

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

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 **0.1%**

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

**Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in January this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 82.2 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 81.5 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 0.7 bn, as in the corresponding period of the previous year. In comparison to January 2019, exports decreased by 0.1%, and imports by 0.2%.**

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

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 21.5 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 21.3 bn (a decrease in exports of 1.9% and in imports of 2.0%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 0.2 bn, just like in the same period last year.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 19.3 bn while imports amounted to EUR 19.1 bn (an increase in exports of 0.4% and in imports of 0.3%). The positive balance reached, as in January last year, amounted the level of EUR 0.2 bn.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.3% (of which EU 80.8%), and imports – 62.8% (of which EU 54.3%), as against 89.1% (of which EU 82.8%) and 66.3% (of which EU 59.2%) 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 5.5%, and in imports – 8.2%, as against 4.8% and 7.9% in January 2019.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 17.7 bn (minus USD 4.7 bn, minus EUR 4.1 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 2.2 bn (minus USD 0.6 bn, minus EUR 0.5 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 20.6 bn (USD 5.4 bn, EUR 4.8 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 22.2 bn (USD 5.8 bn, EUR 5.2 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".

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

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

SPECIFICATION	I 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I 2019 = 100			I	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Exports</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	71.7	18.7	16.8	97.9	96.2	98.4	89.1	87.3
of which EU	66.4	17.3	15.6	97.4	95.7	97.8	82.8	80.8
of which euro-zone	47.8	12.5	11.2	97.5	95.7	97.9	59.7	58.2
Developing countries	5.9	1.5	1.4	117.5	115.4	118.1	6.1	7.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	4.5	1.2	1.1	114.1	112.0	114.6	4.8	5.5
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	51.1	13.3	12.0	94.5	92.8	94.9	66.3	62.8
of which EU	44.2	11.5	10.4	91.5	89.9	92.0	59.2	54.3
of which euro-zone	35.0	9.1	8.2	91.3	89.7	91.8	46.9	43.0
Developing countries	23.6	6.2	5.5	112.3	110.3	112.9	25.8	29.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	6.7	1.8	1.6	103.8	101.9	104.3	7.9	8.2
<b>Balance</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Developed countries	20.6	5.4	4.8	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	22.2	5.8	5.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	12.8	3.4	3.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-17.7	-4.7	-4.1	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-2.2	-0.6	-0.5	X	X	X	X	X

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to Spain, France and United States and imports – from United States, South Korea, China and Russia.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports in January 2020 accounted for 66.2% (68.3% in the same period last year), while total imports – 64.9% (against 64.5% in January 2019) .

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 1.2 pp and amounted to 27.4%, and imports has decreased by 2.3 pp and accounted for 20.5%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 5.8 bn (USD 1.5 bn, EUR 1.4 bn) against PLN 5.0 bn (USD 1.4 bn, EUR 1.2 bn) in the same period of 2019.

<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 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I 2019 = 100			I	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	22.5	5.9	5.3	95.5	93.8	95.9	28.6	27.4
2. France	5.5	1.4	1.3	106.7	104.8	107.2	6.3	6.7
3. Czech Republic	5.0	1.3	1.2	99.0	97.2	99.5	6.2	6.1
4. United Kingdom	5.0	1.3	1.2	92.3	90.6	92.7	6.6	6.1
5. Italy	3.7	1.0	0.9	96.8	95.0	97.2	4.6	4.5
6. Netherlands	3.5	0.9	0.8	85.2	83.7	85.6	5.0	4.3
7. United States	2.3	0.6	0.5	105.2	103.3	105.7	2.7	2.8
8. Spain	2.3	0.6	0.5	107.3	105.4	107.9	2.6	2.8
9. Hungary	2.3	0.6	0.5	98.0	96.3	98.5	2.9	2.8
10. Sweden	2.2	0.6	0.5	95.5	93.8	96.0	2.8	2.7
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	16.7	4.4	3.9	89.7	88.1	90.1	22.8	20.5
2. China	11.6	3.0	2.7	113.5	111.5	114.1	12.5	14.3
3. Russia	5.4	1.4	1.3	106.9	105.0	107.4	6.2	6.7
4. Italy	3.6	0.9	0.8	92.4	90.7	92.8	4.8	4.4
5. United States	3.4	0.9	0.8	145.2	142.6	145.9	2.8	4.1
6. France	2.8	0.7	0.7	91.6	90.0	92.1	3.7	3.4
7. Czech Republic	2.6	0.7	0.6	92.4	90.8	92.9	3.5	3.2
8. Netherlands	2.5	0.7	0.6	83.7	82.2	84.1	3.7	3.1
9. South Korea	2.4	0.6	0.6	137.8	135.3	138.4	2.1	2.9
10. Spain	1.9	0.5	0.4	96.5	94.7	96.9	2.4	2.3

The share of Russia in imports increased by 0.5 pp compared to the same period of 2019 and it was 6.7%

### 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 58.4 bn, of which the EU – PLN 54.3 bn, compared to PLN 61.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 57.2 bn in the same period of 2019.

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

SPECIFICATION	I 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I 2019 = 100			I	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>3</sup>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	58.4	15.3	13.7	95.8	94.1	96.2	74.7	71.7
of which EU	54.3	14.2	12.7	94.9	93.2	95.3	70.1	66.6
of which euro-zone	44.0	11.5	10.3	95.3	93.6	95.7	56.6	54.0
Developing countries	15.6	4.1	3.7	113.8	111.7	114.3	16.8	19.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	7.4	1.9	1.7	107.7	105.8	108.2	8.5	9.1
<b>Balance</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	13.3	3.4	3.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	12.1	3.1	2.9	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	3.8	1.0	0.9	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-9.7	-2.6	-2.3	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-2.9	-0.7	-0.6	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 5.7 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 0.5 pp.

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

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	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	21.4	5.6	5.0	93.7	92.0	94.1	28.0	26.2
2. China	7.9	2.0	1.8	116.2	114.1	116.7	8.3	9.6
3. Russia	5.8	1.5	1.4	108.3	106.4	108.8	6.6	7.2
4. Netherlands	4.1	1.1	1.0	91.7	90.0	92.1	5.5	5.0
5. Italy	3.6	0.9	0.8	94.9	93.2	95.3	4.6	4.4
6. Czech Republic	3.3	0.9	0.8	98.4	96.6	98.8	4.1	4.0
7. France	3.1	0.8	0.7	96.7	95.0	97.2	4.0	3.9
8. Belgium	2.9	0.8	0.7	93.5	91.9	94.0	3.8	3.5
9. United States	2.0	0.5	0.5	119.5	117.4	120.1	2.0	2.4
10. United Kingdom	1.9	0.5	0.5	93.4	91.7	93.8	2.6	2.4

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.7 pp

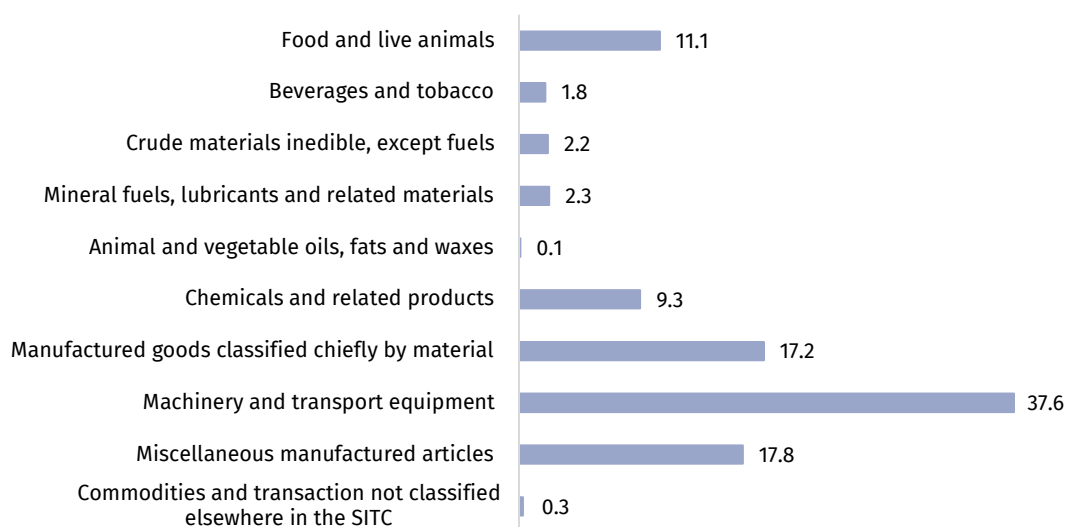
<sup>3</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

In January this year in trade in goods according to the SITC nomenclature, as compared to the same period of 2019, there was an increase in most commodity sectors.

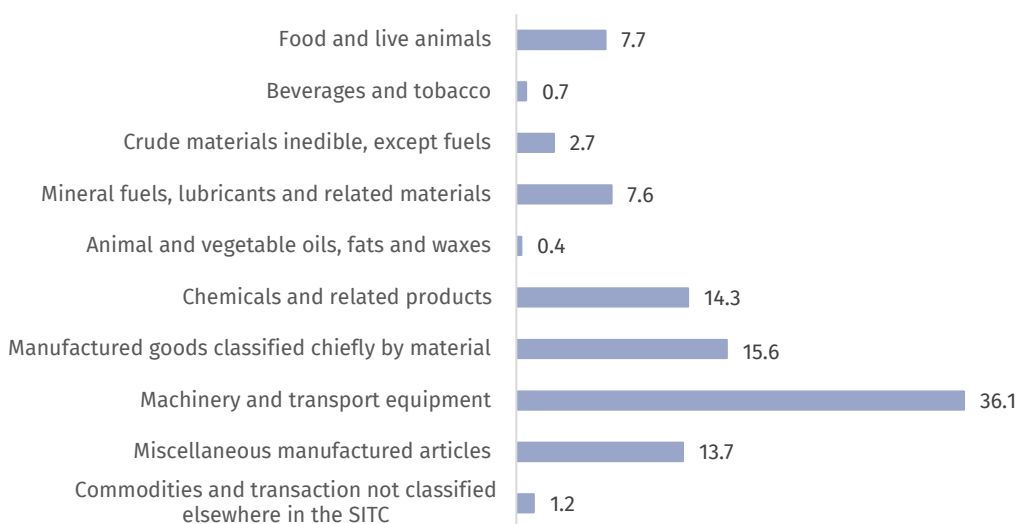
In export the largest increase concerned in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 11.4%), beverages and tobacco (by 4.7%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 4.5%), while decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 10.7%)

In import the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 13.1%) and beverages and tobacco (by 7.5%) while decrease was observed in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 42.0%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 12.3%) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 9.1%).

**Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January 2020**



**Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January 2020**



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