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 **EXTERNAL TRADE, for the current period and August 2020****The overall external trade in the Republic of Serbia for the period January - August 2020 amounted to:**  - **USD 27997.5 million - which was a decrease of 7.8% compared to the same period 2019;**  - **EUR 25080.6 million - which was a decrease of 7.0% compared to the same period 2019.** The value of **exports** amounted to **USD 11859.4 million**, which was 8.4% decrease when compared to the same period last year, while the value of **imports** amounted to **USD 16138.1 million**, which was 7.4% decrease relative to the same period last year. Expressed in **Euros**, the value of **exports** amounted to **EUR 10619.0 million**, which was the decrease of 7.6%, compared to the same period last year. The value of **imports** amounted to **EUR 14461.6 million**, which was 6.5% decrease when compared to the same period last year. **The deficit** amounted to **USD 4278.8 million**, which was a **decrease** **of 4.3%** in relation to the same period last year. The deficit expressed in Euros amounted to **3842.6** million, which was a **decrease of 3.2%** compared to the same period last year.**The export - import ratio** equalled **73.5%** and was lower if compared to the same period last year when it was 74.3%. Observed by regions, the largest share in export of Serbia was noted in Region Vojvodine (35.3%), followed by Beogradski region (25.4%), Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije (21.9%), Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (17.3%), and approximately 0.1% of total exports is not classified by territories. The greatest share in import of Serbia was noted in Beogradski region (49.0%), followed by Region Vojvodine (27.7%), Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije (13.0%), Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (9.6%), and approximately 0.7% of total imports is not classified by territories. Data on Kosovo and Metohija are not available. Export and import by regions is presented **according to the headquarters of goods owners at the moment of customs declaration delivery**. It means that owners of goods, according to customs law, may be producers, users, exporters or importers of goods. This fact is to be noted while observing the data by regions. For example, imports of oil and gas mostly refer to the region of Vojvodina and Belgrade and the mentioned are the energy commodities for the whole territory of Serbia.Regarding **the structure of exports according to products’ destination** (the principle of prevalence), the most notable were: reproduction products 57.6% (USD 6829.1 million), then consumer goods 31.2% (USD 3704.9 million) and equipment 11.2% (USD 1324.9 million). Unclassified goods according to destination amounted to 0.0% (USD 0.5 million). Regarding **the structure of** **imports** **according to products’ destination**, the most notable were**:** reproduction products 51.8% (USD 8367.6 million), then consumer goods 21.5% (USD 3462.7 million) and equipment 15.0% (USD 2427.7 million). Unclassified goods according to destination amounted to 11.7% (USD 1880.1 million). The external trade in the reference period noted the highest level with the counties with which we have signed agreements on free trade. European Union member countries account for 60.6% of total external trade.**The major foreign trade partners were,** separately, as follows:

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| **Exports** | USD million | EUR million | **Imports** | USD million | EUR million |
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| Germany  | 1512.7 | 1354.1 | Germany  | 2144.8 | 1919.4 |
| Italy  | 976.7 | 876.5 | China  | 2019.6 | 1806.2 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 878.5 | 786.1 | Italy | 1333.0 | 1193.8 |
| Romania | 728.4 | 652.2 | Russian Federation  | 1124.7 | 1018.6 |
| Russian Federation | 594.7 | 533.8 | Hungary  | 752.7 | 675.8 |

Our second major partner refers to the ***CEFTA countries***, since our gained surplus in external trade amounted to USD 1337.6 million, resulting mainly from the exports of agricultural products (cereals and produces thereof), electrical machines and apparatus, oil and oil derivatives, road vehicles and beverages. Our exports in the referent period amounted to USD 1945.6 million, while the imports were USD 608.0 million. The export– import ratio equalled 320.0 %. Expressed in **EUR**, exports amounted to **1741.6** and imports to **544.5** million (surplus amounted to EUR 1197.1 million and export – import ratio equalled 319.9%).  Observed by countries, the largest surplus in the external trade was gained with the surrounding countries – Bosnia and Herzegovina (exports mostly related to gaseous oils and preparations used for animal food and the most imported are coke and semi-coke of hard coal and conifers‘ wood), Montenegro (exports of retail trade medicaments and iron ore and concentrates, and imported were crude aluminium and smoked pork), and Republic of North Macedonia (exports of electric conductors and electricity; imported were retail trade medicaments and rolled products of iron and steel). Regarding other countries, surplus was also noted in trade with Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Sweden. The greatest deficit marked the trade with China (due to imports of phones for network stations and laptops) and Germany, followed by trade with the Russian Federation, Turkey, Italy, Hungary, Belgium, Iraq, Republic of Korea, Poland (imports of motor vehicles’ parts), Spain, Slovenia, France, USA, Switzerland, Greece… According to **the divisions of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC**) the first five sections in exports accounted for 30.7% of the overall exports. Imports of the first five sections accounted for 24.9% of total imports. Section of *unclassified goods*, now also involving customs storage goods and goods in free zone, has share of 12.8% in total imports.

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| **Exports** | USD million | EUR million | **Imports** | USD million | EUR million |
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| Electrical machines and apparatus  | 1363.2 | 1218.1 | Electrical machines and apparatus  | 1048.7 | 938.4 |
| Vegetables and fruit  | 630.8 | 564.2 | Other general- purpose machinery  | 756.6 | 676.1 |
| Cereals and produces thereof  | 590.0 | 530.4 | Road vehicles  | 741.6 | 664.8 |
| Power engines and motors  | 541.8 | 484.6 | Oil and oil derivatives  | 736.7 | 660.1 |
| Rubber products  | 519.5 | 464.0 | Medical and pharmaceutical products  | 729.5 | 654.8 |

In **August** 2020, value of exported goods amounted to **USD 1544.0 million,** presenting the increase of 2.3% relative to the same month last year. Import amounted to **USD 2074.5 million,** being the increase of 4.5% relative to the same month last year. Expressed in EUR, value of exports amounted to **1302.8 million**, presenting the decrease of 4.0% relative to the same month last year. Import amounted to **EUR 1750.2 million**, being the decrease of 2.0% compared with the same month last year. The seasonally adjusted index August 2020/ July 2020 shows that exports increase by 7.4% and imports increase by 6.0%, calculated/ expressed in USD. Seasonally adjusted index August 2020/ July 2020, expressed in EUR, shows that exports increase by 4.8% and imports increase by 3.5 %. According to the Nomenclature of the External Trade Statistics (NETS), **August** list is as follows:  On the list of the first 5 products in **exports**, the first item refers to *ignition wiring sets’ for vehicles, aircrafts and ships* (USD 90 million), followed by *new tyres for pasengers’cars* was USD 51 million, *copper, refined* (USD 40 million); the next item on the list related to raspberries, frozen, with the value of USD 26 million; the last item on the list related to *export of centrifugal pumps,* with USD 25 million*.* **August** list of the first 5 **imported** products shows that *crude oil* with the imported value of USD 76 million was the first imported product, followed by *retail trade medicaments* with the value of USD 72 million; the following item related to import of *phones for network stations* (USD 26 million) and natural gas (USD 24 million). The last item on the list related to import of *copper ore and concentrates*, with the imported value of USD 23 million.Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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