

# Upholstered furniture foreign trade in the 1st quarter

## Declining sales in both directions

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*The German upholstered furniture industry exported goods valued at EUR 175 million in the first quarter of this year. This corresponds to a decline of around 6% compared to the same period of the previous year, as a publication by the Association of the German upholstery industry shows based on the figures of the Federal Statistical Office.*

In the top 10 largest importers of upholstered furniture in Germany, sales increased in the United Kingdom (+ 18%), Italy (+ 18.6%), Luxembourg (+ 1.9%) and the USA (+ 24.7%) , Switzerland, in particular, has significantly reduced its number of upholstered upholstered furniture by March (-10.1%), but still remains Austria's most important customer with a share of 22.7%, falling to 1.8% in the first quarter Share of the total export of 16.9% come.

### Import decline at a similar level

The clear largest share of the total import of upholstered furniture to Germany has Poland with 46.4%. However, imports from the neighboring country declined by 9.0% to EUR 256 million in the first quarter.

It is followed by China with a share of 21.2% (117 million euros), with imports from the People's Republic also falling by 2.4%. Romania had the highest rate of increase in the top 10 and was able to introduce upholstered furniture valued at 24 million euros (+ 8.7%) to Germany.

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