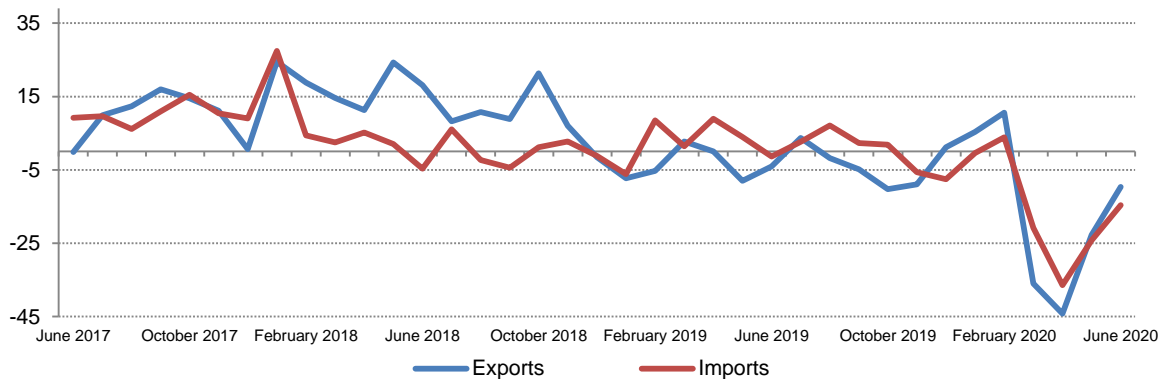


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## June 2020

**Tirana, July 17, 2020:** On June 2020 the value of exports was ALL 23 billion, decreasing by 9.7 %, compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 7.3 %, compared with May 2020. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, decreasing by 2.8 %, compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 16.9 %, compared with May 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 29 billion, increasing by 3.6 %, compared with June 2019 and 24.1 %, compared with May 2020.

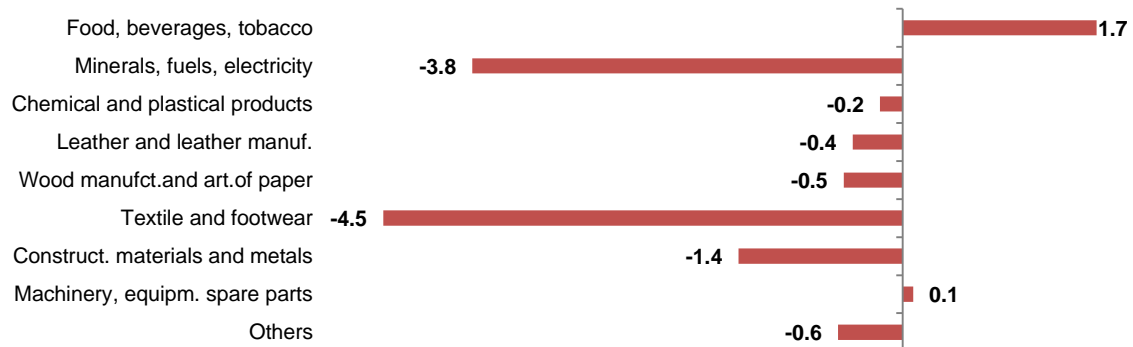
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first six months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 125 billion, decreasing by 17.7 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 271 billion, decreasing by 14.6 %, compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 146 billion, decreasing by 11.8 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

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

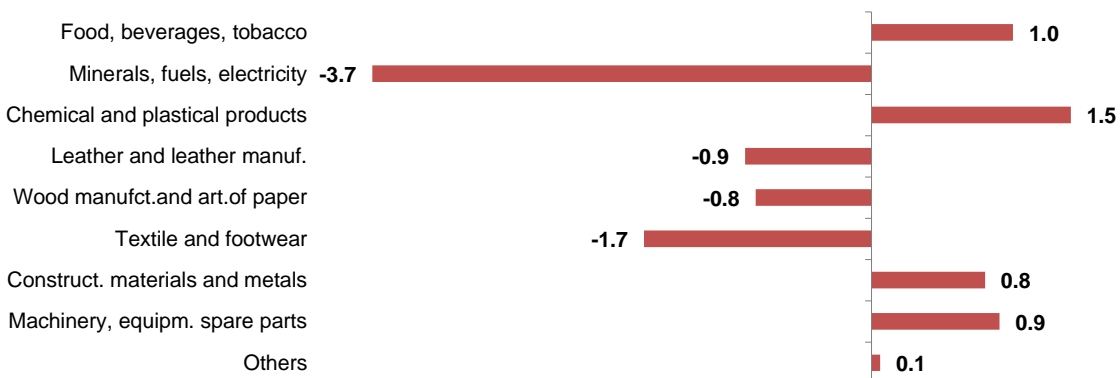
In annual decrease of exports by 9.7 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -4.5 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -1.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.7 percentage point.

**Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports June 2020**

Exports during the first six months of 2020 are decreased by -17.7 %, compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Textile and footwear” with -9.2 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -4.5 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.6 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +0.2 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 2.8 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -0.9 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastical products” with +1.5percentage point.

**Fig. 3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , June 2020**

In the first six months of 2020, imports are decreased by 14.6 %, compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negativity in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.6 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -3.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -3.6 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.5 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

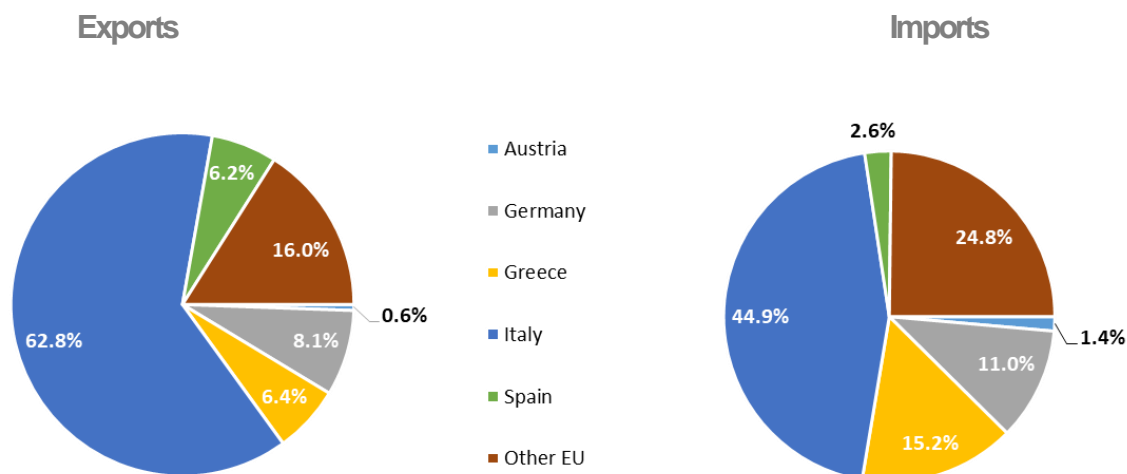
In June 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to June 2019 are: Kosovo (4.1 %), Germany (2.3 %), and North Macedonia (31.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-14.6 %), Greece (-5.2 %) and Spain (-35.7 %).

In the first six months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (14.0 %), Turkey (12.2 %), and United Kingdom (14.5 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-24.6 %), Kosovo (-28.1 %) and Spain (-11.5 %).

In June 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to June 2019 are: Turkey (35.3 %), China (0.2 %), and Kosovo (27.2 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-6.7 %), Greece (-5.6 %) and Germany (-7.6 %).

In the first six months or 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Russia (43.5 %), United Kingdom (167.0 %) and Ukraine (61.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are Italy (-20.2 %), Greece (-10.7%) and Turkey (-6.7 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, June 2020



Trade with the EU countries is 63.7 % of total trade. In June 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 73.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.7 %), Greece (7.7 %), Turkey (7.3 %) and China (6.8 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first six months of 2020 is 63.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.6 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.6 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.0 %), Greece (7.8 %), Germany (7.4 %) and Turkey (6.6 %).

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
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
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
	January – June 18	158	18.4	310	4.7	-151	51.1
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
	January – June 19	152	-3.6	318	2.6	-165	48.0
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 - 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	05 - 20	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	06 - 20	23	-9.7	52	-2.8	-29	44.5
	January – June 20	125	-17.7	271	-14.6	-146	46.2

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

	Exports						Imports			
	June 2019	June 2020	Jan.- June 2019	Jan.- June 2020	June 2019	June 2020	Jan.- June 2019	Jan.- June 2020		
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>17,072</b>	<b>116,291</b>	<b>94,776</b>	<b>32,397</b>	<b>30,741</b>	<b>188,027</b>	<b>156,264</b>		
Austria	141	96	1,036	767	411	429	3,462	2,390		
Germany	1,349	1,380	7,243	8,255	3,664	3,384	21,672	21,057		
Greece	1,146	1,087	6,442	5,697	4,960	4,681	28,279	25,256		
Italy	12,549	10,720	75,723	57,097	14,811	13,817	82,672	65,997		
Spain	1,643	1,056	9,529	8,438	1,080	794	5,745	4,321		
Croatia	138	173	600	931	634	716	3,371	2,834		
Others of EU	2,533	2,560	15,718	13,591	6,837	6,920	42,827	34,409		
United Kingdom	43	91	373	427	540	430	2,644	7,060		
China	364	311	3,085	2,589	4,808	4,818	29,463	23,125		
Kosovo	2,309	2,404	14,384	10,335	677	861	3,698	3,563		
North Macedonia	630	829	4,202	3,886	756	831	4,271	4,084		
Russia	-	0	70	6	835	853	5,554	7,969		
USA	158	148	1,923	1,457	730	542	5,263	4,292		
Turkey	99	250	981	1,100	3,863	5,225	26,809	25,011		
Ukraine	15	41	109	270	280	213	1,469	2,376		
Switzerland	73	71	410	416	1,068	600	8,212	5,283		
Others	2,377	1,874	10,519	10,096	7,472	6,831	42,263	32,125		
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,565</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>152,348</b>	<b>125,358</b>	<b>53,426</b>	<b>51,946</b>	<b>317,674</b>	<b>271,150</b>		

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	June 2019	June 2020	Jan.- June 2019	Jan.- June 2020	June 2019	June 2020	Jan.- June 2019	Jan.- June 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,565</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>152,348</b>	<b>125,358</b>	<b>53,426</b>	<b>51,946</b>	<b>317,674</b>	<b>271,150</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,212	3,646	17,558	18,496	9,047	9,601	52,314	53,922
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,847	2,884	23,681	18,463	5,790	3,836	39,400	24,828
Chemical and plastical products	634	583	3,596	3,359	7,048	7,828	42,303	41,932
Leather and leather manuf.	274	162	1,347	1,049	1,671	1,176	9,448	6,070
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	778	646	4,721	3,944	2,259	1,806	12,102	10,807
Textile and footwear	10,600	9,438	62,262	48,259	7,748	6,857	43,904	32,626
Construct, materials and metals	3,862	3,495	24,245	17,386	7,068	7,512	40,294	36,847
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,516	1,540	10,390	10,628	10,680	11,181	66,223	54,354
Others	842	697	4,549	3,776	2,115	2,149	11,686	9,765

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,723</b>	<b>57,097</b>	<b>14,384</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>9,529</b>	<b>8,438</b>	<b>7,243</b>	<b>8,255</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,037	4,147	1,887	1,899	694	587	651	738
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,109	581	3,452	1,539	7,566	7,184	653	509
Chemical and plastical products	965	918	968	991	15	73	34	31
Leather and leather manuf,	1,087	882	4	3	131	71	7	10
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	3,278	2,336	370	358	3	2	79	234
Textile and footwear	48,627	35,580	45	60	1,006	428	3,822	4,682
Construct, materials and metals	7,397	5,839	6,501	4,333	109	73	851	666
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	5,204	5,240	354	340	5	7	759	978
Others	2,018	1,574	802	811	2	13	387	406

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

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Turkey		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,672</b>	<b>65,997</b>	<b>28,279</b>	<b>25,256</b>	<b>26,809</b>	<b>25,011</b>	<b>29,463</b>	<b>23,125</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	9,387	9,466	7,554	7,848	2,716	2,771	433	339
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,456	1,824	7,341	4,766	385	1,412	2	4
Chemical and plastical products	9,060	8,856	3,746	3,742	3,598	4,046	2,674	2,599
Leather and leather manuf,	7,565	4,972	17	13	117	92	390	228
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	3,375	2,781	1,594	1,626	1,475	1,323	509	379
Textile and footwear	21,355	14,634	1,867	1,665	8,562	6,544	5,478	4,153
Construct, materials and metals	9,892	8,099	4,038	3,572	5,503	4,594	5,033	3,136
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	16,031	13,283	1,316	1,337	3,398	3,402	12,227	10,043
Others	2,551	2,082	805	686	1,057	826	2,717	2,244

# Methodology

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.

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

Member State of European Union: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia.

## 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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