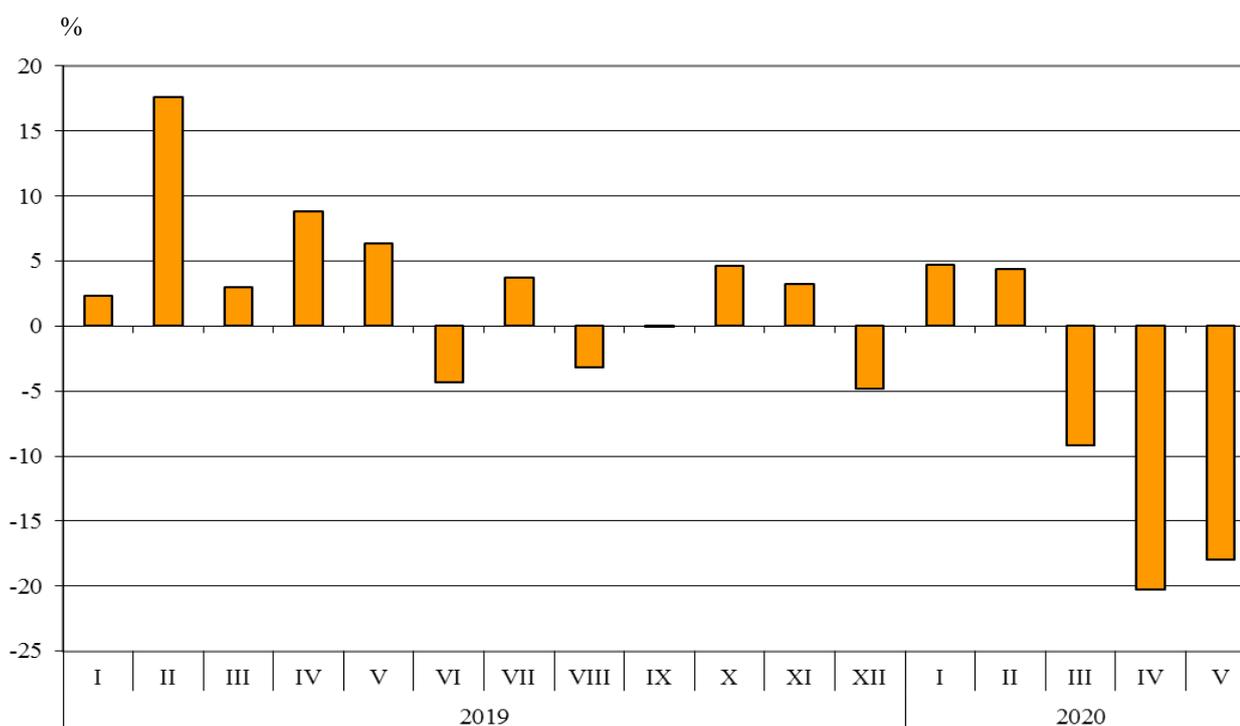


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU¹ decreased by 7.7% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 14 237.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU dropped by 17.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 537.0 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - May 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (39.3%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (36.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (44.4%).

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.

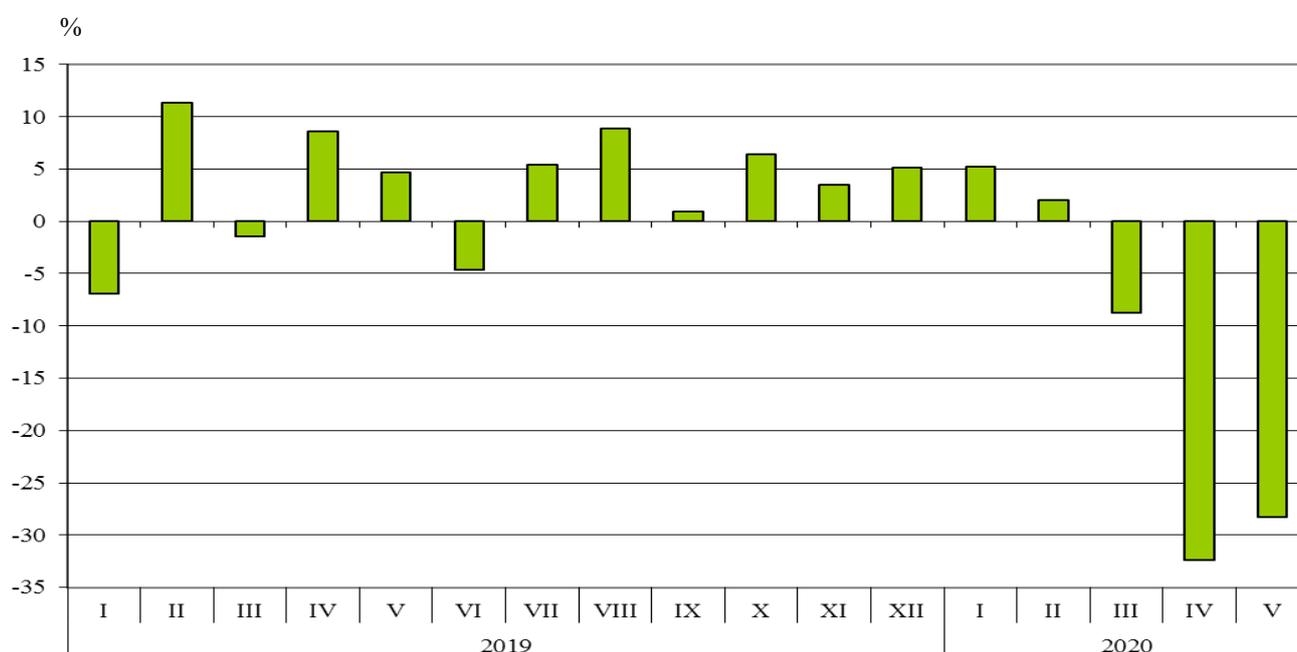
² Value changes at current prices.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - May 2020** decreased by 13.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 14 275.6 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 the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States dropped by 28.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 458.7 Million BGN.

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



In the period **January - May 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in the section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (16.7%) while the most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (55.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - May 2020** was negative and added up to 37.9 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 - May 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
IV.2019	4681.0	3049.4	1631.6	5450.1	3394.2	2055.9	-769.1	-344.8	-424.3
V.2019	4765.0	3091.5	1673.5	5652.7	3428.1	2224.6	-887.7	-336.6	-551.1
I - V.2019	23671.3	15422.1	8249.2	26806.0	16434.6	10371.4	-3134.7	-1012.5	-2122.2
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
IV.2020	3763.7	2432.3	1331.4	3781.7	2295.5	1486.2	-18.0	136.8	-154.8
V.2020	3746.2	2537.0	1209.2	4055.4	2458.7	1596.7	-309.2	78.3	-387.5
I - V.2020	21749.1	14237.7	7511.4	23413.4	14275.6	9137.8	-1664.3	-37.9	-1626.4

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

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>)

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 - May 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
IV	-19.6	-20.2	-18.4	-30.6	-32.4	-27.7
V	-21.4	-17.9	-27.7	-28.3	-28.3	-28.2
I - V	-8.1	-7.7	-8.9	-12.7	-13.1	-11.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th August 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 - May 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	23671.3	21749.1	-8.1	26806.0	23413.4	-12.7	-3134.7	-1664.3
EU³	15422.1	14237.7	-7.7	16434.6	14275.6	-13.1	-1012.5	-37.9
Austria	450.1	434.5	-3.5	705.4	636.1	-9.8	-255.3	-201.6
Belgium	795.3	799.9	0.6	520.2	408.4	-21.5	275.1	391.5
Croatia	114.9	118.4	3.0	57.3	76.1	32.8	57.6	42.3
Cyprus	84.5	89.6	6.0	83.5	15.7	-81.2	1.0	73.9
Czech Republic	571.6	443.5	-22.4	662.0	601.0	-9.2	-90.4	-157.5
Denmark	153.3	138.7	-9.5	117.6	120.8	2.7	35.7	17.9
Estonia	24.3	16.7	-31.3	28.8	20.9	-27.4	-4.5	-4.2
Finland	55.3	50.4	-8.9	56.4	72.9	29.3	-1.1	-22.5
France	959.7	869.9	-9.4	822.7	683.2	-17.0	137.0	186.7
Germany	3498.2	3593.6	2.7	3325.5	2884.4	-13.3	172.7	709.2
Greece	1650.9	1442.7	-12.6	1219.7	1258.5	3.2	431.2	184.2
Hungary	423.5	372.8	-12.0	963.1	932.7	-3.2	-539.6	-559.9
Ireland	68.3	60.5	-11.4	124.0	137.8	11.1	-55.7	-77.3
Italy	1860.2	1468.8	-21.0	1993.0	1592.9	-20.1	-132.8	-124.1
Latvia	24.1	31.8	32.0	16.9	15.2	-10.1	7.2	16.6
Lithuania	56.6	55.8	-1.4	62.2	54.0	-13.2	-5.6	1.8
Luxembourg	9.5	14.5	52.6	37.3	27.0	-27.6	-27.8	-12.5
Malta	20.0	19.1	-4.5	15.2	21.4	40.8	4.8	-2.3
Netherlands	621.8	565.1	-9.1	949.7	958.1	0.9	-327.9	-393.0
Poland	507.4	520.6	2.6	926.8	838.7	-9.5	-419.4	-318.1
Portugal	123.2	69.4	-43.7	78.3	46.2	-41.0	44.9	23.2
Romania	1967.5	1913.2	-2.8	1865.0	1763.8	-5.4	102.5	149.4
Slovakia	260.8	233.2	-10.6	350.9	320.7	-8.6	-90.1	-87.5
Slovenia	194.8	129.9	-33.3	214.7	183.0	-14.8	-19.9	-53.1
Spain	513.2	488.1	-4.9	1019.5	426.3	-58.2	-506.3	61.8
Sweden	227.0	203.7	-10.3	163.9	156.1	-4.8	63.1	47.6
Not specified	186.1	93.3	-49.9	55.0	23.7	-56.9	131.1	69.6

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 August 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 - May 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	8249.2	7511.4	-8.9	10371.4	9137.8	-11.9	-2122.2	-1626.4
CIS⁴	554.0	503.2	-9.2	2783.7	1776.9	-36.2	-2229.7	-1273.7
of which:								
Kazakhstan	25.9	26.6	2.7	2.4	8.8	266.7	23.5	17.8
Russian Federation	396.0	332.1	-16.1	2705.4	1693.8	-37.4	-2309.4	-1361.7
OECD⁵	3159.3	2952.9	-6.5	2961.7	2815.2	-4.9	197.6	137.7
of which:								
Canada	44.4	130.0	192.8	38.3	75.6	97.4	6.1	54.4
Israel	101.9	102.5	0.6	42.4	39.2	-7.5	59.5	63.3
Japan	28.1	38.6	37.4	104.5	113.8	8.9	-76.4	-75.2
Korea, Republic of	63.8	35.5	-44.4	124.3	105.7	-15.0	-60.5	-70.2
Turkey	1670.9	1453.8	-13.0	1782.8	1541.1	-13.6	-111.9	-87.3
United Kingdom	537.9	507.0	-5.7	389.9	272.2	-30.2	148.0	234.8
United States	426.5	404.4	-5.2	216.8	291.7	34.5	209.7	112.7
EFTA⁶	175.9	187.1	6.4	214.8	231.1	7.6	-38.9	-44.0
of which:								
Norway	34.3	42.0	22.4	20.1	22.5	11.9	14.2	19.5
Switzerland	140.2	144.2	2.9	192.3	203.4	5.8	-52.1	-59.2

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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 - May 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	64.2	61.5	-4.2	16.8	17.9	6.5	47.4	43.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54.2	68.0	25.5	19.9	18.1	-9.0	34.3	49.9
Brazil	33.5	16.9	-49.6	22.8	22.2	-2.6	10.7	-5.3
China	626.1	662.8	5.9	1208.0	1152.8	-4.6	-581.9	-490.0
Egypt	247.4	142.4	-42.4	524.6	389.7	-25.7	-277.2	-247.3
Georgia	128.4	93.5	-27.2	255.7	377.1	47.5	-127.3	-283.6
India	93.9	71.3	-24.1	153.8	113.1	-26.5	-59.9	-41.8
Indonesia	24.5	28.1	14.7	215.3	112.9	-47.6	-190.8	-84.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	34.5	118.5	243.5	32.3	16.5	-48.9	2.2	102.0
Peru	7.2	4.5	-37.5	5.9	282.2	4683.1	1.3	-277.7
Republic of North Macedonia	337.4	275.8	-18.3	247.0	221.5	-10.3	90.4	54.3
Serbia	502.0	363.8	-27.5	462.4	478.8	3.5	39.6	-115.0
Singapore	98.4	24.1	-75.5	31.9	26.1	-18.2	66.5	-2.0
South Africa	100.9	74.1	-26.6	49.5	23.5	-52.5	51.4	50.6
Syrian Arab Republic	10.1	3.3	-67.3	0.1	0.3	200.0	10.0	3.0
Taiwan	23.5	29.1	23.8	80.0	74.5	-6.9	-56.5	-45.4
Tunisia	178.5	124.3	-30.4	25.9	13.1	-49.4	152.6	111.2
Ukraine	198.1	168.3	-15.0	469.3	427.9	-8.8	-271.2	-259.6
United Arab Emirates	88.5	55.4	-37.4	23.8	20.1	-15.5	64.7	35.3
Viet Nam	29.7	29.6	-0.3	49.0	51.7	5.5	-19.3	-22.1

¹ Partner country:

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- 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 August 2020.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - May 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	23671.3	21749.1	-8.1	26806.0	23413.4	-12.7	-3134.7	-1664.3
of which: EU²	15422.1	14237.7	-7.7	16434.6	14275.6	-13.1	-1012.5	-37.9
Food and live animals	2439.8	2667.5	9.3	2036.6	2105.4	3.4	403.2	562.1
of which: EU	1666.3	1580.6	-5.1	1567.8	1615.8	3.1	98.5	-35.2
Beverages and tobacco	265.9	284.1	6.8	452.6	446.7	-1.3	-186.7	-162.6
of which: EU	135.1	188.2	39.3	337.7	345.4	2.3	-202.6	-157.2
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1498.6	1595.0	6.4	2231.1	2245.6	0.6	-732.5	-650.6
of which: EU	927.8	940.9	1.4	1105.3	490.6	-55.6	-177.5	450.3
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	2256.0	1220.2	-45.9	3681.9	2267.8	-38.4	-1425.9	-1047.6
of which: EU	783.4	435.7	-44.4	600.8	629.2	4.7	182.6	-193.5
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	261.9	348.9	33.2	89.1	112.3	26.0	172.8	236.6
of which: EU	124.1	169.5	36.6	44.3	51.7	16.7	79.8	117.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2616.7	2586.2	-1.2	3929.4	3760.5	-4.3	-1312.7	-1174.3
of which: EU	1504.7	1580.6	5.0	2902.6	2843.8	-2.0	-1397.9	-1263.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4988.2	4820.8	-3.4	4522.2	4127.1	-8.7	466.0	693.7
of which: EU	3325.6	3271.9	-1.6	2561.9	2278.8	-11.1	763.7	993.1
Machinery and transport equipment	5690.6	4970.4	-12.7	7475.5	6263.1	-16.2	-1784.9	-1292.7
of which: EU	4298.1	3765.9	-12.4	5677.4	4599.5	-19.0	-1379.3	-833.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3571.0	3170.0	-11.2	2235.3	1910.1	-14.5	1335.7	1259.9
of which: EU	2595.6	2240.2	-13.7	1503.6	1263.9	-15.9	1092.0	976.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	82.6	86.0	4.1	152.3	174.8	14.8	-69.7	-88.8
of which: EU	61.4	64.2	4.6	133.2	156.9	17.8	-71.8	-92.7

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

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.