

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

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 **0.6%**

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

**Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in the first quarter this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 254.9 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 251.4 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 3.5 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to PLN 1.0 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2019, exports increased by 0.6%, and imports decreased by 0.4%.**

Despite a number of restrictions related to COVID-19 introduced in the second half of March this year, they did not have a significant impact on the statistics of foreign trade in goods. The borders for the flow of goods have been and are open. The data for March, a decrease in turnover of foreign trade in goods statistics, ie. in the export of 5.6%, and the import of 2.5% compared to March last year.

The dynamics with main trade partner of Poland – Germany, in March in export and import decreased compared to March last year, amounted to 97.8% and 93.0%.

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

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 65.9 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 65.0 bn (an decrease in exports of 1.5% and in imports of 2.5%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 0.9 bn, while in the same period 2019 year amounted to minus USD 0.3 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 59.9 bn while imports amounted to EUR 59.0 bn (an increase in exports of 1.7% and in imports of 0.7%). The positive balance reached the EUR 0.9 bn and minus EUR 0.8 bn in the same period of 2019.

## Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries<sup>2</sup>

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 86.5% (of which EU 73.5%), and imports – 65.3% (of which EU 55.4%), as against 88.0% (of which EU 74.8%) and 66.9% (of which EU 57.0%) 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 5.9%, and in imports – 7.6%, as against 5.4% and 7.6% in January – March 2019.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 48.5 bn (minus USD 12.6 bn, minus EUR 11.4 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 4.2 bn (minus USD 1.1 bn, minus EUR 1.0 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with

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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.

<sup>2</sup> The structure and dynamics of the European Union for January - March 2019 are given in real condition, it means that data for EU was reduced by value of trade turnover United Kingdom.

developed countries PLN 56.2 bn (USD 14.6 bn, EUR 13.2 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 48.1 bn (USD 12.5 bn, EUR 11.3 bn).

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

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – III 2019 = 100			I - III structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>Exports</b>	<b>254.9</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	220.4	57.0	51.8	98.9	96.9	100.0	88.0	86.5
of which EU	187.4	48.5	44.0	98.9	96.9	100.0	74.8	73.5
of which euro-zone	145.5	37.6	34.2	98.6	96.6	99.7	58.3	57.1
Developing countries	19.5	5.0	4.6	116.4	114.0	117.7	6.6	7.6
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	15.0	3.9	3.5	109.5	107.2	110.7	5.4	5.9
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>251.4</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	164.2	42.4	38.6	97.3	95.3	98.4	66.9	65.3
of which EU	139.3	36.0	32.7	96.8	94.8	97.9	57.0	55.4
of which euro-zone	114.8	29.7	27.0	96.8	94.8	97.9	47.0	45.6
Developing countries	68.0	17.6	16.0	105.7	103.5	106.8	25.5	27.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	19.2	5.0	4.5	99.6	97.6	100.7	7.6	7.6
<b>Balance</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	56.2	14.6	13.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	48.1	12.5	11.3	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	30.7	7.9	7.2	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-48.5	-12.6	-11.4	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-4.2	-1.1	-1.0	.	.	.	.	.

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

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

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.7% (67.4% in the same period last year), while total imports – 64.1% (against 64.0% in January – March 2019) .

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.4 pp and amounted to 27.6%, and imports has decreased by 1.1 pp and accounted for 21.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 16.2 bn (USD 4.2 bn, EUR 3.8 bn) against PLN 13.5 bn (USD 3.6 bn, EUR 3.1 bn) in the same period of 2019.

<sup>3</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 – III 2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – III 2019 = 100			I - III	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	70.4	18.2	16.5	99.5	97.4	100.5	28.0	27.6
2. Czechia	15.4	4.0	3.6	100.1	98.0	101.2	6.1	6.1
3. United Kingdom	15.4	4.0	3.6	93.1	91.1	94.1	6.5	6.1
4. France	15.0	3.9	3.5	97.6	95.7	98.7	6.1	5.9
5. Netherlands	11.0	2.8	2.6	92.6	90.7	93.6	4.7	4.3
6. Italy	10.9	2.8	2.6	93.0	91.3	94.1	4.6	4.3
7. Russia	7.5	1.9	1.8	107.6	105.2	108.7	2.8	3.0
8. United States	7.5	1.9	1.8	101.9	99.7	103.0	2.9	2.9
9. Sweden	7.1	1.8	1.7	97.3	95.2	98.3	2.9	2.8
10. Hungary	6.8	1.8	1.6	95.0	93.0	96.0	2.8	2.7
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	54.2	14.0	12.7	94.6	92.6	95.6	22.7	21.6
2. China	31.7	8.2	7.5	103.2	101.1	104.3	12.2	12.6
3. Russia	15.1	3.9	3.5	101.9	99.8	103.0	5.9	6.0
4. Italy	12.3	3.2	2.9	98.1	96.0	99.1	5.0	4.9
5. Netherlands	9.3	2.4	2.2	104.6	102.3	105.7	3.5	3.7
6. France	9.1	2.4	2.1	95.7	93.7	96.7	3.8	3.6
7. United States	8.8	2.3	2.1	111.9	109.6	113.1	3.1	3.5
8. Czechia	8.3	2.1	1.9	94.8	92.8	95.8	3.5	3.3
9. South Korea	6.3	1.6	1.5	129.6	127.0	130.9	1.9	2.5
10. Spain	5.9	1.5	1.4	97.3	95.3	98.3	2.4	2.4

Imports from United Kingdom after three months of this year amounted to PLN 5.4 bn, USD 1.4 bn and EUR 1.3 bn

#### 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 185.3 bn, of which the EU – PLN 167.7 bn, compared to PLN 187.7 bn, of which the EU - PLN 169.1 bn in the same period of 2019.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I – III 2019 = 100			I - III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>4</sup>	<b>251.4</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	185.3	47.9	43.5	98.7	96.6	99.7	74.4	73.7
of which EU	167.7	43.4	39.4	99.2	97.1	100.3	67.0	66.7
of which euro-zone	141.1	36.5	33.1	99.5	97.4	100.6	56.2	56.1
Developing countries	45.5	11.8	10.7	104.1	101.9	105.2	17.3	18.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	20.6	5.3	4.8	98.7	96.7	99.7	8.3	8.2
<b>Balance</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	35.1	9.1	8.3	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	19.7	5.1	4.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	4.4	1.1	1.1	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-26.0	-6.8	-6.1	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-5.6	-1.4	-1.3	.	.	.	.	.

**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 5.2 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.0 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.6 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – III 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I – III 2019 = 100			I - III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	67.5	17.4	15.8	97.7	95.7	98.8	27.4	26.8
2. China	21.2	5.5	5.0	102.8	100.7	103.8	8.2	8.4
3. Russia	15.9	4.1	3.7	100.4	98.4	101.4	6.3	6.3
4. Netherlands	14.4	3.7	3.4	107.9	105.5	109.0	5.3	5.7
5. Italy	12.2	3.2	2.9	99.0	96.9	100.1	4.9	4.9
6. France	10.1	2.6	2.4	100.2	98.1	101.3	4.0	4.0
7. Czechia	9.8	2.5	2.3	97.4	95.4	98.4	4.0	3.9
8. Belgium	9.4	2.4	2.2	101.0	98.8	102.1	3.7	3.7
9. Spain	6.1	1.6	1.4	101.5	99.4	102.6	2.4	2.4
10. United Kingdom	5.9	1.5	1.4	88.5	86.7	89.5	2.6	2.3

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.2 pp

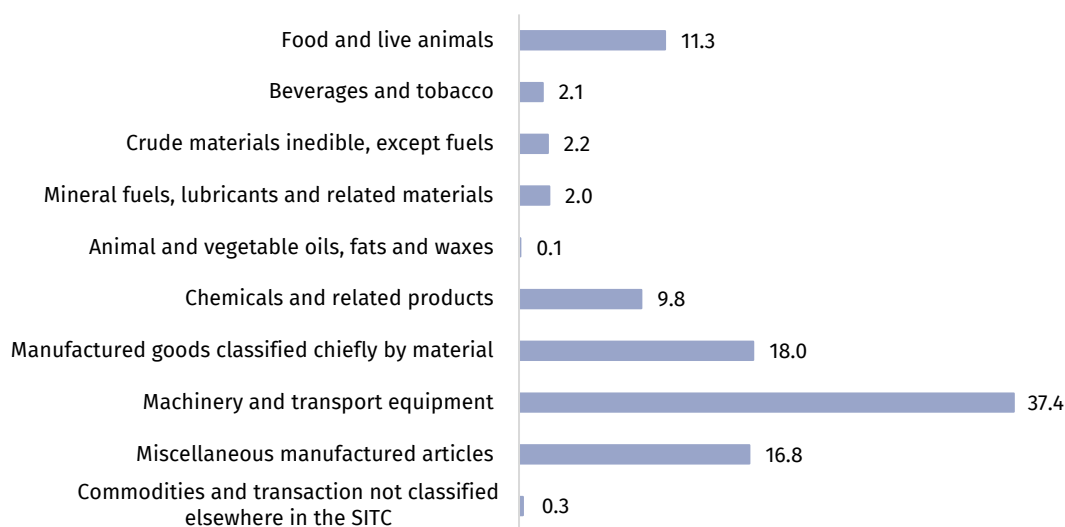
<sup>4</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

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

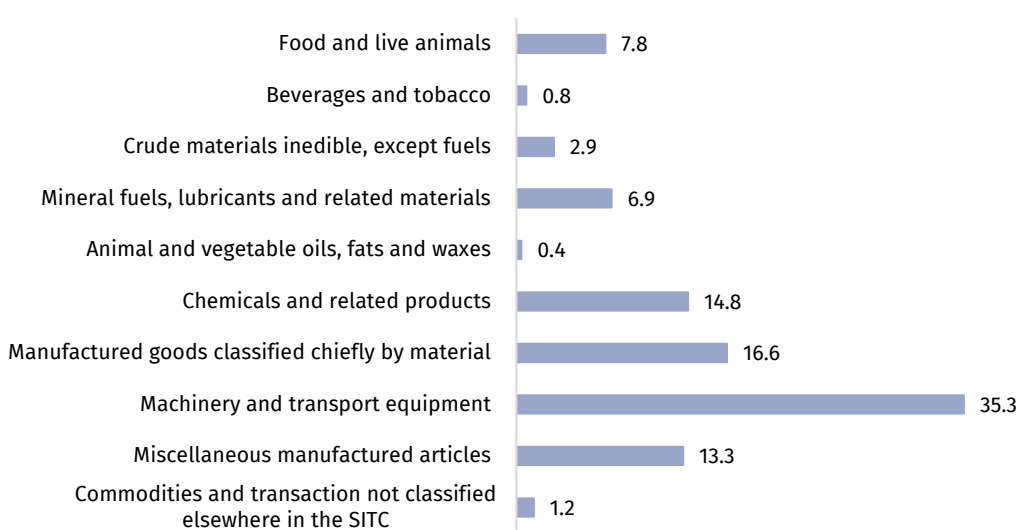
In export the largest increase concerned in beverages and tobacco (by 17.1%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 10,7%), chemicals and related products (by 8.2%), food and live animals (by 7.3%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 1.4%), while the decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 19.2%)

In import the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 29.4%), food and live animals (by 8.8%), chemicals and related products (by 8.2%), beverages and tobacco (by 5.2%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 2.4%) while decrease was observed in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 27.1%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 8.8%) and in manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 3.7%).

**Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – III 2020**



**Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – III 2020**



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