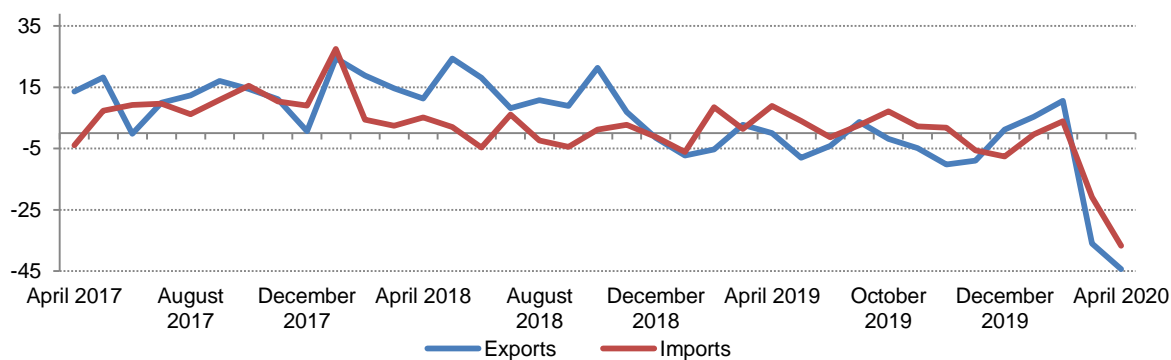


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## April 2020

**Tirana, May 18, 2020:** On April 2020 the value of exports was ALL 15 billion, decreasing by 44.4% compared with the same period of previous year and by 16.5 % compared with March2020. The value of imports was ALL 36 billion, decreasing by 36.7% compared with the same period of previous year and by 18.3 % compared with March2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 21 billion, decreasing by 29.9 % compared with April 2019 and by 19.5 % compared with March2020.

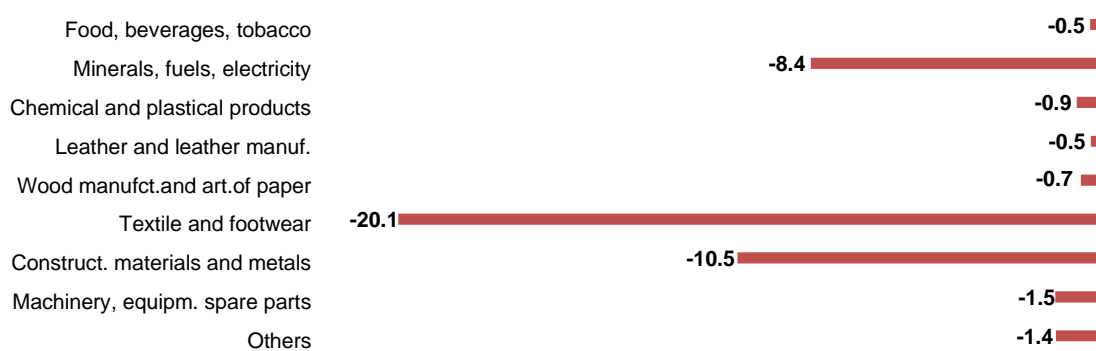
**Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)**



In the first fourth months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 81 billion, decreasing by 18.5 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 174 billion, decreasing by 15.1 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 94 billion, decreasing by 11.9 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

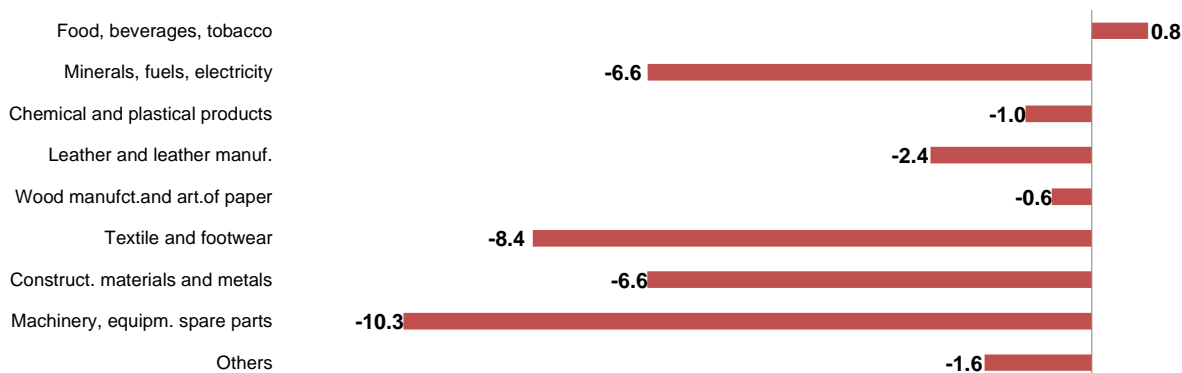
In annual decrease of exports by 44.4% this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -20.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -10.5 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -8.4 percentage point.

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

Exports during the fourth months of 2020 are decreased by -18.5 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Textile and footwear" with -10.8 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -5.1 percentage point, Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -2.0 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.4 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 36.7%, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -10.3 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -8.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -6.6 percentage point, While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.8 percentage point.

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

In the first four months of 2020, imports are decreased by 15.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -4.6 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -4.3 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -3.7 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.7 percentage point.

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

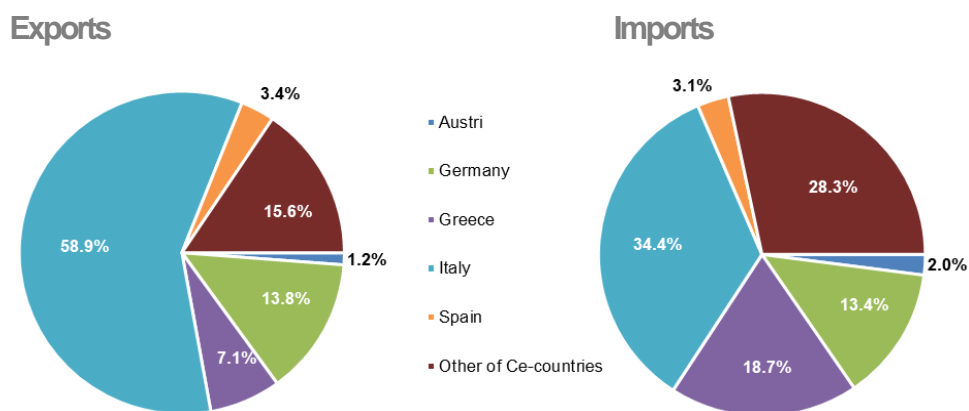
In April 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to April 2019 are: Germany (15.3 %), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1.8 %), and Austria (3.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-50.0 %), Kosovo (-61.9 %) and Greece (-35.5 %).

In the first four months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Spain (15.4 %), Germany (17.9 %), and France (0.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-25.7 %), Kosovo (-32.7 %) and Greece (-7.8 %).

In April 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to April 2019 are: Russia (+3.3 %), USA (+27.7 %), and Netherland (+19.0 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-52.3 %), Greece (-33.4 %) and Turkey (-44.1 %).

In the first four months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (9.5 %), Russia (45.8 %) and Libya (122.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are Italy (-23.5 %), Greece (-10.0 %) and Turkey (-10.6 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 58.2 % of total trade. In April 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 68.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 53.8 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (24.9 %), Greece (8.6 %), Germany (7.9 %) and China (6.4 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first four months of 2020 is 63.4 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 77.5 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 56.9 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.3 %), Germany (8.1 %), Greece (7.8 %) and Turkey (6.4 %).

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
	January– April 2018	101	16.8	199	8.5	-97	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
	04 - 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	January– April 2019	99	-2.2	205	3.3	-106	48.3
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	-44.4	36	-36.7	-21	41.1
	January– April 2020	81	-18.5	174	-15.1	-94	46.3

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

	Exports				Imports			
	April 2019	April 2020	Jan.-Apr. 2019	Jan.-Apr. 2020	April 2019	April 2020	Jan.-Apr. 2019	Jan.-Apr. 2020
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>19,199</b>	<b>10,259</b>	<b>76,239</b>	<b>62,551</b>	<b>33,279</b>	<b>19,513</b>	<b>121,358</b>	<b>99,159</b>
Austria	119	123	795	560	727	398	2,474	1,560
Germany	1,229	1,418	4,601	5,426	3,813	2,615	13,827	15,147
Greece	1,134	731	4,044	3,729	5,482	3,652	17,983	16,190
Italy	12,074	6,041	49,976	37,118	14,070	6,714	52,597	40,220
Spain	1,763	346	5,985	6,909	1,653	608	3,709	2,869
Croatia	111	120	368	620	651	503	2,058	1,600
Others of EU	2,769	1,479	10,470	8,189	6,882	5,022	28,709	21,572
United Kingdom	105	25	270	227	388	5,022	1,606	6,193
China	646	389	2,000	1,622	5,252	2,891	18,666	14,084
Kosovo	3,120	1,190	8,958	6,028	727	465	2,180	1,971
North Macedonia	999	679	2,815	2,329	773	713	2,682	2,555
Russia	-	-	58	6	1,375	1,420	4,150	6,052
USA	356	294	1,522	1,041	685	875	3,383	3,228
Turkey	159	95	796	696	5,490	3,067	17,365	15,520
Ukraine	10	21	88	169	462	259	1,063	1,197
Switzerland	30	122	288	311	1,212	623	5,686	3,926
Others	2,125	1,807	5,997	5,733	7,599	1,401	27,081	20,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,750</b>	<b>14,880</b>	<b>99,030</b>	<b>80,711</b>	<b>57,241</b>	<b>36,249</b>	<b>205,220</b>	<b>174,285</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	April 2019	April 2020	Jan.-Apr. 2019	Jan.-Apr. 2020	April 2019	April 2020	Jan.-Apr. 2019	Jan.-Apr. 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,750</b>	<b>14,880</b>	<b>99,030</b>	<b>80,711</b>	<b>57,241</b>	<b>36,249</b>	<b>205,220</b>	<b>174,285</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,508	3,379	10,606	10,381	9,329	9,810	34,063	35,434
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,957	1,713	14,873	12,939	6,990	3,190	26,572	17,767
Chemical and plastical products	693	462	2,291	2,232	7,619	7,052	27,563	26,329
Leather and leather manuf,	222	99	838	738	1,757	379	5,867	3,774
Wood manufct, and art, of paper	784	585	3,118	2,744	2,009	1,666	7,439	6,871
Textile and footwear	10,242	4,876	41,222	30,569	7,349	2,567	27,649	20,102
Construct, materials and metals	4,695	1,898	16,001	10,997	7,848	4,047	25,164	23,677
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,858	1,464	7,208	7,653	12,233	6,348	43,588	34,200
Others	791	404	2,874	2,457	2,107	1,190	7,315	6,131

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,976</b>	<b>37,118</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>6,909</b>	<b>8,958</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>5,426</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,724	2,669	473	366	965	1,100	443	466
Minerals, fuels, electricity	1,878	378	4,675	6,039	2,326	775	413	330
Chemical and plastical products	633	615	13	62	555	628	25	15
Leather and leather manuf.	666	614	63	48	3	2	5	4
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	2,221	1,634	3	1	253	251	44	201
Textile and footwear	32,302	22,768	663	331	25	34	2,381	3,019
Construct, materials and metals	4,891	3,686	92	45	4,122	2,460	535	533
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	3,374	3,740	3	7	219	225	530	605
Others	1,287	1,013	1	10	489	553	226	253

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

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Turkey		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,597</b>	<b>40,220</b>	<b>17,983</b>	<b>16,190</b>	<b>17,365</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>13,827</b>	<b>15,147</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	6,054	6,275	4,908	5,220	1,846	1,809	1,461	1,413
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,414	1,060	4,336	3,241	276	373	273	197
Chemical and plastical products	5,804	5,188	2,578	2,296	2,441	2,565	2,544	2,909
Leather and leather manuf.	4,774	3,057	14	8	84	68	123	107
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	2,103	1,871	974	1,035	894	911	242	187
Textile and footwear	13,265	8,863	1,225	1,084	5,536	4,061	967	1,029
Construct, materials and metals	6,394	4,724	2,552	2,138	3,385	3,066	630	2,889
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	10,152	7,940	880	736	2,294	2,192	6,916	5,856
Others	1,637	1,242	516	433	609	477	671	559

# 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.

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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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