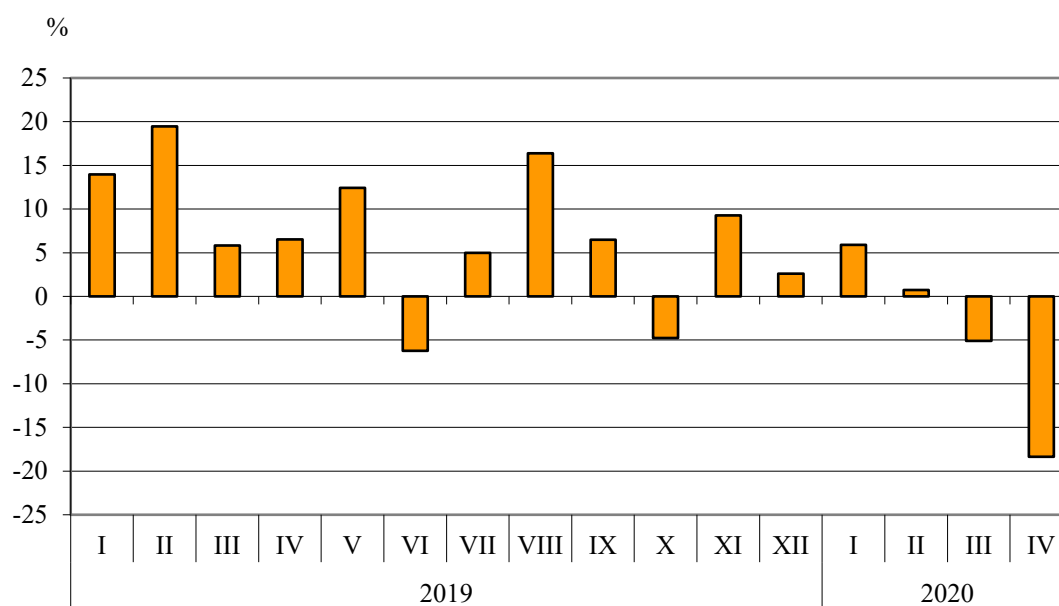


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 4.2% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 6 302.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom¹, the United States, Serbia, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 52.8% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** dropped by 18.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 331.8 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value² 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 - April 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’ (58.2%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (51.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (38.1%).

¹ 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.

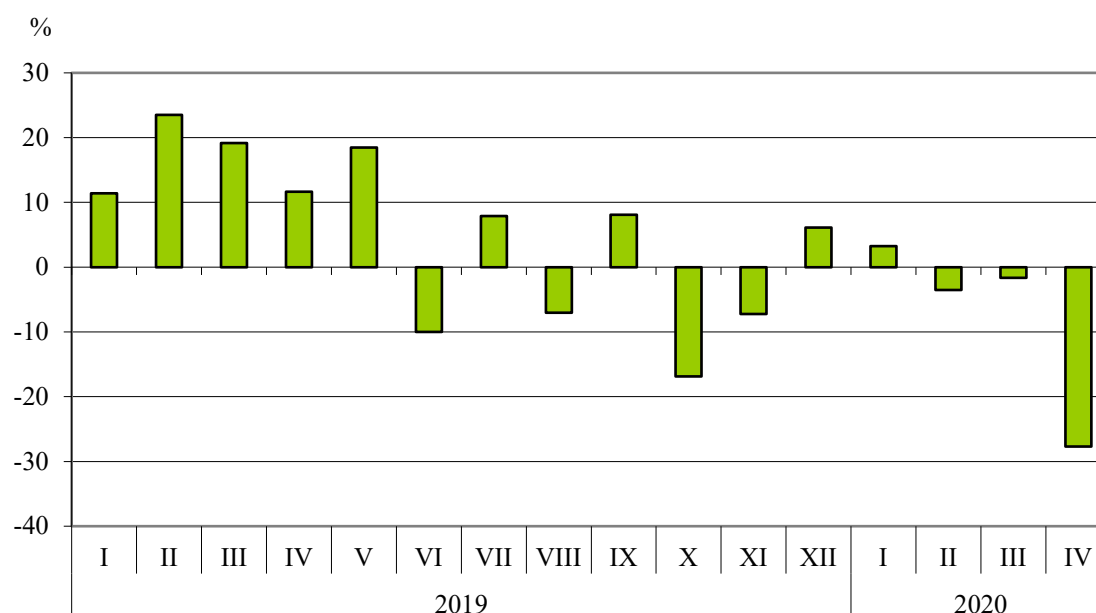
² Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - April 2020 decreased by 7.4% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 7 541.1 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 **April 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 27.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 486.2 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - April 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’ (105.1%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (58.2%), (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (37.3%).

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.

³ 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 - April 2020 was negative and added up to 1 238.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

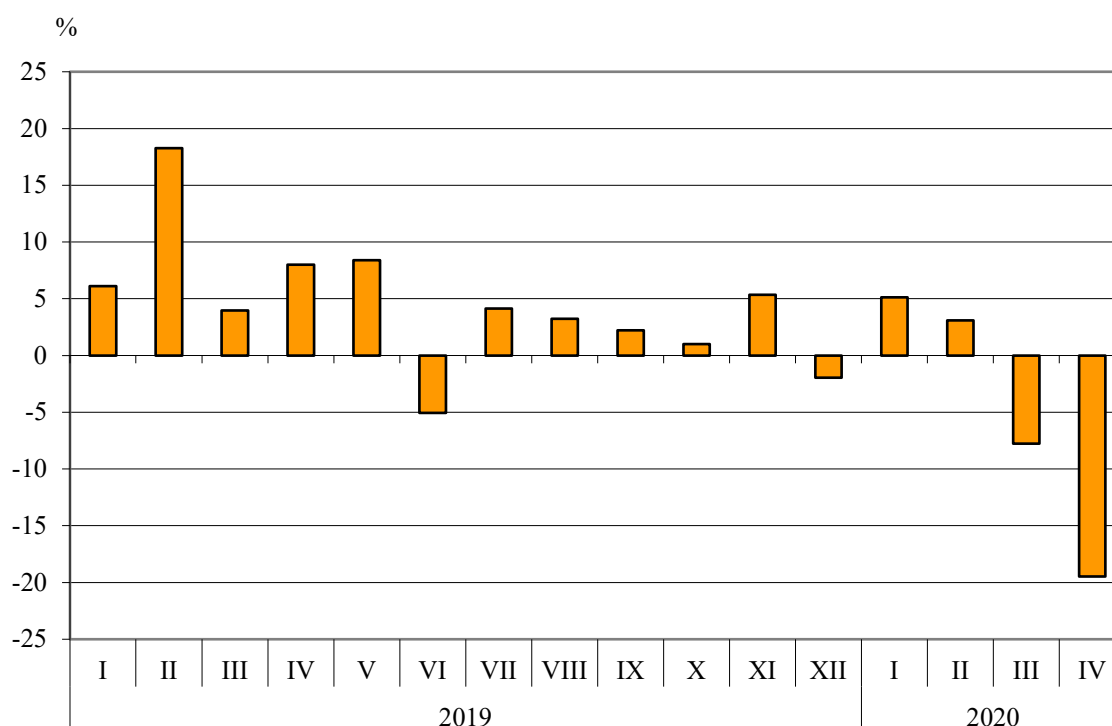
In April 2020 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 154.4 Million BGN.

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

In the period January - April 2020 the total value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 18 008.2 Million BGN which is 4.8% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In April 2020 the total exports of goods added up to 3 769.0 Million BGN and decreased by 19.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



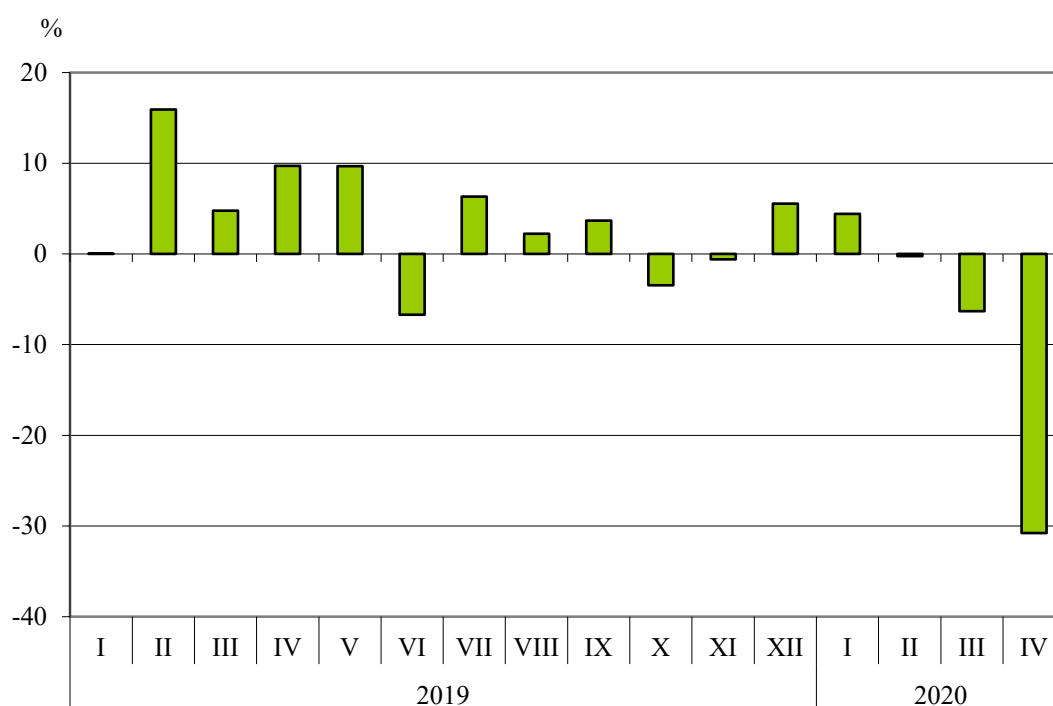
The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - April 2020 amounted to 19 349.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 8.5% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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In **April 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 30.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 3 773.3 Million BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - April 2020 and amounted to 1 341.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 4.3 Million BGN.

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2019¹ and 2020¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
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
I - III.2019	14225.3	9281.2	4944.1	15703.2	9612.3	6090.9	-1477.9	-331.1	-1146.8
IV.2019	4681.0	3049.4	1631.6	5450.1	3394.2	2055.9	-769.1	-344.8	-424.3
I - IV.2019	18906.3	12330.6	6575.7	21153.3	13006.5	8146.8	-2247.0	-675.9	-1571.1
I.2020	4965.1	3206.5	1758.6	5274.4	3088.0	2186.4	-309.3	118.5	-427.8
II.2020	4838.9	3184.4	1654.5	5278.6	3226.6	2052.0	-439.7	-42.2	-397.5
III.2020	4435.2	2877.5	1557.7	5023.3	3206.8	1816.5	-588.1	-329.3	-258.8
I - III.2020	14239.2	9268.4	4970.8	15576.3	9521.4	6054.9	-1337.1	-253.0	-1084.1
IV.2020	3769.0	2437.2	1331.8	3773.3	2287.1	1486.2	-4.3	150.1	-154.4
I - IV.2020	18008.2	11705.6	6302.6	19349.6	11808.5	7541.1	-1341.4	-102.9	-1238.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2020.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN&toLang=_EN)

³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

⁴ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2020¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	5.1	4.7	5.9	4.4	5.3	3.3
II	3.1	4.4	0.7	-0.2	2.0	-3.5
III	-7.8	-9.2	-5.1	-6.3	-8.8	-1.6
I - III	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6
IV	-19.5	-20.1	-18.4	-30.8	-32.6	-27.7
I - IV	-4.8	-5.1	-4.2	-8.5	-9.2	-7.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - April 2019² and 2020²

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	
Third countries³-total	6575.7	6302.6	-4.2	8146.8	7541.1	-7.4	-1571.1	-1238.5
of which:								
Albania	50.2	49.1	-2.2	12.9	14.2	10.1	37.3	34.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40.3	55.1	36.7	15.4	16.3	5.8	24.9	38.8
Brazil	29.8	13.7	-54.0	19.3	19.3	0.0	10.5	-5.6
Canada	34.0	106.6	213.5	32.6	68.3	109.5	1.4	38.3
China	529.9	526.9	-0.6	950.5	903.0	-5.0	-420.6	-376.1
Egypt	229.2	130.6	-43.0	445.2	361.7	-18.8	-216.0	-231.1
Georgia	105.6	81.5	-22.8	211.8	293.8	38.7	-106.2	-212.3
Gibraltar	79.0	111.6	41.3	0.0	0.1	x	79.0	111.5
India	64.7	62.2	-3.9	123.6	96.0	-22.3	-58.9	-33.8
Indonesia	19.3	24.5	26.9	207.5	103.8	-50.0	-188.2	-79.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	28.4	101.8	258.5	25.5	14.9	-41.6	2.9	86.9
Israel	83.7	79.5	-5.0	33.3	32.5	-2.4	50.4	47.0
Japan	23.0	32.4	40.9	81.4	94.4	16.0	-58.4	-62.0
Kazakhstan	23.0	22.5	-2.2	2.0	8.6	330.0	21.0	13.9
Korea, Republic of	52.1	29.4	-43.6	92.9	87.3	-6.0	-40.8	-57.9
Libya	39.1	83.0	112.3	0.0	0.0	x	39.1	83.0
Morocco	52.1	62.6	20.2	46.9	26.2	-44.1	5.2	36.4
Namibia	87.5	83.7	-4.3	0.0	0.0	x	87.5	83.7
Norway	26.8	37.0	38.1	14.7	19.9	35.4	12.1	17.1
Peru	5.6	4.4	-21.4	5.2	210.9	3955.8	0.4	-206.5
Republic of North Macedonia	271.5	237.8	-12.4	189.4	182.5	-3.6	82.1	55.3
Russian Federation	320.7	283.7	-11.5	2100.5	1444.1	-31.2	-1779.8	-1160.4
Serbia	392.7	300.0	-23.6	356.0	388.9	9.2	36.7	-88.9
Singapore	95.6	22.6	-76.4	25.5	24.2	-5.1	70.1	-1.6
South Africa	70.6	71.6	1.4	37.0	22.3	-39.7	33.6	49.3
Switzerland	108.8	116.9	7.4	152.4	161.8	6.2	-43.6	-44.9
Syrian Arab Republic	8.6	3.2	-62.8	0.1	0.2	100.0	8.5	3.0
Taiwan	18.9	25.3	33.9	61.8	62.6	1.3	-42.9	-37.3
Tunisia	109.9	108.8	-1.0	4.1	11.8	187.8	105.8	97.0
Turkey	1337.9	1223.0	-8.6	1418.7	1281.7	-9.7	-80.8	-58.7
Ukraine	167.3	136.8	-18.2	379.9	358.3	-5.7	-212.6	-221.5
United Arab Emirates	51.8	45.7	-11.8	17.9	17.6	-1.7	33.9	28.1
United Kingdom	438.5	419.2	-4.4	309.4	235.9	-23.8	129.1	183.3
United States	358.0	340.2	-5.0	168.0	210.2	25.1	190.0	130.0
Viet-Nam	17.8	24.2	36.0	41.8	40.2	-3.8	-24.0	-16.0

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 June 2020.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

'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 - April 2019¹ and 2020¹

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	
Third countries² -total	6575.7	6302.6	-4.2	8146.8	7541.1	-7.4	-1571.1	-1238.5
Food and live animals	618.4	936.9	51.5	385.2	396.0	2.8	233.2	540.9
Beverages and tobacco	105.8	81.4	-23.1	84.8	83.7	-1.3	21.0	-2.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	443.3	545.1	23.0	914.8	1447.2	58.2	-471.5	-902.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1157.7	716.8	-38.1	2349.1	1472.8	-37.3	-1191.4	-756.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	96.0	151.9	58.2	25.3	51.9	105.1	70.7	100.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	884.5	811.5	-8.3	836.6	740.6	-11.5	47.9	70.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1335.6	1274.5	-4.6	1555.2	1464.3	-5.8	-219.6	-189.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1135.9	1002.4	-11.8	1404.4	1329.9	-5.3	-268.5	-327.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	781.9	764.3	-2.3	576.5	539.4	-6.4	205.4	224.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	16.6	17.8	7.2	14.9	15.3	2.7	1.7	2.5

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