



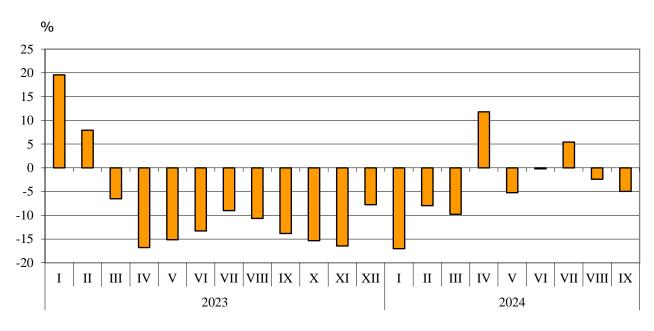
### TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2024

#### (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2024, the exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 3.6% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 40 590.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

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





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' (30.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Food and live animals' (16.7%).

In **September 2024,** the exports to the EU decreased by 5.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 350.9 million BGN.

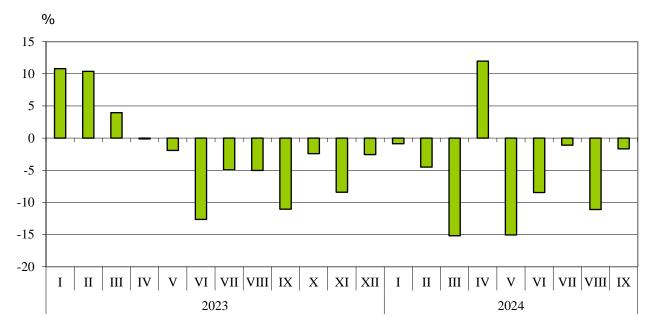
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - September 2024** decreased by 5.4% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 40 817.6 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and the Poland (Annex, Table 3).

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





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' (70.9%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (13.0%).

In **September 2024,** the imports from the EU decreased by 1.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 528.8 million BGN.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January - September 2024 was negative and added up to 227.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<a href="http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StFOreignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StFOreignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StAtistics/StExternalSector/StFOreignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StAtistics/StExternalSector/StFOreignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang="EN">http://bnb.bg/StFTImports/index.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

#### **ANNEX**

Table 1

#### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2023 and 20241 by months

(Million BGN)

Months/	Exports - FOB			In	nports - CII	=2	Trade balance - FOB/CIF			
Periods	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	
IX.2023	7329.5	4578.3	2751.2	7926.2	4605.7	3320.5	-596.7	-27.4	-569.3	
VII - IX.2023	21609.2	13762.5	7846.7	23671.3	13846.3	9825.0	-2062.1	-83.8	-1978.3	
I - IX.2023	65482.8	42121.9	23360.9	72041.0	43149.4	28891.6	-6558.2	-1027.5	-5530.7	
I.2024	6362.2	4091.2	2271.0	7422.2	4538.7	2883.5	-1060.0	-447.5	-612.5	
II.2024	6693.3	4242.2	2451.1	7588.1	4628.1	2960.0	-894.8	-385.9	-508.9	
III.2024	7301.1	4576.8	2724.3	8123.7	4653.6	3470.1	-822.6	-76.8	-745.8	
I - III.2024	20356.6	12910.2	7446.4	23134.0	13820.4	9313.6	-2777.4	-910.2	-1867.2	
IV.2024	7456.8	4781.3	2675.5	8571.9	5113.1	3458.8	-1115.1	-331.8	-783.3	
V.2024	6808.6	4490.7	2317.9	7862.1	4224.1	3638.0	-1053.5	266.6	-1320.1	
VI.2024	7375.5	4718.3	2657.2	7875.6	4440.3	3435.3	-500.1	278.0	-778.1	
IV - VI.2024	21640.9	13990.3	7650.6	24309.6	13777.5	10532.1	-2668.7	212.8	-2881.5	
I - VI.2024	41997.5	26900.5	15097.0	47443.6	27597.9	19845.7	-5446.1	-697.4	-4748.7	
VII.2024	7942.1	5052.1	2890.0	8631.2	4702.5	3928.7	-689.1	349.6	-1038.7	
VIII.2024	6884.7	4286.8	2597.9	7560.6	3988.4	3572.2	-675.9	298.4	-974.3	
IX.2024	6679.1	4350.9	2328.2	7910.5	4528.8	3381.7	-1231.4	-177.9	-1053.5	
VII - IX.2024	21505.9	13689.8	7816.1	24102.3	13219.7	10882.6	-2596.4	470.1	-3066.5	
I - IX.2024	63503.4	40590.3	22913.1	71545.9	40817.6	30728.3	-8042.5	-227.3	-7815.2	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 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 - September 2024 $^{\rm 1}$ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months		Exports - FO	В	Imports - CIF				
Months/ Periods	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU		
I	-13.7	-17.0	-6.9	-8.8	-0.9	-19.0		
II	-6.1	-8.0	-2.6	-6.5	-4.5	-9.5		
III	-8.4	-9.8	-6.0	-6.1	-15.2	9.8		
I - III	-9.4	-11.7	-5.2	-7.1	-7.3	-6.8		
IV	10.8	11.8	9.0	15.9	12.0	22.3		
V	-7.5	-5.2	-11.6	-3.5	-15.1	14.7		
VI	0.8	-0.2	2.8	-0.7	-8.5	11.6		
IV - VI	1.1	1.8	-0.1	3.6	-4.3	16.0		
I - VI	-4.3	-5.1	-2.7	-1.9	-5.8	4.1		
VII	8.5	5.4	14.5	9.4	-1.1	25.3		
VIII	-1.1	-2.4	1.1	-3.8	-11.1	6.0		
IX	-8.9	-5.0	-15.4	-0.2	-1.7	1.8		
VII - IX	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	1.8	-4.5	10.8		
I - IX	-3.0	-3.6	-1.9	-0.7	-5.4	6.4		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

Table 3 Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries  $^1$  of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2023 and 2024 $^2$ 

	E	Exports - FO	ОВ	,	Imports - Cl	Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
Countries	2023	2024	Change compared to	2023 2024		Change compared to	2023	2024
of countries	<b>9</b> .		the same period of the previous year - %	Million	ı BGN	the same period of the previous year - %	Million	BGN
Total	65482.8	63503.4	-3.0	72041.0	71545.9	-0.7	-6558.2	-8042.5
EU	42121.9	40590.3	-3.6	43149.4	40817.6	-5.4	-1027.5	-227.3
Austria	1400.7	975.3	-30.4	1897.1	1755.4	-7.5	-496.4	-780.1
Belgium	1976.5	1425.1	-27.9	1603.6	1426.3	-11.1	372.9	-1.2
Croatia	484.1	755.0	56.0	185.7	236.6	27.4	298.4	518.4
Cyprus	208.4	189.7	-9.0	96.6	99.9	3.4	111.8	89.8
Czechia	1232.2	1194.3	-3.1	1938.7	1770.6	-8.7	-706.5	-576.3
Denmark	315.6	280.2	-11.2	483.2	346.9	-28.2	-167.6	-66.7
Estonia	106.8	52.7	-50.7	162.1	248.9	53.5	-55.3	-196.2
Finland	143.5	123.2	-14.1	188.2	175.6	-6.7	-44.7	-52.4
France	2146.5	2161.7	0.7	1932.6	1680.8	-13.0	213.9	480.9
Germany	9045.6	9685.8	7.1	8974.2	8215.0	-8.5	71.4	1470.8
Greece	3611.6	3292.8	-8.8	3211.1	3471.3	8.1	400.5	-178.5
Hungary	835.9	888.3	6.3	2554.9	2421.8	-5.2	-1719.0	-1533.5
Ireland	195.0	195.2	0.1	293.2	317.9	8.4	-98.2	-122.7
Italy	4907.2	4467.6	-9.0	4859.6	4174.7	-14.1	47.6	292.9
Latvia	83.3	68.2	-18.1	61.3	66.5	8.5	22.0	1.7
Lithuania	181.7	152.8	-15.9	178.3	199.3	11.8	3.4	-46.5
Luxembourg	22.9	23.2	1.3	51.6	56.7	9.9	-28.7	-33.5
Malta	30.3	26.5	-12.5	24.0	15.4	-35.8	6.3	11.1
Netherlands	1341.6	1098.2	-18.1	3057.1	2559.5	-16.3	-1715.5	-1461.3
Poland	1546.8	1615.7	4.5	2826.6	2641.2	-6.6	-1279.8	-1025.5
Portugal	189.0	189.8	0.4	161.2	165.9	2.9	27.8	23.9
Romania	6091.2	5659.2	-7.1	4706.3	5110.5	8.6	1384.9	548.7
Slovakia	771.1	678.3	-12.0	846.1	903.8	6.8	-75.0	-225.5
Slovenia	371.9	378.6	1.8	657.4	696.2	5.9	-285.5	-317.6
Spain	1823.4	1263.0	-30.7	1335.2	1241.1	-7.0	488.2	21.9
Sweden	588.0	545.0	-7.3	574.9	442.6	-23.0	13.1	102.4
Not specified	2471.1	3204.9	29.7	288.6	377.2	30.7	2182.5	2827.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Partner country:

<sup>-</sup> In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

<sup>-</sup> In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

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 2023 and 2024<sup>2</sup>

(Continued)

		Exports - F	ЮВ		Imports -	Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
Countries and groups	2023	2024	Change compared to	2023	2024	Change compared to	2023	2024
of countries	Million BGN		the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	23360.9	22913.1	-1.9	28891.6	30728.3	6.4	-5530.7	-7815.2
CIS <sup>3</sup>	1393.0	1381.4	-0.8	5522.1	2916.6	-47.2	-4129.1	-1535.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	122.6	132.6	8.2	11.5	1572.9	13577.4	111.1	-1440.3
Russian Federation	752.3	530.2	-29.5	4854.9	1058.6	-78.2	-4102.6	-528.4
OECD <sup>4</sup>	8635.8	8880.8	2.8	9516.7	10949.2	15.1	-880.9	-2068.4
of which:								
Canada	230.6	212.5	-7.8	205.0	236.8	15.5	25.6	-24.3
Chile	22.8	32.2	41.2	246.3	443.0	79.9	-223.5	-410.8
Israel	346.6	239.6	-30.9	198.7	97.4	-51.0	147.9	142.2
Japan	137.3	119.0	-13.3	293.2	237.6	-19.0	-155.9	-118.6
Korea, Republic of	356.4	286.5	-19.6	284.7	353.2	24.1	71.7	-66.7
Türkiye	3720.6	4378.0	17.7	5942.2	6809.7	14.6	-2221.6	-2431.7
United Kingdom⁵	1273.3	1121.3	-11.9	574.1	648.1	12.9	699.2	473.2
United States	1645.0	1569.7	-4.6	889.5	644.6	-27.5	755.5	925.1

Partner country:

<sup>-</sup> In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

<sup>-</sup> In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

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

#### 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 2023 and 2024<sup>2</sup>

#### (Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB				Imports -	Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	2023	2024	Change compared to the	2023	2024	Change compared to the	2023	2024
	Million BGN		same period of		on BGN	same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
EFTA <sup>3</sup>	623.7	645.9	3.6	697.5	1349.8	93.5	-73.8	-703.9
of which:								
Norway	96.6	89.7	-7.1	118.2	712.5	502.8	-21.6	-622.8
Switzerland	521.8	550.7	5.5	574.2	635.1	10.6	-52.4	-84.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</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 2023 and 2024<sup>2</sup>

(Continued and end)

	E	xports - F	ОВ	]	Imports -	Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
Companies and amount of	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024
Countries and groups of countries	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Countries not								
included								
in the upper groups								
Albania	191.9	462.1	140.8	67.5	65.7	-2.7	124.4	396.4
Algeria	885.1	715.9	-19.1	124.3	76.0	-38.9	760.8	639.9
Bosnia and								
Herzegovina	137.8	130.3	-5.4	85.7	84.7	-1.2	52.1	45.6
Brazil	62.7	71.7	14.4	412.9	697.1	68.8	-350.2	-625.4
China	1465.1	1106.8	-24.5	4129.4	3883.6	-6.0	-2664.3	-2776.8
Egypt	1040.0	1063.3	2.2	513.8	1597.4	210.9	526.2	-534.1
Georgia	319.9	511.0	59.7	435.7	251.1	-42.4	-115.8	259.9
India	316.8	221.3	-30.1	390.0	345.2	-11.5	-73.2	-123.9
Indonesia	324.4	126.3	-61.1	473.1	808.1	70.8	-148.7	-681.8
Iran, Islamic Republic								
of	170.6	201.7	18.2	75.6	95.1	25.8	95.0	106.6
Peru	40.2	19.5	-51.5	307.9	457.2	48.5	-267.7	-437.7
Republic of North								
Macedonia	1225.5	1212.5	-1.1	690.3	794.6	15.1	535.2	417.9
Serbia	1392.6	1456.4	4.6	1666.7	1595.4	-4.3	-274.1	-139.0
Singapore	141.6	52.4	-63.0	62.4	30.4	-51.3	79.2	22.0
South Africa	185.1	170.7	-7.8	179.0	40.2	-77.5	6.1	130.5
Taiwan	210.5	65.6	-68.8	245.3	197.0	-19.7	-34.8	-131.4
Tunisia	188.3	199.1	5.7	31.8	115.1	261.9	156.5	84.0
Ukraine	1392.2	925.1	-33.6	1415.1	1726.9	22.0	-22.9	-801.8
United Arab Emirates	274.2	213.3	-22.2	75.3	57.7	-23.4	198.9	155.6
Viet Nam	87.2	84.7	-2.9	230.1	316.6	37.6	-142.9	-231.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Partner country:

<sup>-</sup> In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

<sup>-</sup> In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

Table 4 Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4, in the period January - September 2023 and  $2024^1$ 

	E	xports - FC	ЭВ	]	mports - C	Trade balance - FOB/CIF			
	2023	2023 2024		2023	2024	Change	2023	2024	
Sections by SITC	Million BGN		compared to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		compared to the same period of the previous year - %		Million BGN	
Total	65482.8	63503.4	-3.0	72041.0	71545.9	-0.7	-6558.2	-8042.5	
of which: EU	42121.9	40590.3	-3.6	43149.4	40817.6	-5.4	-1027.5	-227.3	
Food and live animals	8459.4	7257.1	-14.2	6011.1	6273.2	4.4	2448.3	983.9	
of which: EU	4364.3	3635.7	-16.7	4497.5	4622.0	2.8	-133.2	-986.3	
Beverages and tobacco	551.6	535.7	-2.9	1240.2	1367.7	10.3	-688.6	-832.0	
of which: EU	330.7	316.6	-4.3	960.7	1099.1	14.4	-630.0	-782.5	
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3914.3	3618.9	-7.5	5227.5	6342.4	21.3	-1313.2	-2723.5	
of which: EU	2403.9	2022.1	-15.9	1525.0	1627.1	6.7	878.9	395.0	
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5002.7	5359.2	7.1	7779.8	9109.0	17.1	-2777.1	-3749.8	
of which: EU	1357.8	1772.3	30.5	1119.9	1913.7	70.9	237.9	-141.4	
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1270.2	950.0	-25.2	688.0	785.9	14.2	582.2	164.1	
of which: EU	573.4	511.0	-10.9	313.6	338.5	7.9	259.8	172.5	
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	7016.7	6706.3	-4.4	9999.1	9454.4	-5.4	-2982.4	-2748.1	
of which: EU	4329.6	3692.6	-14.7	7352.0	6691.2	-9.0	-3022.4	-2998.6	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

Table 44

## Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4, in the period January - September 2023 and 2024<sup>1</sup>

(Continued and end)

	Exports - FOB				Imports - 0	Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	2023	2024	Chamas	2023 2024		Change	2023	2024
Sections by SITC	Million BGN		Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13298.9	14106.9	6.1	11752. 6	10906.5	-7.2	1546.3	3200.4
of which: EU	9790.6	10311.5	5.3	6335.6	5510.7	-13.0	3455.0	4800.8
Machinery and transport equipment	15523.2	14761.5	-4.9	22814. 1	20487.6	-10.2	- 7290.9	-5726.1
of which: EU	11221.7	10362.4	-7.7	16568. 4	14622.0	-11.7	- 5346.7	-4259.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	10018.5	10081.0	0.6	6443.8	6510.5	1.0		3570.5
of which: EU	7707.8	7944.1	3.1	4406.8	4160.8	-5.6	3301.0	3783.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	427.3	126.8	-70.3	84.8	308.7	264.0	342.5	-181.9
of which: EU	42.1	22.0	-47.7	69.9	232.5	232.6	-27.8	-210.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2024.

#### **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.