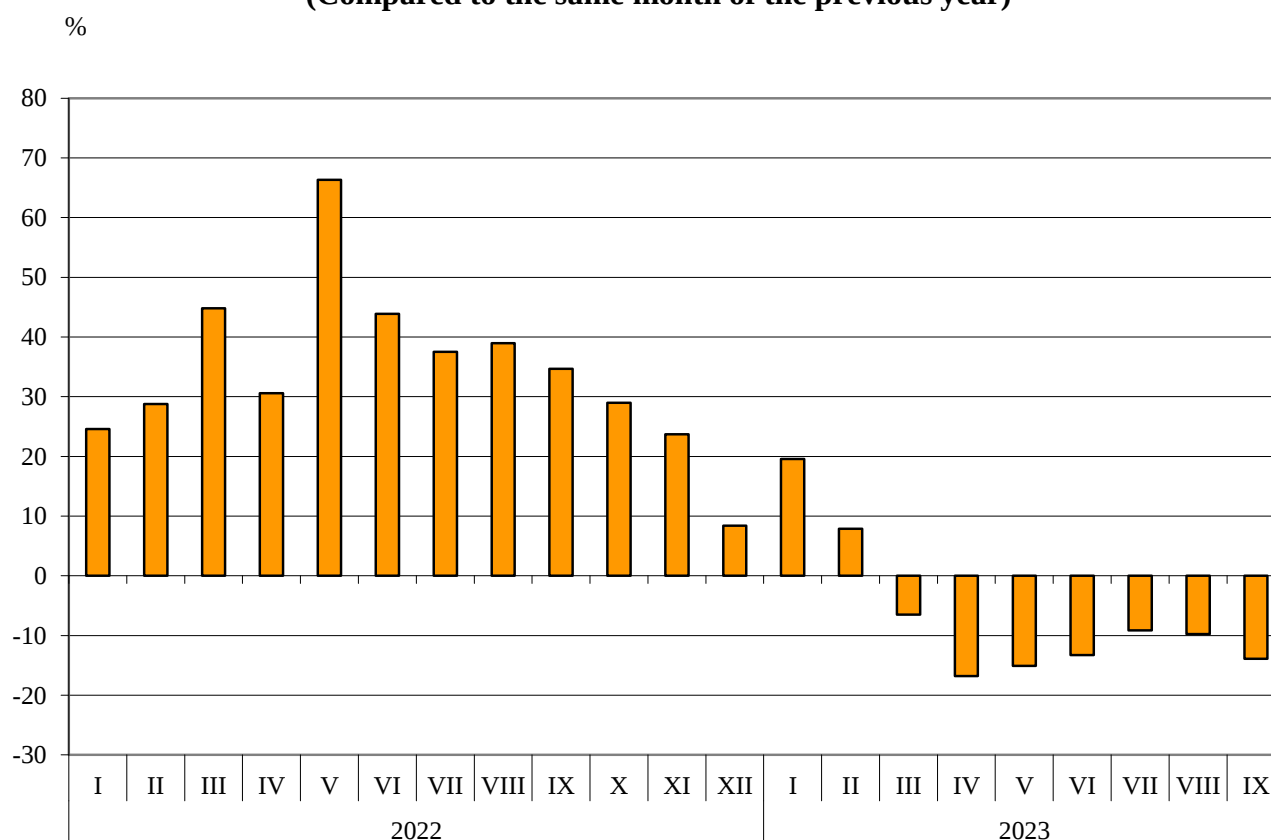


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2023**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 7.3% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 42 162.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 13.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 575.8 million BGN.

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



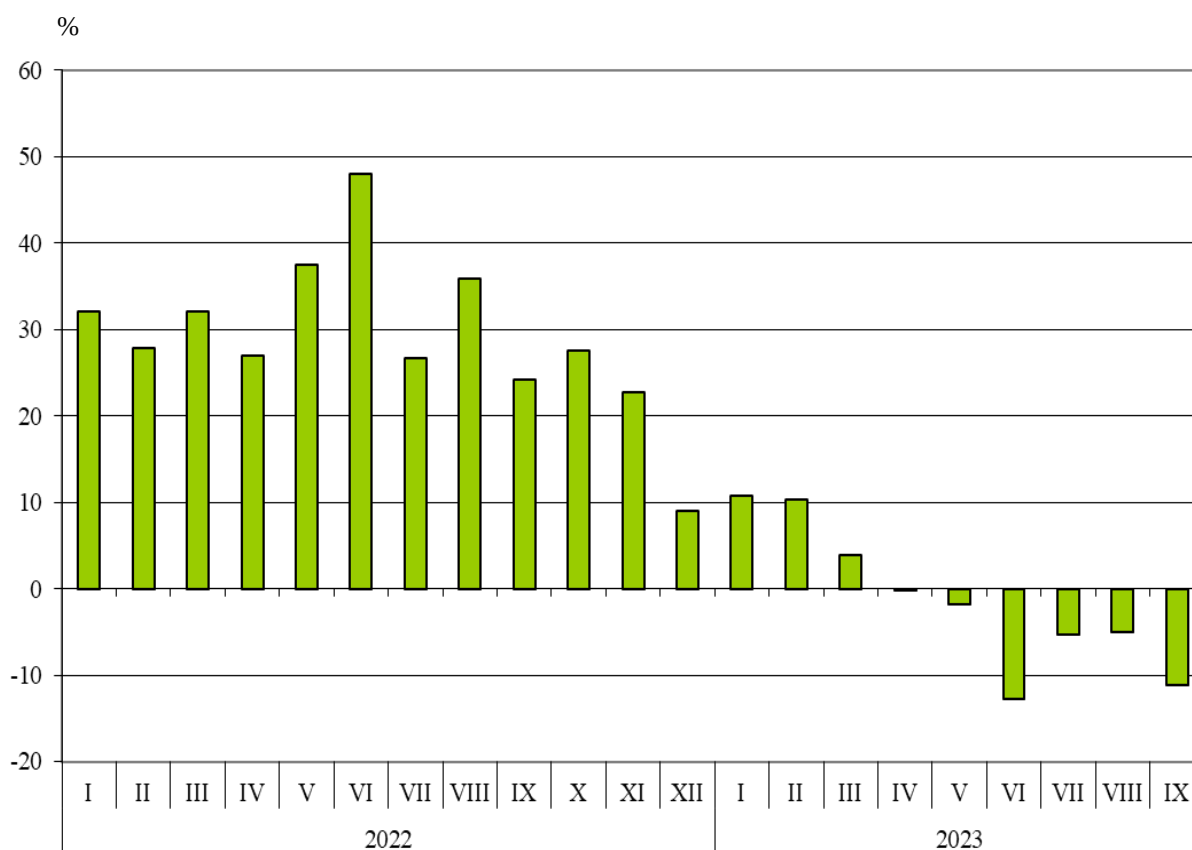
In the period **January - September 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (12.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (68.8%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU** in the period **January - September 2023** decreased in comparison with the same period of 2022 and reached 43 117.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **September 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 11.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 598.1 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - September 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' (13.9%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (65.9%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - September 2023** was negative and added up to 954.8 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the  
period January - September 2022 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               | 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         |
| <b>I - III.2022</b>  | <b>20953.9</b> | <b>13822.5</b> | <b>7131.4</b>  | <b>24304.2</b>             | <b>13801.7</b> | <b>10502.5</b> | <b>-3350.3</b>          | <b>20.8</b>   | <b>-3371.1</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>IV - VI.2022</b>  | <b>24572.2</b> | <b>16178.9</b> | <b>8393.3</b>  | <b>27684.9</b>             | <b>15197.1</b> | <b>12487.8</b> | <b>-3112.7</b>          | <b>981.8</b>  | <b>-4094.5</b>  |
| <b>I - VI.2022</b>   | <b>45526.1</b> | <b>30001.4</b> | <b>15524.7</b> | <b>51989.1</b>             | <b>28998.8</b> | <b>22990.3</b> | <b>-6463.0</b>          | <b>1002.6</b> | <b>-7465.6</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>VII - IX.2022</b> | <b>23799.3</b> | <b>15495.6</b> | <b>8303.7</b>  | <b>28092.5</b>             | <b>14903.6</b> | <b>13188.9</b> | <b>-4293.2</b>          | <b>592.0</b>  | <b>-4885.2</b>  |
| <b>I - IX.2022</b>   | <b>69325.4</b> | <b>45497.0</b> | <b>23828.4</b> | <b>80081.6</b>             | <b>43902.4</b> | <b>36179.2</b> | <b>-10756.2</b>         | <b>1594.6</b> | <b>-12350.8</b> |
|                      |                |                |                |                            |                |                |                         |               |                 |
| 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          |
| <b>I - III.2023</b>  | <b>22428.1</b> | <b>14614.2</b> | <b>7813.9</b>  | <b>24798.6</b>             | <b>14911.0</b> | <b>9887.6</b>  | <b>-2370.5</b>          | <b>-296.8</b> | <b>-2073.7</b>  |
| 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          |
| <b>IV - VI.2023</b>  | <b>21424.1</b> | <b>13749.9</b> | <b>7674.2</b>  | <b>23366.9</b>             | <b>14391.5</b> | <b>8975.4</b>  | <b>-1942.8</b>          | <b>-641.6</b> | <b>-1301.2</b>  |
| <b>I - VI.2023</b>   | <b>43852.2</b> | <b>28364.1</b> | <b>15488.1</b> | <b>48165.5</b>             | <b>29302.5</b> | <b>18863.0</b> | <b>-4313.3</b>          | <b>-938.4</b> | <b>-3374.9</b>  |
| 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          |
| <b>VII - IX.2023</b> | <b>21669.1</b> | <b>13798.8</b> | <b>7870.3</b>  | <b>23637.9</b>             | <b>13815.2</b> | <b>9822.7</b>  | <b>-1968.8</b>          | <b>-16.4</b>  | <b>-1952.4</b>  |
| <b>I - IX.2023</b>   | <b>65521.3</b> | <b>42162.9</b> | <b>23358.4</b> | <b>71803.4</b>             | <b>43117.7</b> | <b>28685.7</b> | <b>-6282.1</b>          | <b>-954.8</b> | <b>-5327.3</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 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 - September 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               | 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        |
| <b>I - III</b>  | <b>7.0</b>    | <b>5.7</b>   | <b>9.6</b>  | <b>2.0</b>    | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>-5.9</b>  |
| 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        |
| <b>IV - VI</b>  | <b>-12.8</b>  | <b>-15.0</b> | <b>-8.6</b> | <b>-15.6</b>  | <b>-5.3</b> | <b>-28.1</b> |
| <b>I - VI</b>   | <b>-3.7</b>   | <b>-5.5</b>  | <b>-0.2</b> | <b>-7.4</b>   | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>-18.0</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>VII - IX</b> | <b>-9.0</b>   | <b>-11.0</b> | <b>-5.2</b> | <b>-15.9</b>  | <b>-7.3</b> | <b>-25.5</b> |
| <b>I - IX</b>   | <b>-5.5</b>   | <b>-7.3</b>  | <b>-2.0</b> | <b>-10.3</b>  | <b>-1.8</b> | <b>-20.7</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2022 and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

| 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                             | 69325.4       | 65521.3 | -5.5                                                        | 80081.6       | 71803.4 | -10.3                                                       | -10756.2                | -6282.1 |
| EU                                | 45497.0       | 42162.9 | -7.3                                                        | 43902.4       | 43117.7 | -1.8                                                        | 1594.6                  | -954.8  |
| Austria                           | 1327.3        | 1400.6  | 5.5                                                         | 1725.5        | 1894.9  | 9.8                                                         | -398.2                  | -494.3  |
| Belgium                           | 1776.1        | 1984.5  | 11.7                                                        | 1444.2        | 1605.6  | 11.2                                                        | 331.9                   | 378.9   |
| Croatia                           | 603.7         | 484.4   | -19.8                                                       | 179.5         | 185.8   | 3.5                                                         | 424.2                   | 298.6   |
| Cyprus                            | 296.6         | 207.0   | -30.2                                                       | 82.5          | 96.6    | 17.1                                                        | 214.1                   | 110.4   |
| Czechia                           | 1137.7        | 1231.7  | 8.3                                                         | 1777.2        | 1934.4  | 8.8                                                         | -639.5                  | -702.7  |
| Denmark                           | 327.4         | 316.4   | -3.4                                                        | 336.1         | 487.4   | 45.0                                                        | -8.7                    | -171.0  |
| Estonia                           | 87.9          | 107.0   | 21.7                                                        | 62.5          | 160.7   | 157.1                                                       | 25.4                    | -53.7   |
| Finland                           | 163.5         | 144.6   | -11.6                                                       | 159.2         | 186.9   | 17.4                                                        | 4.3                     | -42.3   |
| France                            | 2336.8        | 2146.3  | -8.2                                                        | 1711.5        | 1919.2  | 12.1                                                        | 625.3                   | 227.1   |
| Germany                           | 9868.1        | 9045.9  | -8.3                                                        | 8480.6        | 8986.9  | 6.0                                                         | 1387.5                  | 59.0    |
| Greece                            | 4627.9        | 3612.9  | -21.9                                                       | 4765.7        | 3217.6  | -32.5                                                       | -137.8                  | 395.3   |
| Hungary                           | 1240.7        | 838.3   | -32.4                                                       | 2535.0        | 2534.3  | 0.0                                                         | -1294.3                 | -1696.0 |
| Ireland                           | 154.2         | 195.5   | 26.8                                                        | 330.0         | 293.3   | -11.1                                                       | -175.8                  | -97.8   |
| Italy                             | 5364.0        | 4886.3  | -8.9                                                        | 4597.7        | 4865.5  | 5.8                                                         | 766.3                   | 20.8    |
| Latvia                            | 68.0          | 83.3    | 22.5                                                        | 86.6          | 61.3    | -29.2                                                       | -18.6                   | 22.0    |
| Lithuania                         | 173.7         | 182.1   | 4.8                                                         | 171.0         | 178.7   | 4.5                                                         | 2.7                     | 3.4     |
| Luxembourg                        | 15.7          | 22.9    | 45.9                                                        | 72.1          | 51.6    | -28.4                                                       | -56.4                   | -28.7   |
| Malta                             | 25.9          | 30.3    | 17.0                                                        | 30.3          | 24.0    | -20.8                                                       | -4.4                    | 6.3     |
| Netherlands                       | 1820.0        | 1343.3  | -26.2                                                       | 3257.4        | 3054.8  | -6.2                                                        | -1437.4                 | -1711.5 |
| Poland                            | 1583.4        | 1547.3  | -2.3                                                        | 2576.4        | 2819.2  | 9.4                                                         | -993.0                  | -1271.9 |
| Portugal                          | 195.0         | 189.0   | -3.1                                                        | 165.2         | 161.3   | -2.4                                                        | 29.8                    | 27.7    |
| Romania                           | 7140.4        | 6101.4  | -14.6                                                       | 5640.9        | 4695.3  | -16.8                                                       | 1499.5                  | 1406.1  |
| Slovakia                          | 613.9         | 767.2   | 25.0                                                        | 814.5         | 843.9   | 3.6                                                         | -200.6                  | -76.7   |
| Slovenia                          | 351.7         | 372.5   | 5.9                                                         | 585.5         | 659.3   | 12.6                                                        | -233.8                  | -286.8  |
| Spain                             | 1960.3        | 1821.4  | -7.1                                                        | 1744.4        | 1337.1  | -23.3                                                       | 215.9                   | 484.3   |
| Sweden                            | 496.9         | 588.9   | 18.5                                                        | 472.1         | 573.5   | 21.5                                                        | 24.8                    | 15.4    |
| Not specified                     | 1740.2        | 2511.9  | 44.3                                                        | 98.8          | 288.6   | 192.1                                                       | 1641.4                  | 2223.3  |

<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 December 12, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2022 and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

(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                  | 23828.4       | 23358.4 | -2.0                                                        | 36179.2       | 28685.7 | -20.7                                                       | -12350.8                | -5327.3 |
| CIS <sup>3</sup>                  | 1161.0        | 1372.5  | 18.2                                                        | 9949.5        | 5413.6  | -45.6                                                       | -8788.5                 | -4041.1 |
| of which:                         |               |         |                                                             |               |         |                                                             |                         |         |
| Kazakhstan                        | 62.0          | 119.6   | 92.9                                                        | 21.9          | 11.5    | -47.5                                                       | 40.1                    | 108.1   |
| Russian Federation                | 667.7         | 749.4   | 12.2                                                        | 8989.3        | 4746.4  | -47.2                                                       | -8321.6                 | -3997.0 |
| OECD <sup>4</sup>                 | 8569.6        | 8252.9  | -3.7                                                        | 10465.9       | 9256.4  | -11.6                                                       | -1896.3                 | -1003.5 |
| of which:                         |               |         |                                                             |               |         |                                                             |                         |         |
| Canada                            | 146.9         | 227.7   | 55.0                                                        | 197.5         | 144.5   | -26.8                                                       | -50.6                   | 83.2    |
| Chile                             | 22.7          | 21.4    | -5.7                                                        | 286.7         | 247.9   | -13.5                                                       | -264.0                  | -226.5  |
| Israel                            | 494.6         | 341.0   | -31.1                                                       | 88.1          | 181.1   | 105.6                                                       | 406.5                   | 159.9   |
| Japan                             | 110.2         | 136.2   | 23.6                                                        | 321.1         | 293.1   | -8.7                                                        | -210.9                  | -156.9  |
| Korea, Republic of                | 206.1         | 344.9   | 67.3                                                        | 286.5         | 284.5   | -0.7                                                        | -80.4                   | 60.4    |
| Türkiye                           | 4253.9        | 3722.2  | -12.5                                                       | 6671.0        | 5903.1  | -11.5                                                       | -2417.1                 | -2180.9 |
| United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>       | 1102.4        | 1030.3  | -6.5                                                        | 534.5         | 573.9   | 7.4                                                         | 567.9                   | 456.4   |
| United States                     | 1498.9        | 1562.5  | 4.2                                                         | 1402.7        | 838.2   | -40.2                                                       | 96.2                    | 724.3   |
| EFTA <sup>6</sup>                 | 531.8         | 619.3   | 16.5                                                        | 524.8         | 642.3   | 22.4                                                        | 7.0                     | -23.0   |
| of which:                         |               |         |                                                             |               |         |                                                             |                         |         |
| Norway                            | 85.1          | 95.6    | 12.3                                                        | 57.8          | 118.0   | 104.2                                                       | 27.3                    | -22.4   |
| Switzerland                       | 438.2         | 518.4   | 18.3                                                        | 461.8         | 519.1   | 12.4                                                        | -23.6                   | -0.7    |

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2022 and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

(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             |         |
| <b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b> |               |        |                                                             |               |        |                                                             |                         |         |
| Albania                                           | 192.1         | 190.9  | -0.6                                                        | 74.2          | 67.5   | -9.0                                                        | 117.9                   | 123.4   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                            | 146.9         | 137.7  | -6.3                                                        | 36.0          | 56.6   | 57.2                                                        | 110.9                   | 81.1    |
| Brazil                                            | 174.4         | 61.4   | -64.8                                                       | 402.2         | 410.2  | 2.0                                                         | -227.8                  | -348.8  |
| China                                             | 1010.1        | 1457.2 | 44.3                                                        | 4695.4        | 4117.8 | -12.3                                                       | -3685.3                 | -2660.6 |
| Egypt                                             | 816.1         | 1094.8 | 34.2                                                        | 405.3         | 499.1  | 23.1                                                        | 410.8                   | 595.7   |
| Georgia                                           | 381.6         | 319.1  | -16.4                                                       | 752.6         | 437.7  | -41.8                                                       | -371.0                  | -118.6  |
| India                                             | 379.1         | 295.5  | -22.1                                                       | 391.5         | 368.9  | -5.8                                                        | -12.4                   | -73.4   |
| Indonesia                                         | 149.3         | 319.1  | 113.7                                                       | 259.0         | 475.9  | 83.7                                                        | -109.7                  | -156.8  |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of                         | 190.7         | 163.0  | -14.5                                                       | 130.8         | 75.6   | -42.2                                                       | 59.9                    | 87.4    |
| Peru                                              | 21.7          | 37.6   | 73.3                                                        | 347.6         | 312.0  | -10.2                                                       | -325.9                  | -274.4  |
| Republic of North Macedonia                       | 1162.7        | 1211.8 | 4.2                                                         | 645.3         | 690.4  | 7.0                                                         | 517.4                   | 521.4   |
| Serbia                                            | 1723.4        | 1410.4 | -18.2                                                       | 1307.1        | 1581.2 | 21.0                                                        | 416.3                   | -170.8  |
| Singapore                                         | 35.4          | 139.5  | 294.1                                                       | 83.7          | 62.4   | -25.4                                                       | -48.3                   | 77.1    |
| South Africa                                      | 351.1         | 184.4  | -47.5                                                       | 175.1         | 178.2  | 1.8                                                         | 176.0                   | 6.2     |
| Syrian Arab Republic                              | 5.3           | 3.7    | -30.2                                                       | 10.2          | 1.3    | -87.3                                                       | -4.9                    | 2.4     |
| Taiwan                                            | 68.0          | 209.3  | 207.8                                                       | 361.4         | 245.3  | -32.1                                                       | -293.4                  | -36.0   |
| Tunisia                                           | 386.5         | 187.7  | -51.4                                                       | 73.3          | 31.8   | -56.6                                                       | 313.2                   | 155.9   |
| Ukraine                                           | 1431.5        | 1388.3 | -3.0                                                        | 2433.5        | 1362.2 | -44.0                                                       | -1002.0                 | 26.1    |
| United Arab Emirates                              | 169.1         | 278.3  | 64.6                                                        | 60.3          | 71.5   | 18.6                                                        | 108.8                   | 206.8   |
| Viet Nam                                          | 77.5          | 85.4   | 10.2                                                        | 240.6         | 230.1  | -4.4                                                        | -163.1                  | -144.7  |

<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 December 12, 2023.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - September 2022 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             |         |
| Total                                             | 69325.4       | 65521.3 | -5.5                                                        | 80081.6       | 71803.4 | -10.3                                                       | -10756.2                | -6282.1 |
| of which EU                                       | 45497.0       | 42162.9 | -7.3                                                        | 43902.4       | 43117.7 | -1.8                                                        | 1594.6                  | -954.8  |
| Food and live animals                             | 7628.0        | 8447.6  | 10.7                                                        | 5348.1        | 6002.7  | 12.2                                                        | 2279.9                  | 2444.9  |
| of which EU                                       | 4160.5        | 4355.7  | 4.7                                                         | 4030.5        | 4494.2  | 11.5                                                        | 130.0                   | -138.5  |
| Beverages and tobacco                             | 468.7         | 549.8   | 17.3                                                        | 1088.6        | 1243.3  | 14.2                                                        | -619.9                  | -693.5  |
| of which EU                                       | 292.2         | 329.9   | 12.9                                                        | 850.9         | 963.8   | 13.3                                                        | -558.7                  | -633.9  |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)           | 3994.7        | 3902.5  | -2.3                                                        | 7138.8        | 5251.0  | -26.4                                                       | -3144.1                 | -1348.5 |
| of which EU                                       | 2501.1        | 2465.0  | -1.4                                                        | 1580.4        | 1528.4  | -3.3                                                        | 920.7                   | 936.6   |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials    | 8030.7        | 5164.3  | -35.7                                                       | 13817.5       | 7749.1  | -43.9                                                       | -5786.8                 | -2584.8 |
| of which EU                                       | 2565.0        | 1356.5  | -47.1                                                       | 3272.2        | 1116.6  | -65.9                                                       | -707.2                  | 239.9   |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes         | 2576.0        | 1250.3  | -51.5                                                       | 1163.3        | 693.0   | -40.4                                                       | 1412.7                  | 557.3   |
| of which EU                                       | 1827.2        | 570.4   | -68.8                                                       | 529.2         | 313.7   | -40.7                                                       | 1298.0                  | 256.7   |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c.              | 8214.1        | 6971.3  | -15.1                                                       | 11823.7       | 9891.2  | -16.3                                                       | -3609.6                 | -2919.9 |
| of which EU                                       | 5357.2        | 4318.6  | -19.4                                                       | 8461.5        | 7351.8  | -13.1                                                       | -3104.3                 | -3033.2 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 15262.3       | 13244.5 | -13.2                                                       | 13044.5       | 11748.5 | -9.9                                                        | 2217.8                  | 1496.0  |
| of which EU                                       | 11488.5       | 9806.3  | -14.6                                                       | 6620.8        | 6328.4  | -4.4                                                        | 4867.7                  | 3477.9  |
| Machinery and transport equipment                 | 13943.9       | 15649.8 | 12.2                                                        | 20602.2       | 22642.9 | 9.9                                                         | -6658.3                 | -6993.1 |
| of which EU                                       | 10386.6       | 11237.5 | 8.2                                                         | 14546.4       | 16573.1 | 13.9                                                        | -4159.8                 | -5335.6 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles               | 9139.7        | 9913.9  | 8.5                                                         | 5981.1        | 6496.9  | 8.6                                                         | 3158.6                  | 3417.0  |
| of which EU                                       | 6883.8        | 7680.9  | 11.6                                                        | 3948.0        | 4377.8  | 10.9                                                        | 2935.8                  | 3303.1  |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c.               | 67.3          | 427.3   | 534.9                                                       | 73.8          | 84.8    | 14.9                                                        | -6.5                    | 342.5   |
| of which EU                                       | 34.9          | 42.1    | 20.6                                                        | 62.5          | 69.9    | 11.8                                                        | -27.6                   | -27.8   |

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2023.