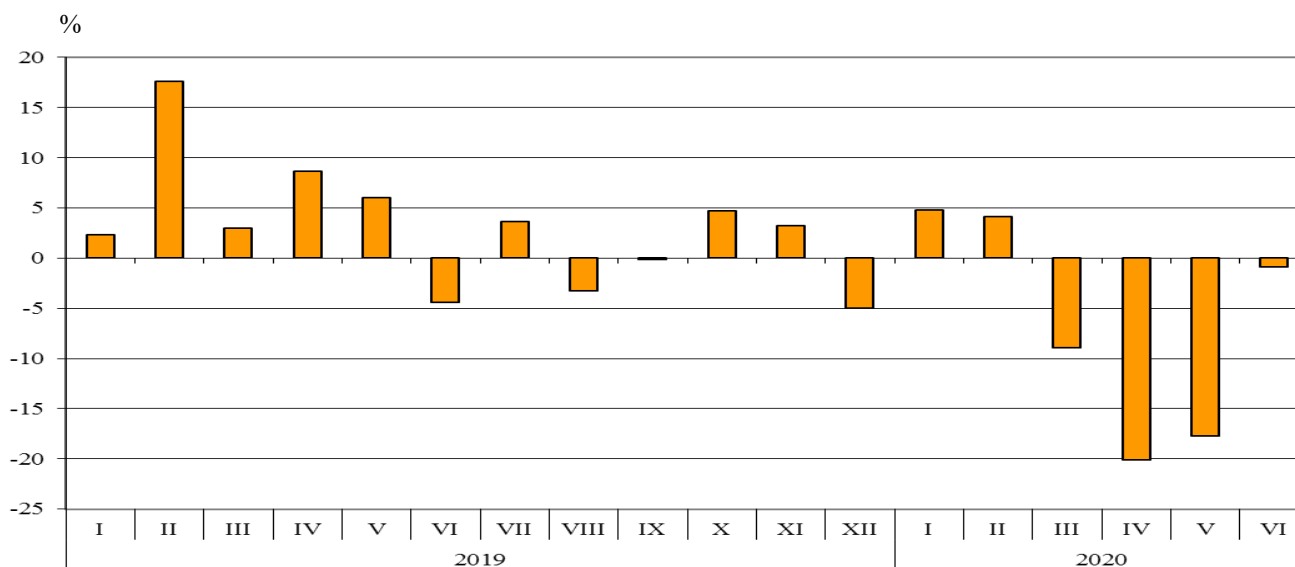


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 6.5% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 17 170.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU dropped by 0.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 931.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2019 - 2020  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



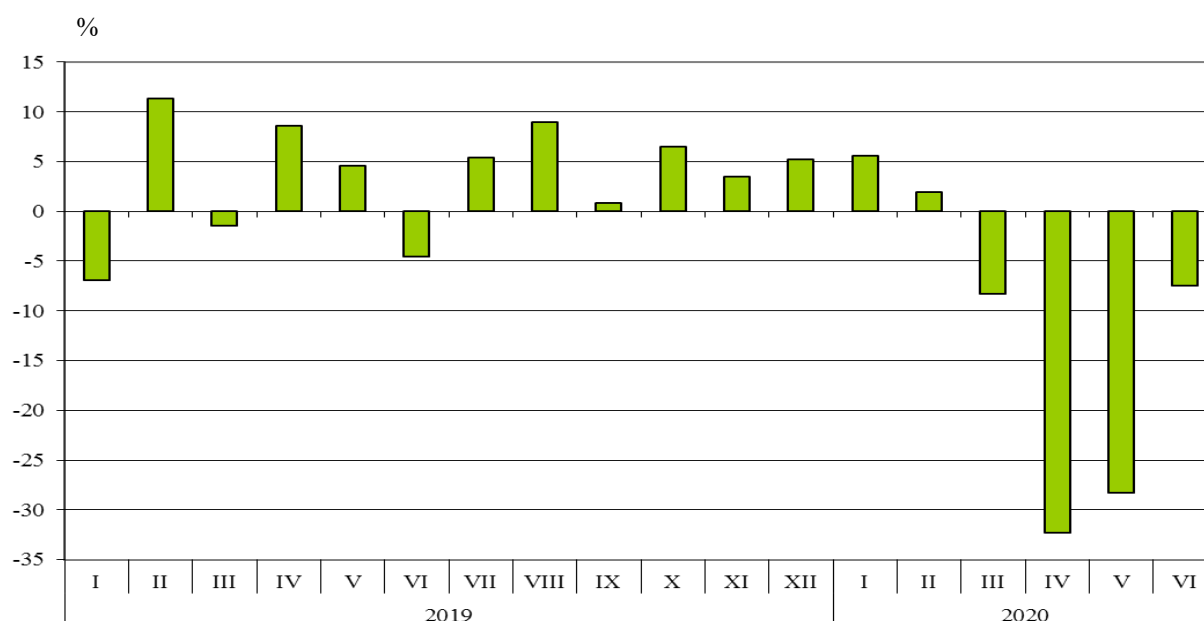
In the period **January - June 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (49.4%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (43.1%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - June 2020** decreased by 12.1% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 17 273.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **June 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States dropped by 7.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 968.1 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - June 2020** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, 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’ (19.0%) The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’<sup>3</sup> (54.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - June 2020** was negative and added up to 102.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

([http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=\\_EN](http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN)).

<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>3</sup> 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 - June 2019 and 2020<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>	Total	EU <sup>3</sup>	Non EU <sup>4</sup>
I.2019	4694.9	3062.4	1632.5	5065.6	2933.6	2132.0	-370.7	128.8	-499.5
II.2019	4698.3	3050.3	1648.0	5341.8	3164.6	2177.2	-643.5	-114.3	-529.2
III.2019	4809.0	3166.4	1642.6	5379.6	3515.8	1863.8	-570.6	-349.4	-221.2
<b>I - III.2019</b>	<b>14202.2</b>	<b>9279.1</b>	<b>4923.1</b>	<b>15787.0</b>	<b>9614.0</b>	<b>6173.0</b>	<b>-1584.8</b>	<b>-334.9</b>	<b>-1249.9</b>
IV.2019	4675.9	3044.0	1631.9	5578.2	3394.0	2184.2	-902.3	-350.0	-552.3
V.2019	4756.7	3082.0	1674.7	5661.0	3427.8	2233.2	-904.3	-345.8	-558.5
VI.2019	4639.8	2956.4	1683.4	5146.0	3208.2	1937.8	-506.2	-251.8	-254.4
<b>IV - VI.2019</b>	<b>14072.4</b>	<b>9082.4</b>	<b>4990.0</b>	<b>16385.2</b>	<b>10030.0</b>	<b>6355.2</b>	<b>-2312.8</b>	<b>-947.6</b>	<b>-1365.2</b>
<b>I - VI.2019</b>	<b>28274.6</b>	<b>18361.5</b>	<b>9913.1</b>	<b>32172.2</b>	<b>19644.0</b>	<b>12528.2</b>	<b>-3897.6</b>	<b>-1282.5</b>	<b>-2615.1</b>
I.2020	4981.8	3209.9	1771.9	5281.1	3097.4	2183.7	-299.3	112.5	-411.8
II.2020	4842.6	3177.3	1665.3	5254.3	3226.7	2027.6	-411.7	-49.4	-362.3
III.2020	4500.7	2884.0	1616.7	5036.6	3225.0	1811.6	-535.9	-341.0	-194.9
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14325.1</b>	<b>9271.2</b>	<b>5053.9</b>	<b>15572.0</b>	<b>9549.1</b>	<b>6022.9</b>	<b>-1246.9</b>	<b>-277.9</b>	<b>-969.0</b>
IV.2020	3863.0	2432.2	1430.8	3825.7	2297.9	1527.8	37.3	134.3	-97.0
V.2020	3785.7	2535.7	1250.0	4055.5	2458.1	1597.4	-269.8	77.6	-347.4
VI.2020	4352.3	2931.5	1420.8	4779.6	2968.1	1811.5	-427.3	-36.6	-390.7
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>12001.0</b>	<b>7899.4</b>	<b>4101.6</b>	<b>12660.8</b>	<b>7724.1</b>	<b>4936.7</b>	<b>-659.8</b>	<b>175.3</b>	<b>-835.1</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26326.1</b>	<b>17170.6</b>	<b>9155.5</b>	<b>28232.8</b>	<b>17273.2</b>	<b>10959.6</b>	<b>-1906.7</b>	<b>-102.6</b>	<b>-1804.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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<sup>3</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>4</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - June 2020<sup>1</sup> compared to the same period of the  
previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>	Total	EU <sup>2</sup>	Non EU <sup>3</sup>
I	6.1	4.8	8.5	4.3	5.6	2.4
II	3.1	4.2	1.0	-1.6	2.0	-6.9
III	-6.4	-8.9	-1.6	-6.4	-8.3	-2.8
<b>I - III</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
IV	-17.4	-20.1	-12.3	-31.4	-32.3	-30.1
V	-20.4	-17.7	-25.4	-28.4	-28.3	-28.5
VI	-6.2	-0.8	-15.6	-7.1	-7.5	-6.5
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>-22.7</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-22.3</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2019 and 2020<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28274.6</b>	<b>26326.1</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>32172.2</b>	<b>28232.8</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-3897.6</b>	<b>-1906.7</b>
<b>EU<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>18361.5</b>	<b>17170.6</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>19644.0</b>	<b>17273.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-1282.5</b>	<b>-102.6</b>
Austria	543.1	524.2	-3.5	829.1	777.0	-6.3	-286.0	-252.8
Belgium	895.6	965.9	7.8	620.4	501.0	-19.2	275.2	464.9
Croatia	141.3	143.9	1.8	71.4	94.6	32.5	69.9	49.3
Cyprus	104.6	106.7	2.0	86.3	19.6	-77.3	18.3	87.1
Czech Republic	694.2	549.4	-20.9	788.7	727.7	-7.7	-94.5	-178.3
Denmark	182.2	206.2	13.2	136.8	146.0	6.7	45.4	60.2
Estonia	27.8	19.8	-28.8	33.7	24.6	-27.0	-5.9	-4.8
Finland	64.8	62.9	-2.9	67.2	84.6	25.9	-2.4	-21.7
France	1127.9	1080.8	-4.2	1000.6	844.4	-15.6	127.3	236.4
Germany	4140.3	4216.3	1.8	3956.6	3469.7	-12.3	183.7	746.6
Greece	1982.3	1739.5	-12.2	1517.0	1502.5	-1.0	465.3	237.0
Hungary	504.8	448.8	-11.1	1132.0	1115.9	-1.4	-627.2	-667.1
Ireland	77.3	66.4	-14.1	153.9	173.8	12.9	-76.6	-107.4
Italy	2198.6	1775.1	-19.3	2450.3	2001.4	-18.3	-251.7	-226.3
Latvia	29.4	39.8	35.4	20.3	18.8	-7.4	9.1	21.0
Lithuania	67.0	70.0	4.5	75.1	67.5	-10.1	-8.1	2.5
Luxembourg	10.8	16.6	53.7	42.8	33.0	-22.9	-32.0	-16.4
Malta	22.6	21.6	-4.4	17.4	23.1	32.8	5.2	-1.5
Netherlands	717.6	691.4	-3.7	1121.1	1151.0	2.7	-403.5	-459.6
Poland	608.8	627.1	3.0	1087.3	1014.1	-6.7	-478.5	-387.0
Portugal	155.5	93.3	-40.0	90.3	55.5	-38.5	65.2	37.8
Romania	2395.0	2320.1	-3.1	2210.5	2087.8	-5.6	184.5	232.3
Slovakia	308.4	282.7	-8.3	420.2	395.3	-5.9	-111.8	-112.6
Slovenia	231.9	164.4	-29.1	256.8	215.5	-16.1	-24.9	-51.1
Spain	631.7	578.3	-8.5	1200.8	517.9	-56.9	-569.1	60.4
Sweden	276.3	250.4	-9.4	195.1	184.5	-5.4	81.2	65.9
Not specified	221.7	109.0	-50.8	62.3	26.4	-57.6	159.4	82.6

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

<sup>3</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2019 and 2020<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Non EU countries<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9913.1</b>	<b>9155.5</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>12528.2</b>	<b>10959.6</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>-2615.1</b>	<b>-1804.1</b>
<b>CIS<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>669.6</b>	<b>620.9</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>3323.4</b>	<b>2154.1</b>	<b>-35.2</b>	<b>-2653.8</b>	<b>-1533.2</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	31.0	32.3	4.2	2.5	8.9	256.0	28.5	23.4
Russian Federation	475.8	415.7	-12.6	3229.5	2059.6	-36.2	-2753.7	-1643.9
<b>OECD<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>3805.1</b>	<b>3632.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>3467.3</b>	<b>3404.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>337.8</b>	<b>228.2</b>
of which:								
Canada	61.1	157.7	158.1	49.8	85.2	71.1	11.3	72.5
Israel	113.5	119.5	5.3	52.1	44.4	-14.8	61.4	75.1
Japan	39.0	53.1	36.2	124.6	132.0	5.9	-85.6	-78.9
Korea, Republic of	76.0	50.9	-33.0	145.3	126.1	-13.2	-69.3	-75.2
Turkey	1977.0	1773.9	-10.3	2060.5	1880.5	-8.7	-83.5	-106.6
United Kingdom	680.4	614.5	-9.7	453.0	319.0	-29.6	227.4	295.5
United States	502.8	518.9	3.2	267.0	341.0	27.7	235.8	177.9
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>227.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>261.2</b>	<b>266.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-51.0</b>	<b>-38.8</b>
of which:								
Norway	40.0	47.5	18.8	24.1	25.0	3.7	15.9	22.5
Switzerland	168.7	178.7	5.9	234.4	235.7	0.6	-65.7	-57.0

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Non EU including the United Kingdom.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2019 and 2020<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	76.7	80.5	5.0	19.4	23.6	21.6	57.3	56.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	64.3	83.8	30.3	24.0	22.5	-6.3	40.3	61.3
Brazil	37.3	27.1	-27.3	28.0	26.9	-3.9	9.3	0.2
China	715.6	833.4	16.5	1466.2	1420.4	-3.1	-750.6	-587.0
Egypt	315.6	165.3	-47.6	662.4	436.9	-34.0	-346.8	-271.6
Georgia	147.6	111.5	-24.5	363.4	432.2	18.9	-215.8	-320.7
India	117.3	90.8	-22.6	174.9	139.1	-20.5	-57.6	-48.3
Indonesia	27.6	33.8	22.5	222.5	121.5	-45.4	-194.9	-87.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	45.0	132.9	195.3	37.8	18.9	-50.0	7.2	114.0
Peru	9.3	6.0	-35.5	7.2	279.6	3783.3	2.1	-273.6
Republic of North Macedonia	400.2	328.8	-17.8	298.0	268.0	-10.1	102.2	60.8
Serbia	595.5	441.3	-25.9	564.2	590.9	4.7	31.3	-149.6
Singapore	123.9	25.5	-79.4	38.3	32.5	-15.1	85.6	-7.0
South Africa	128.9	107.7	-16.4	64.2	27.5	-57.2	64.7	80.2
Syrian Arab Republic	10.3	3.5	-66.0	0.1	0.3	200.0	10.2	3.2
Taiwan	27.6	42.5	54.0	97.0	89.2	-8.0	-69.4	-46.7
Tunisia	245.1	126.7	-48.3	27.1	14.0	-48.3	218.0	112.7
Ukraine	282.6	202.6	-28.3	549.7	499.3	-9.2	-267.1	-296.7
United Arab Emirates	105.3	65.0	-38.3	30.4	25.0	-17.8	74.9	40.0
Viet Nam	36.0	38.6	7.2	60.6	64.2	5.9	-24.6	-25.6

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - June 2019 and 2020<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28274.6</b>	<b>26326.1</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>32172.2</b>	<b>28232.8</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-3897.6</b>	<b>-1906.7</b>
<b>of which: EU<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>18361.5</b>	<b>17170.6</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>19644.0</b>	<b>17273.2</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-1282.5</b>	<b>-102.6</b>
Food and live animals	2924.2	3120.8	6.7	2401.6	2528.8	5.3	522.6	592.0
of which: EU	1999.3	1847.4	-7.6	1857.0	1941.1	4.5	142.3	-93.7
Beverages and tobacco	311.8	365.2	17.1	529.3	549.0	3.7	-217.5	-183.8
of which: EU	165.5	247.3	49.4	391.5	426.5	8.9	-226.0	-179.2
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1813.9	1928.9	6.3	2514.2	2600.7	3.4	-700.3	-671.8
of which: EU	1114.8	1122.5	0.7	1223.3	562.2	-54.0	-108.5	560.3
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	2694.5	1430.9	-46.9	4563.0	2669.8	-41.5	-1868.5	-1238.9
of which: EU	896.6	510.2	-43.1	785.0	724.8	-7.7	111.6	-214.6
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	316.8	426.6	34.7	108.6	137.8	26.9	208.2	288.8
of which: EU	147.2	207.3	40.8	53.6	63.8	19.0	93.6	143.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3114.2	3161.3	1.5	4678.6	4536.8	-3.0	-1564.4	-1375.5
of which: EU	1787.9	1905.5	6.6	3465.9	3438.8	-0.8	-1678.0	-1533.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5846.9	5892.3	0.8	5339.8	5014.1	-6.1	507.1	878.2
of which: EU	3895.1	3929.0	0.9	3044.6	2741.7	-9.9	850.5	1187.3
Machinery and transport equipment	6867.9	6090.5	-11.3	9176.8	7641.5	-16.7	-2308.9	-1551.0
of which: EU	5181.1	4615.4	-10.9	6858.4	5632.5	-17.9	-1677.3	-1017.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4286.2	3807.2	-11.2	2675.1	2336.0	-12.7	1611.1	1471.2
of which: EU	3101.1	2710.2	-12.6	1802.7	1545.2	-14.3	1298.4	1165.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	98.2	102.4	4.3	185.2	218.3	17.9	-87.0	-115.9
of which: EU	72.9	75.8	4.0	162.0	196.6	21.4	-89.1	-120.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> EU excluding the United Kingdom.