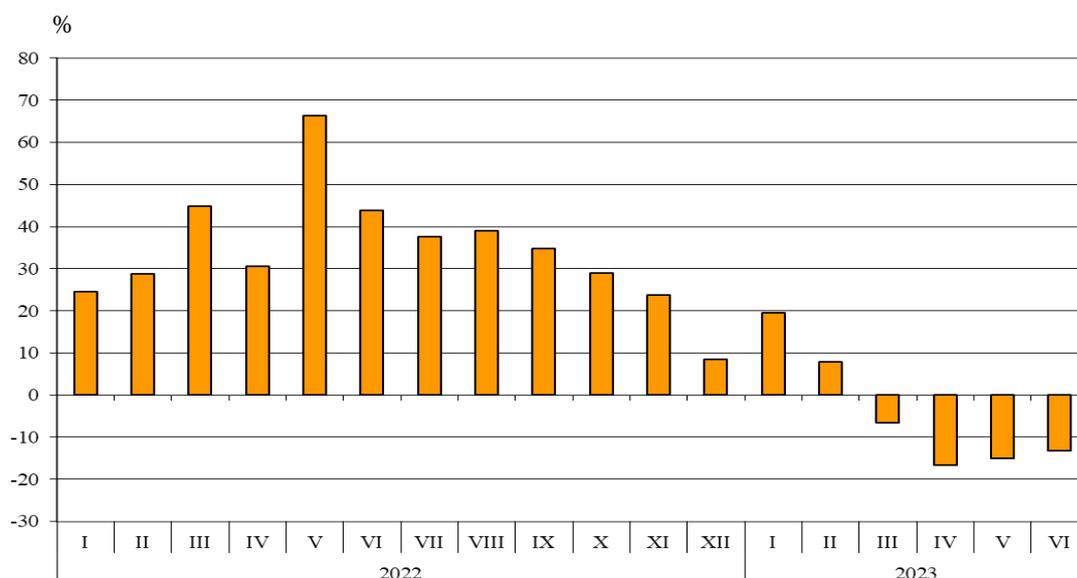


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 5.4% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 28 367.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 13.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 729.6 million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



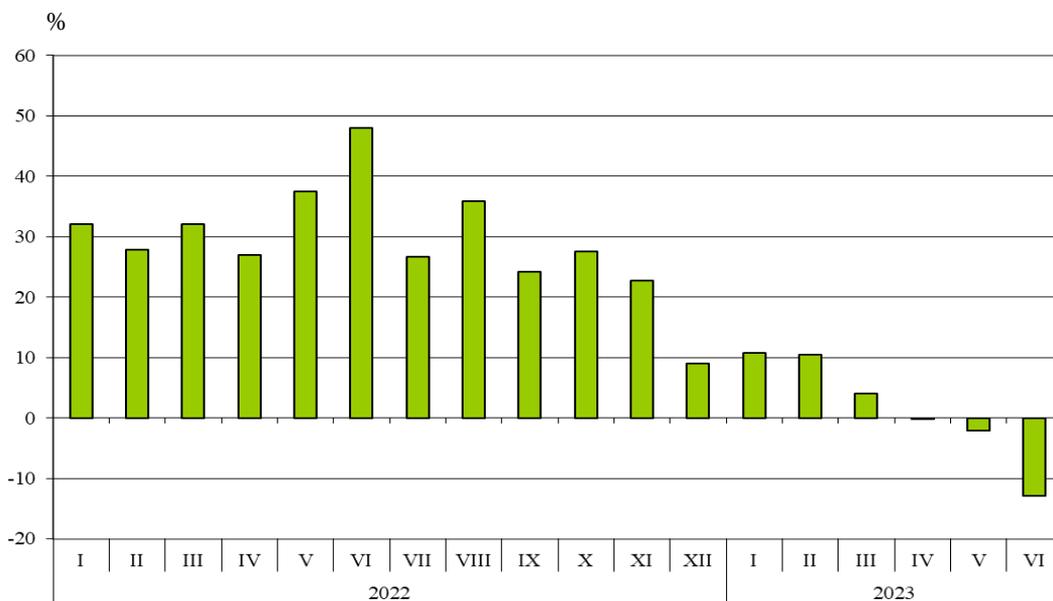
In the period **January - June 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (16.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (71.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - June 2023** increased by 1.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 29 281.2 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 13.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 834.4 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - June 2023**, 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 same period of 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (20.7%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (65.5%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - June 2023** was negative and added up to 914.2 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 - June 2022 and 2023¹ 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.2022 | 6244.6 | 4124.4 | 2120.2 | 7643.0 | 4132.2 | 3510.8 | -1398.4 | -7.8 | -1390.6 |
| II.2022 | 6673.8 | 4272.2 | 2401.6 | 7694.6 | 4390.7 | 3303.9 | -1020.8 | -118.5 | -902.3 |
| III.2022 | 8035.5 | 5425.9 | 2609.6 | 8966.6 | 5278.8 | 3687.8 | -931.1 | 147.1 | -1078.2 |
| I - III.2022 | 20953.9 | 13822.5 | 7131.4 | 24304.2 | 13801.7 | 10502.5 | -3350.3 | 20.8 | -3371.1 |
| IV.2022 | 7590.2 | 5141.0 | 2449.2 | 8445.5 | 4571.6 | 3873.9 | -855.3 | 569.4 | -1424.7 |
| V.2022 | 8322.2 | 5584.1 | 2738.1 | 9020.1 | 5071.1 | 3949.0 | -697.9 | 513.0 | -1210.9 |
| VI.2022 | 8659.8 | 5453.8 | 3206.0 | 10219.3 | 5554.4 | 4664.9 | -1559.5 | -100.6 | -1458.9 |
| IV - VI.2022 | 24572.2 | 16178.9 | 8393.3 | 27684.9 | 15197.1 | 12487.8 | -3112.7 | 981.8 | -4094.5 |
| I - VI.2022 | 45526.1 | 30001.4 | 15524.7 | 51989.1 | 28998.8 | 22990.3 | -6463.0 | 1002.6 | -7465.6 |
| I.2023 | 7356.3 | 4932.0 | 2424.3 | 8137.3 | 4578.7 | 3558.6 | -781.0 | 353.3 | -1134.3 |
| II.2023 | 7100.5 | 4609.8 | 2490.7 | 8070.1 | 4847.5 | 3222.6 | -969.6 | -237.7 | -731.9 |
| III.2023 | 7945.3 | 5067.1 | 2878.2 | 8599.4 | 5488.2 | 3111.2 | -654.1 | -421.1 | -233.0 |
| I - III.2023 | 22402.1 | 14608.9 | 7793.2 | 24806.8 | 14914.4 | 9892.4 | -2404.7 | -305.5 | -2099.2 |
| IV.2023 | 6739.1 | 4286.6 | 2452.5 | 7369.8 | 4568.6 | 2801.2 | -630.7 | -282.0 | -348.7 |
| V.2023 | 7316.6 | 4741.9 | 2574.7 | 8137.3 | 4963.8 | 3173.5 | -820.7 | -221.9 | -598.8 |
| VI.2023 | 7207.8 | 4729.6 | 2478.2 | 7851.5 | 4834.4 | 3017.1 | -643.7 | -104.8 | -538.9 |
| IV - VI.2023 | 21263.5 | 13758.1 | 7505.4 | 23358.6 | 14366.8 | 8991.8 | -2095.1 | -608.7 | -1486.4 |
| I - VI.2023 | 43665.6 | 28367.0 | 15298.6 | 48165.4 | 29281.2 | 18884.2 | -4499.8 | -914.2 | -3585.6 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 13, 2023.

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 - June 2023¹ 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 | 17.8 | 19.6 | 14.3 | 6.5 | 10.8 | 1.4 |
| II | 6.4 | 7.9 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 10.4 | -2.5 |
| III | -1.1 | -6.6 | 10.3 | -4.1 | 4.0 | -15.6 |
| I - III | 6.9 | 5.7 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 8.1 | -5.8 |
| IV | -11.2 | -16.6 | 0.1 | -12.7 | -0.1 | -27.7 |
| V | -12.1 | -15.1 | -6.0 | -9.8 | -2.1 | -19.6 |
| VI | -16.8 | -13.3 | -22.7 | -23.2 | -13.0 | -35.3 |
| IV - VI | -13.5 | -15.0 | -10.6 | -15.6 | -5.5 | -28.0 |
| I - VI | -4.1 | -5.4 | -1.5 | -7.4 | 1.0 | -17.9 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 13, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - June 2022 and 2023²

| Countries and groups of 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 | |
| Total | 45526.1 | 43665.6 | -4.1 | 51989.1 | 48165.4 | -7.4 | -6463.0 | -4499.8 |
| EU | 30001.4 | 28367.0 | -5.4 | 28998.8 | 29281.2 | 1.0 | 1002.6 | -914.2 |
| Austria | 872.3 | 990.7 | 13.6 | 1117.9 | 1278.6 | 14.4 | -245.6 | -287.9 |
| Belgium | 840.1 | 1168.1 | 39.0 | 980.5 | 1123.2 | 14.6 | -140.4 | 44.9 |
| Croatia | 450.6 | 334.7 | -25.7 | 120.3 | 125.5 | 4.3 | 330.3 | 209.2 |
| Cyprus | 200.9 | 142.0 | -29.3 | 43.4 | 68.8 | 58.5 | 157.5 | 73.2 |
| Czechia | 766.5 | 844.6 | 10.2 | 1139.3 | 1354.2 | 18.9 | -372.8 | -509.6 |
| Denmark | 221.7 | 215.4 | -2.8 | 202.1 | 366.3 | 81.2 | 19.6 | -150.9 |
| Estonia | 54.5 | 73.8 | 35.4 | 41.0 | 134.0 | 226.8 | 13.5 | -60.2 |
| Finland | 104.6 | 96.3 | -7.9 | 101.7 | 132.5 | 30.3 | 2.9 | -36.2 |
| France | 1624.8 | 1480.5 | -8.9 | 1183.6 | 1323.4 | 11.8 | 441.2 | 157.1 |
| Germany | 6731.5 | 6055.9 | -10.0 | 5428.0 | 6060.4 | 11.7 | 1303.5 | -4.5 |
| Greece | 3087.5 | 2450.3 | -20.6 | 3052.8 | 2259.2 | -26.0 | 34.7 | 191.1 |
| Hungary | 842.8 | 586.6 | -30.4 | 1670.8 | 1679.4 | 0.5 | -828.0 | -1092.8 |
| Ireland | 98.0 | 136.5 | 39.3 | 223.5 | 191.9 | -14.1 | -125.5 | -55.4 |
| Italy | 3684.8 | 3488.5 | -5.3 | 3082.3 | 3386.7 | 9.9 | 602.5 | 101.8 |
| Latvia | 39.3 | 58.0 | 47.6 | 68.8 | 39.5 | -42.6 | -29.5 | 18.5 |
| Lithuania | 103.4 | 126.3 | 22.1 | 110.8 | 113.8 | 2.7 | -7.4 | 12.5 |
| Luxembourg | 9.0 | 14.4 | 60.0 | 52.0 | 43.5 | -16.3 | -43.0 | -29.1 |
| Malta | 16.7 | 21.1 | 26.3 | 20.1 | 15.8 | -21.4 | -3.4 | 5.3 |
| Netherlands | 1223.1 | 911.4 | -25.5 | 2260.5 | 2007.7 | -11.2 | -1037.4 | -1096.3 |
| Poland | 1068.5 | 1116.6 | 4.5 | 1692.0 | 1910.7 | 12.9 | -623.5 | -794.1 |
| Portugal | 148.9 | 119.5 | -19.7 | 117.5 | 96.0 | -18.3 | 31.4 | 23.5 |
| Romania | 4526.2 | 4078.5 | -9.9 | 3970.7 | 3088.8 | -22.2 | 555.5 | 989.7 |
| Slovakia | 405.8 | 527.3 | 29.9 | 562.6 | 556.8 | -1.0 | -156.8 | -29.5 |
| Slovenia | 233.5 | 279.9 | 19.9 | 379.6 | 452.4 | 19.2 | -146.1 | -172.5 |
| Spain | 1368.2 | 1149.0 | -16.0 | 1001.3 | 917.9 | -8.3 | 366.9 | 231.1 |
| Sweden | 329.7 | 422.9 | 28.3 | 307.4 | 377.6 | 22.8 | 22.3 | 45.3 |
| Not specified | 948.5 | 1478.2 | 55.8 | 68.3 | 176.6 | 158.6 | 880.2 | 1301.6 |

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 September 13, 2023.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - June 2022 and 2023²**

(Continued)

| Countries and groups of 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 | |
| Non-EU countries | 15524.7 | 15298.6 | -1.5 | 22990.3 | 18884.2 | -17.9 | -7465.6 | -3585.6 |
| CIS³ | 685.2 | 918.4 | 34.0 | 6399.3 | 3157.7 | -50.7 | -5714.1 | -2239.3 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | 29.7 | 83.9 | 182.5 | 11.3 | 7.1 | -37.2 | 18.4 | 76.8 |
| Russian Federation | 402.5 | 496.3 | 23.3 | 6015.1 | 2699.7 | -55.1 | -5612.6 | -2203.4 |
| OECD⁴ | 5884.0 | 5478.8 | -6.9 | 6587.3 | 6327.8 | -3.9 | -703.3 | -849.0 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 97.5 | 122.3 | 25.4 | 114.9 | 44.5 | -61.3 | -17.4 | 77.8 |
| Chile | 18.5 | 13.5 | -27.0 | 173.6 | 158.7 | -8.6 | -155.1 | -145.2 |
| Israel | 401.6 | 229.2 | -42.9 | 56.1 | 144.4 | 157.4 | 345.5 | 84.8 |
| Japan | 70.6 | 65.9 | -6.7 | 210.6 | 210.9 | 0.1 | -140.0 | -145.0 |
| Korea, Republic of | 127.5 | 118.9 | -6.7 | 194.6 | 190.7 | -2.0 | -67.1 | -71.8 |
| Turkey | 2943.0 | 2610.1 | -11.3 | 4547.0 | 3980.9 | -12.4 | -1604.0 | -1370.8 |
| United Kingdom ⁵ | 759.2 | 665.6 | -12.3 | 355.4 | 391.9 | 10.3 | 403.8 | 273.7 |
| United States | 1001.3 | 1071.8 | 7.0 | 495.9 | 655.4 | 32.2 | 505.4 | 416.4 |
| EFTA⁶ | 334.9 | 432.6 | 29.2 | 332.9 | 448.9 | 34.8 | 2.0 | -16.3 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Norway | 55.2 | 70.3 | 27.4 | 33.5 | 98.8 | 194.9 | 21.7 | -28.5 |
| Switzerland | 275.2 | 359.2 | 30.5 | 294.8 | 345.7 | 17.3 | -19.6 | 13.5 |

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

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

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 - June 2022 and 2023²**

(Continued and end)

| Countries and groups of 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 | |
| Countries not included in the upper groups | | | | | | | | |
| Albania | 128.8 | 132.7 | 3.0 | 47.5 | 50.2 | 5.7 | 81.3 | 82.5 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 100.4 | 89.8 | -10.6 | 23.3 | 39.7 | 70.4 | 77.1 | 50.1 |
| Brazil | 155.0 | 36.5 | -76.5 | 195.1 | 274.4 | 40.6 | -40.1 | -237.9 |
| China | 663.6 | 1101.4 | 66.0 | 2933.0 | 2723.7 | -7.1 | -2269.4 | -1622.3 |
| Egypt | 502.1 | 558.2 | 11.2 | 207.0 | 324.7 | 56.9 | 295.1 | 233.5 |
| Georgia | 257.4 | 181.3 | -29.6 | 479.6 | 316.5 | -34.0 | -222.2 | -135.2 |
| India | 216.0 | 204.1 | -5.5 | 280.8 | 255.4 | -9.0 | -64.8 | -51.3 |
| Indonesia | 25.3 | 111.4 | 340.3 | 171.6 | 331.4 | 93.1 | -146.3 | -220.0 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 134.9 | 103.6 | -23.2 | 88.4 | 54.0 | -38.9 | 46.5 | 49.6 |
| Peru | 17.3 | 25.4 | 46.8 | 305.1 | 224.6 | -26.4 | -287.8 | -199.2 |
| Republic of North Macedonia | 774.6 | 821.1 | 6.0 | 431.0 | 480.3 | 11.4 | 343.6 | 340.8 |
| Serbia | 1106.9 | 981.9 | -11.3 | 861.6 | 1070.5 | 24.2 | 245.3 | -88.6 |
| Singapore | 24.3 | 31.6 | 30.0 | 54.4 | 41.7 | -23.3 | -30.1 | -10.1 |
| South Africa | 248.3 | 96.0 | -61.3 | 43.2 | 122.0 | 182.4 | 205.1 | -26.0 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 3.6 | 2.9 | -19.4 | 3.9 | 0.7 | -82.1 | -0.3 | 2.2 |
| Taiwan | 44.5 | 113.7 | 155.5 | 242.2 | 170.6 | -29.6 | -197.7 | -56.9 |
| Tunisia | 259.8 | 139.9 | -46.2 | 58.6 | 22.3 | -61.9 | 201.2 | 117.6 |
| Ukraine | 644.1 | 976.3 | 51.6 | 1495.9 | 878.0 | -41.3 | -851.8 | 98.3 |
| United Arab Emirates | 113.0 | 136.3 | 20.6 | 40.1 | 47.3 | 18.0 | 72.9 | 89.0 |
| Viet Nam | 48.3 | 35.1 | -27.3 | 150.1 | 170.1 | 13.3 | -101.8 | -135.0 |

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 September 13, 2023.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - June 2022 and 2023¹

| 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 | |
| Total | 45526.1 | 43665.6 | -4.1 | 51989.1 | 48165.4 | -7.4 | -6463.0 | -4499.8 |
| of which EU | 30001.4 | 28367.0 | -5.4 | 28998.8 | 29281.2 | 1.0 | 1002.6 | -914.2 |
| Food and live animals | 5105.7 | 5450.0 | 6.7 | 3446.8 | 4006.5 | 16.2 | 1658.9 | 1443.5 |
| of which EU | 2876.2 | 2820.0 | -2.0 | 2598.6 | 2994.3 | 15.2 | 277.6 | -174.3 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 299.5 | 355.4 | 18.7 | 695.3 | 803.9 | 15.6 | -395.8 | -448.5 |
| of which EU | 189.6 | 221.2 | 16.7 | 541.4 | 616.9 | 13.9 | -351.8 | -395.7 |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel) | 2650.6 | 2622.5 | -1.1 | 4718.5 | 3607.1 | -23.6 | -2067.9 | -984.6 |
| of which EU | 1517.9 | 1570.5 | 3.5 | 1120.8 | 1043.0 | -6.9 | 397.1 | 527.5 |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials | 4735.2 | 3134.7 | -33.8 | 8557.7 | 4833.4 | -43.5 | -3822.5 | -1698.7 |
| of which EU | 1298.4 | 827.0 | -36.3 | 2175.6 | 749.9 | -65.5 | -877.2 | 77.1 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 1726.8 | 880.2 | -49.0 | 692.3 | 416.9 | -39.8 | 1034.5 | 463.3 |
| of which EU | 1377.6 | 393.1 | -71.5 | 349.9 | 206.6 | -41.0 | 1027.7 | 186.5 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c. | 5526.6 | 4712.0 | -14.7 | 7881.4 | 6693.2 | -15.1 | -2354.8 | -1981.2 |
| of which EU | 3614.6 | 2966.7 | -17.9 | 5792.3 | 5005.2 | -13.6 | -2177.7 | -2038.5 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 10395.4 | 8974.4 | -13.7 | 8808.4 | 8073.4 | -8.3 | 1587.0 | 901.0 |
| of which EU | 7904.7 | 6675.2 | -15.6 | 4507.4 | 4427.6 | -1.8 | 3397.3 | 2247.6 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 9063.6 | 10604.0 | 17.0 | 13289.7 | 15361.4 | 15.6 | -4226.1 | -4757.4 |
| of which EU | 6754.9 | 7758.0 | 14.8 | 9345.8 | 11279.8 | 20.7 | -2590.9 | -3521.8 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 5982.7 | 6624.0 | 10.7 | 3846.2 | 4311.9 | 12.1 | 2136.5 | 2312.1 |
| of which EU | 4443.2 | 5110.6 | 15.0 | 2522.7 | 2912.0 | 15.4 | 1920.5 | 2198.6 |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c. | 40.0 | 308.4 | 671.0 | 52.8 | 57.7 | 9.3 | -12.8 | 250.7 |
| of which EU | 24.3 | 24.7 | 1.6 | 44.3 | 45.9 | 3.6 | -20.0 | -21.2 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 13, 2023.