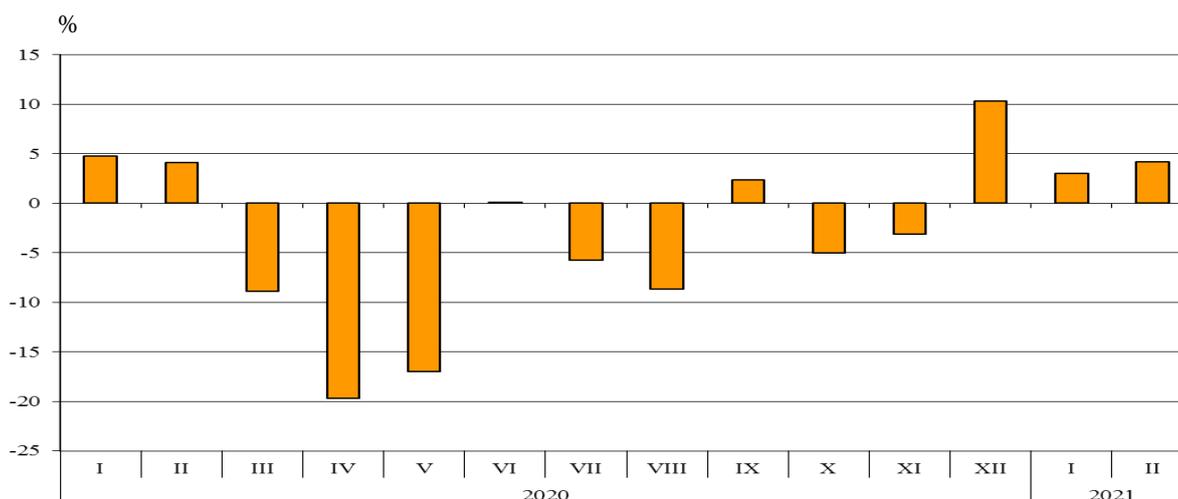


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 3.6% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 6 616.5 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 4.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 309.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2021** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in sections 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (66.4%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)² (24.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (37.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.c.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - February 2021 increased by 2.9% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 6 512.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Hungary, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 428.4 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - February 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the corresponding period of 2020 was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (64.9%). The most notable fall was observed in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (12.5%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - February 2021** was positive and added up to 104.2 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2020¹ and 2021¹ by months**

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2020	4989.4	3209.3	1780.1	5302.3	3100.0	2202.3	-312.9	109.3	-422.2
II.2020	4847.8	3176.1	1671.7	5276.4	3228.3	2048.1	-428.6	-52.2	-376.4
I - II.2020	9837.2	6385.4	3451.8	10578.7	6328.3	4250.4	-741.5	57.1	-798.6
I.2021	4684.9	3306.9	1378.0	4957.2	3083.9	1873.3	-272.3	223.0	-495.3
II.2021	4983.0	3309.6	1673.4	5422.5	3428.4	1994.1	-439.5	-118.8	-320.7
I - II.2021	9667.9	6616.5	3051.4	10379.7	6512.3	3867.4	-711.8	104.2	-816.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>.

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2021¹ compared to the same period of the
previous year**

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	-6.1	3.0	-22.6	-6.5	-0.5	-14.9
II	2.8	4.2	0.1	2.8	6.2	-2.6
I - II	-1.7	3.6	-11.6	-1.9	2.9	-9.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period
January - February 2020² and 2021²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	9837.2	9667.9	-1.7	10578.7	10379.7	-1.9	-741.5	-711.8
EU	6385.4	6616.5	3.6	6328.3	6512.3	2.9	57.1	104.2
Austria	191.0	200.1	4.8	276.6	278.3	0.6	-85.6	-78.2
Belgium	480.6	474.7	-1.2	190.1	247.1	30.0	290.5	227.6
Croatia	47.4	120.0	153.2	33.3	182.7	448.6	14.1	-62.7
Cyprus	46.9	36.7	-21.7	8.0	9.1	13.8	38.9	27.6
Czechia	230.9	224.6	-2.7	270.1	295.4	9.4	-39.2	-70.8
Denmark	59.4	70.6	18.9	49.2	49.8	1.2	10.2	20.8
Estonia	7.6	8.5	11.8	9.5	9.7	2.1	-1.9	-1.2
Finland	21.4	25.5	19.2	20.7	18.1	-12.6	0.7	7.4
France	377.4	358.9	-4.9	304.4	313.1	2.9	73.0	45.8
Germany	1490.5	1642.3	10.2	1227.4	1287.2	4.9	263.1	355.1
Greece	639.7	604.4	-5.5	580.6	468.5	-19.3	59.1	135.9
Hungary	163.5	166.7	2.0	419.1	475.9	13.6	-255.6	-309.2
Ireland	15.7	18.6	18.5	58.4	52.8	-9.6	-42.7	-34.2
Italy	711.3	772.9	8.7	703.9	678.3	-3.6	7.4	94.6
Latvia	12.3	10.2	-17.1	6.8	9.8	44.1	5.5	0.4
Lithuania	23.9	25.2	5.4	20.4	19.8	-2.9	3.5	5.4
Luxembourg	5.6	10.6	89.3	13.4	18.1	35.1	-7.8	-7.5
Malta	9.2	8.3	-9.8	10.1	2.6	-74.3	-0.9	5.7
Netherlands	262.4	249.6	-4.9	408.4	432.1	5.8	-146.0	-182.5
Poland	244.0	250.9	2.8	362.6	383.7	5.8	-118.6	-132.8
Portugal	25.1	42.2	68.1	21.1	27.8	31.8	4.0	14.4
Romania	784.5	825.3	5.2	850.3	768.1	-9.7	-65.8	57.2
Slovakia	109.4	81.4	-25.6	143.5	154.7	7.8	-34.1	-73.3
Slovenia	56.2	50.9	-9.4	71.9	74.5	3.6	-15.7	-23.6
Spain	229.2	222.9	-2.7	173.9	175.3	0.8	55.3	47.6
Sweden	87.3	78.5	-10.1	78.6	67.0	-14.8	8.7	11.5
Not specified	53.0	36.0	-32.1	16.0	12.8	-20.0	37.0	23.2

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2020² and 2021²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	3451.8	3051.4	-11.6	4250.4	3867.4	-9.0	-798.6	-816.0
CIS³	198.7	167.5	-15.7	973.5	746.7	-23.3	-774.8	-579.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	11.9	8.3	-30.3	7.3	2.0	-72.6	4.6	6.3
Russian Federation	125.3	110.7	-11.7	929.4	664.3	-28.5	-804.1	-553.6
OECD⁴	1330.8	1207.8	-9.2	1224.2	1202.9	-1.7	106.6	4.9
of which:								
Canada	49.0	15.6	-68.2	57.5	53.1	-7.7	-8.5	-37.5
Israel	25.1	32.1	27.9	20.8	10.3	-50.5	4.3	21.8
Japan	17.9	16.1	-10.1	46.7	69.8	49.5	-28.8	-53.7
Korea, Republic of	17.8	18.3	2.8	44.3	37.0	-16.5	-26.5	-18.7
Turkey	690.9	641.6	-7.1	664.0	740.1	11.5	26.9	-98.5
United Kingdom ⁵	222.7	164.8	-26.0	125.7	67.3	-46.5	97.0	97.5
United States	181.3	192.6	6.2	116.6	69.8	-40.1	64.7	122.8
EFTA⁶	85.5	84.8	-0.8	94.3	92.7	-1.7	-8.8	-7.9
of which:								
Norway	24.6	15.5	-37.0	9.7	10.1	4.1	14.9	5.4
Switzerland	60.6	68.5	13.0	81.2	80.1	-1.4	-20.6	-11.6

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland, Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period
January - February 2020² and 2021²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	25.5	24.9	-2.4	9.1	10.3	13.2	16.4	14.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.3	23.1	-23.8	11.9	5.6	-52.9	18.4	17.5
Brazil	9.3	7.1	-23.7	10.0	77.7	677.0	-0.7	-70.6
China	260.0	310.8	19.5	558.5	607.3	8.7	-298.5	-296.5
Egypt	103.1	65.8	-36.2	273.5	34.3	-87.5	-170.4	31.5
Georgia	47.9	32.8	-31.5	137.6	120.3	-12.6	-89.7	-87.5
India	40.5	33.0	-18.5	49.5	55.4	11.9	-9.0	-22.4
Indonesia	19.4	6.0	-69.1	12.0	10.5	-12.5	7.4	-4.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	56.2	22.1	-60.7	10.7	8.6	-19.6	45.5	13.5
Peru	4.6	1.3	-71.7	121.1	141.3	16.7	-116.5	-140.0
Republic of North Macedonia	134.5	132.5	-1.5	94.9	79.6	-16.1	39.6	52.9
Serbia	166.4	168.5	1.3	215.5	201.3	-6.6	-49.1	-32.8
Singapore	18.9	5.4	-71.4	13.0	13.6	4.6	5.9	-8.2
South Africa	37.7	9.1	-75.9	13.2	4.5	-65.9	24.5	4.6
Syrian Arab Republic	1.0	1.4	40.0	0.0	0.5	x	1.0	0.9
Taiwan	12.4	6.4	-48.4	34.7	50.6	45.8	-22.3	-44.2
Tunisia	79.0	46.6	-41.0	6.5	4.9	-24.6	72.5	41.7
Ukraine	73.1	64.2	-12.2	201.7	184.3	-8.6	-128.6	-120.1
United Arab Emirates	25.6	25.6	0.0	8.0	13.8	72.5	17.6	11.8
Viet Nam	11.0	10.7	-2.7	24.4	23.7	-2.9	-13.4	-13.0

¹ Partner country:

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- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

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'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - February 2020¹ and 2021¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	9837.2	9667.9	-1.7	10578.7	10379.7	-1.9	-741.5	-711.8
of which: EU	6385.4	6616.5	3.6	6328.3	6512.3	2.9	57.1	104.2
Food and live animals	1112.4	980.4	-11.9	897.0	869.9	-3.0	215.4	110.5
of which: EU	623.6	575.2	-7.8	696.8	671.2	-3.7	-73.2	-96.0
Beverages and tobacco	131.3	109.3	-16.8	166.2	143.2	-13.8	-34.9	-33.9
of which: EU	77.8	74.0	-4.9	133.3	116.6	-12.5	-55.5	-42.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	694.4	850.6	22.5	996.3	968.5	-2.8	-301.9	-117.9
of which: EU	404.1	501.2	24.0	261.7	248.2	-5.2	142.4	253.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	766.5	389.0	-49.2	1390.5	991.4	-28.7	-624.0	-602.4
of which: EU	243.7	153.0	-37.2	335.1	354.1	5.7	-91.4	-201.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	149.6	175.7	17.4	41.7	56.8	36.2	107.9	118.9
of which: EU	74.3	123.6	66.4	18.5	30.5	64.9	55.8	93.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1024.9	1050.6	2.5	1533.5	1651.8	7.7	-508.6	-601.2
of which: EU	622.3	654.8	5.2	1145.9	1270.5	10.9	-523.6	-615.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2094.2	2323.3	10.9	1717.7	1697.2	-1.2	376.5	626.1
of which: EU	1451.6	1654.1	14.0	975.4	936.4	-4.0	476.2	717.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2291.8	2342.3	2.2	2820.4	2997.7	6.3	-528.6	-655.4
of which: EU	1751.0	1797.6	2.7	2078.7	2196.5	5.7	-327.7	-398.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1532.0	1405.9	-8.2	937.5	912.5	-2.7	594.5	493.4
of which: EU	1108.5	1053.2	-5.0	612.3	610.3	-0.3	496.2	442.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	40.1	40.8	1.7	77.9	90.7	16.4	-37.8	-49.9
of which: EU	28.5	29.8	4.6	70.6	78.0	10.5	-42.1	-48.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.