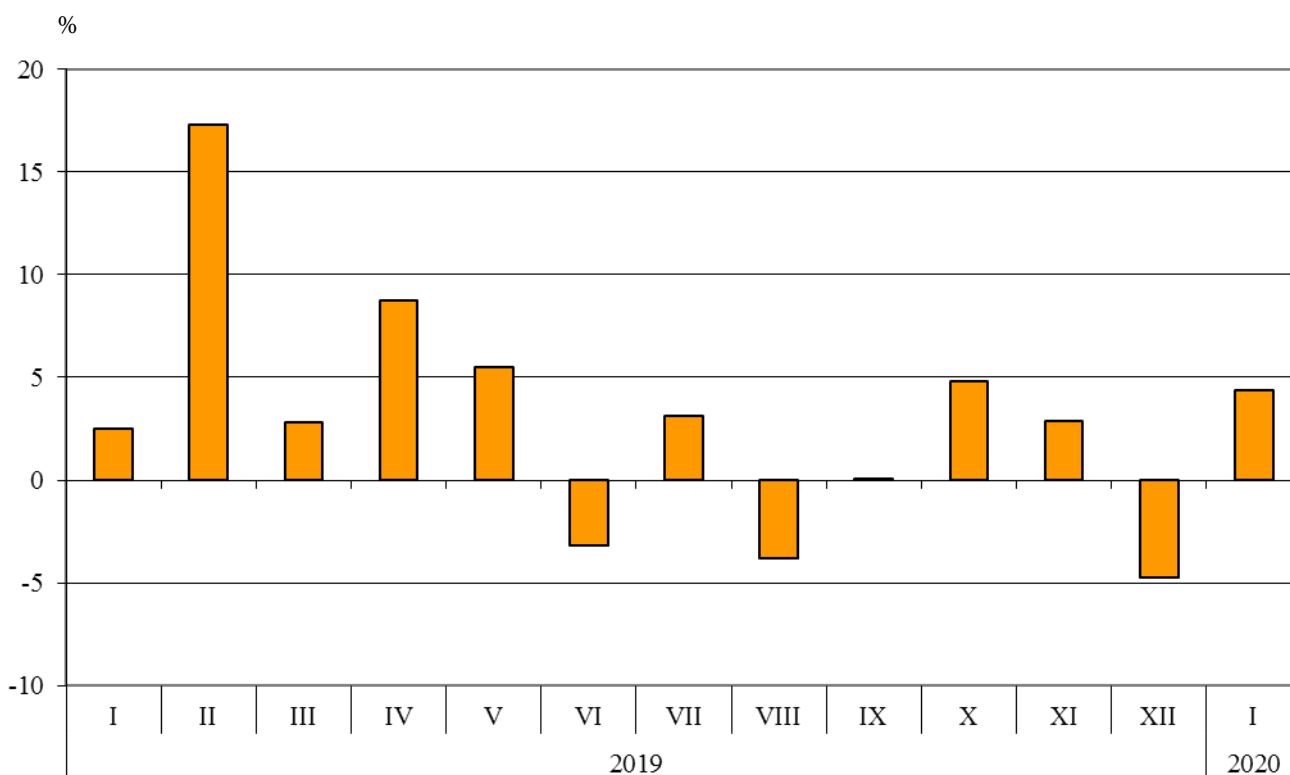


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN JANUARY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2020** Bulgarian **exports to the EU** grew by 4.4% in comparison with the same month of 2019 and amounted to 3 314.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 66.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

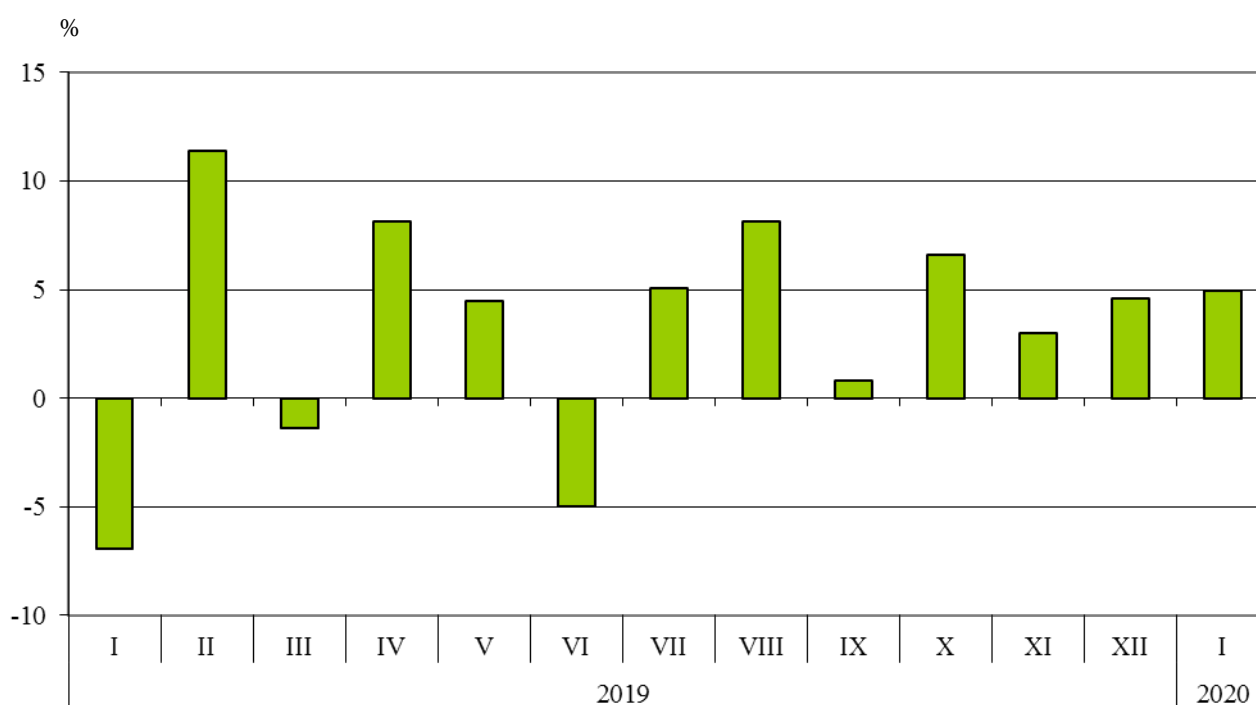


In **January 2020** in comparison to the corresponding month of the previous year the largest growth in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (129.8%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (71.1%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (21.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Bulgarian imports from the EU in January 2020 increased by 4.9% compared to the same month of 2019 and reached 3 150.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2019 - 2020 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2020** compared to the corresponding month of 2019 the largest growth in the imports from the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (155.2%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (38.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU in January 2020** was positive and added up to 164.5 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.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2019¹ and 2020¹ 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.2019	4723.1	3175.0	1548.1	5051.0	3002.5	2048.5	-327.9	172.5	-500.4
I.2020	4896.2	3314.7	1581.5	5308.4	3150.2	2158.2	-412.2	164.5	-576.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 10-th of April 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 January 2020¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	3.7	4.4	2.2	5.1	4.9	5.4

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2019² and 2020²

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	4723.1	4896.2	3.7	5051.0	5308.4	5.1	-327.9	-412.2
EU	3175.0	3314.7	4.4	3002.5	3150.2	4.9	172.5	164.5
Austria	96.1	104.8	9.1	119.9	137.5	14.7	-23.8	-32.7
Belgium	134.2	239.9	78.8	101.4	89.0	-12.2	32.8	150.9
Croatia	18.6	25.0	34.4	9.7	18.5	90.7	8.9	6.5
Cyprus	19.2	20.2	5.2	5.6	4.3	-23.2	13.6	15.9
Czech Republic	112.7	111.3	-1.2	125.7	134.5	7.0	-13.0	-23.2
Denmark	36.1	31.8	-11.9	25.9	22.2	-14.3	10.2	9.6
Estonia	4.8	4.1	-14.6	5.8	5.5	-5.2	-1.0	-1.4
Finland	10.4	8.7	-16.3	9.1	12.7	39.6	1.3	-4.0
France	205.9	188.8	-8.3	150.1	151.4	0.9	55.8	37.4
Germany	781.0	748.9	-4.1	585.8	560.3	-4.4	195.2	188.6
Greece	286.5	315.8	10.2	231.0	324.0	40.3	55.5	-8.2
Hungary	78.1	83.2	6.5	196.9	207.4	5.3	-118.8	-124.2
Ireland	6.0	8.8	46.7	20.1	27.8	38.3	-14.1	-19.0
Italy	373.5	363.7	-2.6	329.1	320.7	-2.6	44.4	43.0
Latvia	5.3	5.8	9.4	2.7	3.4	25.9	2.6	2.4
Lithuania	12.0	12.4	3.3	8.5	11.5	35.3	3.5	0.9
Luxembourg	2.4	3.3	37.5	9.7	5.9	-39.2	-7.3	-2.6
Malta	5.0	4.9	-2.0	3.9	5.7	46.2	1.1	-0.8
Netherlands	130.4	156.0	19.6	171.9	213.1	24.0	-41.5	-57.1
Poland	107.7	124.1	15.2	161.7	176.9	9.4	-54.0	-52.8
Portugal	44.8	11.3	-74.8	8.8	10.1	14.8	36.0	1.2
Romania	331.1	350.5	5.9	313.0	412.2	31.7	18.1	-61.7
Slovakia	54.9	56.1	2.2	67.1	71.7	6.9	-12.2	-15.6
Slovenia	38.7	22.7	-41.3	38.0	33.1	-12.9	0.7	-10.4
Spain	96.7	128.1	32.5	185.2	80.9	-56.3	-88.5	47.2
Sweden	45.7	43.7	-4.4	39.2	35.6	-9.2	6.5	8.1
United Kingdom	112.3	112.1	-0.2	68.9	62.8	-8.9	43.4	49.3
Not specified	24.9	28.7	15.3	7.8	11.5	47.4	17.1	17.2

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 April 2020.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2019² and 2020²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non EU countries	1548.1	1581.5	2.2	2048.5	2158.2	5.4	-500.4	-576.7
CIS³	93.6	90.0	-3.8	559.6	486.8	-13.0	-466.0	-396.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	8.5	8.0	-5.9	0.6	4.2	600.0	7.9	3.8
Russian Federation	62.4	58.7	-5.9	547.5	460.8	-15.8	-485.1	-402.1
OECD⁴	604.0	589.2	-2.5	483.3	553.6	14.5	120.7	35.6
of which:								
Canada	7.4	27.7	274.3	14.0	8.3	-40.7	-6.6	19.4
Israel	12.2	9.8	-19.7	8.5	6.7	-21.2	3.7	3.1
Japan	6.8	9.6	41.2	17.6	23.3	32.4	-10.8	-13.7
Korea, Republic of	22.0	7.6	-65.5	21.5	23.2	7.9	0.5	-15.6
Turkey	401.1	396.5	-1.1	338.5	345.6	2.1	62.6	50.9
United States	102.7	82.6	-19.6	39.6	62.3	57.3	63.1	20.3
EFTA⁵	33.8	36.2	7.1	37.6	46.9	24.7	-3.8	-10.7
of which:								
Norway	7.0	6.4	-8.6	3.7	5.1	37.8	3.3	1.3
Switzerland	26.6	29.7	11.7	33.6	41.7	24.1	-7.0	-12.0

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² Data are preliminary as of 10-th of April 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 January 2019² and 2020²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	10.2	11.4	11.8	2.4	6.1	154.2	7.8	5.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.6	13.3	38.5	2.3	8.1	252.2	7.3	5.2
Brazil	3.2	3.2	0.0	5.4	5.3	-1.9	-2.2	-2.1
China	116.9	166.8	42.7	280.7	299.4	6.7	-163.8	-132.6
Egypt	95.4	40.4	-57.7	140.1	145.8	4.1	-44.7	-105.4
Georgia	24.6	25.6	4.1	8.2	62.4	661.0	16.4	-36.8
India	16.8	17.1	1.8	35.7	30.5	-14.6	-18.9	-13.4
Indonesia	4.8	3.6	-25.0	88.8	8.5	-90.4	-84.0	-4.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3.8	27.4	621.1	3.9	5.9	51.3	-0.1	21.5
Peru	0.6	1.0	66.7	1.6	78.4	4800.0	-1.0	-77.4
Republic of North Macedonia	68.8	61.4	-10.8	43.0	51.1	18.8	25.8	10.3
Serbia	98.8	79.6	-19.4	86.3	107.4	24.4	12.5	-27.8
Singapore	39.6	16.8	-57.6	8.4	6.1	-27.4	31.2	10.7
South Africa	27.0	30.2	11.9	8.0	9.5	18.8	19.0	20.7
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	0.6	-82.9	-	0.0	x	x	0.6
Taiwan	7.0	6.0	-14.3	18.7	18.4	-1.6	-11.7	-12.4
Tunisia	2.7	31.1	1051.9	0.3	4.1	1266.7	2.4	27.0
Ukraine	35.5	32.7	-7.9	94.6	108.7	14.9	-59.1	-76.0
United Arab Emirates	13.7	10.4	-24.1	5.7	4.4	-22.8	8.0	6.0
Viet Nam	4.5	3.3	-26.7	10.9	12.2	11.9	-6.4	-8.9

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 10-th of April 2020.

'x' - category not applicable.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in January 2019¹ and 2020¹

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	
Total	4723.1	4896.2	3.7	5051.0	5308.4	5.1	-327.9	-412.2
of which: EU	3175.0	3314.7	4.4	3002.5	3150.2	4.9	172.5	164.5
Food and live animals	505.5	456.4	-9.7	415.8	453.6	9.1	89.7	2.8
of which: EU	388.0	323.1	-16.7	304.2	353.3	16.1	83.8	-30.2
Beverages and tobacco	48.6	78.0	60.5	79.4	87.1	9.7	-30.8	-9.1
of which: EU	27.7	47.4	71.1	66.3	74.6	12.5	-38.6	-27.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	325.9	373.9	14.7	439.1	560.7	27.7	-113.2	-186.8
of which: EU	228.2	219.2	-3.9	205.5	127.3	-38.1	22.7	91.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	548.2	432.9	-21.0	723.7	758.4	4.8	-175.5	-325.5
of which: EU	115.9	90.6	-21.8	88.7	226.4	155.2	27.2	-135.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	55.3	90.3	63.3	15.0	21.2	41.3	40.3	69.1
of which: EU	19.1	43.9	129.8	7.9	9.4	19.0	11.2	34.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	481.0	513.7	6.8	724.2	728.7	0.6	-243.2	-215.0
of which: EU	292.2	348.3	19.2	535.1	544.1	1.7	-242.9	-195.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	986.6	1047.5	6.2	856.7	845.7	-1.3	129.9	201.8
of which: EU	690.2	753.6	9.2	462.0	463.9	0.4	228.2	289.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1070.8	1114.4	4.1	1348.3	1339.9	-0.6	-277.5	-225.5
of which: EU	835.5	876.9	5.0	1022.1	1002.2	-1.9	-186.6	-125.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	686.6	769.3	12.0	419.0	474.7	13.3	267.6	294.6
of which: EU	566.0	597.0	5.5	283.8	313.6	10.5	282.2	283.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.6	19.8	35.6	29.8	38.4	28.9	-15.2	-18.6
of which: EU	12.2	14.7	20.5	26.9	35.4	31.6	-14.7	-20.7

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