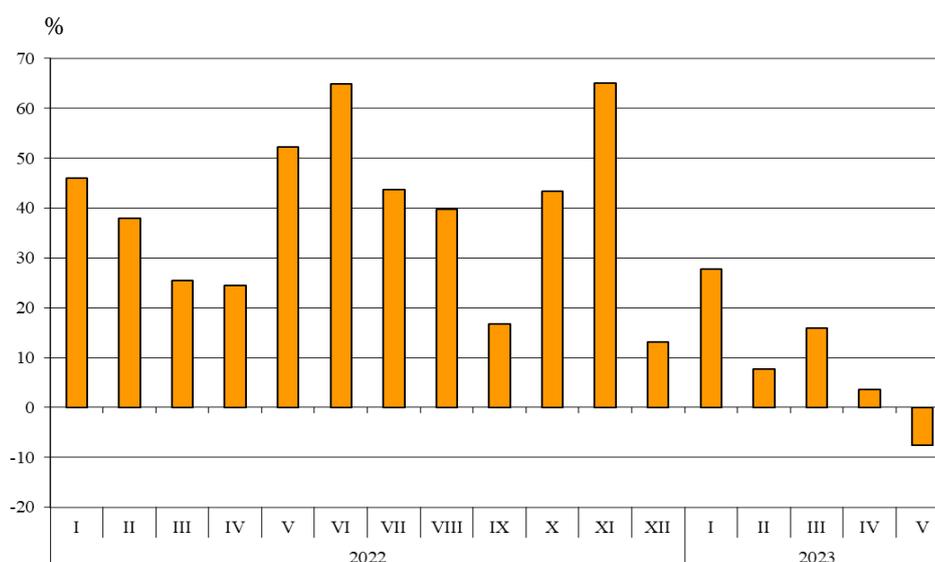


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 8.7% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 13 380.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, China, the United States, Ukraine, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 55.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2023 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 7.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 529.1 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries  
in the period 2022 - 2023  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



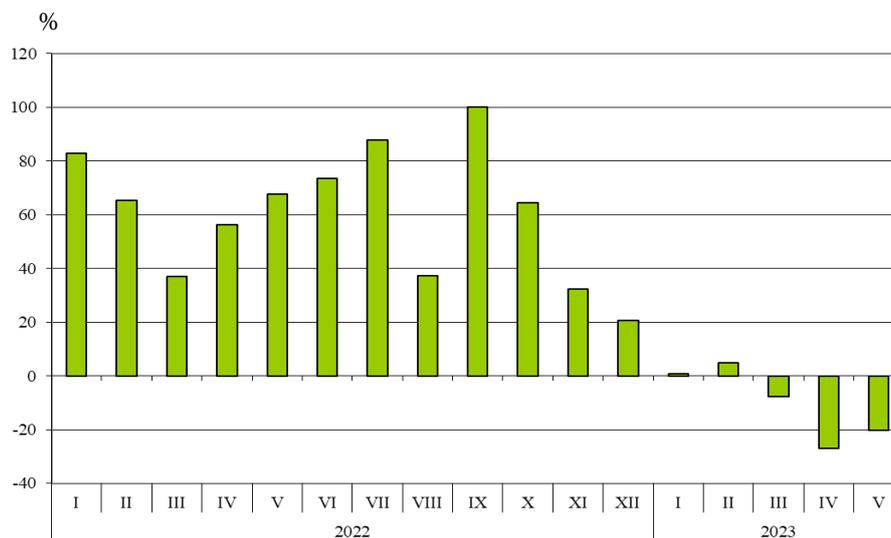
In the period January - May 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (73.1%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (29.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (23.9%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - May 2023** decreased by 10.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 16 376.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

**In May 2023 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** decreased by 20.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 145.8 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**In the period January - May 2023**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the period January - May 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (30.6%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (25.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (30.4%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - May 2023** was negative and added up to 2 995.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In May 2023** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 616.7 million BGN.

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

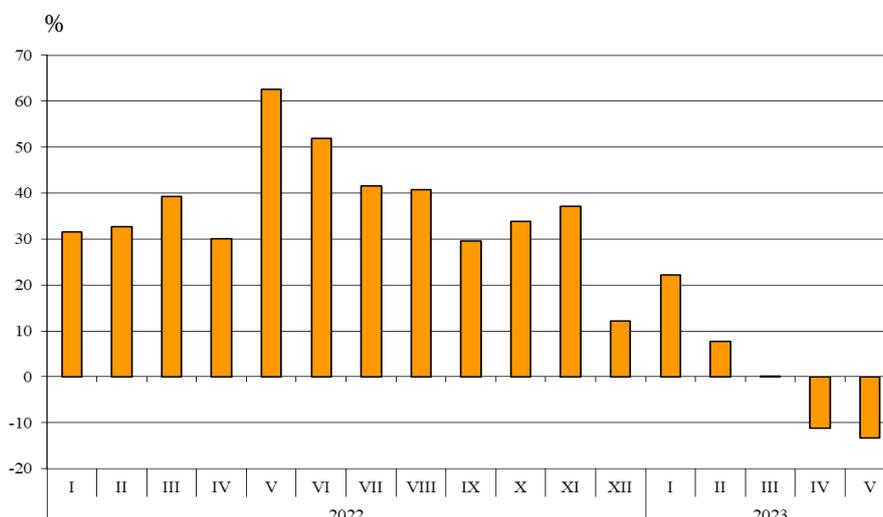
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - May 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 37 075.7 million BGN, which is 0.2% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2023** the total exports of goods added up to 7 263.4 million BGN and decreased by 13.3% 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 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

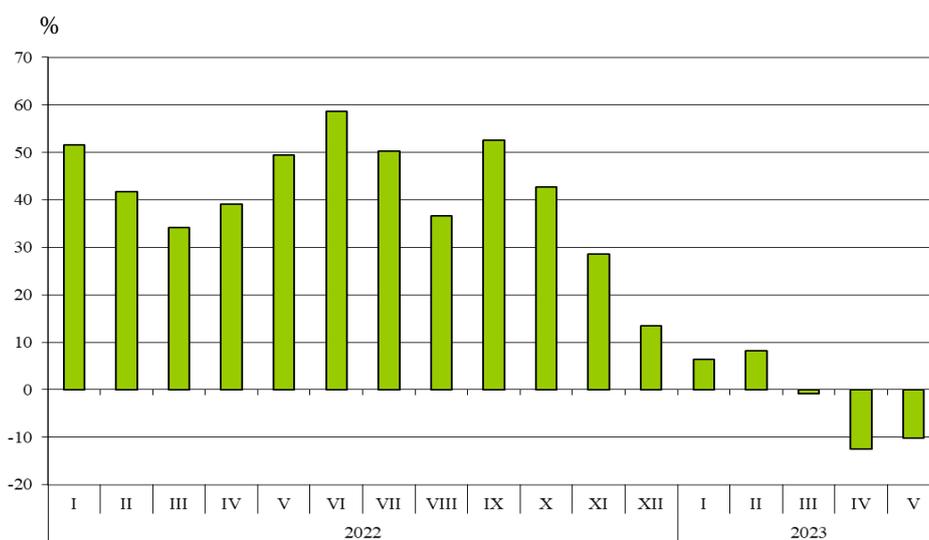


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - May 2023** amounted to 40 874.8 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 2.2% less than in the period January - May 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2023** the total imports of goods decreased by 10.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 111.5 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 2022 - 2023  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - May 2023** and amounted to 3 799.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In May 2023** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 848.1 million BGN.

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - May 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<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.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21083.9</b>	<b>13957.7</b>	<b>7126.2</b>	<b>24322.8</b>	<b>13825.3</b>	<b>10497.5</b>	<b>-3238.9</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>-3371.3</b>
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
V.2022	8382.3	5645.2	2737.1	9027.9	5079.0	3948.9	-645.6	566.2	-1211.8
<b>I - V.2022</b>	<b>37148.4</b>	<b>24837.0</b>	<b>12311.4</b>	<b>41802.3</b>	<b>23482.2</b>	<b>18320.1</b>	<b>-4653.9</b>	<b>1354.8</b>	<b>-6008.7</b>
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22987.7</b>	<b>14673.3</b>	<b>8314.4</b>	<b>25365.7</b>	<b>14959.9</b>	<b>10405.8</b>	<b>-2378.0</b>	<b>-286.6</b>	<b>-2091.4</b>
IV.2023	6824.6	4287.2	2537.4	7397.6	4573.1	2824.5	-573.0	-285.9	-287.1
V.2023	7263.4	4734.3	2529.1	8111.5	4965.7	3145.8	-848.1	-231.4	-616.7
<b>I - V.2023</b>	<b>37075.7</b>	<b>23694.8</b>	<b>13380.9</b>	<b>40874.8</b>	<b>24498.7</b>	<b>16376.1</b>	<b>-3799.1</b>	<b>-803.9</b>	<b>-2995.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.

<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 - May 2023<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	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.5	-0.1	-27.1
V	-13.3	-16.1	-7.6	-10.2	-2.2	-20.3
<b>I - V</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-10.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period  
January - May 2022<sup>2</sup> and 2023<sup>2</sup>

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>12311.4</b>	<b>13380.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>18320.1</b>	<b>16376.1</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-6008.7</b>	<b>-2995.2</b>
of which:								
Albania	106.0	110.0	3.8	39.8	41.8	5.0	66.2	68.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	84.9	74.7	-12.0	20.2	33.3	64.9	64.7	41.4
Brazil	147.9	25.7	-82.6	190.7	266.4	39.7	-42.8	-240.7
Canada	78.6	70.6	-10.2	109.2	39.6	-63.7	-30.6	31.0
Chile	16.1	11.4	-29.2	171.9	153.1	-10.9	-155.8	-141.7
China	544.7	883.6	62.2	2382.0	2226.6	-6.5	-1837.3	-1343.0
Egypt	393.1	455.8	16.0	170.1	311.0	82.8	223.0	144.8
Georgia	230.5	144.4	-37.4	410.1	281.6	-31.3	-179.6	-137.2
Gibraltar	509.2	201.3	-60.5	0.3	0.0	x	508.9	201.3
India	193.3	178.5	-7.7	238.1	217.1	-8.8	-44.8	-38.6
Indonesia	19.8	36.4	83.8	113.4	202.0	78.1	-93.6	-165.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	119.3	80.3	-32.7	71.9	46.1	-35.9	47.4	34.2
Israel	289.9	202.1	-30.3	45.2	126.1	179.0	244.7	76.0
Japan	58.3	51.4	-11.8	177.3	179.3	1.1	-119.0	-127.9
Kazakhstan	23.0	69.1	200.4	4.4	6.8	54.5	18.6	62.3
Korea, Republic of	102.8	66.0	-35.8	156.0	157.5	1.0	-53.2	-91.5
Libya	120.6	82.6	-31.5	13.4	3.1	-76.9	107.2	79.5
Morocco	83.2	100.2	20.4	23.7	42.3	78.5	59.5	57.9
Namibia	53.7	0.3	-99.4	0.0	8.5	x	53.7	-8.2
Norway	43.7	46.9	7.3	30.9	23.5	-23.9	12.8	23.4
Peru	13.7	14.7	7.3	164.5	217.2	32.0	-150.8	-202.5
Republic of North Macedonia	645.2	689.1	6.8	355.3	419.8	18.2	289.9	269.3
Russian Federation	317.2	416.0	31.1	4973.7	2237.8	-55.0	-4656.5	-1821.8
Serbia	895.4	762.2	-14.9	699.9	938.7	34.1	195.5	-176.5
Singapore	19.5	25.6	31.3	47.4	36.4	-23.2	-27.9	-10.8
South Africa	238.8	86.2	-63.9	35.1	108.8	210.0	203.7	-22.6
Switzerland	220.7	398.6	80.6	241.9	359.2	48.5	-21.2	39.4
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.9	-17.1	3.9	0.5	-87.2	-0.4	2.4
Taiwan	36.5	106.5	191.8	199.1	145.7	-26.8	-162.6	-39.2
Tunisia	232.7	130.5	-43.9	49.6	18.8	-62.1	183.1	111.7
Türkiye	2342.6	2267.6	-3.2	3467.1	3470.9	0.1	-1124.5	-1203.3
Ukraine	354.7	813.3	129.3	977.8	723.7	-26.0	-623.1	89.6
United Arab Emirates	97.4	209.9	115.5	32.5	39.3	20.9	64.9	170.6
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	627.3	1098.9	75.2	289.3	629.2	117.5	338.0	469.7
United States	830.2	866.3	4.3	352.7	580.0	64.4	477.5	286.3
Viet Nam	36.6	29.1	-20.5	122.4	104.2	-14.9	-85.8	-75.1

<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 July 10, 2023.

<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 - May 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<sup>1</sup>

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>12311.4</b>	<b>13380.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>18320.1</b>	<b>16376.1</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-6008.7</b>	<b>-2995.2</b>
Food and live animals	1648.9	2135.7	29.5	689.1	867.2	25.8	959.8	1268.5
Beverages and tobacco	87.3	112.9	29.3	118.4	154.6	30.6	-31.1	-41.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	935.0	844.8	-9.6	2755.9	2303.0	-16.4	-1820.9	-1458.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2515.6	1914.0	-23.9	4975.0	3462.6	-30.4	-2459.4	-1548.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	336.9	407.9	21.1	225.0	176.5	-21.6	111.9	231.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1613.0	1443.3	-10.5	1702.6	1407.6	-17.3	-89.6	35.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2035.0	1819.0	-10.6	3601.9	3003.3	-16.6	-1566.9	-1184.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1851.8	3205.4	73.1	3172.6	3894.4	22.8	-1320.8	-689.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1274.0	1269.4	-0.4	1073.9	1101.0	2.5	200.1	168.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	13.9	228.5	1543.9	5.7	5.9	3.5	8.2	222.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.