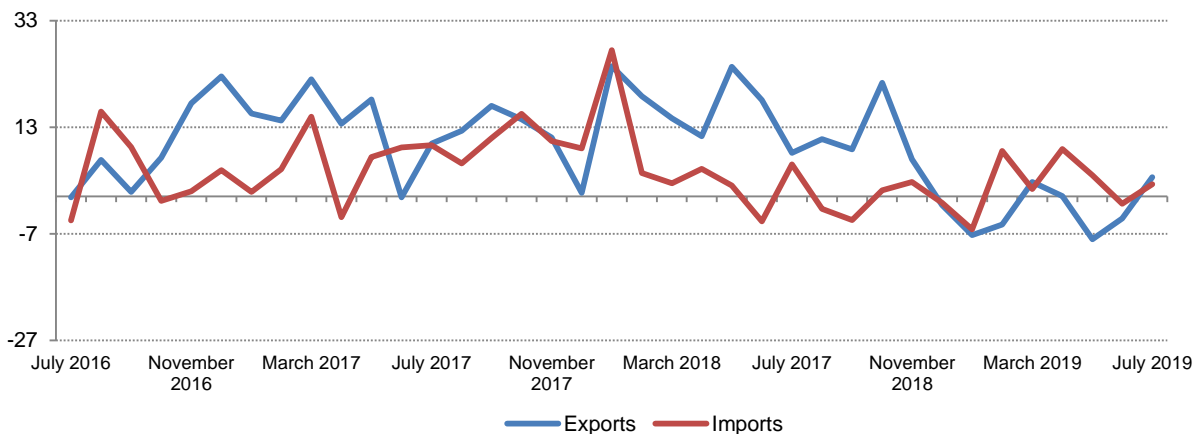


Foreign Trade in Goods

July 2019

Tiranë, August 19, 2019: On July 2019 the value of exports was 28 billion lekë, increasing by 3.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 8.5 % compared with June 2019. The value of imports was 60 billion lekë, increasing by 2.3 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 11.4 % compared with June 2019. This month the trade deficit is 32 billion lekë, signing an increase by 1.1 % compared with July 2018 and decreasing by 14.1 % compared with June 2019.

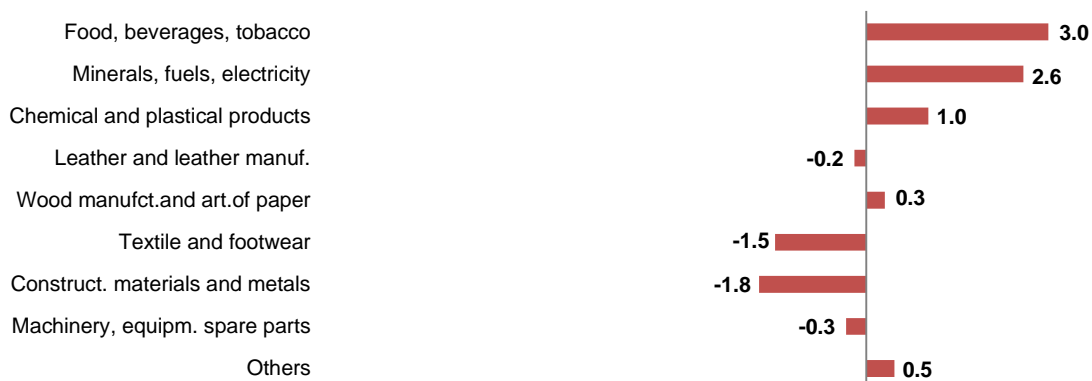
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first seven months of 2019, the value of exports was 180 billion lekë, decreasing by 2.6 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 377 billion lekë, increasing by 2.6 %. Trade deficit was 197 billion lekë, increasing by 7.8 % compared with the same period of 2018.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 3.6 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +3.0 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.6 percentage point and "Chemical and plactical products" with +1.0 percentage point. "While, a negative contribution was given by the group: "Construction materials and metals" with -1.8 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports , July 2019

Exports in the first seven months of 2019 are decreased by -2.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.5 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -1.8 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.5 percentage point.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:

In annual increase of imports by 2.3 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.9 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.0 percentage point and “Textile and footwear” with +0.8 percentage point,. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -1.2 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , July 2019

In the first seven months of 2019, imports are increased by 2.6 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.6 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with +0.7 percentage point and “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.7 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

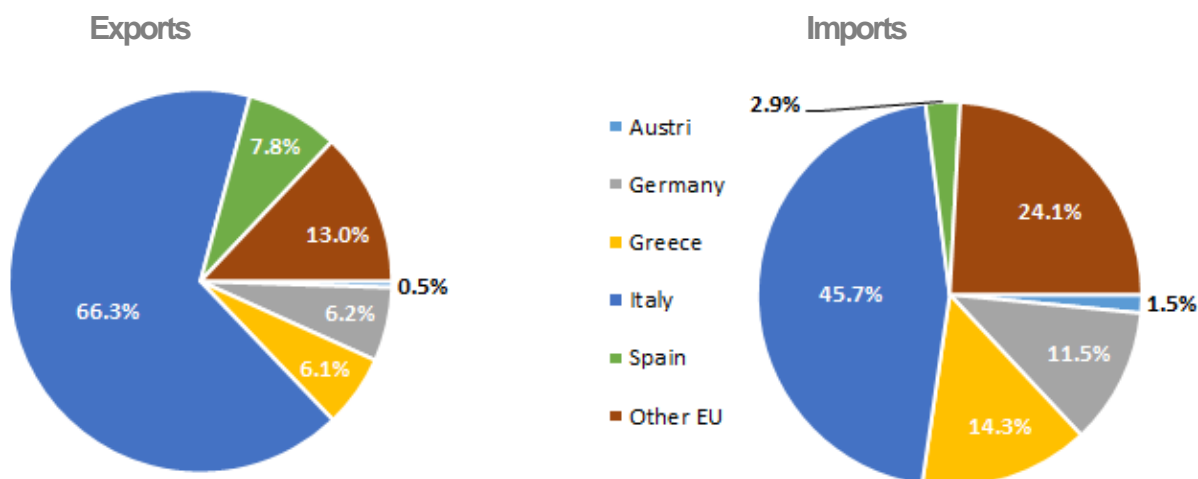
In July 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to July 2018 are: Kosovo (7.3 %), Spain (42.1 %) and Germany (17.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-3.6 %), North Macedonia (-17.1 %) and Montenegro (-19.3 %).

In the first seven months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (24.4 %), Germany (4.9 %) and North Macedonia (0.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.3 %) Spain (-19.0 %) and Greece (-2.1 %).

In July 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to July 2018 are: Italy (2.7 %), Greece (11.0 %) and Turkey (4.3 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China (-2.3 %), Spain (-28.0 %) and Russia (-66.6 %).

In the first seven months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (18.0 %), Greece (10.3 %) and Turkey (6.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.4 %), Germany (-10.7 %) and Spain (-14.9 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, July 2019



Trade with the EU countries is 72.2 % of total trade. In July 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 83.8 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 66.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (38.6 %), Greece (8.1 %), China (7.4 %) and Germany (6.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first seven months of 2019 is 77.3 % of total trade. In the first seven months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 90.6 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 70.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (40.2 %), Greece (8.7 %), China (8.2 %) and Germany (7.3 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
2000		37	-23.5	157	-1.5	-120	23.6
2001		44	19.1	190	21.0	-146	23.2
2002		47	7.7	210	10.6	-163	22.6
2003		54	14.7	226	7.4	-172	24.1
2004		62	14.0	236	4.5	-174	26.3
2005		66	6.0	262	11.1	-196	25.1
2006		77	17.6	299	14.1	-222	25.9
2007		97	25.5	376	25.8	-279	25.8
2008		113	15.8	440	16.9	-327	25.6
2009		105	-7.2	429	-2.5	-324	24.4
2010		162	54.6	478	11.4	-316	33.8
2011		197	21.9	544	13.9	-347	36.2
2012		213	8.2	528	-2.9	-315	40.3
2013		246	15.7	517	-2.1	-271	47.6
2014		256	3.8	552	6.7	-296	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-302	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
2018		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	03 - 17	24	22.0	54	14.9	-30	43.8
	04 - 17	24	13.7	50	-3.9	-26	48.1
	05 - 17	24	18.2	56	7.4	-31	43.6
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	-34	39.7
	07 - 17	25	9.9	55	9.6	-30	45.1
	January–July 17	158	27.9	350	18.9	-192	45.2
2018	01 - 18	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	04 - 18	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	05 - 18	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	06 - 18	27	18.1	54	-4.6	-28	49.2
	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	January– July 18	185	16.8	368	5.0	-183	50.3
2019	01 - 19	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	02 - 19	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	03 - 19	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	04 - 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	05 - 19	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	06 - 19	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 - 19	28	3.6	60	2.3	-32	46.6
	January– July 19	180	-2.6	377	2.6	-197	47.7

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)

	Exports				Imports			
	July 2018	July 2019	Jan.- July 2018	Jan.- July 2019	July 2018	July 2019	Jan.- July 2018	Jan.- July 2019
EU countries	20,644	21,356	142,736	137,960	34,471	35,605	228,372	225,231
Austria	92	112	1,007	1,147	630	551	3,933	4,012
United Kingdom	105	48	537	422	437	499	3,374	3,142
Germany	1,127	1,327	8,173	8,571	3,976	4,087	28,859	25,759
Greece	1,053	1,305	7,917	7,747	4,582	5,088	30,240	33,366
Italy	14,697	14,164	91,080	89,887	15,830	16,261	105,715	98,933
Spain	1,179	1,676	13,836	11,205	1,432	1,031	7,962	6,777
Croatia	78	85	505	684	1,141	652	3,716	4,023
Others of EU	2,311	2,639	19,681	18,296	6,443	7,436	44,574	49,220
China	173	599	3,542	3,683	5,331	5,211	29,388	34,673
Kosovo	2,830	3,038	14,005	17,421	928	741	4,785	4,439
North Macedonia	864	716	4,894	4,917	850	696	5,231	4,966
Russia	-	4	18	74	2,534	846	7,905	5,565
USA	419	253	2,821	2,176	642	818	5,166	6,080
Turkey	220	235	1,100	1,216	4,593	4,789	29,773	31,598
Ukraine	15	2	141	111	314	270	1,627	1,740
Switzerland	52	104	2,266	514	609	928	5,581	9,139
Others	1,557	1,440	13,321	12,021	7,935	9,632	49,908	53,776
Total	26,773	27,747	184,843	180,094	58,206	59,537	367,736	377,208

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	June 2018	June 2019	Jan.- June 2018	Jan.- June 2019	June 2018	June 2019	Jan.- June 2018	Jan.- June 2019
Total	26,773	27,747	184,843	180,094	58,206	59,537	367,736	377,208
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,337	3,154	18,019	20,712	9,700	10,305	61,384	62,619
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,794	4,498	34,567	28,179	5,556	6,684	36,500	46,084
Chemical and plastical products	458	736	3,238	4,332	8,067	8,203	51,454	50,506
Leather and leather manuf,	280	227	1,798	1,574	1,622	1,430	11,679	10,878
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	780	862	5,069	5,583	2,424	2,548	14,176	14,650
Textile and footwear	12,076	11,667	75,412	73,928	7,528	7,985	51,581	51,888
Construct, materials and metals	4,697	4,216	31,802	28,461	7,834	7,700	45,335	47,994
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,614	1,524	10,036	11,914	13,165	12,470	81,398	78,691
Others	737	863	4,903	5,411	2,308	2,212	14,230	13,898

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	91,080	89,887	14,005	17,421	13,836	11,205	8,173	8,571
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,363	4,777	1,686	2,253	702	810	778	886
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,687	3,785	2,929	4,081	11,196	8,828	1,407	709
Chemical and plastical products	907	1,206	720	1,215	28	29	14	42
Leather and leather manuf,	1,345	1,298	4	4	161	144	5	8
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	3,533	3,814	247	473	4	3	87	94
Textile and footwear	58,557	57,871	66	50	1,603	1,241	4,354	4,550
Construct, materials and metals	11,245	8,692	7,176	7,898	127	143	434	922
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,105	6,120	439	435	5	5	769	868
Others	2,336	2,326	737	1,012	10	2	325	493

Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		China		Greece		Turkey	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Total	105,715	98,933	29,388	34,673	30,240	33,366	29,773	31,598
Food, beverages, tobacco	10,422	11,212	392	471	8,956	9,137	3,369	3,260
Minerals, fuels, electricity	7,587	4,875	5	3	4,493	7,946	471	460
Chemical and plastical products	11,020	10,945	2,879	3,205	4,589	4,578	4,742	4,477
Leather and leather manuf,	8,960	8,735	422	446	44	20	176	140
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	4,230	4,001	649	598	1,883	1,978	1,799	1,947
Textile and footwear	26,349	25,095	5,532	6,601	2,231	2,213	9,156	10,103
Construct, materials and metals	12,735	11,641	3,904	5,788	5,218	4,905	4,242	6,086
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	20,768	19,270	12,776	14,325	1,679	1,689	4,405	3,889
Others	3,643	3,160	2,829	3,236	1,147	900	1,412	1,236

DEFINITIONS

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

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Monthly revisions

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

Explanation of Symbols

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