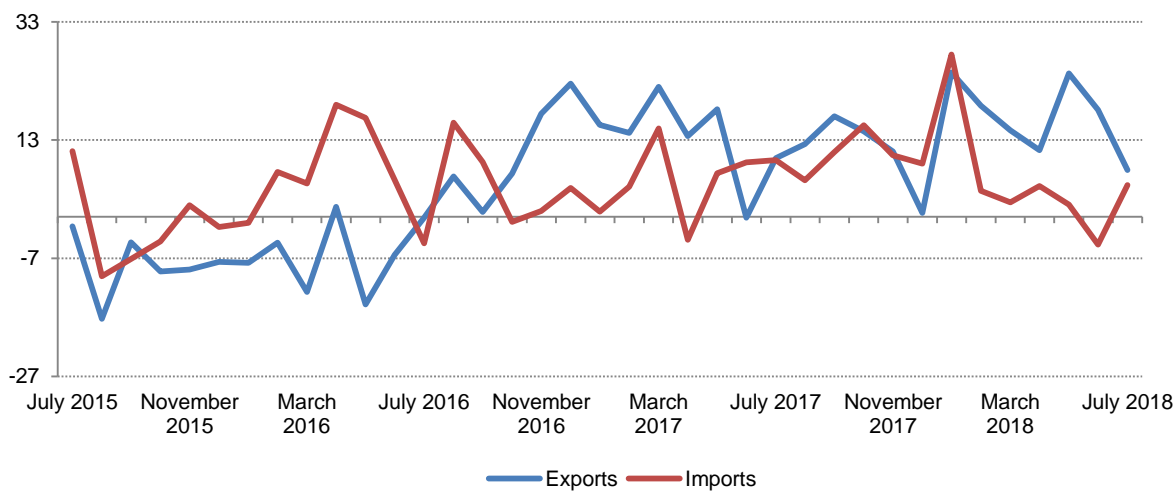


Foreign Trade in Goods

July 2018

Tirana, August 17, 2018: On July 2018 the value of exports was 27 billion lekë, increasing by 7.9 % compared with the same period of previous year and increasing by 0.2 % compared with June 2018. The value of imports was 58 billion lekë, increasing by 5.4 % compared with the same period of previous year and by 6.8 % compared with June 2018. This month the trade deficit is 31 billion lekë signing an increase by 3.3 % compared with July 2017 and increase by 13.7 % compared with June 2018.

Fig. 1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)

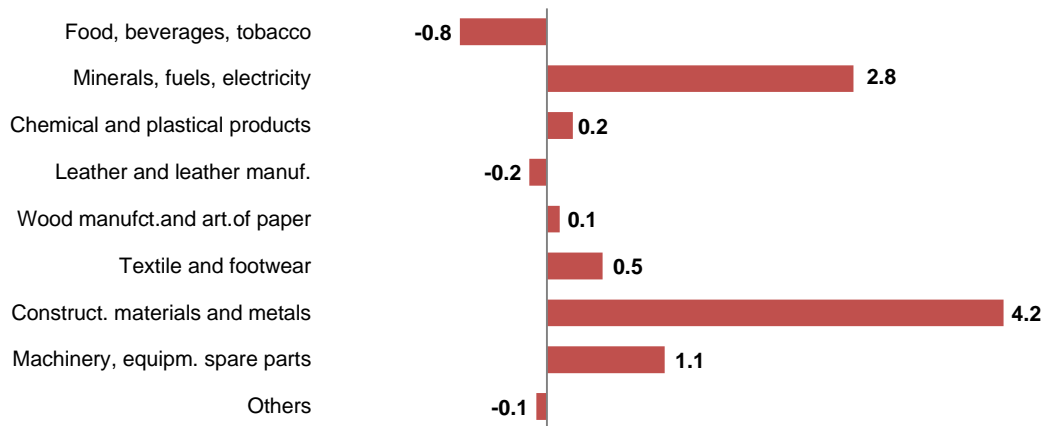


In seven months of 2018, the value of exports was 185 billion ALL, increasing by 16.8 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was 367 billion ALL, increasing by 4.8 %. Trade deficit was 182 billion ALL, decreasing by 5.0 % compared with the same period of 2017.

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

In annual increase of exports by 7.9 % this month a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +4.2 percentage point , "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +2.8 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.1 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Food, beverages, tobacco" with -0.8 percentage point.

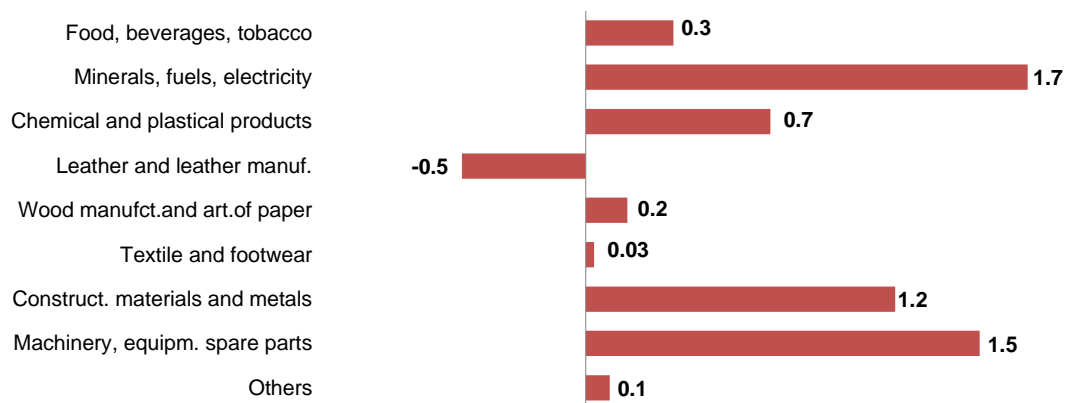
Fig. 2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, July 2018



Exports in seven months of 2018 are increased by 16.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups that influenced more in annual increase of imports, are: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +5.4 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.5 percentage point. "Textile and footwear" with +3.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "and leather manufactories" with -0.02 percentage point.

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

In annual decrease of imports by 5.4 % in July 2018 a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +1.7 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment, spare parts" with +1.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +1.2 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Textile and footwear" with -0.8 percentage point, "Leather and leather manufactories" with -0.5 percentage point.

Fig. 3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, July 2018

In seven months of 2018, imports are increased by 4.8 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment, spare parts” with +2.0 percentage point, “Minerals, fuels, electricity” with +1.9 percentage point, “Textile and footwear” with +0.4 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: “Construction materials and metals” with -0.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

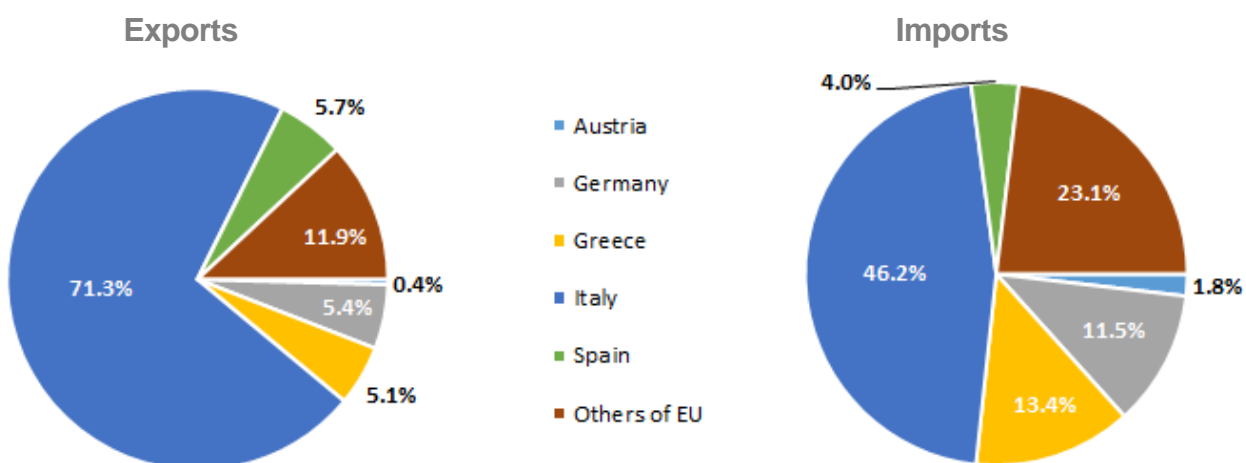
In July 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to June 2017 are: Italy with (6.2 %), Kosovo with (48.6 %) and Germany with (10.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Spain with (-23.6 %), Greece with (-2.4 %) and China with (-56.1 %).

In seven months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (5.3 %), Kosovo with (17.8 %) and Spain with (71.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: China with (-27.5 %), Turkey with (-13.6 %) and Ukraine with (-52.5 %).

In July 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to June 2017 are: China with (19.0 %), Turkey with (1.4 %), and Germany with (0.2 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Italy with (-8.6 %), Greece with (-11.5 %) and Spain with (-14.9 %).

In seven months of 2018, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2017 are: Italy with (1.0 %), Greece with (3.6 %) and Turkey with (2.7 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Germany with (-2.3 %), Spain with (-0.6 %) and United States of America with (-3.2 %).

Fig. 4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries, July 2018



Trade with the EU countries is 64.8 % of total trade. In July 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 77.1 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 59.2 % of total import. The main trade partners remain Italy (36.1 %), Greece (6.7 %), China (6.4 %) and Germany (6.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in seven months of 2018 is 67.2 % of total trade. In the first seven months of 2018, exports to EU countries occupied 77.2 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 62.1 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (35.6 %), Greece (6.9 %), Germany (6.7 %) and China (5.9 %).

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
2016	01 - 16	16	-7.8	35	-1.0	-18	47.0
	02 - 16	18	-4.4	42	7.6	-24	42.0
	03 - 16	19	-12.7	47	5.6	-28	41.2
	04 - 16	21	1.7	52	19.0	-31	40.7
	05 - 16	21	-14.8	52	16.7	-31	39.6
	06 - 16	23	-6.4	52	6.2	-29	43.5
	07 - 16	23	-0.2	50	-4.5	-28	44.9
	January – July 2016	140	-6.5	330	7.0	-189	42.5
2017	01 - 17	19	15.6	35	0.9	-16	53.8
	02 - 17	20	14.2	44	5.1	-24	45.7
	03 - 17	24	22.0	54	14.9	-30	43.8
	04 - 17	24	13.7	50	-3.9	-26	48.1
	05 - 17	24	18.2	56	7.4	-31	43.6
	06 - 17	23	-0.1	57	9.2	-34	39.7
	07 - 17	25	9.9	55	9.6	-30	45.1
	January – July 2017	158	12.9	350	6.3	-192	45.2
2018	01 – 18	24	24.4	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	-4.7	-27	49.2
	07 - 18	27	7.9	58	5.4	-31	46.2
	January – July 2018	185	16.8	367	4.7	-182	51.1

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

	Exports				Imports			
	July-17	July-18	Jan-July 2017	Jan-July 2018	July-17	July-18	Jan-July 2017	Jan-July 2018
EU countries	19,873	20,588	122,425	142,672	36,112	34,211	221,868	228,111
Austria	153	92	933	1,007	759	630	3,574	3,933
United Kingdom	26	105	237	537	392	432	3,064	3,369
Germany	1,010	1,118	6,456	8,164	3,915	3,925	29,481	28,808
Greece	1,079	1,053	6,998	7,915	5,175	4,580	29,199	30,238
Italy	13,832	14,688	86,473	91,065	17,290	15,803	104,670	105,688
Spain	1,544	1,179	8,058	13,836	1,614	1,375	7,949	7,904
Croatia	48	78	460	505	510	1,040	2,643	3,833
Others of EU	2,180	2,274	12,811	19,643	6,457	6,426	41,288	44,338
China	393	173	4,887	3,542	4,401	5,236	26,659	29,286
Kosovo	1,895	2,816	11,871	13,989	693	928	4,525	4,784
Macedonia	757	861	4,657	4,890	730	850	4,738	5,231
Russia	11	-	47	18	623	2,534	5,143	7,905
USA	213	419	1,519	2,821	579	632	5,325	5,157
Turkey	272	220	1,273	1,100	4,519	4,583	28,970	29,764
Ukraine	26	15	296	141	166	314	2,109	1,627
Switzerland	105	52	805	2,290	535	608	4,674	5,360
Others	1,199	1,554	10,463	13,294	6,528	7,926	46,380	50,095
Total	24,742	26,698	158,243	184,756	54,885	57,823	350,390	367,320

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

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	July-17	July-18	Jan-July 2017	Jan-July 2018	July-17	July-18	Jan-July 2017	Jan-July 2018
Total	24,742	26,698	158,243	184,756	54,885	57,823	350,390	367,320
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,530	2,331	16,168	18,009	9,506	9,694	60,364	61,375
Minerals, fuels, electricity	3,095	3,792	25,982	34,565	4,603	5,554	29,826	36,481
Chemical and plastical products	398	457	2,674	3,237	7,609	8,006	51,022	51,393
Leather and leather manuf.	320	280	1,832	1,798	1,889	1,622	11,511	11,678
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	750	779	4,458	5,068	2,335	2,424	13,343	14,170
Textile and footwear	11,926	12,052	69,812	75,383	7,509	7,527	50,281	51,573
Construct, materials and metals	3,634	4,673	24,700	31,776	6,981	7,646	45,642	45,147
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	1,328	1,596	8,303	10,018	12,207	13,054	74,341	81,287
Others	761	737	4,314	4,903	2,244	2,296	14,059	14,217

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

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Germany	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	86,473	91,065	11,871	13,989	8,058	13,836	6,456	8,164
Food, beverages, tobacco	3,898	4,363	1,799	1,684	481	702	827	773
Minerals, fuels, electricity	5,109	2,687	3,282	2,929	6,112	11,196	770	1,407
Chemical and plastical products	784	907	716	720	13	28	15	14
Leather and leather manuf,	1,418	1,345	2	4	29	161	10	5
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	3,170	3,533	211	247	3	285	58	87
Textile and footwear	55,129	58,552	83	66	1,207	1,338	3,353	4,350
Construct, materials and metals	9,857	11,237	4,685	7,163	207	111	722	434
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	5,082	6,105	403	439	1	5	546	769
Others	2,026	2,336	689	737	5	10	154	325

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

Group of goods	Italy		Germany		Turkey		China	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Total	104,670	105,688	29,199	30,238	28,970	29,764	26,659	29,286
Food, beverages, tobacco	10,681	10,422	7,968	8,956	3,451	3,369	355	392
Minerals, fuels, electricity	8,803	7,587	4,426	4,493	1,165	469	4	5
Chemical and plastical products	11,078	11,019	4,740	4,587	4,317	4,740	2,867	2,879
Leather and leather manuf,	9,012	8,959	45	44	203	176	399	422
Wood manufct.and art, of paper	3,709	4,230	1,847	1,883	1,980	1,799	644	642
Textile and footwear	26,068	26,348	2,320	2,231	8,770	9,155	5,934	5,532
Construct, materials and metals	11,988	12,718	5,322	5,218	3,451	4,237	3,225	3,904
Machinery, equipm, spare parts	19,571	20,761	1,476	1,679	4,281	4,405	10,263	12,682
Others	3,760	3,642	1,055	1,147	1,354	1,412	2,968	2,827

Definitions

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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