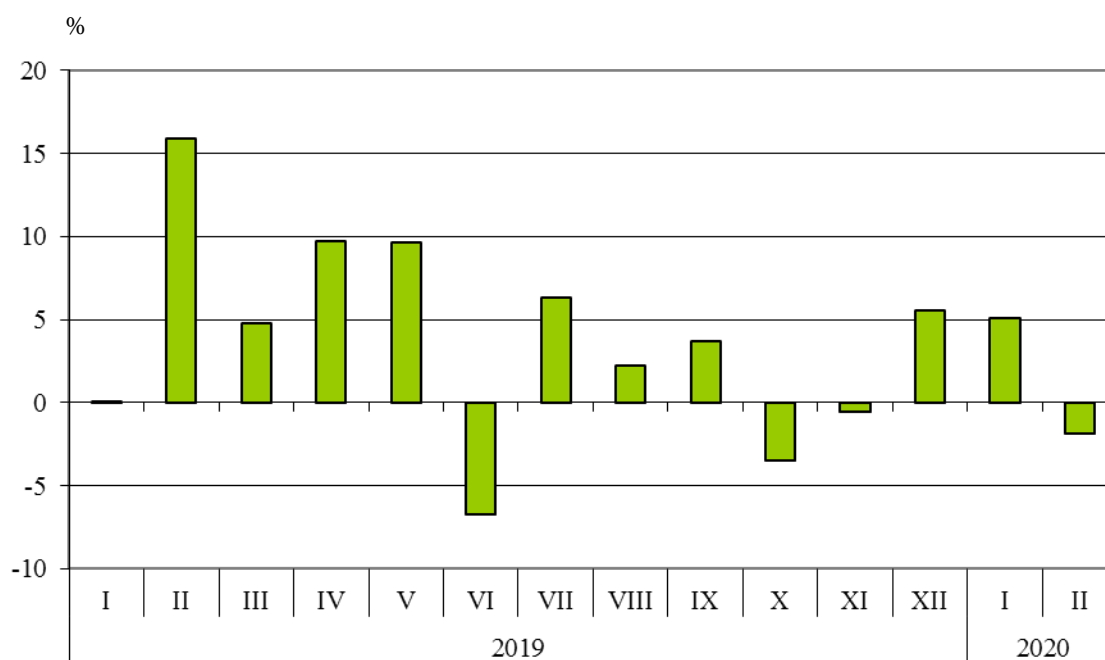
The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - February 2020 amounted to 10 500.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.5% more than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In February 2020 the total imports of goods decreased by 1.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 191.8 Million BGN.

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

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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 the period January - February 2020 and amounted to 833.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In February 2020 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 421.4 Million BGN.

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## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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 <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>
I.2019	4723.1	3062.7	1660.4	5051.0	2933.6	2117.4	-327.9	129.1	-457.0
II.2019	4693.6	3051.0	1642.6	5290.5	3163.7	2126.8	-596.9	-112.7	-484.2
<b>I - II.2019</b>	<b>9416.7</b>	<b>6113.7</b>	<b>3303.0</b>	<b>10341.5</b>	<b>6097.3</b>	<b>4244.2</b>	<b>-924.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>-941.2</b>
I.2020	4896.1	3202.5	1693.6	5308.4	3087.4	2221.0	-412.3	115.1	-527.4
II.2020	4770.4	3165.1	1605.3	5191.8	3204.9	1986.9	-421.4	-39.8	-381.6
<b>I - II.2020</b>	<b>9666.5</b>	<b>6367.6</b>	<b>3298.9</b>	<b>10500.2</b>	<b>6292.3</b>	<b>4207.9</b>	<b>-833.7</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>-909.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2020.

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

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<sup>3</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>4</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

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

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>
I	3.7	4.6	2.0	5.1	5.2	4.9
II	1.6	3.7	-2.3	-1.9	1.3	-6.6
<b>I - II</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2020.

<sup>2</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period**  
**January - February 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<sup>3</sup> - total</b>	<b>3303.0</b>	<b>3298.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4244.2</b>	<b>4207.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-941.2</b>	<b>-909.0</b>
of which:								
Albania	23.7	25.4	7.2	4.8	9.1	89.6	18.9	16.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.8	30.3	53.0	6.2	11.9	91.9	13.6	18.4
Brazil	6.3	6.6	4.8	10.2	10.0	-2.0	-3.9	-3.4
Canada	16.3	46.4	184.7	17.7	55.1	211.3	-1.4	-8.7
China	260.3	255.6	-1.8	520.2	538.9	3.6	-259.9	-283.3
Egypt	147.9	99.8	-32.5	229.6	274.3	19.5	-81.7	-174.5
Georgia	50.7	47.5	-6.3	42.4	150.1	254.0	8.3	-102.6
Gibraltar	50.6	58.5	15.6	0.0	0.1	x	50.6	58.4
India	30.4	38.5	26.6	58.2	49.4	-15.1	-27.8	-10.9
Indonesia	8.6	18.8	118.6	174.2	12.0	-93.1	-165.6	6.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	13.5	56.1	315.6	11.5	10.7	-7.0	2.0	45.4
Israel	61.7	22.1	-64.2	15.1	20.8	37.7	46.6	1.3
Japan	12.0	17.7	47.5	37.2	44.0	18.3	-25.2	-26.3
Kazakhstan	14.3	11.9	-16.8	1.2	7.3	508.3	13.1	4.6
Korea, Republic of	30.5	15.0	-50.8	44.6	44.3	-0.7	-14.1	-29.3
Libya	16.1	68.3	324.2	-	0.0	x	16.1	68.3
Morocco	34.8	40.2	15.5	34.8	16.3	-53.2	0.0	23.9
Namibia	64.2	27.1	-57.8	0.0	0.0	x	64.2	27.1
Norway	16.2	24.4	50.6	6.0	9.7	61.7	10.2	14.7
Peru	2.8	1.8	-35.7	3.7	129.5	3400.0	-0.9	-127.7
Republic of North Macedonia	135.6	133.3	-1.7	84.9	97.4	14.7	50.7	35.9
Russian Federation	131.2	123.0	-6.2	1220.9	880.0	-27.9	-1089.7	-757.0
Serbia	191.7	160.7	-16.2	160.1	215.7	34.7	31.6	-55.0
Singapore	65.7	18.8	-71.4	16.1	12.1	-24.8	49.6	6.7
South Africa	32.7	35.4	8.3	19.9	13.2	-33.7	12.8	22.2
Switzerland	54.5	60.4	10.8	67.8	82.5	21.7	-13.3	-22.1
Syrian Arab Republic	6.1	0.9	-85.2	0.0	0.0	x	6.1	0.9
Taiwan	10.4	10.3	-1.0	32.5	30.6	-5.8	-22.1	-20.3
Tunisia	4.8	78.8	1541.7	1.8	6.5	261.1	3.0	72.3
Turkey	688.6	654.6	-4.9	708.7	669.3	-5.6	-20.1	-14.7
Ukraine	77.5	73.0	-5.8	179.8	201.7	12.2	-102.3	-128.7
United Arab Emirates	27.1	24.2	-10.7	7.4	8.0	8.1	19.7	16.2
United Kingdom	228.9	216.6	-5.4	151.7	125.3	-17.4	77.2	91.3
United States	204.8	148.3	-27.6	82.4	122.1	48.2	122.4	26.2
Viet-Nam	7.7	9.8	27.3	19.7	22.4	13.7	-12.0	-12.6

<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 April 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

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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 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<sup>2</sup> - total</b>	<b>3303.0</b>	<b>3298.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4244.2</b>	<b>4207.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-941.2</b>	<b>-909.0</b>
Food and live animals	303.4	451.1	48.7	207.3	199.7	-3.7	96.1	251.4
Beverages and tobacco	59.6	52.4	-12.1	31.9	32.8	2.8	27.7	19.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	219.9	281.1	27.8	461.6	772.6	67.4	-241.7	-491.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	649.3	498.8	-23.2	1326.0	1006.3	-24.1	-676.7	-507.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	48.7	75.3	54.6	13.1	23.2	77.1	35.6	52.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	424.7	382.5	-9.9	428.8	387.5	-9.6	-4.1	-5.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	652.5	611.5	-6.3	774.3	742.0	-4.2	-121.8	-130.5
Machinery and transport equipment	551.0	527.6	-4.2	703.9	712.5	1.2	-152.9	-184.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	385.5	407.2	5.6	290.2	324.0	11.6	95.3	83.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.4	11.4	35.7	7.1	7.3	2.8	1.3	4.1

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th April 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.