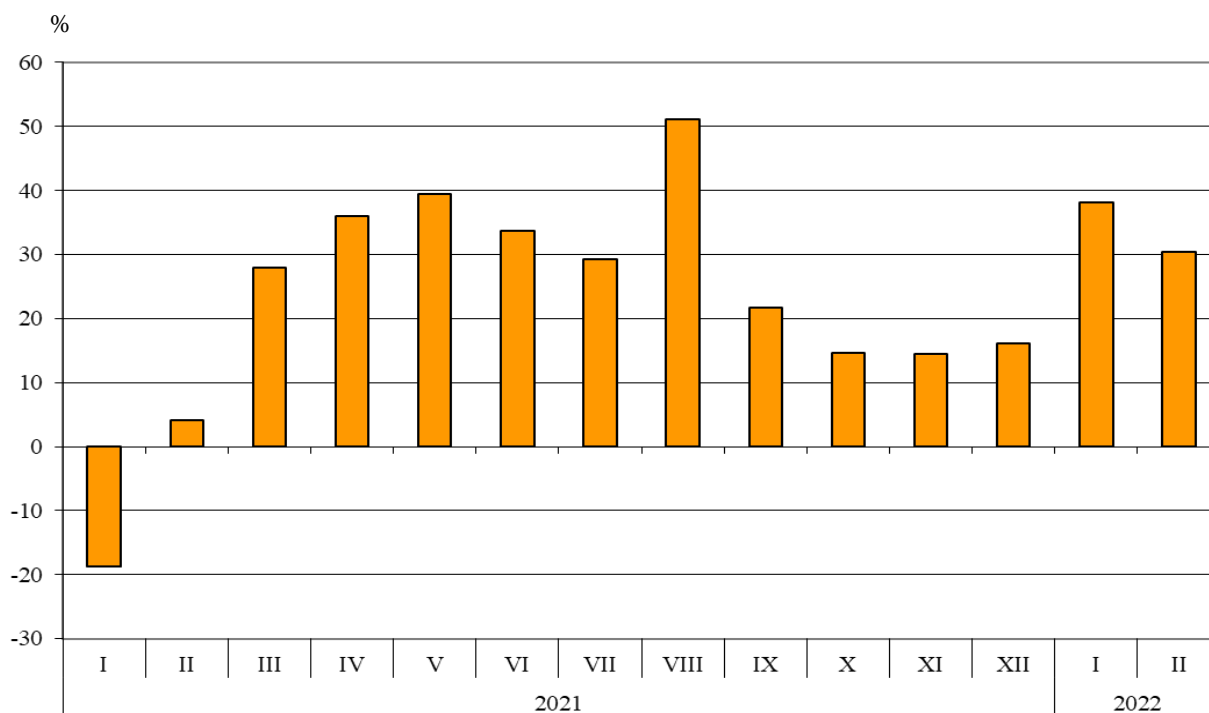


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - February 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 33.9% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 4 277.2 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, Egypt, China, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United States and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 54.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 30.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 274.5 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period January - February 2022, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (247.6%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (176.2%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported only in the section ‘Food and live animals’ (11.8%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2022 increased by 73.3% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 6 792.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)²

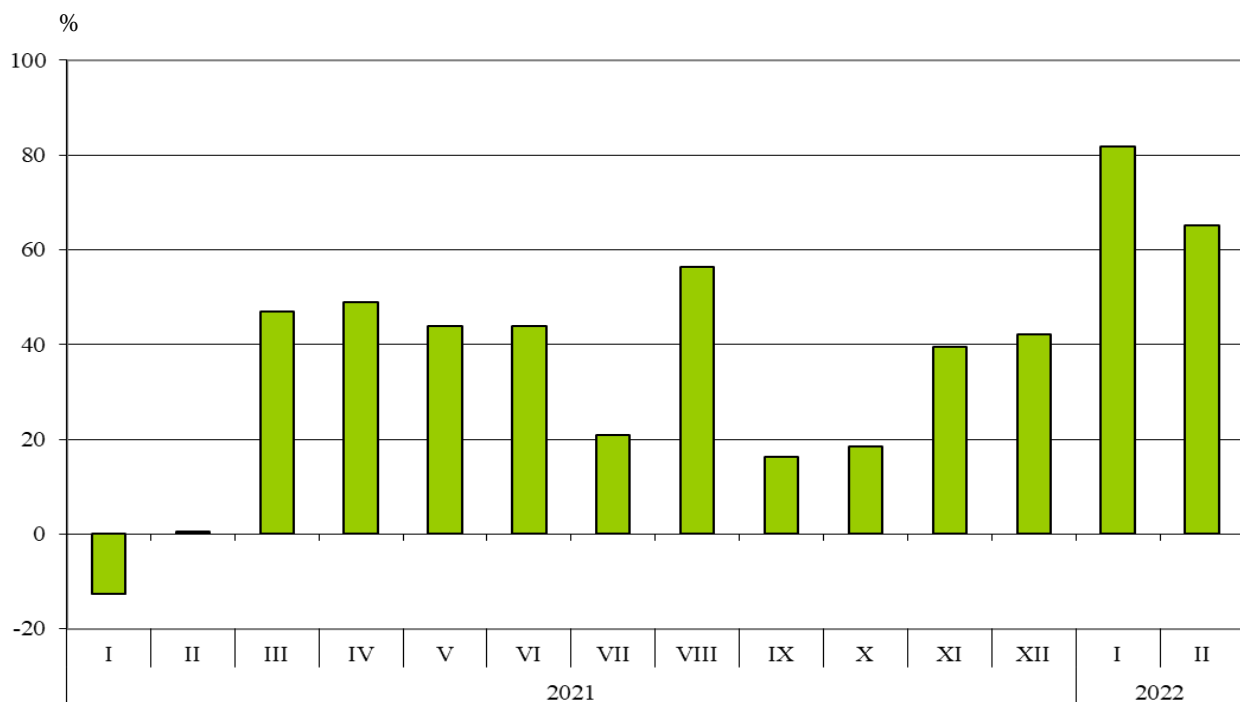
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(Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2022, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 65.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 301.6 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period January - February 2022, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (206.9%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (113.3%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - February 2022** was negative and added up to 2 515.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In February 2022, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 027.1 million BGN.

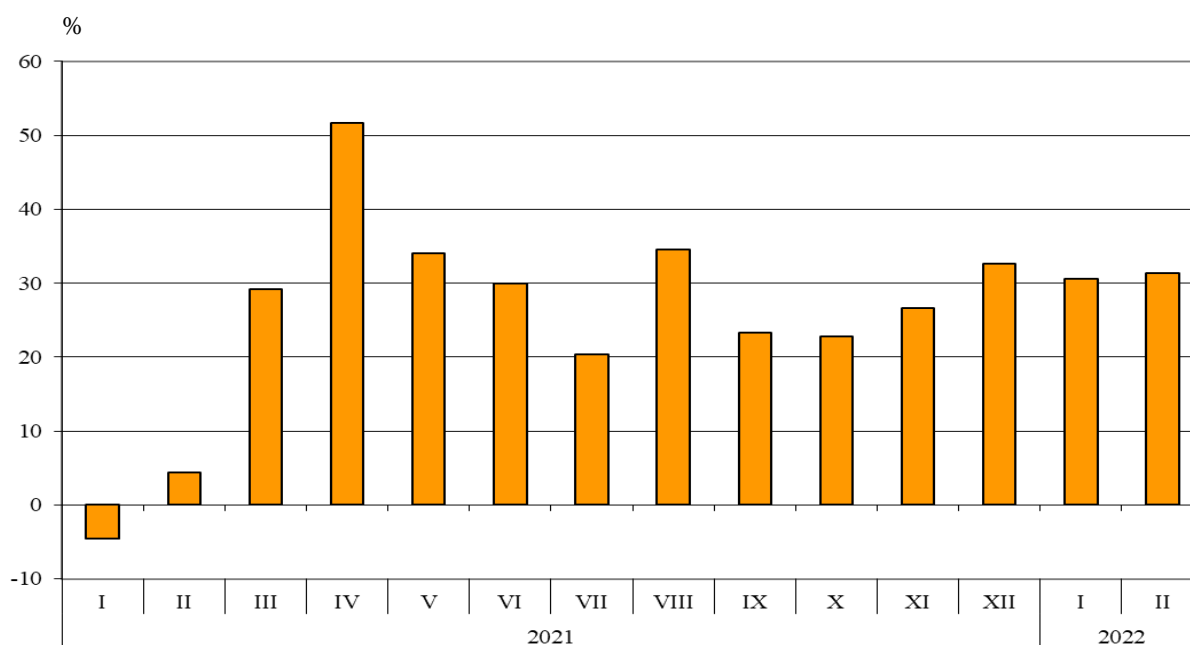
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Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total

In the period **January - February 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 12 867.1 million BGN, which is 31.0% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2022**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 647.4 million BGN and increased by 31.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

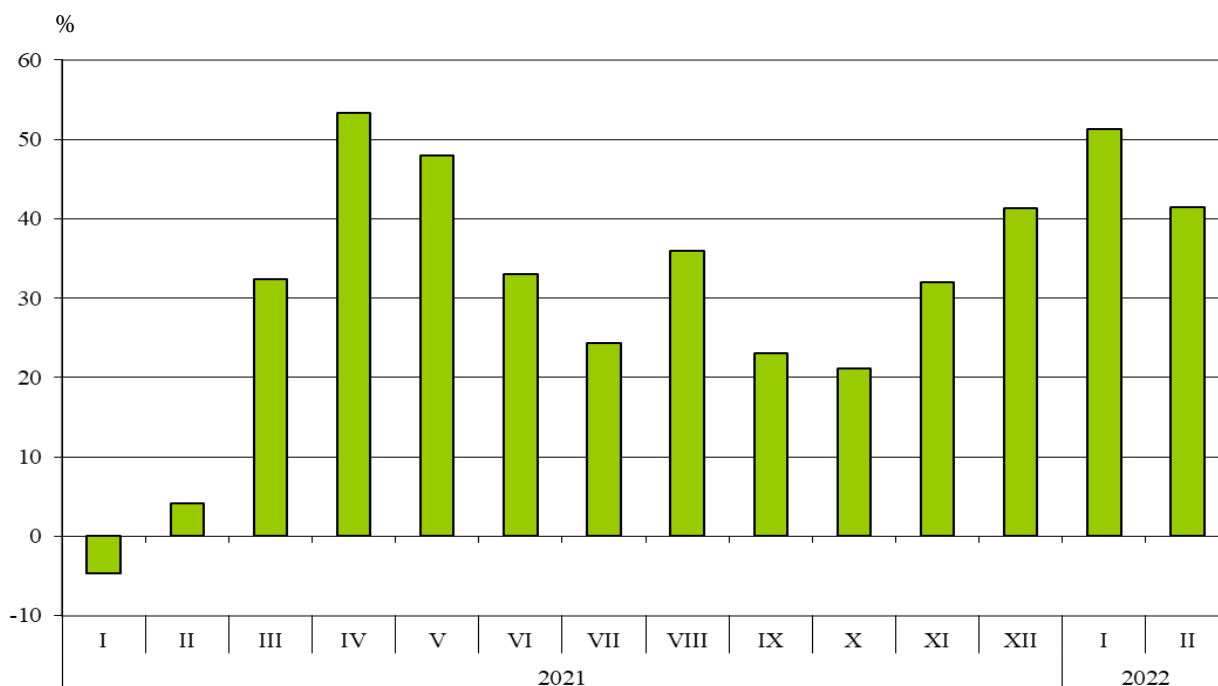


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - February 2022** amounted to 15 331.2 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 46.2% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2022**, the total imports of goods increased by 41.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 691.0 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in the period **January - February 2022** and amounted to 2 464.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In February 2022, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 043.6 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2021¹ and 2022¹ 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.2021	4761.1	3310.9	1450.2	5050.6	3129.9	1920.7	-289.5	181.0	-470.5
II.2021	5062.8	3318.9	1743.9	5434.8	3436.0	1998.8	-372.0	-117.1	-254.9
I - II.2021	9823.9	6629.8	3194.1	10485.4	6565.9	3919.5	-661.5	63.9	-725.4
I.2022	6219.7	4217.0	2002.7	7640.2	4149.1	3491.1	-1420.5	67.9	-1488.4
II.2022	6647.4	4372.9	2274.5	7691.0	4389.4	3301.6	-1043.6	-16.5	-1027.1
I - II.2022	12867.1	8589.9	4277.2	15331.2	8538.5	6792.7	-2464.1	51.4	-2515.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the
period January - February 2022¹ 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	30.6	27.4	38.1	51.3	32.6	81.8
II	31.3	31.8	30.4	41.5	27.7	65.2
I - II	31.0	29.6	33.9	46.2	30.0	73.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - February 2021² and 2022²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	3194.1	4277.2	33.9	3919.5	6792.7	73.3	-725.4	-2515.5
of which:								
Albania	24.9	34.5	38.6	10.1	10.1	0.0	14.8	24.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23.1	38.0	64.5	5.5	9.1	65.5	17.6	28.9
Brazil	13.6	82.1	503.7	86.2	70.0	-18.8	-72.6	12.1
Canada	18.1	22.5	24.3	62.7	59.6	-4.9	-44.6	-37.1
Chile	2.8	3.9	39.3	39.0	124.1	218.2	-36.2	-120.2
China	316.1	243.5	-23.0	618.7	903.5	46.0	-302.6	-660.0
Egypt	74.6	272.0	264.6	34.3	44.7	30.3	40.3	227.3
Georgia	33.2	117.3	253.3	128.1	193.9	51.4	-94.9	-76.6
Gibraltar	23.7	71.6	202.1	0.0	0.0	x	23.7	71.6
India	36.7	63.8	73.8	56.0	73.5	31.3	-19.3	-9.7
Indonesia	7.0	5.9	-15.7	10.6	10.1	-4.7	-3.6	-4.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	22.3	40.0	79.4	8.6	19.7	129.1	13.7	20.3
Israel	36.8	35.6	-3.3	10.3	13.8	34.0	26.5	21.8
Japan	16.9	19.0	12.4	69.8	74.7	7.0	-52.9	-55.7
Kazakhstan	8.3	6.6	-20.5	2.0	0.7	-65.0	6.3	5.9
Korea, Republic of	24.3	38.3	57.6	37.0	54.8	48.1	-12.7	-16.5
Libya	120.8	21.3	-82.4	0.0	0.0	x	120.8	21.3
Morocco	20.1	22.1	10.0	4.3	8.0	86.0	15.8	14.1
Namibia	30.5	0.2	-99.3	-	-	x	30.5	0.2
Norway	15.7	17.9	14.0	10.1	11.6	14.9	5.6	6.3
Peru	1.3	2.2	69.2	155.3	69.6	-55.2	-154.0	-67.4
Republic of North Macedonia	132.6	238.7	80.0	79.8	119.9	50.3	52.8	118.8
Russian Federation	113.1	129.3	14.3	667.8	1905.7	185.4	-554.7	-1776.4
Serbia	168.8	325.7	93.0	201.1	248.7	23.7	-32.3	77.0
Singapore	5.4	6.1	13.0	13.7	16.8	22.6	-8.3	-10.7
South Africa	10.6	126.7	1095.3	4.5	20.6	357.8	6.1	106.1
Switzerland	68.9	78.5	13.9	80.0	86.1	7.6	-11.1	-7.6
Syrian Arab Republic	1.5	1.3	-13.3	0.5	3.8	660.0	1.0	-2.5
Taiwan	10.4	9.9	-4.8	50.7	66.1	30.4	-40.3	-56.2
Tunisia	47.5	45.1	-5.1	4.9	43.0	777.6	42.6	2.1
Turkey	661.5	818.6	23.7	747.0	1250.6	67.4	-85.5	-432.0
Ukraine	64.4	162.8	152.8	184.3	399.1	116.5	-119.9	-236.3
United Arab Emirates	27.1	42.5	56.8	13.8	12.9	-6.5	13.3	29.6
United Kingdom ³	175.8	206.0	17.2	67.3	98.9	47.0	108.5	107.1
United States	215.9	236.3	9.4	69.8	109.9	57.4	146.1	126.4
Viet Nam	16.1	8.2	-49.1	26.6	34.1	28.2	-10.5	-25.9

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 April 13, 2022.

³ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

'-' - no case registered.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - February 2021¹ and 2022¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	3194.1	4277.2	33.9	3919.5	6792.7	73.3	-725.4	-2515.5
Food and live animals	427.1	376.9	-11.8	198.8	245.4	23.4	228.3	131.5
Beverages and tobacco	35.9	43.5	21.2	26.6	33.6	26.3	9.3	9.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	357.2	370.1	3.6	777.9	979.3	25.9	-420.7	-609.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	236.5	822.1	247.6	640.3	1965.3	206.9	-403.8	-1143.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	52.2	144.2	176.2	26.3	56.1	113.3	25.9	88.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	425.8	586.2	37.7	381.6	631.6	65.5	44.2	-45.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	720.1	737.6	2.4	764.0	1339.2	75.3	-43.9	-601.6
Machinery and transport equipment	560.2	702.9	25.5	778.8	1155.6	48.4	-218.6	-452.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	367.9	490.9	33.4	312.4	385.4	23.4	55.5	105.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	11.2	2.8	-75.0	12.8	1.2	-90.6	-1.6	1.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.