

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – August 2020

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**+28.0 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in the January – August this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 649.0 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 621.0 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 28.0 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to minus PLN 0.4 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2019, both exports and imports decreased by 3.2% and 7.4% respectively.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 163.6 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 156.7 bn (a decrease in exports of 7.3% and in imports of 11.3%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 6.9 bn, while in the same period 2019 year amounted to minus USD 0.1 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 147.7 bn while imports amounted to EUR 141.4 bn (an decrease in exports of 5.6% and in imports of 9.6%). The positive balance reached the EUR 6.3 bn and minus EUR 0.1 bn in the same period of 2019.

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries²

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 86.1% (of which EU 73.4%), and imports – 64.9% (of which EU 55.1%), as against 87.2% (of which EU 74.3%) and 66.3% (of which EU 56.5%) in the corresponding period in 2019 year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 6.1%, and in imports – 6.5%, as against 5.8% and 7.8% in January – August 2019.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 127.1 bn (minus USD 32.1 bn, minus EUR 28.9 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 0.8 bn (minus USD 0.3 bn, minus EUR 0.3 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 155.9 bn (USD 39.2 bn, EUR 35.4 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 134.2 bn (USD 33.8 bn, EUR 30.4 bn).

Note. Due to the rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item "total".

¹ Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs documentation and INTRASTAT declarations.

² The structure and dynamics of the European Union for January - August 2019 are given in real condition, it means that data for EU was reduced by value of trade turnover United Kingdom.

Table 1. Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

SPECIFICATION	I - VIII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - VIII 2019 = 100			I - VIII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	649.0	163.6	147.7	96.8	92.7	94.4	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	558.7	140.8	127.1	95.6	91.6	93.3	87.2	86.1
of which EU	476.1	120.0	108.3	95.6	91.6	93.3	74.3	73.4
of which euro-zone	371.1	93.6	84.4	95.7	91.7	93.4	57.8	57.2
Developing countries	50.6	12.7	11.5	107.8	103.3	105.1	7.0	7.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	39.7	10.0	9.0	101.2	96.9	98.6	5.8	6.1
Imports (country of origin)³	621.0	156.7	141.4	92.6	88.7	90.4	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	402.8	101.6	91.7	90.5	86.8	88.4	66.3	64.9
of which EU	341.9	86.2	77.9	90.3	86.6	88.2	56.4	55.1
of which euro-zone	283.1	71.4	64.5	90.4	86.7	88.3	46.7	45.6
Developing countries	177.7	44.8	40.4	102.1	97.9	99.6	25.9	28.6
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	40.5	10.3	9.3	78.0	75.0	76.4	7.8	6.5
Balance	28.0	6.9	6.3	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	155.9	39.2	35.4	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	134.2	33.8	30.4	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	88.0	22.2	19.9	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-127.1	-32.1	-28.9	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-0.8	-0.3	-0.3	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In the period January - August this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was a decrease in exports, except the United States and an increase in imports – from South Korea and China.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.6% (66.4% in the same period last year), while total imports – 64.2% (against 63.7% in January – August 2019).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.7 pp and amounted to 28.4%, and imports has decreased by 0.6 pp and accounted for 21.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 49.9 bn (USD 12.5 bn, EUR 11.3 bn) against PLN 37.0 bn (USD 9.7 bn, EUR 8.6 bn) in the same period of 2019.

³ Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

SPECIFICATION	I - VIII 2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - VIII 2019 = 100			I - VIII	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	184.2	46.4	41.9	99.1	94.9	96.7	27.7	28.4
2. Czechia	38.6	9.7	8.8	93.4	89.5	91.2	6.2	5.9
3. United Kingdom	36.8	9.3	8.4	91.7	87.9	89.6	6.0	5.7
4. France	36.4	9.2	8.3	92.1	88.3	89.9	5.9	5.6
5. Netherlands	27.8	7.0	6.3	92.7	88.7	90.4	4.5	4.3
6. Italy	26.9	6.8	6.1	87.8	84.2	85.8	4.6	4.1
7. United States	20.1	5.0	4.6	103.3	98.5	100.5	2.9	3.1
8. Russia	19.7	5.0	4.5	98.0	93.8	95.5	3.0	3.0
9. Sweden	18.6	4.7	4.2	99.2	94.9	96.8	2.8	2.9
10. Hungary	16.6	4.2	3.8	89.3	85.7	87.3	2.8	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	134.3	33.9	30.6	90.2	86.5	88.1	22.2	21.6
2. China	87.9	22.2	20.0	109.1	104.5	106.3	12.0	14.2
3. Russia	30.1	7.6	6.9	75.2	72.4	73.7	6.0	4.8
4. Italy	29.9	7.5	6.8	87.9	84.3	85.9	5.1	4.8
5. Netherlands	24.4	6.1	5.6	97.5	93.2	95.0	3.7	3.9
6. France	21.4	5.4	4.9	86.1	82.5	84.2	3.7	3.5
7. United States	20.5	5.2	4.7	95.3	91.4	93.2	3.2	3.3
8. Czechia	19.6	5.0	4.5	88.2	84.7	86.2	3.3	3.2
9. South Korea	15.4	3.9	3.5	111.2	106.6	108.6	2.1	2.5
10. Belgium	14.7	3.7	3.3	91.9	88.0	89.7	2.4	2.4

Imports from United Kingdom after eight months of this year amounted to PLN 13.0 bn, USD 3.3 bn and EUR 3.0 bn

Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of countries

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 458.9 bn, of which the EU – PLN 415.0 bn, compared to PLN 496.7 bn, of which the EU - PLN 464.9 bn in the same period of 2019.

Table 3. Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of counties

SPECIFICATION	I - VIII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - VIII 2019 = 100			I - VIII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment)⁴	621.0	156.7	141.4	92.6	88.7	90.4	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	458.9	115.8	104.5	92.4	88.6	90.2	74.0	73.9
of which EU	415.0	104.7	94.5	92.6	88.8	90.4	66.8	66.8
of which euro-zone	350.6	88.4	79.8	92.7	88.9	90.6	56.4	56.5
Developing countries	119.0	30.0	27.1	99.9	95.7	97.4	17.8	19.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	43.0	10.9	9.8	78.1	75.2	76.5	8.2	6.9
Balance	28.0	6.9	6.3	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	99.8	25.0	22.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	61.1	15.3	13.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	20.5	5.2	4.6	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-68.4	-17.3	-15.6	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-3.3	-0.9	-0.8	.	.	.	.	.

Imports by country of consignment – countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 5.4 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.2 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.6 pp and France by 0.3 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I - VIII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - VIII 2019 = 100			I - VIII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	167.8	42.4	38.2	92.0	88.2	89.9	27.2	27.0
2. China	58.1	14.6	13.2	110.0	105.3	107.1	7.9	9.4
3. Netherlands	37.9	9.5	8.6	102.1	97.7	99.6	5.5	6.1
4. Russia	31.3	8.0	7.2	74.9	72.3	73.5	6.2	5.0
5. Italy	29.5	7.4	6.7	87.1	83.5	85.1	5.0	4.7
6. Czechia	23.8	6.0	5.4	90.8	87.2	88.8	3.9	3.8
7. France	23.7	6.0	5.4	87.0	83.5	85.1	4.1	3.8
8. Belgium	23.4	5.9	5.3	92.7	88.8	90.5	3.8	3.8
9. Spain	14.9	3.8	3.4	95.1	91.1	92.9	2.3	2.4
10. Slovakia	14.5	3.7	3.3	92.9	88.9	90.6	2.3	2.3

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.8 pp

⁴ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

After eight months 2020 year in trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature. as compared to first four months 2019 year, there was a decrease in most commodity sectors.

In export the largest increase concerned in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 25.5%), beverages and tobacco (by 18.3%), food and live animals (by 6.8%) and chemicals and related products (by 5.5%). while the decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 33.6%), machinery and transport equipment (by 7.2%) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 6.0%).

In import the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 29.0%), beverages and tobacco (by 14.2%), food and live animals (by 5.2%) and chemicals and related products (by 2.7%), while decrease was observed among others in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 44.5%), mineral fuels. lubricants and related materials (by 31.0%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 10.3%), machinery and transport equipment (by 10.6%) and in manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 8.6%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - VIII 2020

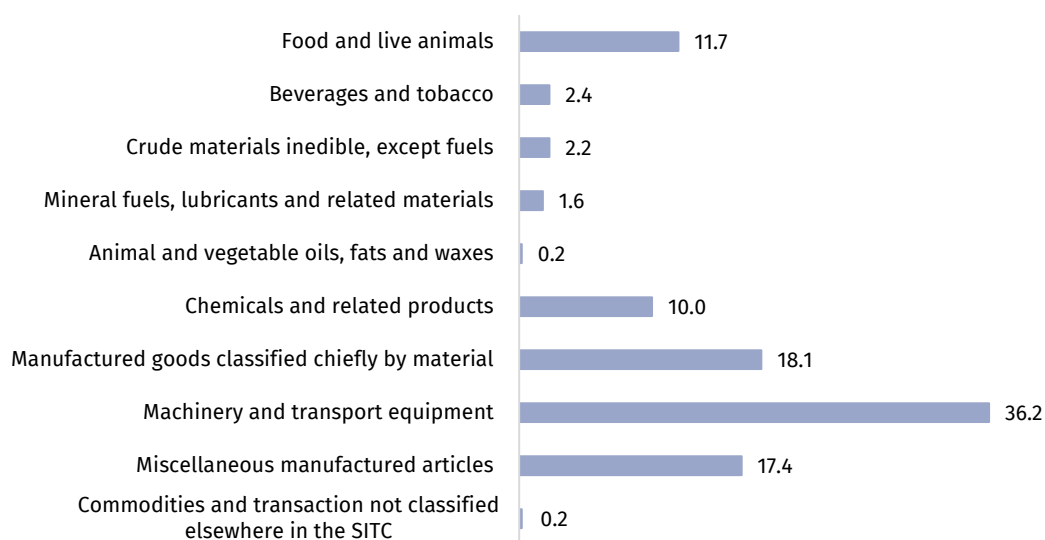
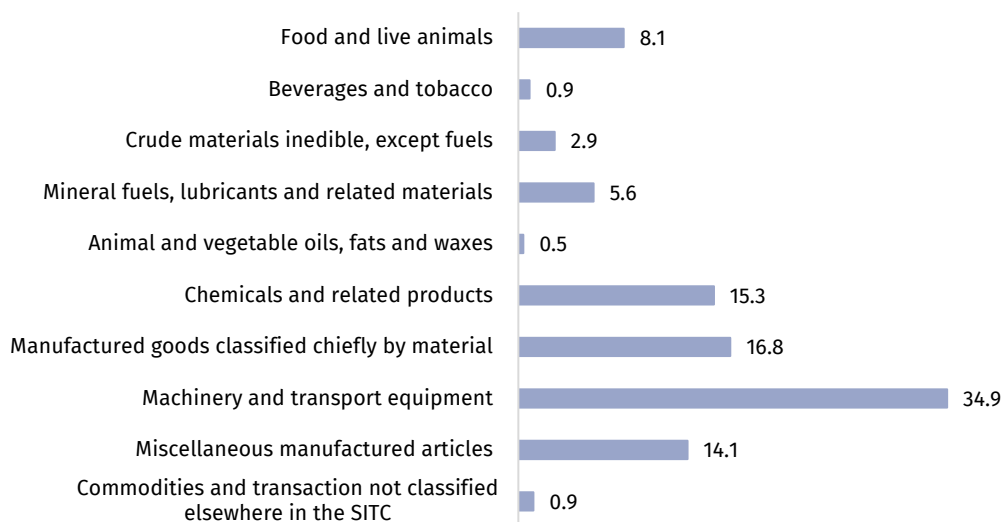


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - VIII 2020



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