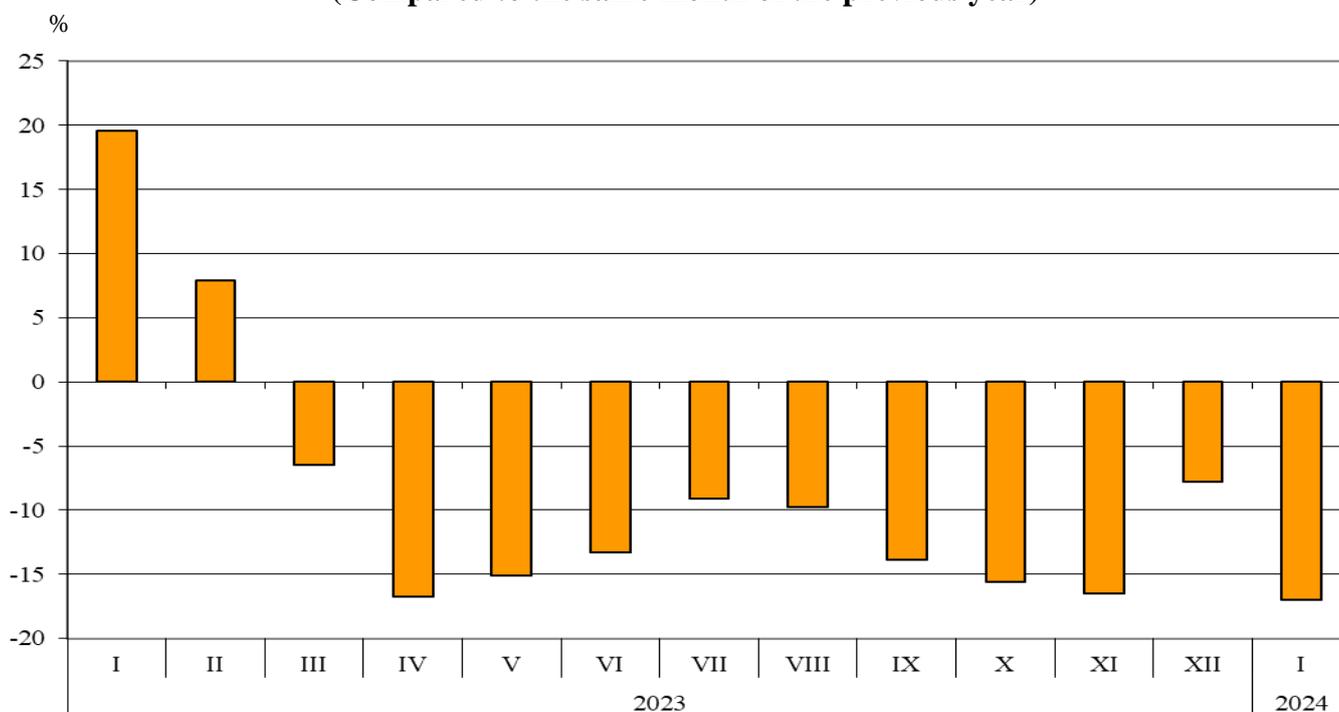


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2024**, the **exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU** decreased by 17.0% in comparison with the same month of 2023 and added up to 4 094.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and Belgium, which accounted for 60.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)

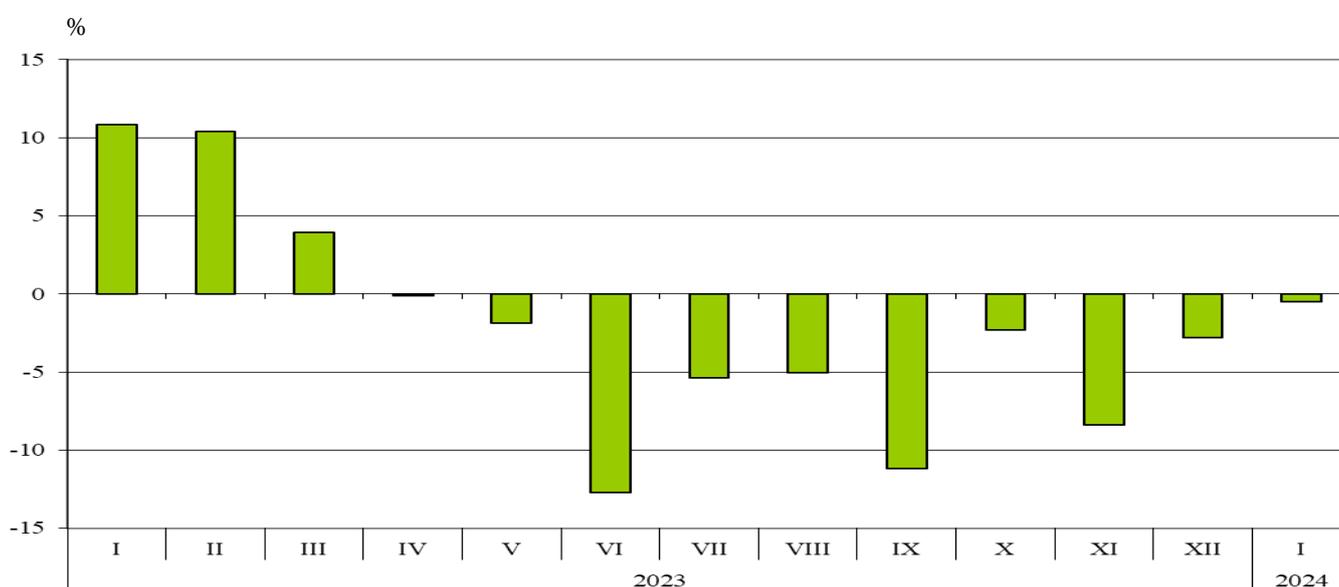


In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (38.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (54.3%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in January 2024 decreased by 0.5% in comparison with January 2023 and amounted to 4 556.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (252.2%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c’ (18.0%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in **January 2024** was negative and added up to 462.2 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
January 2023¹ and 2024¹ 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.2023	7359.5	4931.8	2427.7	8138.4	4578.7	3559.7	-778.9	353.1	-1132.0
I.2024	6241.5	4094.5	2147.0	7467.8	4556.7	2911.1	-1226.3	-462.2	-764.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2024.

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 January
2024¹ 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	-15.2	-17.0	-11.6	-8.2	-0.5	-18.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2024.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2023² and 2024²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	7359.5	6241.5	-15.2	8138.4	7467.8	-8.2	-778.9	-1226.3
EU	4931.8	4094.5	-17.0	4578.7	4556.7	-0.5	353.1	-462.2
Austria	161.6	112.4	-30.4	180.3	189.7	5.2	-18.7	-77.3
Belgium	232.0	298.3	28.6	251.9	146.5	-41.8	-19.9	151.8
Croatia	99.7	126.9	27.3	19.0	20.9	10.0	80.7	106.0
Cyprus	24.3	17.0	-30.0	8.9	5.7	-36.0	15.4	11.3
Czechia	133.7	130.4	-2.5	223.1	214.4	-3.9	-89.4	-84.0
Denmark	37.6	28.0	-25.5	31.6	53.6	69.6	6.0	-25.6
Estonia	15.6	7.7	-50.6	45.7	29.7	-35.0	-30.1	-22.0
Finland	16.2	14.0	-13.6	28.4	17.6	-38.0	-12.2	-3.6
France	286.0	217.2	-24.1	212.2	197.2	-7.1	73.8	20.0
Germany	1087.6	921.9	-15.2	954.8	880.1	-7.8	132.8	41.8
Greece	425.1	333.3	-21.6	355.1	437.9	23.3	70.0	-104.6
Hungary	105.5	85.6	-18.9	266.0	284.1	6.8	-160.5	-198.5
Ireland	20.2	20.4	1.0	29.3	24.6	-16.0	-9.1	-4.2
Italy	592.2	464.4	-21.6	484.4	432.5	-10.7	107.8	31.9
Latvia	11.4	7.1	-37.7	7.0	7.3	4.3	4.4	-0.2
Lithuania	20.9	18.4	-12.0	16.8	11.9	-29.2	4.1	6.5
Luxembourg	1.9	2.9	52.6	5.9	5.9	0.0	-4.0	-3.0
Malta	4.1	3.7	-9.8	4.1	2.4	-41.5	0.0	1.3
Netherlands	117.3	120.4	2.6	278.0	296.3	6.6	-160.7	-175.9
Poland	180.0	179.0	-0.6	284.2	265.2	-6.7	-104.2	-86.2
Portugal	17.5	14.3	-18.3	14.5	16.0	10.3	3.0	-1.7
Romania	653.9	469.6	-28.2	508.6	653.1	28.4	145.3	-183.5
Slovakia	87.3	66.3	-24.1	87.3	101.5	16.3	0.0	-35.2
Slovenia	85.8	30.8	-64.1	65.9	66.6	1.1	19.9	-35.8
Spain	183.6	121.1	-34.0	151.2	134.3	-11.2	32.4	-13.2
Sweden	73.7	65.0	-11.8	56.2	48.6	-13.5	17.5	16.4
Not specified	257.1	218.4	-15.1	8.3	13.1	57.8	248.8	205.3

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 April 11, 2024.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2023² and 2024²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	2427.7	2147.0	-11.6	3559.7	2911.1	-18.2	-1132.0	-764.1
CIS³	157.9	118.7	-24.8	773.6	296.6	-61.7	-615.7	-177.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	12.9	15.4	19.4	1.9	0.3	-84.2	11.0	15.1
Russian Federation	82.2	45.8	-44.3	698.3	228.9	-67.2	-616.1	-183.1
OECD⁴	933.6	828.7	-11.2	1124.1	1130.3	0.6	-190.5	-301.6
of which:								
Canada	12.7	12.1	-4.7	8.5	20.0	135.3	4.2	-7.9
Chile	2.8	6.4	128.6	55.7	84.0	50.8	-52.9	-77.6
Israel	69.7	21.3	-69.4	13.6	10.5	-22.8	56.1	10.8
Japan	11.7	8.3	-29.1	40.9	30.7	-24.9	-29.2	-22.4
Korea, Republic of	14.2	83.4	487.3	35.7	23.3	-34.7	-21.5	60.1
Türkiye	419.0	370.7	-11.5	645.9	775.1	20.0	-226.9	-404.4
United Kingdom ⁵	108.3	124.7	15.1	55.1	49.3	-10.5	53.2	75.4
United States	192.5	117.3	-39.1	173.6	65.8	-62.1	18.9	51.5
EFTA⁶	73.8	58.1	-21.3	62.2	61.4	-1.3	11.6	-3.3
of which:								
Norway	10.7	8.9	-16.8	3.5	5.9	68.6	7.2	3.0
Switzerland	62.4	48.8	-21.8	58.3	55.4	-5.0	4.1	-6.6

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

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Chile; Colombia, Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; 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 January 2023² and 2024²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	19.1	68.0	256.0	7.0	7.7	10.0	12.1	60.3
Algeria	111.4	44.0	-60.5	25.7	23.6	-8.2	85.7	20.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13.5	13.5	0.0	4.7	4.1	-12.8	8.8	9.4
Brazil	5.5	4.7	-14.5	128.3	51.8	-59.6	-122.8	-47.1
China	101.6	163.6	61.0	494.4	269.5	-45.5	-392.8	-105.9
Egypt	38.8	71.9	85.3	43.4	137.6	217.1	-4.6	-65.7
Georgia	21.8	24.5	12.4	21.0	11.6	-44.8	0.8	12.9
India	90.3	18.7	-79.3	72.0	58.2	-19.2	18.3	-39.5
Indonesia	3.3	8.1	145.5	65.0	121.6	87.1	-61.7	-113.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	19.6	22.7	15.8	8.7	7.0	-19.5	10.9	15.7
Peru	4.9	1.4	-71.4	67.2	109.9	63.5	-62.3	-108.5
Republic of North Macedonia	106.4	125.8	18.2	74.1	62.8	-15.2	32.3	63.0
Serbia	146.6	101.4	-30.8	154.4	151.8	-1.7	-7.8	-50.4
Singapore	3.3	8.5	157.6	9.1	3.0	-67.0	-5.8	5.5
South Africa	9.9	38.3	286.9	19.8	6.8	-65.7	-9.9	31.5
Taiwan	6.4	3.8	-40.6	37.9	22.0	-42.0	-31.5	-18.2
Tunisia	39.9	14.6	-63.4	7.3	35.5	386.3	32.6	-20.9
Ukraine	209.3	93.6	-55.3	185.5	196.4	5.9	23.8	-102.8
United Arab Emirates	17.8	20.4	14.6	6.0	6.2	3.3	11.8	14.2
Viet Nam	4.0	5.2	30.0	23.2	26.2	12.9	-19.2	-21.0

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2024.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in January 2023¹ and 2024¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	7359.5	6241.5	-15.2	8138.4	7467.8	-8.2	-778.9	-1226.3
of which: EU	4931.8	4094.5	-17.0	4578.7	4556.7	-0.5	353.1	-462.2
Food and live animals	806.0	619.7	-23.1	650.2	683.2	5.1	155.8	-63.5
of which: EU	437.3	342.1	-21.8	480.7	498.6	3.7	-43.4	-156.5
Beverages and tobacco	66.7	54.1	-18.9	128.2	139.6	8.9	-61.5	-85.5
of which: EU	30.3	41.9	38.3	104.8	118.5	13.1	-74.5	-76.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	448.4	404.3	-9.8	776.6	761.4	-2.0	-328.2	-357.1
of which: EU	325.3	237.1	-27.1	190.1	180.1	-5.3	135.2	57.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	825.9	465.0	-43.7	1061.3	999.1	-5.9	-235.4	-534.1
of which: EU	337.0	154.1	-54.3	117.9	415.2	252.2	219.1	-261.1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	194.9	128.8	-33.9	80.8	90.6	12.1	114.1	38.2
of which: EU	83.3	45.0	-46.0	26.5	39.8	50.2	56.8	5.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	828.3	714.0	-13.8	1182.1	1017.9	-13.9	-353.8	-303.9
of which: EU	558.7	406.9	-27.2	913.4	748.9	-18.0	-354.7	-342.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1492.4	1395.4	-6.5	1279.7	1084.6	-15.2	212.7	310.8
of which: EU	1114.2	1035.7	-7.0	649.5	533.2	-17.9	464.7	502.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1576.5	1479.4	-6.2	2334.4	2082.0	-10.8	-757.9	-602.6
of which: EU	1188.8	1054.6	-11.3	1652.7	1591.0	-3.7	-463.9	-536.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1075.5	972.0	-9.6	638.2	583.2	-8.6	437.3	388.8
of which: EU	853.7	769.8	-9.8	438.2	406.1	-7.3	415.5	363.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	44.9	8.8	-80.4	6.9	26.2	279.7	38.0	-17.4
of which: EU	3.2	7.3	128.1	4.9	25.3	416.3	-1.7	-18.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2024.