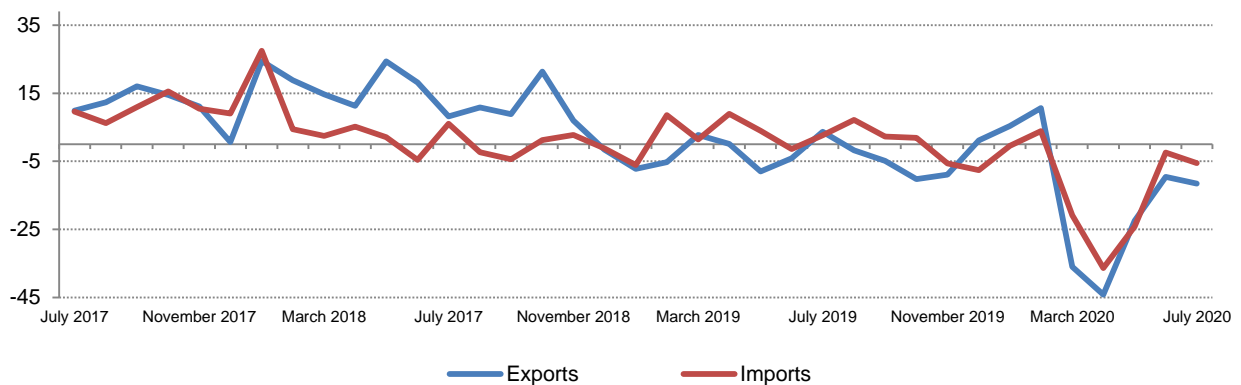


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## July 2020

**Tirana, August 17, 2020:** On July 2020 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, decreasing by 11.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 6.2 % compared with June 2020. The value of imports was ALL 56 billion, decreasing by 5.6 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 8.3 % compared with June 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 32 billion, decreasing by 0.3 % compared with July 2019 and increasing 9.9 % compared with June 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

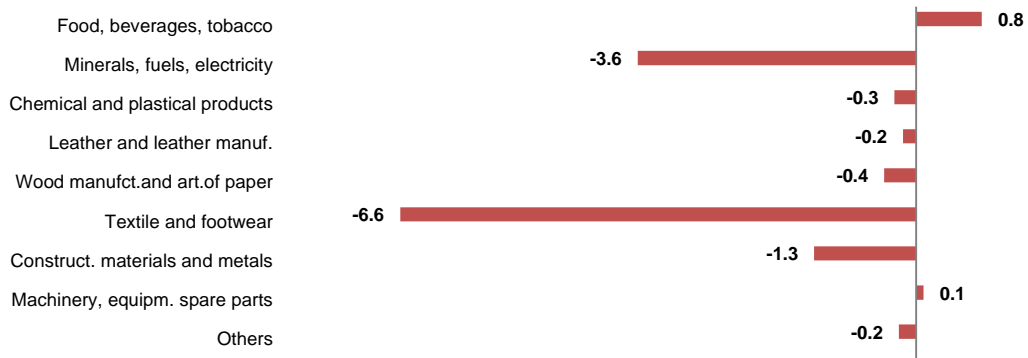


In the first seven months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 150 billion, decreasing by 16.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 328 billion, decreasing by 13.2 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 178 billion, decreasing by 9.9 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 11.6 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -6.6 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.6 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -1.3 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.8 percentage point and "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +0.1 percentage point.

**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports July 2020 (%)**

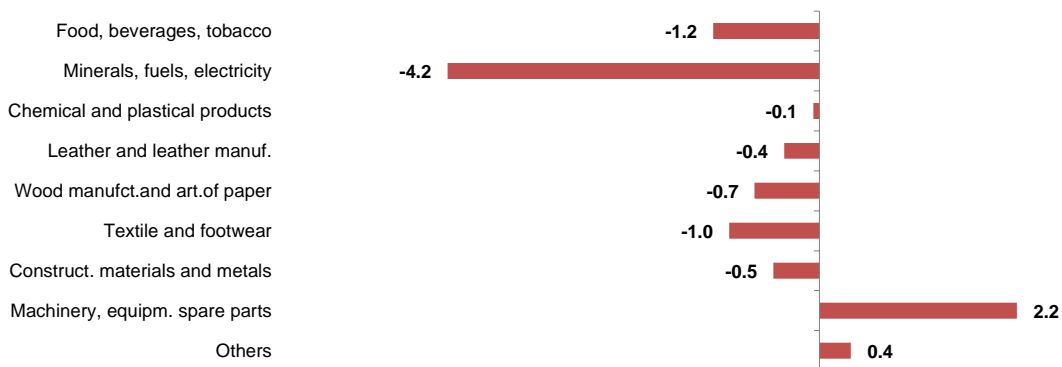


Exports during the first seven months of 2020 are decreased by -16.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: “Textile and footwear” with -8.8 percentage point, “Construction materials and metals” with -4.0 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -3.4 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.7 percentage point and “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +0.1 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 5.6 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with -4.2 percentage point, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with -1.2 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with -1.0 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the group: “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with +2.2 percentage point.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , July 2020 (%)**



In the first seven months of 2020, imports are decreased by 13.2 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected negatively in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -4.5 percentage point, "Textile and footwear" with -3.1 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -2.8 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.2 percentage point.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

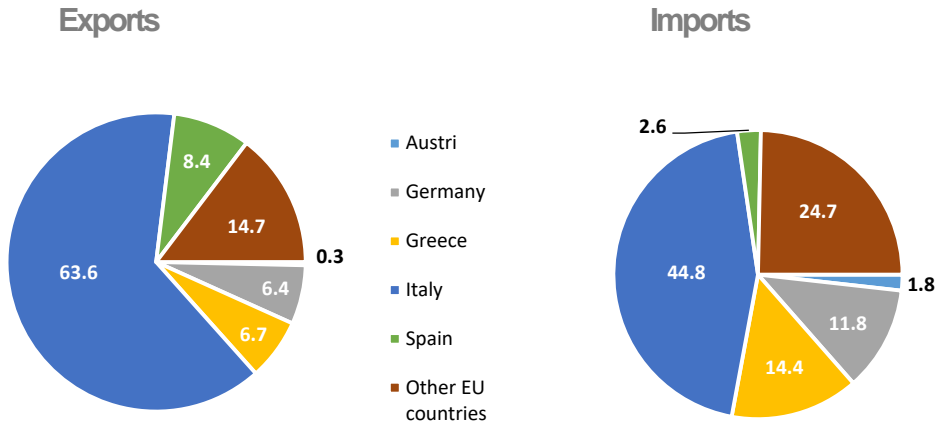
In July 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to July 2019 are: Czech Republic (14.7 %), Serbia (42.5 %), and Romania (12.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-16.9 %), Kosovo (-13.4 %) and Spain (-7.3 %).

In the first seven months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (10.1 %), Serbia (8.1 %), and France (29.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (-23.4 %), Kosovo (-25.5 %) and Spain (-10.8 %).

In July 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to July 2019 are: Turkey (23.1 %), China (3.3 %), and North Macedonia (29.8 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy (-7.6 %), Greece (-5.1 %) and Germany (-3.6 %).

In the first seven months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Russia (37.4 %), North Macedonia (0.4 %) and Netherlands (8.9 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are Italy (-18.1 %), Turkey (-2.2%) and Greece (-9.8 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 64.3 % of total trade. In June 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 75.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.5 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (33.1 %), Turkey (7.6 %), Greece (7.5 %) and China (7.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first six months of 2020 is 63.3 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.5 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.8 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.4 %), Greece (7.8 %), Germany (7.2 %) and Turkey (6.7 %).

Note: The European Union (EU) includes 27 EU Member States. The United Kingdom left the European Union on 31 January 2020.

**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)**

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover
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
	06 - 18	27	18.1	54	-4.6	-28	49.2
	07 - 18	27	8.2	58	6.0	-31	46.0
	January– July 18	185	16.8	368	5.0	-183	50.3
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
	06 - 19	26	-4.1	53	-1.4	-28	47.9
	07 - 19	28	3.7	60	2.7	-32	46.4
	January - July 19	180	-2.6	377	2.6	-197	47.7
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	22	-22.5	45	-24.2	-23	48.1
	06 - 20	23	-9.6	52	-2.4	-29	44.3
	07 - 20	25	-11.6	56	-5.6	-32	43.5
	January – July 20	150	-16.8	328	-13.2	-178	45.7

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

	Exports				Imports			
	July 2019	July 2020	Jan.- July 2019	Jan.- July	July 2019	July 2020	Jan.- July 2019	Jan.- July 2020
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>21,309</b>	<b>18,517</b>	<b>137,584</b>	<b>113,191</b>	<b>35,153</b>	<b>33,566</b>	<b>222,148</b>	<b>189,424</b>
Austria	112	65	1,148	832	551	596	4,013	2,985
Germany	1,327	1,182	8,571	9,437	4,093	3,946	25,767	25,010
Greece	1,305	1,232	7,747	6,936	5,088	4,830	33,368	30,086
Italy	14,165	11,769	89,888	68,867	16,266	15,026	98,938	81,039
Spain	1,676	1,554	11,205	9,992	1,058	887	6,803	5,209
Croatia	85	86	685	1,017	652	901	4,023	3,735
Others of EU	2,639	2,628	18,340	16,111	7,445	7,381	49,236	41,360
United Kingdom	48	26	422	453	520	451	3,164	2,856
China	599	373	3,684	2,962	5,223	5,397	34,686	28,537
Kosovo	3,040	2,631	17,424	12,974	741	859	4,439	4,422
North Macedonia	716	678	4,918	4,565	696	903	4,966	4,989
Russia	4	-	74	6	846	827	6,400	8,796
USA	253	179	2,176	1,636	822	676	6,085	4,970
Turkey	235	225	1,216	1,325	4,790	5,897	31,599	30,916
Ukraine	2	19	111	289	270	155	1,740	2,534
Switzerland	104	45	514	461	928	886	9,139	6,173
Others	1,444	1,847	11,979	12,054	9,769	6,818	53,064	44,157
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,754</b>	<b>24,539</b>	<b>180,102</b>	<b>149,916</b>	<b>59,758</b>	<b>56,435</b>	<b>377,432</b>	<b>327,773</b>

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	July 2019	July 2020	Jan. - Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul 2020	July 2019	July 2020	Jan. - Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,754</b>	<b>24,539</b>	<b>180,102</b>	<b>149,916</b>	<b>59,758</b>	<b>56,435</b>	<b>377,432</b>	<b>327,773</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,158	3,390	20,716	21,887	10,306	9,589	62,620	63,533
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,499	3,513	28,180	21,985	6,684	4,175	46,084	29,012
Chemical and plastical products	736	659	4,332	4,018	8,233	8,191	50,536	50,128
Leather and leather manuf,	227	180	1,574	1,229	1,430	1,192	10,878	7,262
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	862	749	5,583	4,692	2,548	2,110	14,650	12,924
Textile and footwear	11,668	9,842	73,930	58,107	7,989	7,379	51,893	40,012
Construct, materials and metals	4,217	3,855	28,461	21,242	7,855	7,543	48,148	44,492
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,524	1,549	11,914	12,177	12,498	13,829	78,720	68,198
Others	863	802	5,412	4,579	2,216	2,427	13,903	12,210

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,888</b>	<b>68,867</b>	<b>17,424</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>11,205</b>	<b>9,992</b>	<b>8,571</b>	<b>9,437</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	4,777	5,041	2,255	2,306	810	687	886	914
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,785	729	4,081	2,046	8,828	8,567	709	548
Chemical and plastical products	1,206	1,113	1,215	1,187	29	73	42	33
Leather and leather manuf,	1,298	1,052	4	3	144	71	8	16
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	3,814	2,776	473	442	3	2	94	257
Textile and footwear	57,871	43,213	50	66	1,241	474	4,550	5,400
Construct, materials and metals	8,692	6,953	7,898	5,554	143	89	923	707
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,120	6,080	435	429	5	10	868	1,114
Others	2,327	1,911	1,011	941	2	19	493	449

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

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		Greece		China	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,938</b>	<b>81,039</b>	<b>31,599</b>	<b>30,916</b>	<b>33,368</b>	<b>30,086</b>	<b>34,686</b>	<b>28,537</b>
Food, beverages, tobacco	11,212	11,165	3,260	3,198	9,137	9,399	471	398
Minerals, fuels, electricity	4,875	2,628	460	1,659	7,948	5,470	3	4
Chemical and plastical products	10,945	10,618	4,477	4,840	4,579	4,476	3,205	3,146
Leather and leather manuf,	8,735	5,926	140	129	20	19	446	289
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	4,001	3,322	1,947	1,649	1,978	1,960	598	440
Textile and footwear	25,096	18,317	10,103	8,128	2,213	2,054	6,602	4,952
Construct, materials and metals	11,641	9,645	6,086	5,964	4,905	4,208	5,794	3,798
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	19,274	16,771	3,889	4,314	1,689	1,688	14,330	12,626
Others	3,160	2,646	1,237	1,037	900	812	3,238	2,884

# 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.

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

Member State of European Union: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia.

## Monthly revisions

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

## Explanation of Symbols

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