

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – March 2019

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↑ 105.4

Index of imports in PLN – previous year = 100

Foreign trade turnover¹ in the first quarter of this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 243.7 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 244,8 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 1.1 bn, while in the same period last year amounted to minus PLN 5.8 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2018, exports increased by 7.6%, and imports by 5.4%.

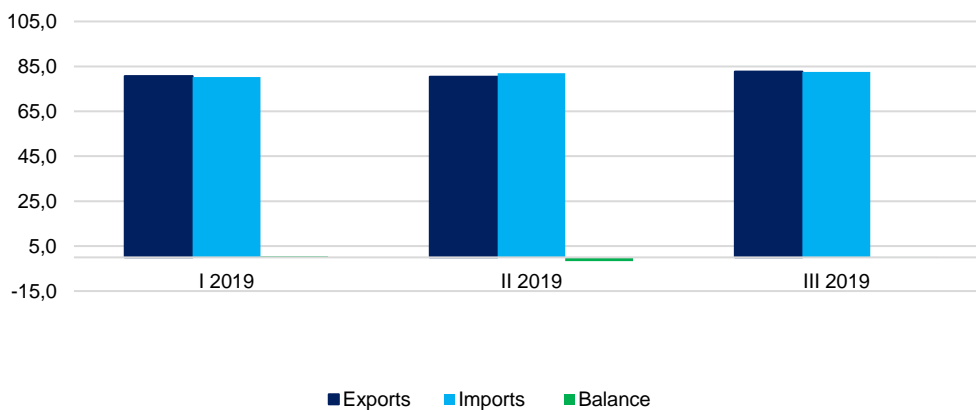
Index of exports (in PLN) amounted to 107.6

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 64.4 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 64.7 bn (a decrease in exports of 2.6% and in imports of 4.6%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 0,3 bn, while the same period last year amounted minus USD 1.7 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 56.6 bn while imports amounted to EUR 56.9 bn (an increase in exports of 4.4% and in imports of 2.2%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 0,3 bn and minus EUR 1.4 bn in the same period in 2018.

Chart 1. Turnover in the last three months in PLN billion



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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.4% (of which EU 80.5%), and imports – 66.3% (of which EU 58.8%), as against 87.7% (of which EU 81.2%) and 67.0% (of which EU 60.0%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the smallest share was observed in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 5.6%, and in imports – 7.9%, as against 5.3% and 8.6% in January – March 2018.

The high share of developed countries in trade in goods is affected by high turnover with the EU

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 INTRA-STAT declarations.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 46,1 bn (minus USD 12.2 bn, minus EUR 10.8 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 5.6 bn (minus USD 1.5 bn, minus EUR 1.3 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 50.6 bn (USD 13.4 bn, EUR 11.8 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 52.2 bn (USD 13.8 bn, EUR 12.1 bn).

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

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – III 2018 = 100			I – III	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	243.7	64.4	56.6	107.6	97.4	104.4	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	213.0	56.3	49.5	107.3	97.2	104.1	87.7	87.4
of which EU	196.2	51.8	45.6	106.7	96.6	103.4	81.2	80.5
of which euro-zone	139.9	36.9	32.5	106.0	96.0	102.8	58.3	57.4
Developing countries	17.0	4.5	3.9	106.3	96.1	103.0	7.0	7.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	13.7	3.6	3.2	114.5	103.4	110.9	5.3	5.6
Imports (country of origin)²	244.8	64.7	56.9	105.4	95.4	102.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	162.4	42.9	37.7	104.5	94.5	101.3	67.0	66.3
of which EU	144.0	38.0	33.5	103.4	93.5	100.2	60.0	58.8
of which euro-zone	113.9	30.1	26.5	102.6	92.8	99.5	47.8	46.5
Developing countries	63.1	16.7	14.7	111.0	100.6	107.7	24.4	25.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	19.3	5.1	4.5	96.9	87.7	94.0	8.6	7.9
Balance	-1.1	-0.3	-0.3	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	50.6	13.4	11.8	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	52.2	13.8	12.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	26.0	6.8	6.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-46.1	-12.2	-10.8	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-5.6	-1.5	-1.3	X	X	X	X	X

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In the first quarter of this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to all counters from top ten and in imports – from United States, China, Spain, and Germany.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports as in the corresponding period of the previous year accounted for 66.8%, while total imports – 64.1% (against 65.5% after three months of 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 1.2 pp and amounted to 27.0%, and imports has decreased by 0.1 pp and accounted for 22.7%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 10.4 bn (USD 2.7 bn, EUR 2.4 bn) against PLN 10.9 bn (USD 3.2 bn, EUR 2.6 bn) in the same period of 2018.

² 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 – III 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – III 2018 = 100			I – III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	65.9	17.4	15.3	103.1	93.4	100.0	28.2	27.0
2. United Kingdom	16.0	4.2	3.7	113.3	102.6	109.8	6.2	6.6
3. Czech Republic	14.8	3.9	3.4	102.3	92.7	99.2	6.4	6.1
4. France	14.8	3.9	3.4	111.5	100.9	108.1	5.9	6.1
5. Netherlands	11.5	3.0	2.7	111.9	101.4	108.5	4.5	4.7
6. Italy	11.2	3.0	2.6	107.3	97.0	104.0	4.6	4.6
7. United States	7.3	1.9	1.7	116.8	105.5	113.2	2.8	3.0
8. Russia	7.0	1.9	1.6	113.0	102.1	109.5	2.7	2.9
9. Hungary	7.0	1.8	1.6	116.2	105.1	112.6	2.6	2.9
10. Sweden	7.0	1.8	1.6	106.2	96.1	103.0	2.9	2.9
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	55.5	14.7	12.9	104.8	94.9	101.6	22.8	22.7
2. China	30.0	7.9	7.0	113.4	102.9	110.1	11.4	12.2
3. Russia	14.8	3.9	3.4	92.5	83.7	89.7	6.9	6.0
4. Italy	11.6	3.1	2.7	98.2	88.8	95.2	5.1	4.7
5. France	9.0	2.4	2.1	98.3	88.9	95.3	4.0	3.7
6. Netherlands	8.8	2.3	2.0	98.3	88.8	95.2	3.8	3.6
7. Czech Republic	8.4	2.2	1.9	99.1	89.7	96.1	3.6	3.4
8. United States	7.7	2.0	1.8	114.2	103.3	110.7	2.9	3.1
9. Spain	5.8	1.5	1.4	105.3	95.3	102.1	2.4	2.4
10. Belgium	5.7	1.5	1.3	96.6	87.4	93.6	2.6	2.3

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 0.9 pp compared to the same period of 2018 and it was 6.0%

Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 180.2 bn, of which the EU – PLN 168.2 bn, compared to PLN 175.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 164.9 bn in the same period of 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – III 2018 = 100			I – III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	244.8	64.7	56.9	105.4	95.4	102.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	180.2	47.6	41.9	103.0	93.2	99.8	75.4	73.6
of which EU	168.2	44.4	39.1	102.0	92.3	98.9	71.0	68.7
of which euro-zone	135.6	35.8	31.5	101.9	92.2	98.8	57.3	55.4
Developing countries	43.7	11.6	10.2	121.0	109.6	117.3	15.5	17.9
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	20.9	5.5	4.8	99.0	89.8	96.1	9.1	8.5
Balance	-1.1	-0.3	-0.3	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	32.8	8.7	7.6	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	28.0	7.4	6.5	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	4.3	1.1	1.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-26.7	-7.1	-6.3	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-7.2	-1.9	-1.6	X	X	X	X	X

Imports by country of consignment – by countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 4.2 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.7 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and Russia by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – III 2018 = 100			I – III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	65.8	17.4	15.3	102.9	93.2	99.8	27.5	26.9
2. China	20.6	5.4	4.8	123.7	112.1	120.0	7.2	8.4
3. Russia	15.8	4.2	3.7	93.2	84.5	90.4	7.3	6.4
4. Netherlands	13.1	3.4	3.0	97.0	87.7	94.0	5.8	5.3
5. Italy	11.4	3.0	2.7	96.4	87.1	93.4	5.1	4.7
6. Czech Republic	9.7	2.6	2.3	101.4	91.8	98.3	4.1	4.0
7. France	9.6	2.5	2.2	97.5	88.1	94.5	4.3	3.9
8. Belgium	9.0	2.4	2.1	101.6	91.9	98.5	3.8	3.7
9. Sweden	6.2	1.6	1.5	102.8	93.1	99.7	2.6	2.6
10. United Kingdom	6.2	1.6	1.4	105.0	95.0	101.8	2.6	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower about 3.8 pp

³ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

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