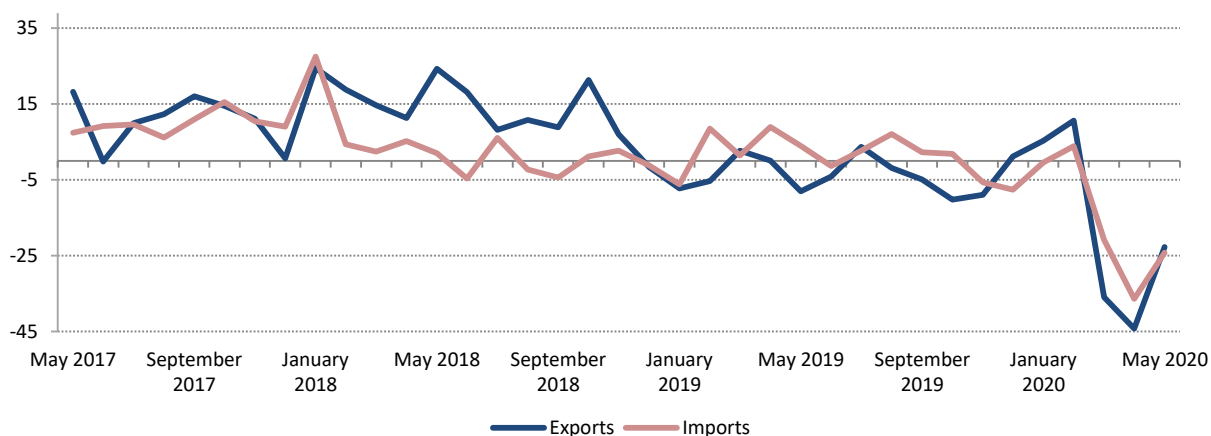


Foreign Trade in Goods

May 2020

Tirana, June 17, 2020: On May 2020 the value of exports was ALL 21 billion, decreasing by 22.7 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 43.8 % compared with April 2020. The value of imports was ALL 45 billion, decreasing by 24.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 22.9 % compared with April 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 23 billion, decreasing by 25.6 % compared with May 2019 and increasing by 8.3 % compared with April 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



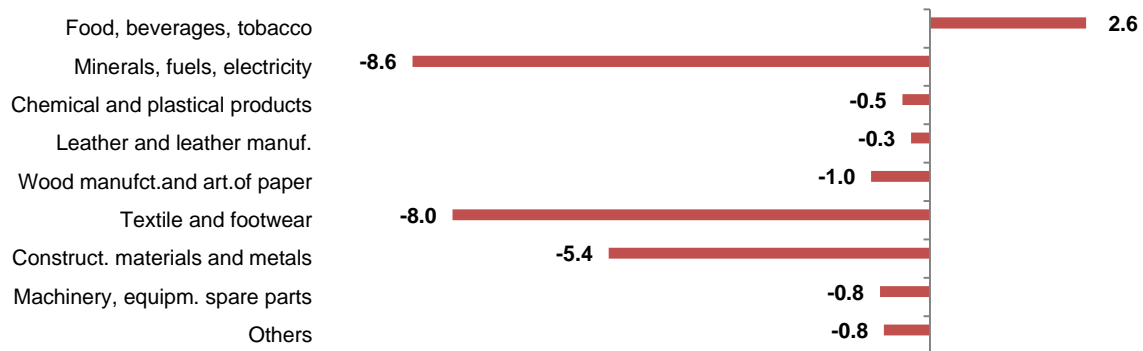
In the first five months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 102 billion, decreasing by 19.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 219 billion, decreasing by 17.1 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 117 billion, decreasing by 14.9 % compared with the same period of 2019.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual decrease of exports by 22.7% this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -8.6 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -8.0 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -5.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +2.6 percentage point.

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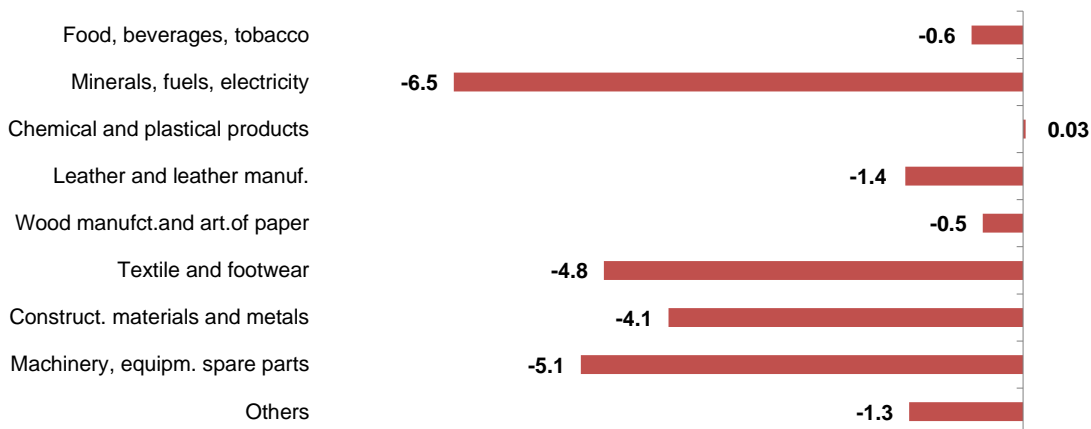
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Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports May 2020

Exports during the first five months of 2020 are decreased by -19.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Textile and footwear" with -10.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -5.1 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.2 percentage point.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:

In annual decrease of imports by 24.2 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -6.5 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -5.1 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -4.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: "Chemical and plastical products" with +0.03 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, May 2020

In the first five months of 2020, imports are decreased by 17.1 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual increase of imports, are: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.8 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -4.7 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -3.9 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.4 percentage point.

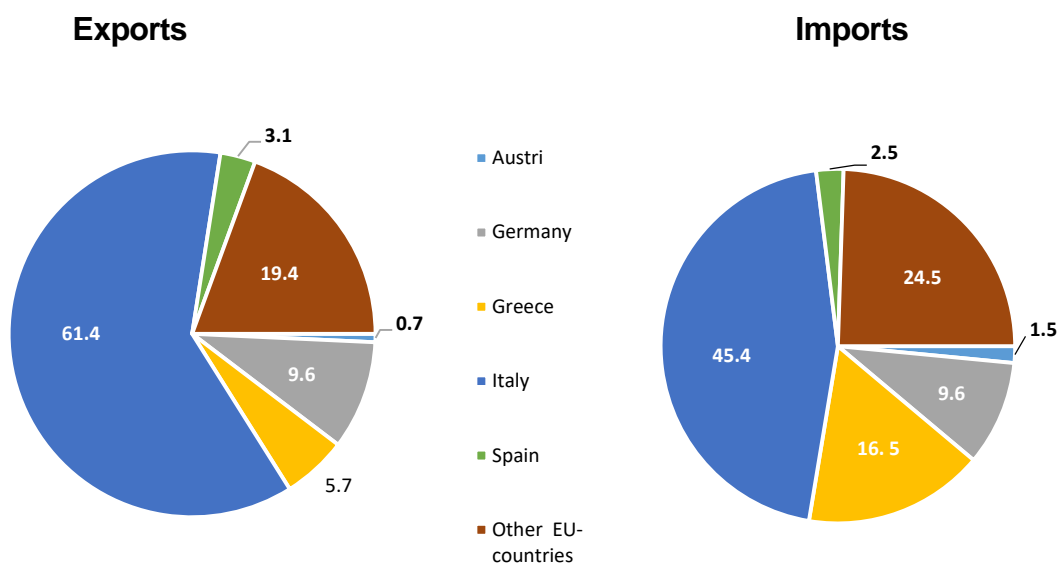
The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

In May 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to May 2019 are: Germany (11.9 %), Serbia (39.9 %), and France (157.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-29.8 %), Kosovo (-39.2 %) and Greece (-31.0 %).

In the first five months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (16.6 %), Serbia (11.8 %), and France (26.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-26.6 %), Kosovo (-34.3 %) and Spain (-6.5 %).

In May 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to May 2019 are: Russia (+87.0 %), Ukraine (+666.0 %), and Netherland (+29.3 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-21.8 %), Greece (-18.8 %) and China (-29.5 %).

In the first five months or 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Russia (50.8 %), Netherland (0.2 %) and Ukraine (82.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are Italy (-23.1 %), Greece (-11.8 %) and Turkey (-13.8 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, May 2020 (%)

Trade with the EU countries is 62.5 % of total trade. In May 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 70.3 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 58.7 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (32.0 %), Greece (7.9 %), China (7.4 %) and Turkey (6.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first five months of 2020 is 63.2 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 76.0 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.3 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.7 %), Greece (7.8 %), Germany (7.6 %) and Turkey (6.4 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Annual Change		Annual Change		Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
		Exports	(%)	Imports	(%)		
2000		37	-23.5	157	-1.5	-120	23.6
2001		44	19.1	190	21.0	-146	23.2
2002		47	7.7	210	10.6	-163	22.6
2003		54	14.7	226	7.4	-172	24.1
2004		62	14.0	236	4.5	-174	26.3
2005		66	6.0	262	11.1	-196	25.1
2006		77	17.6	299	14.1	-222	25.9
2007		97	25.5	376	25.8	-279	25.8
2008		113	15.8	440	16.9	-327	25.6
2009		105	-7.2	429	-2.5	-324	24.4
2010		162	54.6	478	11.4	-316	33.8
2011		197	21.9	544	13.9	-347	36.2
2012		213	8.2	528	-2.9	-315	40.3
2013		246	15.7	517	-2.1	-271	47.6
2014		256	3.8	552	6.7	-296	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-302	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
2018		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2018	01 - 18	24	24.5	45	27.5	-21	52.5
	02 - 18	24	18.8	46	4.4	-22	52.0
	03 - 18	27	14.6	55	2.5	-28	49.0
	04 - 18	27	11.3	53	5.2	-26	50.9
	05 - 18	30	24.3	57	2.1	-27	53.1
	January- May 2018	131	18.5	255	7.0	-124	51.5
2019	01 - 19	22	-7.3	42	-6.2	-20	51.9
	02 - 19	23	-5.3	50	8.5	-27	45.4
	03 - 19	28	2.7	56	1.4	-28	49.6
	04 - 19	27	0.1	57	8.9	-30	46.7
	05 - 19	28	-8.0	59	4.0	-31	47.0
	January- May 2019	127	-3.5	264	3.5	-137	48.0
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.9	-27	48.3
	03 - 20	18	-36.0	44	-20.8	-27	40.1
	04 - 20	15	-44.2	36	-36.4	-21	41.0
	05 - 20	21	-22.7	45	-24.2	-23	48.0
	January- May 2020	102	-19.4	219	-17.1	-117	46.6

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)

	Exports					Imports				
	May 2019	May 2020	Jan.- May 2019	Jan.- May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	Jan.- May 2019	Jan.- May 2020		
EU countries	20,554	15,075	96,793	77,644	34,272	26,272	155,630	125,496		
Austria	100	110	895	671	578	400	3,052	1,961		
Germany	1,294	1,448	5,895	6,874	4,181	2,520	18,008	17,668		
Greece	1,252	863	5,296	4,610	5,335	4,334	23,318	20,574		
Italy	13,198	9,259	63,174	46,377	15,263	11,930	67,860	52,160		
Spain	1,901	468	7,887	7,377	957	655	4,666	3,526		
Croatia	94	138	462	759	678	517	2,737	2,118		
Others of EU	2,715	2,788	13,186	10,977	7,281	5,915	35,990	27,489		
United Kingdom	60	109	330	336	498	435	2,104	6,629		
China	721	644	2,721	2,278	5,989	4,221	24,655	18,306		
Kosovo	3,118	1,896	12,075	7,930	840	730	3,020	2,701		
North Macedonia	757	728	3,572	3,057	832	697	3,514	3,253		
Russia	12	-	70	6	569	1,064	4,719	7,115		
USA	244	269	1,766	1,310	1,151	513	4,534	3,748		
Turkey	87	155	882	851	5,582	4,199	22,946	19,786		
Ukraine	6	60	94	229	126	966	1,189	2,163		
Switzerland	49	34	337	345	1,458	757	7,144	4,683		
Others	2,145	2,484	8,142	8,221	7,710	4,867	34,791	25,286		
Total	27,752	21,453	126,782	102,207	59,028	44,721	264,247	219,167		

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	May 2019	May 2020	Jan.- May 2019	Jan.- May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	Jan.- May 2019	Jan.- May 2020
Total	27,752	21,453	126,782	102,207	59,028	44,721	264,247	219,167
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,739	4,464	14,346	14,846	9,204	8,853	43,266	44,318
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,962	2,566	19,834	15,527	7,038	3,173	33,610	20,989
Chemical and plactical products	671	544	2,962	2,776	7,693	7,709	35,256	34,099
Leather and leather manuf,	235	148	1,073	887	1,910	1,111	7,776	4,884
Wood manufact, and art, of paper	825	553	3,943	3,298	2,404	2,129	9,843	9,000
Textile and footwear	10,439	8,229	51,662	38,817	8,507	5,660	36,156	25,763
Construct, materials and metals	4,381	2,894	20,383	13,891	8,062	5,654	33,226	29,335
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,666	1,434	8,873	9,088	11,954	8,952	55,542	43,163
Others	833	621	3,707	3,078	2,257	1,482	9,571	7,616

Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	63,174	46,377	12,075	7,930	7,887	7,377	5,895	6,874
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,338	3,497	1,523	1,472	553	456	509	527
Minerals, fuels, electricity	2,884	436	2,933	1,124	6,286	6,332	508	419
Chemical and plastical products	796	768	804	812	14	65	29	23
Leather and leather manuf,	856	737	4	2	100	67	6	4
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	2,765	1,946	322	301	3	2	60	217
Textile and footwear	40,425	28,462	32	49	823	382	3,085	3,920
Construct, materials and metals	6,194	4,811	5,516	3,236	102	53	675	621
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	4,285	4,454	302	253	3	7	675	804
Others	1,631	1,266	639	682	2	13	346	338

Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Greece		Turkey		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total	67,860	52,160	23,318	20,574	22,946	19,786	24,655	18,306
Food, beverages, tobacco	7,791	7,821	6,187	6,450	2,333	2,305	349	288
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,053	1,415	6,135	3,958	358	638	1	4
Chemical and plastical products	7,522	6,889	3,116	3,030	3,086	3,307	2,155	2,173
Leather and leather manuf,	6,236	4,004	16	11	103	76	325	179
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	2,792	2,336	1,297	1,313	1,269	1,093	404	299
Textile and footwear	17,373	11,506	1,545	1,347	7,113	5,173	4,598	3,293
Construct, materials and metals	8,040	6,359	3,293	2,911	4,844	3,823	4,174	2,433
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	12,981	10,310	1,078	990	2,988	2,761	10,418	7,903
Others	2,070	1,519	651	565	853	609	2,230	1,735

Methodology

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

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Monthly revisions

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