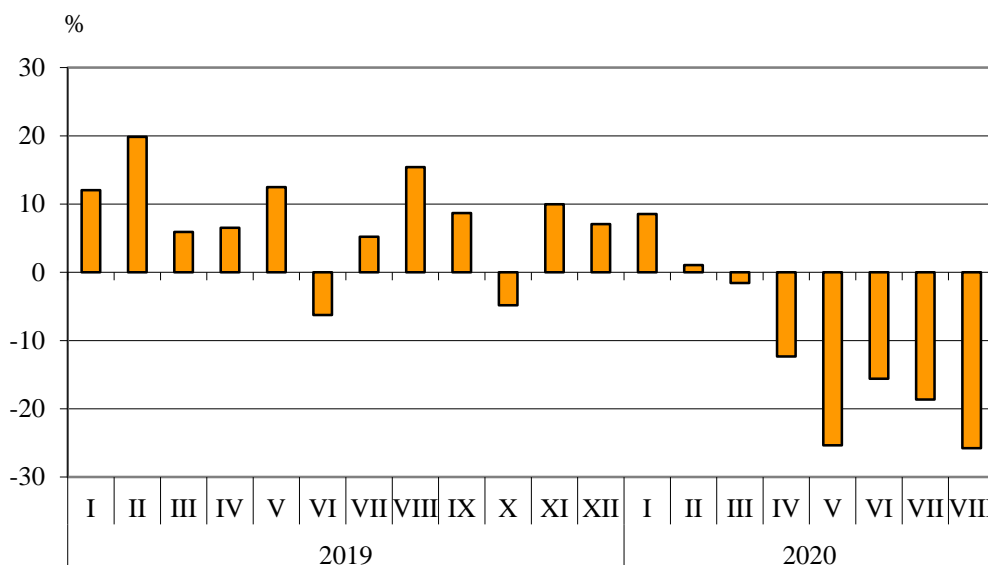


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 11.5% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 11 990.3 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 54.1% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries dropped by 25.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 323.8 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 - August 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' (56.1%) and 'Food and live animals' (14.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (54.6%).

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2020 decreased by 12.8% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 14 593.4 Million BGN (at CIF

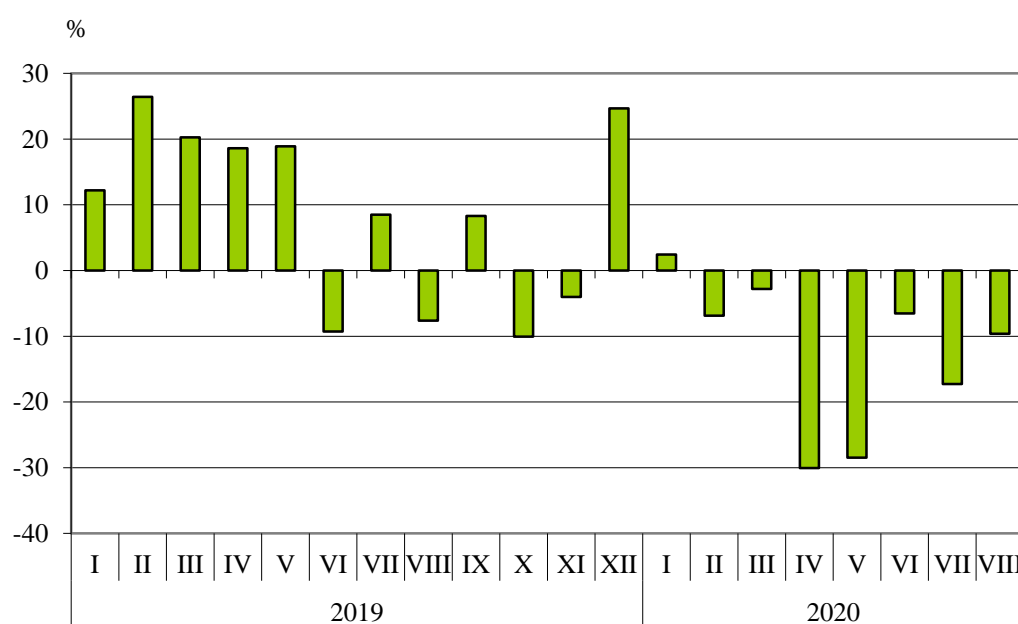
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 9.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 737.4 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 - August 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> (66.7%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (37.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (50.4%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - August 2020** was negative and added up to 2 603.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 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.

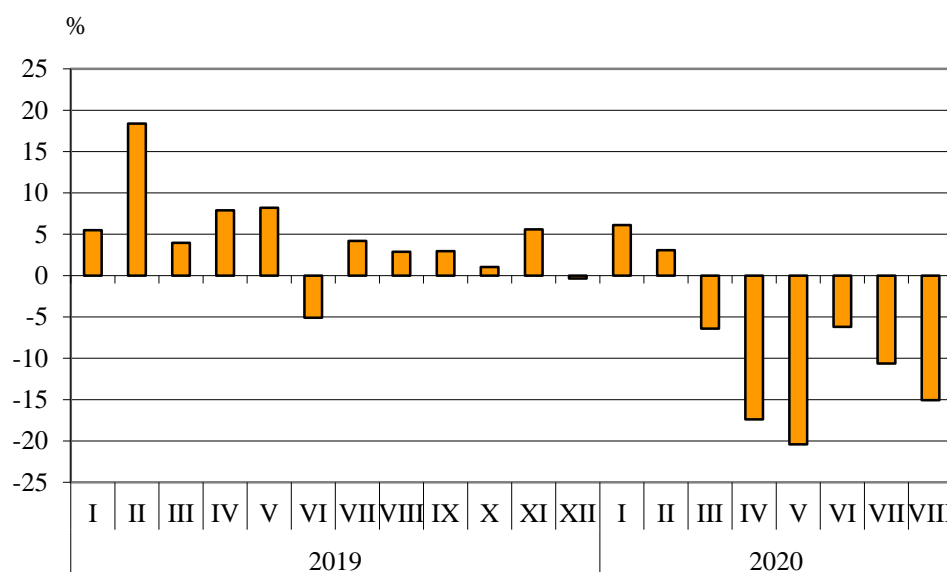
**August 2020** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 413.6 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - August 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 35 230.5 Million BGN which is 8.4% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 115.6 Million BGN and decreased by 15.1% 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)**

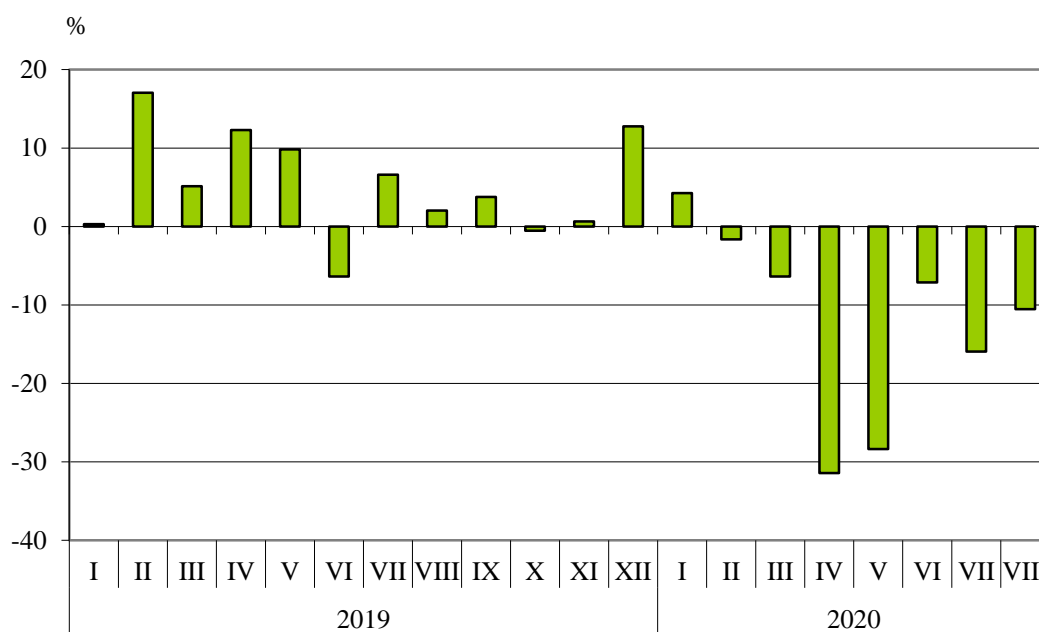


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2020** amounted to 37 796.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 12.6% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

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

In **August 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 10.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 546.0 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 - August 2020** and amounted to 2 565.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 430.4 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - August 2019 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	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
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14202.2</b>	<b>9279.1</b>	<b>4923.1</b>	<b>15787.0</b>	<b>9614.0</b>	<b>6173.0</b>	<b>-1584.8</b>	<b>-334.9</b>	<b>-1249.9</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>14072.4</b>	<b>9082.4</b>	<b>4990.0</b>	<b>16385.2</b>	<b>10030.0</b>	<b>6355.2</b>	<b>-2312.8</b>	<b>-947.6</b>	<b>-1365.2</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>28274.6</b>	<b>18361.5</b>	<b>9913.1</b>	<b>32172.2</b>	<b>19644.0</b>	<b>12528.2</b>	<b>-3897.6</b>	<b>-1282.5</b>	<b>-2615.1</b>
VII.2019	5358.2	3500.8	1857.4	5968.2	3676.0	2292.2	-610.0	-175.2	-434.8
VIII.2019	4845.2	3061.7	1783.5	5081.0	3158.6	1922.4	-235.8	-96.9	-138.9
<b>I - VIII.2019</b>	<b>38478.0</b>	<b>24924.0</b>	<b>13554.0</b>	<b>43221.4</b>	<b>26478.6</b>	<b>16742.8</b>	<b>-4743.4</b>	<b>-1554.6</b>	<b>-3188.8</b>
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
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14325.1</b>	<b>9271.2</b>	<b>5053.9</b>	<b>15572.0</b>	<b>9549.1</b>	<b>6022.9</b>	<b>-1246.9</b>	<b>-277.9</b>	<b>-969.0</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>12001.0</b>	<b>7899.4</b>	<b>4101.6</b>	<b>12660.8</b>	<b>7724.1</b>	<b>4936.7</b>	<b>-659.8</b>	<b>175.3</b>	<b>-835.1</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26326.1</b>	<b>17170.6</b>	<b>9155.5</b>	<b>28232.8</b>	<b>17273.2</b>	<b>10959.6</b>	<b>-1906.7</b>	<b>-102.6</b>	<b>-1804.1</b>
VII.2020	4788.8	3277.8	1511.0	5017.2	3120.8	1896.4	-228.4	157.0	-385.4
VIII.2020	4115.6	2791.8	1323.8	4546.0	2808.6	1737.4	-430.4	-16.8	-413.6
<b>I - VIII.2020</b>	<b>35230.5</b>	<b>23240.2</b>	<b>11990.3</b>	<b>37796.0</b>	<b>23202.6</b>	<b>14593.4</b>	<b>-2565.5</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-2603.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 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 - August 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	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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
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
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>-22.7</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-22.3</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-12.5</b>
VII	-10.6	-6.4	-18.6	-15.9	-15.1	-17.3
VIII	-15.1	-8.8	-25.8	-10.5	-11.1	-9.6
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>-12.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 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 - August 2019 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>13554.0</b>	<b>11990.3</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>16742.8</b>	<b>14593.4</b>	<b>-12.8</b>	<b>-3188.8</b>	<b>-2603.1</b>
of which:								
Albania	112.4	113.0	0.5	26.6	35.8	34.6	85.8	77.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	79.8	110.3	38.2	34.9	29.6	-15.2	44.9	80.7
Brazil	46.7	61.9	32.5	35.4	100.9	185.0	11.3	-39.0
Canada	82.9	173.7	109.5	67.2	204.3	204.0	15.7	-30.6
China	974.4	1138.9	16.9	1985.6	1929.2	-2.8	-1011.2	-790.3
Egypt	435.3	217.9	-49.9	880.3	468.4	-46.8	-445.0	-250.5
Georgia	193.5	161.0	-16.8	446.7	609.5	36.4	-253.2	-448.5
Gibraltar	167.9	193.3	15.1	6.3	0.1	-98.4	161.6	193.2
India	150.0	124.5	-17.0	233.3	189.1	-18.9	-83.3	-64.6
Indonesia	54.2	54.9	1.3	240.1	168.5	-29.8	-185.9	-113.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	66.2	152.9	131.0	47.2	25.9	-45.1	19.0	127.0
Israel	183.4	145.9	-20.4	67.0	58.1	-13.3	116.4	87.8
Japan	60.1	68.4	13.8	175.7	174.4	-0.7	-115.6	-106.0
Kazakhstan	40.1	40.4	0.7	2.9	15.5	434.5	37.2	24.9
Korea, Republic of	147.1	65.2	-55.7	200.1	169.2	-15.4	-53.0	-104.0
Libya	85.4	131.7	54.2	0.0	0.0	x	85.4	131.7
Morocco	74.8	130.0	73.8	134.2	71.0	-47.1	-59.4	59.0
Namibia	175.9	188.2	7.0	0.0	0.0	x	175.9	188.2
Norway	54.4	62.2	14.3	30.6	31.4	2.6	23.8	30.8
Peru	15.7	7.3	-53.5	26.1	386.4	1380.5	-10.4	-379.1
Republic of North Macedonia	547.0	458.0	-16.3	416.0	351.3	-15.6	131.0	106.7
Russian Federation	633.9	526.4	-17.0	4211.6	2467.5	-41.4	-3577.7	-1941.1
Serbia	781.4	620.0	-20.7	791.4	800.9	1.2	-10.0	-180.9
Singapore	147.8	29.7	-79.9	49.4	43.0	-13.0	98.4	-13.3
South Africa	141.5	156.5	10.6	72.1	36.5	-49.4	69.4	120.0
Switzerland	235.5	237.9	1.0	323.5	318.4	-1.6	-88.0	-80.5
Syrian Arab Republic	40.8	3.9	-90.4	0.2	0.4	100.0	40.6	3.5
Taiwan	36.4	52.1	43.1	130.1	121.2	-6.8	-93.7	-69.1
Tunisia	394.9	140.8	-64.3	29.5	19.6	-33.6	365.4	121.2
Turkey	2698.4	2240.0	-17.0	2783.0	2614.1	-6.1	-84.6	-374.1
Ukraine	443.1	280.8	-36.6	725.1	652.2	-10.1	-282.0	-371.4
United Arab Emirates	128.7	88.0	-31.6	43.1	31.7	-26.5	85.6	56.3
United Kingdom	887.3	824.2	-7.1	585.7	459.2	-21.6	301.6	365.0
United States	693.7	682.7	-1.6	439.1	433.6	-1.3	254.6	249.1
Viet-Nam	49.8	46.7	-6.2	85.5	85.7	0.2	-35.7	-39.0

<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 12-th October 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 - August 2019 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>13554.0</b>	<b>11990.3</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>16742.8</b>	<b>14593.4</b>	<b>-12.8</b>	<b>-3188.8</b>	<b>-2603.1</b>
Food and live animals	1370.8	1568.1	14.4	718.4	753.5	4.9	652.4	814.6
Beverages and tobacco	194.3	147.6	-24.0	188.7	160.1	-15.2	5.6	-12.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	916.8	1020.2	11.3	1733.3	2889.5	66.7	-816.5	-1869.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2529.5	1148.3	-54.6	4857.3	2408.0	-50.4	-2327.8	-1259.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	181.6	283.4	56.1	68.7	94.4	37.4	112.9	189.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1759.1	1641.1	-6.7	1618.8	1490.5	-7.9	140.3	150.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2625.0	2665.8	1.6	3223.7	3030.5	-6.0	-598.7	-364.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2265.2	2039.6	-10.0	3076.7	2653.6	-13.8	-811.5	-614.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1678.1	1435.4	-14.5	1225.7	1082.8	-11.7	452.4	352.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	33.6	40.8	21.4	31.5	30.5	-3.2	2.1	10.3

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

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