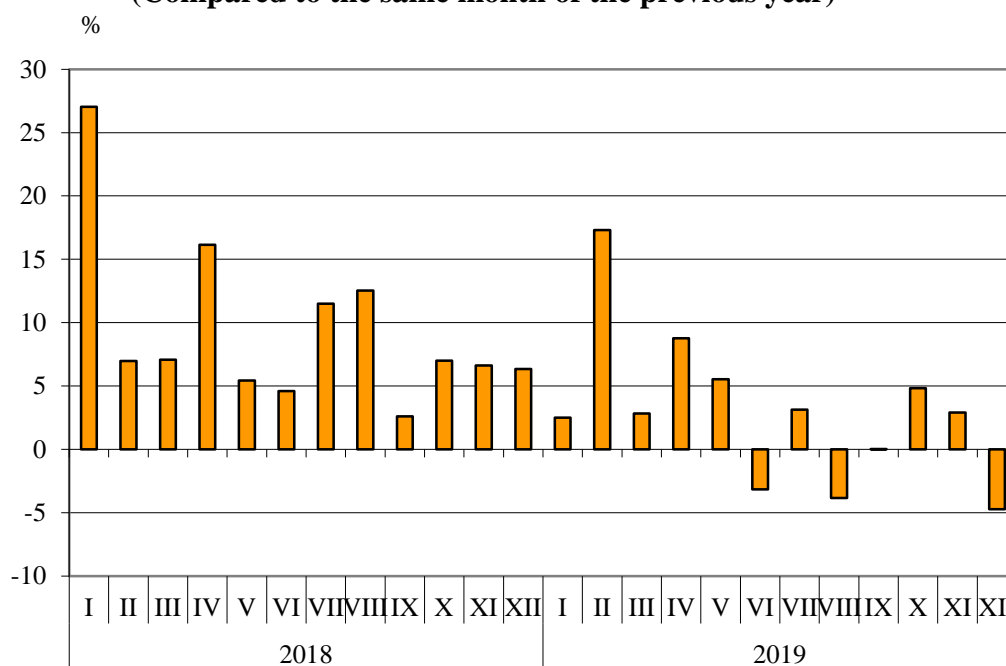


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN 2019 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2019** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 2.9% in comparison with 2018 and amounted to 38 779.5 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 **December 2019** the exports to the EU dropped by 4.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 548.4 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 **2019** in comparison to 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’ (19.1%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (4.6%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

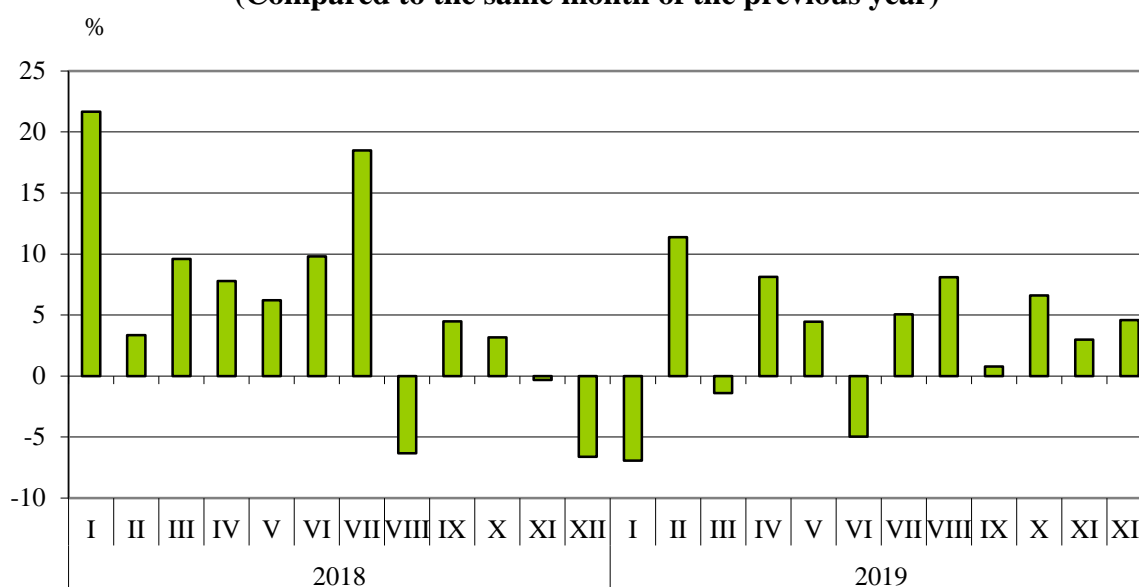
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, 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 2019 increased by 3.1 % compared to 2018 and reached 41 143.0 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 December 2019 the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States increased by 4.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 206.5 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 2019 compared to 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’ (27.9%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (16.5%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in 2019 was negative and added up to 2 363.5 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 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 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
XII.2018	4211.9	2675.0	1536.9	4877.6	3065.9	1811.7	-665.7	-390.9	-274.8
X - XII.2018	14735.4	9572.2	5163.2	16777.0	10338.9	6438.1	-2041.6	-766.7	-1274.9
I - XII.2018	56030.4	37700.3	18330.1	62875.6	39907.7	22967.9	-6845.2	-2207.4	-4637.8
I.2019	4723.1	3175.0	1548.1	5051.0	3002.5	2048.5	-327.9	172.5	-500.4
II.2019	4693.6	3167.6	1526.0	5290.5	3246.5	2044.0	-596.9	-78.9	-518.0
III.2019	4808.6	3273.2	1535.4	5361.7	3597.3	1764.4	-553.1	-324.1	-229.0
I - III.2019	14225.3	9615.8	4609.5	15703.2	9846.3	5856.9	-1477.9	-230.5	-1247.4
IV.2019	4681.0	3153.3	1527.7	5450.1	3469.5	1980.6	-769.1	-316.2	-452.9
V.2019	4765.0	3190.9	1574.1	5652.7	3508.6	2144.1	-887.7	-317.7	-570.0
VI.2019	4642.2	3100.9	1541.3	5127.1	3267.3	1859.8	-484.9	-166.4	-318.5
IV - VI.2019	14088.2	9445.1	4643.1	16229.9	10245.4	5984.5	-2141.7	-800.3	-1341.4
I - VI.2019	28313.5	19060.9	9252.6	31933.1	20091.7	11841.4	-3619.6	-1030.8	-2588.8
VII.2019	5355.1	3606.1	1749.0	5952.3	3747.2	2205.1	-597.2	-141.1	-456.1
VIII.2019	4861.7	3165.9	1695.8	5090.1	3214.7	1875.4	-228.4	-48.8	-179.6
IX.2019	4884.9	3234.1	1650.8	5361.8	3259.2	2102.6	-476.9	-25.1	-451.8
VII - IX.2019	15101.7	10006.1	5095.6	16404.2	10221.1	6183.1	-1302.5	-215.0	-1087.5
I - IX.2019	43415.2	29067.0	14348.2	48337.3	30312.8	18024.5	-4922.1	-1245.8	-3676.3
X.2019	5500.4	3632.6	1867.8	6012.7	3919.6	2093.1	-512.3	-287.0	-225.3
XI.2019	5348.7	3531.5	1817.2	5637.7	3704.1	1933.6	-289.0	-172.6	-116.4
XII.2019	4129.1	2548.4	1580.7	5148.0	3206.5	1941.5	-1018.9	-658.1	-360.8
X - XII.2019	14978.2	9712.5	5265.7	16798.4	10830.2	5968.2	-1820.2	-1117.7	-702.5
I - XII.2019	58393.4	38779.5	19613.9	65135.7	41143.0	23992.7	-6742.3	-2363.5	-4378.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of March 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 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	14.4	0.0	-6.9	12.3
II	18.3	17.3	20.3	15.9	11.4	24.0
III	4.0	2.8	6.5	4.8	-1.4	20.1
I - III	9.1	7.1	13.4	6.6	0.6	18.5
IV	8.0	8.8	6.5	9.7	8.1	12.6
V	8.4	5.5	14.7	9.7	4.5	19.4
VI	-5.0	-3.2	-8.6	-6.7	-5.0	-9.6
IV - VI	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.9	2.4	6.6
I - VI	6.2	5.3	8.1	5.2	1.5	12.2
VII	4.1	3.1	6.2	6.3	5.1	8.5
VIII	3.2	-3.8	19.6	2.2	8.1	-6.5
IX	2.2	0.0	6.8	3.7	0.8	8.5
VII - IX	3.2	-0.2	10.5	4.2	4.6	3.5
I - IX	5.1	3.3	9.0	4.9	2.5	9.0
X	1.0	4.8	-5.7	-3.5	6.6	-18.0
XI	5.3	2.9	10.4	-0.6	3.0	-6.8
XII	-2.0	-4.7	2.8	5.5	4.6	7.2
X - XII	1.6	1.5	2.0	0.1	4.8	-7.3
I - XII	4.2	2.9	7.0	3.6	3.1	4.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of March 2020.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 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	56030.4	58393.4	4.2	62875.6	65135.7	3.6	-6845.2	-6742.3
EU	37700.3	38779.5	2.9	39907.7	41143.0	3.1	-2207.4	-2363.5
Austria	991.1	1069.1	7.9	1568.7	1645.6	4.9	-577.6	-576.5
Belgium	1904.2	1662.9	-12.7	1265.9	1255.7	-0.8	638.3	407.2
Croatia	366.4	289.2	-21.1	186.3	159.5	-14.4	180.1	129.7
Cyprus	200.4	216.5	8.0	244.2	282.1	15.5	-43.8	-65.6
Czech Republic	1182.4	1388.0	17.4	1497.7	1663.9	11.1	-315.3	-275.9
Denmark	392.6	345.5	-12.0	288.7	281.5	-2.5	103.9	64.0
Estonia	59.5	50.5	-15.1	49.1	58.7	19.6	10.4	-8.2
Finland	116.3	125.4	7.8	159.4	132.9	-16.6	-43.1	-7.5
France	2204.8	2210.5	0.3	1723.6	1973.5	14.5	481.2	237.0
Germany	8175.4	8620.8	5.4	7779.8	7922.6	1.8	395.6	698.2
Greece	3696.4	3934.1	6.4	2737.4	3031.5	10.7	959.0	902.6
Hungary	977.5	1009.7	3.3	2169.4	2332.4	7.5	-1191.9	-1322.7
Ireland	191.4	162.9	-14.9	269.4	356.3	32.3	-78.0	-193.4
Italy	4775.3	4284.3	-10.3	4742.7	4898.3	3.3	32.6	-614.0
Latvia	73.9	59.2	-19.9	66.4	61.6	-7.2	7.5	-2.4
Lithuania	148.0	141.9	-4.1	128.8	146.7	13.9	19.2	-4.8
Luxembourg	21.9	25.5	16.4	98.3	84.7	-13.8	-76.4	-59.2
Malta	40.9	43.6	6.6	231.2	49.3	-78.7	-190.3	-5.7
Netherlands	1514.2	1479.7	-2.3	2380.8	2363.0	-0.7	-866.6	-883.3
Poland	1274.4	1264.1	-0.8	2091.8	2244.1	7.3	-817.4	-980.0
Portugal	194.6	307.9	58.2	170.2	180.7	6.2	24.4	127.2
Romania	4690.8	5084.5	8.4	4319.4	4713.6	9.1	371.4	370.9
Slovakia	424.6	589.4	38.8	770.1	858.2	11.4	-345.5	-268.8
Slovenia	408.0	481.9	18.1	463.0	525.5	13.5	-55.0	-43.6
Spain	1366.6	1590.0	16.3	2920.7	2479.4	-15.1	-1554.1	-889.4
Sweden	494.4	513.6	3.9	402.0	388.2	-3.4	92.4	125.4
United Kingdom	1362.9	1368.6	0.4	963.0	900.4	-6.5	399.9	468.2
Not specified	451.4	460.2	1.9	219.7	153.1	-30.3	231.7	307.1

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 March 2020.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 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	18330.1	19613.9	7.0	22967.9	23992.7	4.5	-4637.8	-4378.8
CIS³	1158.1	1485.0	28.2	6350.1	6670.9	5.1	-5192.0	-5185.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	52.8	65.9	24.8	8.9	6.3	-29.2	43.9	59.6
Russian Federation	795.9	1019.1	28.0	6111.5	6425.8	5.1	-5315.6	-5406.7
OECD⁴	6626.2	6910.9	4.3	6017.7	6345.7	5.5	608.5	565.2
of which:								
Canada	155.0	216.3	39.5	128.1	87.0	-32.1	26.9	129.3
Israel	150.6	274.0	81.9	79.3	90.5	14.1	71.3	183.5
Japan	83.9	98.7	17.6	273.4	269.1	-1.6	-189.5	-170.4
Korea, Republic of	195.3	250.9	28.5	298.5	290.5	-2.7	-103.2	-39.6
Turkey	4368.5	4234.5	-3.1	3935.1	4258.9	8.2	433.4	-24.4
United States	1048.8	1092.1	4.1	566.4	626.5	10.6	482.4	465.6
EFTA⁵	401.8	462.7	15.2	534.8	553.3	3.5	-133.0	-90.6
of which:								
Norway	85.9	83.3	-3.0	60.6	44.4	-26.7	25.3	38.9
Switzerland	310.3	376.9	21.5	470.5	505.5	7.4	-160.2	-128.6

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 12-th of March 2020.

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 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	164.3	168.8	2.7	34.0	55.6	63.5	130.3	113.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	124.6	124.0	-0.5	43.5	49.6	14.0	81.1	74.4
Brazil	64.2	60.5	-5.8	87.2	52.6	-39.7	-23.0	7.9
China	1494.2	1596.3	6.8	2578.7	2903.0	12.6	-1084.5	-1306.7
Egypt	487.1	758.5	55.7	1040.0	1459.0	40.3	-552.9	-700.5
Georgia	347.1	295.8	-14.8	632.4	550.2	-13.0	-285.3	-254.4
India	191.5	220.3	15.0	381.2	328.1	-13.9	-189.7	-107.8
Indonesia	54.3	123.3	127.1	322.6	270.1	-16.3	-268.3	-146.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	79.5	124.8	57.0	64.1	66.6	3.9	15.4	58.2
Peru	31.1	27.6	-11.3	80.9	44.7	-44.7	-49.8	-17.1
Republic of North Macedonia	828.2	829.3	0.1	627.5	594.5	-5.3	200.7	234.8
Serbia	1039.9	1145.2	10.1	1234.6	1230.2	-0.4	-194.7	-85.0
Singapore	495.1	196.7	-60.3	76.8	76.8	0.0	418.3	119.9
South Africa	301.1	194.3	-35.5	70.9	94.7	33.6	230.2	99.6
Syrian Arab Republic	33.3	51.2	53.8	0.6	0.4	-33.3	32.7	50.8
Taiwan	76.2	52.7	-30.8	222.9	190.6	-14.5	-146.7	-137.9
Ukraine	368.2	666.7	81.1	934.7	1046.4	12.0	-566.5	-379.7
United Arab Emirates	212.5	204.4	-3.8	52.8	62.4	18.2	159.7	142.0
Viet Nam	62.6	78.2	24.9	92.3	126.8	37.4	-29.7	-48.6

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 March 2020.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 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	56030.4	58393.4	4.2	62875.6	65135.7	3.6	-6845.2	-6742.3
of which EU	37700.3	38779.5	2.9	39907.7	41143.0	3.1	-2207.4	-2363.5
Food and live animals	5962.8	6792.6	13.9	4627.7	5056.9	9.3	1335.1	1735.7
of which EU	4632.9	4616.6	-0.4	3765.0	4008.1	6.5	867.9	608.5
Beverages and tobacco	649.4	713.0	9.8	930.4	1160.6	24.7	-281.0	-447.6
of which EU	359.0	427.4	19.1	724.7	926.8	27.9	-365.7	-499.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3542.6	3969.7	12.1	5713.3	4954.5	-13.3	-2170.7	-984.8
of which EU	2414.7	2533.0	4.9	3072.5	2564.9	-16.5	-657.8	-31.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4986.9	5563.7	11.6	8529.1	9054.9	6.2	-3542.2	-3491.2
of which EU	1864.8	1797.7	-3.6	1700.9	1784.1	4.9	163.9	13.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	622.5	616.0	-1.0	201.3	220.8	9.7	421.2	395.2
of which EU	381.6	374.2	-1.9	118.9	124.3	4.5	262.7	249.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5702.7	6400.7	12.2	8813.9	9334.7	5.9	-3111.2	-2934.0
of which EU	3546.4	3909.0	10.2	6760.1	7139.3	5.6	-3213.7	-3230.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13011.6	11746.1	-9.7	10793.2	11048.1	2.4	2218.4	698.0
of which EU	8407.5	8021.4	-4.6	6206.8	6079.9	-2.0	2200.7	1941.5
Machinery and transport equipment	12643.8	13669.8	8.1	17655.7	18166.7	2.9	-5011.9	-4496.9
of which EU	9576.0	10389.6	8.5	13525.4	14183.2	4.9	-3949.4	-3793.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8752.6	8730.3	-0.3	5271.1	5744.1	9.0	3481.5	2986.2
of which EU	6394.4	6565.5	2.7	3733.6	3979.2	6.6	2660.8	2586.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	155.5	191.5	23.2	339.9	394.4	16.0	-184.4	-202.9
of which EU	123.0	145.1	18.0	299.8	353.2	17.8	-176.8	-208.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th of March 2020.