

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

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 **5.9%**

exports increased in the same period last year (in PLN)

Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in January – November this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 934.0 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 926.0 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 8.0 bn, while in the same period 2018 year amounted to minus PLN 13.5 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2018, exports increased by 5.9%, and imports by 3.5%.

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

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 243.9 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 241.9 bn (a decrease in exports of 1.0% and in imports of 3.3%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 2.0 bn, while in the same period 2018 year amounted to minus USD 3.8 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 217.3 bn while imports amounted to EUR 215.4 bn (an increase in exports of 4.8% and in imports of 2.3%). The positive balance reached the EUR 1.9 bn and minus EUR 3.2 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 – 86.7% (of which EU 79.9%), and imports – 65.5% (of which EU 57.8%), as against 87.3% (of which EU 80.7%) and 66.1% (of which EU 59.0%) in the corresponding period in 2018 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 – 7.8%, as against 5.7% and 8.8% in January – November 2018.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 180.2 bn (minus USD 47.1 bn, minus EUR 41.9 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 15.9 bn (minus USD 4.2 bn, minus EUR 3.7 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 204.1 bn (USD 53.2 bn, EUR 47.5 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 211.5 bn (USD 55.2 bn, EUR 49.2 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 – XI 2019  |              |              |                   |             |              | 2018                     | 2019         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | bn<br>PLN    | bn<br>USD    | bn<br>EUR    | I – XI 2018 = 100 |             |              | I - XI<br>structure in % |              |
|  |              |              |              | PLN               | USD         | EUR          |                          |              |
| <b>Exports</b>                                 | <b>934.0</b> | <b>243.9</b> | <b>217.3</b> | <b>105.9</b>      | <b>99.0</b> | <b>104.8</b> | <b>100.0</b>             | <b>100.0</b> |
| Developed countries                            | 810.3        | 211.6        | 188.5        | 105.3             | 98.4        | 104.1        | 87.3                     | 86.7         |
| of which EU                                    | 746.4        | 194.9        | 173.6        | 104.9             | 98.0        | 103.7        | 80.7                     | 79.9         |
| of which euro-zone                             | 536.7        | 140.2        | 124.8        | 105.1             | 98.2        | 103.9        | 57.9                     | 57.5         |
| Developing countries                           | 67.0         | 17.5         | 15.6         | 108.1             | 101.0       | 106.9        | 7.0                      | 7.2          |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe               | 56.8         | 14.8         | 13.2         | 112.7             | 105.4       | 111.5        | 5.7                      | 6.1          |
| <b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>926.0</b> | <b>241.9</b> | <b>215.4</b> | <b>103.5</b>      | <b>96.7</b> | <b>102.3</b> | <b>100.0</b>             | <b>100.0</b> |
| Developed countries                            | 606.2        | 158.4        | 141.0        | 102.5             | 95.7        | 101.3        | 66.1                     | 65.5         |
| of which EU                                    | 534.9        | 139.7        | 124.4        | 101.3             | 94.7        | 100.2        | 59.0                     | 57.8         |
| of which euro-zone                             | 424.8        | 111.0        | 98.8         | 100.6             | 94.0        | 99.4         | 47.2                     | 45.9         |
| Developing countries                           | 247.2        | 64.6         | 57.5         | 110.1             | 103.0       | 108.9        | 25.1                     | 26.7         |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe               | 72.7         | 19.0         | 16.9         | 92.1              | 86.2        | 91.2         | 8.8                      | 7.8          |
| <b>Balance</b>                                 | <b>8.0</b>   | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>1.9</b>   | <b>X</b>          | <b>X</b>    | <b>X</b>     | <b>X</b>                 | <b>X</b>     |
| Developed countries                            | 204.1        | 53.2         | 47.5         | X                 | X           | X            | X                        | X            |
| of which EU                                    | 211.5        | 55.2         | 49.2         | X                 | X           | X            | X                        | X            |
| of which euro-zone                             | 111.9        | 29.2         | 26.0         | X                 | X           | X            | X                        | X            |
| Developing countries                           | -180.2       | -47.1        | -41.9        | X                 | X           | X            | X                        | X            |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe               | -15.9        | -4.2         | -3.7         | X                 | X           | X            | X                        | X            |

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After eleven months 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, Netherlands, France, Italy and Germany.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports after eleven months of 2019 accounted for 66.3% (66.8% in the same period 2018 year), while total imports – 63.8% (against 64.8% in January – November 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period 2018 year by 0.5 pp and amounted to 27.7%, and imports decreased by 0.7 pp and accounted for 21.9%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 55.9 bn (USD 14.6 bn, EUR 13.0 bn) against PLN 46.3 bn (USD 12.9 bn, EUR 10.9 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 – XI 2019 |           |           |                   |       |       | 2018           | 2019 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
|                                    | bn<br>PLN   | bn<br>USD | bn<br>EUR | I – XI 2018 = 100 |       |       | I - XI         |      |
|                                    |             |           |           | PLN               | USD   | EUR   | structure in % |      |
| <b>EXPORTS</b>                     |             |           |           |                   |       |       |                |      |
| 1. Germany                         | 258.3       | 67.5      | 60.1      | 103.8             | 97.1  | 102.7 | 28.2           | 27.7 |
| 2. Czech Republic                  | 57.3        | 15.0      | 13.3      | 101.2             | 94.6  | 100.1 | 6.4            | 6.1  |
| 3. United Kingdom                  | 56.1        | 14.7      | 13.1      | 101.8             | 95.2  | 100.6 | 6.3            | 6.0  |
| 4. France                          | 54.8        | 14.3      | 12.7      | 111.0             | 103.6 | 109.7 | 5.6            | 5.9  |
| 5. Italy                           | 42.6        | 11.1      | 9.9       | 104.6             | 97.7  | 103.4 | 4.6            | 4.6  |
| 6. Netherlands                     | 41.1        | 10.7      | 9.6       | 103.6             | 96.9  | 102.5 | 4.5            | 4.4  |
| 7. Russia                          | 29.4        | 7.7       | 6.8       | 111.1             | 103.9 | 109.9 | 3.0            | 3.1  |
| 8. United States                   | 26.7        | 7.0       | 6.2       | 111.4             | 104.2 | 110.2 | 2.7            | 2.9  |
| 9. Sweden                          | 26.1        | 6.8       | 6.1       | 106.7             | 99.6  | 105.5 | 2.8            | 2.8  |
| 10. Hungary                        | 26.0        | 6.8       | 6.0       | 109.6             | 102.5 | 108.4 | 2.7            | 2.8  |
| <b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b> |             |           |           |                   |       |       |                |      |
| 1. Germany                         | 202.4       | 52.9      | 47.1      | 100.0             | 93.5  | 98.9  | 22.6           | 21.9 |
| 2. China                           | 115.6       | 30.2      | 26.9      | 111.4             | 104.3 | 110.2 | 11.6           | 12.5 |
| 3. Russia                          | 56.5        | 14.8      | 13.1      | 89.1              | 83.4  | 88.1  | 7.1            | 6.1  |
| 4. Italy                           | 46.1        | 12.0      | 10.7      | 100.2             | 93.5  | 99.0  | 5.1            | 5.0  |
| 5. Netherlands                     | 33.7        | 8.8       | 7.8       | 102.3             | 95.5  | 101.1 | 3.7            | 3.6  |
| 6. France                          | 33.6        | 8.8       | 7.8       | 102.1             | 95.3  | 100.9 | 3.7            | 3.6  |
| 7. Czech Republic                  | 30.7        | 8.0       | 7.1       | 99.5              | 92.9  | 98.3  | 3.5            | 3.3  |
| 8. United States                   | 29.5        | 7.7       | 6.9       | 117.3             | 109.3 | 115.9 | 2.8            | 3.2  |
| 9. Spain                           | 21.3        | 5.6       | 4.9       | 105.1             | 98.1  | 103.8 | 2.3            | 2.3  |
| 10. Belgium                        | 21.2        | 5.5       | 4.9       | 94.6              | 88.4  | 93.6  | 2.5            | 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 679.4 bn, of which the EU – PLN 635.8 bn, compared to PLN 669.3 bn, of which the EU - PLN 629.8 bn in the same period of 2018.

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

| SPECIFICATION  | I – XI 2019  |              |              |                   |             |              | 2018           | 2019         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | bn           | bn           | bn           | I – XI 2018 = 100 |             |              | I – XI         |              |
|  | PLN          | USD          | EUR          | PLN               | USD         | EUR          | structure in % |              |
| <b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>3</sup> | <b>926.0</b> | <b>241.9</b> | <b>215.4</b> | <b>103.5</b>      | <b>96.7</b> | <b>102.3</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |
| Developed countries                                  | 679.4        | 177.5        | 158.1        | 101.5             | 94.9        | 100.4        | 74.8           | 73.4         |
| of which EU  | 635.8        | 166.1        | 147.9        | 101.0             | 94.3        | 99.8         | 70.4           | 68.7         |
| of which euro-zone                                   | 515.9        | 134.8        | 120.0        | 101.0             | 94.4        | 99.8         | 57.1           | 55.7         |
| Developing countries                                 | 169.6        | 44.3         | 39.5         | 119.0             | 111.3       | 117.7        | 15.9           | 18.3         |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe                  | 77.0         | 20.1         | 17.9         | 92.6              | 86.6        | 91.6         | 9.3            | 8.3          |
| <b>Balance</b>                                       | <b>8.0</b>   | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>1.9</b>   | X                 | X           | X            | X              | X            |
| Developed countries                                  | 130.9        | 34.1         | 30.4         | X                 | X           | X            | X              | X            |
| of which EU  | 110.6        | 28.8         | 25.7         | X                 | X           | X            | X              | X            |
| of which euro-zone                                   | 20.8         | 5.4          | 4.8          | X                 | X           | X            | X              | X            |
| Developing countries                                 | -102.6       | -26.8        | -23.9        | X                 | X           | X            | X              | X            |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe                  | -20.2        | -5.3         | -4.7         | 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 4.9 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.8 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

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

| SPECIFICATION                           | I – XI 2019 |      |      |                   |       |       | 2018           | 2019 |
|---|-------------|------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
|   | bn          | bn   | bn   | I – XI 2018 = 100 |       |       | I – XI         |      |
|   | PLN         | USD  | EUR  | PLN               | USD   | EUR   | structure in % |      |
| <b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b> |             |      |      |                   |       |       |                |      |
| 1. Germany                              | 248.6       | 64.9 | 57.8 | 100.3             | 93.8  | 99.2  | 27.7           | 26.8 |
| 2. China                                | 75.3        | 19.7 | 17.5 | 117.7             | 110.1 | 116.4 | 7.2            | 8.1  |
| 3. Russia                               | 59.0        | 15.4 | 13.7 | 88.9              | 83.2  | 88.0  | 7.4            | 6.4  |
| 4. Netherlands                          | 50.8        | 13.3 | 11.8 | 101.3             | 94.6  | 100.1 | 5.6            | 5.5  |
| 5. Italy                                | 46.4        | 12.1 | 10.8 | 100.5             | 93.8  | 99.3  | 5.2            | 5.0  |
| 6. France                               | 37.1        | 9.7  | 8.6  | 104.4             | 97.4  | 103.2 | 4.0            | 4.0  |
| 7. Czech Republic                       | 36.7        | 9.6  | 8.5  | 102.3             | 95.6  | 101.1 | 4.0            | 4.0  |
| 8. Belgium                              | 34.2        | 8.9  | 8.0  | 99.9              | 93.4  | 98.8  | 3.8            | 3.7  |
| 9. United Kingdom                       | 22.7        | 5.9  | 5.3  | 96.3              | 90.1  | 95.2  | 2.6            | 2.4  |
| 10. Slovakia                            | 21.9        | 5.7  | 5.1  | 103.3             | 96.6  | 102.1 | 2.4            | 2.4  |

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.4 pp

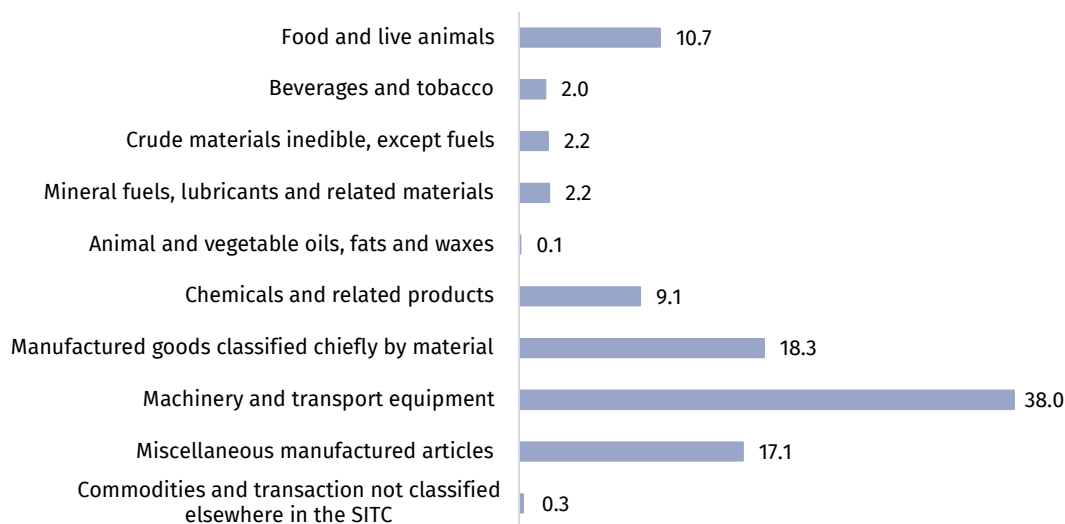
<sup>3</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

After eleven months 2019 year in trade in goods according to the SITC nomenclature, as compared to eleven months 2018 year, there was an increase in most commodity sectors.

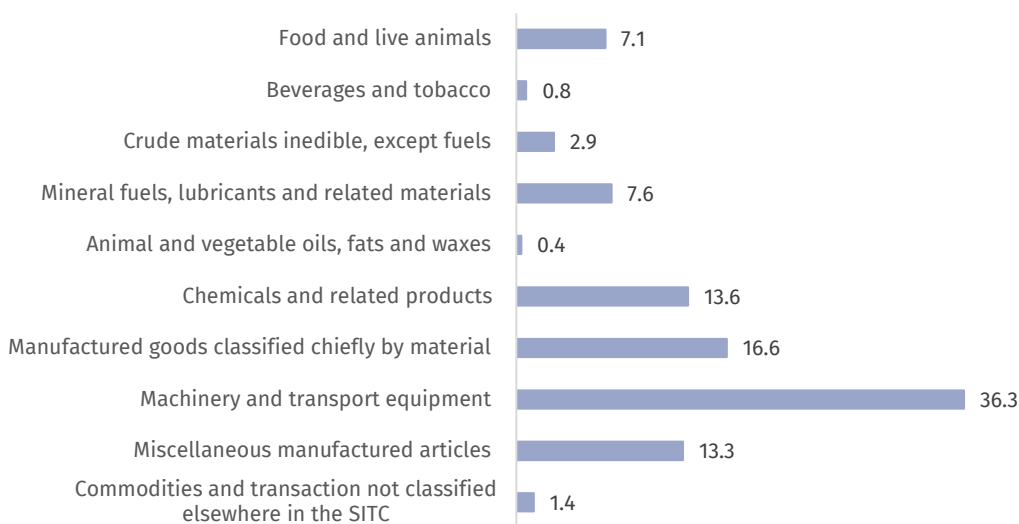
In export the largest increase concerned in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 24.9%) and beverages and tobacco (by 10.3%), while decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 9.4%)

In import the largest increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 12.9%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 8.1%) while decrease was observed in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 6.1%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 2.6%) and in crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 2.3%).

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



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



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