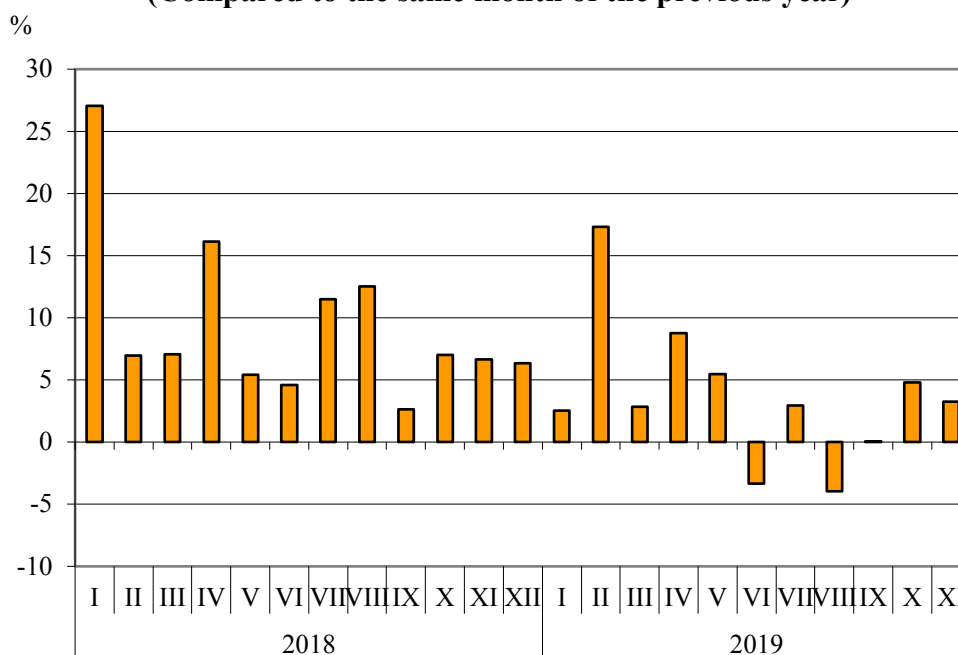


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - November 2019** Bulgarian exports to the EU grew by 3.4% in comparison with the same period of 2018 and amounted to 36 223.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 66.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **November 2019** the exports to the EU increased by 3.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 542.8 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 - November 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 ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (15.7%). The most notable fall was recorded in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (4.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² 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.

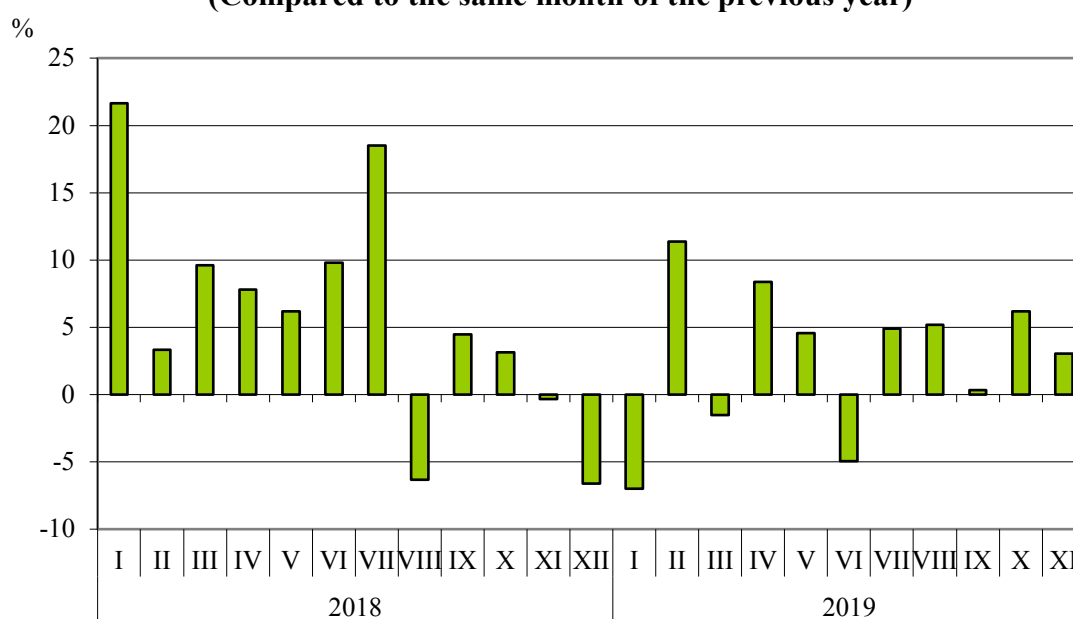
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Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - November 2019** increased by 2.7 % compared to same period of 2018 and reached 37 818.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices)

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 **November 2019** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 705.6 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 - November 2019** compared to the corresponding period of 2018 the largest growth in imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (26.9%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ ³ (15.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - November 2019** was negative and added up to 1 594.4 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.

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Annex

Table 1
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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
IX.2018	4779.0	3233.4	1545.6	5170.9	3233.6	1937.3	-391.9	-0.2	-391.7
VII - IX.2018	14631.5	10021.8	4609.7	15749.0	9773.7	5975.3	-1117.5	248.1	-1365.6
I - IX.2018	41295.0	28128.1	13166.9	46098.6	29568.8	16529.8	-4803.6	-1440.7	-3362.9
X.2018	5445.8	3465.3	1980.5	6228.9	3676.5	2552.4	-783.1	-211.2	-571.9
XI.2018	5077.7	3431.9	1645.8	5670.5	3596.5	2074.0	-592.8	-164.6	-428.2
I - XI.2018	51818.5	35025.3	16793.2	57998.0	36841.8	21156.2	-6179.5	-1816.5	-4363.0
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
I - III.2019	14223.4	9615.9	4607.5	15663.5	9840.2	5823.3	-1440.1	-224.3	-1215.8
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
IV - VI.2019	14065.3	9438.6	4626.7	14873.5	10257.2	4616.3	-808.2	-818.6	10.4
I - VI.2019	28288.7	19054.5	9234.2	30537.0	20097.4	10439.6	-2248.3	-1042.9	-1205.4
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
VII - IX.2019	15011.7	9994.6	5017.1	15086.0	10112.3	4973.7	-74.3	-117.7	43.4
I - IX.2019	43300.4	29049.1	14251.3	45623.0	30209.7	15413.3	-2322.6	-1160.6	-1162.0
X.2019	5407.6	3632.0	1775.6	5538.3	3903.0	1635.3	-130.7	-271.0	140.3
XI.2019	5065.6	3542.8	1522.8	5164.3	3705.6	1458.7	-98.7	-162.8	64.1
I - XI.2019	53773.6	36223.9	17549.7	56325.6	37818.3	18507.3	-2552.0	-1594.4	-957.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of February 2020.

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 - November 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	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
I - III	9.0	7.1	13.4	6.3	0.5	17.8
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
IV - VI	3.3	3.4	3.0	-4.8	2.5	-17.7
I - VI	6.1	5.2	7.9	0.6	1.5	-1.1
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
VII - IX	2.6	-0.3	8.8	-4.2	3.5	-16.8
I - IX	4.9	3.3	8.2	-1.0	2.2	-6.8
X	-0.7	4.8	-10.3	-11.1	6.2	-35.9
XI	-0.2	3.2	-7.5	-8.9	3.0	-29.7
I - XI	3.8	3.4	4.5	-2.9	2.7	-12.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of February 2020.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	51818.5	53773.6	3.8	57998.0	56325.6	-2.9	-6179.5	-2552.0
EU	35025.3	36223.9	3.4	36841.8	37818.3	2.7	-1816.5	-1594.4
Austria	928.4	1005.8	8.3	1445.1	1525.6	5.6	-516.7	-519.8
Belgium	1666.8	1599.7	-4.0	1164.6	1159.0	-0.5	502.2	440.7
Croatia	285.6	273.1	-4.4	173.7	140.8	-18.9	111.9	132.3
Cyprus	188.2	192.0	2.0	242.1	215.1	-11.2	-53.9	-23.1
Czech Republic	1095.8	1300.5	18.7	1363.4	1491.8	9.4	-267.6	-191.3
Denmark	367.7	321.8	-12.5	263.0	257.5	-2.1	104.7	64.3
Estonia	53.6	47.7	-11.0	44.4	54.5	22.7	9.2	-6.8
Finland	106.4	117.8	10.7	144.7	122.5	-15.3	-38.3	-4.7
France	2072.9	2027.1	-2.2	1583.9	1804.4	13.9	489.0	222.7
Germany	7674.7	8052.7	4.9	7166.3	7292.6	1.8	508.4	760.1
Greece	3418.8	3632.4	6.2	2510.0	2790.4	11.2	908.8	842.0
Hungary	908.7	947.2	4.2	1995.9	2135.5	7.0	-1087.2	-1188.3
Ireland	185.8	156.3	-15.9	242.4	324.0	33.7	-56.6	-167.7
Italy	4414.9	3995.4	-9.5	4387.7	4473.0	1.9	27.2	-477.6
Latvia	67.2	55.0	-18.2	62.4	56.5	-9.5	4.8	-1.5
Lithuania	137.8	129.6	-6.0	118.7	136.5	15.0	19.1	-6.9
Luxembourg	20.2	22.7	12.4	93.2	76.5	-17.9	-73.0	-53.8
Malta	38.9	40.9	5.1	229.6	43.7	-81.0	-190.7	-2.8
Netherlands	1402.8	1395.5	-0.5	2186.6	2206.7	0.9	-783.8	-811.2
Poland	1191.6	1172.9	-1.6	1901.1	2061.2	8.4	-709.5	-888.3
Portugal	184.4	300.1	62.7	155.3	169.3	9.0	29.1	130.8
Romania	4399.7	4732.7	7.6	3997.3	4310.5	7.8	402.4	422.2
Slovakia	386.9	550.6	42.3	720.8	799.0	10.8	-333.9	-248.4
Slovenia	377.8	452.8	19.9	429.9	486.2	13.1	-52.1	-33.4
Spain	1288.9	1496.8	16.1	2762.6	2357.9	-14.6	-1473.7	-861.1
Sweden	462.5	496.4	7.3	374.1	358.6	-4.1	88.4	137.8
United Kingdom	1269.9	1276.0	0.5	885.6	830.9	-6.2	384.3	445.1
Not specified	428.4	432.4	0.9	197.4	138.1	-30.0	231.0	294.3

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.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	16793.2	17549.7	4.5	21156.2	18507.3	-12.5	-4363.0	-957.6
CIS³	1073.4	1388.7	29.4	5832.0	3718.5	-36.2	-4758.6	-2329.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	47.0	60.2	28.1	8.9	4.8	-46.1	38.1	55.4
Russian Federation	736.8	965.6	31.1	5606.8	3508.0	-37.4	-4870.0	-2542.4
OECD⁴	6151.8	6091.2	-1.0	5513.4	5633.8	2.2	638.4	457.4
of which:								
Canada	143.2	154.4	7.8	116.9	66.9	-42.8	26.3	87.5
Israel	139.4	249.3	78.8	74.0	84.2	13.8	65.4	165.1
Japan	78.0	89.1	14.2	253.2	243.8	-3.7	-175.2	-154.7
Korea, Republic of	181.0	235.0	29.8	277.8	273.0	-1.7	-96.8	-38.0
Turkey	4073.4	3730.2	-8.4	3584.4	3803.9	6.1	489.0	-73.7
United States	955.4	960.5	0.5	515.1	551.8	7.1	440.3	408.7
EFTA⁵	379.1	428.8	13.1	496.3	510.8	2.9	-117.2	-82.0
of which:								
Norway	80.9	78.7	-2.7	58.5	40.8	-30.3	22.4	37.9
Switzerland	292.8	347.7	18.8	434.3	466.5	7.4	-141.5	-118.8

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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 - November 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	152.6	155.6	2.0	30.2	49.1	62.6	122.4	106.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	117.3	113.1	-3.6	40.3	45.6	13.2	77.0	67.5
Brazil	59.7	54.6	-8.5	82.7	48.6	-41.2	-23.0	6.0
China	1330.8	1387.7	4.3	2394.6	2679.9	11.9	-1063.8	-1292.2
Egypt	418.3	572.0	36.7	916.9	706.1	-23.0	-498.6	-134.1
Georgia	317.6	268.8	-15.4	581.0	394.2	-32.2	-263.4	-125.4
India	175.2	193.8	10.6	355.0	308.8	-13.0	-179.8	-115.0
Indonesia	51.7	115.8	124.0	316.5	261.3	-17.4	-264.8	-145.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	68.6	108.7	58.5	60.8	61.2	0.7	7.8	47.5
Peru	19.1	23.9	25.1	80.0	16.4	-79.5	-60.9	7.5
Republic of North Macedonia	757.4	746.5	-1.4	586.5	440.8	-24.8	170.9	305.7
Serbia	952.2	1070.3	12.4	1139.5	1112.3	-2.4	-187.3	-42.0
Singapore	478.0	181.3	-62.1	72.9	72.4	-0.7	405.1	108.9
South Africa	263.6	180.8	-31.4	68.8	89.3	29.8	194.8	91.5
Syrian Arab Republic	29.7	49.2	65.7	0.5	0.3	-40.0	29.2	48.9
Taiwan	70.9	48.0	-32.3	209.2	178.4	-14.7	-138.3	-130.4
Ukraine	333.5	632.3	89.6	866.5	958.7	10.6	-533.0	-326.4
United Arab Emirates	190.1	188.2	-1.0	48.5	59.9	23.5	141.6	128.3
Viet Nam	58.1	74.1	27.5	86.9	116.3	33.8	-28.8	-42.2

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 10-th of February 2020

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - November 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	51818.5	53773.6	3.8	57998.0	56325.6	-2.9	-6179.5	-2552.0
of which EU	35025.3	36223.9	3.4	36841.8	37818.3	2.7	-1816.5	-1594.4
Food and live animals	5529.5	6178.7	11.7	4223.8	4595.6	8.8	1305.7	1583.1
of which EU	4298.0	4258.6	-0.9	3446.1	3636.5	5.5	851.9	622.1
Beverages and tobacco	592.0	636.8	7.6	861.8	1070.2	24.2	-269.8	-433.4
of which EU	329.2	381.0	15.7	669.0	848.8	26.9	-339.8	-467.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3275.8	3636.8	11.0	5324.0	4225.0	-20.6	-2048.2	-588.2
of which EU	2240.1	2378.3	6.2	2894.0	2436.3	-15.8	-653.9	-58.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4465.5	4949.0	10.8	7795.0	5153.2	-33.9	-3329.5	-204.2
of which EU	1645.9	1712.8	4.1	1583.7	1558.1	-1.6	62.2	154.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	577.3	571.5	-1.0	186.8	201.2	7.7	390.5	370.3
of which EU	350.8	344.7	-1.7	111.0	114.3	3.0	239.8	230.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5265.7	5914.0	12.3	8161.1	8654.8	6.0	-2895.4	-2740.8
of which EU	3292.9	3647.8	10.8	6236.5	6628.2	6.3	-2943.6	-2980.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12138.2	10902.2	-10.2	10051.7	10137.7	0.9	2086.5	764.5
of which EU	7884.7	7567.2	-4.0	5775.6	5639.0	-2.4	2109.1	1928.2
Machinery and transport equipment	11713.6	12708.3	8.5	16238.9	16676.5	2.7	-4525.3	-3968.2
of which EU	8919.7	9689.1	8.6	12424.1	13010.8	4.7	-3504.4	-3321.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8117.5	8099.4	-0.2	4839.8	5251.3	8.5	3277.7	2848.1
of which EU	5950.7	6109.5	2.7	3423.3	3624.2	5.9	2527.4	2485.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	143.4	176.9	23.4	315.1	360.1	14.3	-171.7	-183.2
of which EU	113.3	134.9	19.1	278.5	322.1	15.7	-165.2	-187.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of February 2020.