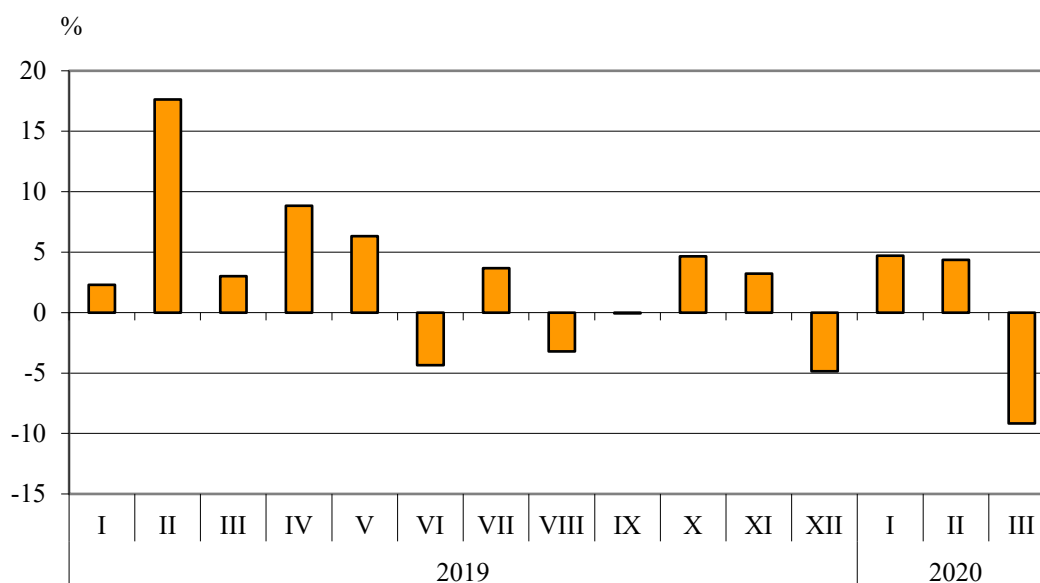


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2020** Bulgarian exports to the EU¹ decreased by 0.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and amounted to 9 268.4 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2020** the exports to the EU dropped by 9.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 877.5 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 - March 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’ (47.1%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (39.1%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (7.6%).

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.

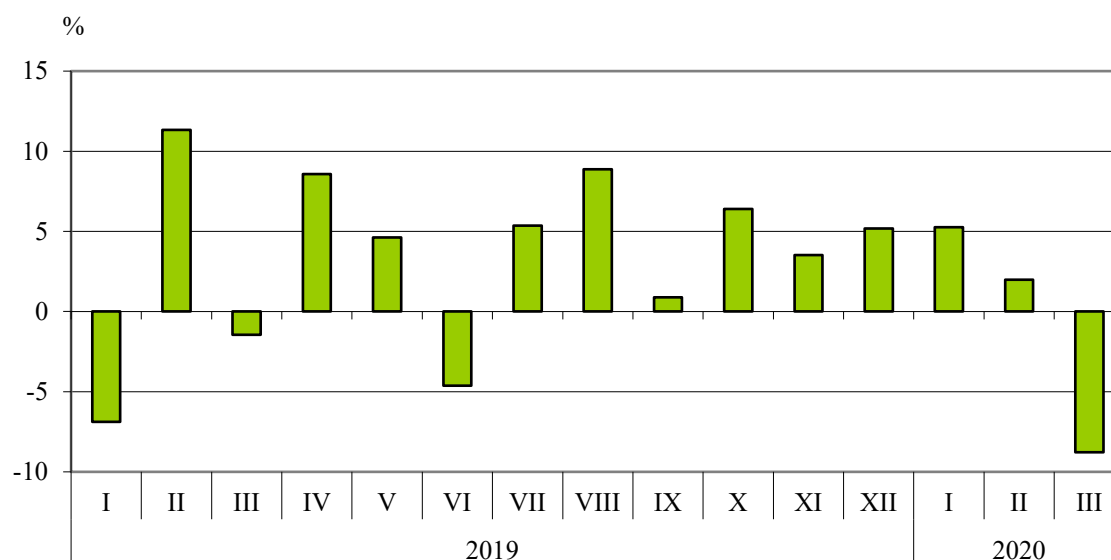
² Value changes at current prices.

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.

Bulgarian imports from the EU in the period **January - March 2020** decreased by 0.9% compared to the same period of 2019 and reached 9 521.4 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 **March 2020** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States dropped by 8.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 206.8 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 - March 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’ (32.6%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (46.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - March 2020** was negative and added up to 253.0 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.

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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
III.2019	4808.6	3167.5	1641.1	5361.7	3515.0	1846.7	-553.1	-347.5	-205.6
I - III.2019	14225.3	9281.2	4944.1	15703.2	9612.3	6090.9	-1477.9	-331.1	-1146.8
I.2020	4965.1	3206.5	1758.6	5274.4	3088.0	2186.4	-309.3	118.5	-427.8
II.2020	4838.9	3184.4	1654.5	5278.6	3226.6	2052.0	-439.7	-42.2	-397.5
III.2020	4435.2	2877.5	1557.7	5023.3	3206.8	1816.5	-588.1	-329.3	-258.8
I - III.2020	14239.2	9268.4	4970.8	15576.3	9521.4	6054.9	-1337.1	-253.0	-1084.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 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 - March 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	5.1	4.7	5.9	4.4	5.3	3.3
II	3.1	4.4	0.7	-0.2	2.0	-3.5
III	-7.8	-9.2	-5.1	-6.3	-8.8	-1.6
I - III	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 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 - March 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	14225.3	14239.2	0.1	15703.2	15576.3	-0.8	-1477.9	-1337.1
EU³	9281.2	9268.4	-0.1	9612.3	9521.4	-0.9	-331.1	-253.0
Austria	272.0	281.0	3.3	415.4	413.2	-0.5	-143.4	-132.2
Belgium	569.8	622.4	9.2	299.2	268.3	-10.3	270.6	354.1
Croatia	68.3	68.4	0.1	30.8	52.0	68.8	37.5	16.4
Cyprus	46.8	61.7	31.8	75.2	11.3	-85.0	-28.4	50.4
Czech Republic	334.4	324.0	-3.1	388.2	406.3	4.7	-53.8	-82.3
Denmark	97.1	85.5	-11.9	71.4	75.7	6.0	25.7	9.8
Estonia	14.5	10.9	-24.8	18.4	14.3	-22.3	-3.9	-3.4
Finland	32.8	33.5	2.1	30.8	35.4	14.9	2.0	-1.9
France	606.6	543.2	-10.5	488.2	464.1	-4.9	118.4	79.1
Germany	2117.9	2205.4	4.1	1935.0	1890.6	-2.3	182.9	314.8
Greece	909.4	948.7	4.3	691.1	830.7	20.2	218.3	118.0
Hungary	243.2	246.0	1.2	594.6	634.8	6.8	-351.4	-388.8
Ireland	31.3	40.7	30.0	65.0	91.7	41.1	-33.7	-51.0
Italy	1126.2	978.5	-13.1	1134.0	1036.2	-8.6	-7.8	-57.7
Latvia	14.6	17.5	19.9	9.4	10.0	6.4	5.2	7.5
Lithuania	35.2	36.8	4.5	36.9	34.8	-5.7	-1.7	2.0
Luxembourg	6.0	8.6	43.3	20.6	18.7	-9.2	-14.6	-10.1
Malta	12.2	12.8	4.9	8.9	14.5	62.9	3.3	-1.7
Netherlands	357.4	346.0	-3.2	538.6	632.4	17.4	-181.2	-286.4
Poland	314.8	353.8	12.4	539.1	555.8	3.1	-224.3	-202.0
Portugal	84.8	45.1	-46.8	43.7	31.9	-27.0	41.1	13.2
Romania	1137.0	1211.6	6.6	1108.8	1252.1	12.9	28.2	-40.5
Slovakia	165.5	152.2	-8.0	202.3	223.0	10.2	-36.8	-70.8
Slovenia	120.4	85.1	-29.3	127.9	119.1	-6.9	-7.5	-34.0
Spain	318.6	348.6	9.4	596.9	277.6	-53.5	-278.3	71.0
Sweden	135.4	133.4	-1.5	100.3	107.5	7.2	35.1	25.9
Not specified	109.0	67.0	-38.5	41.6	19.4	-53.4	67.4	47.6

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 11-th of June 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 - March 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	4944.1	4970.8	0.5	6090.9	6054.9	-0.6	-1146.8	-1084.1
CIS⁴	305.1	317.0	3.9	1572.4	1327.2	-15.6	-1267.3	-1010.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	19.1	17.1	-10.5	1.2	7.8	550.0	17.9	9.3
Russian Federation	213.1	204.3	-4.1	1535.7	1265.5	-17.6	-1322.6	-1061.2
OECD⁵	1925.4	1897.3	-1.5	1738.1	1850.9	6.5	187.3	46.4
of which:								
Canada	24.4	76.6	213.9	24.5	63.1	157.6	-0.1	13.5
Israel	72.6	37.7	-48.1	22.5	28.9	28.4	50.1	8.8
Japan	17.2	26.5	54.1	57.5	73.3	27.5	-40.3	-46.8
Korea, Republic of	39.4	21.6	-45.2	69.3	64.5	-6.9	-29.9	-42.9
Turkey	986.5	944.9	-4.2	1063.4	998.4	-6.1	-76.9	-53.5
United Kingdom	334.6	332.3	-0.7	234.0	192.8	-17.6	100.6	139.5
United States	287.4	274.9	-4.3	125.5	171.1	36.3	161.9	103.8
EFTA⁶	104.2	117.9	13.1	121.3	145.4	19.9	-17.1	-27.5
of which:								
Norway	21.8	30.9	41.7	9.4	16.5	75.5	12.4	14.4
Switzerland	81.6	86.4	5.9	109.9	124.9	13.6	-28.3	-38.5

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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 - March 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	36.1	38.0	5.3	8.7	12.1	39.1	27.4	25.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29.3	42.5	45.1	11.0	13.8	25.5	18.3	28.7
Brazil	25.8	11.9	-53.9	13.8	15.3	10.9	12.0	-3.4
China	421.4	387.1	-8.1	764.0	725.1	-5.1	-342.6	-338.0
Egypt	196.9	116.6	-40.8	305.6	317.7	4.0	-108.7	-201.1
Georgia	82.5	70.0	-15.2	156.7	208.6	33.1	-74.2	-138.6
India	45.0	53.8	19.6	88.6	76.0	-14.2	-43.6	-22.2
Indonesia	13.6	21.2	55.9	199.9	18.5	-90.7	-186.3	2.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	22.9	72.3	215.7	18.5	13.2	-28.6	4.4	59.1
Peru	4.6	3.4	-26.1	4.1	210.6	5036.6	0.5	-207.2
Republic of North Macedonia	206.7	197.6	-4.4	135.0	144.9	7.3	71.7	52.7
Serbia	307.2	244.1	-20.5	264.8	309.4	16.8	42.4	-65.3
Singapore	93.8	21.0	-77.6	21.1	20.8	-1.4	72.7	0.2
South Africa	62.2	68.2	9.6	20.7	15.5	-25.1	41.5	52.7
Syrian Arab Republic	7.7	2.9	-62.3	0.0	0.1	x	7.7	2.8
Taiwan	15.0	16.4	9.3	48.7	47.0	-3.5	-33.7	-30.6
Tunisia	36.3	106.6	193.7	2.9	9.5	227.6	33.4	97.1
Ukraine	127.6	107.2	-16.0	262.8	283.2	7.8	-135.2	-176.0
United Arab Emirates	38.8	37.7	-2.8	13.1	14.4	9.9	25.7	23.3
Viet Nam	12.6	17.4	38.1	30.4	29.4	-3.3	-17.8	-12.0

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 11-th of June 2020.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - March 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	14225.3	14239.2	0.1	15703.2	15576.3	-0.8	-1477.9	-1337.1
of which: EU²	9281.2	9268.4	-0.1	9612.3	9521.4	-0.9	-331.1	-253.0
Food and live animals	1515.1	1683.7	11.1	1232.0	1362.8	10.6	283.1	320.9
of which: EU	1050.5	989.5	-5.8	934.9	1072.6	14.7	115.6	-83.1
Beverages and tobacco	165.9	187.5	13.0	249.9	276.1	10.5	-84.0	-88.6
of which: EU	80.5	118.4	47.1	186.5	216.5	16.1	-106.0	-98.1
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	922.9	963.9	4.4	1412.1	1490.9	5.6	-489.2	-527.0
of which: EU	590.9	546.2	-7.6	679.3	361.5	-46.8	-88.4	184.7
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1198.3	1008.5	-15.8	2001.4	1760.5	-12.0	-803.1	-752.0
of which: EU	360.2	373.2	3.6	334.2	443.3	32.6	26.0	-70.1
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	165.6	243.3	46.9	43.7	62.7	43.5	121.9	180.6
of which: EU	82.8	115.2	39.1	24.1	31.5	30.7	58.7	83.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1563.6	1565.0	0.1	2388.7	2408.2	0.8	-825.1	-843.2
of which: EU	900.5	950.4	5.5	1744.3	1831.6	5.0	-843.8	-881.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3080.8	3053.7	-0.9	2641.9	2643.5	0.1	438.9	410.2
of which: EU	2043.1	2086.9	2.1	1483.3	1495.2	0.8	559.8	591.7
Machinery and transport equipment	3377.7	3331.5	-1.4	4316.3	4119.6	-4.6	-938.6	-788.1
of which: EU	2526.5	2528.4	0.1	3257.9	3084.9	-5.3	-731.4	-556.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2185.5	2146.3	-1.8	1329.7	1339.2	0.7	855.8	807.1
of which: EU	1609.4	1520.0	-5.6	891.5	882.3	-1.0	717.9	637.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	49.9	55.8	11.8	87.5	112.8	28.9	-37.6	-57.0
of which: EU	36.8	40.2	9.2	76.3	102.0	33.7	-39.5	-61.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th of June 2020.

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.