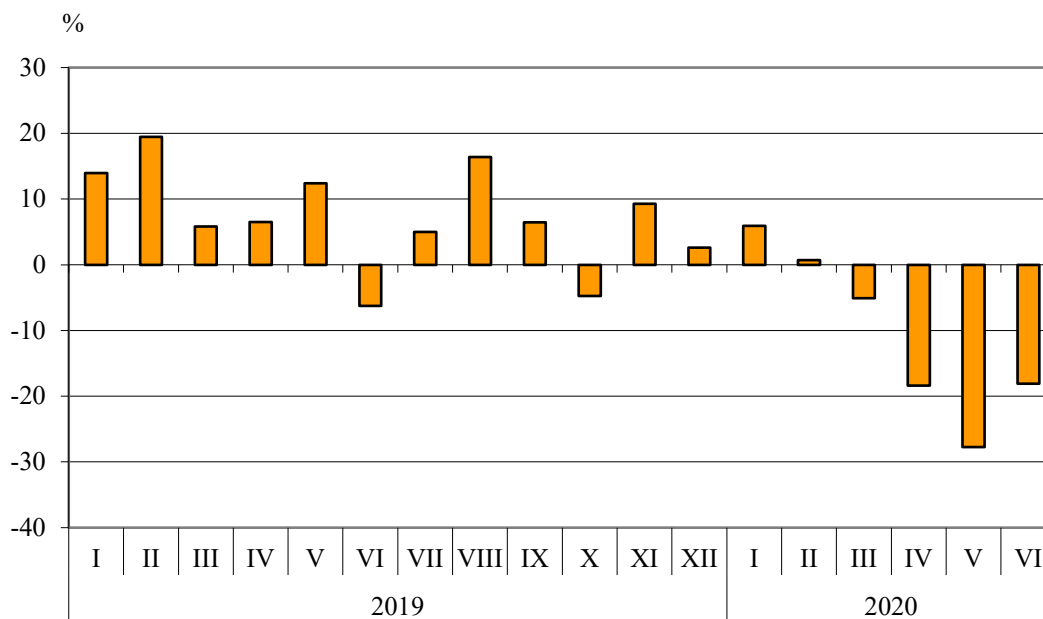


## **TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - June 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 10.5% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 8 890.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia, the Russian Federation and the Republic of North Macedonia which accounted for 54.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries dropped by 18.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 378.9 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - June 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 ‘Food and live animals’ (32.6%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (29.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (52.7%).

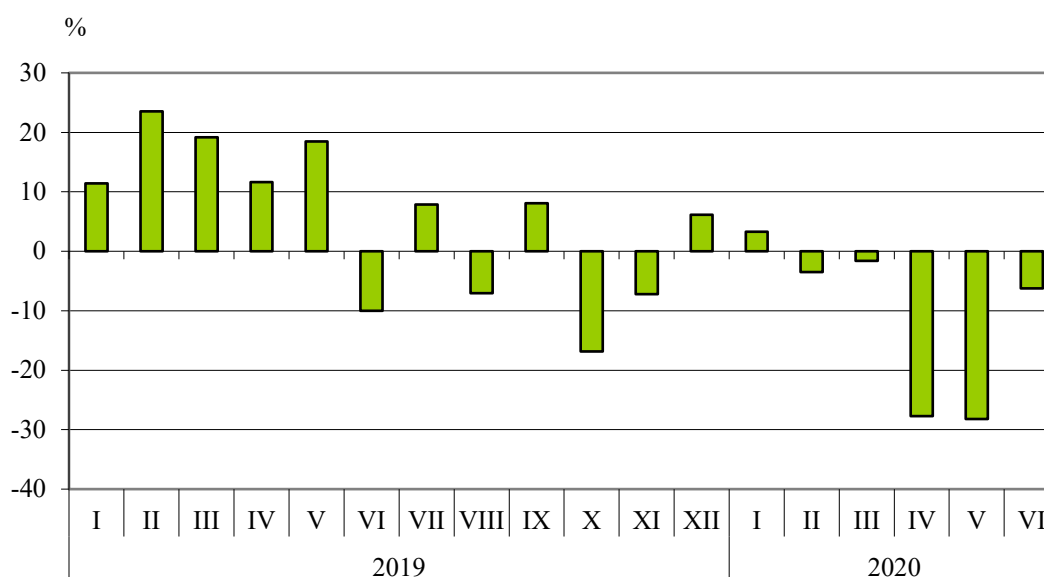
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries in the period January - June 2020** decreased by 11.0% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 10 940.8 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 803.0 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - June 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 ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (58.5%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (34.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (48.5%).

<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 - June 2020 was negative and added up to 2 050.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

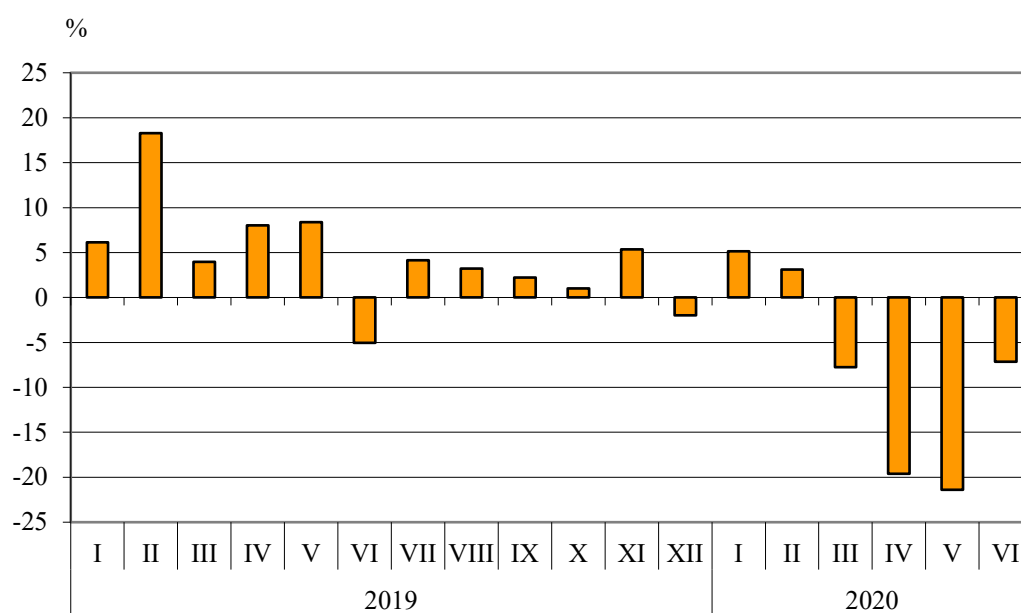
In **June 2020** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 424.1 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - June 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 26 059.0 Million BGN which is 8.0% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 309.9 Million BGN and decreased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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

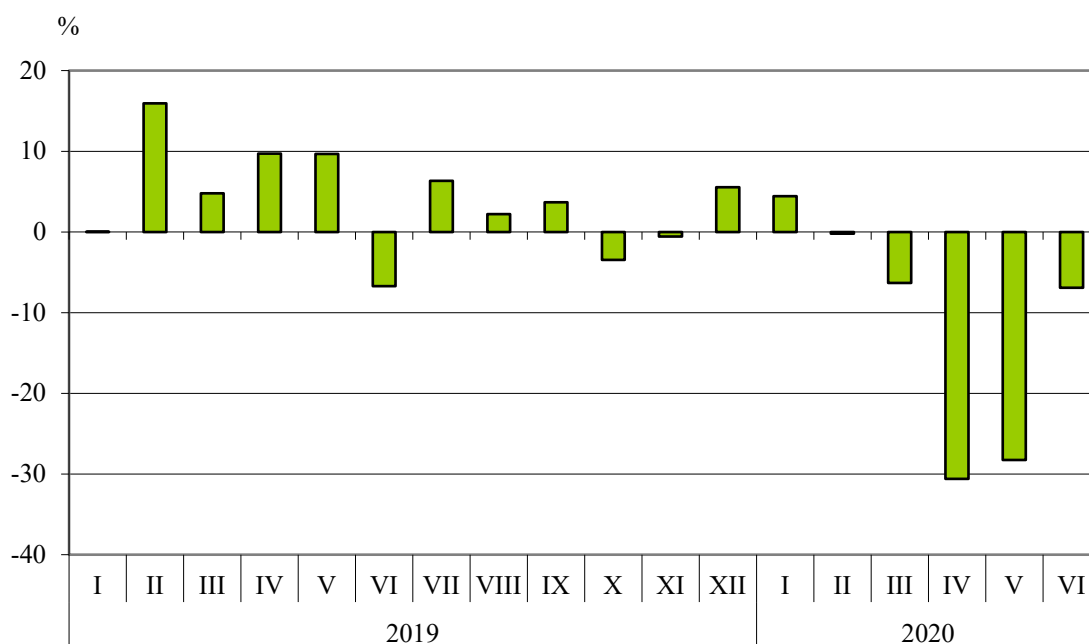


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - June 2020** amounted to 28 184.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 11.7% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

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

In **June 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 6.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 771.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to 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 - June 2020 and amounted to 2 125.9 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 461.6 Million BGN.

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

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - June 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>
IV.2019	4681.0	3049.4	1631.6	5450.1	3394.2	2055.9	-769.1	-344.8	-424.3
V.2019	4765.0	3091.5	1673.5	5652.7	3428.1	2224.6	-887.7	-336.6	-551.1
VI.2019	4642.2	2958.7	1683.5	5127.1	3204.5	1922.6	-484.9	-245.8	-239.1
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>14088.2</b>	<b>9099.6</b>	<b>4988.6</b>	<b>16229.9</b>	<b>10026.8</b>	<b>6203.1</b>	<b>-2141.7</b>	<b>-927.2</b>	<b>-1214.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>28313.5</b>	<b>18380.8</b>	<b>9932.7</b>	<b>31933.1</b>	<b>19639.1</b>	<b>12294.0</b>	<b>-3619.6</b>	<b>-1258.3</b>	<b>-2361.3</b>
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
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14239.2</b>	<b>9268.4</b>	<b>4970.8</b>	<b>15576.3</b>	<b>9521.4</b>	<b>6054.9</b>	<b>-1337.1</b>	<b>-253.0</b>	<b>-1084.1</b>
IV.2020	3763.7	2432.3	1331.4	3781.7	2295.5	1486.2	-18.0	136.8	-154.8
V.2020	3746.2	2537.0	1209.2	4055.4	2458.7	1596.7	-309.2	78.3	-387.5
VI.2020	4309.9	2931.0	1378.9	4771.5	2968.5	1803.0	-461.6	-37.5	-424.1
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>11819.8</b>	<b>7900.3</b>	<b>3919.5</b>	<b>12608.6</b>	<b>7722.7</b>	<b>4885.9</b>	<b>-788.8</b>	<b>177.6</b>	<b>-966.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26059.0</b>	<b>17168.7</b>	<b>8890.3</b>	<b>28184.9</b>	<b>17244.1</b>	<b>10940.8</b>	<b>-2125.9</b>	<b>-75.4</b>	<b>-2050.5</b>

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

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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 - June 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	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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
IV	-19.6	-20.2	-18.4	-30.6	-32.4	-27.7
V	-21.4	-17.9	-27.7	-28.3	-28.3	-28.2
VI	-7.2	-0.9	-18.1	-6.9	-7.4	-6.2
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-13.2</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-22.3</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-21.2</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-11.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th August 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 - June 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>9932.7</b>	<b>8890.3</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>12294.0</b>	<b>10940.8</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-2361.3</b>	<b>-2050.5</b>
of which:								
Albania	76.7	80.5	5.0	19.5	23.6	21.0	57.2	56.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	64.3	83.8	30.3	24.0	22.5	-6.3	40.3	61.3
Brazil	37.4	19.2	-48.7	28.0	26.9	-3.9	9.4	-7.7
Canada	61.1	153.9	151.9	49.9	83.2	66.7	11.2	70.7
China	715.4	824.1	15.2	1430.1	1416.8	-0.9	-714.7	-592.7
Egypt	315.6	156.9	-50.3	662.4	433.9	-34.5	-346.8	-277.0
Georgia	147.6	110.1	-25.4	366.5	433.7	18.3	-218.9	-323.6
Gibraltar	106.7	115.0	7.8	0.0	0.1	x	106.7	114.9
India	117.0	89.3	-23.7	174.9	139.1	-20.5	-57.9	-49.8
Indonesia	27.6	30.6	10.9	221.4	121.6	-45.1	-193.8	-91.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	44.9	132.2	194.4	37.9	18.9	-50.1	7.0	113.3
Israel	113.5	116.3	2.5	52.2	44.5	-14.8	61.3	71.8
Japan	39.0	47.1	20.8	120.8	132.0	9.3	-81.8	-84.9
Kazakhstan	30.9	32.0	3.6	2.5	8.9	256.0	28.4	23.1
Korea, Republic of	75.7	44.1	-41.7	145.3	126.1	-13.2	-69.6	-82.0
Libya	63.3	94.1	48.7	0.0	0.0	x	63.3	94.1
Morocco	63.4	97.0	53.0	103.9	37.1	-64.3	-40.5	59.9
Namibia	145.7	119.2	-18.2	0.0	0.0	x	145.7	119.2
Norway	40.0	47.4	18.5	24.1	25.0	3.7	15.9	22.4
Peru	9.3	5.3	-43.0	7.2	294.7	3993.1	2.1	-289.4
Republic of North Macedonia	400.2	328.8	-17.8	298.1	267.9	-10.1	102.1	60.9
Russian Federation	475.8	413.7	-13.1	3170.0	2034.0	-35.8	-2694.2	-1620.3
Serbia	595.5	440.7	-26.0	564.2	590.5	4.7	31.3	-149.8
Singapore	123.7	25.5	-79.4	37.3	32.4	-13.1	86.4	-6.9
South Africa	128.9	103.8	-19.5	63.7	27.5	-56.8	65.2	76.3
Switzerland	168.7	173.7	3.0	234.5	235.7	0.5	-65.8	-62.0
Syrian Arab Republic	10.3	3.5	-66.0	0.1	0.3	200.0	10.2	3.2
Taiwan	27.6	38.4	39.1	92.5	88.9	-3.9	-64.9	-50.5
Tunisia	245.1	126.6	-48.3	27.1	13.9	-48.7	218.0	112.7
Turkey	2000.0	1718.3	-14.1	2053.6	1878.1	-8.5	-53.6	-159.8
Ukraine	282.6	202.4	-28.4	547.9	499.3	-8.9	-265.3	-296.9
United Arab Emirates	105.3	63.7	-39.5	30.4	25.1	-17.4	74.9	38.6
United Kingdom	680.1	614.7	-9.6	452.7	318.5	-29.6	227.4	296.2
United States	502.2	463.7	-7.7	265.4	345.0	30.0	236.8	118.7
Viet-Nam	35.6	35.3	-0.8	57.9	63.5	9.7	-22.3	-28.2

<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 August 2020.

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

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - June 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>9932.7</b>	<b>8890.3</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>12294.0</b>	<b>10940.8</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-2361.3</b>	<b>-2050.5</b>
Food and live animals	924.4	1225.4	32.6	543.4	587.5	8.1	381.0	637.9
Beverages and tobacco	146.3	115.6	-21.0	137.6	122.4	-11.0	8.7	-6.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	699.1	796.1	13.9	1297.6	2056.4	58.5	-598.5	-1260.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1826.4	863.9	-52.7	3717.6	1915.9	-48.5	-1891.2	-1052.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	169.6	219.3	29.3	55.0	74.0	34.5	114.6	145.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1325.2	1215.5	-8.3	1211.4	1097.7	-9.4	113.8	117.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1951.6	1902.9	-2.5	2293.5	2270.5	-1.0	-341.9	-367.6
Machinery and transport equipment	1681.0	1440.8	-14.3	2143.4	2007.5	-6.3	-462.4	-566.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1183.8	1084.3	-8.4	871.3	787.2	-9.7	312.5	297.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	25.3	26.5	4.7	23.2	21.7	-6.5	2.1	4.8

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