

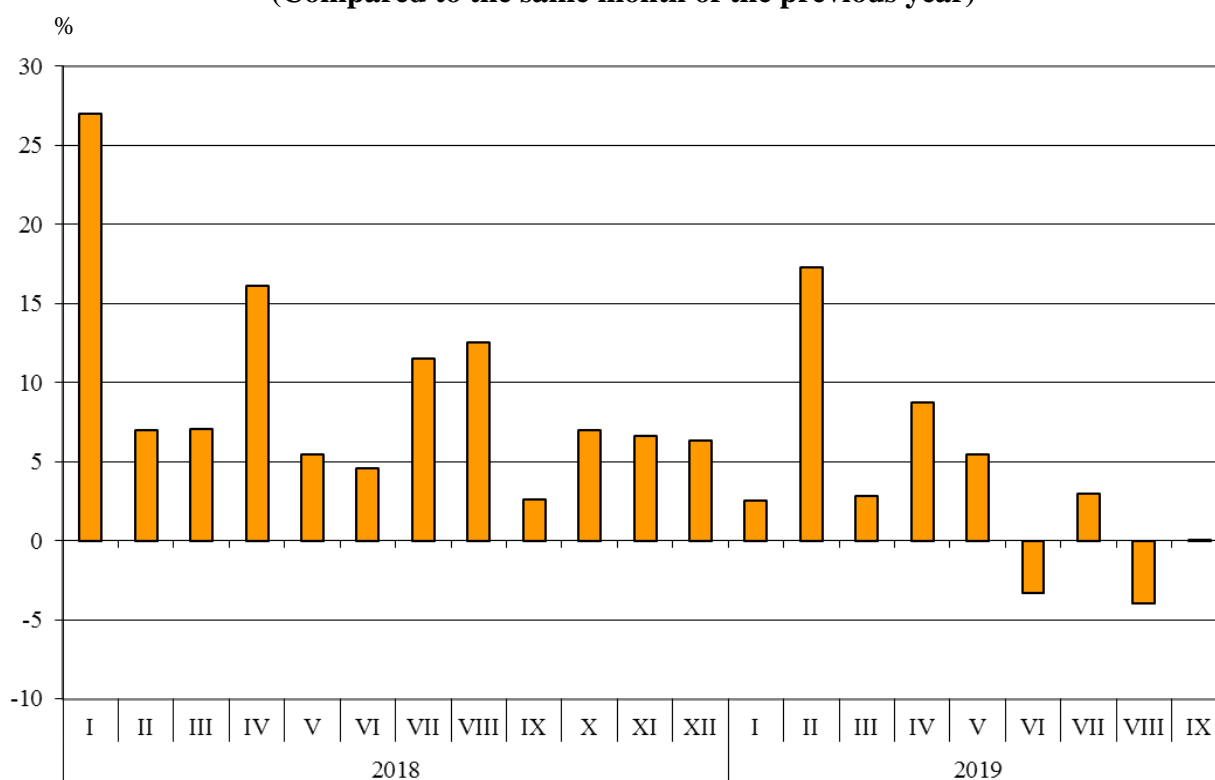


## BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 3.3% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 29 049.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2019** the exports to the EU increased insignificantly compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 233.8 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - September 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' (15.5%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'<sup>2</sup> (7.3%).

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

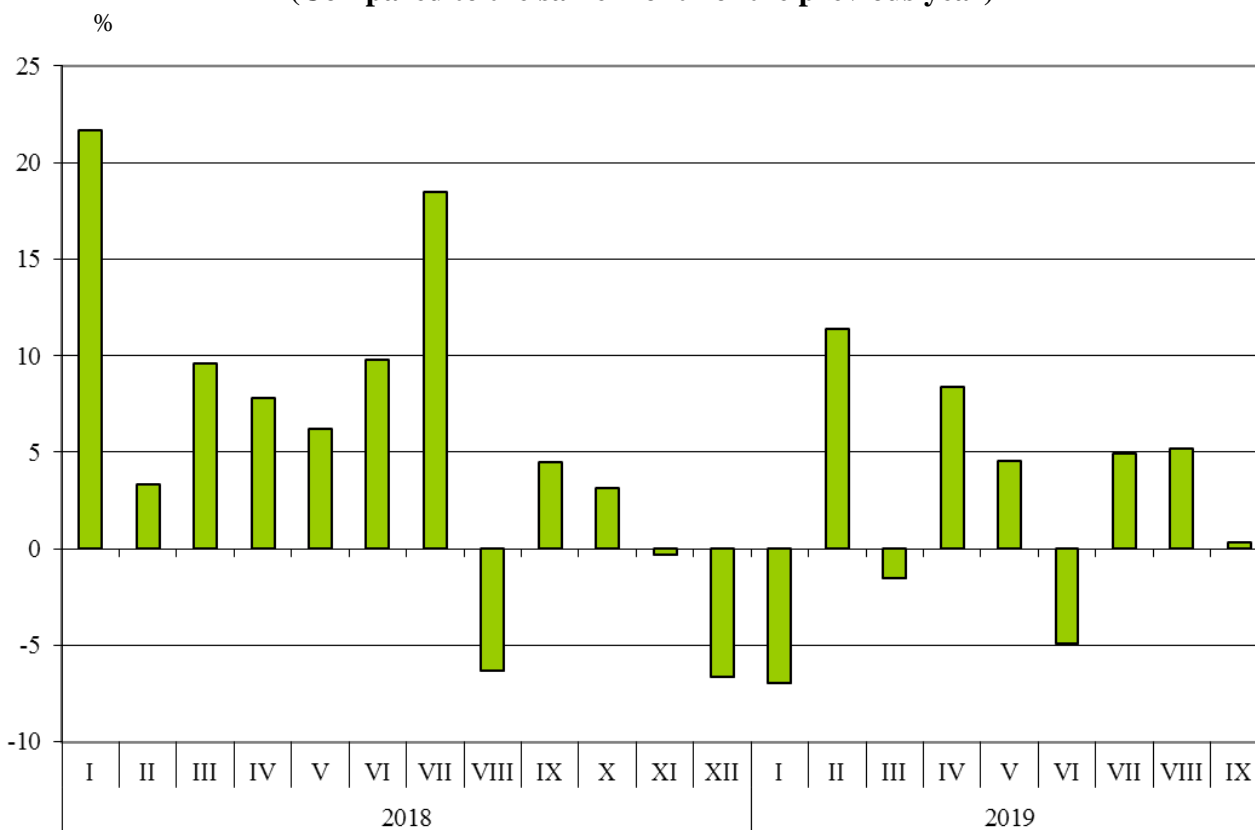
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - September 2019** increased by 2.2 % compared to same period of 2018 and reached 30 209.7 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup>(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 **September 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 0.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 243.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - September 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' (25.7%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' <sup>3</sup> (22.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - September 2019** was negative and added up to 1 160.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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 - September 2018 and 2019<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports – CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
<b>I - III.2018</b>	<b>13044.6</b>	<b>8980.9</b>	<b>4063.7</b>	<b>14731.3</b>	<b>9789.3</b>	<b>4942.0</b>	<b>-1686.7</b>	<b>-808.4</b>	<b>-878.3</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2018</b>	<b>13618.9</b>	<b>9125.4</b>	<b>4493.5</b>	<b>15618.3</b>	<b>10005.8</b>	<b>5612.5</b>	<b>-1999.4</b>	<b>-880.4</b>	<b>-1119.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2018</b>	<b>26663.5</b>	<b>18106.3</b>	<b>8557.2</b>	<b>30349.6</b>	<b>19795.1</b>	<b>10554.5</b>	<b>-3686.1</b>	<b>-1688.8</b>	<b>-1997.3</b>
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
IX.2018	4779.0	3233.4	1545.6	5170.9	3233.6	1937.3	-391.9	-0.2	-391.7
<b>VII - IX.2018</b>	<b>14631.5</b>	<b>10021.8</b>	<b>4609.7</b>	<b>15749.0</b>	<b>9773.7</b>	<b>5975.3</b>	<b>-1117.5</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>-1365.6</b>
<b>I - IX.2018</b>	<b>41295.0</b>	<b>28128.1</b>	<b>13166.9</b>	<b>46098.6</b>	<b>29568.8</b>	<b>16529.8</b>	<b>-4803.6</b>	<b>-1440.7</b>	<b>-3362.9</b>
I.2019	4722.3	3174.9	1547.4	5049.5	3001.2	2048.3	-327.2	173.7	-500.9
II.2019	4693.3	3167.7	1525.6	5279.3	3246.3	2033.0	-586.0	-78.6	-507.4
III.2019	4807.8	3273.3	1534.5	5334.7	3592.7	1742.0	-526.9	-319.4	-207.5
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14223.4</b>	<b>9615.9</b>	<b>4607.5</b>	<b>15663.5</b>	<b>9840.2</b>	<b>5823.3</b>	<b>-1440.1</b>	<b>-224.3</b>	<b>-1215.8</b>
IV.2019	4675.9	3153.5	1522.4	4985.7	3476.9	1508.8	-309.8	-323.4	13.6
V.2019	4756.1	3188.9	1567.2	5187.5	3512.2	1675.3	-431.4	-323.3	-108.1
VI.2019	4633.3	3096.2	1537.1	4700.3	3268.1	1432.2	-67.0	-171.9	104.9
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>14065.3</b>	<b>9438.6</b>	<b>4626.7</b>	<b>14873.5</b>	<b>10257.2</b>	<b>4616.3</b>	<b>-808.2</b>	<b>-818.6</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>28288.7</b>	<b>19054.5</b>	<b>9234.2</b>	<b>30537.0</b>	<b>20097.4</b>	<b>10439.6</b>	<b>-2248.3</b>	<b>-1042.9</b>	<b>-1205.4</b>
VII.2019	5334.7	3599.0	1735.7	5587.1	3741.3	1845.8	-252.4	-142.3	-110.1
VIII.2019	4816.4	3161.8	1654.6	4681.3	3127.3	1554.0	135.1	34.5	100.6
IX.2019	4860.6	3233.8	1626.8	4817.6	3243.7	1573.9	43.0	-9.9	52.9
<b>VII - IX.2019</b>	<b>15011.7</b>	<b>9994.6</b>	<b>5017.1</b>	<b>15086.0</b>	<b>10112.3</b>	<b>4973.7</b>	<b>-74.3</b>	<b>-117.7</b>	<b>43.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2019</b>	<b>43300.4</b>	<b>29049.1</b>	<b>14251.3</b>	<b>45623.0</b>	<b>30209.7</b>	<b>15413.3</b>	<b>-2322.6</b>	<b>-1160.6</b>	<b>-1162.0</b>

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

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2019<sup>1</sup> 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	6.1	2.5	14.3	0.0	-7.0	12.3
II	18.3	17.3	20.3	15.7	11.4	23.3
III	3.9	2.8	6.4	4.3	-1.5	18.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>
IV	7.9	8.8	6.1	0.4	8.3	-14.2
V	8.2	5.5	14.2	0.6	4.6	-6.7
VI	-5.2	-3.3	-8.9	-14.5	-4.9	-30.4
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-17.7</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
VII	3.7	2.9	5.4	-0.2	4.9	-9.2
VIII	2.3	-4.0	16.7	-6.0	5.2	-22.5
IX	1.7	0.0	5.3	-6.8	0.3	-18.8
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-16.8</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-6.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th December 2019.



**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2018 and 2019<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41295.0</b>	<b>43300.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>46098.6</b>	<b>45623.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-4803.6</b>	<b>-2322.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>28128.1</b>	<b>29049.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>29568.8</b>	<b>30209.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-1440.7</b>	<b>-1160.6</b>
Austria	746.8	799.4	7.0	1129.1	1229.4	8.9	-382.3	-430.0
Belgium	1336.0	1298.8	-2.8	962.1	927.1	-3.6	373.9	371.7
Croatia	215.9	225.6	4.5	141.9	117.3	-17.3	74.0	108.3
Cyprus	150.6	152.5	1.3	228.4	159.3	-30.3	-77.8	-6.8
Czech Republic	873.6	1054.1	20.7	1056.5	1168.9	10.6	-182.9	-114.8
Denmark	267.5	261.0	-2.4	217.0	207.4	-4.4	50.5	53.6
Estonia	44.2	40.0	-9.5	34.7	45.9	32.3	9.5	-5.9
Finland	78.2	94.6	21.0	107.7	98.9	-8.2	-29.5	-4.3
France	1621.7	1659.5	2.3	1278.9	1467.8	14.8	342.8	191.7
Germany	6295.6	6360.4	1.0	5760.9	5888.4	2.2	534.7	472.0
Greece	2680.4	2931.6	9.4	1959.8	2244.4	14.5	720.6	687.2
Hungary	722.3	758.8	5.1	1578.3	1677.3	6.3	-856.0	-918.5
Ireland	137.3	126.3	-8.0	183.5	253.0	37.9	-46.2	-126.7
Italy	3581.1	3205.0	-10.5	3509.0	3615.8	3.0	72.1	-410.8
Latvia	53.5	44.7	-16.4	49.4	45.5	-7.9	4.1	-0.8
Lithuania	105.7	101.2	-4.3	93.6	110.6	18.2	12.1	-9.4
Luxembourg	14.9	15.8	6.0	79.3	63.5	-19.9	-64.4	-47.7
Malta	32.3	32.0	-0.9	152.9	28.2	-81.6	-120.6	3.8
Netherlands	1102.9	1062.3	-3.7	1712.6	1708.8	-0.2	-609.7	-646.5
Poland	952.3	921.2	-3.3	1478.6	1643.0	11.1	-526.3	-721.8
Portugal	160.2	259.8	62.2	126.2	135.1	7.1	34.0	124.7
Romania	3549.4	3804.1	7.2	3254.2	3396.6	4.4	295.2	407.5
Slovakia	297.5	451.9	51.9	560.7	625.4	11.5	-263.2	-173.5
Slovenia	301.2	368.1	22.2	347.4	381.2	9.7	-46.2	-13.1
Spain	1095.3	1241.5	13.3	2407.0	1924.9	-20.0	-1311.7	-683.4
Sweden	370.2	390.1	5.4	302.2	289.3	-4.3	68.0	100.8
United Kingdom	1009.6	1010.8	0.1	705.7	654.1	-7.3	303.9	356.7
Not specified	331.9	378.0	13.9	151.2	102.6	-32.1	180.7	275.4

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th of December 2019.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2018 and 2019<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>13166.9</b>	<b>14251.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>16529.8</b>	<b>15413.3</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-3362.9</b>	<b>-1162.0</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>859.2</b>	<b>1052.9</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>4508.3</b>	<b>3223.5</b>	<b>-28.5</b>	<b>-3649.1</b>	<b>-2170.6</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	35.4	43.2	22.0	7.2	3.1	-56.9	28.2	40.1
Russian Federation	595.3	730.8	22.8	4341.7	3078.4	-29.1	-3746.4	-2347.6
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>4791.0</b>	<b>4911.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4243.5</b>	<b>4549.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>361.9</b>
of which:								
Canada	121.4	89.8	-26.0	97.3	58.2	-40.2	24.1	31.6
Israel	115.9	198.1	70.9	62.5	73.7	17.9	53.4	124.4
Japan	64.0	68.8	7.5	197.3	194.0	-1.7	-133.3	-125.2
Korea, Republic of	115.5	176.5	52.8	227.9	225.2	-1.2	-112.4	-48.7
Turkey	3146.6	3061.3	-2.7	2764.1	3064.5	10.9	382.5	-3.2
United States	766.7	776.9	1.3	386.9	452.4	16.9	379.8	324.5
<b>EFTA<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>304.9</b>	<b>335.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>390.5</b>	<b>395.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-85.6</b>	<b>-60.0</b>
of which:								
Norway	63.8	62.4	-2.2	49.3	33.1	-32.9	14.5	29.3
Switzerland	236.8	270.6	14.3	338.0	359.1	6.2	-101.2	-88.5

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

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

<sup>5</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2018 and 2019<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	124.9	124.4	-0.4	19.9	31.0	55.8	105.0	93.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	93.5	87.0	-7.0	32.3	36.8	13.9	61.2	50.2
Brazil	51.1	49.5	-3.1	44.4	39.6	-10.8	6.7	9.9
China	1009.0	1100.9	9.1	1928.1	2171.3	12.6	-919.1	-1070.4
Egypt	351.7	478.7	36.1	687.4	677.0	-1.5	-335.7	-198.3
Georgia	253.0	215.1	-15.0	466.6	350.8	-24.8	-213.6	-135.7
India	145.0	166.4	14.8	279.1	258.3	-7.5	-134.1	-91.9
Indonesia	44.0	84.6	92.3	221.1	247.2	11.8	-177.1	-162.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	53.4	76.5	43.3	47.9	51.4	7.3	5.5	25.1
Peru	15.2	14.6	-3.9	66.5	10.1	-84.8	-51.3	4.5
Republic of North Macedonia	606.2	606.7	0.1	472.5	366.7	-22.4	133.7	240.0
Serbia	741.8	875.3	18.0	918.8	891.0	-3.0	-177.0	-15.7
Singapore	391.0	149.5	-61.8	58.9	57.5	-2.4	332.1	92.0
South Africa	132.0	146.1	10.7	49.2	75.7	53.9	82.8	70.4
Syrian Arab Republic	24.1	47.8	98.3	0.5	0.2	-60.0	23.6	47.6
Taiwan	63.5	39.9	-37.2	165.2	144.4	-12.6	-101.7	-104.5
Ukraine	276.2	526.5	90.6	703.6	795.1	13.0	-427.4	-268.6
United Arab Emirates	151.1	140.1	-7.3	38.6	48.5	25.6	112.5	91.6
Viet Nam	43.8	54.1	23.5	68.5	95.1	38.8	-24.7	-41.0

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Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - September 2018 and 2019<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41295.0</b>	<b>43300.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>46098.6</b>	<b>45623.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-4803.6</b>	<b>-2322.6</b>
<b>of which EU</b>	<b>28128.1</b>	<b>29049.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>29568.8</b>	<b>30209.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-1440.7</b>	<b>-1160.6</b>
Food and live animals	4419.0	4931.3	11.6	3363.6	3663.3	8.9	1055.4	1268.0
of which EU	3447.1	3462.2	0.4	2760.8	2910.0	5.4	686.3	552.2
Beverages and tobacco	474.4	496.8	4.7	673.4	837.9	24.4	-199.0	-341.1
of which EU	264.3	282.3	6.8	522.3	656.4	25.7	-258.0	-374.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2709.7	2834.3	4.6	4321.1	3452.0	-20.1	-1611.4	-617.7
of which EU	1847.4	1852.2	0.3	2480.0	1917.9	-22.7	-632.6	-65.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3402.0	4274.8	25.7	5961.8	4514.0	-24.3	-2559.8	-239.2
of which EU	1227.1	1417.7	15.5	1272.5	1255.0	-1.4	-45.4	162.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	469.6	449.1	-4.4	150.1	162.9	8.5	319.5	286.2
of which EU	271.5	267.5	-1.5	88.6	88.8	0.2	182.9	178.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4195.5	4738.1	12.9	6660.0	7029.8	5.6	-2464.5	-2291.7
of which EU	2639.1	2914.5	10.4	5059.2	5360.9	6.0	-2420.1	-2446.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9747.2	8702.2	-10.7	8017.3	8185.2	2.1	1729.9	517.0
of which EU	6493.4	6019.6	-7.3	4605.8	4544.0	-1.3	1887.6	1475.6
Machinery and transport equipment	9310.3	10196.1	9.5	12878.5	13339.8	3.6	-3568.2	-3143.7
of which EU	7068.3	7814.6	10.6	9872.9	10385.2	5.2	-2804.6	-2570.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6451.4	6535.6	1.3	3817.7	4155.6	8.9	2633.7	2380.0
of which EU	4778.4	4909.7	2.7	2680.8	2839.5	5.9	2097.6	2070.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	115.9	142.1	22.6	255.1	282.5	10.7	-139.2	-140.4
of which EU	91.5	108.8	18.9	225.9	252.0	11.6	-134.4	-143.2

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 11-th of December 2019.