

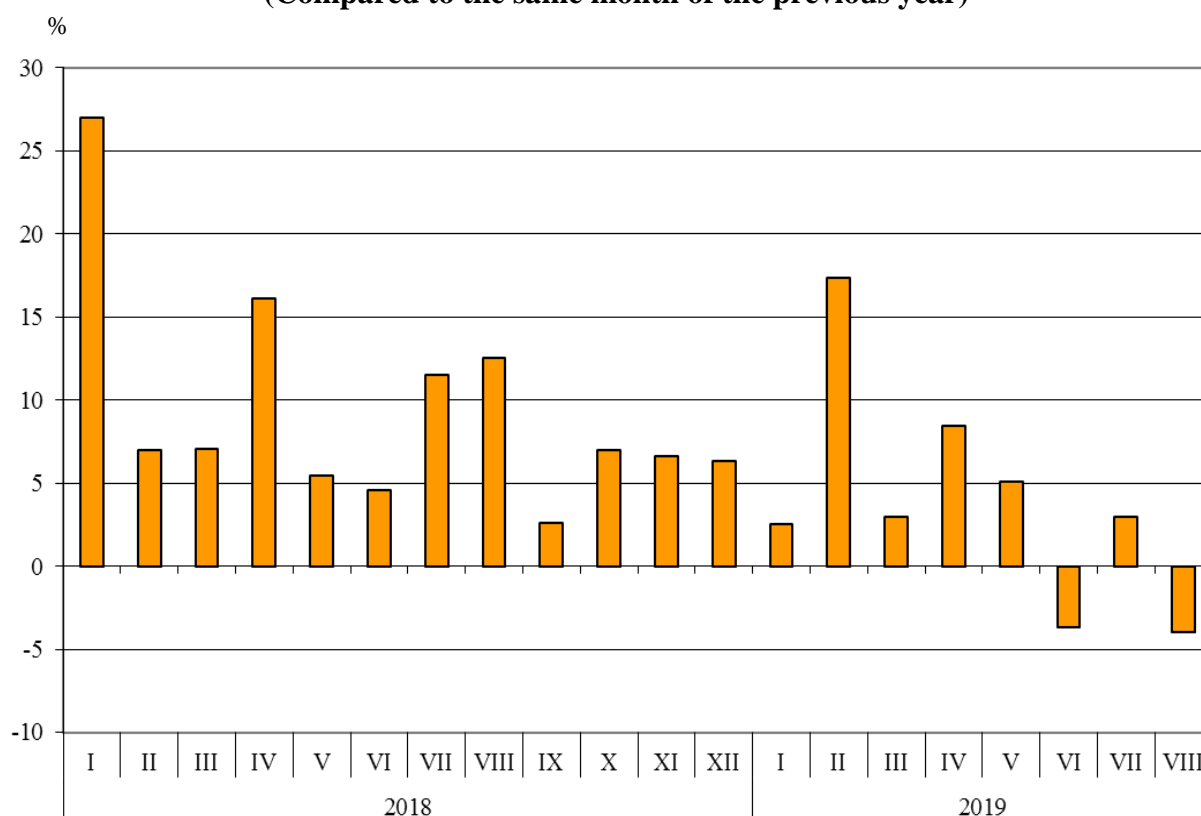


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 3.6% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 25 790.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2019** the exports to the EU dropped by 4.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 160.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2018 - 2019
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - August 2019** in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (29.9%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (14.2%).

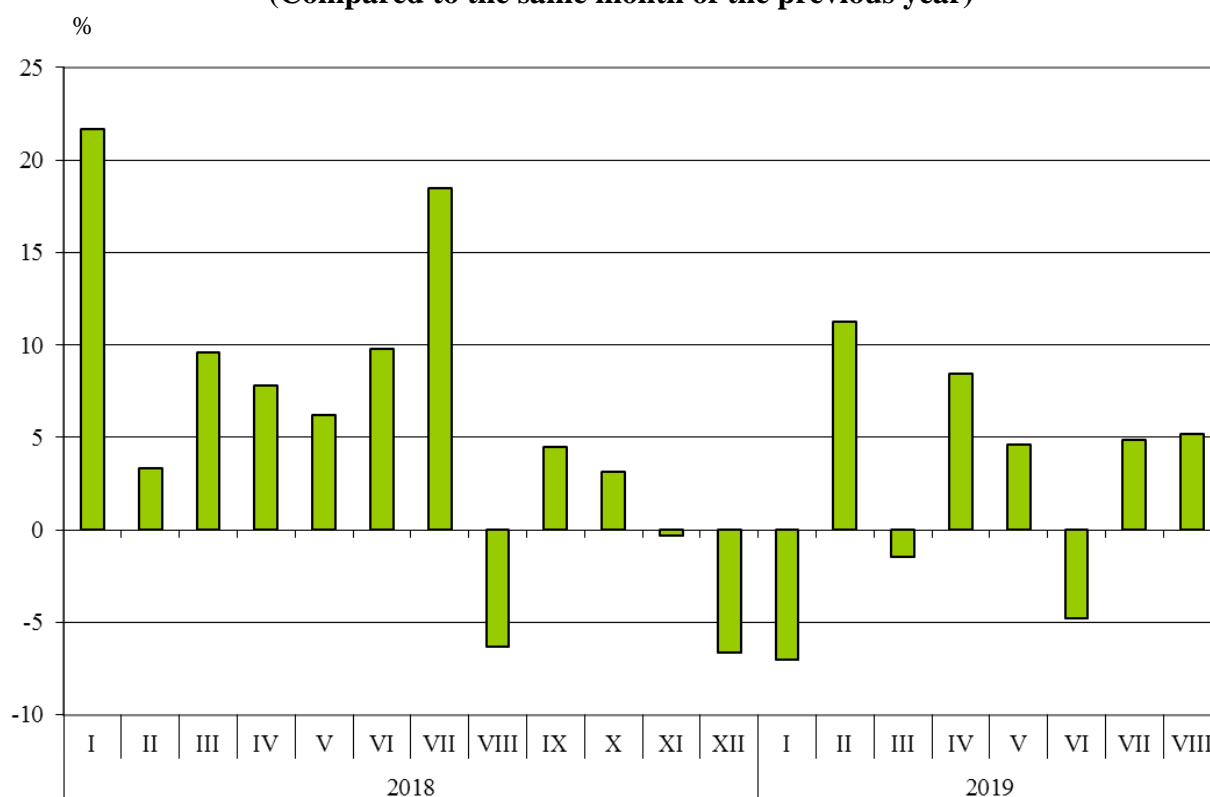
¹ Value changes at current prices.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - August 2019** increased by 2.4% compared to same period of 2018 and reached 26 970.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹(Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and Spain (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 5.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 127.9 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2018 - 2019 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - August 2019** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (25.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (21.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - August 2019** was negative and added up to 1 180.4 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 the 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.c.



Annex

Table 1
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2018 and 2019¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports – CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2018	4450.6	3097.2	1353.4	5050.9	3226.3	1824.6	-600.3	-129.1	-471.2
II.2018	3968.6	2700.2	1268.4	4563.5	2914.8	1648.7	-594.9	-214.6	-380.3
III.2018	4625.4	3183.5	1441.9	5116.9	3648.2	1468.7	-491.5	-464.7	-26.8
I - III.2018	13044.6	8980.9	4063.7	14731.3	9789.3	4942.0	-1686.7	-808.4	-878.3
IV.2018	4333.8	2899.2	1434.6	4967.6	3209.0	1758.6	-633.8	-309.8	-324.0
V.2018	4396.2	3023.8	1372.4	5154.5	3359.0	1795.5	-758.3	-335.2	-423.1
VI.2018	4888.9	3202.4	1686.5	5496.2	3437.8	2058.4	-607.3	-235.4	-371.9
IV - VI.2018	13618.9	9125.4	4493.5	15618.3	10005.8	5612.5	-1999.4	-880.4	-1119.0
I - VI.2018	26663.5	18106.3	8557.2	30349.6	19795.1	10554.5	-3686.1	-1688.8	-1997.3
VII.2018	5142.7	3496.2	1646.5	5598.6	3566.6	2032.0	-455.9	-70.4	-385.5
VIII.2018	4709.8	3292.2	1417.6	4979.5	2973.5	2006.0	-269.7	318.7	-588.4
I - VIII.2018	36516.0	24894.7	11621.3	40927.7	26335.2	14592.5	-4411.7	-1440.5	-2971.2
I.2019	4697.5	3175.1	1522.4	5038.9	2998.9	2040.0	-341.4	176.2	-517.6
II.2019	4693.5	3169.6	1523.9	5277.1	3242.1	2035.0	-583.6	-72.5	-511.1
III.2019	4791.1	3277.4	1513.7	5330.5	3593.7	1736.8	-539.4	-316.3	-223.1
I - III.2019	14182.1	9622.1	4560.0	15646.5	9834.7	5811.8	-1464.4	-212.6	-1251.8
IV.2019	4504.5	3144.5	1360.0	4983.5	3480.3	1503.2	-479.0	-335.8	-143.2
V.2019	4647.2	3177.2	1470.0	5184.2	3514.5	1669.7	-537.0	-337.3	-199.7
VI.2019	4523.2	3085.8	1437.4	4709.5	3272.5	1437.0	-186.3	-186.7	0.4
IV - VI.2019	13674.9	9407.5	4267.4	14877.2	10267.3	4609.9	-1202.3	-859.8	-342.5
I - VI.2019	27857.0	19029.6	8827.4	30523.7	20102.0	10421.7	-2666.7	-1072.4	-1594.3
VII.2019	5282.9	3600.0	1682.9	5584.3	3740.7	1843.6	-301.4	-140.7	-160.7
VIII.2019	4768.3	3160.6	1607.7	4676.5	3127.9	1548.6	91.8	32.7	59.1
I - VIII.2019	37908.2	25790.2	12118.0	40784.5	26970.6	13813.9	-2876.3	-1180.4	-1695.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2019.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).



Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2019¹
compared to the same period of the previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	5.5	2.5	12.5	-0.2	-7.0	11.8
II	18.3	17.4	20.1	15.6	11.2	23.4
III	3.6	2.9	5.0	4.2	-1.5	18.3
I - III	8.7	7.1	12.2	6.2	0.5	17.6
IV	3.9	8.5	-5.2	0.3	8.5	-14.5
V	5.7	5.1	7.1	0.6	4.6	-7.0
VI	-7.5	-3.6	-14.8	-14.3	-4.8	-30.2
IV - VI	0.4	3.1	-5.0	-4.7	2.6	-17.9
I - VI	4.5	5.1	3.2	0.6	1.6	-1.3
VII	2.7	3.0	2.2	-0.3	4.9	-9.3
VIII	1.2	-4.0	13.4	-6.1	5.2	-22.8
I - VIII	3.8	3.6	4.3	-0.3	2.4	-5.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2018 and 2019²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	36516.0	37908.2	3.8	40927.7	40784.5	-0.3	-4411.7	-2876.3
EU	24894.7	25790.2	3.6	26335.2	26970.6	2.4	-1440.5	-1180.4
Austria	662.5	711.2	7.4	1003.3	1103.5	10.0	-340.8	-392.3
Belgium	1229.8	1228.5	-0.1	839.6	826.3	-1.6	390.2	402.2
Croatia	190.2	199.6	4.9	125.3	107.7	-14.0	64.9	91.9
Cyprus	137.8	134.4	-2.5	224.0	155.1	-30.8	-86.2	-20.7
Czech Republic	773.1	916.1	18.5	930.4	1027.4	10.4	-157.3	-111.3
Denmark	241.1	237.6	-1.5	198.2	184.4	-7.0	42.9	53.2
Estonia	38.4	36.3	-5.5	31.0	41.1	32.6	7.4	-4.8
Finland	67.2	82.9	23.4	89.9	87.3	-2.9	-22.7	-4.4
France	1449.1	1500.1	3.5	1150.6	1319.3	14.7	298.5	180.8
Germany	5551.8	5626.2	1.3	5183.3	5221.7	0.7	368.5	404.5
Greece	2349.4	2610.0	11.1	1735.5	2020.5	16.4	613.9	589.5
Hungary	632.9	672.6	6.3	1402.0	1491.9	6.4	-769.1	-819.3
Ireland	113.9	105.7	-7.2	164.3	223.7	36.2	-50.4	-118.0
Italy	3192.4	2857.5	-10.5	3114.3	3235.6	3.9	78.1	-378.1
Latvia	45.7	39.5	-13.6	46.2	39.8	-13.9	-0.5	-0.3
Lithuania	93.8	89.7	-4.4	75.8	99.5	31.3	18.0	-9.8
Luxembourg	13.3	14.2	6.8	74.7	56.6	-24.2	-61.4	-42.4
Malta	29.1	28.4	-2.4	77.8	24.9	-68.0	-48.7	3.5
Netherlands	975.1	965.6	-1.0	1524.7	1496.4	-1.9	-549.6	-530.8
Poland	846.2	818.3	-3.3	1308.0	1462.1	11.8	-461.8	-643.8
Portugal	150.4	245.6	63.3	120.8	127.1	5.2	29.6	118.5
Romania	3138.0	3331.9	6.2	2884.7	2975.0	3.1	253.3	356.9
Slovakia	259.8	399.1	53.6	501.6	555.7	10.8	-241.8	-156.6
Slovenia	264.7	331.1	25.1	304.4	343.0	12.7	-39.7	-11.9
Spain	955.7	1038.5	8.7	2210.3	1816.7	-17.8	-1254.6	-778.2
Sweden	330.3	352.9	6.8	264.5	256.5	-3.0	65.8	96.4
United Kingdom	888.4	886.8	-0.2	629.2	580.1	-7.8	259.2	306.7
Not specified	274.6	329.9	20.1	120.8	91.7	-24.1	153.8	238.2

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 12-th of November 2019.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2018 and 2019²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	11621.3	12118.0	4.3	14592.5	13813.9	-5.3	-2971.2	-1695.9
CIS³	767.9	896.8	16.8	3974.9	2931.0	-26.3	-3207.0	-2034.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	31.2	38.7	24.0	5.8	2.9	-50.0	25.4	35.8
Russian Federation	533.4	620.6	16.3	3821.6	2803.9	-26.6	-3288.2	-2183.3
OECD⁴	4158.1	4032.8	-3.0	3756.9	4065.5	8.2	401.2	-32.7
of which:								
Canada	81.3	70.1	-13.8	87.3	53.8	-38.4	-6.0	16.3
Israel	105.6	175.3	66.0	56.5	67.2	18.9	49.1	108.1
Japan	59.0	58.3	-1.2	175.5	167.9	-4.3	-116.5	-109.6
Korea, Republic of	106.7	125.0	17.2	204.4	198.0	-3.1	-97.7	-73.0
Turkey	2708.1	2530.1	-6.6	2468.0	2729.6	10.6	240.1	-199.5
United States	689.3	621.8	-9.8	345.9	414.6	19.9	343.4	207.2
EFTA⁵	273.7	284.9	4.1	336.3	355.6	5.7	-62.6	-70.7
of which:								
Norway	57.1	53.4	-6.5	45.2	30.6	-32.3	11.9	22.8
Switzerland	212.4	229.6	8.1	288.0	322.1	11.8	-75.6	-92.5

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2018 and 2019²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	112.7	111.7	-0.9	17.1	26.9	57.3	95.6	84.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	83.3	78.0	-6.4	27.1	34.1	25.8	56.2	43.9
Brazil	48.9	42.4	-13.3	41.7	35.4	-15.1	7.2	7.0
China	889.5	962.1	8.2	1719.4	1939.8	12.8	-829.9	-977.7
Egypt	299.2	403.9	35.0	588.5	608.1	3.3	-289.3	-204.2
Georgia	220.3	184.8	-16.1	421.4	349.8	-17.0	-201.1	-165.0
India	131.0	143.7	9.7	253.2	233.1	-7.9	-122.2	-89.4
Indonesia	39.1	48.6	24.3	109.1	239.1	119.2	-70.0	-190.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	48.4	64.9	34.1	43.1	47.3	9.7	5.3	17.6
Peru	14.4	11.8	-18.1	55.9	8.7	-84.4	-41.5	3.1
Republic of North Macedonia	543.8	533.8	-1.8	420.2	319.8	-23.9	123.6	214.0
Serbia	649.9	757.0	16.5	814.7	778.9	-4.4	-164.8	-21.9
Singapore	330.4	145.9	-55.8	54.0	47.0	-13.0	276.4	98.9
South Africa	116.6	137.0	17.5	44.0	71.5	62.5	72.6	65.5
Syrian Arab Republic	20.5	40.5	97.6	0.5	0.2	-60.0	20.0	40.3
Taiwan	58.8	31.3	-46.8	145.1	123.8	-14.7	-86.3	-92.5
Ukraine	248.6	440.0	77.0	629.7	701.8	11.4	-381.1	-261.8
United Arab Emirates	136.7	124.8	-8.7	35.0	42.9	22.6	101.7	81.9
Viet Nam	39.8	41.9	5.3	60.9	80.6	32.3	-21.1	-38.7

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 12-th of November 2019



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 2018 and 2019¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2018	2019
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	36516.0	37908.2	3.8	40927.7	40784.5	-0.3	-4411.7	-2876.3
of which EU	24894.7	25790.2	3.6	26335.2	26970.6	2.4	-1440.5	-1180.4
Food and live animals	3866.3	4224.7	9.3	2992.9	3242.6	8.3	873.4	982.1
of which EU	2976.8	3037.0	2.0	2452.4	2563.4	4.5	524.4	473.6
Beverages and tobacco	411.1	426.1	3.6	588.3	728.5	23.8	-177.2	-302.4
of which EU	232.7	245.8	5.6	452.6	568.6	25.6	-219.9	-322.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2365.3	2477.9	4.8	3819.5	3233.0	-15.4	-1454.2	-755.1
of which EU	1618.1	1635.4	1.1	2276.7	1784.3	-21.6	-658.6	-148.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2865.3	3645.7	27.2	5216.6	4146.4	-20.5	-2351.3	-500.7
of which EU	989.5	1285.4	29.9	1088.0	1133.6	4.2	-98.5	151.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	419.6	381.3	-9.1	133.4	144.6	8.4	286.2	236.7
of which EU	241.6	207.2	-14.2	78.4	77.5	-1.1	163.2	129.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3726.1	4162.1	11.7	5914.2	6282.9	6.2	-2188.1	-2120.8
of which EU	2335.4	2588.7	10.8	4517.7	4805.5	6.4	-2182.3	-2216.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8617.6	7687.9	-10.8	7157.8	7212.9	0.8	1459.8	475.0
of which EU	5829.7	5374.6	-7.8	4119.5	4055.6	-1.6	1710.2	1319.0
Machinery and transport equipment	8332.4	8996.0	8.0	11531.4	11905.3	3.2	-3199.0	-2909.3
of which EU	6312.7	6933.3	9.8	8816.9	9261.7	5.0	-2504.2	-2328.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5809.2	5780.6	-0.5	3345.0	3639.2	8.8	2464.2	2141.4
of which EU	4277.2	4386.2	2.5	2330.2	2498.1	7.2	1947.0	1888.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	103.1	125.9	22.1	228.6	249.1	9.0	-125.5	-123.2
of which EU	81.0	96.6	19.3	202.8	222.3	9.6	-121.8	-125.7

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