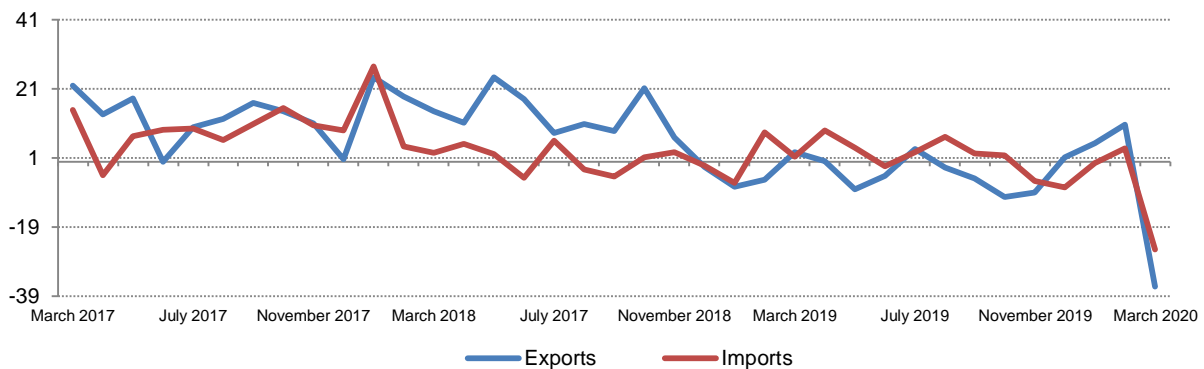


Foreign Trade in Goods

March 2020

Tirana, April 17, 2020: On March 2020 the value of exports was ALL 18 billion, decreasing by 36.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 29.0 % compared with February 2020. The value of imports was ALL 42 billion, decreasing by 25.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 19.3 % compared with February 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 24 billion, decreasing by 14.9 % compared with March 2019 and by 10.2 % compared with February 2020.

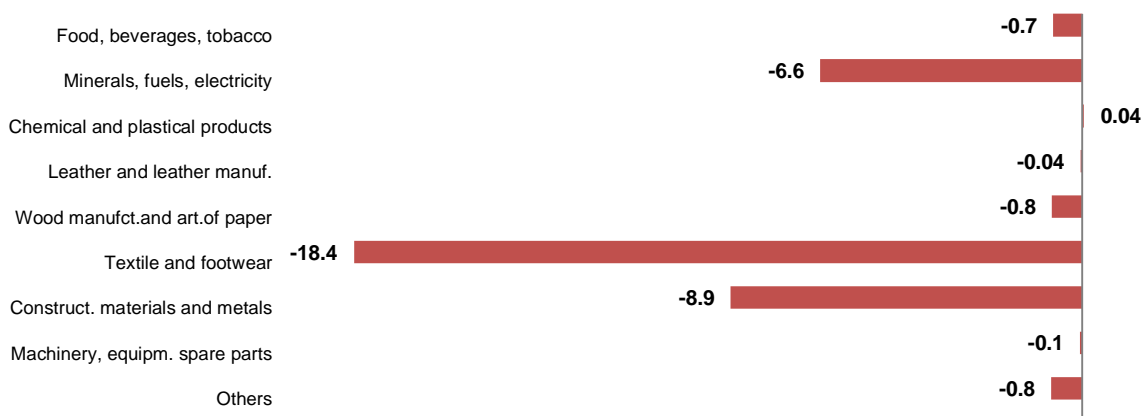
Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



In the first quarter of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 66 billion, decreasing by 9.0 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 135 billion, decreasing by 8.5 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 70 billion, decreasing by 8.0 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

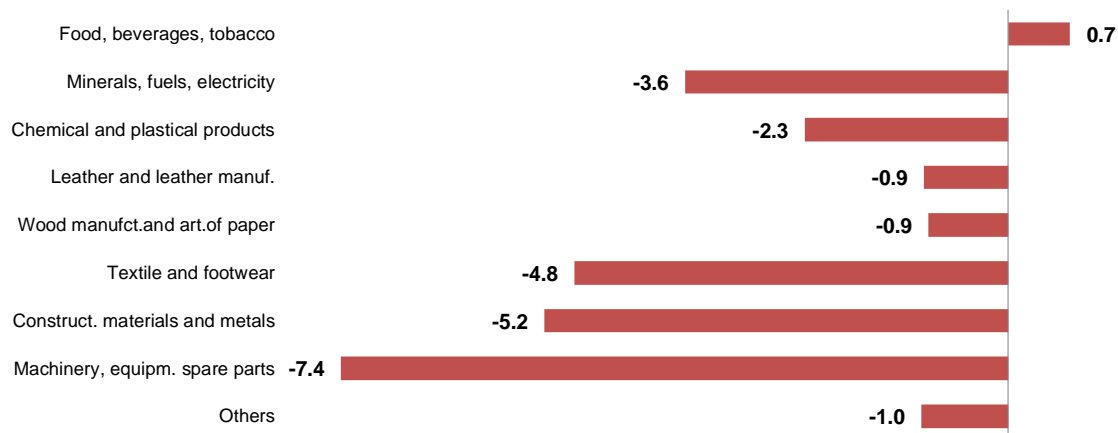
In annual decrease of exports by 36.2 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Textile and footwear” with -18.4 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -8.9 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -6.6 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Chemical and plastic products” with +0.04 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports March 2020

Exports during the first quarter of 2020 are decreased by -9.0 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Textile and footwear” with -7.3 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -3.1 percentage point, Wood manufactures and article of paper” with -0.2 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +1.1 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +0.4 percentage point, “Chemical and plastical products” with +0.2 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 25.4 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -7.4 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -5.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -4.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.7 percentage point.

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

In the first quarter of 2020, imports are decreased by 8.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negativity in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.4 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -2.4 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -1.9 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.6 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

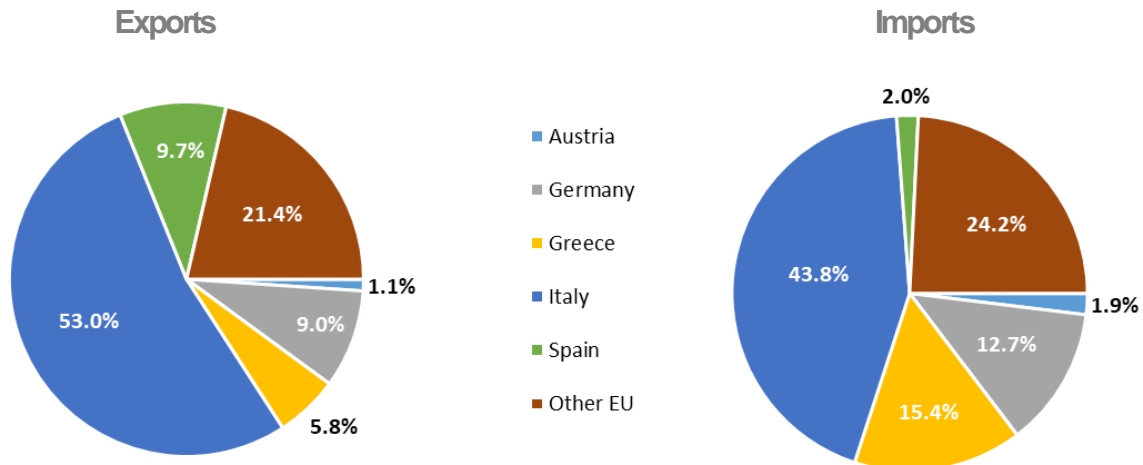
In March 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to March 2019 are: Spain (25.7 %), Germany (9.2 %) and Netherland (20.8 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-48.5 %), Kosovo (-43.1 %) and Greece (-24.6 %).

In the first quarter of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Spain (55.4 %), Germany (18.5 %) and Greece (3.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-18.0 %), Kosovo (-17.3 %) and North Macedonia (-9.5 %).

In March 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to March 2019 are: Russia (+102.4 %), Switzerland (+28.2 %) and Poland (+4.3 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-29.8 %), Greece (-24.1 %) and Turkey (-18.6 %).

In the first quarter of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Greece (0.3 %), Turkey (4.8 %) and Germany (0.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-13.0 %), China (-16.6 %) and Serbia (-7.8 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 64.4 % of total trade. In March 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 75.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (30.3 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.4 %) and Turkey (5.9 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first quarter of 2020 is 64.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 79.5 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.0 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (32.1 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.0 %) and Turkey (6.5 %).

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
	January– March 2018	75	18.9	146	9.7	-72	51.0
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
	January– March 2019	72	-3.0	148	1.3	-76	48.8
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	-36.2	42	-25.4	-24	42.5
	January– March 2020	66	-9.0	135	-8.5	-70	48.6

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

	Exports				Imports			
	March 2019	March 2020	Jan.- Mar 2019	Jan.- Mar 2020	March 2019	March 2020	Jan.- Mar 2019	Jan.- Mar 2020
EU countries	20,709	13,473	57,040	52,280	34,896	24,859	88,079	77,183
Austria	163	143	676	437	891	478	1,747	1,162
Germany	1,108	1,210	3,372	3,997	3,744	3,168	10,014	10,074
Greece	1,038	783	2,911	2,998	5,030	3,816	12,501	12,538
Italy	13,875	7,145	37,902	31,076	15,514	10,887	38,528	33,502
Spain	1,042	1,310	4,223	6,562	931	490	2,056	2,261
Croatia	111	142	257	500	554	304	1,407	1,098
Others of EU	3,371	2,739	7,701	6,709	8,232	5,716	21,827	16,550
United Kingdom	59	72	164	202	463	424	1,218	1,170
China	613	204	1,354	1,216	4,987	2,860	13,413	11,184
Kosovo	2,785	1,585	5,837	4,829	644	459	1,453	1,506
North Macedonia	866	554	1,817	1,644	777	558	1,909	1,842
Russia	37	-	58	6	842	1,704	2,775	4,631
USA	514	278	1,166	739	1,105	683	2,698	2,351
Turkey	127	160	636	601	4,113	3,349	11,874	12,447
Ukraine	41	80	77	147	125	279	601	935
Switzerland	172	20	259	189	803	1,030	4,474	3,302
Others	1,896	1,332	3,872	3,924	7,297	5,586	19,483	18,905
Total	27,820	17,757	72,280	65,777	56,053	41,791	147,979	135,458

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	Mar-19	Mar-20	Jan.- Mar 2019	Jan.- Mar 2020	Mar-19	Mar-20	Jan.- Mar 2019	Jan.- Mar 2020
Total	27,820	17,757	72,280	65,777	56,053	41,791	147,979	135,458
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,867	2,661	7,098	6,989	9,437	9,821	24,734	25,620
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,411	2,575	10,916	11,201	6,102	4,082	19,583	14,561
Chemical and plastical products	608	619	1,598	1,769	7,908	6,636	19,944	19,270
Leather and leather manuf,	180	168	616	639	1,598	1,072	4,109	3,395
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	833	619	2,334	2,159	2,068	1,568	5,430	5,205
Textile and footwear	10,775	5,670	30,980	25,692	7,582	4,869	20,300	17,530
Construct, materials and metals	4,852	2,389	11,306	9,097	7,025	4,125	17,316	17,100
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,530	2,512	5,350	6,177	12,226	8,054	31,355	27,843
Others	763	543	2,082	2,052	2,109	1,564	5,208	4,935

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

Group of goods	Italy		Spain		Kosovo		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	37,902	31,076	4,223	6,562	5,837	4,829	3,372	3,997
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,131	1,964	369	250	615	776	326	336
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,777	357	3,216	5,834	1,596	554	377	211
Chemical and plastical products	479	506	10	61	371	484	18	12
Leather and leather manuf,	511	522	35	45	1	2	4	2
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,691	1,380	1	1	184	183	30	81
Textile and footwear	24,272	19,480	498	311	19	23	1,716	2,303
Construct, materials and metals	3,622	3,107	91	45	2,558	2,202	361	356
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,438	2,899	2	5	145	193	379	469
Others	982	860	1	10	349	411	161	226

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
Total	38,528	33,502	12,501	12,538	11,874	12,447	13,413	11,184
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,470	4,674	3,485	3,906	1,330	1,353	231	149
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,803	848	2,826	2,532	168	327	1	3
Chemical and plastical products	4,239	3,921	1,813	1,820	1,637	1,745	1,237	1,137
Leather and leather manuf,	3,336	2,785	9	8	67	65	213	144
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	1,546	1,508	689	769	670	642	188	209
Textile and footwear	9,847	8,067	921	862	3,969	3,587	2,468	2,153
Construct, materials and metals	4,826	3,964	1,810	1,776	2,267	2,575	1,906	1,594
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	7,261	6,667	575	555	1,391	1,766	5,982	4,713
Others	1,200	1,067	373	310	375	388	1,188	1,083

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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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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