

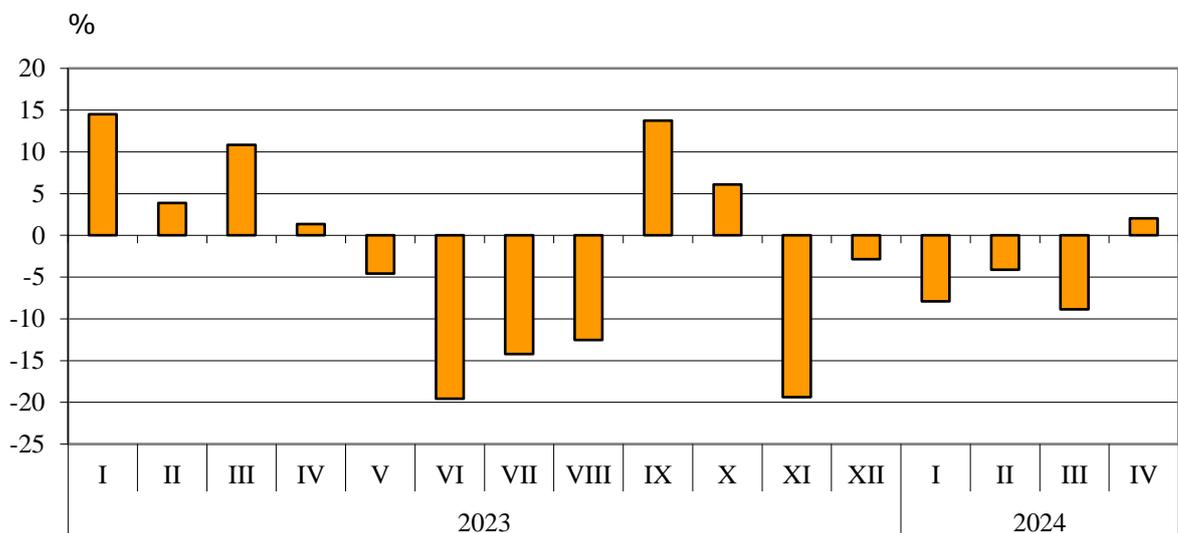


**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - APRIL 2024  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period January - April 2024, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 4.9% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 9 795.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, China, the Republic of North Macedonia and United Kingdom, which accounted for 47.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2024 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 2.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 532.1 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (13.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Food and live animals' (25.5%).

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

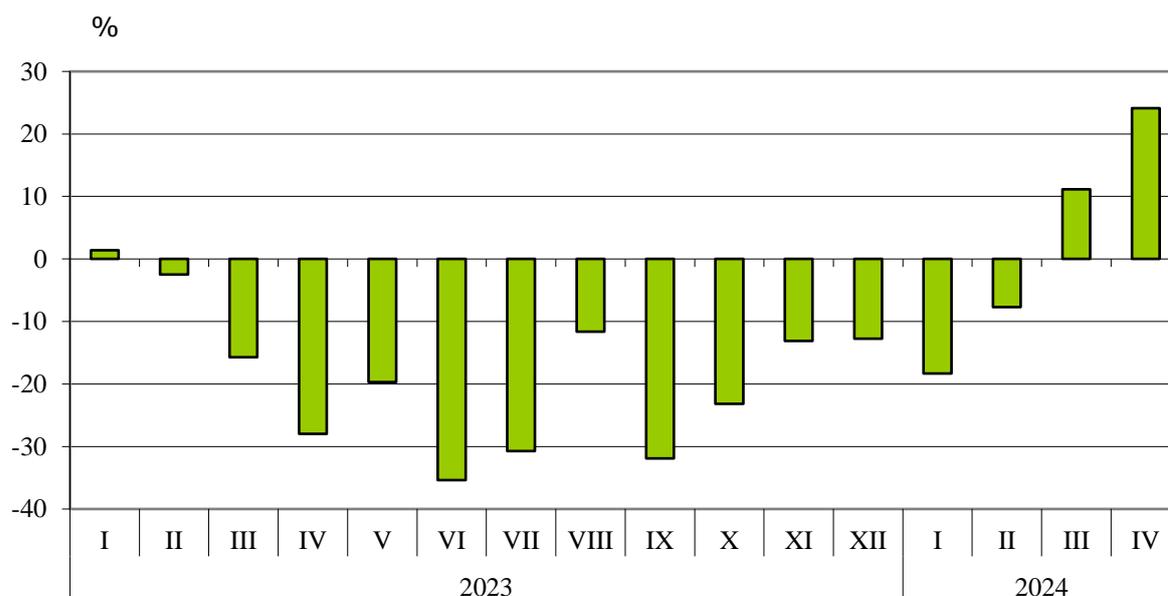
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**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in the period **January - April 2024** increased by 0.9% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 12 798.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Egypt, Ukraine and the Russian Federation (Annex, Table 3).

**In April 2024 the imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** increased by 24.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 462.5 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024**

**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (44.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (6.3%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - April 2024** was negative and added up to 3 002.2 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>).

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

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**In April 2024** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 930.4 million BGN.

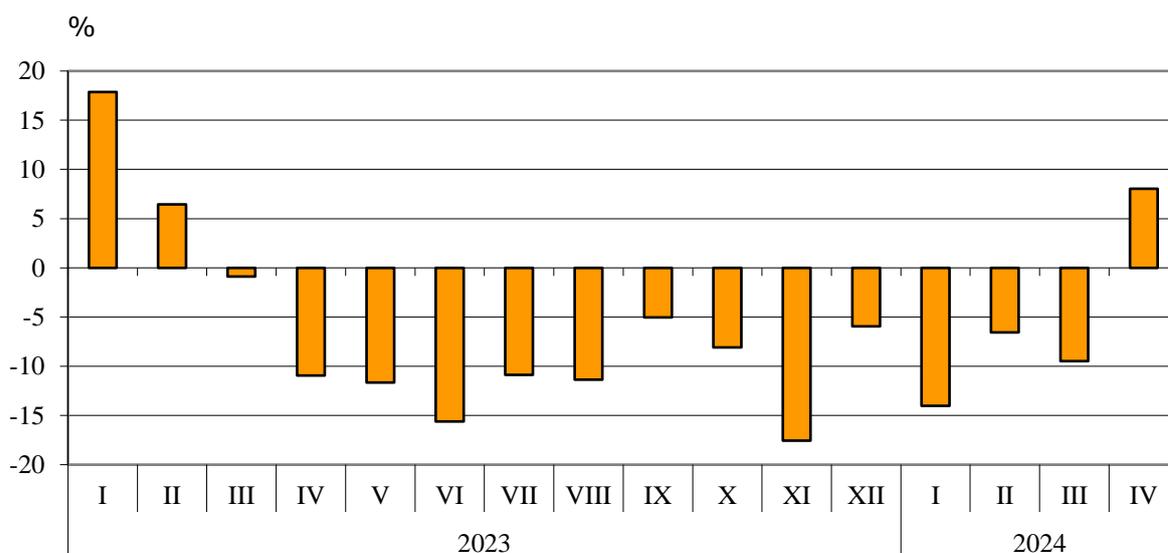
**Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total**

**In the period January - April 2024**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 27 476.0 million BGN, which is 5.9% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In April 2024** the total exports of goods added up to 7 302.6 million BGN and increased by 8.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2023 - 2024**

**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - April 2024** amounted to 31 817.2 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 1.1% less than the same period of 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

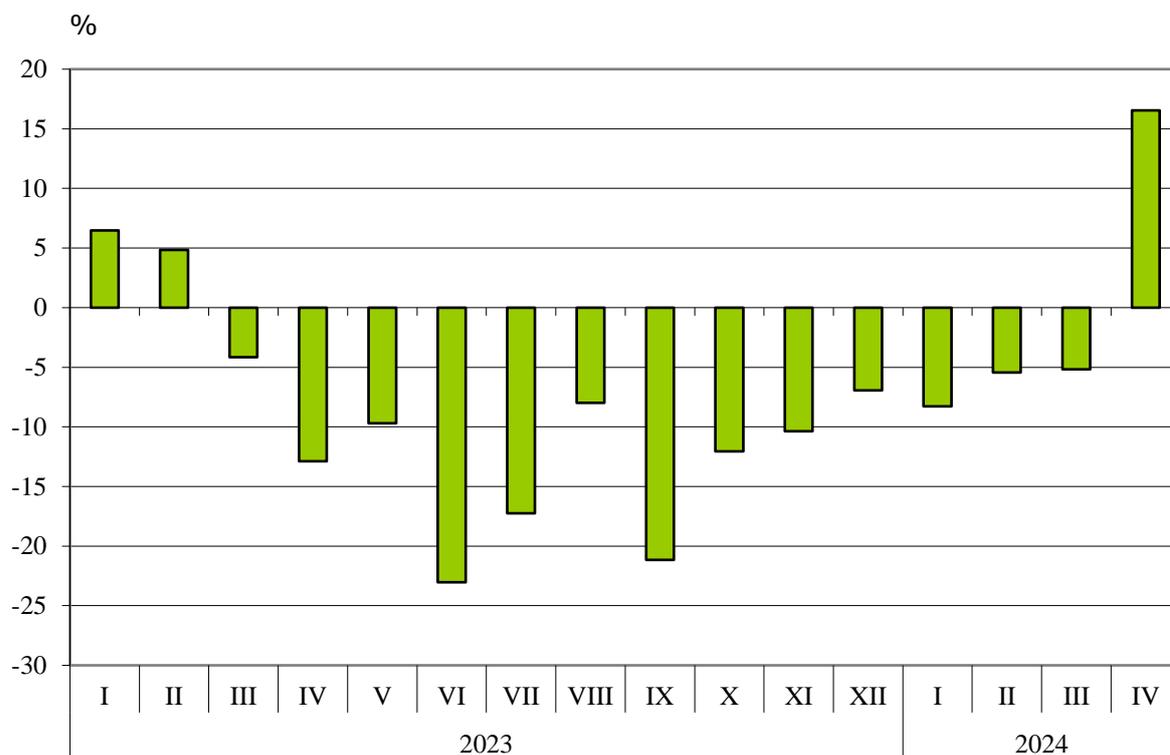
**In April 2024** the total imports of goods increased by 16.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 573.6 million BGN.

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

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**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period  
2023 - 2024**

**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - April 2024** and amounted to 4 341.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In April 2024** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 271.0 million BGN.

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

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - April 2023<sup>1</sup> and 2024<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.2023	7359.5	4931.8	2427.7	8138.4	4578.7	3559.7	-778.9	353.1	-1132.0
II.2023	7103.6	4609.3	2494.3	8067.4	4845.9	3221.5	-963.8	-236.6	-727.2
III.2023	7964.9	5073.0	2891.9	8595.1	5487.7	3107.4	-630.2	-414.7	-215.5
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22428.0</b>	<b>14614.1</b>	<b>7813.9</b>	<b>24800.9</b>	<b>14912.3</b>	<b>9888.6</b>	<b>-2372.9</b>	<b>-298.2</b>	<b>-2074.7</b>
IV.2023	6760.1	4278.3	2481.8	7356.3	4566.2	2790.1	-596.2	-287.9	-308.3
<b>I - IV.2023</b>	<b>29188.1</b>	<b>18892.4</b>	<b>10295.7</b>	<b>32157.2</b>	<b>19478.5</b>	<b>12678.7</b>	<b>-2969.1</b>	<b>-586.1</b>	<b>-2383.0</b>
I.2024	6327.2	4091.2	2236.0	7465.4	4558.6	2906.8	-1138.2	-467.4	-670.8
II.2024	6637.3	4245.7	2391.6	7628.7	4654.4	2974.3	-991.4	-408.7	-582.7
III.2024	7208.9	4572.7	2636.2	8149.5	4695.0	3454.5	-940.6	-122.3	-818.3
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20173.4</b>	<b>12909.6</b>	<b>7263.8</b>	<b>23243.6</b>	<b>13908.0</b>	<b>9335.6</b>	<b>-3070.2</b>	<b>-998.4</b>	<b>-2071.8</b>
IV.2024	7302.6	4770.5	2532.1	8573.6	5111.1	3462.5	-1271.0	-340.6	-930.4
<b>I - IV.2024</b>	<b>27476.0</b>	<b>17680.1</b>	<b>9795.9</b>	<b>31817.2</b>	<b>19019.1</b>	<b>12798.1</b>	<b>-4341.2</b>	<b>-1339.0</b>	<b>-3002.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2024.

<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 - April 2024<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	-14.0	-17.0	-7.9	-8.3	-0.4	-18.3
II	-6.6	-7.9	-4.1	-5.4	-4.0	-7.7
III	-9.5	-9.9	-8.8	-5.2	-14.4	11.2
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
IV	8.0	11.5	2.0	16.5	11.9	24.1
<b>I - IV</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period  
January - April 2023<sup>2</sup> and 2024<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>10295.7</b>	<b>9795.9</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>12678.7</b>	<b>12798.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-2383.0</b>	<b>-3002.2</b>
of which:								
Albania	87.0	280.2	222.1	33.7	32.1	-4.8	53.3	248.2
Algeria	591.3	203.5	-65.6	75.3	28.3	-62.4	516.0	175.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.0	60.9	3.2	27.4	46.0	67.9	31.6	14.9
Brazil	23.1	21.5	-7.0	260.0	224.6	-13.6	-236.9	-203.1
Canada	58.7	103.2	75.9	33.6	120.8	259.4	25.1	-17.5
Chile	8.7	16.8	93.5	119.2	180.0	51.0	-110.5	-163.2
China	710.9	569.3	-19.9	1672.9	1556.6	-7.0	-962.0	-987.3
Egypt	357.8	419.7	17.3	162.0	895.3	452.7	195.8	-475.7
Georgia	117.2	234.9	100.4	268.1	65.8	-75.4	-150.9	169.0
Gibraltar	201.2	458.1	127.7	0.0	0.0	x	201.2	458.1
India	160.2	95.2	-40.6	182.8	145.4	-20.5	-22.6	-50.2
Indonesia	30.5	49.6	62.7	197.7	250.6	26.7	-167.2	-200.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	64.6	103.2	59.7	36.0	37.7	4.8	28.6	65.4
Israel	176.0	76.8	-56.4	111.6	36.3	-67.5	64.4	40.5
Japan	41.4	46.5	12.2	145.9	114.5	-21.5	-104.5	-68.1
Kazakhstan	60.0	54.4	-9.4	6.7	2.2	-67.7	53.3	52.2
Korea, Republic of	68.0	196.2	188.6	126.5	108.9	-13.9	-58.5	87.4
Libya	82.1	11.8	-85.6	0.6	376.6	62672.8	81.5	-364.8
Morocco	79.5	113.3	42.5	33.2	68.8	107.2	46.3	44.5
Namibia	0.2	0.1	-64.3	4.1	106.1	2488.6	-3.9	-106.1
Norway	39.3	47.3	20.3	18.7	227.9	1118.6	20.6	-180.6
Peru	21.3	5.3	-75.3	212.8	201.3	-5.4	-191.5	-196.0
Republic of North Macedonia	561.7	546.3	-2.7	301.7	351.4	16.5	260.0	194.9
Russian Federation	316.6	231.0	-27.0	1880.0	787.1	-58.1	-1563.4	-556.1
Serbia	698.0	631.9	-9.5	737.0	721.4	-2.1	-39.0	-89.5
Singapore	18.1	25.7	42.1	26.6	16.1	-39.5	-8.5	9.6
Republic of South Africa	83.3	55.8	-33.0	90.6	23.5	-74.1	-7.3	32.4
Switzerland	244.8	221.5	-9.5	220.5	283.6	28.6	24.3	-62.1
Taiwan	76.7	24.1	-68.6	116.4	89.3	-23.3	-39.7	-65.2
Tunisia	91.8	88.3	-3.9	17.1	65.2	281.2	74.7	23.1
Türkiye	1790.7	1724.1	-3.7	2706.3	2936.6	8.5	-915.6	-1212.5
Ukraine	676.0	335.4	-50.4	587.0	789.0	34.4	89.0	-453.6
United Arab Emirates	77.3	98.5	27.4	29.4	30.1	2.2	47.9	68.5
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	449.1	482.2	7.4	266.6	287.4	7.8	182.5	194.8
United States	754.0	662.3	-12.2	464.5	312.3	-32.8	289.5	350.0
Viet Nam	24.2	28.2	16.6	79.6	109.6	37.7	-55.4	-81.4

<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 June 11, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

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**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of  
SITC, rev.4, in the period January - April 2023<sup>1</sup> and 2024<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>10295.7</b>	<b>9795.9</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>12678.7</b>	<b>12798.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-2383.0</b>	<b>-3002.2</b>
Food and live animals	1732.4	1291.0	-25.5	695.7	723.5	4.0	1036.7	567.5
Beverages and tobacco	93.7	77.6	-17.2	121.1	120.5	-0.5	-27.4	-42.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	673.1	764.7	13.6	2030.8	1903.3	-6.3	-1357.7	-1138.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1691.5	1822.2	7.7	2790.4	2881.1	3.3	-1098.9	-1058.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	276.1	251.8	-8.8	147.1	212.7	44.6	129.0	39.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1200.2	1327.8	10.6	1106.6	1144.5	3.4	93.6	183.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1584.7	1531.7	-3.3	2365.9	2307.5	-2.5	-781.2	-775.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1817.6	1825.3	0.4	2542.5	2498.5	-1.7	-724.9	-673.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1038.5	879.7	-15.3	873.8	955.3	9.3	164.7	-75.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	187.9	24.1	-87.2	4.8	51.2	966.7	183.1	-27.1

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