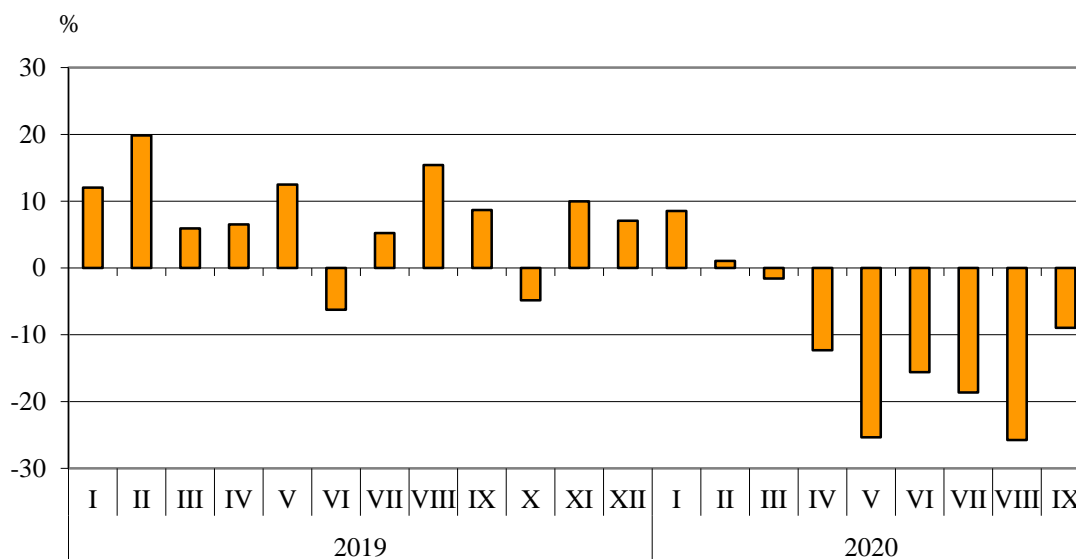


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 11.2% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 13 639.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation which accounted for 54.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2020 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries dropped by 9.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 649.2 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 - September 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' (55.4%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)<sup>2</sup> (9.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (57.5%).

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

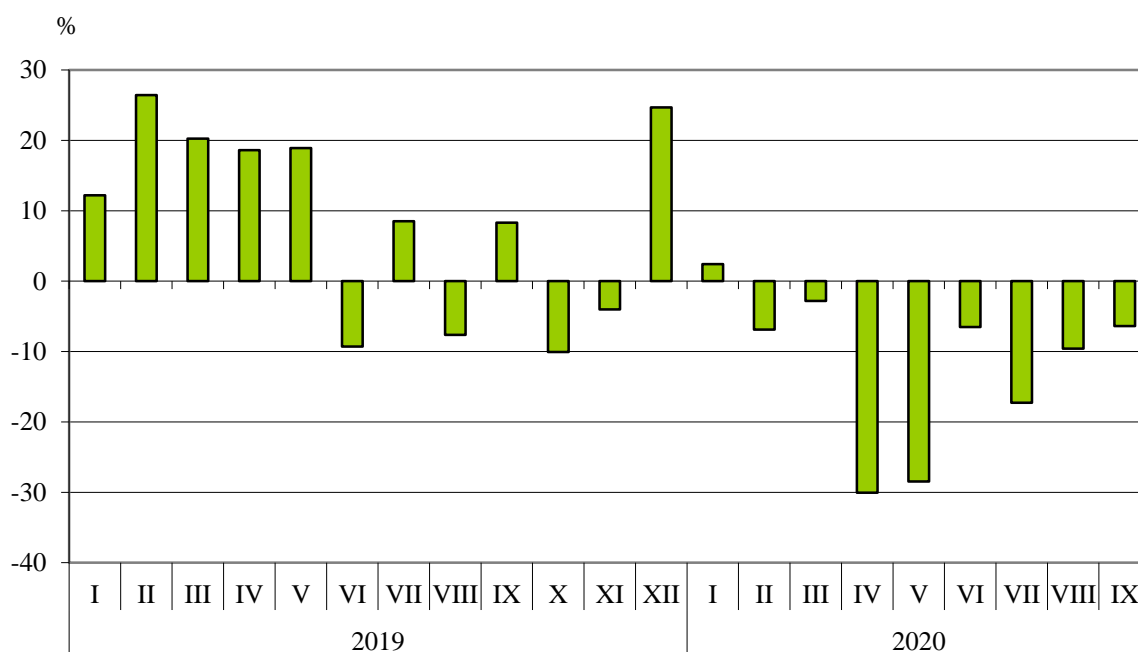
<sup>2</sup> The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

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**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period **January - September 2020** decreased by 12.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 16 636.2 Million BGN (at CIF 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 **September 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 6.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 041.9 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 - September 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)’ (78.7%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (41.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (51.2%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - September 2020** was negative and added up to 2 996.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **September 2020** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 392.7 Million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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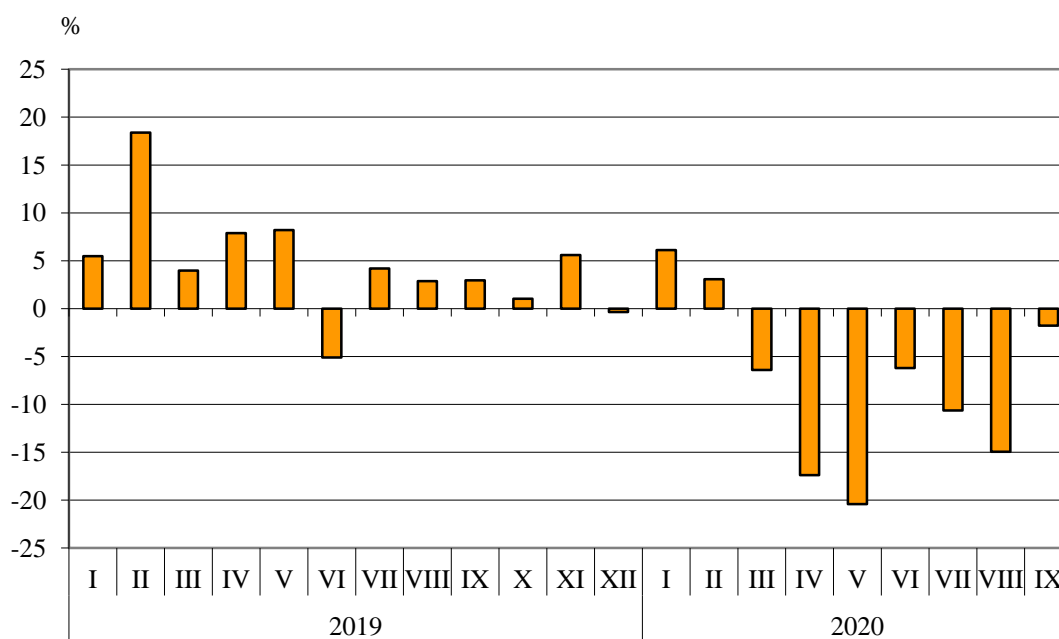
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - September 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 40 069.2 Million BGN which is 7.7% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 833.1 Million BGN and decreased by 1.8% 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)**

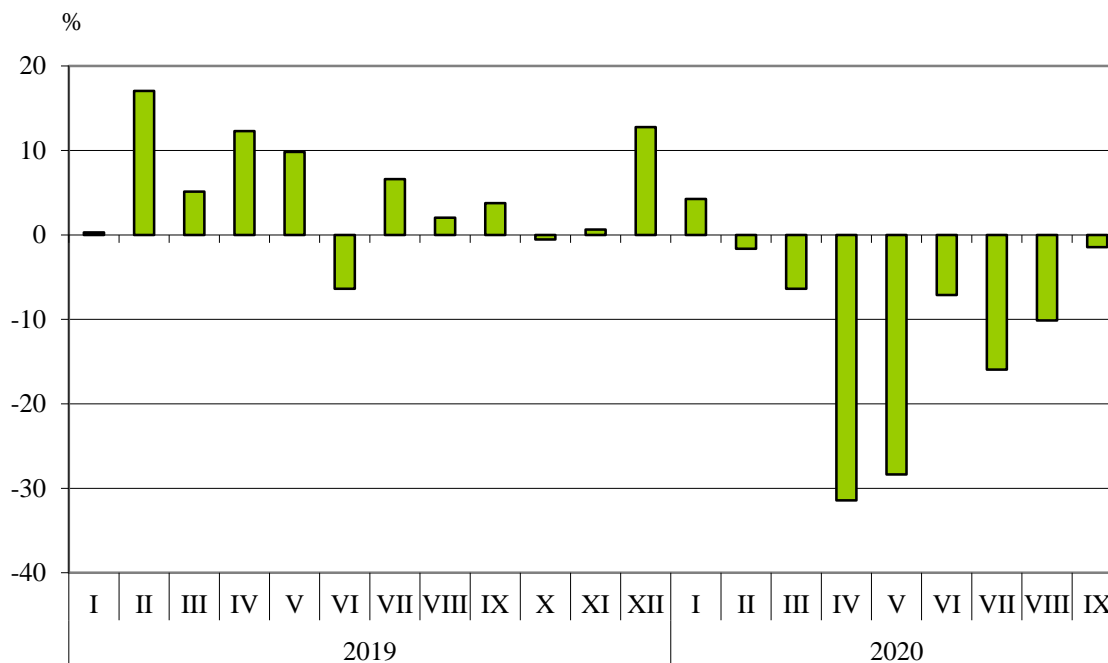


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2020** amounted to 43 105.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 11.3% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 1.4% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 288.7 Million BGN.

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

**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 - September 2020** and amounted to 3 036.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 455.6 Million BGN.

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## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 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
IX.2019	4920.0	3108.5	1811.5	5365.8	3184.7	2181.1	-445.8	-76.2	-369.6
<b>VII - IX.2019</b>	<b>15123.4</b>	<b>9671.0</b>	<b>5452.4</b>	<b>16415.0</b>	<b>10019.3</b>	<b>6395.7</b>	<b>-1291.6</b>	<b>-348.3</b>	<b>-943.3</b>
<b>I - IX.2019</b>	<b>43398.0</b>	<b>28032.5</b>	<b>15365.5</b>	<b>48587.2</b>	<b>29663.3</b>	<b>18923.9</b>	<b>-5189.2</b>	<b>-1630.8</b>	<b>-3558.4</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	4121.2	2797.3	1323.9	4566.8	2828.5	1738.3	-445.6	-31.2	-414.4
IX.2020	4833.1	3183.9	1649.2	5288.7	3246.8	2041.9	-455.6	-62.9	-392.7
<b>VII - IX.2020</b>	<b>13743.1</b>	<b>9259.0</b>	<b>4484.1</b>	<b>14872.7</b>	<b>9196.1</b>	<b>5676.6</b>	<b>-1129.6</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>-1192.5</b>
<b>I - IX.2020</b>	<b>40069.2</b>	<b>26429.6</b>	<b>13639.6</b>	<b>43105.5</b>	<b>26469.3</b>	<b>16636.2</b>	<b>-3036.3</b>	<b>-39.7</b>	<b>-2996.6</b>

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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 - September 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	-14.9	-8.6	-25.8	-10.1	-10.5	-9.6
IX	-1.8	2.4	-9.0	-1.4	1.9	-6.4
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-11.2</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-12.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 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 - September 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>15365.5</b>	<b>13639.6</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>18923.9</b>	<b>16636.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-3558.4</b>	<b>-2996.6</b>
of which:								
Albania	124.6	128.0	2.7	30.9	43.6	41.1	93.7	84.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	88.6	120.0	35.4	37.6	32.5	-13.6	51.0	87.5
Brazil	50.6	67.3	33.0	39.6	105.1	165.4	11.0	-37.8
Canada	92.2	183.1	98.6	75.1	208.9	178.2	17.1	-25.8
China	1103.2	1331.4	20.7	2221.1	2184.6	-1.6	-1117.9	-853.2
Egypt	483.9	233.0	-51.8	1013.6	562.6	-44.5	-529.7	-329.6
Georgia	216.7	190.7	-12.0	472.9	698.1	47.6	-256.2	-507.4
Gibraltar	216.7	193.3	-10.8	6.3	0.1	-98.4	210.4	193.2
India	167.8	161.3	-3.9	258.3	212.6	-17.7	-90.5	-51.3
Indonesia	85.8	58.3	-32.1	248.3	174.6	-29.7	-162.5	-116.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	77.1	159.2	106.5	51.4	28.4	-44.7	25.7	130.8
Israel	198.9	158.2	-20.5	74.8	67.9	-9.2	124.1	90.3
Japan	70.0	74.4	6.3	203.7	196.9	-3.3	-133.7	-122.5
Kazakhstan	43.3	50.1	15.7	3.1	19.1	516.1	40.2	31.0
Korea, Republic of	186.7	87.0	-53.4	225.7	190.6	-15.6	-39.0	-103.6
Libya	92.5	135.5	46.5	0.0	0.0	x	92.5	135.5
Morocco	80.6	140.9	74.8	167.7	81.3	-51.5	-87.1	59.6
Namibia	176.0	232.3	32.0	0.0	0.0	x	176.0	232.3
Norway	62.6	69.1	10.4	33.2	36.9	11.1	29.4	32.2
Peru	16.9	8.8	-47.9	27.5	415.3	1410.2	-10.6	-406.5
Republic of North Macedonia	613.5	659.1	7.4	478.9	406.6	-15.1	134.6	252.5
Russian Federation	732.3	611.6	-16.5	4851.1	2682.0	-44.7	-4118.8	-2070.4
Serbia	878.8	704.6	-19.8	900.9	903.1	0.2	-22.1	-198.5
Singapore	149.6	31.6	-78.9	58.6	47.2	-19.5	91.0	-15.6
South Africa	147.2	159.9	8.6	76.3	41.4	-45.7	70.9	118.5
Switzerland	273.6	262.8	-3.9	361.0	355.7	-1.5	-87.4	-92.9
Syrian Arab Republic	47.8	4.2	-91.2	0.2	0.4	100.0	47.6	3.8
Taiwan	41.5	55.7	34.2	152.1	137.1	-9.9	-110.6	-81.4
Tunisia	428.8	180.7	-57.9	33.4	22.5	-32.6	395.4	158.2
Turkey	3055.9	2487.3	-18.6	3132.8	2956.2	-5.6	-76.9	-468.9
Ukraine	527.6	322.1	-38.9	814.4	748.8	-8.1	-286.8	-426.7
United Arab Emirates	151.2	97.1	-35.8	48.7	34.1	-30.0	102.5	63.0
United Kingdom	1011.5	935.1	-7.6	659.8	525.1	-20.4	351.7	410.0
United States	791.4	757.3	-4.3	477.4	548.7	14.9	314.0	208.6
Viet-Nam	54.8	51.3	-6.4	99.1	96.4	-2.7	-44.3	-45.1

<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 November 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 - September 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>15365.5</b>	<b>13639.6</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>18923.9</b>	<b>16636.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-3558.4</b>	<b>-2996.6</b>
Food and live animals	1604.9	1737.8	8.3	798.3	838.4	5.0	806.6	899.4
Beverages and tobacco	222.9	163.3	-26.7	216.4	183.7	-15.1	6.5	-20.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1042.0	1142.1	9.6	1897.0	3390.0	78.7	-855.0	-2247.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2900.9	1233.3	-57.5	5522.7	2693.6	-51.2	-2621.8	-1460.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	197.2	306.5	55.4	76.0	107.5	41.4	121.2	199.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1971.3	1849.1	-6.2	1829.4	1666.3	-8.9	141.9	182.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2918.5	3177.7	8.9	3707.1	3393.2	-8.5	-788.6	-215.5
Machinery and transport equipment	2564.6	2316.9	-9.7	3433.9	3095.4	-9.9	-869.3	-778.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1905.4	1666.4	-12.5	1407.1	1233.2	-12.4	498.3	433.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	37.8	46.5	23.0	36.0	34.9	-3.1	1.8	11.6

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

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