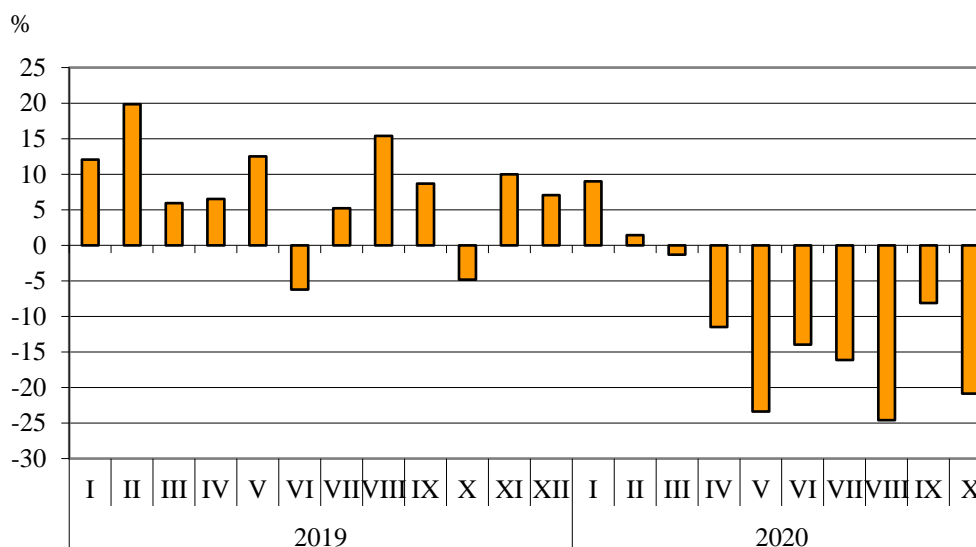


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 11.3% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 15 402.2 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 54.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2020** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** dropped by 20.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 587.6 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 - October 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' (41.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (58.1%).

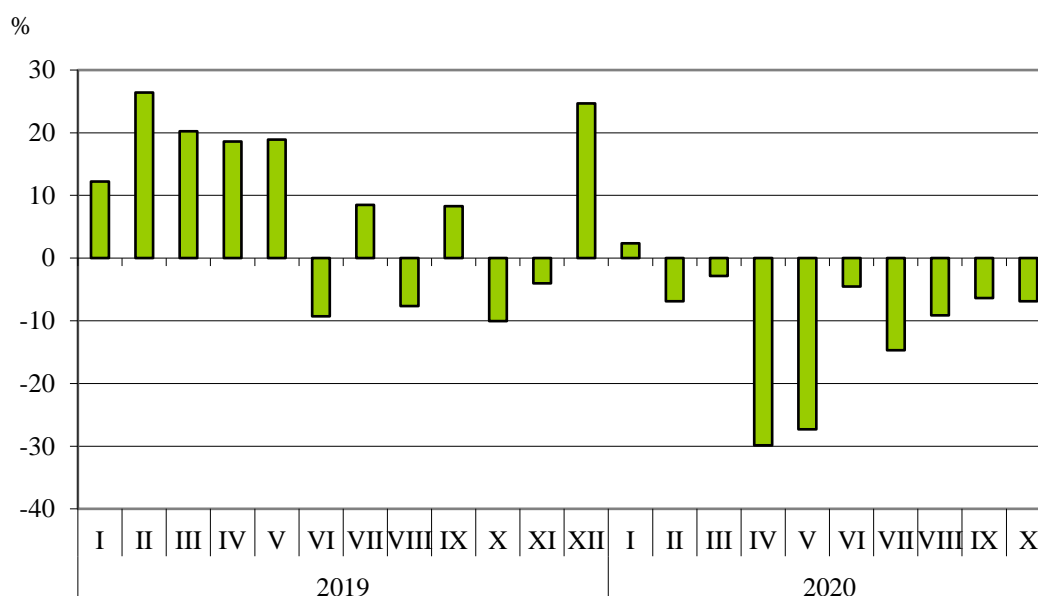
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - October 2020 decreased by 10.9% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 18 983.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 **October 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries dropped by 6.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 214.6 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 - October 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 (90.2%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (63.2%) (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 - October 2020** was negative and added up to 3 581.5 Million BGN (Annex, Table 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.

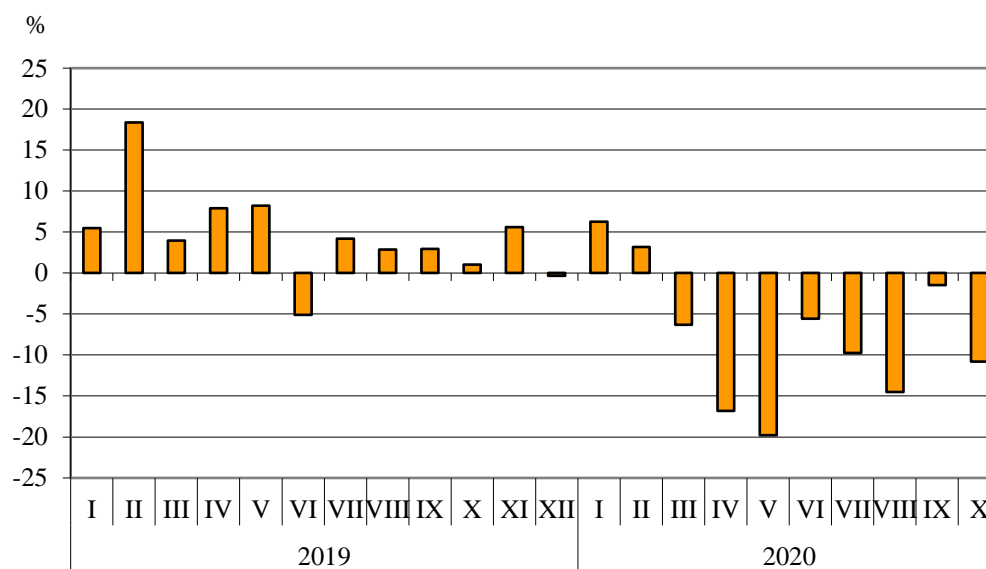
In **October 2020** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 627.0 Million BGN.

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

In the period **January - October 2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 45 162.4 Million BGN which is 7.6% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 907.6 Million BGN and decreased by 10.8% 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)

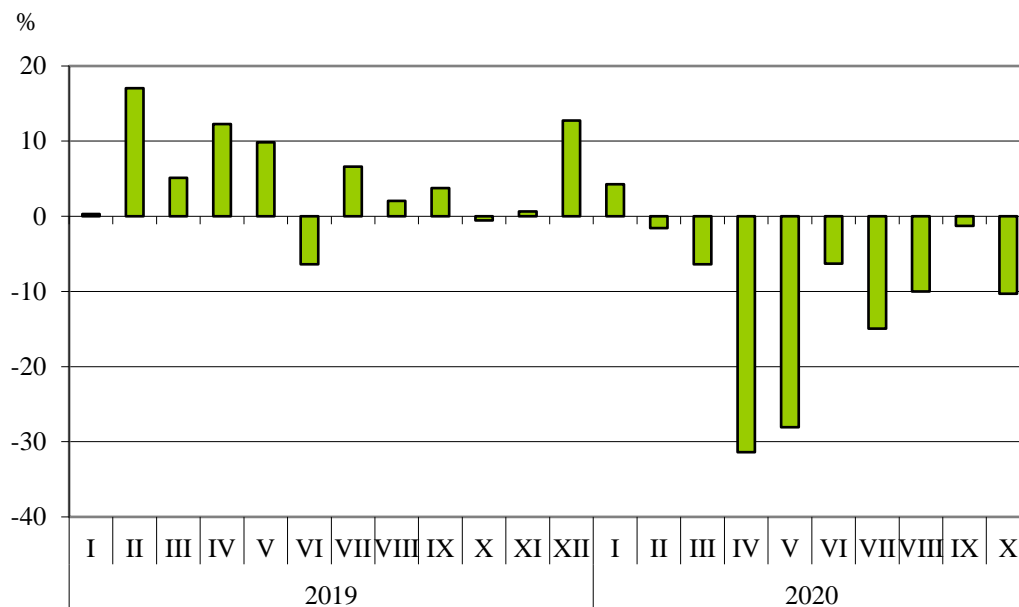


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - October 2020** amounted to 48 803.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 10.9% less than the same period of 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 10.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 558.1 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**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 - October 2020** and amounted to 3 640.6 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 650.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 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
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
VII - IX.2019	15123.4	9671.0	5452.4	16415.0	10019.3	6395.7	-1291.6	-348.3	-943.3
I - IX.2019	43398.0	28032.5	15365.5	48587.2	29663.3	18923.9	-5189.2	-1630.8	-3558.4
X.2019	5502.4	3496.0	2006.4	6195.9	3817.4	2378.5	-693.5	-321.4	-372.1
I - X.2019	48900.4	31528.5	17371.9	54783.1	33480.7	21302.4	-5882.7	-1952.2	-3930.5
I.2020	4989.3	3209.8	1779.5	5282.5	3100.0	2182.5	-293.2	109.8	-403.0
II.2020	4848.4	3177.1	1671.3	5256.9	3229.8	2027.1	-408.5	-52.7	-355.8
III.2020	4505.5	2884.4	1621.1	5036.3	3225.3	1811.0	-530.8	-340.9	-189.9
I - III.2020	14343.2	9271.3	5071.9	15575.7	9555.1	6020.6	-1232.5	-283.8	-948.7
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.2	1444.3	3828.0	2295.9	1532.1	61.5	149.3	-87.8
V.2020	3816.1	2532.9	1283.2	4072.0	2449.0	1623.0	-255.9	83.9	-339.8
VI.2020	4380.8	2932.5	1448.3	4822.6	2972.7	1849.9	-441.8	-40.2	-401.6
IV - VI.2020	12086.4	7910.6	4175.8	12722.6	7717.6	5005.0	-636.2	193.0	-829.2
I - VI.2020	26429.6	17181.9	9247.7	28298.3	17272.7	11025.6	-1868.7	-90.8	-1777.9
VII.2020	4835.1	3277.1	1558.0	5076.2	3121.4	1954.8	-241.1	155.7	-396.8
VIII.2020	4141.6	2796.9	1344.7	4571.7	2825.3	1746.4	-430.1	-28.4	-401.7
IX.2020	4848.5	3184.3	1664.2	5298.7	3256.4	2042.3	-450.2	-72.1	-378.1
VII - IX.2020	13825.2	9258.3	4566.9	14946.6	9203.1	5743.5	-1121.4	55.2	-1176.6
I - IX.2020	40254.8	26440.2	13814.6	43244.9	26475.8	16769.1	-2990.1	-35.6	-2954.5
X.2020	4907.6	3320.0	1587.6	5558.1	3343.5	2214.6	-650.5	-23.5	-627.0
I - X.2020	45162.4	29760.2	15402.2	48803.0	29819.3	18983.7	-3640.6	-59.1	-3581.5

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

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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
- October 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	6.3	4.8	9.0	4.3	5.7	2.4
II	3.2	4.2	1.4	-1.6	2.1	-6.9
III	-6.3	-8.9	-1.3	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
I - III	1.0	-0.1	3.0	-1.3	-0.6	-2.5
IV	-16.8	-19.7	-11.5	-31.4	-32.4	-29.9
V	-19.8	-17.8	-23.4	-28.1	-28.6	-27.3
VI	-5.6	-0.8	-14.0	-6.3	-7.3	-4.5
IV - VI	-14.1	-12.9	-16.3	-22.4	-23.1	-21.2
I - VI	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	-12.0	-12.1	-12.0
VII	-9.8	-6.4	-16.1	-14.9	-15.1	-14.7
VIII	-14.5	-8.6	-24.6	-10.0	-10.6	-9.2
IX	-1.5	2.4	-8.1	-1.3	2.3	-6.4
VII - IX	-8.6	-4.3	-16.2	-8.9	-8.1	-10.2
I - IX	-7.2	-5.7	-10.1	-11.0	-10.7	-11.4
X	-10.8	-5.0	-20.9	-10.3	-12.4	-6.9
I - X	-7.6	-5.6	-11.3	-10.9	-10.9	-10.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 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 - October 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	17371.9	15402.2	-11.3	21302.4	18983.7	-10.9	-3930.5	-3581.5
of which:								
Albania	141.1	142.8	1.2	40.9	55.4	35.5	100.2	87.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100.6	132.1	31.3	43.6	35.1	-19.5	57.0	97.0
Brazil	54.2	72.5	33.8	44.1	119.8	171.7	10.1	-47.3
Canada	145.9	194.7	33.4	79.9	238.3	198.2	66.0	-43.6
China	1234.8	1468.5	18.9	2507.6	2444.8	-2.5	-1272.8	-976.3
Egypt	563.8	259.8	-53.9	1089.5	617.6	-43.3	-525.7	-357.8
Georgia	243.0	217.3	-10.6	527.4	740.2	40.3	-284.4	-522.9
Gibraltar	247.0	199.0	-19.4	6.3	0.1	-98.4	240.7	198.9
India	183.0	180.8	-1.2	287.8	237.0	-17.7	-104.8	-56.2
Indonesia	96.1	61.6	-35.9	255.7	180.4	-29.4	-159.6	-118.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	96.3	167.0	73.4	56.2	32.3	-42.5	40.1	134.7
Israel	236.2	170.5	-27.8	79.4	75.8	-4.5	156.8	94.7
Japan	84.0	82.2	-2.1	230.4	222.8	-3.3	-146.4	-140.6
Kazakhstan	48.5	53.5	10.3	3.9	19.0	387.2	44.6	34.5
Korea, Republic of	240.4	103.6	-56.9	249.5	213.0	-14.6	-9.1	-109.4
Libya	110.6	157.2	42.1	0.0	0.0	x	110.6	157.2
Morocco	89.1	148.3	66.4	186.6	90.6	-51.4	-97.5	57.7
Namibia	203.4	277.6	36.5	0.0	0.0	x	203.4	277.6
Norway	71.2	78.6	10.4	37.2	38.5	3.5	34.0	40.1
Peru	18.6	11.6	-37.6	31.2	476.1	1426.0	-12.6	-464.5
Republic of North Macedonia	685.2	727.7	6.2	541.6	474.5	-12.4	143.6	253.2
Russian Federation	858.8	682.4	-20.5	5455.4	3009.8	-44.8	-4596.6	-2327.4
Serbia	977.5	794.1	-18.8	1016.7	1007.0	-1.0	-39.2	-212.9
Singapore	167.8	33.7	-79.9	64.1	53.1	-17.2	103.7	-19.4
South Africa	178.9	193.0	7.9	85.5	48.2	-43.6	93.4	144.8
Switzerland	312.5	293.1	-6.2	418.7	396.0	-5.4	-106.2	-102.9
Syrian Arab Republic	48.4	4.8	-90.1	0.3	0.5	66.7	48.1	4.3
Taiwan	46.9	67.9	44.8	171.1	154.2	-9.9	-124.2	-86.3
Tunisia	459.8	218.2	-52.5	35.9	26.0	-27.6	423.9	192.2
Turkey	3452.1	2826.2	-18.1	3528.3	3456.8	-2.0	-76.2	-630.6
Ukraine	596.8	358.3	-40.0	896.6	884.6	-1.3	-299.8	-526.3
United Arab Emirates	165.8	111.5	-32.8	55.1	44.3	-19.6	110.7	67.2
United Kingdom	1151.9	1056.2	-8.3	765.5	600.9	-21.5	386.4	455.3
United States	892.9	866.9	-2.9	532.1	644.4	21.1	360.8	222.5
Viet-Nam	61.0	59.5	-2.5	112.5	105.3	-6.4	-51.5	-45.8

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 December 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 - October 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	17371.9	15402.2	-11.3	21302.4	18983.7	-10.9	-3930.5	-3581.5
Food and live animals	1892.7	1938.0	2.4	908.9	943.5	3.8	983.8	994.5
Beverages and tobacco	247.3	182.4	-26.2	250.3	206.4	-17.5	-3.0	-24.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1211.7	1271.9	5.0	2121.9	4036.5	90.2	-910.2	-2764.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3212.2	1346.2	-58.1	6117.0	2986.0	-51.2	-2904.8	-1639.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	239.0	338.5	41.6	82.6	134.8	63.2	156.4	203.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2225.1	2062.3	-7.3	2038.6	1848.2	-9.3	186.5	214.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3297.5	3590.6	8.9	4187.0	3841.2	-8.3	-889.5	-250.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2904.1	2641.1	-9.1	3968.3	3540.7	-10.8	-1064.2	-899.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2099.4	1978.8	-5.7	1587.2	1406.3	-11.4	512.2	572.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	42.9	52.4	22.1	40.6	40.1	-1.2	2.3	12.3

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

² Non EU including the United Kingdom.