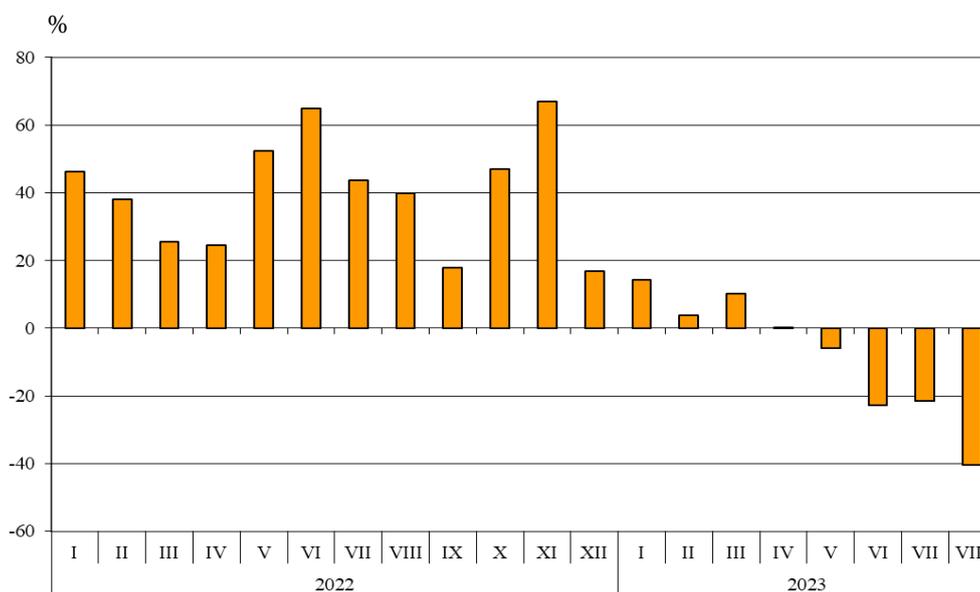


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 9.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 19 316.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, Ukraine, China, the Republic of North Macedonia and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 51.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 40.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 723.8 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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)**



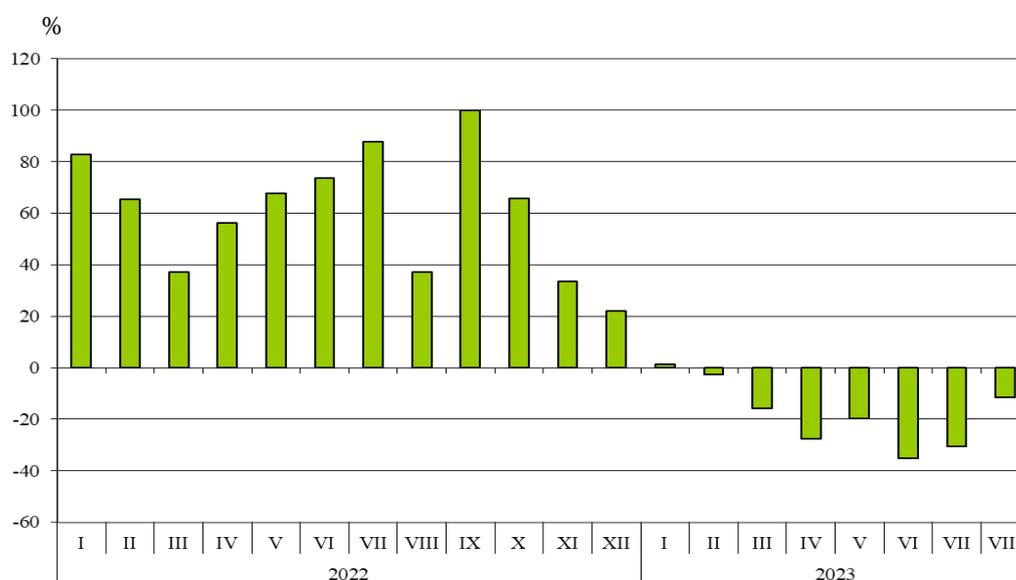
In the period January - August 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (15.6%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (12.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2023 decreased by 18.9% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 25 387.9 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 August 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 11.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 376.1 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - August 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 - August 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Food and live animals’ (17.5%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (16.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (38.1%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - August 2023 was negative and added up to 6 071.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In August 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 652.3 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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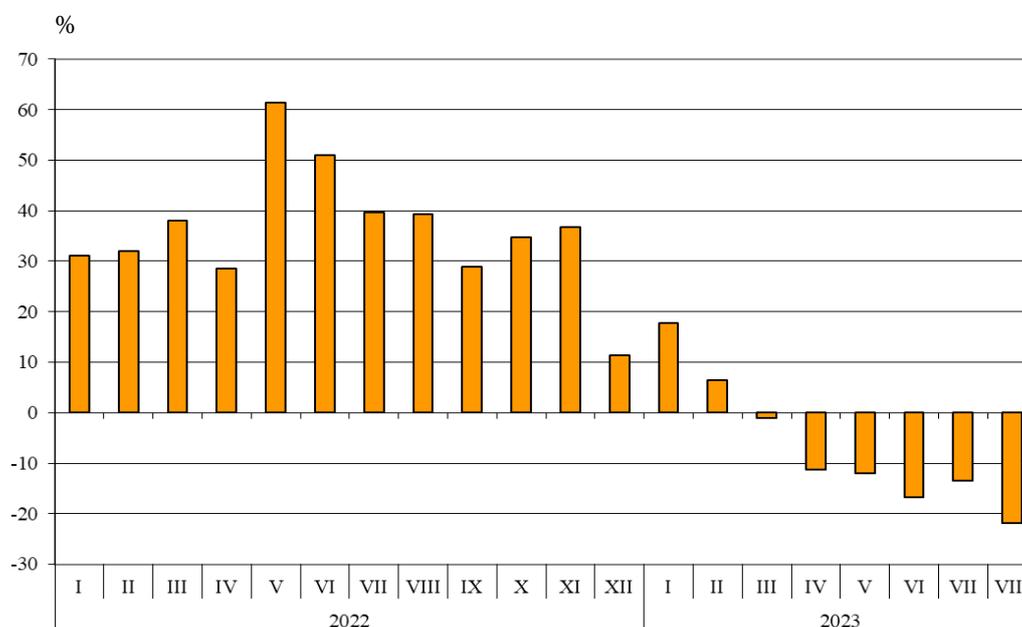
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - August 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 56 841.6 million BGN, which is 7.6% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 094.7 million BGN and decreased by 22.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

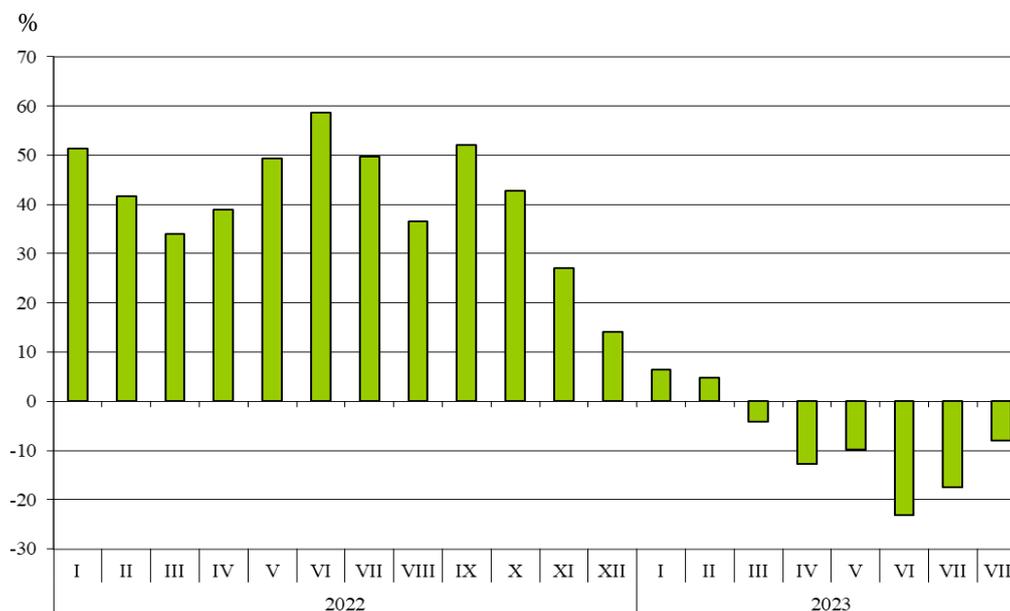


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - August 2023** amounted to 63 877.1 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 8.8% less than in the period January - August 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 8.0% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 856.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - August 2023** and amounted to 7 035.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In August 2023, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 762.0 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 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
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
VIII.2022	7809.0	4915.0	2894.0	8535.3	4724.1	3811.2	-726.3	190.9	-917.2
I - VIII.2022	61522.1	40183.1	21339.0	70038.0	38724.3	31313.7	-8515.9	1458.8	-9974.7
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
VII.2023	7081.3	4787.1	2294.2	7855.0	4727.4	3127.6	-773.7	59.7	-833.4
VIII.2023	6094.7	4370.9	1723.8	7856.7	4480.6	3376.1	-1762.0	-109.7	-1652.3
I - VIII.2023	56841.6	37525.0	19316.6	63877.1	38489.2	25387.9	-7035.5	-964.2	-6071.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 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
VII	-13.5	-9.1	-21.4	-17.4	-5.5	-30.7
VIII	-22.0	-11.1	-40.4	-8.0	-5.2	-11.4
I - VIII	-7.6	-6.6	-9.5	-8.8	-0.6	-18.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - August 2022 and 2023²

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	
Third countries -total	21339.0	19316.6	-9.5	31313.7	25387.9	-18.9	-9974.7	-6071.3
of which:								
Albania	170.6	167.9	-1.6	68.6	61.9	-9.8	102.0	106.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	129.8	118.3	-8.9	32.1	50.1	56.1	97.7	68.2
Brazil	169.5	49.4	-70.9	301.9	403.6	33.7	-132.4	-354.2
Canada	133.7	175.3	31.1	137.1	136.3	-0.6	-3.4	39.0
Chile	20.9	18.0	-13.9	196.1	245.8	25.3	-175.2	-227.8
China	829.0	1204.2	45.3	4081.8	3686.6	-9.7	-3252.8	-2482.4
Egypt	751.6	731.1	-2.7	347.9	459.3	32.0	403.7	271.8
Georgia	337.5	253.9	-24.8	682.2	361.2	-47.1	-344.7	-107.3
Gibraltar	875.8	201.4	-77.0	0.3	0.0	x	875.5	201.4
India	358.1	240.5	-32.8	360.2	338.4	-6.1	-2.1	-97.9
Indonesia	146.3	225.6	54.2	189.2	409.1	116.2	-42.9	-183.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	168.2	135.0	-19.7	121.8	68.4	-43.8	46.4	66.6
Israel	475.2	298.6	-37.2	78.0	172.2	120.8	397.2	126.4
Japan	96.7	86.3	-10.8	277.8	269.8	-2.9	-181.1	-183.5
Kazakhstan	51.4	104.0	102.3	21.6	7.8	-63.9	29.8	96.2
Korea, Republic of	188.4	306.4	62.6	256.1	255.5	-0.2	-67.7	50.9
Libya	232.7	103.7	-55.4	13.4	3.6	-73.1	219.3	100.1
Morocco	129.4	212.7	64.4	89.4	105.9	18.5	40.0	106.8
Namibia	151.8	51.4	-66.1	1.0	8.5	750.0	150.8	42.9
Norway	71.7	83.5	16.5	45.4	108.0	137.9	26.3	-24.5
Peru	20.0	27.6	38.0	306.0	226.0	-26.1	-286.0	-198.4
Republic of North Macedonia	1031.5	1089.4	5.6	578.1	625.5	8.2	453.4	463.9
Russian Federation	578.2	651.1	12.6	8083.1	3875.1	-52.1	-7504.9	-3224.0
Serbia	1519.9	1240.9	-18.4	1163.1	1418.4	21.9	356.8	-177.5
Singapore	32.2	38.4	19.3	70.0	57.5	-17.9	-37.8	-19.1
South Africa	343.3	165.7	-51.7	59.8	140.5	134.9	283.5	25.2
Switzerland	384.1	443.1	15.4	407.9	465.3	14.1	-23.8	-22.2
Syrian Arab Republic	5.0	3.2	-36.0	10.1	1.1	-89.1	-5.1	2.1
Taiwan	62.1	169.3	172.6	320.5	224.1	-30.1	-258.4	-54.8
Tunisia	348.8	142.8	-59.1	68.6	29.0	-57.7	280.2	113.8
Türkiye	3769.5	3121.2	-17.2	6003.3	5316.9	-11.4	-2233.8	-2195.7
Ukraine	1204.6	1213.1	0.7	2176.1	1214.7	-44.2	-971.5	-1.6
United Arab Emirates	149.0	168.5	13.1	53.3	66.3	24.4	95.7	102.2
United Kingdom ³	984.6	826.6	-16.0	473.6	514.5	8.6	511.0	312.1
United States	1313.6	1261.8	-3.9	792.2	785.9	-0.8	521.4	475.9
Viet Nam	68.6	71.1	3.6	210.2	214.0	1.8	-141.6	-142.9

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 October 12, 2023.

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.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - August 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	
Third countries - total	21339.0	19316.6	-9.5	31313.7	25387.9	-18.9	-9974.7	-6071.3
Food and live animals	3195.6	3339.5	4.5	1128.4	1326.3	17.5	2067.2	2013.2
Beverages and tobacco	156.0	175.2	12.3	213.3	249.4	16.9	-57.3	-74.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1382.4	1272.7	-7.9	4864.1	3316.2	-31.8	-3481.7	-2043.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4903.9	3013.8	-38.5	8716.4	5659.9	-35.1	-3812.5	-2646.1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	642.7	597.4	-7.0	528.1	327.0	-38.1	114.6	270.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2570.0	2233.2	-13.1	2981.0	2253.1	-24.4	-411.0	-19.9
Manufactured goods, classified chiefly by material	3317.7	2779.7	-16.2	5825.0	4859.6	-16.6	-2507.3	-2079.9
Machinery and transport equipment	3119.6	3606.7	15.6	5253.9	5511.6	4.9	-2134.3	-1904.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2030.2	1962.9	-3.3	1793.0	1870.2	4.3	237.2	92.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.9	335.5	1505.3	10.5	14.6	39.0	10.4	320.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.