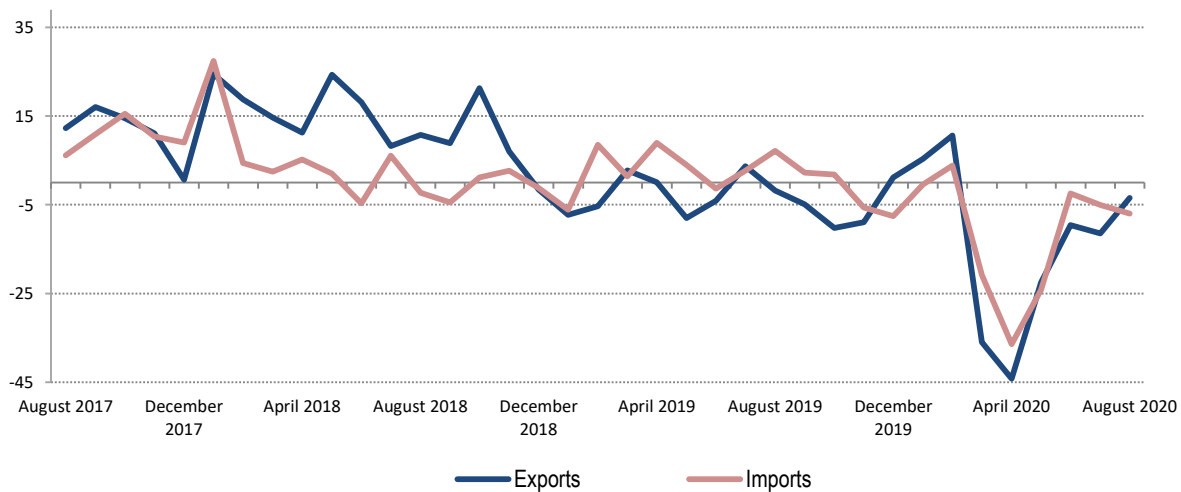


Foreign Trade in Goods

August 2020

Tirana, September 17, 2020: On August 2020 the value of exports was ALL 19 billion, decreasing by 3.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 21.1 % compared with July 2020. The value of imports was ALL 48 billion, decreasing by 7.0 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 15.3 % compared with July 2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 29 billion, decreasing by 9.2 % compared with August 2019 and by 10.9 % compared with July 2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

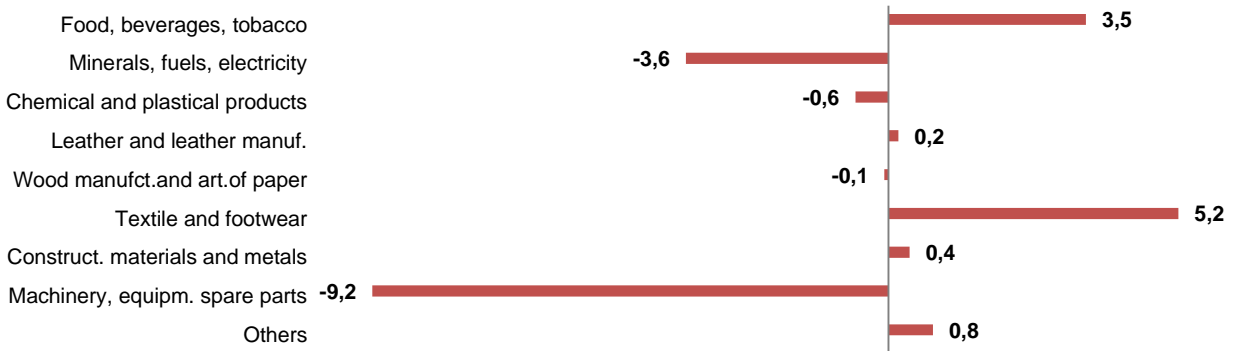


In the first eight months of 2020, the value of exports was ALL 169 billion, decreasing by 15.4 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 376 billion, decreasing by 12.3 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 207 billion, decreasing by 9.7 % compared with the same period of 2019.

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

In annual decrease of exports by 3.4 % this month, a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with -9.2 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.6 percentage point, "Chemical and plactical products" with -0.6 perecentage 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.

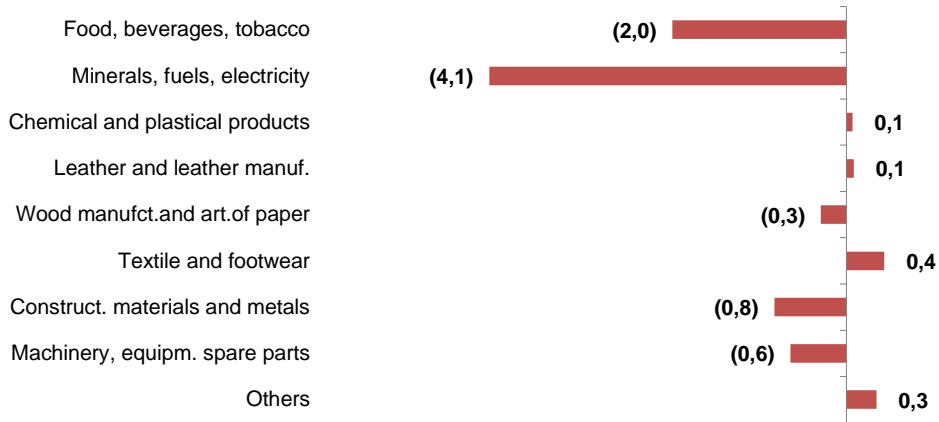
Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports July 2020 (%)



Exports during the first eight months of 2020 are decreased by -15.4 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual decrease of exports are: "Textile and footwear" with -7.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -3.6 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -3.5 percentage point. While a positive contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +0.9 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 7.0 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with -4.1 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -2.0 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with -0.8 percentage point. While, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with +0.4 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufacture" with +0.1 percentage point.

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

In the first eight months of 2020, imports are decreased by 12.3 % 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 -2.7 percentage point, “Machinery, equipment spare parts” with -2.5 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

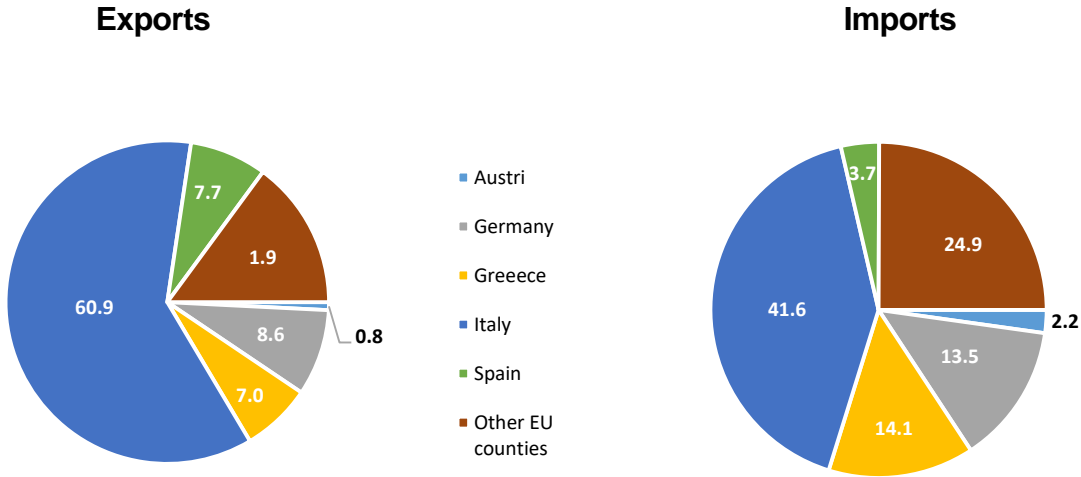
In August 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2019 are: Italy (22.1 %), Germany (3.8 %), and Greece (38.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Kosovo (20.0 %), Spain (27.6 %) and France (80.3 %).

In the first eight months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Germany (9.3 %), Serbia (15.5 %), and Turkey (23.1 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (20.1 %), Kosovo (24.7 %) and Spain (12.8 %).

In August 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to July 2019 are: Italy (2.3 %), Turkey (6.1 %), and USA (3.4 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: China (11.4 %), Germany (7.2 %) and Greece (2.1 %).

In the first eight months of 2020, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2019 are: Serbia (31.9 %) Russia (28.2 %) and North Macedonia (1.6 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are Italy (16.0 %), China (16.9 %) and Greece (9.0 %).

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



Trade with the EU countries is 60.3 % of total trade. In August 2020, exports to EU countries occupied 72.9 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 55.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (29.1 %), Turkey (8.0 %), Germany (7.1 %) and China (7.1 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first eight months of 2020 is 63.0 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 75.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 57.5 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (31.1 %), Greece (7.7 %), Germany (7.2 %) and Turkey (6.9 %).

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
	08 - 18	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	January – August 18	205	16.2	416	4.1	-211	49.4
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
	08 - 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	January – August 19	200	-2.5	429	3.2	-229	46.6
2020	01 - 20	23	5.3	42	-0.4	-19	54.9
	02 - 20	25	10.6	52	3.8	-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	-11.5	57	-5.0	-32	43.3
	08 - 20	19	-3.4	48	-7.0	-29	40.3
	January – August 20	169	-15.4	376	-12.3	-207	45.0

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

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2019	August 2020	Jan.- August 2019	Jan.- August 2020	August 2019	August 2020	Jan.- August 2019	Jan.- August 2020
EU countries	14,173	14,129	151,757	127,334	27,447	26,551	249,601	216,110
Austria	116	112	1,264	944	662	589	4,675	3,575
Germany	1,176	1,221	9,747	10,658	3,870	3,592	29,637	28,613
Greece	716	992	8,463	7,933	3,813	3,732	37,181	33,819
Italy	7,049	8,605	96,937	77,477	10,790	11,040	109,735	92,142
Spain	1,509	1,091	12,714	11,083	865	975	7,668	6,195
Croatia	34	50	719	1,067	645	551	4,668	4,286
Others of EU	3,573	2,057	21,913	18,172	6,802	6,072	56,038	47,480
United Kingdom	59	18	481	471	625	483	3,789	3,340
China	485	238	4,169	3,200	5,138	4,550	39,824	33,100
Kosovo	2,755	2,205	20,179	15,190	702	707	5,141	5,131
North Macedonia	620	724	5,537	5,290	640	705	5,606	5,694
Russia	-	7	74	13	1,323	987	7,723	9,904
USA	584	361	2,761	1,996	914	945	6,999	5,918
Turkey	140	344	1,356	1,669	4,779	5,071	36,378	36,022
Ukraine	3	23	115	312	528	315	2,267	2,849
Switzerland	45	57	559	518	1,022	848	10,161	7,021
Others	1,211	1,280	13,190	13,337	8,569	6,910	61,634	51,078
Total	20,076	19,386	200,177	169,329	51,685	48,072	429,124	376,167

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August 2019	August 2020	Jan.- August 2019	Jan.- August 2020	August 2019	August 2020	Jan.- August 2019	Jan.- August 2020
Total	20,076	19,386	200,177	169,329	51,685	48,072	429,124	376,167
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,017	2,721	22,733	24,612	10,504	9,463	73,124	72,998
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,550	2,827	31,731	24,824	6,779	4,641	52,863	33,698
Chemical and plastical products	875	757	5,206	4,774	7,291	7,328	57,827	57,580
Leather and leather manuf,	57	92	1,631	1,321	773	817	11,653	8,080
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	651	636	6,234	5,329	2,317	2,164	16,967	15,088
Textile and footwear	6,476	7,510	80,406	65,620	5,018	5,245	56,914	45,264
Construct, materials and metals	2,901	2,976	31,362	24,218	6,374	5,942	54,524	50,442
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	2,990	1,149	14,904	13,329	10,662	10,327	89,383	78,654
Others	558	717	5,971	5,303	1,966	2,146	15,869	14,362

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	96,937	77,477	20,179	15,190	12,714	11,083	9,747	10,658
Food, beverages, tobacco	5,191	5,701	2,479	2,560	897	813	1,096	1,094
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,963	805	4,951	2,446	10,007	9,473	755	749
Chemical and plastical products	1,340	1,264	1,398	1,374	33	73	44	38
Leather and leather manuf,	1,346	1,140	4	4	146	71	8	17
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	4,182	3,142	587	510	3	3	117	257
Textile and footwear	62,554	49,142	59	71	1,472	505	5,100	5,952
Construct, materials and metals	9,213	7,584	9,083	6,672	146	98	1,079	778
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	6,646	6,574	480	500	6	26	1,009	1,263
Others	2,502	2,126	1,137	1,052	2	20	539	509

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
Total	109,735	92,142	36,378	36,022	37,181	33,819	39,824	33,100
Food, beverages, tobacco	12,914	12,755	3,672	3,603	10,606	10,679	546	487
Minerals, fuels, electricity	6,487	3,162	1,054	2,765	8,463	5,832	5	4
Chemical and plastical products	12,274	11,956	5,218	5,439	5,143	4,995	3,799	3,621
Leather and leather manuf,	9,270	6,530	174	157	20	22	519	368
Wood manufct,and art, of paper	4,426	3,748	2,310	1,846	2,317	2,304	711	539
Textile and footwear	26,917	20,296	11,326	9,305	2,404	2,316	7,537	5,917
Construct, materials and metals	12,745	10,824	6,820	6,651	5,386	4,883	6,625	4,350
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	21,133	19,752	4,402	4,858	1,851	1,873	16,369	14,465
Others	3,568	3,120	1,404	1,398	990	915	3,712	3,349

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.

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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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