

## External trade in goods of Montenegro January - November 2021<sup>(p)</sup>

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January - November 2021 according to preliminary results is 2 646.6 million EUR, indicating the growth of 17.7% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 378.5 million EUR, and import was 2 268.1 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 16.6%, while imports increased by 17.9%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.7% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 16.9%.

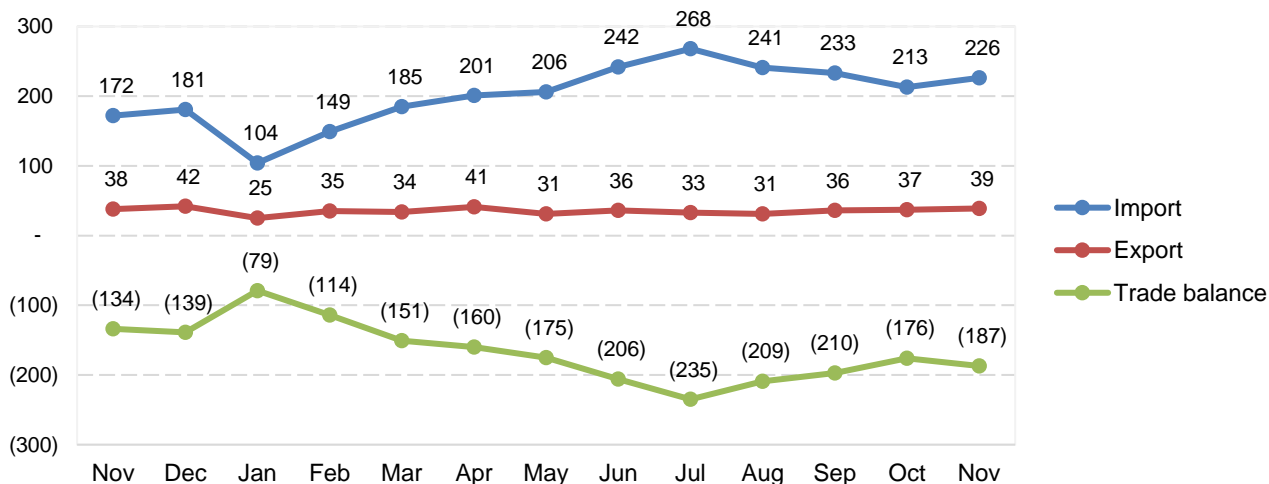
In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (Section 2)**, in amount of 90.9 million EUR (consisted of Metalliferous ores and metal scrap - 53.2 million EUR, Cork and wood - 31.2 million EUR and other).

In the **structure of imports**, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Machinery and transport equipment (Section 7)** with 461.5 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 132.8 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 96.7 million EUR and other).

**Main trading partners in exports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (96.1 million EUR), Switzerland (31.7 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (29.1 million EUR).

**Main trading partners in imports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (456.2 million EUR), China (220.2 million EUR) and Germany (208.7 million EUR). The highest external trade was with CEFTA parties and the EU member states.

Chart 1. Total external trade in goods by months, in millions EUR



**Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months <sup>1</sup>**

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PERIOD	IMPORT		EXPORT		EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
<b>2020</b>						
January	138 807		31 233		170 040	-107 574
February	191 250		29 939		221 189	-161 310
March	205 152		27 419		232 571	-177 733
April	151 434		25 693		177 127	-125 740
May	160 531		18 792		179 323	-141 739
June	192 536		34 786		227 322	-157 749
July	180 507		32 113		212 620	-148 395
August	164 878		30 739		195 618	-134 139
September	179 620		23 838		203 458	-155 782
October	186 945		32 064		219 010	-154 881
November	172 008		37 893		209 901	-134 115
December	181 502		41 618		223 119	-139 884
<b>2021</b>						
January	103 740		25 318		129 059	-78 422
February	149 190		34 901		184 091	-114 289
March	185 514		34 195		219 708	-151 319
April	200 882		41 380		242 263	-159 502
May	206 002		30 810		236 812	-175 192
June	242 277		35 928		278 205	-206 349
July	268 153		32 620		300 772	-235 533
August	240 568		31 085		271 653	-209 483
September	232 765		35 873		268 638	-196 892
October	212 804		37 317		250 121	-175 487
November	226 178		39 047		265 225	-187 131

**Table 2. External trade in goods of Montenegro by the continents and selected countries**

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Nov 2020		Jan-Nov 2021		Jan-Nov 2020		Jan-Nov 2021		Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
<b>WORLD</b>	100.0	1 923 668	100.0	2 268 074	100.0	324 511	100.0	378 474	-1 599 158	-1 889 600
<b>Europe</b>	81.8	1 573 305	82.7	1 876 557	91.1	295 607	94.3	356 777	-1 277 698	-1 519 780
<b>Eu-27</b>	44.2	849 860	45.7	1 036 345	38.5	124 815	33.3	125 924	-725 045	-910 422
<b>CEFTA<sup>2</sup></b>	28.8	554 050	28.6	649 310	44.5	144 507	44.3	167 815	-409 543	-481 496
<b>Africa</b>	0.4	6 947	0.4	8 702	1.0	3 144	1.5	5 754	-3 803	-2 948
<b>Asia</b>	15.0	289 093	14.2	322 624	7.2	23 261	3.0	11 433	-265 831	-311 191
<b>America</b>	2.8	53 589	2.6	59 187	0.7	2 426	1.2	4 391	-51 163	-54 796
<b>Oceania</b>	0.0	735	0.0	1 004	0.0	72	0.0	119	-663	-885
<b>USA</b>	1.5	29 551	1.2	27 297	0.5	1 706	0.7	2 725	-27 846	-24 571
<b>China</b>	10.3	198 621	9.7	220 185	6.1	19 635	0.9	3 490	-178 986	-216 695
<b>Russia</b>	0.4	7 690	0.4	9 567	0.4	1 212	0.6	2 282	-6 478	-7 286
<b>Switzerland</b>	1.9	36 313	1.9	44 055	2.2	6 994	8.4	31 719	-29 319	-12 336
<b>Japan</b>	0.8	15 462	0.6	14 563	0.1	331	0.0	134	-15 131	-14 429
<b>Turkey</b>	5.2	99 335	4.4	100 196	3.8	12 352	5.4	20 281	-86 983	-79 915
<b>Brazil</b>	0.4	7 700	0.5	11 267	0.0	11	0.0	15	-7 689	-11 253
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0.9	17 153	0.9	20 441	1.0	3 185	0.3	1 290	-13 968	-19 152

<sup>1</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

<sup>2</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

**Table 3. External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties<sup>3</sup>**

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>1 923 668</b>	<b>2 268 074</b>	<b>324 511</b>	<b>378 474</b>	<b>-1 599 158</b>	<b>-1 889 600</b>
<b>Eu-27<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>849 860</b>	<b>1 036 345</b>	<b>124 815</b>	<b>125 924</b>	<b>-725 045</b>	<b>-910 422</b>
Austria	38 189	31 872	10 415	2 094	-27 773	-29 778
Belgium	16 663	19 768	394	432	-16 269	-19 336
Bulgaria	10 417	13 364	442	778	-9 975	-12 586
Czech Republic	22 071	28 004	8 991	10 277	-13 080	-17 728
Denmark	6 792	10 425	746	696	-6 046	-9 729
Estonia	324	403	33	363	-291	-40
Finland	2 679	2 913	9	2	-2 670	-2 911
France	40 625	43 832	469	2 137	-40 156	-41 695
Greece	83 568	132 443	3 290	11 171	-80 278	-121 271
Netherlands	35 924	44 153	1 981	1 353	-33 943	-42 800
Ireland	5 306	22 484	5	9	-5 300	-22 474
Italy	124 793	141 579	9 249	23 825	-115 544	-117 753
Cyprus	212	178	144	333	-68	156
Latvia	633	872	1	8	-632	-864
Lithuania	980	1 010	49	1	-931	-1 009
Luxembourg	518	505	181	2 998	-338	2 493
Hungary	20 123	22 204	21 432	6 509	1 309	-15 695
Malta	7	15	826	687	819	673
Germany	183 581	208 668	15 789	18 559	-167 792	-190 109
Poland	34 754	39 856	11 232	13 605	-23 522	-26 251
Portugal	2 547	3 525	0	10	-2 547	-3 515
Croatia	104 537	125 231	2 548	3 313	-101 989	-121 919
Romania	20 284	27 944	1 124	512	-19 160	-27 431
Slovakia	5 751	7 267	195	896	-5 556	-6 371
Slovenia	37 152	42 809	32 530	20 008	-4 622	-22 801
Spain	39 728	49 981	596	3 231	-39 133	-46 750
Sweden	11 700	15 043	2 145	2 117	-9 555	-12 926
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>554 050</b>	<b>649 310</b>	<b>144 507</b>	<b>167 815</b>	<b>-409 543</b>	<b>-481 496</b>
Albania	36 485	38 990	11 027	17 923	-25 458	-21 067
Bosnia and Herzegovina	109 279	117 013	19 272	29 115	-90 006	-87 898
Moldova	303	282	14	0	-289	-282
North Macedonia	23 421	28 701	4 480	3 956	-18 941	-24 744
Serbia	378 307	456 194	88 625	96 124	-289 683	-360 070
Kosovo	6 255	8 130	21 089	20 695	14 834	12 565
<b>Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)</b>	<b>519 759</b>	<b>582 419</b>	<b>55 189</b>	<b>84 736</b>	<b>-464 570</b>	<b>-497 683</b>

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<sup>4</sup> From January 2021, data on foreign trade with United Kingdom are excluded from the data of the European Union. Data on foreign trade with the United Kingdom are shown in Table 2.

**Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections<sup>5</sup>**

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>1 923 668</b>	<b>2 268 074</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>324 511</b>	<b>378 474</b>	<b>116.6</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>359 093</b>	<b>434 413</b>	<b>121.0</b>	<b>26 054</b>	<b>29 932</b>	<b>114.9</b>
00 Live animals	22 039	27 785	126.1	684	76	11.1
01 Meat and meat preparations	81 496	90 582	111.1	13 781	15 495	112.4
02 Dairy products and eggs	39 386	50 616	128.5	115	142	124.3
03 Fish and preparations	9 754	17 104	175.4	94	122	130.2
04 Cereal and cereal products	54 824	65 407	119.3	498	877	176.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	56 974	65 795	115.5	7 078	8 991	127.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	8 775	10 771	122.7	70	85	121.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	26 956	34 726	128.8	2 077	3 082	148.4
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	20 020	24 415	122.0	1 342	845	63.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	38 868	47 212	121.5	314	217	69.2
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>55 067</b>	<b>81 716</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>14 466</b>	<b>20 294</b>	<b>140.3</b>
11 Beverages	42 829	63 360	147.9	11 543	12 778	110.7
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	12 238	18 356	150.0	2 924	7 515	257.0
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>37 533</b>	<b>46 467</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>73 416</b>	<b>90 857</b>	<b>123.8</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	1 332	2 037	153.0
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 637	2 029	123.9	10	25	242.1
23 Crude rubber	127	175	138.1	2	3	149.4
24 Cork and wood	5 336	4 611	86.4	26 976	31 216	115.7
25 Pulp and waste paper	27	30	109.9	682	1 185	173.7
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	487	516	106.0	30	229	300 <sup>1</sup>
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	3 575	5 583	156.2	1 413	1 841	130.3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	18 560	23 843	128.5	42 208	53 222	126.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	7 784	9 679	124.3	764	1 100	144.1
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>151 929</b>	<b>257 279</b>	<b>169.3</b>	<b>51 124</b>	<b>72 382</b>	<b>141.6</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	861	6 632	300 <sup>1</sup>	3 731	5 791	155.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	106 266	175 568	165.2	5 413	9 479	175.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	6 654	10 289	154.6	1	1	100.0
35 Electric current	38 149	64 790	169.8	41 979	57 112	136.0
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>11 153</b>	<b>16 483</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>158.3</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	491	542	110.5	303	511	168.3
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	10 594	15 866	149.8	126	156	123.4
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	68	75	109.6	64	115	179.3
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>246 918</b>	<b>296 945</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>27 231</b>	<b>27 245</b>	<b>100.1</b>
51 Organic chemicals	2 173	3 220	148.2	55	46	83.9
52 Inorganic chemicals	4 216	4 070	96.5	1 111	1 622	145.9
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	25 861	27 092	104.8	98	69	70.6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	106 124	138 329	130.3	21 729	20 596	94.8
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	43 337	48 984	113.0	1 926	1 996	103.6
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 513	2 808	111.7	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	3 601	5 930	164.7	62	304	300 <sup>1</sup>
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	28 668	30 326	105.8	1 319	959	72.7
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	30 424	36 186	118.9	929	1 654	178.0

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**Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections**

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>341 317</b>	<b>371 595</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>70 750</b>	<b>78 496</b>	<b>110.9</b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	219	321	146.6	0	102	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	17 822	19 932	111.8	36	74	207.1
63 Cork and wood manufactures	23 478	25 156	107.1	1 485	2 132	143.5
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	28 354	33 466	118.0	416	801	192.5
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	22 018	21 067	95.7	748	417	55.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	92 039	85 092	92.5	1 994	3 611	181.1
67 Iron and steel	51 424	70 530	137.2	12 200	6 672	54.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	15 666	25 679	163.9	50 727	60 157	118.6
69 Manufactures of metals	90 298	90 351	100.1	3 144	4 530	144.1
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>441 120</b>	<b>461 473</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>33 277</b>	<b>41 837</b>	<b>125.7</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	8 226	8 421	102.4	463	432	93.3
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	42 156	41 346	98.1	4 815	11 660	242.2
73 Metalworking machinery	4 598	3 487	75.8	119	453	300 <sup>1</sup>
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	82 251	78 400	95.3	9 554	10 295	107.7
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	24 201	23 044	95.2	373	486	130.5
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61 114	54 446	89.1	3 009	3 840	127.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	100 162	96 703	96.5	3 215	5 235	162.8
78 Road vehicles	111 596	132 805	119.0	10 506	7 879	75.0
79 Other transport equipment	6 815	22 820	300 <sup>1</sup>	1 223	1 557	127.3
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>275 600</b>	<b>301 620</b>	<b>109.4</b>	<b>19 698</b>	<b>16 650</b>	<b>84.5</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	20 817	16 244	78.0	358	249	69.5
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	46 328	48 578	104.9	1 322	1 736	131.4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	5 489	7 132	129.9	99	495	300 <sup>1</sup>
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	62 369	74 733	119.8	1 798	1 979	110.0
85 Footwear	28 610	30 548	106.8	476	513	107.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	22 770	20 175	88.6	1 596	1 963	123.0
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	7 583	10 647	140.4	524	210	40.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	81 633	93 563	114.6	13 525	9 505	70.3
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>3 937</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>8 000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

**Table 5. External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections <sup>6</sup>**

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2020	Jan-Nov 2021	Jan-Nov 2021 Jan-Nov 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>1 923 668</b>	<b>2 268 074</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>324 511</b>	<b>378 474</b>	<b>116.6</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	127 062	155 942	122.7	9 630	11 688	121.4
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	85 840	97 189	113.2	7 960	10 546	132.5
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	12 522	18 535	148.0	190	273	143.6
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	209 876	272 925	130.0	24 008	29 625	123.4
<b>V</b> Mineral products	188 048	290 358	154.4	82 750	96 236	116.3
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	235 073	285 685	121.5	25 891	26 011	100.5
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	82 159	93 192	113.4	3 433	3 285	95.7
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	7 111	8 345	117.3	1 601	2 731	170.6
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	28 964	29 997	103.6	28 464	33 349	117.2
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	31 044	35 836	115.4	3 380	4 764	140.9
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	78 871	91 105	115.5	2 382	2 496	104.8
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	31 078	33 139	106.6	509	553	108.7
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	61 740	59 830	96.9	2 014	3 623	179.8
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	6 657	3 046	45.8	13 804	218	1.6
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	158 577	189 505	119.5	78 094	102 487	131.2
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	321 133	302 720	94.3	21 672	32 364	149.3
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	128 080	158 731	123.9	11 909	9 695	81.4
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	35 204	36 445	103.5	2 296	2 483	108.2
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	3 249	9 517	292.9	1 549	2 722	175.7
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91 301	95 865	105.0	2 946	3 284	111.5
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	78	167	214.3	27	41	152.3

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## METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

External trade statistics represents an important source which is needed for economic policy makers, as well as for decision makers. It serves as the basic source of information for compilation balance of payments, national accounts statistics, for preparation multilateral and bilateral negotiations, as well as for enterprises for market research and business analysis.

Data collection on external trade is based on recommendations UN and EU statistics contained in the following publications:

- International merchandise Trade Statistics, Concept and Definitions, UN
- Statistics on the Trade of Goods, User Guide, EUROSTAT

It is harmonized with regulations of COMMUNITY LEGISLATION applicable to the STATISTICS RELATING TO THE TRADE OF GOODS, related to EXTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No. 471/2009 of the European Parliament and Council
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 92/2010
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 113/2010

The names of the countries are in accordance with the Geonomenclature used in the European statistics on foreign trade in goods.

### Data source

Data source for external trade of Montenegro is customs declarations on export and import of goods. Customs declaration is a document applied in customs procedure. It contains data important for the very customs procedure, but also for needs of statistics and other users. MONSTAT takes over the data in electronic form from Customs Administration of Montenegro with monthly periodicity, and further processes and publishes the results.

Since 2002 under customs procedure when using tariffs of products, Combined Nomenclature harmonized with EU Combined Nomenclature is used. It is published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro for the current year.

### External trade coverage

**Export** covers the goods leaving the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Export
- b) Outward processing
- c) Re-export that was in the procedure of inward processing and manufacture of goods under customs control.

**Import** covers all goods entering the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Import for free trade
- b) Inward processing
- c) Manufacture of goods under customs control.

Classification of export-import is performed in accordance with Nomenclature for External Trade Statistics which is based on Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), rev. 4. The code of every product classified by SITC has the following structure: one digit means sector, two digit – section, three digit – group, four digit – subgroup, and five digit – position, i.e. product.

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