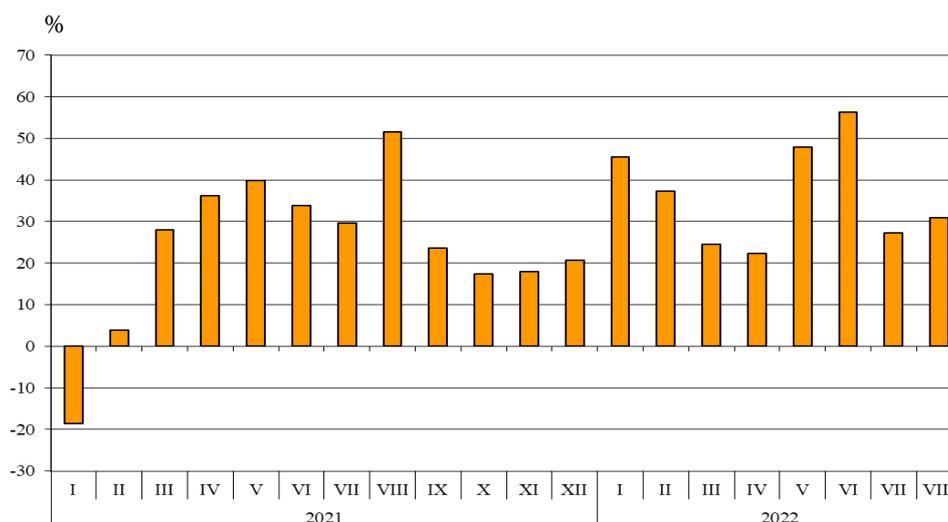


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 35.8% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 20 479.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, Ukraine, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and China, which accounted for 50.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 30.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 707.2 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - August 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’ (203.3%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (123.1%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’<sup>2</sup> (11.7%).

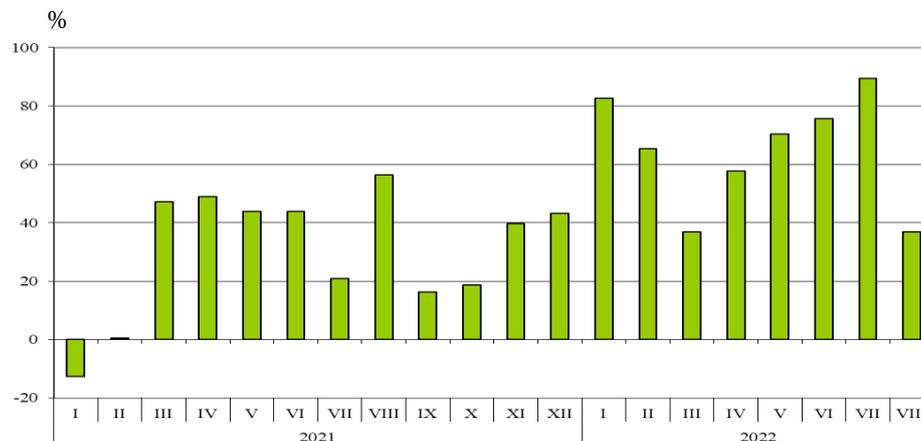
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2022** increased by 63.1% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 31 495.8 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **August 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 36.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 799.4 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - August 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 ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (378.7%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (126.5%) (Annex, Table 4).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - August 2022** was negative and added up to 11 016.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **August 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 092.2 million BGN.

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

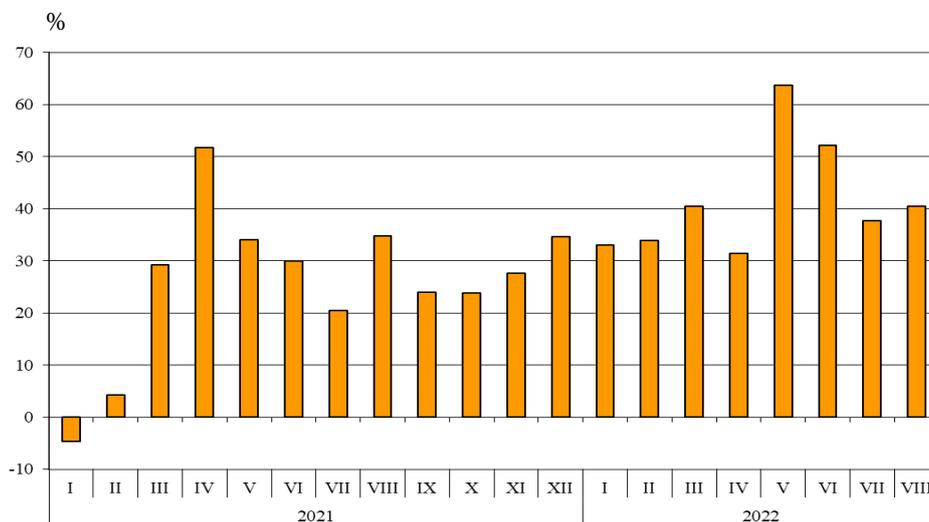
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - August 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 62 164.8 million BGN, which is 41.6% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 7 873.8 million BGN and increased by 40.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

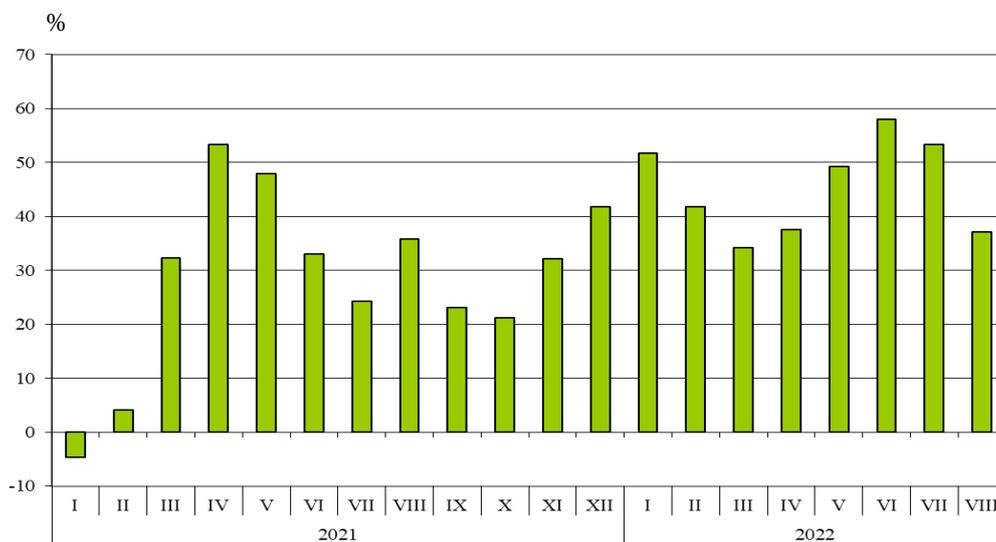


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the **period January - August 2022** amounted to 70 223.1 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 45.3% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 37.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 578.7 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - August 2022** and amounted to 8 058.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **August 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 704.9 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - August 2021 and 2022<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2021	4761.6	3310.9	1450.7	5050.2	3129.4	1920.8	-288.6	181.5	-470.1
II.2021	5057.2	3317.9	1739.3	5432.4	3433.6	1998.8	-375.2	-115.7	-259.5
III.2021	5824.0	3746.3	2077.7	6689.0	3998.0	2691.0	-865.0	-251.7	-613.3
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15642.8</b>	<b>10375.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>17171.6</b>	<b>10561.0</b>	<b>6610.6</b>	<b>-1528.8</b>	<b>-185.9</b>	<b>-1342.9</b>
IV.2021	5905.3	3937.1	1968.2	6078.1	3599.7	2478.4	-172.8	337.4	-510.2
V.2021	5155.3	3357.6	1797.7	6043.0	3686.5	2356.5	-887.7	-328.9	-558.8
VI.2021	5734.5	3790.9	1943.6	6440.2	3751.9	2688.3	-705.7	39.0	-744.7
<b>IV - VI.2021</b>	<b>16795.1</b>	<b>11085.6</b>	<b>5709.5</b>	<b>18561.3</b>	<b>11038.1</b>	<b>7523.2</b>	<b>-1766.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>-1813.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2021</b>	<b>32437.9</b>	<b>21460.7</b>	<b>10977.2</b>	<b>35732.9</b>	<b>21599.1</b>	<b>14133.8</b>	<b>-3295.0</b>	<b>-138.4</b>	<b>-3156.6</b>
VII.2021	5861.3	3830.2	2031.1	6353.2	3949.7	2403.5	-491.9	-119.5	-372.4
VIII.2021	5605.9	3536.7	2069.2	6253.2	3475.9	2777.3	-647.3	60.8	-708.1
<b>I - VIII.2021</b>	<b>43905.1</b>	<b>28827.6</b>	<b>15077.5</b>	<b>48339.3</b>	<b>29024.7</b>	<b>19314.6</b>	<b>-4434.2</b>	<b>-197.1</b>	<b>-4237.1</b>
I.2022	6334.3	4223.8	2110.5	7661.3	4150.9	3510.4	-1327.0	72.9	-1399.9
II.2022	6774.7	4387.8	2386.9	7702.4	4399.3	3303.1	-927.7	-11.5	-916.2
III.2022	8185.3	5598.5	2586.8	8977.3	5292.8	3684.5	-792.0	305.7	-1097.7
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21294.3</b>	<b>14210.1</b>	<b>7084.2</b>	<b>24341.0</b>	<b>13843.0</b>	<b>10498.0</b>	<b>-3046.7</b>	<b>367.1</b>	<b>-3413.8</b>
IV.2022	7762.7	5355.0	2407.7	8363.3	4454.0	3909.3	-600.6	901.0	-1501.6
V.2022	8438.4	5779.9	2658.5	9017.4	5003.6	4013.8	-579.0	776.3	-1355.3
VI.2022	8726.8	5689.6	3037.2	10177.4	5457.6	4719.8	-1450.6	232.0	-1682.6
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>24927.9</b>	<b>16824.5</b>	<b>8103.4</b>	<b>27558.1</b>	<b>14915.2</b>	<b>12642.9</b>	<b>-2630.2</b>	<b>1909.3</b>	<b>-4539.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>46222.2</b>	<b>31034.6</b>	<b>15187.6</b>	<b>51899.1</b>	<b>28758.2</b>	<b>23140.9</b>	<b>-5676.9</b>	<b>2276.4</b>	<b>-7953.3</b>
VII.2022	8068.8	5484.2	2584.6	9745.3	5189.8	4555.5	-1676.5	294.4	-1970.9
VIII.2022	7873.8	5166.6	2707.2	8578.7	4779.3	3799.4	-704.9	387.3	-1092.2
<b>I - VIII.2022</b>	<b>62164.8</b>	<b>41685.4</b>	<b>20479.4</b>	<b>70223.1</b>	<b>38727.3</b>	<b>31495.8</b>	<b>-8058.3</b>	<b>2958.1</b>	<b>-11016.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - August 2022<sup>1</sup> 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	33.0	27.6	45.5	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.0	32.2	37.2	41.8	28.1	65.3
III	40.5	49.4	24.5	34.2	32.4	36.9
<b>I - III</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>58.8</b>
IV	31.5	36.0	22.3	37.6	23.7	57.7
V	63.7	72.1	47.9	49.2	35.7	70.3
VI	52.2	50.1	56.3	58.0	45.5	75.6
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>68.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>63.7</b>
VII	37.7	43.2	27.3	53.4	31.4	89.5
VIII	40.5	46.1	30.8	37.2	37.5	36.8
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - August 2021 and 2022<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>15077.5</b>	<b>20479.4</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>19314.6</b>	<b>31495.8</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>-4237.1</b>	<b>-11016.4</b>
of which:								
Albania	138.9	170.4	22.7	46.6	68.6	47.2	92.3	101.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	121.3	129.7	6.9	35.9	32.1	-10.6	85.4	97.6
Brazil	61.2	163.4	167.0	223.3	341.2	52.8	-162.1	-177.8
Canada	85.1	118.9	39.7	215.9	141.1	-34.6	-130.8	-22.2
Chile	21.1	19.3	-8.5	439.9	198.9	-54.8	-418.8	-179.6
China	1522.6	817.2	-46.3	2617.4	4046.7	54.6	-1094.8	-3229.5
Egypt	351.7	743.4	111.4	405.3	347.8	-14.2	-53.6	395.6
Georgia	251.0	334.9	33.4	436.0	725.4	66.4	-185.0	-390.5
Gibraltar	217.2	665.9	206.6	0.0	0.3	x	217.2	665.6
India	164.6	347.8	111.3	258.3	358.2	38.7	-93.7	-10.4
Indonesia	86.3	144.2	67.1	40.2	218.1	442.5	46.1	-73.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	119.3	167.3	40.2	63.8	121.8	90.9	55.5	45.5
Israel	246.9	457.8	85.4	302.2	78.0	-74.2	-55.3	379.8
Japan	69.8	93.0	33.2	251.3	277.9	10.6	-181.5	-184.9
Kazakhstan	37.2	50.9	36.8	3.4	21.6	535.3	33.8	29.3
Korea, Republic of	258.3	157.5	-39.0	176.6	256.0	45.0	81.7	-98.5
Libya	174.3	232.3	33.3	2.9	13.4	362.1	171.4	218.9
Morocco	151.0	127.2	-15.8	124.3	87.9	-29.3	26.7	39.3
Namibia	109.0	151.8	39.3	0.0	1.0	x	109.0	150.8
Norway	72.3	71.3	-1.4	37.9	45.4	19.8	34.4	25.9
Peru	5.7	14.9	161.4	438.3	332.3	-24.2	-432.6	-317.4
Republic of North Macedonia	666.8	1002.9	50.4	463.4	593.2	28.0	203.4	409.7
Russian Federation	527.6	570.6	8.2	3569.7	8078.5	126.3	-3042.1	-7507.9
Serbia	859.3	1518.2	76.7	932.8	1183.6	26.9	-73.5	334.6
Singapore	44.5	31.1	-30.1	54.9	70.0	27.5	-10.4	-38.9
South Africa	83.4	334.5	301.1	66.6	59.8	-10.2	16.8	274.7
Switzerland	306.3	382.5	24.9	357.5	406.9	13.8	-51.2	-24.4
Syrian Arab Republic	6.7	3.9	-41.8	3.8	10.1	165.8	2.9	-6.2
Taiwan	49.4	52.4	6.1	213.9	320.0	49.6	-164.5	-267.6
Tunisia	315.7	347.7	10.1	27.4	68.7	150.7	288.3	279.0
Turkey	2821.1	3601.0	27.6	3607.0	6020.0	66.9	-785.9	-2419.0
Ukraine	517.6	1196.1	131.1	1030.9	2175.7	111.0	-513.3	-979.6
United Arab Emirates	103.2	143.4	39.0	49.9	53.3	6.8	53.3	90.1
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	808.5	967.6	19.7	374.8	473.6	26.4	433.7	494.0
United States	1028.2	1178.8	14.6	374.6	793.3	111.8	653.6	385.5
Viet Nam	120.6	60.8	-49.6	130.9	207.6	58.6	-10.3	-146.8

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.

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

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - August 2021 and 2022<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>15077.5</b>	<b>20479.4</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>19314.6</b>	<b>31495.8</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>-4237.1</b>	<b>-11016.4</b>
Food and live animals	1999.4	3119.4	56.0	843.8	1128.4	33.7	1155.6	1991.0
Beverages and tobacco	121.5	155.1	27.7	202.1	213.3	5.5	-80.6	-58.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1382.4	1369.7	-0.9	3360.6	5108.1	52.0	-1978.2	-3738.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1485.6	4505.2	203.3	3848.1	8715.0	126.5	-2362.5	-4209.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	288.0	642.5	123.1	110.1	527.0	378.7	177.9	115.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1813.1	2470.2	36.2	1825.0	2979.5	63.3	-11.9	-509.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3595.0	3173.0	-11.7	3941.4	5812.0	47.5	-346.4	-2639.0
Machinery and transport equipment	2500.4	3048.5	21.9	3708.4	5246.3	41.5	-1208.0	-2197.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1836.6	1974.8	7.5	1431.9	1755.7	22.6	404.7	219.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	55.5	21.0	-62.2	43.2	10.5	-75.7	12.3	10.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.