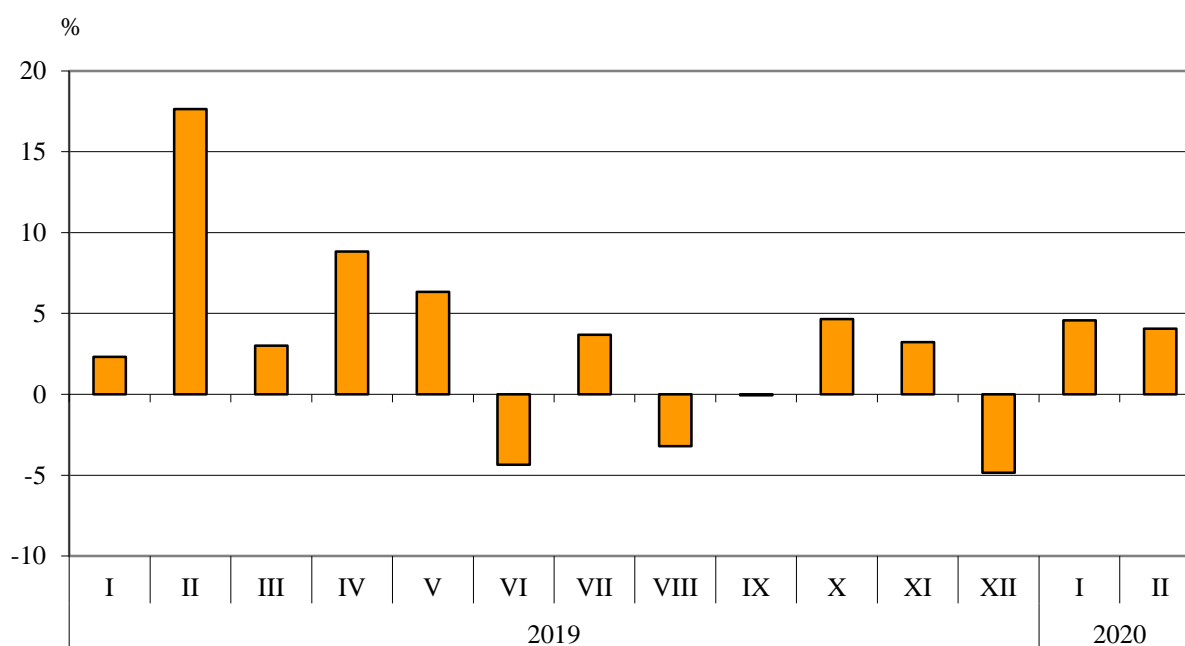


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2020** Bulgarian exports to the EU¹ grew by 4.3% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and amounted to 6 377.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2020** the exports to the EU grew by 4.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 175.1 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value² change of exports of goods of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2020** 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 sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (44.4%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (32.0%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Food and live animals’ (11.6%).

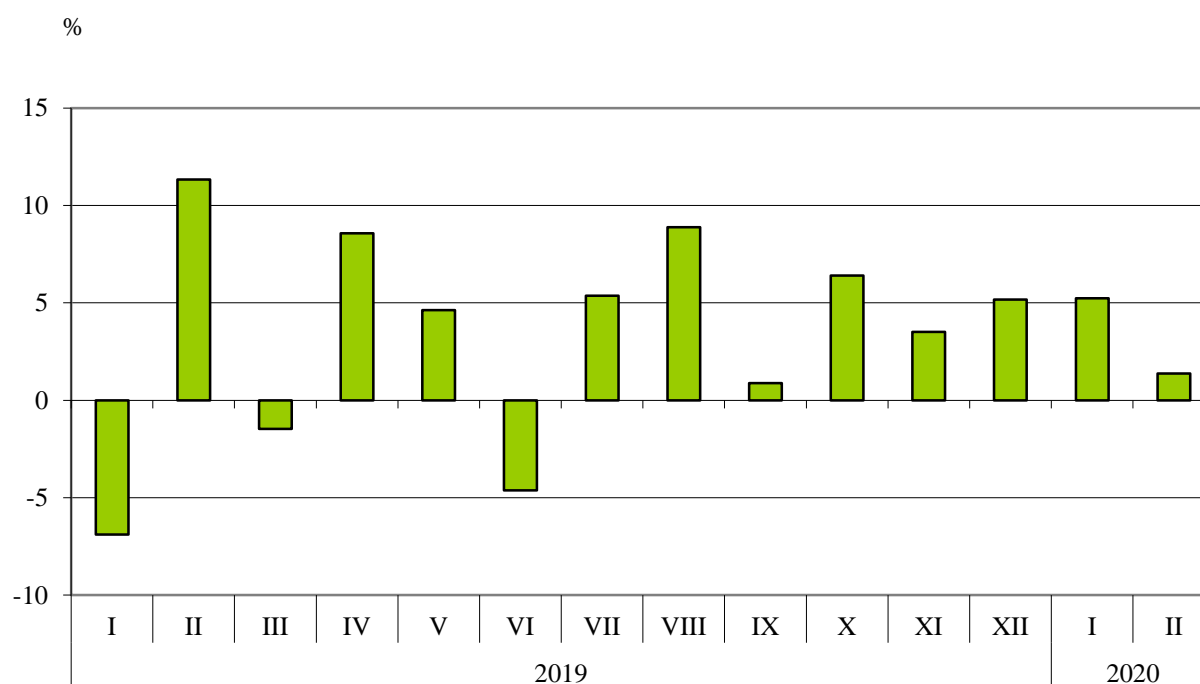
¹ As during the transitional period the information on the exports and imports to/from the United Kingdom will continue to be collected through Intrastat declarations, in the ‘Foreign trade’ Information system the data for this country will be included in the trade with the EU and not with third countries.

² Value changes at current prices.

Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - February 2020** increased by 3.2% compared to the same period of 2019 and reached 6 294.5 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2020** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 1.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 207.1 Million BGN.

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 the period **January - February 2020** compared to the corresponding period 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' (101.7%) while fall was observed only in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'³ (48.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - February 2020** was positive and added up to 83.1 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 - February 2019¹ and 2020¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴	Total	EU ³	Non EU ⁴
I.2019	4723.1	3062.7	1660.4	5051.0	2933.6	2117.4	-327.9	129.1	-457.0
II.2019	4693.6	3051.0	1642.6	5290.5	3163.7	2126.8	-596.9	-112.7	-484.2
I - II.2019	9416.7	6113.7	3303.0	10341.5	6097.3	4244.2	-924.8	16.4	-941.2
I.2020	4896.1	3202.5	1693.6	5308.4	3087.4	2221.0	-412.3	115.1	-527.4
II.2020	4781.8	3175.1	1606.7	5194.1	3207.1	1987.0	-412.3	-32.0	-380.3
I - II.2020	9677.9	6377.6	3300.3	10502.5	6294.5	4208.0	-824.6	83.1	-907.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2020.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

⁴ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2020¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
I	3.7	4.6	2.0	5.1	5.2	4.9
II	1.9	4.1	-2.2	-1.8	1.4	-6.6
I - II	2.8	4.3	-0.1	1.6	3.2	-0.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.

³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	9416.7	9677.9	2.8	10341.5	10502.5	1.6	-924.8	-824.6
EU³	6113.7	6377.6	4.3	6097.3	6294.5	3.2	16.4	83.1
Austria	176.3	188.8	7.1	257.2	276.2	7.4	-80.9	-87.4
Belgium	317.3	485.9	53.1	187.8	189.1	0.7	129.5	296.8
Croatia	41.1	47.4	15.3	20.4	32.9	61.3	20.7	14.5
Cyprus	30.8	46.9	52.3	8.2	8.0	-2.4	22.6	38.9
Czech Republic	223.2	230.9	3.4	249.7	268.6	7.6	-26.5	-37.7
Denmark	68.8	59.3	-13.8	48.6	49.2	1.2	20.2	10.1
Estonia	10.6	7.6	-28.3	12.3	9.5	-22.8	-1.7	-1.9
Finland	21.1	16.4	-22.3	17.7	20.6	16.4	3.4	-4.2
France	392.8	377.7	-3.8	304.5	305.0	0.2	88.3	72.7
Germany	1447.2	1486.8	2.7	1231.5	1218.7	-1.0	215.7	268.1
Greece	601.9	639.2	6.2	452.2	566.8	25.3	149.7	72.4
Hungary	166.6	163.6	-1.8	385.3	419.6	8.9	-218.7	-256.0
Ireland	24.4	15.7	-35.7	40.3	58.5	45.2	-15.9	-42.8
Italy	769.4	710.0	-7.7	684.5	697.1	1.8	84.9	12.9
Latvia	9.7	12.3	26.8	5.9	6.8	15.3	3.8	5.5
Lithuania	22.4	23.9	6.7	24.7	20.4	-17.4	-2.3	3.5
Luxembourg	5.2	5.6	7.7	14.5	13.4	-7.6	-9.3	-7.8
Malta	8.6	9.2	7.0	5.8	10.1	74.1	2.8	-0.9
Netherlands	258.0	263.5	2.1	353.5	409.7	15.9	-95.5	-146.2
Poland	209.0	243.6	16.6	334.5	362.5	8.4	-125.5	-118.9
Portugal	58.6	25.1	-57.2	32.0	21.0	-34.4	26.6	4.1
Romania	688.7	783.3	13.7	681.6	847.0	24.3	7.1	-63.7
Slovakia	104.6	109.8	5.0	130.7	143.9	10.1	-26.1	-34.1
Slovenia	77.1	56.2	-27.1	78.9	72.0	-8.7	-1.8	-15.8
Spain	202.8	229.5	13.2	439.6	173.8	-60.5	-236.8	55.7
Sweden	88.5	86.4	-2.4	74.9	78.2	4.4	13.6	8.2
Not specified	89.0	53.0	-40.4	20.5	15.9	-22.4	68.5	37.1

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 13-th of May 2020.

³ EU excluding the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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 countries³	3303.0	3300.3	-0.1	4244.2	4208.0	-0.9	-941.2	-907.7
CIS⁴	192.1	196.1	2.1	1245.9	923.9	-25.8	-1053.8	-727.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	14.3	11.9	-16.8	1.2	7.3	508.3	13.1	4.6
Russian Federation	131.2	123.0	-6.2	1220.9	880.0	-27.9	-1089.7	-757.0
OECD⁵	1350.3	1242.7	-8.0	1145.5	1233.9	7.7	204.8	8.8
of which:								
Canada	16.3	46.4	184.7	17.7	55.1	211.3	-1.4	-8.7
Israel	61.7	22.1	-64.2	15.1	20.8	37.7	46.6	1.3
Japan	12.0	17.7	47.5	37.2	44.0	18.3	-25.2	-26.3
Korea, Republic of	30.5	15.0	-50.8	44.6	44.3	-0.7	-14.1	-29.3
Turkey	688.6	654.6	-4.9	708.7	669.3	-5.6	-20.1	-14.7
United Kingdom	228.9	218.0	-4.8	151.7	125.4	-17.3	77.2	92.6
United States	204.8	148.3	-27.6	82.4	122.1	48.2	122.4	26.2
EFTA⁶	71.3	85.1	19.4	75.5	95.5	26.5	-4.2	-10.4
of which:								
Norway	16.2	24.4	50.6	6.0	9.7	61.7	10.2	14.7
Switzerland	54.5	60.4	10.8	67.8	82.5	21.7	-13.3	-22.1

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³ Non EU including the United Kingdom.

⁴ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁵ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁶ 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 - February 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	23.7	25.4	7.2	4.8	9.1	89.6	18.9	16.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.8	30.3	53.0	6.2	11.9	91.9	13.6	18.4
Brazil	6.3	6.6	4.8	10.2	10.0	-2.0	-3.9	-3.4
China	260.3	255.6	-1.8	520.2	538.9	3.6	-259.9	-283.3
Egypt	147.9	99.8	-32.5	229.6	274.3	19.5	-81.7	-174.5
Georgia	50.7	47.5	-6.3	42.4	150.1	254.0	8.3	-102.6
India	30.4	38.5	26.6	58.2	49.4	-15.1	-27.8	-10.9
Indonesia	8.6	18.8	118.6	174.2	12.0	-93.1	-165.6	6.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	13.5	56.1	315.6	11.5	10.7	-7.0	2.0	45.4
Peru	2.8	1.8	-35.7	3.7	129.5	3400.0	-0.9	-127.7
Republic of North Macedonia	135.6	133.3	-1.7	84.9	97.4	14.7	50.7	35.9
Serbia	191.7	160.7	-16.2	160.1	215.7	34.7	31.6	-55.0
Singapore	65.7	18.8	-71.4	16.1	12.1	-24.8	49.6	6.7
South Africa	32.7	35.4	8.3	19.9	13.2	-33.7	12.8	22.2
Syrian Arab Republic	6.1	0.9	-85.2	0.0	0.0	x	6.1	0.9
Taiwan	10.4	10.3	-1.0	32.5	30.6	-5.8	-22.1	-20.3
Tunisia	4.8	78.8	1541.7	1.8	6.5	261.1	3.0	72.3
Ukraine	77.5	73.0	-5.8	179.8	201.7	12.2	-102.3	-128.7
United Arab Emirates	27.1	24.2	-10.7	7.4	8.0	8.1	19.7	16.2
Viet Nam	7.7	9.8	27.3	19.7	22.4	13.7	-12.0	-12.6

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 13-th of May 2020.

'x' - category not applicable.

'0' - figure less than half of the unit used.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - February 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	9416.7	9677.9	2.8	10341.5	10502.5	1.6	-924.8	-824.6
of which: EU ²	6113.7	6377.6	4.3	6097.3	6294.5	3.2	16.4	83.1
Food and live animals	1008.1	1074.5	6.6	807.3	896.2	11.0	200.8	178.3
of which: EU	704.8	623.3	-11.6	600.1	696.5	16.1	104.7	-73.2
Beverages and tobacco	113.4	130.1	14.7	155.9	166.0	6.5	-42.5	-35.9
of which: EU	53.8	77.7	44.4	124.0	133.2	7.4	-70.2	-55.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	638.4	685.8	7.4	966.9	1034.8	7.0	-328.5	-349.0
of which: EU	418.5	404.8	-3.3	505.3	262.2	-48.1	-86.8	142.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	923.5	742.5	-19.6	1492.7	1342.6	-10.1	-569.2	-600.1
of which: EU	274.1	243.7	-11.1	166.7	336.3	101.7	107.4	-92.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104.9	149.6	42.6	27.8	41.7	50.0	77.1	107.9
of which: EU	56.3	74.3	32.0	14.8	18.5	25.0	41.5	55.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	986.4	1007.8	2.2	1529.1	1532.7	0.2	-542.7	-524.9
of which: EU	561.6	625.3	11.3	1100.2	1145.1	4.1	-538.6	-519.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1960.5	2066.4	5.4	1715.5	1698.1	-1.0	245.0	368.3
of which: EU	1308.0	1454.8	11.2	941.1	956.0	1.6	366.9	498.8
Machinery and transport equipment	2178.6	2270.9	4.2	2741.3	2782.0	1.5	-562.7	-511.1
of which: EU	1627.6	1743.3	7.1	2037.4	2069.5	1.6	-409.8	-326.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1469.8	1511.4	2.8	848.0	931.4	9.8	621.8	580.0
of which: EU	1084.3	1102.9	1.7	557.8	607.5	8.9	526.5	495.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	33.1	38.9	17.5	57.0	77.0	35.1	-23.9	-38.1
of which: EU	24.7	27.5	11.3	49.9	69.7	39.7	-25.2	-42.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th of May 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.