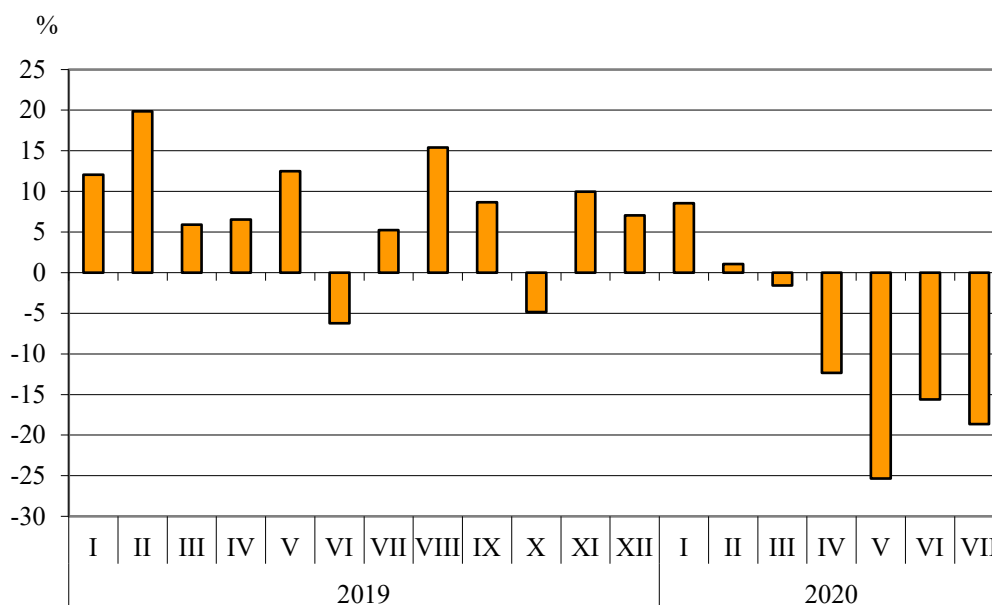


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 9.4% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 10 666.4 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 **July 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries dropped by 18.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 510.9 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 - July 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’ (48.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (30.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (54.1%).

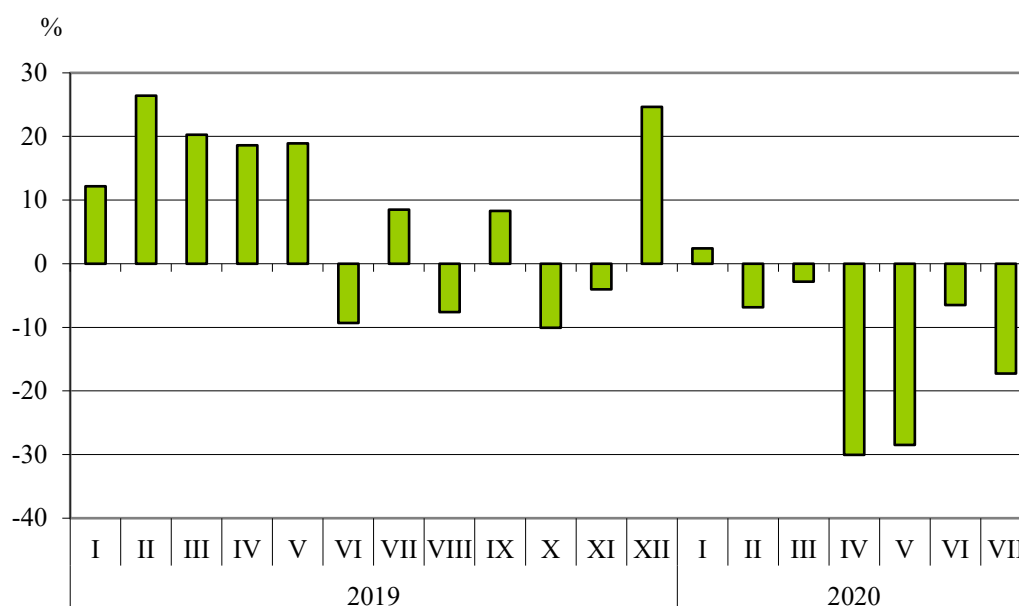
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - July 2020 decreased by 13.3% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 12 856.0 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 **July 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 17.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 896.4 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - July 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)’³ (60.7%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (30.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (50.1%).

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 - July 2020 was negative and added up to 2 189.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

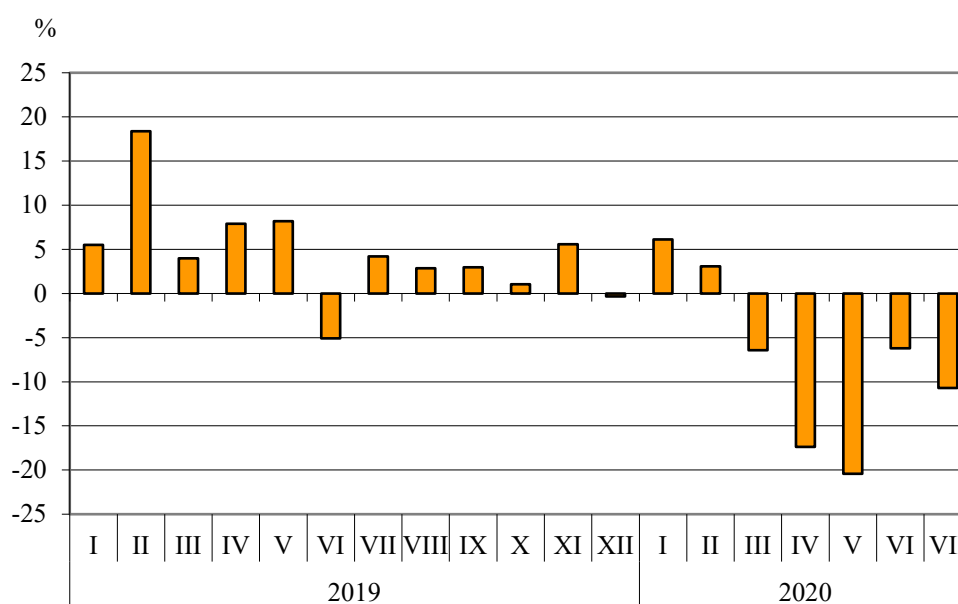
In July 2020 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 385.5 Million BGN.

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

In the period January - July 2020 the total value of all the goods exported from Bulgaria amounted to 31 111.3 Million BGN which is 7.5% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In July 2020 the total exports of goods added up to 4 785.2 Million BGN and decreased by 10.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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

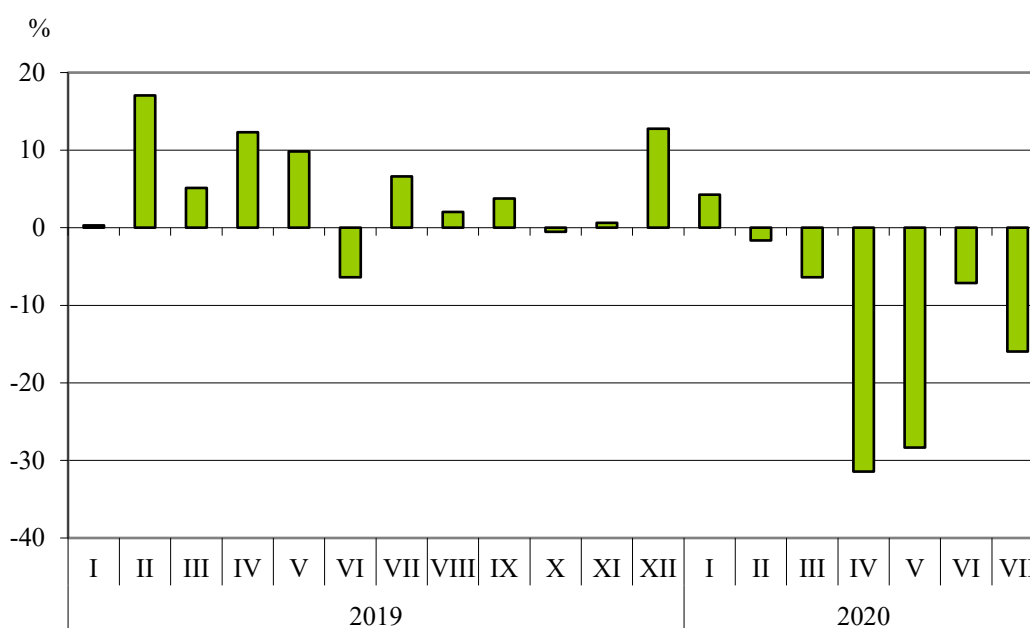


The total value of all the goods imported in the country in the period January - July 2020 amounted to 33 249.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 12.8% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

July 2020 the total imports of goods decreased by 15.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 016.7 Million BGN.

Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - July 2020 and amounted to 2 138.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 231.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - July 2019 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	4694.9	3062.4	1632.5	5065.6	2933.6	2132.0	-370.7	128.8	-499.5
II.2019	4698.3	3050.3	1648.0	5341.8	3164.6	2177.2	-643.5	-114.3	-529.2
III.2019	4809.0	3166.4	1642.6	5379.6	3515.8	1863.8	-570.6	-349.4	-221.2
I - III.2019	14202.2	9279.1	4923.1	15787.0	9614.0	6173.0	-1584.8	-334.9	-1249.9
IV.2019	4675.9	3044.0	1631.9	5578.2	3394.0	2184.2	-902.3	-350.0	-552.3
V.2019	4756.7	3082.0	1674.7	5661.0	3427.8	2233.2	-904.3	-345.8	-558.5
VI.2019	4639.8	2956.4	1683.4	5146.0	3208.2	1937.8	-506.2	-251.8	-254.4
IV - VI.2019	14072.4	9082.4	4990.0	16385.2	10030.0	6355.2	-2312.8	-947.6	-1365.2
I - VI.2019	28274.6	18361.5	9913.1	32172.2	19644.0	12528.2	-3897.6	-1282.5	-2615.1
VII.2019	5358.2	3500.8	1857.4	5968.2	3676.0	2292.2	-610.0	-175.2	-434.8
I - VII.2019	33632.8	21862.3	11770.5	38140.4	23320.0	14820.4	-4507.6	-1457.7	-3049.9
I.2020	4981.8	3209.9	1771.9	5281.1	3097.4	2183.7	-299.3	112.5	-411.8
II.2020	4842.6	3177.3	1665.3	5254.3	3226.7	2027.6	-411.7	-49.4	-362.3
III.2020	4500.7	2884.0	1616.7	5036.6	3225.0	1811.6	-535.9	-341.0	-194.9
I - III.2020	14325.1	9271.2	5053.9	15572.0	9549.1	6022.9	-1246.9	-277.9	-969.0
IV.2020	3863.0	2432.2	1430.8	3825.7	2297.9	1527.8	37.3	134.3	-97.0
V.2020	3785.7	2535.7	1250.0	4055.5	2458.1	1597.4	-269.8	77.6	-347.4
VI.2020	4352.3	2931.5	1420.8	4779.6	2968.1	1811.5	-427.3	-36.6	-390.7
IV - VI.2020	12001.0	7899.4	4101.6	12660.8	7724.1	4936.7	-659.8	175.3	-835.1
I - VI.2020	26326.1	17170.6	9155.5	28232.8	17273.2	10959.6	-1906.7	-102.6	-1804.1
VII.2020	4785.2	3274.3	1510.9	5016.7	3120.3	1896.4	-231.5	154.0	-385.5
I - VII.2020	31111.3	20444.9	10666.4	33249.5	20393.5	12856.0	-2138.2	51.4	-2189.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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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 - July 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	6.1	4.8	8.5	4.3	5.6	2.4
II	3.1	4.2	1.0	-1.6	2.0	-6.9
III	-6.4	-8.9	-1.6	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
I - III	0.9	-0.1	2.7	-1.4	-0.7	-2.4
IV	-17.4	-20.1	-12.3	-31.4	-32.3	-30.1
V	-20.4	-17.7	-25.4	-28.4	-28.3	-28.5
VI	-6.2	-0.8	-15.6	-7.1	-7.5	-6.5
IV - VI	-14.7	-13.0	-17.8	-22.7	-23.0	-22.3
I - VI	-6.9	-6.5	-7.6	-12.2	-12.1	-12.5
VII	-10.7	-6.5	-18.7	-15.9	-15.1	-17.3
I - VII	-7.5	-6.5	-9.4	-12.8	-12.5	-13.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 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 - July 2019 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	11770.5	10666.4	-9.4	14820.4	12856.0	-13.3	-3049.9	-2189.6
of which:								
Albania	95.9	96.7	0.8	23.6	30.9	30.9	72.3	65.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	72.9	99.9	37.0	30.3	26.9	-11.2	42.6	73.0
Brazil	42.4	56.0	32.1	30.5	30.6	0.3	11.9	25.4
Canada	73.3	166.4	127.0	58.4	195.6	234.9	14.9	-29.2
China	854.9	1012.5	18.4	1733.0	1689.7	-2.5	-878.1	-677.2
Egypt	386.8	181.4	-53.1	809.2	451.0	-44.3	-422.4	-269.6
Georgia	172.3	136.4	-20.8	403.8	507.5	25.7	-231.5	-371.1
Gibraltar	106.7	173.1	62.2	0.0	0.1	x	106.7	173.0
India	135.9	104.5	-23.1	206.3	167.8	-18.7	-70.4	-63.3
Indonesia	43.7	37.2	-14.9	232.7	128.0	-45.0	-189.0	-90.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	58.3	142.3	144.1	43.0	22.1	-48.6	15.3	120.2
Israel	161.8	132.4	-18.2	59.6	52.0	-12.8	102.2	80.4
Japan	50.2	61.6	22.7	149.0	154.2	3.5	-98.8	-92.6
Kazakhstan	35.3	36.7	4.0	2.7	12.0	344.4	32.6	24.7
Korea, Republic of	98.0	59.7	-39.1	170.9	146.2	-14.5	-72.9	-86.5
Libya	75.6	110.3	45.9	0.0	0.0	x	75.6	110.3
Morocco	69.5	114.1	64.2	121.5	56.2	-53.7	-52.0	57.9
Namibia	175.8	152.1	-13.5	0.0	0.0	x	175.8	152.1
Norway	47.6	54.8	15.1	26.2	27.1	3.4	21.4	27.7
Peru	10.1	6.6	-34.7	17.8	365.5	1953.4	-7.7	-358.9
Republic of North Macedonia	480.3	397.4	-17.3	362.7	306.7	-15.4	117.6	90.7
Russian Federation	554.8	473.0	-14.7	3697.7	2305.5	-37.7	-3142.9	-1832.5
Serbia	686.0	540.7	-21.2	683.4	698.6	2.2	2.6	-157.9
Singapore	126.3	27.7	-78.1	44.0	37.2	-15.5	82.3	-9.5
South Africa	135.9	150.6	10.8	68.5	32.4	-52.7	67.4	118.2
Switzerland	208.8	212.6	1.8	276.3	286.8	3.8	-67.5	-74.2
Syrian Arab Republic	19.2	3.8	-80.2	0.1	0.3	200.0	19.1	3.5
Taiwan	32.2	48.1	49.4	113.1	104.2	-7.9	-80.9	-56.1
Tunisia	360.2	129.2	-64.1	28.0	17.2	-38.6	332.2	112.0
Turkey	2383.7	2005.1	-15.9	2514.9	2272.3	-9.6	-131.2	-267.2
Ukraine	365.5	240.6	-34.2	651.2	569.2	-12.6	-285.7	-328.6
United Arab Emirates	119.4	73.0	-38.9	39.1	29.7	-24.0	80.3	43.3
United Kingdom	784.5	728.2	-7.2	526.8	369.9	-29.8	257.7	358.3
United States	593.4	606.3	2.2	377.7	399.1	5.7	215.7	207.2
Viet-Nam	44.1	42.2	-4.3	72.6	74.2	2.2	-28.5	-32.0

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 14-th September 2020.

³ 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 - July 2019 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	11770.5	10666.4	-9.4	14820.4	12856.0	-13.3	-3049.9	-2189.6
Food and live animals	1104.3	1435.1	30.0	632.6	672.7	6.3	471.7	762.4
Beverages and tobacco	171.1	134.2	-21.6	167.7	139.7	-16.7	3.4	-5.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	825.2	924.2	12.0	1541.2	2477.4	60.7	-716.0	-1553.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2207.5	1012.9	-54.1	4348.5	2169.0	-50.1	-2141.0	-1156.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	175.3	260.3	48.5	62.4	81.1	30.0	112.9	179.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1541.3	1448.7	-6.0	1426.3	1312.1	-8.0	115.0	136.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2316.9	2359.5	1.8	2840.2	2681.3	-5.6	-523.3	-321.8
Machinery and transport equipment	2006.2	1785.7	-11.0	2728.0	2349.8	-13.9	-721.8	-564.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1393.1	1273.7	-8.6	1045.9	946.4	-9.5	347.2	327.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	29.6	32.1	8.4	27.6	26.5	-4.0	2.0	5.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

² Non EU including the United Kingdom.