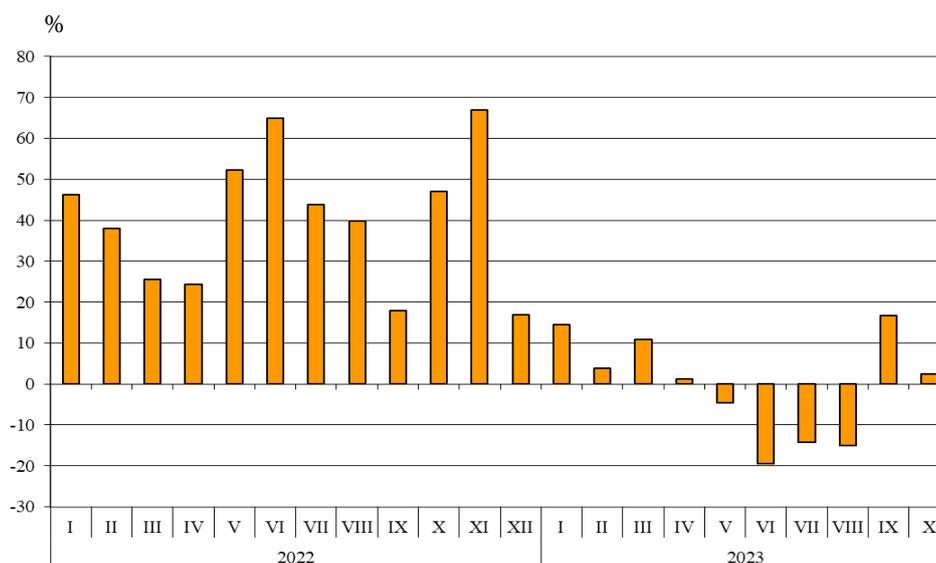


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - October 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 1.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 26 280.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, China, Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia and Egypt, which accounted for 50.3% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In October 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 2.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 921.9 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)



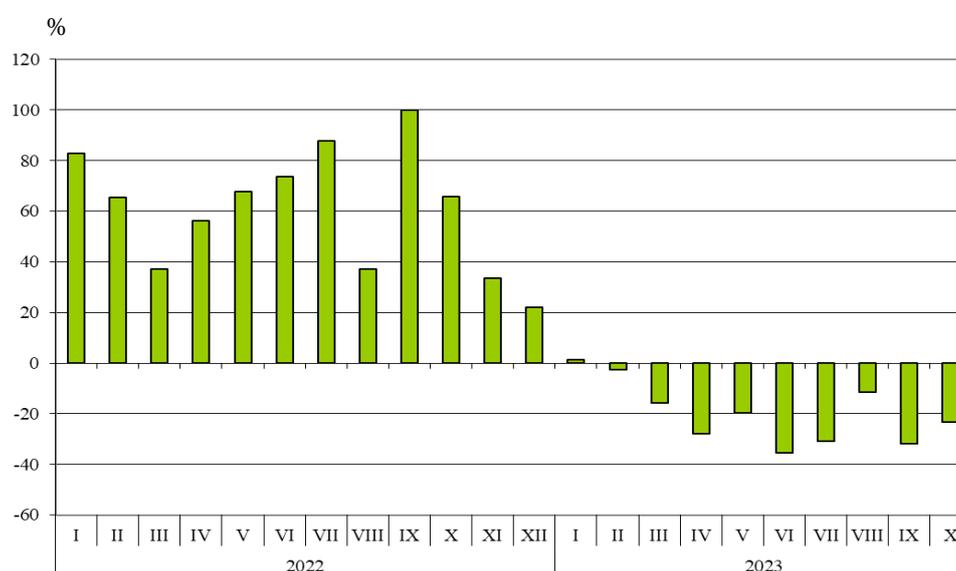
In the period January - October 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Food and live animals' (22.2%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (22.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.6%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - October 2023 decreased by 21.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 32 181.8 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 October 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 23.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 496.1 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 - October 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 - October 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (17.7%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (14.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (45.0%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - October 2023 was negative and added up to 5 901.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In October 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 574.2 million BGN.

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

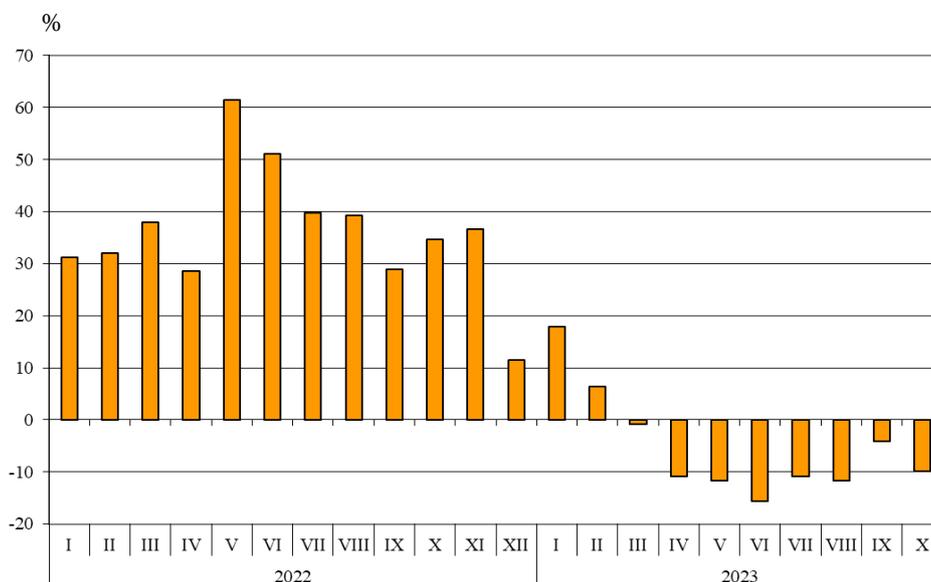
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - October 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 73 001.3 million BGN, which is 6.0% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 480.0 million BGN and decreased by 9.8% 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)

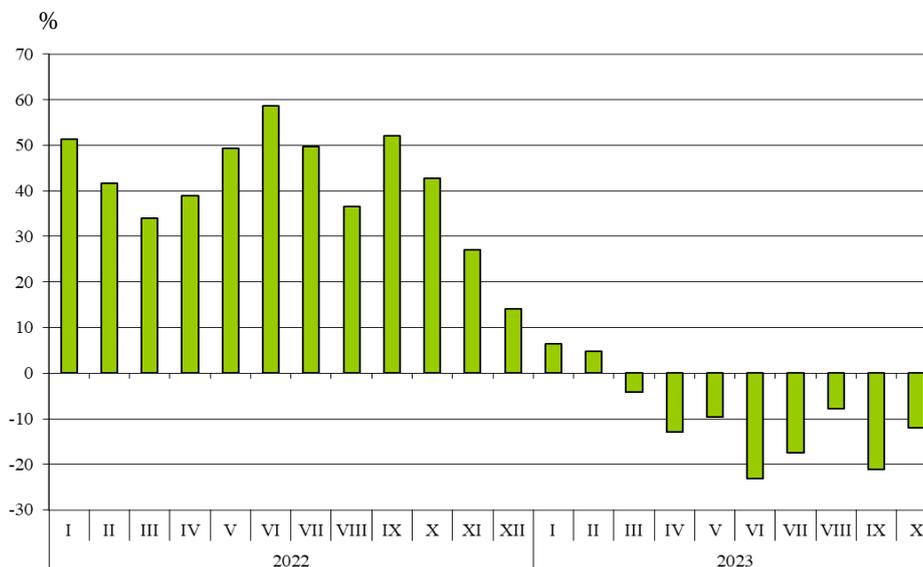


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - October 2023** amounted to 80 440.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 10.5% less than in the period January - October 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 12.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 637.1 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 - October 2023** and amounted to 7 439.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In October 2023, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 157.1 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 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
IX.2022	7803.3	5313.9	2489.4	10043.6	5178.1	4865.5	-2240.3	135.8	-2376.1
VII - IX.2022	23799.3	15495.6	8303.7	28092.5	14903.6	13188.9	-4293.2	592.0	-4885.2
I - IX.2022	69325.4	45497.0	23828.4	80081.6	43902.4	36179.2	-10756.2	1594.6	-12350.8
X.2022	8296.5	5445.2	2851.3	9821.0	5262.9	4558.1	-1524.5	182.3	-1706.8
I - X.2022	77621.9	50942.2	26679.7	89902.6	49165.3	40737.3	-12280.7	1776.9	-14057.6
I.2023	7359.6	4931.9	2427.7	8137.1	4577.5	3559.6	-777.5	354.4	-1131.9
II.2023	7103.7	4609.3	2494.4	8067.4	4845.9	3221.5	-963.7	-236.6	-727.1
III.2023	7964.8	5073.0	2891.8	8594.1	5487.6	3106.5	-629.3	-414.6	-214.7
I - III.2023	22428.1	14614.2	7813.9	24798.6	14911.0	9887.6	-2370.5	-296.8	-2073.7
IV.2023	6760.5	4278.6	2481.9	7356.0	4565.7	2790.3	-595.5	-287.1	-308.4
V.2023	7354.6	4741.9	2612.7	8148.1	4976.6	3171.5	-793.5	-234.7	-558.8
VI.2023	7309.0	4729.4	2579.6	7862.8	4849.2	3013.6	-553.8	-119.8	-434.0
IV - VI.2023	21424.1	13749.9	7674.2	23366.9	14391.5	8975.4	-1942.8	-641.6	-1301.2
I - VI.2023	43852.2	28364.1	15488.1	48165.5	29302.5	18863.0	-4313.3	-938.4	-3374.9
VII.2023	7294.3	4786.4	2507.9	7858.0	4732.5	3125.5	-563.7	53.9	-617.6
VIII.2023	6893.0	4436.6	2456.4	7862.1	4484.6	3377.5	-969.1	-48.0	-921.1
IX.2023	7481.8	4575.8	2906.0	7917.8	4598.1	3319.7	-436.0	-22.3	-413.7
VII - IX.2023	21669.1	13798.8	7870.3	23637.9	13815.2	9822.7	-1968.8	-16.4	-1952.4
I - IX.2023	65521.3	42162.9	23358.4	71803.4	43117.7	28685.7	-6282.1	-954.8	-5327.3
X.2023	7480.0	4558.1	2921.9	8637.1	5141.0	3496.1	-1157.1	-582.9	-574.2
I - X.2023	73001.3	46721.0	26280.3	80440.5	48258.7	32181.8	-7439.2	-1537.7	-5901.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.

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 - October 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	17.9	19.6	14.5	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.9	4.8	10.4	-2.5
III	-0.9	-6.5	10.8	-4.2	4.0	-15.8
I - III	7.0	5.7	9.6	2.0	8.0	-5.9
IV	-10.9	-16.8	1.3	-12.9	-0.1	-28.0
V	-11.6	-15.1	-4.6	-9.7	-1.9	-19.7
VI	-15.6	-13.3	-19.5	-23.1	-12.7	-35.4
IV - VI	-12.8	-15.0	-8.6	-15.6	-5.3	-28.1
I - VI	-3.7	-5.5	-0.2	-7.4	1.0	-18.0
VII	-10.9	-9.1	-14.1	-17.4	-5.4	-30.7
VIII	-11.7	-9.7	-15.1	-7.9	-5.1	-11.4
IX	-4.1	-13.9	16.7	-21.2	-11.2	-31.8
VII - IX	-9.0	-11.0	-5.2	-15.9	-7.3	-25.5
I - IX	-5.5	-7.3	-2.0	-10.3	-1.8	-20.7
X	-9.8	-16.3	2.5	-12.1	-2.3	-23.3
I - X	-6.0	-8.3	-1.5	-10.5	-1.8	-21.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - October 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	26679.7	26280.3	-1.5	40737.3	32181.8	-21.0	-14057.6	-5901.5
of which:								
Albania	214.2	216.9	1.3	81.5	74.9	-8.1	132.7	142.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	161.9	152.3	-5.9	40.5	61.5	51.9	121.4	90.8
Brazil	181.2	68.1	-62.4	523.7	590.0	12.7	-342.5	-521.9
Canada	167.9	243.8	45.2	206.7	154.6	-25.2	-38.8	89.2
Chile	25.9	22.6	-12.7	287.9	248.4	-13.7	-262.0	-225.8
China	1216.6	1693.5	39.2	5267.4	4507.7	-14.4	-4050.8	-2814.2
Egypt	963.3	1232.7	28.0	417.8	624.0	49.4	545.5	608.7
Georgia	426.4	382.9	-10.2	833.9	509.7	-38.9	-407.5	-126.8
Gibraltar	958.2	313.3	-67.3	0.3	0.0	x	957.9	313.3
India	412.8	315.1	-23.7	429.5	403.5	-6.1	-16.7	-88.4
Indonesia	157.7	463.9	194.2	395.0	598.7	51.6	-237.3	-134.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	210.0	183.5	-12.6	144.3	88.5	-38.7	65.7	95.0
Israel	525.2	358.7	-31.7	96.4	195.1	102.4	428.8	163.6
Japan	125.3	147.3	17.6	369.1	325.8	-11.7	-243.8	-178.5
Kazakhstan	75.3	133.3	77.0	23.2	12.0	-48.3	52.1	121.3
Korea, Republic of	217.7	369.3	69.6	318.5	313.4	-1.6	-100.8	55.9
Libya	354.5	217.9	-38.5	34.0	3.6	-89.4	320.5	214.3
Morocco	149.5	295.8	97.9	127.8	143.7	12.4	21.7	152.1
Namibia	200.3	50.0	-75.0	6.7	8.5	26.9	193.6	41.5
Norway	95.9	105.9	10.4	61.2	229.1	274.3	34.7	-123.2
Peru	23.0	38.4	67.0	400.9	314.4	-21.6	-377.9	-276.0
Republic of North Macedonia	1288.8	1355.9	5.2	707.0	775.8	9.7	581.8	580.1
Russian Federation	773.1	828.1	7.1	10049.8	5285.8	-47.4	-9276.7	-4457.7
Serbia	1956.0	1595.4	-18.4	1480.2	1792.5	21.1	475.8	-197.1
Singapore	40.0	242.4	506.0	91.8	66.7	-27.3	-51.8	175.7
South Africa	439.4	222.7	-49.3	200.4	181.2	-9.6	239.0	41.5
Switzerland	497.6	567.9	14.1	515.8	578.6	12.2	-18.2	-10.7
Syrian Arab Republic	6.7	3.7	-44.8	10.3	1.4	-86.4	-3.6	2.3
Taiwan	74.9	214.8	186.8	404.8	269.7	-33.4	-329.9	-54.9
Tunisia	390.0	191.3	-50.9	74.5	65.8	-11.7	315.5	125.5
Türkiye	4735.6	4101.6	-13.4	7747.4	6626.3	-14.5	-3011.8	-2524.7
Ukraine	1662.8	1501.8	-9.7	2729.4	1505.3	-44.8	-1066.6	-3.5
United Arab Emirates	195.2	301.5	54.5	70.4	78.7	11.8	124.8	222.8
United Kingdom ³	1218.4	1146.7	-5.9	645.6	639.3	-1.0	572.8	507.4
United States	1700.5	1735.9	2.1	1467.3	915.1	-37.6	233.2	820.8
Viet Nam	85.6	91.4	6.8	288.5	253.8	-12.0	-202.9	-162.4

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 December 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 - October 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	26679.7	26280.3	-1.5	40737.3	32181.8	-21.0	-14057.6	-5901.5
Food and live animals	3761.0	4594.1	22.2	1487.3	1695.2	14.0	2273.7	2898.9
Beverages and tobacco	205.9	249.3	21.1	259.2	305.1	17.7	-53.3	-55.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1704.0	1675.0	-1.7	6235.0	4312.8	-30.8	-4531.0	-2637.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	6162.1	4275.8	-30.6	11963.3	7555.4	-36.8	-5801.2	-3279.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	843.4	772.4	-8.4	750.3	412.6	-45.0	93.1	359.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3158.1	2951.0	-6.6	3672.5	2804.9	-23.6	-514.4	146.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4270.9	3933.6	-7.9	7205.6	6050.1	-16.0	-2934.7	-2116.5
Machinery and transport equipment	4020.7	4910.0	22.1	6866.0	6663.7	-2.9	-2845.3	-1753.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2498.3	2526.9	1.1	2285.4	2364.7	3.5	212.9	162.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	55.3	392.2	609.2	12.7	17.3	36.2	42.6	374.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.