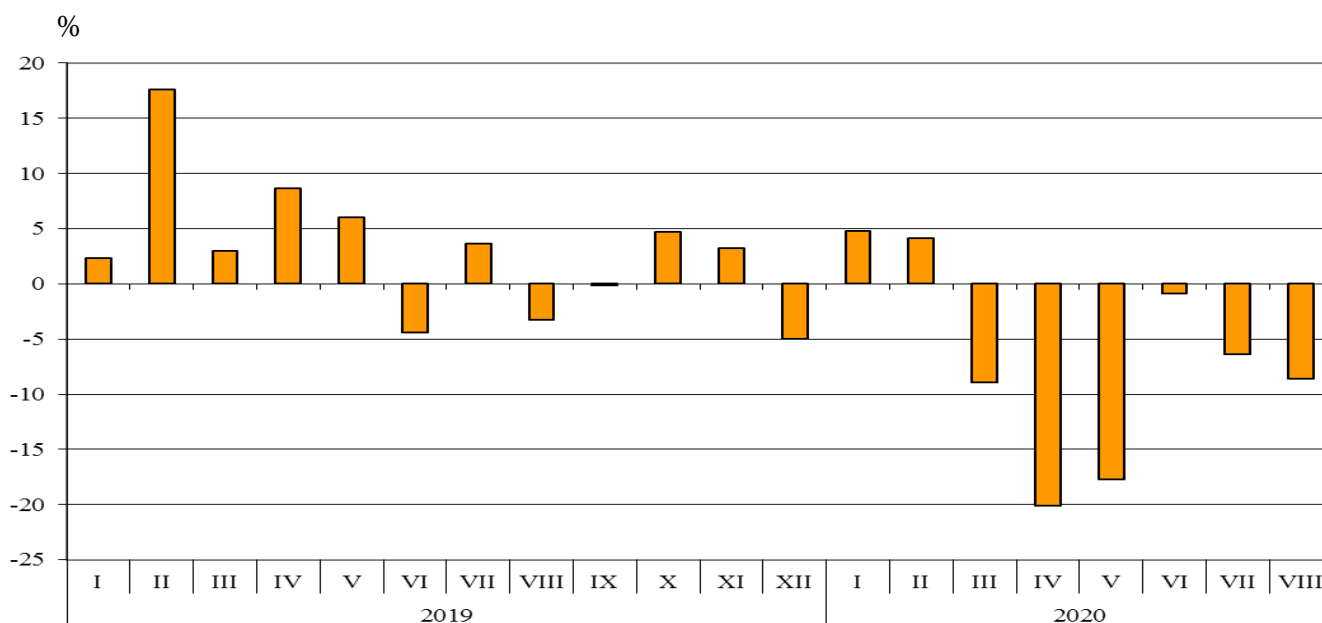


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 6.7% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 23 245.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.3% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2020** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU dropped by 8.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 797.3 Million BGN.

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



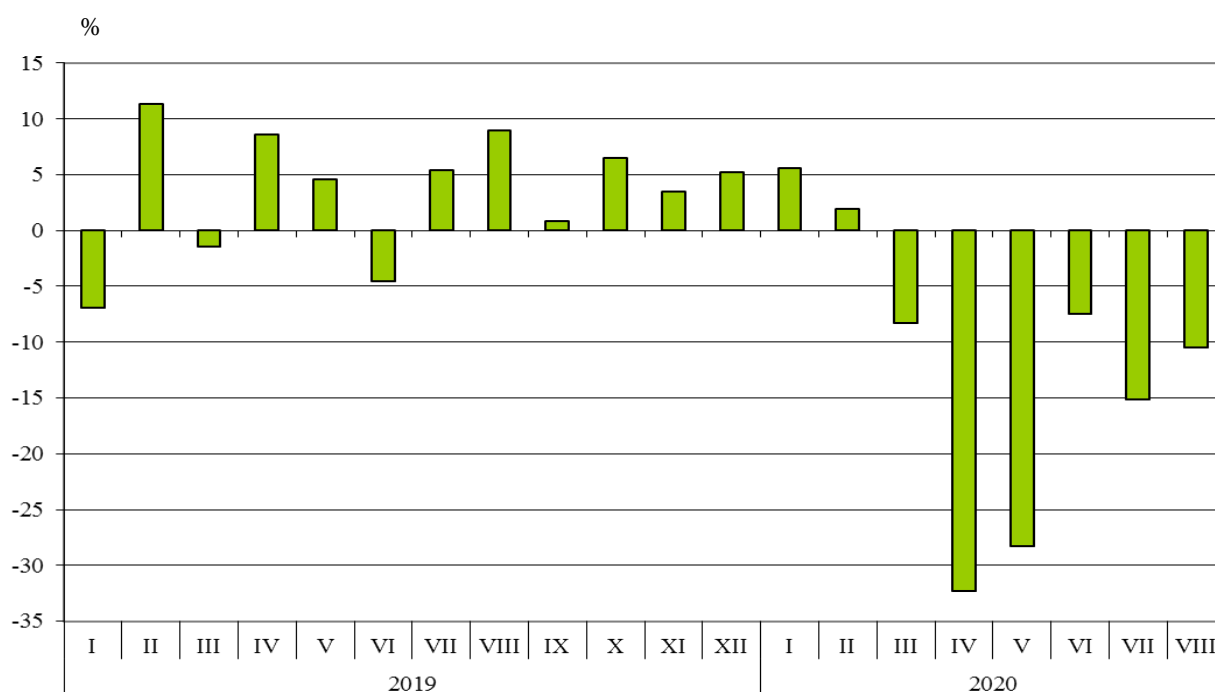
In the period **January - August 2020** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2019 was recorded in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (46.1%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (35.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (41.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - August 2020** decreased by 12.3% in comparison with the same period of 2019 and added up to 23 222.5 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 the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2020** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States dropped by 10.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 828.5 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 - August 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’ (12.2%). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (58.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - August 2020** was positive and added up to 23.2 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 - August 2019 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	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
I - III.2019	14202.2	9279.1	4923.1	15787.0	9614.0	6173.0	-1584.8	-334.9	-1249.9
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
IV - VI.2019	14072.4	9082.4	4990.0	16385.2	10030.0	6355.2	-2312.8	-947.6	-1365.2
I - VI.2019	28274.6	18361.5	9913.1	32172.2	19644.0	12528.2	-3897.6	-1282.5	-2615.1
VII.2019	5358.2	3500.8	1857.4	5968.2	3676.0	2292.2	-610.0	-175.2	-434.8
VIII.2019	4845.2	3061.7	1783.5	5081.0	3158.6	1922.4	-235.8	-96.9	-138.9
I - VIII.2019	38478.0	24924.0	13554.0	43221.4	26478.6	16742.8	-4743.4	-1554.6	-3188.8
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
I - III.2020	14325.1	9271.2	5053.9	15572.0	9549.1	6022.9	-1246.9	-277.9	-969.0
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
IV - VI.2020	12001.0	7899.4	4101.6	12660.8	7724.1	4936.7	-659.8	175.3	-835.1
I - VI.2020	26326.1	17170.6	9155.5	28232.8	17273.2	10959.6	-1906.7	-102.6	-1804.1
VII.2020	4788.8	3277.8	1511.0	5017.2	3120.8	1896.4	-228.4	157.0	-385.4
VIII.2020	4121.2	2797.3	1323.9	4566.8	2828.5	1738.3	-445.6	-31.2	-414.4
I - VIII.2020	35236.1	23245.7	11990.4	37816.8	23222.5	14594.3	-2580.7	23.2	-2603.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th November 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 - August 2020¹ compared to the same period of the
previous year**

(Percent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³	Total	EU ²	Non EU ³
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
I - III	0.9	-0.1	2.7	-1.4	-0.7	-2.4
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
IV - VI	-14.7	-13.0	-17.8	-22.7	-23.0	-22.3
I - VI	-6.9	-6.5	-7.6	-12.2	-12.1	-12.5
VII	-10.6	-6.4	-18.6	-15.9	-15.1	-17.3
VIII	-14.9	-8.6	-25.8	-10.1	-10.5	-9.6
I - VIII	-8.4	-6.7	-11.5	-12.5	-12.3	-12.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th November 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 - August 2019 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	38478.0	35236.1	-8.4	43221.4	37816.8	-12.5	-4743.4	-2580.7
EU³	24924.0	23245.7	-6.7	26478.6	23222.5	-12.3	-1554.6	23.2
Austria	710.5	688.0	-3.2	1102.8	1047.9	-5.0	-392.3	-359.9
Belgium	1220.6	1261.1	3.3	827.0	697.7	-15.6	393.6	563.4
Croatia	199.5	200.9	0.7	104.0	204.4	96.5	95.5	-3.5
Cyprus	133.7	137.7	3.0	215.5	72.6	-66.3	-81.8	65.1
Czech Republic	940.7	765.5	-18.6	1034.5	960.6	-7.1	-93.8	-195.1
Denmark	237.7	260.4	9.5	186.0	187.6	0.9	51.7	72.8
Estonia	36.0	26.7	-25.8	41.1	32.6	-20.7	-5.1	-5.9
Finland	82.7	82.6	-0.1	86.5	107.5	24.3	-3.8	-24.9
France	1494.7	1411.8	-5.5	1322.6	1121.5	-15.2	172.1	290.3
Germany	5637.9	5678.4	0.7	5224.9	4626.1	-11.5	413.0	1052.3
Greece	2607.4	2360.3	-9.5	2021.3	2000.8	-1.0	586.1	359.5
Hungary	672.5	599.3	-10.9	1491.9	1453.9	-2.5	-819.4	-854.6
Ireland	105.6	103.0	-2.5	223.6	242.4	8.4	-118.0	-139.4
Italy	2852.9	2397.0	-16.0	3235.6	2698.9	-16.6	-382.7	-301.9
Latvia	39.3	54.9	39.7	40.0	29.0	-27.5	-0.7	25.9
Lithuania	89.8	99.8	11.1	99.1	89.8	-9.4	-9.3	10.0
Luxembourg	14.3	19.3	35.0	56.6	45.9	-18.9	-42.3	-26.6
Malta	28.4	32.3	13.7	24.9	31.1	24.9	3.5	1.2
Netherlands	966.4	950.9	-1.6	1478.5	1545.6	4.5	-512.1	-594.7
Poland	817.9	846.3	3.5	1462.2	1379.8	-5.6	-644.3	-533.5
Portugal	245.5	145.1	-40.9	126.7	77.5	-38.8	118.8	67.6
Romania	3328.9	3234.5	-2.8	3007.6	2773.4	-7.8	321.3	461.1
Slovakia	399.3	354.7	-11.2	554.9	528.5	-4.8	-155.6	-173.8
Slovenia	330.7	234.7	-29.0	344.5	289.7	-15.9	-13.8	-55.0
Spain	1048.0	840.3	-19.8	1817.1	704.5	-61.2	-769.1	135.8
Sweden	352.9	323.1	-8.4	258.3	239.6	-7.2	94.6	83.5
Not specified	330.2	137.1	-58.5	90.9	33.4	-63.3	239.3	103.7

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 November 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 - August 2019 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	13554.0	11990.4	-11.5	16742.8	14594.3	-12.8	-3188.8	-2603.9
CIS⁴	900.0	810.9	-9.9	4338.8	2596.9	-40.1	-3438.8	-1786.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	40.1	40.4	0.7	2.9	15.5	434.5	37.2	24.9
Russian Federation	633.9	526.4	-17.0	4211.6	2467.5	-41.4	-3577.7	-1941.1
OECD⁵	5237.3	4642.0	-11.4	4778.8	4756.5	-0.5	458.5	-114.5
of which:								
Canada	82.9	173.7	109.5	67.2	204.3	204.0	15.7	-30.6
Israel	183.4	145.9	-20.4	67.0	58.1	-13.3	116.4	87.8
Japan	60.1	68.4	13.8	175.7	174.4	-0.7	-115.6	-106.0
Korea, Republic of	147.1	65.2	-55.7	200.1	169.2	-15.4	-53.0	-104.0
Turkey	2698.4	2240.0	-17.0	2783.0	2614.1	-6.1	-84.6	-374.1
United Kingdom	887.3	824.2	-7.1	585.7	460.2	-21.4	301.6	364.0
United States	693.7	682.7	-1.6	439.1	433.6	-1.3	254.6	249.1
EFTA⁶	291.8	301.5	3.3	357.0	355.3	-0.5	-65.2	-53.8
of which:								
Norway	54.4	62.2	14.3	30.6	31.4	2.6	23.8	30.8
Switzerland	235.5	237.9	1.0	323.5	318.4	-1.6	-88.0	-80.5

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² Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2020.

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 - August 2019 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	112.4	113.0	0.5	26.6	35.8	34.6	85.8	77.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	79.8	110.3	38.2	34.9	29.6	-15.2	44.9	80.7
Brazil	46.7	61.9	32.5	35.4	100.9	185.0	11.3	-39.0
China	974.4	1138.9	16.9	1985.6	1929.2	-2.8	-1011.2	-790.3
Egypt	435.3	217.9	-49.9	880.3	468.4	-46.8	-445.0	-250.5
Georgia	193.5	161.0	-16.8	446.7	609.5	36.4	-253.2	-448.5
India	150.0	124.5	-17.0	233.3	189.1	-18.9	-83.3	-64.6
Indonesia	54.2	54.9	1.3	240.1	168.5	-29.8	-185.9	-113.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	66.2	152.9	131.0	47.2	25.9	-45.1	19.0	127.0
Peru	15.7	7.3	-53.5	26.1	386.4	1380.5	-10.4	-379.1
Republic of North Macedonia	547.0	458.0	-16.3	416.0	351.3	-15.6	131.0	106.7
Serbia	781.4	620.0	-20.7	791.4	800.9	1.2	-10.0	-180.9
Singapore	147.8	29.7	-79.9	49.4	43.0	-13.0	98.4	-13.3
South Africa	141.5	156.5	10.6	72.1	36.5	-49.4	69.4	120.0
Syrian Arab Republic	40.8	3.9	-90.4	0.2	0.4	100.0	40.6	3.5
Taiwan	36.4	52.1	43.1	130.1	121.2	-6.8	-93.7	-69.1
Tunisia	394.9	140.8	-64.3	29.5	19.6	-33.6	365.4	121.2
Ukraine	443.1	280.8	-36.6	725.1	652.2	-10.1	-282.0	-371.4
United Arab Emirates	128.7	88.0	-31.6	43.1	31.7	-26.5	85.6	56.3
Viet Nam	49.8	46.7	-6.2	85.5	85.7	0.2	-35.7	-39.0

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 November 2020.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 2019 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	38478.0	35236.1	-8.4	43221.4	37816.8	-12.5	-4743.4	-2580.7
of which: EU²	24924.0	23245.7	-6.7	26478.6	23222.5	-12.3	-1554.6	23.2
Food and live animals	4307.8	4196.6	-2.6	3242.8	3332.4	2.8	1065.0	864.2
of which: EU	2937.1	2628.4	-10.5	2524.4	2578.9	2.2	412.7	49.5
Beverages and tobacco	433.1	496.4	14.6	729.3	756.9	3.8	-296.2	-260.5
of which: EU	238.8	348.8	46.1	540.6	596.8	10.4	-301.8	-248.0
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	2511.7	2543.4	1.3	3497.7	3629.6	3.8	-986.0	-1086.2
of which: EU	1594.9	1523.3	-4.5	1764.4	740.1	-58.1	-169.5	783.2
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	3761.6	1865.8	-50.4	6082.7	3455.0	-43.2	-2321.1	-1589.2
of which: EU	1232.1	717.4	-41.8	1225.4	1047.0	-14.6	6.7	-329.6
Animals and vegetable oils. fats and waxes	383.4	556.9	45.3	144.3	179.1	24.1	239.1	377.8
of which: EU	201.8	273.4	35.5	75.6	84.8	12.2	126.2	188.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4228.6	4175.9	-1.2	6279.8	6019.6	-4.1	-2051.2	-1843.7
of which: EU	2469.5	2534.8	2.6	4661.0	4529.1	-2.8	-2191.5	-1994.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7819.2	7907.5	1.1	7233.5	6693.1	-7.5	585.7	1214.4
of which: EU	5194.2	5241.7	0.9	4009.8	3662.6	-8.7	1184.4	1579.1
Machinery and transport equipment	9071.7	8237.9	-9.2	12104.6	10241.0	-15.4	-3032.9	-2003.1
of which: EU	6806.5	6198.3	-8.9	9027.9	7586.4	-16.0	-2221.4	-1388.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5834.2	5114.8	-12.3	3656.0	3219.3	-11.9	2178.2	1895.5
of which: EU	4156.0	3679.5	-11.5	2430.3	2136.5	-12.1	1725.7	1543.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	126.7	140.9	11.2	250.7	290.8	16.0	-124.0	-149.9
of which: EU	93.1	100.1	7.5	219.2	260.3	18.8	-126.1	-160.2

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

² EU excluding the United Kingdom.