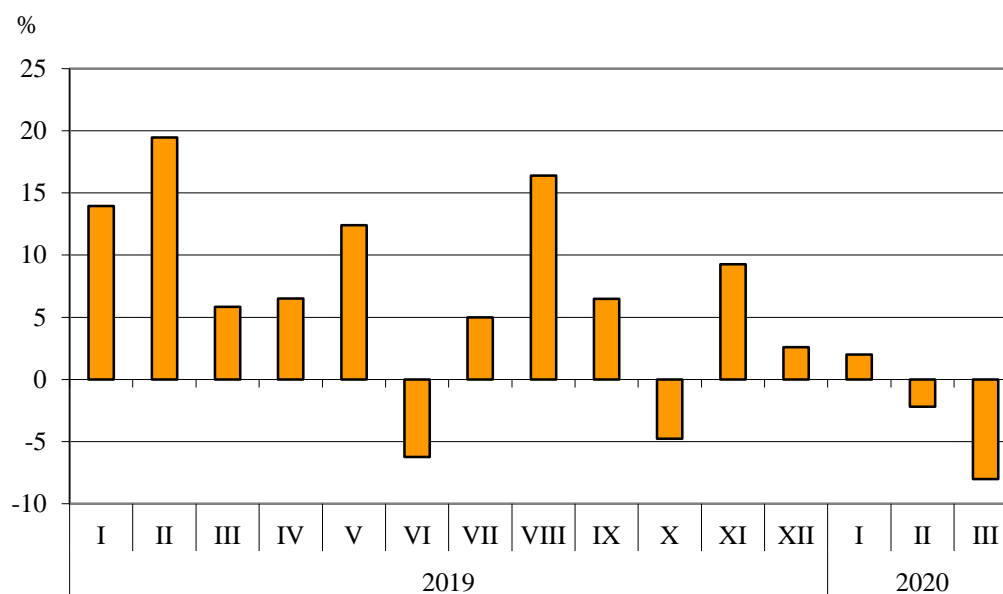


## **TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - March 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 2.7% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 4 809.9 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom<sup>1</sup>, the United States, Serbia, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 51.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 8.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 509.6 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 - March 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’ (41.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (30.8%).

<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.

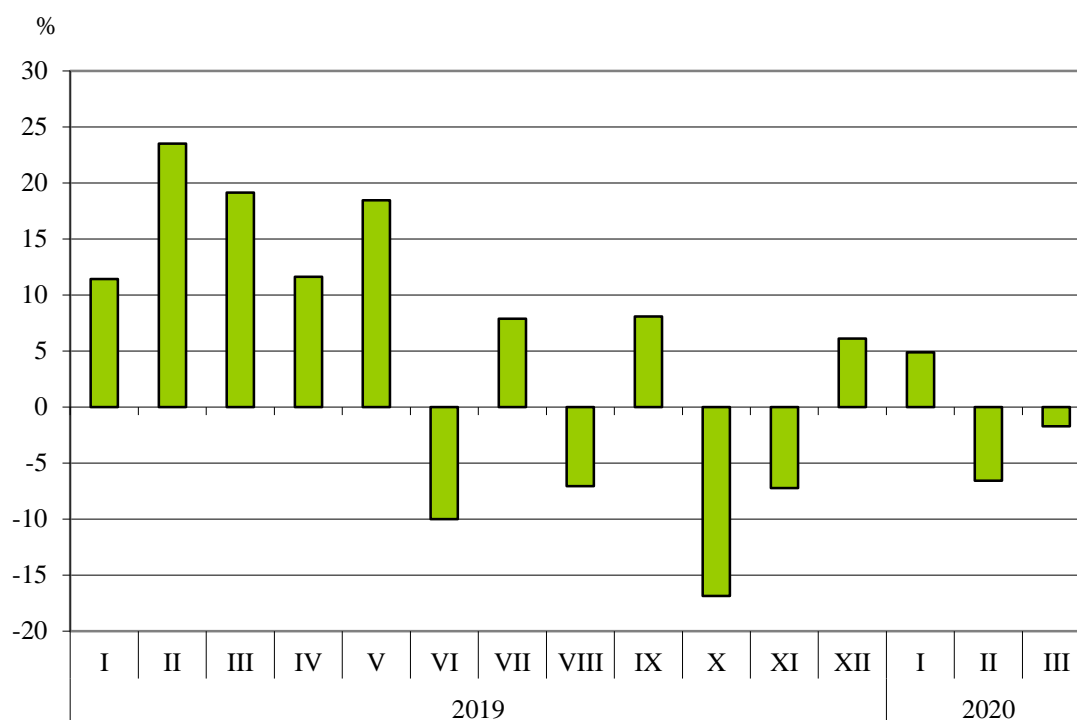
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - March 2020** decreased by 1.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 6 023.3 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 **March 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 1.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 815.3 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 - March 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’ (58.7%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (55.5%), (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (23.4%).

<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 - March 2020 was negative and added up to 1 213.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

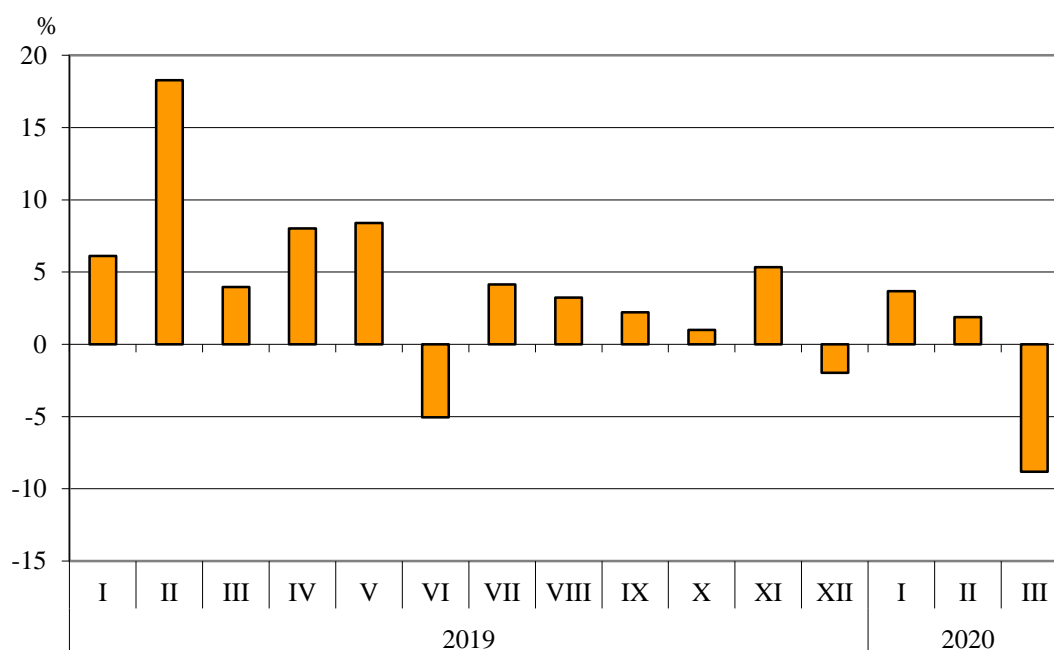
In March 2020 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 305.7 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - March 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 14 062.6 Million BGN which is 1.1% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 384.7 Million BGN and decreased by 8.8% 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)**



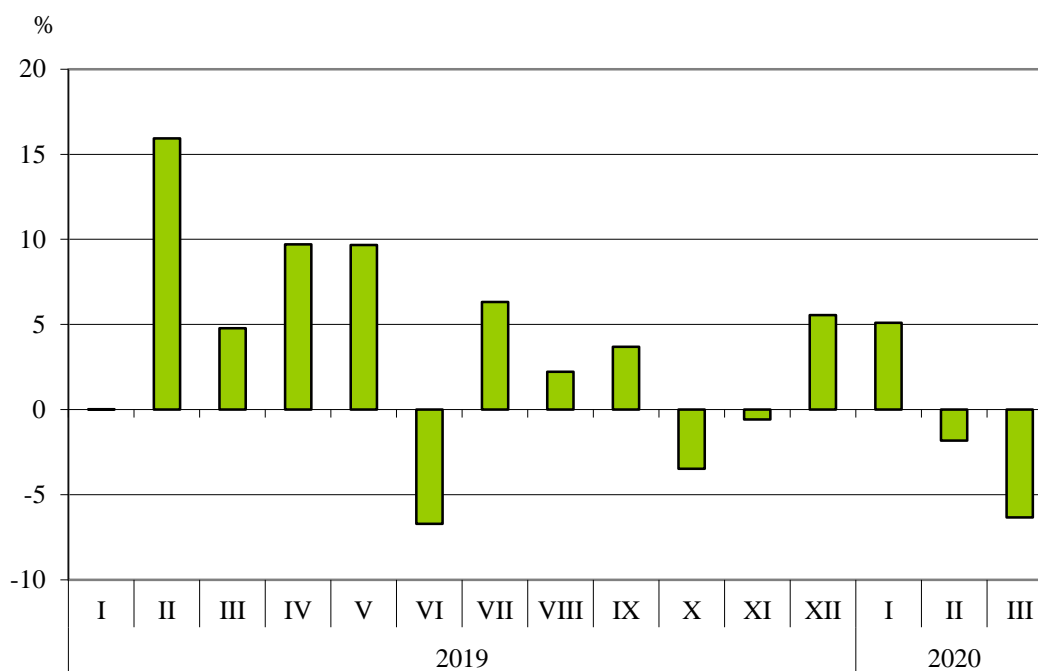
The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - March 2020** amounted to 15 524.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 1.1% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 6.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 021.5 Million BGN.

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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 - March 2020 and amounted to 1 461.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In March 2020 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 636.8 Million BGN.

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## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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
III.2019	4808.6	3167.5	1641.1	5361.7	3515.0	1846.7	-553.1	-347.5	-205.6
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14225.3</b>	<b>9281.2</b>	<b>4944.1</b>	<b>15703.2</b>	<b>9612.3</b>	<b>6090.9</b>	<b>-1477.9</b>	<b>-331.1</b>	<b>-1146.8</b>
I.2020	4896.1	3202.5	1693.6	5308.4	3087.4	2221.0	-412.3	115.1	-527.4
II.2020	4781.8	3175.1	1606.7	5194.1	3207.1	1987.0	-412.3	-32.0	-380.3
III.2020	4384.7	2875.1	1509.6	5021.5	3206.2	1815.3	-636.8	-331.1	-305.7
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14062.6</b>	<b>9252.7</b>	<b>4809.9</b>	<b>15524.0</b>	<b>9500.7</b>	<b>6023.3</b>	<b>-1461.4</b>	<b>-248.0</b>	<b>-1213.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 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 - March 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	1.9	4.1	-2.2	-1.8	1.4	-6.6
III	-8.8	-9.2	-8.0	-6.3	-8.8	-1.7
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 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 - March 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>4944.1</b>	<b>4809.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>6090.9</b>	<b>6023.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1146.8</b>	<b>-1213.4</b>
of which:								
Albania	36.1	37.5	3.9	8.7	12.1	39.1	27.4	25.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29.3	42.5	45.1	11.0	13.8	25.5	18.3	28.7
Brazil	25.8	9.4	-63.6	13.8	15.3	10.9	12.0	-5.9
Canada	24.4	75.7	210.2	24.5	63.1	157.6	-0.1	12.6
China	421.4	383.7	-8.9	764.0	724.9	-5.1	-342.6	-341.2
Egypt	196.9	113.8	-42.2	305.6	318.6	4.3	-108.7	-204.8
Georgia	82.5	69.5	-15.8	156.7	212.2	35.4	-74.2	-142.7
Gibraltar	50.9	79.5	56.2	0.0	0.1	x	50.9	79.4
India	45.0	52.4	16.4	88.6	76.0	-14.2	-43.6	-23.6
Indonesia	13.6	20.6	51.5	199.9	18.5	-90.7	-186.3	2.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	22.9	72.2	215.3	18.5	13.2	-28.6	4.4	59.0
Israel	72.6	33.4	-54.0	22.5	28.9	28.4	50.1	4.5
Japan	17.2	26.3	52.9	57.5	73.2	27.3	-40.3	-46.9
Kazakhstan	19.1	17.1	-10.5	1.2	7.8	550.0	17.9	9.3
Korea, Republic of	39.4	21.5	-45.4	69.3	64.5	-6.9	-29.9	-43.0
Libya	36.1	69.9	93.6	-	0.0	x	36.1	69.9
Morocco	46.4	55.2	19.0	38.3	20.7	-46.0	8.1	34.5
Namibia	64.2	52.9	-17.6	0.0	0.0	x	64.2	52.9
Norway	21.8	30.8	41.3	9.4	16.5	75.5	12.4	14.3
Peru	4.6	2.5	-45.7	4.1	206.9	4946.3	0.5	-204.4
Republic of North Macedonia	206.7	194.0	-6.1	135.0	145.7	7.9	71.7	48.3
Russian Federation	213.1	202.0	-5.2	1535.7	1226.2	-20.2	-1322.6	-1024.2
Serbia	307.2	240.3	-21.8	264.8	308.9	16.7	42.4	-68.6
Singapore	93.8	20.9	-77.7	21.1	20.6	-2.4	72.7	0.3
South Africa	62.2	67.3	8.2	20.7	15.5	-25.1	41.5	51.8
Switzerland	81.6	86.4	5.9	109.9	124.9	13.6	-28.3	-38.5
Syrian Arab Republic	7.7	2.9	-62.3	0.0	0.1	x	7.7	2.8
Taiwan	15.0	15.2	1.3	48.7	47.0	-3.5	-33.7	-31.8
Tunisia	36.3	92.0	153.4	2.9	9.6	231.0	33.4	82.4
Turkey	986.5	905.5	-8.2	1063.4	1001.7	-5.8	-76.9	-96.2
Ukraine	127.6	107.1	-16.1	262.8	283.2	7.8	-135.2	-176.1
United Arab Emirates	38.8	37.2	-4.1	13.1	14.4	9.9	25.7	22.8
United Kingdom	334.6	327.3	-2.2	234.0	192.7	-17.6	100.6	134.6
United States	287.4	243.8	-15.2	125.5	172.2	37.2	161.9	71.6
Viet-Nam	12.6	16.4	30.2	30.4	29.4	-3.3	-17.8	-13.0

<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 13-th May 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 - March 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>4944.1</b>	<b>4809.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>6090.9</b>	<b>6023.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1146.8</b>	<b>-1213.4</b>
Food and live animals	464.6	658.9	41.8	297.2	290.3	-2.3	167.4	368.6
Beverages and tobacco	85.4	68.7	-19.6	63.4	59.6	-6.0	22.0	9.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	332.0	412.7	24.3	732.8	1139.8	55.5	-400.8	-727.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	838.1	579.7	-30.8	1667.2	1277.7	-23.4	-829.1	-698.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	82.8	128.0	54.6	19.6	31.1	58.7	63.2	96.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	663.1	598.7	-9.7	644.4	576.5	-10.5	18.7	22.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1037.7	946.4	-8.8	1158.6	1148.0	-0.9	-120.9	-201.6
Machinery and transport equipment	851.2	785.1	-7.8	1058.4	1033.8	-2.3	-207.2	-248.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	576.1	616.2	7.0	438.2	455.8	4.0	137.9	160.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	13.1	15.5	18.3	11.1	10.7	-3.6	2.0	4.8

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