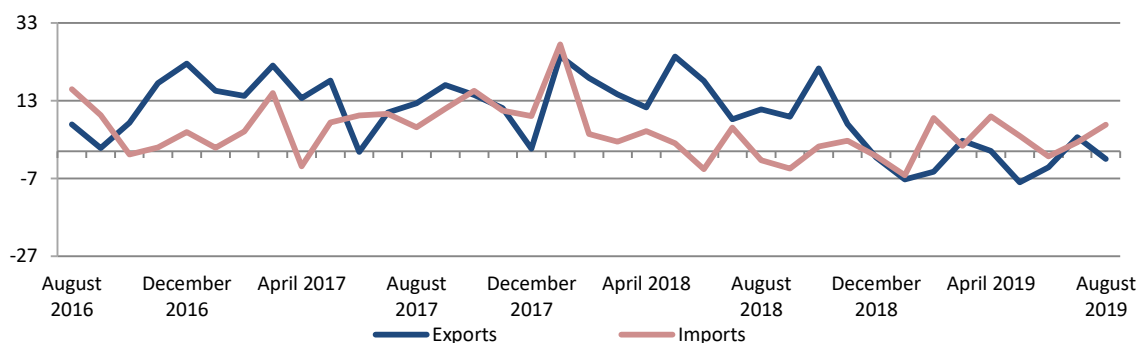


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## August 2019

**Tirana, September 17, 2019:** On August 2019 the value of exports was ALL 20 billion, decreasing by 2.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 27.8 % compared with July 2019. The value of imports was ALL 52 billion, increasing by 6.8 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreased by 13.7 % compared with July 2019. This month the trade deficit is ALL 32 billion, signing an increase by 13.3 % compared with August 2018 and decreasing by 1.6 % compared with July 2019.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foring Trade (%)

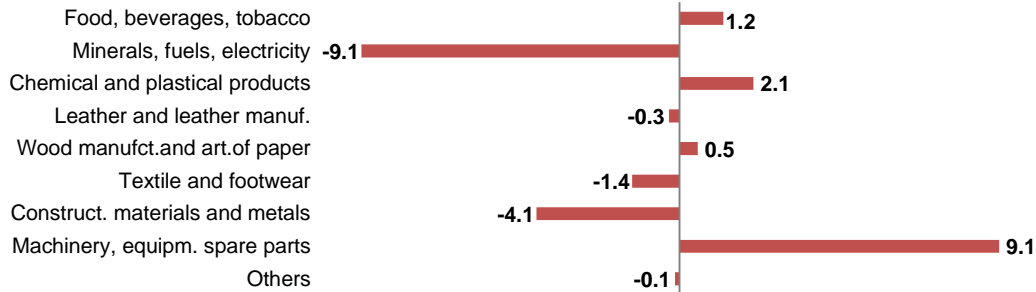


In eight months of 2019, the value of exports was ALL 200 billion, decreasing by 2.5 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 429 billion, increasing by 3.1 %. Trade deficit was ALL 229 billion, increasing by 8.6 % compared with the same period of 2018.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 2.0 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -9.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -4.1 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +9.1 percentage point, "Chemical and plactical products" with +2.1 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +1.2 percentage point.

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

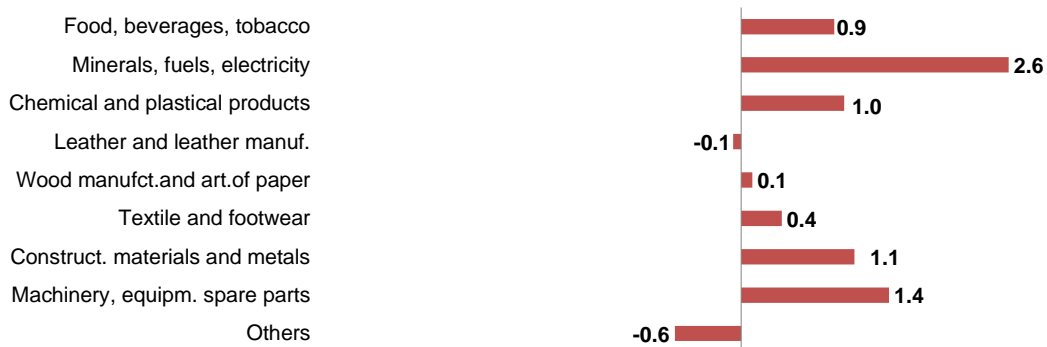


Exports in eight months of 2019 are decreased by -2.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -2.0 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -0.9 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.8 percentage point “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.7 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.7 percentage point.

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

In annual increase of imports by 6.8 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +2.6 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.4 percentage point and “Construction materials and metals” with +1.1 percentage point. While, a negative contribution was given by the group: “Leather and leather manufactures” with -0.1 percentage point.

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



In eight months of 2019, imports are increased by 3.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +0.8 percentage point and "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -0.5 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.2 percentage point and "Chemical and plastical products" with -0.1 percentage point.

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

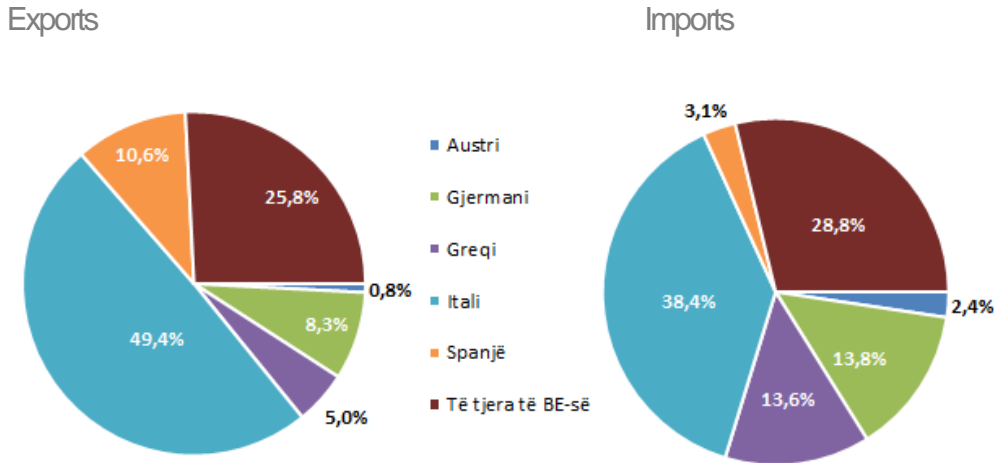
In August 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2018 are: France (472.8 %), Germany (14.1 %) and Netherland (143.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-6.0 %), Kosovo (-3.4 %) and Spain (-19.9 %).

In eight months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: Kosovo (19.7 %), Germany (5.9 %) and China (7.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-1.7 %) Spain (-19.1 %) and Greece (-2.6 %).

In August 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2018 are: Italy (3.6 %), China (18.2 %) and Turkey (15.2 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Germany (-1.8 %), Greece (-5.9 %) and Russia (-9.4 %).

In eight months of 2019, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2018 are: China (18.1 %), Greece (8.4 %) and Turkey (7.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-5.5 %), Germany (-9.6 %) and Russia (-17.5 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 59.0 % of total trade. In August 2019, exports to EU countries occupied 70.8 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 54.4 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (24.9 %), Greece (7.8 %), Germany (7.0 %) and Turkey (6.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in eight months of 2019 is 64.5 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 59.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.8 %), Greece (7.3 %), China (7.0 %) and Germany (6.3 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Annual		Annual		Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
		Exports	Change (%)	Imports	Change (%)		
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		8.1	-353	43.6
2019		310	13.7		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
	08 - 17	18	12.3	49	6.2	-31	37.4
	January– August 2017	177	12.9	400	6.3	-223	44.2
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
	08 - 18	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	January– August 2018	205	16.2	416	4.1	-211	49.4
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	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	08 - 19	20	-2.0	52	6.8	-32	38.9
	January– August 2019	200	-2.5	429	3.1	-229	46.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2018	August 2019	Jan.- August 2018	Jan.- August 2019	August 2018	August 2019	Jan.- August 2018	Jan.- August 2019
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>13,973</b>	<b>14,201</b>	<b>156,709</b>	<b>152,162</b>	<b>28,182</b>	<b>28,044</b>	<b>256,554</b>	<b>253,357</b>
Austria	142	116	1,148	1,263	515	660	4,448	4,673
United Kingdom	75	59	612	481	463	622	3,837	3,786
Germany	1,031	1,176	9,204	9,747	3,936	3,864	32,795	29,630
Greece	772	716	8,689	8,463	4,050	3,811	34,290	37,179
Italy	7,466	7,020	98,546	96,908	10,401	10,780	116,116	109,719
Spain	1,884	1,509	15,720	12,714	999	864	8,961	7,667
Croatia	75	34	579	719	582	645	4,298	4,668
Others of EU	2,528	3,571	22,209	21,867	7,235	6,799	51,809	56,035
China	355	485	3,897	4,169	4,340	5,132	33,728	39,818
Kosovo	2,852	2,755	16,857	20,178	808	702	5,593	5,141
North Macedonia	832	620	5,726	5,537	856	640	6,088	5,606
Russia	11	-	29	74	1,461	1,323	9,365	7,723
USA	366	584	3,187	2,761	637	911	5,803	6,995
Turkey	280	140	1,379	1,356	4,147	4,778	33,920	36,378
Ukraine	17	3	158	115	181	528	1,808	2,267
Switzerland	467	45	2,732	559	618	1,021	6,198	10,161
Others	1,295	1,211	14,616	13,236	7,019	8,466	56,927	61,529
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>20,045</b>	<b>205,292</b>	<b>200,146</b>	<b>48,249</b>	<b>51,545</b>	<b>415,985</b>	<b>428,975</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Aug-18	Aug-19	Jan.- August 2018	Jan.- August 2019	Aug-18	Aug-19	Jan.- August 2018	Jan.- August 2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>20,045</b>	<b>205,292</b>	<b>200,146</b>	<b>48,249</b>	<b>51,545</b>	<b>415,985</b>	<b>428,975</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	1,763	2,017	19,782	22,733	10,067	10,503	71,451	73,123
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,405	3,549	39,972	31,729	5,523	6,777	42,023	52,861
Chemical and plastical products	444	874	3,682	5,206	6,806	7,289	58,260	57,825
Leather and leather manuf,	119	56	1,916	1,630	809	773	12,488	11,651
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	545	651	5,613	6,234	2,264	2,317	16,440	16,966
Textile and footwear	6,732	6,455	82,144	80,385	4,819	5,010	56,400	56,903
Construct, materials and metals	3,737	2,901	35,538	31,362	5,739	6,270	51,074	54,418
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,119	2,982	11,155	14,896	9,957	10,651	91,355	89,370
Others	586	558	5,489	5,971	2,264	1,955	16,494	15,858

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,546</b>	<b>96,908</b>	<b>16,857</b>	<b>20,178</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>12,714</b>	<b>9,204</b>	<b>9,747</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,799	5,191	1,866	2,479	782	897	929	1,096
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,178	3,962	3,813	4,951	12,597	12,597	1,545	755
Chemical and plastical products	976	1,340	847	1,398	28	33	18	44
Leather and leather manuf.	1,413	1,346	6	4	178	146	6	8
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	3,889	4,182	290	587	5	3	99	117
Textile and footwear	63,262	62,533	75	59	1,988	1,472	4,843	5,100
Construct, materials and metals	11,908	9,213	8,582	9,083	127	146	503	1,079
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,621	6,640	502	479	5	6	884	1,009
Others	2,499	2,502	874	1,137	10	2	378	539

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,116</b>	<b>109,719</b>	<b>33,728</b>	<b>39,818</b>	<b>34,290</b>	<b>37,179</b>	<b>33,920</b>	<b>36,378</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	11,839	12,914	443	546	10,411	10,606	3,852	3,672
Minerals, fuels, electricity	9,139	6,485	6	5	5,215	8,463	537	1,054
Chemical and plastical products	12,148	12,274	3,233	3,799	5,129	5,143	5,552	5,218
Leather and leather manuf.	9,536	9,267	508	519	45	20	205	174
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	4,831	4,425	758	711	2,249	2,317	2,180	2,310
Textile and footwear	27,986	26,908	6,499	7,537	2,399	2,403	10,246	11,327
Construct, materials and metals	13,765	12,744	4,577	6,625	5,675	5,386	4,625	6,820
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	22,857	21,132	14,483	16,366	1,908	1,850	5,062	4,400
Others	4,015	3,568	3,221	3,709	1,260	990	1,662	1,404

# 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.

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

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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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