



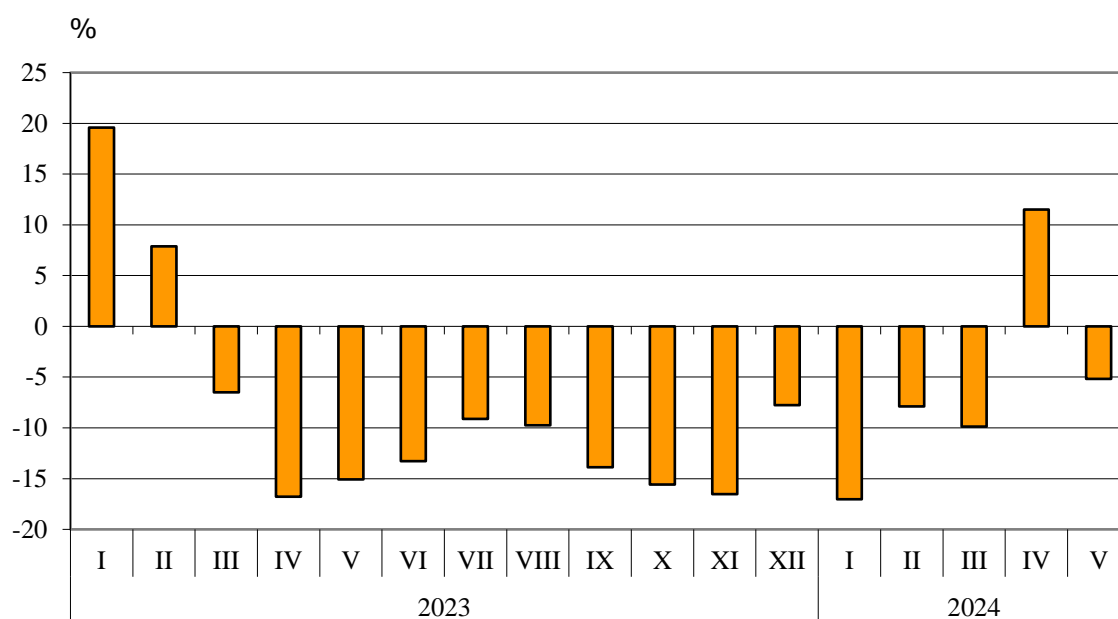
TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2024

(PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 6.2% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 22 176.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.6% 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (45.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (27.4%).

In **May 2024**, the exports to the EU decreased by 5.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 496.2 million BGN.

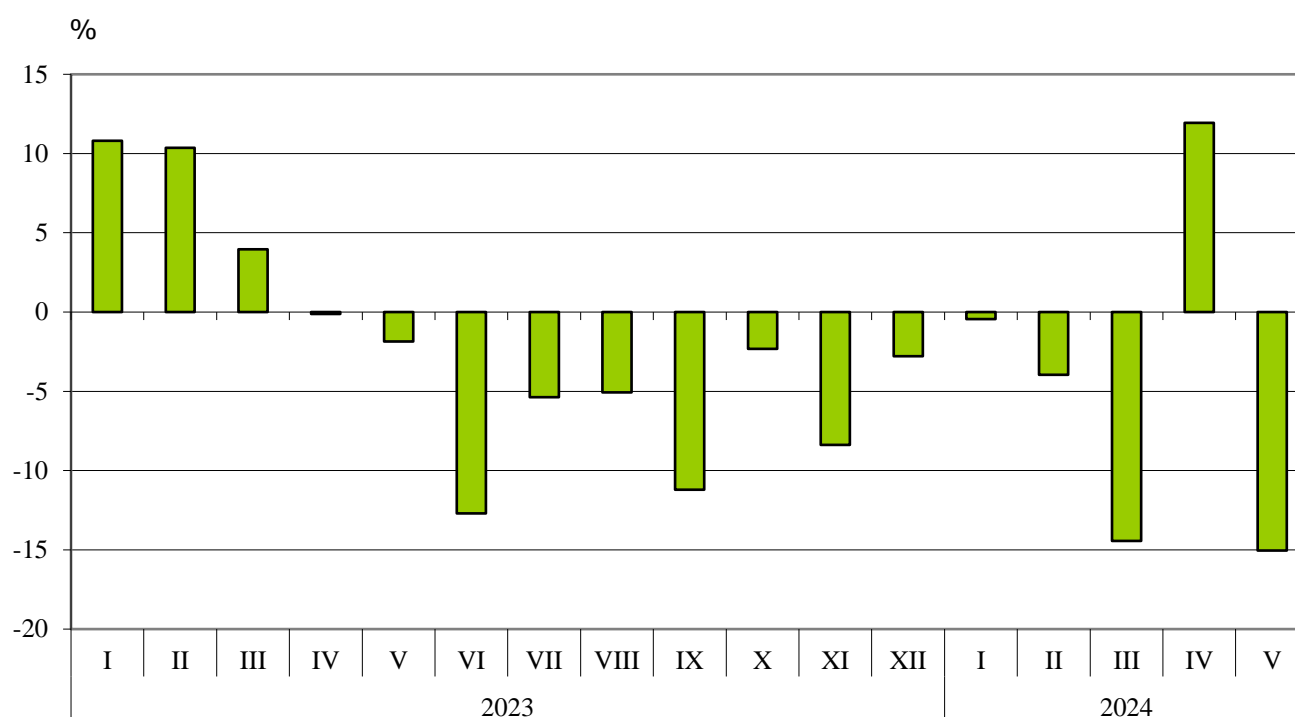
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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - May 2024** decreased by 4.9% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 23 247.5 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece 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' (64.6%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (16.4%).

In **May 2024**, the imports from the EU decreased by 15.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 228.4 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - May 2024** was negative and added up to 1 071.2 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.

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ANNEX

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 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 |
| 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 |
| I - III.2023 | 22428.0 | 14614.1 | 7813.9 | 24800.9 | 14912.3 | 9888.6 | -2372.9 | -298.2 | -2074.7 |
| IV.2023 | 6760.1 | 4278.3 | 2481.8 | 7356.3 | 4566.2 | 2790.1 | -596.2 | -287.9 | -308.3 |
| V.2023 | 7353.3 | 4740.6 | 2612.7 | 8145.0 | 4973.5 | 3171.5 | -791.7 | -232.9 | -558.8 |
| I - V.2023 | 36541.4 | 23633.0 | 12908.4 | 40302.2 | 24452.0 | 15850.2 | -3760.8 | -819.0 | -2941.8 |
| 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 |
| I - III.2024 | 20173.4 | 12909.6 | 7263.8 | 23243.6 | 13908.0 | 9335.6 | -3070.2 | -998.4 | -2071.8 |
| IV.2024 | 7302.6 | 4770.5 | 2532.1 | 8573.6 | 5111.1 | 3462.5 | -1271.0 | -340.6 | -930.4 |
| V.2024 | 6669.7 | 4496.2 | 2173.5 | 7918.7 | 4228.4 | 3690.3 | -1249.0 | 267.8 | -1516.8 |
| I - V.2024 | 34145.7 | 22176.3 | 11969.4 | 39735.9 | 23247.5 | 16488.4 | -5590.2 | -1071.2 | -4519.0 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 12, 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 the period
January - May 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 | -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 |
| I - III | -10.1 | -11.7 | -7.0 | -6.3 | -6.7 | -5.6 |
| IV | 8.0 | 11.5 | 2.0 | 16.5 | 11.9 | 24.1 |
| V | -9.3 | -5.2 | -16.8 | -2.8 | -15.0 | 16.4 |
| I - IV | -6.6 | -6.2 | -7.3 | -1.4 | -4.9 | 4.0 |

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in the period January - May 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 | 36541.4 | 34145.7 | -6.6 | 40302.2 | 39735.9 | -1.4 | -3760.8 | -5590.2 |
| EU | 23633.0 | 22176.3 | -6.2 | 24452.0 | 23247.5 | -4.9 | -819.0 | -1071.2 |
| Austria | 806.5 | 549.5 | -31.9 | 1062.7 | 962.5 | -9.4 | -256.2 | -413.0 |
| Belgium | 1011.9 | 736.4 | -27.2 | 939.9 | 804.2 | -14.4 | 72.0 | -67.8 |
| Croatia | 290.1 | 494.6 | 70.5 | 108.0 | 131.4 | 21.7 | 182.1 | 363.2 |
| Cyprus | 120.0 | 99.2 | -17.3 | 63.8 | 32.0 | -49.8 | 56.2 | 67.2 |
| Czechia | 700.9 | 678.4 | -3.2 | 1141.1 | 1077.5 | -5.6 | -440.2 | -399.1 |
| Denmark | 177.5 | 157.8 | -11.1 | 322.1 | 203.9 | -36.7 | -144.6 | -46.1 |
| Estonia | 64.5 | 36.0 | -44.2 | 100.4 | 146.4 | 45.8 | -35.9 | -110.4 |
| Finland | 82.5 | 68.5 | -17.0 | 116.4 | 95.6 | -17.9 | -33.9 | -27.1 |
| France | 1212.3 | 1201.6 | -0.9 | 1109.1 | 1003.7 | -9.5 | 103.2 | 197.9 |
| Germany | 5073.7 | 5384.3 | 6.1 | 5045.4 | 4568.7 | -9.4 | 28.3 | 815.6 |
| Greece | 2021.6 | 1769.9 | -12.5 | 1894.4 | 1848.1 | -2.4 | 127.2 | -78.2 |
| Hungary | 494.0 | 489.2 | -1.0 | 1381.0 | 1399.3 | 1.3 | -887.0 | -910.1 |
| Ireland | 117.6 | 107.1 | -8.9 | 157.8 | 155.5 | -1.5 | -40.2 | -48.4 |
| Italy | 2924.0 | 2552.4 | -12.7 | 2803.4 | 2446.4 | -12.7 | 120.6 | 106.0 |
| Latvia | 45.9 | 38.7 | -15.7 | 32.2 | 38.6 | 19.9 | 13.7 | 0.1 |
| Lithuania | 105.2 | 86.2 | -18.1 | 94.8 | 103.6 | 9.3 | 10.4 | -17.4 |
| Luxembourg | 11.4 | 11.9 | 4.4 | 33.5 | 32.5 | -3.0 | -22.1 | -20.6 |
| Malta | 17.7 | 14.9 | -15.8 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 2.7 |
| Netherlands | 761.7 | 654.5 | -14.1 | 1704.1 | 1510.8 | -11.3 | -942.4 | -856.3 |
| Poland | 942.9 | 916.2 | -2.8 | 1637.2 | 1440.5 | -12.0 | -694.3 | -524.3 |
| Portugal | 101.2 | 99.6 | -1.6 | 77.8 | 91.2 | 17.2 | 23.4 | 8.4 |
| Romania | 3357.6 | 2968.9 | -11.6 | 2616.0 | 2971.7 | 13.6 | 741.6 | -2.8 |
| Slovakia | 438.8 | 363.7 | -17.1 | 468.0 | 516.3 | 10.3 | -29.2 | -152.6 |
| Slovenia | 240.8 | 225.1 | -6.5 | 371.7 | 376.5 | 1.3 | -130.9 | -151.4 |
| Spain | 901.0 | 682.9 | -24.2 | 732.7 | 702.4 | -4.1 | 168.3 | -19.5 |
| Sweden | 343.7 | 330.8 | -3.8 | 317.6 | 267.6 | -15.7 | 26.1 | 63.2 |
| Not specified | 1268.0 | 1458.0 | 15.0 | 108.7 | 308.4 | 183.7 | 1159.3 | 1149.6 |

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.

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Table 3

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Bulgaria in the period January - May 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 | 12908.4 | 11969.4 | -7.3 | 15850.2 | 16488.4 | 4.0 | -2941.8 | -4519.0 |
| CIS ³ | 768.7 | 728.2 | -5.3 | 2622.4 | 1508.6 | -42.5 | -1853.7 | -780.4 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | 70.5 | 71.0 | 0.7 | 6.8 | 329.1 | 4739.7 | 63.7 | -258.1 |
| Russian Federation | 418.0 | 292.0 | -30.1 | 2235.6 | 820.5 | -63.3 | -1817.6 | -528.5 |
| OECD ⁴ | 4656.1 | 4551.8 | -2.2 | 5319.2 | 5844.0 | 9.9 | -663.1 | -1292.2 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 74.7 | 116.7 | 56.2 | 39.8 | 127.4 | 220.1 | 34.9 | -10.7 |
| Chile | 11.7 | 19.2 | 64.1 | 158.2 | 254.0 | 60.6 | -146.5 | -234.8 |
| Israel | 208.3 | 110.9 | -46.8 | 126.0 | 50.0 | -60.3 | 82.3 | 60.9 |
| Japan | 52.8 | 61.1 | 15.7 | 179.3 | 149.2 | -16.8 | -126.5 | -88.1 |
| Korea, Republic of | 78.4 | 209.1 | 166.7 | 157.5 | 151.3 | -3.9 | -79.1 | 57.8 |
| Türkiye | 2244.6 | 2171.8 | -3.2 | 3377.7 | 3624.1 | 7.3 | -1133.1 | -1452.3 |
| United Kingdom ⁵ | 562.7 | 599.6 | 6.6 | 330.8 | 354.1 | 7.0 | 231.9 | 245.5 |
| United States | 924.0 | 776.9 | -15.9 | 532.2 | 380.9 | -28.4 | 391.8 | 396.0 |

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

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

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Table 3

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countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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 | |
| EFTA ³ | 355.9 | 332.5 | -6.6 | 310.6 | 677.1 | 118.0 | 45.3 | -344.6 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Norway | 48.1 | 56.1 | 16.6 | 23.5 | 316.2 | 1245.5 | 24.6 | -260.1 |
| Switzerland | 305.0 | 273.3 | -10.4 | 283.7 | 359.2 | 26.6 | 21.3 | -85.9 |

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³ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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(Continued and end)

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------|---|---------------|--------|---|-------------------------|---------|
| | 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 | 110.0 | 300.7 | 173.4 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 0.0 | 68.1 | 258.8 |
| Algeria | 661.8 | 227.1 | -65.7 | 83.3 | 49.4 | -40.7 | 578.5 | 177.7 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 74.7 | 75.3 | 0.8 | 33.3 | 59.3 | 78.1 | 41.4 | 16.0 |
| Brazil | 27.6 | 26.5 | -4.0 | 264.9 | 232.3 | -12.3 | -237.3 | -205.8 |
| China | 890.4 | 629.1 | -29.3 | 2252.1 | 1945.7 | -13.6 | -1361.7 | -1316.6 |
| Egypt | 461.2 | 510.4 | 10.7 | 311.0 | 1173.7 | 277.4 | 150.2 | -663.3 |
| Georgia | 145.6 | 289.1 | 98.6 | 274.4 | 105.1 | -61.7 | -128.8 | 184.0 |
| India | 183.6 | 124.2 | -32.4 | 219.2 | 196.0 | -10.6 | -35.6 | -71.8 |
| Indonesia | 36.8 | 55.4 | 50.5 | 205.8 | 448.8 | 118.1 | -169.0 | -393.4 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 81.0 | 130.8 | 61.5 | 46.1 | 51.0 | 10.6 | 34.9 | 79.8 |
| Peru | 22.4 | 6.0 | -73.2 | 221.5 | 350.6 | 58.3 | -199.1 | -344.6 |
| Republic of North Macedonia | 719.6 | 678.9 | -5.7 | 413.6 | 444.8 | 7.5 | 306.0 | 234.1 |
| Serbia | 842.4 | 807.8 | -4.1 | 935.6 | 907.0 | -3.1 | -93.2 | -99.2 |
| Singapore | 25.9 | 29.7 | 14.7 | 36.4 | 17.6 | -51.6 | -10.5 | 12.1 |
| South Africa | 91.4 | 103.7 | 13.5 | 108.8 | 26.5 | -75.6 | -17.4 | 77.2 |
| Taiwan | 111.3 | 35.2 | -68.4 | 146.3 | 109.7 | -25.0 | -35.0 | -74.5 |
| Tunisia | 131.1 | 93.2 | -28.9 | 18.8 | 94.0 | 400.0 | 112.3 | -0.8 |
| Ukraine | 819.3 | 407.8 | -50.2 | 723.7 | 997.7 | 37.9 | 95.6 | -589.9 |
| United Arab Emirates | 117.7 | 120.2 | 2.1 | 39.3 | 35.6 | -9.4 | 78.4 | 84.6 |
| Viet Nam | 29.8 | 33.8 | 13.4 | 107.5 | 153.2 | 42.5 | -77.7 | -119.4 |

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - May 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 | 36541.4 | 34145.7 | -6.6 | 40302.2 | 39735.9 | -1.4 | -3760.8 | -5590.2 |
| of which: EU | 23633.0 | 22176.3 | -6.2 | 24452.0 | 23247.5 | -4.9 | -819.0 | -1071.2 |
| Food and live animals | 4473.2 | 3528.3 | -21.1 | 3370.4 | 3513.9 | 4.3 | 1102.8 | 14.4 |
| of which: EU | 2284.6 | 1880.3 | -17.7 | 2502.3 | 2586.6 | 3.4 | -217.7 | -706.3 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 302.4 | 283.2 | -6.3 | 665.7 | 756.2 | 13.6 | -363.3 | -473.0 |
| of which: EU | 187.7 | 181.2 | -3.5 | 511.1 | 603.3 | 18.0 | -323.4 | -422.1 |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel) | 2238.0 | 1989.4 | -11.1 | 3185.9 | 3460.5 | 8.6 | -947.9 | -1471.1 |
| of which: EU | 1377.2 | 1087.7 | -21.0 | 901.8 | 920.4 | 2.1 | 475.4 | 167.3 |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials | 2711.2 | 3062.5 | 13.0 | 4130.0 | 4907.8 | 18.8 | -1418.8 | -1845.3 |
| of which: EU | 680.3 | 986.7 | 45.0 | 669.6 | 1102.4 | 64.6 | 10.7 | -115.7 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 748.5 | 573.4 | -23.4 | 340.5 | 443.3 | 30.2 | 408.0 | 130.1 |
| of which: EU | 337.1 | 244.8 | -27.4 | 164.5 | 191.8 | 16.6 | 172.6 | 53.0 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c. | 4002.0 | 3717.3 | -7.1 | 5650.8 | 5370.5 | -5.0 | -1648.8 | -1653.2 |
| of which: EU | 2524.0 | 2080.9 | -17.6 | 4241.0 | 3870.4 | -8.7 | -1717.0 | -1789.5 |

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - May 2023¹ and 2024¹**

(Continued and end)

| 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 | |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 7559.6 | 7707.2 | 2.0 | 6722.3 | 6019.9 | -10.4 | 837.3 | 1687.3 |
| of which: EU | 5610.4 | 5819.0 | 3.7 | 3709.1 | 3102.6 | -16.4 | 1901.3 | 2716.4 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 8689.3 | 8012.1 | -7.8 | 12644.7 | 11563.4 | -8.6 | -3955.4 | -3551.3 |
| of which: EU | 6350.1 | 5738.7 | -9.6 | 9315.0 | 8439.2 | -9.4 | -2964.9 | -2700.5 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 5567.3 | 5220.7 | -6.2 | 3546.0 | 3517.1 | -0.8 | 2021.3 | 1703.6 |
| of which: EU | 4260.2 | 4140.8 | -2.8 | 2397.8 | 2302.2 | -4.0 | 1862.4 | 1838.6 |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c. | 249.9 | 51.6 | -79.4 | 45.9 | 183.3 | 299.3 | 204.0 | -131.7 |
| of which: EU | 21.4 | 16.2 | -24.3 | 39.8 | 128.6 | 223.1 | -18.4 | -112.4 |

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Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics (including intra-EU trade in goods).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and rules pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704 of 14 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council by further specifying the details of the statistical information to be provided by tax and customs authorities, and amending Annexes V and VI thereof (text relevant to the EEA).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1225 of 27 July 2021 laying down the rules for data exchange pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 regarding the member country of extra-EU export and the obligations of reporting units.

Law on Statistics of Intra-EU Trade in Goods effective from 1 July 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 August 2022.

Scope and Basic Terminology

External trade in goods covers trade with third countries (Extrastat) and with EU Member States (Intrastat), with detailed statistical information collected at the commodity code level (8 digits) of the Combined Nomenclature.

Imports include all goods entering the statistical territory* of the Republic of Bulgaria from other countries intended for domestic consumption, processing in the country for export after processing, as well as imports of goods processed outside the country.

Exports include all goods leaving the statistical territory of the Republic of Bulgaria intended for normal export to another country. This includes goods returned to the trading partner after processing in Bulgaria or goods exported for processing in another country with the intention of being returned to Bulgaria.

The **statistical territory of the European Union (EU)**, in the context of international trade in goods statistics, corresponds to the combined customs territories of the EU member states with one exception: unlike the customs territory, the statistical territory of Germany includes Helgoland.

Statistical volumes of imports and exports do not include imported goods placed under customs warehousing without processing, nor do exports include the re-export of these goods.

International trade statistics do not account for the transit of goods through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Main Sources of Information

Customs declaration - Single Administrative Document (SAD), which is filled out by all entities importing or exporting goods to/from third countries.

Intrastat declaration for intra-EU imports and exports to/from EU Member States.

The **Customs Agency** is the institution responsible for collecting customs declarations (SAD), and the **National Revenue Agency** is responsible for Intrastat declarations.

Trade estimates are made to compensate for the impact of thresholds below which traders are exempt from submitting Intrastat declarations, as well as for those who have not responded.