



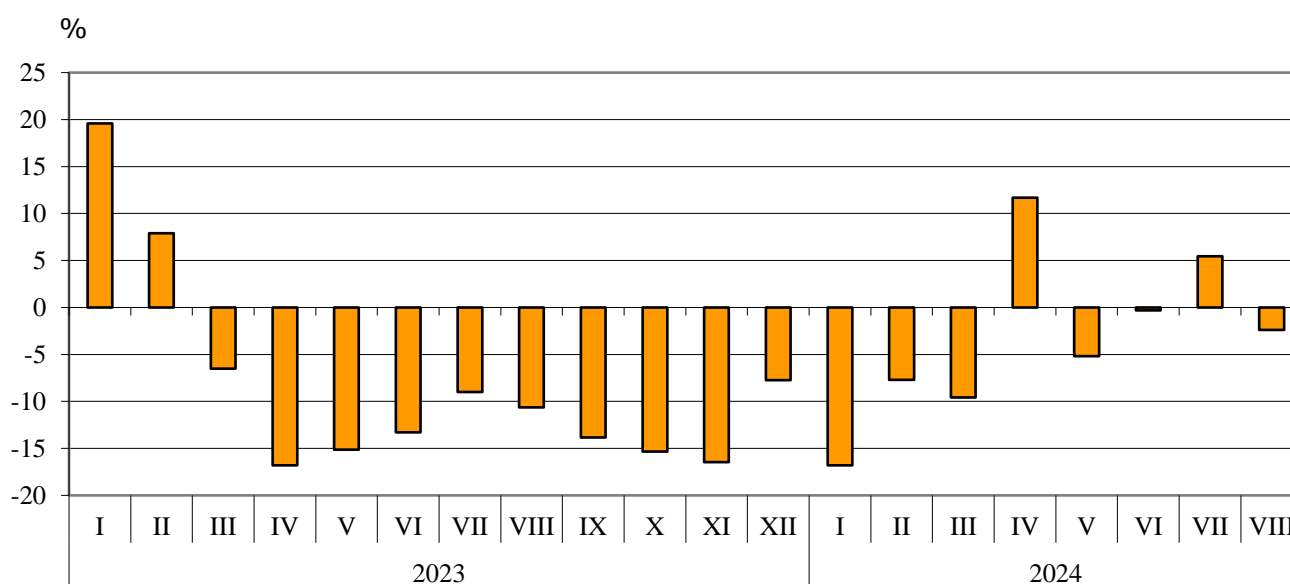
**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2024**

(PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 3.4% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 36 269.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.3% 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' (36.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Food and live animals' (18.0%).

In **August 2024**, the exports to the EU decreased by 2.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 286.5 million BGN.

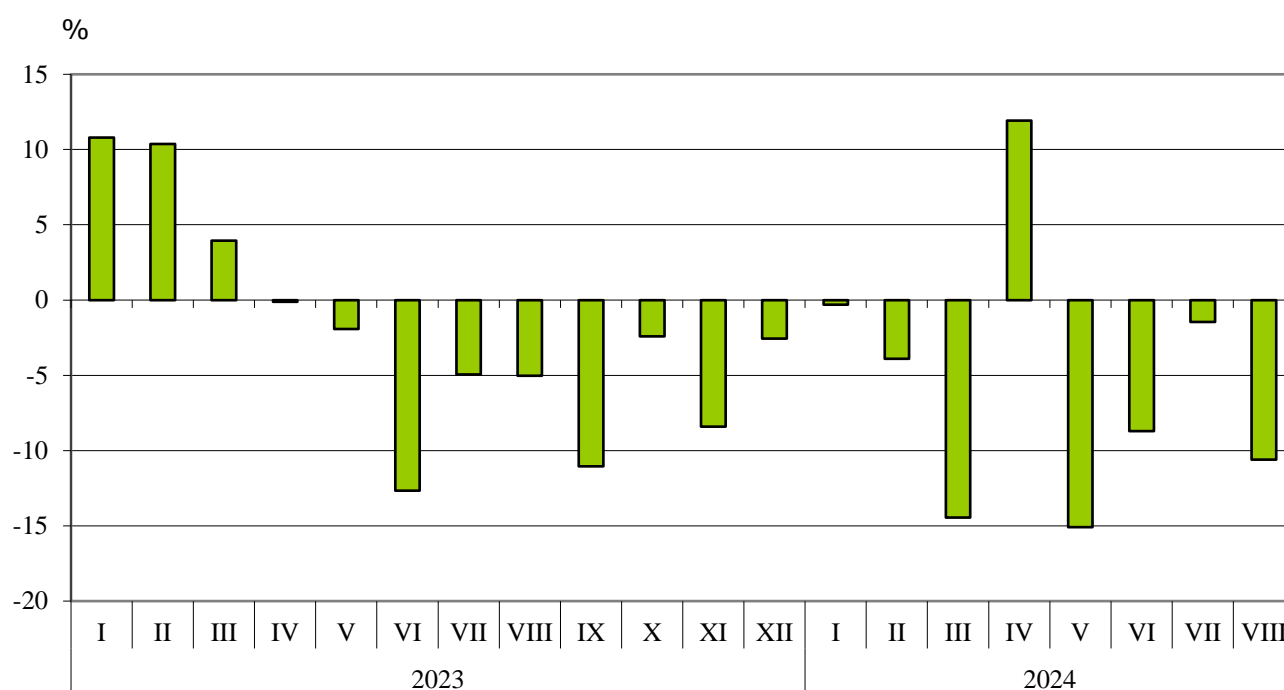
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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - August 2024** decreased by 5.6% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 36 374.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were 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' (42.9%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (12.3%).

In **August 2024**, the imports from the EU decreased by 10.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 011.0 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - August 2024** was negative and added up to 105.7 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 - August 2023 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	7370.6	4932.1	2438.5	8138.6	4578.7	3559.9	-768.0	353.4	-1121.4
II.2023	7126.4	4609.7	2516.7	8115.4	4846.0	3269.4	-989.0	-236.3	-752.7
III.2023	7970.4	5072.6	2897.8	8646.9	5487.6	3159.3	-676.5	-415.0	-261.5
I - III.2023	22467.4	14614.4	7853.0	24900.9	14912.3	9988.6	-2433.5	-297.9	-2135.6
IV.2023	6732.9	4277.6	2455.3	7394.4	4566.0	2828.4	-661.5	-288.4	-373.1
V.2023	7359.2	4738.3	2620.9	8145.2	4973.5	3171.7	-786.0	-235.2	-550.8
VI.2023	7314.1	4729.1	2585.0	7929.2	4851.3	3077.9	-615.1	-122.2	-492.9
IV - VI.2023	21406.2	13745.0	7661.2	23468.8	14390.8	9078.0	-2062.6	-645.8	-1416.8
I - VI.2023	43873.6	28359.4	15514.2	48369.7	29303.1	19066.6	-4496.1	-943.7	-3552.4
VII.2023	7317.5	4792.5	2525.0	7888.6	4754.4	3134.2	-571.1	38.1	-609.2
VIII.2023	6962.2	4391.7	2570.5	7856.5	4486.2	3370.3	-894.3	-94.5	-799.8
I - VIII.2023	58153.3	37543.6	20609.7	64114.8	38543.7	25571.1	-5961.5	-1000.1	-4961.4
I.2024	6360.6	4104.2	2256.4	7494.4	4565.1	2929.3	-1133.8	-460.9	-672.9
II.2024	6697.8	4255.1	2442.7	7659.9	4657.0	3002.9	-962.1	-401.9	-560.2
III.2024	7305.7	4586.2	2719.5	8201.6	4694.3	3507.3	-895.9	-108.1	-787.8
I - III.2024	20364.1	12945.5	7418.6	23355.9	13916.4	9439.5	-2991.8	-970.9	-2020.9
IV.2024	7431.5	4777.4	2654.1	8575.3	5110.0	3465.3	-1143.8	-332.6	-811.2
V.2024	6744.9	4492.2	2252.7	7914.6	4223.4	3691.2	-1169.7	268.8	-1438.5
VI.2024	7282.2	4714.4	2567.8	7913.2	4428.4	3484.8	-631.0	286.0	-917.0
IV - VI.2024	21458.6	13984.0	7474.6	24403.1	13761.8	10641.3	-2944.5	222.2	-3166.7
I - VI.2024	41822.7	26929.5	14893.2	47759.0	27678.2	20080.8	-5936.3	-748.7	-5187.6
VII.2024	7861.9	5053.0	2808.9	8649.7	4685.5	3964.2	-787.8	367.5	-1155.3
VIII.2024	6826.6	4286.5	2540.1	7618.9	4011.0	3607.9	-792.3	275.5	-1067.8
I - VIII.2024	56511.2	36269.0	20242.2	64027.6	36374.7	27652.9	-7516.4	-105.7	-7410.7

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 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	-13.7	-16.8	-7.5	-7.9	-0.3	-17.7
II	-6.0	-7.7	-2.9	-5.6	-3.9	-8.2
III	-8.3	-9.6	-6.2	-5.1	-14.5	11.0
I - III	-9.4	-11.4	-5.5	-6.2	-6.7	-5.5
IV	10.4	11.7	8.1	16.0	11.9	22.5
V	-8.3	-5.2	-14.0	-2.8	-15.1	16.4
VI	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-8.7	13.2
IV - VI	0.2	1.7	-2.4	4.0	-4.4	17.2
I - VI	-4.7	-5.0	-4.0	-1.3	-5.5	5.3
VII	7.4	5.4	11.2	9.6	-1.4	26.5
VIII	-1.9	-2.4	-1.2	-3.0	-10.6	7.0
I - VIII	-2.8	-3.4	-1.8	-0.1	-5.6	8.1

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**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
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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 - August 2023 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	58153.3	56511.2	-2.8	64114.8	64027.6	-0.1	-5961.5	-7516.4
EU	37543.6	36269.0	-3.4	38543.7	36374.7	-5.6	-1000.1	-105.7
Austria	1233.7	859.4	-30.3	1687.4	1556.8	-7.7	-453.7	-697.4
Belgium	1673.0	1337.5	-20.1	1441.0	1283.5	-10.9	232.0	54.0
Croatia	434.1	691.2	59.2	167.0	208.1	24.6	267.1	483.1
Cyprus	184.7	168.3	-8.9	86.3	79.0	-8.5	98.4	89.3
Czechia	1102.2	1057.3	-4.1	1738.4	1603.4	-7.8	-636.2	-546.1
Denmark	285.4	254.8	-10.7	451.7	314.2	-30.4	-166.3	-59.4
Estonia	93.0	48.6	-47.7	151.4	229.6	51.7	-58.4	-181.0
Finland	124.0	109.1	-12.0	170.5	159.7	-6.3	-46.5	-50.6
France	1923.9	1947.4	1.2	1734.5	1526.7	-12.0	189.4	420.7
Germany	8026.7	8643.7	7.7	8051.0	7304.3	-9.3	-24.3	1339.4
Greece	3236.5	2928.6	-9.5	2906.5	2830.4	-2.6	330.0	98.2
Hungary	745.1	794.8	6.7	2269.7	2167.6	-4.5	-1524.6	-1372.8
Ireland	176.5	177.0	0.3	259.6	278.8	7.4	-83.1	-101.8
Italy	4423.0	4042.6	-8.6	4355.3	3841.4	-11.8	67.7	201.2
Latvia	76.0	59.9	-21.2	54.3	61.5	13.3	21.7	-1.6
Lithuania	164.7	135.4	-17.8	156.1	177.6	13.8	8.6	-42.2
Luxembourg	20.8	21.2	1.9	46.3	49.1	6.0	-25.5	-27.9
Malta	27.2	23.8	-12.5	21.0	14.9	-29.0	6.2	8.9
Netherlands	1202.4	989.5	-17.7	2709.9	2339.1	-13.7	-1507.5	-1349.6
Poland	1398.7	1444.3	3.3	2529.6	2332.9	-7.8	-1130.9	-888.6
Portugal	176.7	174.0	-1.5	144.0	154.5	7.3	32.7	19.5
Romania	5427.5	5021.9	-7.5	4126.7	4501.6	9.1	1300.8	520.3
Slovakia	691.4	596.6	-13.7	745.3	805.8	8.1	-53.9	-209.2
Slovenia	336.4	323.0	-4.0	596.5	640.7	7.4	-260.1	-317.7
Spain	1644.5	1123.7	-31.7	1191.4	1137.4	-4.5	453.1	-13.7
Sweden	535.4	489.0	-8.7	498.1	410.5	-17.6	37.3	78.5
Not specified	2180.1	2806.4	28.7	254.2	365.6	43.8	1925.9	2440.8

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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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 - August 2023 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	20609.7	20242.2	-1.8	25571.1	27652.9	8.1	-4961.4	-7410.7
CIS ³	1244.8	1212.2	-2.6	4562.7	2901.4	-36.4	-3317.9	-1689.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	110.2	114.7	4.1	7.8	1274.6	16241.0	102.4	-1159.9
Russian Federation	674.5	460.5	-31.7	3969.9	1010.7	-74.5	-3295.4	-550.2
OECD ⁴	7732.8	7703.8	-0.4	8649.1	9689.6	12.0	-916.3	-1985.8
of which:								
Canada	184.7	193.6	4.8	195.7	153.1	-21.8	-11.0	40.5
Chile	21.3	29.8	39.9	245.1	354.0	44.4	-223.8	-324.2
Israel	325.1	216.4	-33.4	187.5	84.2	-55.1	137.6	132.2
Japan	93.1	102.4	10.0	269.9	207.3	-23.2	-176.8	-104.9
Korea, Republic of	318.7	273.1	-14.3	255.7	320.8	25.5	63.0	-47.7
Türkiye	3376.5	3714.2	10.0	5354.3	6137.2	14.6	-1977.8	-2423.0
United Kingdom ⁵	1143.8	989.9	-13.5	514.7	578.7	12.4	629.1	411.2
United States	1472.2	1362.4	-7.5	836.6	561.6	-32.9	635.6	800.8

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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

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner
countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2023 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	555.9	579.0	4.2	632.0	1176.0	86.1	-76.1	-597.0
of which:								
Norway	86.9	81.7	-6.0	108.2	613.9	467.4	-21.3	-532.2
Switzerland	465.0	492.6	5.9	518.8	560.0	7.9	-53.8	-67.4

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

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countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2023 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	172.2	388.1	125.4	61.9	61.8	-0.2	110.3	326.3
Algeria	826.3	592.6	-28.3	93.2	61.2	-34.3	733.1	531.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	121.8	113.5	-6.8	71.0	80.1	12.8	50.8	33.4
Brazil	57.7	51.6	-10.6	402.0	631.5	57.1	-344.3	-579.9
China	1281.1	1000.2	-21.9	3697.3	3354.4	-9.3	-2416.2	-2354.2
Egypt	789.1	988.3	25.2	474.0	1571.9	231.6	315.1	-583.6
Georgia	271.3	448.3	65.2	356.0	185.8	-47.8	-84.7	262.5
India	293.4	193.0	-34.2	353.6	303.5	-14.2	-60.2	-110.5
Indonesia	229.5	102.2	-55.5	403.7	740.3	83.4	-174.2	-638.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	151.2	188.4	24.6	68.4	84.6	23.7	82.8	103.8
Peru	36.3	11.9	-67.2	223.6	380.6	70.2	-187.3	-368.7
Republic of North Macedonia	1112.6	1084.6	-2.5	625.8	715.3	14.3	486.8	369.3
Serbia	1240.4	1317.9	6.2	1497.8	1417.0	-5.4	-257.4	-99.1
Singapore	41.7	44.3	6.2	57.5	27.5	-52.2	-15.8	16.8
South Africa	178.5	158.9	-11.0	141.2	37.1	-73.7	37.3	121.8
Taiwan	196.6	50.1	-74.5	224.2	177.8	-20.7	-27.6	-127.7
Tunisia	174.1	172.7	-0.8	29.0	112.4	287.6	145.1	60.3
Ukraine	1244.7	811.0	-34.8	1253.6	1547.9	23.5	-8.9	-736.9
United Arab Emirates	223.1	188.7	-15.4	70.0	51.8	-26.0	153.1	136.9
Viet Nam	76.0	78.1	2.8	214.0	273.8	27.9	-138.0	-195.7

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - August 2023 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	58153.3	56511.2	-2.8	64114.8	64027.6	-0.1	-5961.5	-7516.4
of which: EU	37543.6	36269.0	-3.4	38543.7	36374.7	-5.6	-1000.1	-105.7
Food and live animals	7454.5	6351.0	-14.8	5319.8	5537.6	4.1	2134.7	813.4
of which: EU	3883.3	3185.5	-18.0	3988.5	4074.5	2.2	-105.2	-889.0
Beverages and tobacco	490.4	466.5	-4.9	1099.3	1231.8	12.1	-608.9	-765.3
of which: EU	298.6	285.4	-4.4	849.8	990.1	16.5	-551.2	-704.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3456.2	3209.2	-7.1	4615.0	5514.5	19.5	-1158.8	-2305.3
of which: EU	2113.0	1783.0	-15.6	1330.2	1363.8	2.5	782.8	419.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4338.1	4869.5	12.2	6685.0	8316.4	24.4	-2346.9	-3446.9
of which: EU	1180.3	1606.3	36.1	1011.4	1445.2	42.9	168.9	161.1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1138.7	871.5	-23.5	600.4	685.6	14.2	538.3	185.9
of which: EU	506.6	452.3	-10.7	277.6	297.9	7.3	229.0	154.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	6262.6	5953.8	-4.9	8916.7	8574.0	-3.8	-2654.1	-2620.2
of which: EU	3868.3	3313.4	-14.3	6581.0	6077.4	-7.7	-2712.7	-2764.0

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Table 4 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - August 2023 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	11743.1	12545.0	6.8	10589.4	9845.9	-7.0	1153.7	2699.1
of which: EU	8721.8	9299.0	6.6	5732.0	5027.5	-12.3	2989.8	4271.5
Machinery and transport equipment	13898.3	13182.5	-5.2	20515.8	18316.1	-10.7	-6617.5	-5133.6
of which: EU	10076.7	9256.6	-8.1	14825.6	13207.8	-10.9	-4748.9	-3951.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8975.4	8950.1	-0.3	5698.6	5738.2	0.7	3276.8	3211.9
of which: EU	6860.5	7066.6	3.0	3887.3	3683.8	-5.2	2973.2	3382.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	396.0	112.1	-71.7	74.8	267.5	257.6	321.2	-155.4
of which: EU	34.5	20.9	-39.4	60.3	206.7	242.8	-25.8	-185.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 11, 2024.

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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.

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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.