

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

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Index of imports (in PLN) amounted to 104.1

 **106.5**

Index of exports in PLN – the same period last year = 100

**Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in January – September this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 745.9 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 742.3 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 3.6 bn, while in the same period last year amounted to minus PLN 12.3 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2018, exports increased by 6.5%, and imports by 4.1%.**

## Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 195.6 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 194.7 bn (a decrease in exports of 1.1% and in imports of 3.2%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 0.9 bn, while in the same period last year amounted to minus USD 3.5 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 173.6 bn while imports amounted to EUR 172.8 bn (an increase in exports of 5.0% and in imports of 2.7%). The positive balance reached the EUR 0.8 bn and minus EUR 2.9 bn in the same period in 2018.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 86.8% (of which EU 79.9%), and imports – 65.6% (of which EU 57.9%), as against 87.2% (of which EU 80.6%) and 66.5% (of which EU 59.3%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 6.0%, and in imports – 7.9%, as against 5.7% and 8.8% in January –September 2018.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 143.7 bn (minus USD 37.7 bn, minus EUR 33.5 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 13.7 bn (minus USD 3.6 bn, minus EUR 3.2 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 161.1 bn (USD 42.3 bn, EUR 37.5 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 165.8 bn (USD 43.5 bn, EUR 38.6 bn).

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

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

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2018 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Exports</b>	<b>745.9</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>173.6</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	647.8	169.9	150.8	106.0	98.5	104.6	87.2	86.8
of which EU	595.6	156.2	138.6	105.5	98.0	104.0	80.6	79.9
of which euro-zone	429.1	112.5	99.9	105.7	98.2	104.3	58.0	57.5
Developing countries	53.4	14.0	12.4	107.2	99.6	105.8	7.1	7.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	44.7	11.7	10.4	112.2	104.4	110.8	5.7	6.0
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>742.3</b>	<b>194.7</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	486.7	127.6	113.3	102.7	95.4	101.3	66.5	65.6
of which EU	429.8	112.7	100.0	101.6	94.4	100.2	59.3	57.9
of which euro-zone	342.1	89.7	79.6	100.8	93.7	99.5	47.6	46.1
Developing countries	197.1	51.7	45.9	111.9	104.1	110.5	24.7	26.5
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	58.4	15.3	13.6	93.0	86.6	91.8	8.8	7.9
<b>Balance</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	161.1	42.3	37.5	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	165.8	43.5	38.6	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	87.0	22.8	20.3	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-143.7	-37.7	-33.5	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-13.7	-3.6	-3.2	X	X	X	X	X

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After three quarters 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 China, United States, Spain, France, Netherlands and Germany.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports after nine months of 2019 accounted for 66.4% (66.5% in the same period last year), while total imports – 63.8% (against 65.0% in January – September 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.5 pp and amounted to 27.7%, and imports decreased by 0.7 pp and accounted for 22.0%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 42.9 bn (USD 11.3 bn, EUR 10.0 bn) against PLN 35.3 bn (USD 10.0 bn, EUR 8.3 bn) in the same period of 2018.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2018 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	206.5	54.2	48.1	104.7	97.3	103.3	28.2	27.7
2. Czech Republic	45.7	12.0	10.6	101.7	94.5	100.4	6.4	6.1
3. United Kingdom	44.6	11.7	10.4	103.6	96.3	102.2	6.1	6.0
4. France	43.6	11.4	10.1	110.3	102.4	108.8	5.6	5.8
5. Italy	34.0	8.9	7.9	104.6	97.1	103.2	4.6	4.6
6. Netherlands	33.2	8.7	7.7	105.3	97.9	103.9	4.5	4.5
7. Russia	23.0	6.0	5.4	110.0	102.4	108.7	3.0	3.1
8. United States	22.1	5.8	5.1	115.5	107.4	114.0	2.7	3.0
9. Hungary	20.6	5.4	4.8	109.6	101.9	108.1	2.7	2.8
10. Sweden	20.6	5.4	4.8	106.9	99.2	105.4	2.7	2.8
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	163.6	42.9	38.1	101.0	93.8	99.6	22.7	22.0
2. China	91.0	23.9	21.2	113.3	105.5	111.9	11.3	12.3
3. Russia	45.1	11.8	10.5	89.1	83.0	88.0	7.1	6.1
4. Italy	36.3	9.5	8.4	98.2	91.2	96.9	5.2	4.9
5. Netherlands	27.3	7.2	6.3	102.1	94.8	100.7	3.7	3.7
6. France	27.2	7.1	6.3	102.3	94.9	100.9	3.7	3.7
7. Czech Republic	24.2	6.4	5.6	98.4	91.3	97.0	3.5	3.3
8. United States	23.5	6.2	5.5	112.7	104.5	111.2	2.9	3.2
9. Belgium	17.3	4.5	4.0	94.5	87.9	93.3	2.6	2.3
10. Spain	17.1	4.5	4.0	104.5	96.9	103.0	2.3	2.3

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 1.0 pp compared to the same period of 2018 and it was 6.1%

### 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 545.5 bn, of which the EU – PLN 510.2 bn, compared to PLN 534.2 bn, of which the EU - PLN 501.9 bn in the same period of 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2018 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>3</sup>	<b>742.3</b>	<b>194.7</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	545.5	143.1	127.0	102.1	94.9	100.8	74.9	73.5
of which EU	510.2	133.8	118.8	101.7	94.5	100.3	70.4	68.7
of which euro-zone	415.1	108.9	96.6	101.8	94.6	100.4	57.2	55.9
Developing countries	134.8	35.3	31.4	120.5	112.0	118.9	15.7	18.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	61.9	16.2	14.4	92.7	86.3	91.5	9.4	8.3
<b>Balance</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	102.3	26.8	23.8	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	85.4	22.4	19.8	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	14.0	3.6	3.3	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-81.4	-21.3	-19.0	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-17.2	-4.5	-4.0	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 5.0 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.8 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and France by 0.3 pp.

**Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries**

SPECIFICATION	I – IX 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IX 2018 = 100			I - IX	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	200.5	52.6	46.7	101.9	94.7	100.6	27.6	27.0
2. China	59.6	15.6	13.9	119.3	111.0	117.7	7.0	8.0
3. Russia	47.0	12.3	10.9	88.1	82.0	87.0	7.5	6.3
4. Netherlands	40.7	10.7	9.5	101.1	93.9	99.8	5.7	5.5
5. Italy	36.3	9.5	8.5	98.0	91.0	96.7	5.2	4.9
6. France	29.9	7.8	7.0	103.9	96.4	102.5	4.0	4.0
7. Czech Republic	28.9	7.6	6.7	102.8	95.4	101.4	3.9	3.9
8. Belgium	27.8	7.3	6.5	99.9	92.9	98.6	3.9	3.7
9. United Kingdom	18.2	4.8	4.2	98.1	91.2	96.8	2.6	2.5
10. Spain	17.9	4.7	4.2	106.1	98.5	104.7	2.4	2.4

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.3 pp

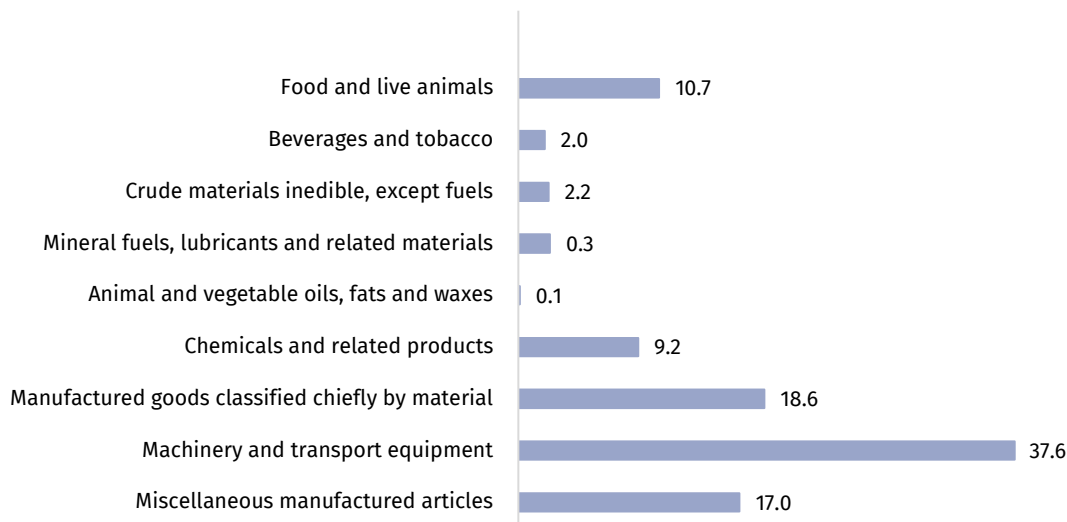
<sup>3</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

After three quarters this year in trade in goods according to the SITC nomenclature, as compared to nine months of last year, there was an increase in most commodity sectors.

In export the largest increase concerned in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 25.0%) and beverages and tobacco (by 12.2%), while decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 4.5%)

In import the largest increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 14.8%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 8.4%) while decrease was observed in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 4.6%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 1.3%) and in crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 1.1%).

**Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – IX 2019**



**Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – IX 2019**



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