

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

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**+33.4 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in the January – September this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 746.3 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 712.9 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 33.4 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to PLN 2.3 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2019, both exports and imports decreased by 1.8% and 5.9% respectively.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 190.0 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 181.6 bn (a decrease in exports of 4.6% and in imports of 8.6%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 8.4 bn, while in the same period 2019 year amounted to USD 0.6 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 169.9 bn while imports amounted to EUR 162.4 bn (an decrease in exports of 4.0% and in imports of 8.0%). The positive balance reached the EUR 7.5 bn and EUR 0.5 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 – 86.2% (of which EU 73.6%), and imports – 64.8% (of which EU 55.1%), as against 87.1% (of which EU 74.3%) and 66.3% (of which EU 56.4%) 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 – 6.4%, as against 5.9% and 7.7% in January – September 2019.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 147.6 bn (minus USD 37.6 bn, minus EUR 33.6 bn), the balance with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe was balanced. The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 181.0 bn (USD 46.1 bn, EUR 41.1 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 156.2 bn (USD 39.8 bn, EUR 35.5 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 – September 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 - IX 2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - IX 2019 = 100			I - IX	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	746.3	190.0	169.9	98.2	95.4	96.0	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	643.4	163.8	146.4	97.2	94.4	95.0	87.1	86.2
of which EU	549.3	139.9	125.0	97.3	94.6	95.2	74.3	73.6
of which euro-zone	428.8	109.2	97.6	97.7	94.9	95.5	57.7	57.5
Developing countries	57.5	14.6	13.1	108.0	104.8	105.5	7.0	7.7
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	45.4	11.6	10.3	101.7	98.8	99.3	5.9	6.1
Imports (country of origin)³	712.9	181.6	162.4	94.1	91.4	92.0	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	462.4	117.8	105.3	92.1	89.5	90.1	66.3	64.8
of which EU	393.1	100.1	89.5	92.0	89.4	90.0	56.4	55.1
of which euro-zone	325.2	82.8	74.1	92.1	89.4	90.1	46.6	45.6
Developing countries	205.1	52.2	46.7	104.0	101.0	101.6	26.0	28.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	45.5	11.6	10.4	77.7	75.6	76.2	7.7	6.4
Balance	33.4	8.4	7.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	181.0	46.1	41.1	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	156.2	39.8	35.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	103.6	26.4	23.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-147.6	-37.6	-33.6	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	0.0	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After three quarters this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was a decrease in exports, except the United States, Sweden and Germany, and an increase in imports – from China and South Korea.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.7% (66.4% in the same period last year), while total imports – 64.0% (against 63.6% in January – September 2019).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.7 pp and amounted to 28.5%, and imports has decreased by 0.5 pp and accounted for 21.7%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 57.6 bn (USD 14.6 bn, EUR 13.1 bn) against PLN 42.6 bn (USD 11.2 bn, EUR 9.9 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 - IX 2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - IX 2019 = 100			I - IX	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	212.5	54.1	48.4	100.8	97.8	98.5	27.8	28.5
2. Czechia	44.2	11.3	10.1	94.2	91.6	92.2	6.2	5.9
3. United Kingdom	42.5	10.8	9.7	93.4	90.8	91.4	6.0	5.7
4. France	42.0	10.7	9.6	94.1	91.5	92.0	5.9	5.6
5. Netherlands	32.1	8.2	7.3	95.7	93.0	93.6	4.4	4.3
6. Italy	31.5	8.1	7.2	90.9	88.6	89.0	4.6	4.2
7. Russia	22.6	5.7	5.1	98.3	95.4	96.0	3.0	3.0
8. United States	22.5	5.7	5.1	101.7	98.3	99.2	2.9	3.0
9. Sweden	21.5	5.5	4.9	101.2	98.2	98.9	2.8	2.9
10. Hungary	19.1	4.9	4.4	90.4	88.0	88.5	2.8	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	155.0	39.5	35.3	92.1	89.5	90.1	22.2	21.7
2. China	101.6	25.9	23.1	111.2	108.0	108.5	12.1	14.3
3. Italy	34.7	8.8	7.9	90.6	88.1	88.7	5.0	4.9
4. Russia	33.6	8.6	7.7	74.4	72.4	73.0	6.0	4.7
5. Netherlands	27.7	7.0	6.3	97.3	94.2	95.0	3.8	3.9
6. France	24.5	6.2	5.6	87.5	85.0	85.7	3.7	3.4
7. Czechia	22.9	5.8	5.2	90.6	88.3	88.8	3.3	3.2
8. United States	22.8	5.8	5.2	95.6	92.6	93.5	3.1	3.2
9. South Korea	17.3	4.4	3.9	111.2	107.9	108.7	2.0	2.4
10. Belgium	16.6	4.2	3.8	93.2	90.3	91.1	2.4	2.3

Imports from United Kingdom after nine months of this year amounted to PLN 15.0 bn, USD 3.8 bn and EUR 3.4 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 527.8 bn, of which the EU – PLN 478.5 bn, compared to PLN 560.8 bn, of which the EU - PLN 506.6 bn in the same period of 2019.

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

SPECIFICATION	I - IX 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - IX 2019 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ⁴	712.9	181.6	162.4	94.1	91.4	92.0	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	527.8	134.5	120.2	94.1	91.4	92.1	74.0	74.0
of which EU	478.5	121.9	109.0	94.5	91.8	92.4	66.9	67.1
of which euro-zone	404.1	102.9	92.0	94.6	91.9	92.6	56.4	56.7
Developing countries	137.0	34.9	31.2	101.5	98.6	99.2	17.8	19.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	48.1	12.3	11.0	77.7	75.6	76.2	8.2	6.8
Balance	33.4	8.4	7.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	115.5	29.4	26.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	70.8	18.0	16.0	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	24.7	6.3	5.6	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-79.5	-20.2	-18.1	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-2.7	-0.7	-0.7	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.6 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.2 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.7 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I - IX 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - IX 2019 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	194.6	49.6	44.3	94.4	91.7	92.3	27.2	27.3
2. China	66.6	17.0	15.1	111.7	108.4	109.0	7.9	9.3
3. Netherlands	43.1	11.0	9.8	102.3	99.1	99.9	5.6	6.1
4. Russia	34.9	8.9	8.0	74.2	72.4	72.9	6.2	4.9
5. Italy	34.3	8.8	7.8	89.8	87.3	87.9	5.0	4.8
6. Czechia	27.7	7.1	6.3	92.3	89.9	90.4	4.0	3.9
7. France	27.1	6.9	6.2	87.9	85.4	86.1	4.1	3.8
8. Belgium	26.7	6.8	6.1	93.8	91.0	91.7	3.8	3.7
9. Spain	17.1	4.4	3.9	97.3	94.5	95.2	2.3	2.4
10. United Kingdom	16.7	4.3	3.8	88.3	85.8	86.4	2.5	2.3

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 5.0 pp

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

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

In export the largest increase concerned in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 28.0%), beverages and tobacco (by 18.1%), food and live animals (by 7.4%) and chemicals and related products (by 6.3%). while the decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 32.2%), commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 31.0%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 5.8%), machinery and transport equipment (by 5.3%) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 4.8%).

In import the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 27.4%), beverages and tobacco (by 18.9%), food and live animals (by 5.5%) and chemicals and related products (by 3.4%), while decrease was observed among others in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 41.7%), mineral fuels. lubricants and related materials (by 30.5%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 9.7%), machinery and transport equipment (by 8.4%) and in manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 6.9%).

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

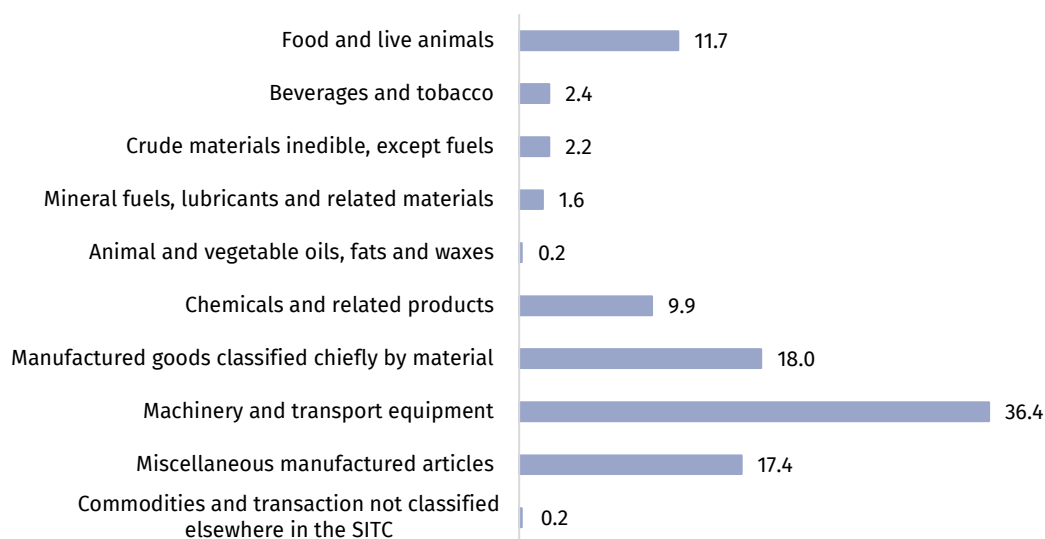
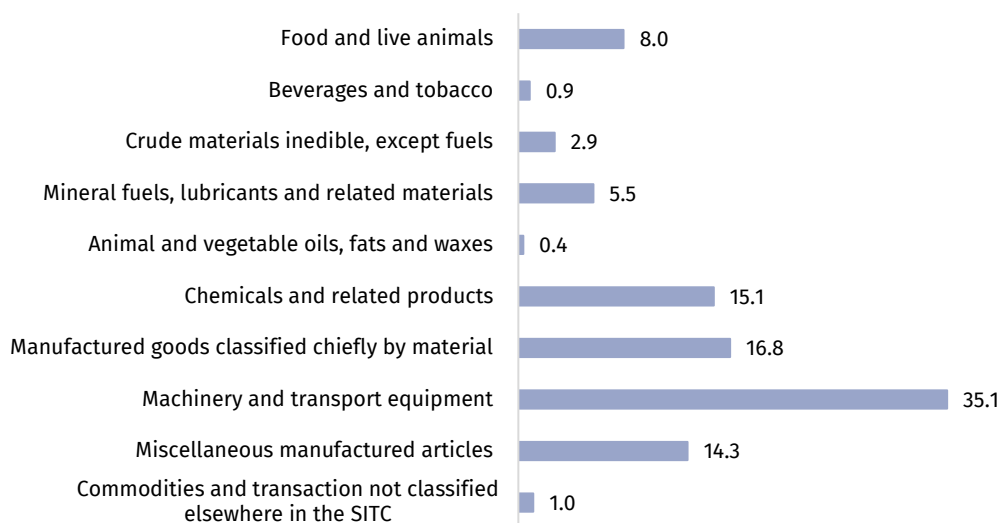


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - IX 2020



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