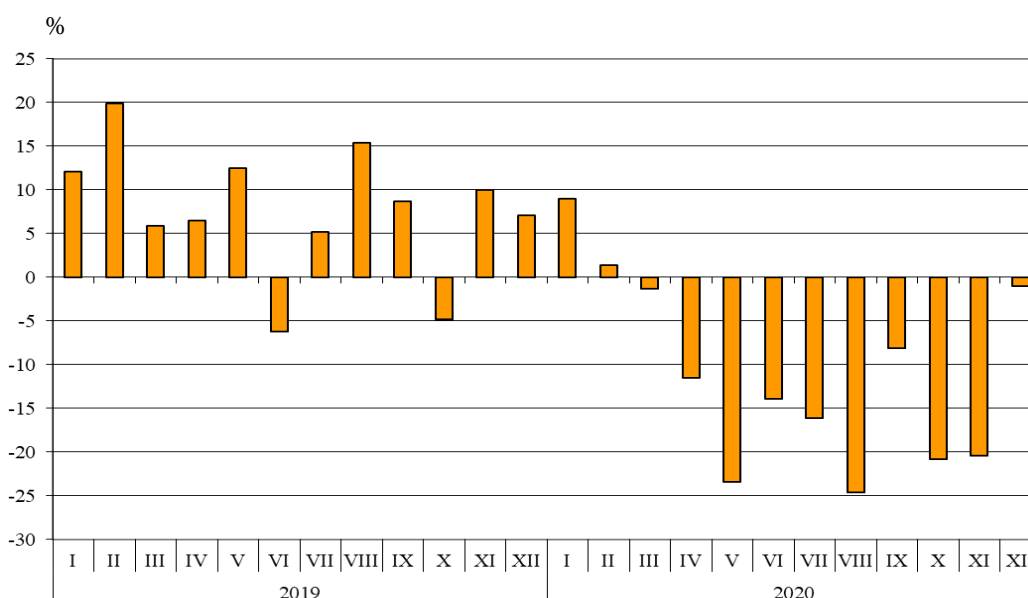


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2020 the exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 11.3% in comparison with 2019 and added up to 18 686.2 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 55.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2020 the exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** dropped by 1.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 727.9 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 **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 2019 was recorded in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (39.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (59.7%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (27.1 %).

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from **third countries** in **2020** decreased by 10.2% in comparison with 2019 and added up to 23 118.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest

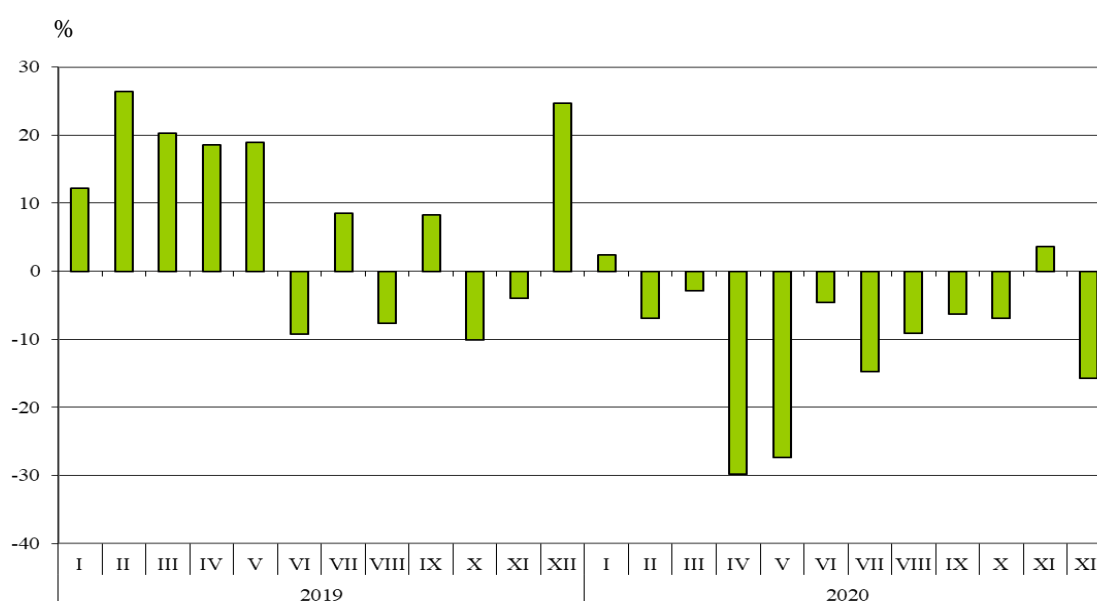
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 15.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 985.4 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 **2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to 2019 was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (80.8%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (73.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (50.6%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in **2020** was negative and added up to 4 432.3 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](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.

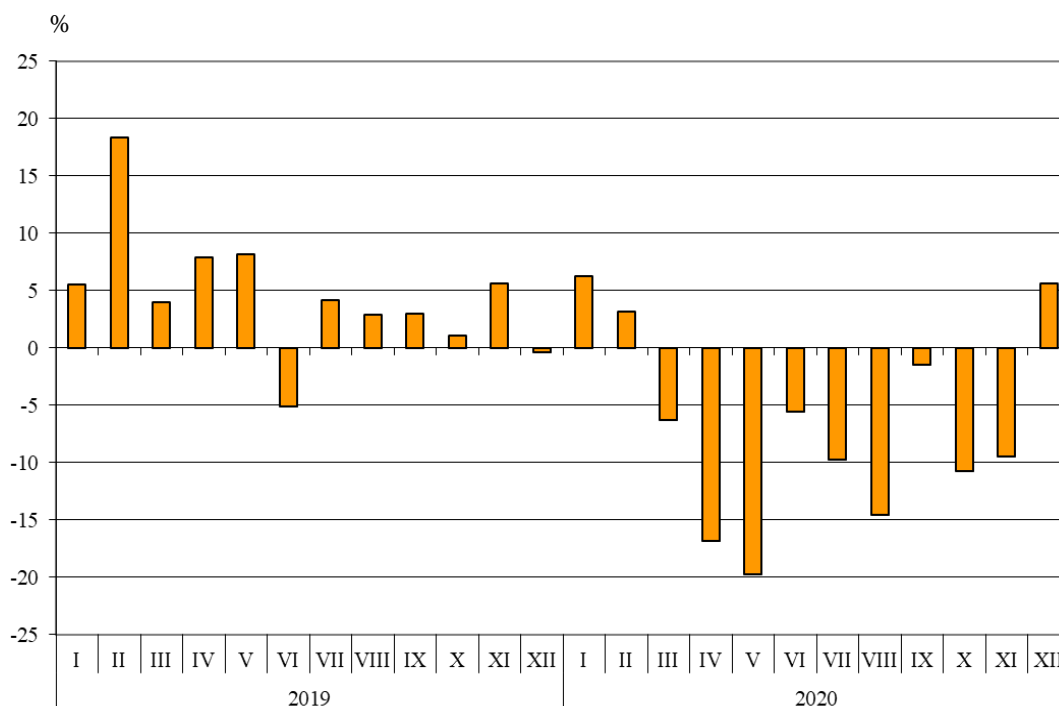
In **December 2020** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 257.5 Million BGN.

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

In **2020** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 54 450.2 Million BGN which is 6.9% less than 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2020** the total exports of goods added up to 4 432.2 Million BGN and increased by 5.6% 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)**

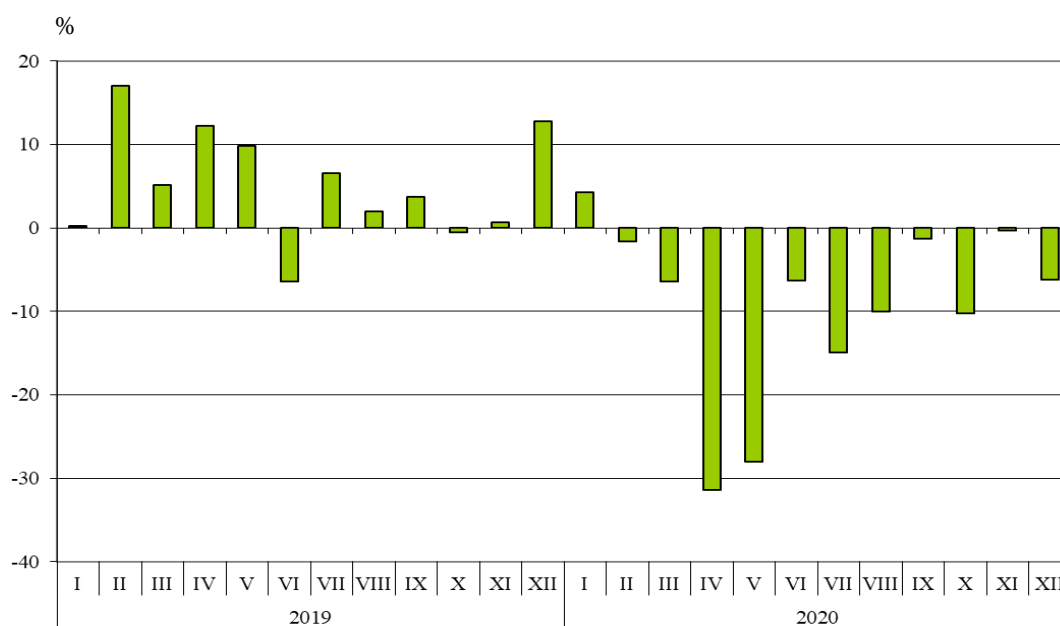


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **2020** amounted to 59 652.4 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 9.6% less than 2019 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2020** the total imports of goods decreased by 6.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 158.7 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 **2020** and amounted to 5 202.2 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1).

In **December 2020** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 726.5 Million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 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>
X.2019	5502.4	3496.0	2006.4	6195.9	3817.4	2378.5	-693.5	-321.4	-372.1
XI.2019	5361.8	3406.0	1955.8	5706.8	3631.8	2075.0	-345.0	-225.8	-119.2
XII.2019	4197.2	2452.2	1745.0	5500.0	3144.6	2355.4	-1302.8	-692.4	-610.4
<b>X - XII.2019</b>	<b>15061.4</b>	<b>9354.2</b>	<b>5707.2</b>	<b>17402.7</b>	<b>10593.8</b>	<b>6808.9</b>	<b>-2341.3</b>	<b>-1239.6</b>	<b>-1101.7</b>
<b>I - XII.2019</b>	<b>58459.4</b>	<b>37386.7</b>	<b>21072.7</b>	<b>65989.9</b>	<b>40257.1</b>	<b>25732.8</b>	<b>-7530.5</b>	<b>-2870.4</b>	<b>-4660.1</b>
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
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14343.2</b>	<b>9271.3</b>	<b>5071.9</b>	<b>15575.7</b>	<b>9555.1</b>	<b>6020.6</b>	<b>-1232.5</b>	<b>-283.8</b>	<b>-948.7</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>12086.4</b>	<b>7910.6</b>	<b>4175.8</b>	<b>12722.6</b>	<b>7717.6</b>	<b>5005.0</b>	<b>-636.2</b>	<b>193.0</b>	<b>-829.2</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26429.6</b>	<b>17181.9</b>	<b>9247.7</b>	<b>28298.3</b>	<b>17272.7</b>	<b>11025.6</b>	<b>-1868.7</b>	<b>-90.8</b>	<b>-1777.9</b>
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
<b>VII - IX.2020</b>	<b>13825.2</b>	<b>9258.3</b>	<b>4566.9</b>	<b>14946.6</b>	<b>9203.1</b>	<b>5743.5</b>	<b>-1121.4</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>-1176.6</b>
<b>I - IX.2020</b>	<b>40254.8</b>	<b>26440.2</b>	<b>13814.6</b>	<b>43244.9</b>	<b>26475.8</b>	<b>16769.1</b>	<b>-2990.1</b>	<b>-35.6</b>	<b>-2954.5</b>
X.2020	4909.7	3321.9	1587.8	5562.1	3347.4	2214.7	-652.4	-25.5	-626.9
XI.2020	4853.5	3297.6	1555.9	5686.7	3537.4	2149.3	-833.2	-239.8	-593.4
XII.2020	4432.2	2704.3	1727.9	5158.7	3173.3	1985.4	-726.5	-469.0	-257.5
<b>X - XII.2020</b>	<b>14195.4</b>	<b>9323.8</b>	<b>4871.6</b>	<b>16407.5</b>	<b>10058.1</b>	<b>6349.4</b>	<b>-2212.1</b>	<b>-734.3</b>	<b>-1477.8</b>
<b>I - XII.2020</b>	<b>54450.2</b>	<b>35764.0</b>	<b>18686.2</b>	<b>59652.4</b>	<b>36533.9</b>	<b>23118.5</b>	<b>-5202.2</b>	<b>-769.9</b>	<b>-4432.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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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 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	6.3	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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
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
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>-22.4</b>	<b>-23.1</b>	<b>-21.2</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
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
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-16.2</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-11.4</b>
X	-10.8	-5.0	-20.9	-10.2	-12.3	-6.9
XI	-9.5	-3.2	-20.4	-0.4	-2.6	3.6
XII	5.6	10.3	-1.0	-6.2	0.9	-15.7
<b>X - XII</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-6.7</b>
<b>I - XII</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>-9.6</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-10.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2021.

<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 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>21072.7</b>	<b>18686.2</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>25732.8</b>	<b>23118.5</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>-4660.1</b>	<b>-4432.3</b>
of which:								
Albania	168.8	174.4	3.3	55.5	75.9	36.8	113.3	98.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.7	157.6	26.4	49.6	41.2	-16.9	75.1	116.4
Brazil	61.5	80.3	30.6	100.4	191.0	90.2	-38.9	-110.7
Canada	217.9	227.9	4.6	145.0	288.1	98.7	72.9	-60.2
China	1612.7	1796.8	11.4	2976.2	2972.6	-0.1	-1363.5	-1175.8
Egypt	764.8	317.0	-58.6	1459.0	659.1	-54.8	-694.2	-342.1
Georgia	295.9	257.9	-12.8	660.4	916.9	38.8	-364.5	-659.0
Gibraltar	274.3	199.0	-27.5	6.3	0.1	-98.4	268.0	198.9
India	222.8	214.7	-3.6	328.1	281.7	-14.1	-105.3	-67.0
Indonesia	123.7	67.1	-45.8	271.2	231.2	-14.7	-147.5	-164.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	125.2	186.2	48.7	66.5	40.3	-39.4	58.7	145.9
Israel	277.2	197.2	-28.9	91.1	119.8	31.5	186.1	77.4
Japan	98.8	97.1	-1.7	285.8	285.9	0.0	-187.0	-188.8
Kazakhstan	66.1	64.5	-2.4	6.3	26.9	327.0	59.8	37.6
Korea, Republic of	257.0	166.1	-35.4	290.4	262.3	-9.7	-33.4	-96.2
Libya	126.6	219.3	73.2	0.0	44.1	x	126.6	175.2
Morocco	120.8	168.9	39.8	198.7	102.3	-48.5	-77.9	66.6
Namibia	225.2	277.7	23.3	0.0	0.0	x	225.2	277.7
Norway	83.5	91.2	9.2	44.4	44.8	0.9	39.1	46.4
Peru	27.7	13.0	-53.1	92.4	526.5	469.8	-64.7	-513.5
Republic of North Macedonia	829.4	850.0	2.5	639.2	580.9	-9.1	190.2	269.1
Russian Federation	1027.4	822.1	-20.0	6515.0	3677.2	-43.6	-5487.6	-2855.1
Serbia	1145.2	964.6	-15.8	1236.5	1202.8	-2.7	-91.3	-238.2
Singapore	196.8	38.5	-80.4	78.0	63.5	-18.6	118.8	-25.0
South Africa	195.1	211.3	8.3	95.3	55.8	-41.4	99.8	155.5
Switzerland	377.9	349.4	-7.5	508.1	477.5	-6.0	-130.2	-128.1
Syrian Arab Republic	51.2	6.8	-86.7	0.5	0.8	60.0	50.7	6.0
Taiwan	55.2	76.8	39.1	202.4	195.6	-3.4	-147.2	-118.8
Tunisia	539.3	255.0	-52.7	40.5	30.5	-24.7	498.8	224.5
Turkey	4247.8	3488.1	-17.9	4299.7	4242.7	-1.3	-51.9	-754.6
Ukraine	666.7	443.4	-33.5	1048.2	1141.1	8.9	-381.5	-697.7
United Arab Emirates	216.8	134.0	-38.2	63.1	57.5	-8.9	153.7	76.5
United Kingdom	1368.9	1300.4	-5.0	900.8	760.5	-15.6	468.1	539.9
United States	1108.4	1053.7	-4.9	630.8	767.6	21.7	477.6	286.1
Viet-Nam	79.1	72.0	-9.0	133.0	123.3	-7.3	-53.9	-51.3

<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 10-th February 2021.

<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 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>21072.7</b>	<b>18686.2</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>25732.8</b>	<b>23118.5</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>-4660.1</b>	<b>-4432.3</b>
Food and live animals	2354.9	2305.3	-2.1	1109.6	1140.8	2.8	1245.3	1164.5
Beverages and tobacco	296.9	216.5	-27.1	284.3	240.9	-15.3	12.6	-24.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1516.7	1533.1	1.1	2820.0	4889.8	73.4	-1303.3	-3356.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3839.1	1547.1	-59.7	7358.5	3637.8	-50.6	-3519.4	-2090.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	267.7	373.9	39.7	98.9	178.8	80.8	168.8	195.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2670.8	2499.2	-6.4	2380.2	2225.0	-6.5	290.6	274.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4031.2	4360.6	8.2	5035.6	4533.6	-10.0	-1004.4	-173.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3511.8	3253.2	-7.4	4705.3	4486.8	-4.6	-1193.5	-1233.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2531.2	2533.9	0.1	1891.2	1733.3	-8.3	640.0	800.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	52.4	63.4	21.0	49.2	51.7	5.1	3.2	11.7

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 10-th February 2021.

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