

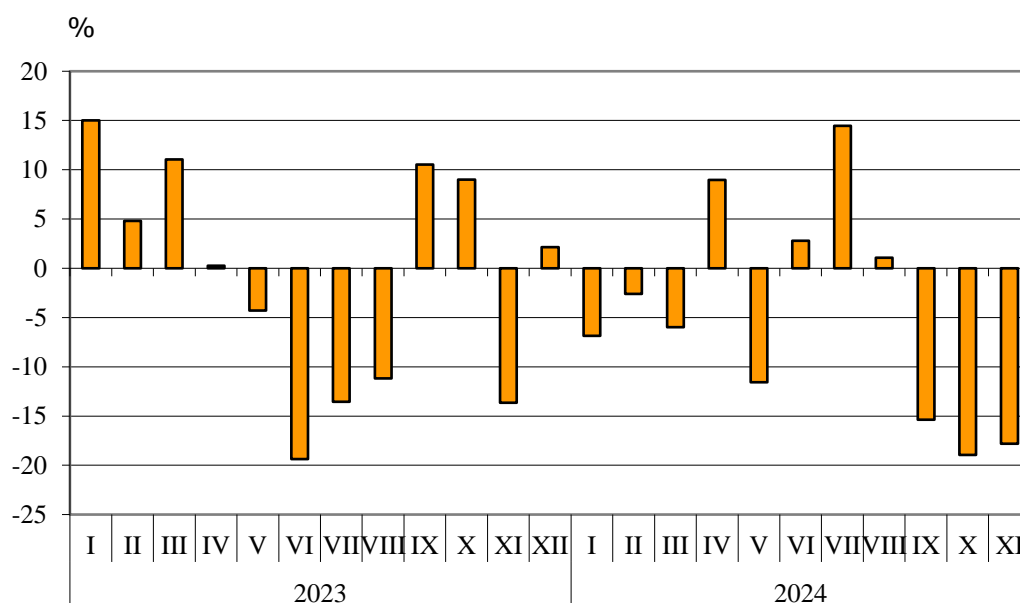


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - November 2024, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 5.2% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 27 664.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom, China and Egypt, which accounted for 52.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In November 2024 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 17.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 231.8 million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 section 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (10.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.3%).

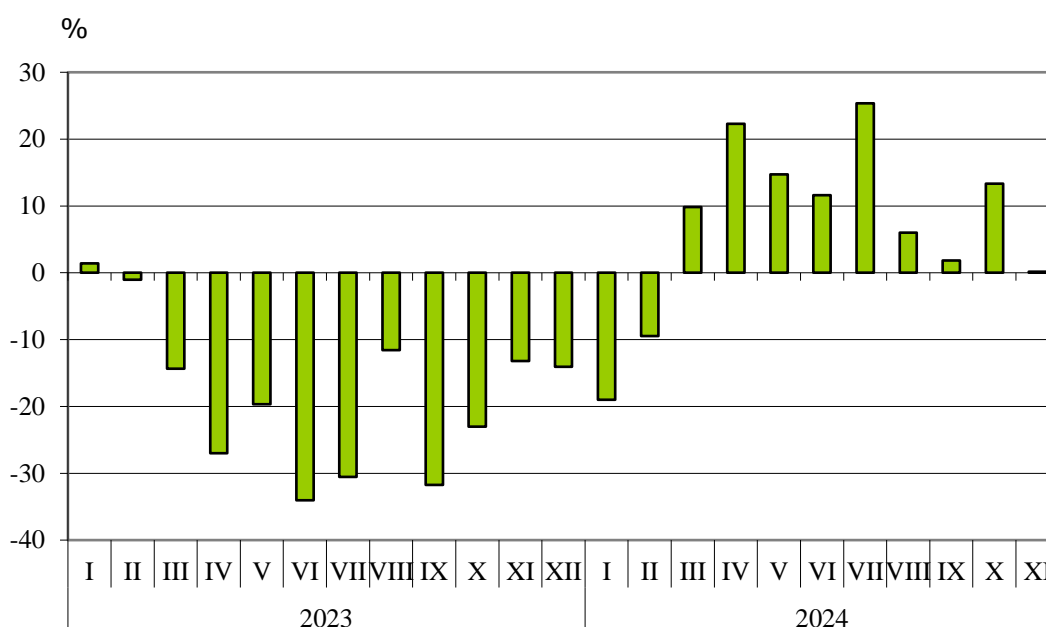
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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in the period **January - November 2024** increased by 6.4% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 38 230.4 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Ukraine and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In November 2024 the imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** increased by 0.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 526.8 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (26.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (3.5%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - November 2024** was negative and added up to 10 565.8 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>.
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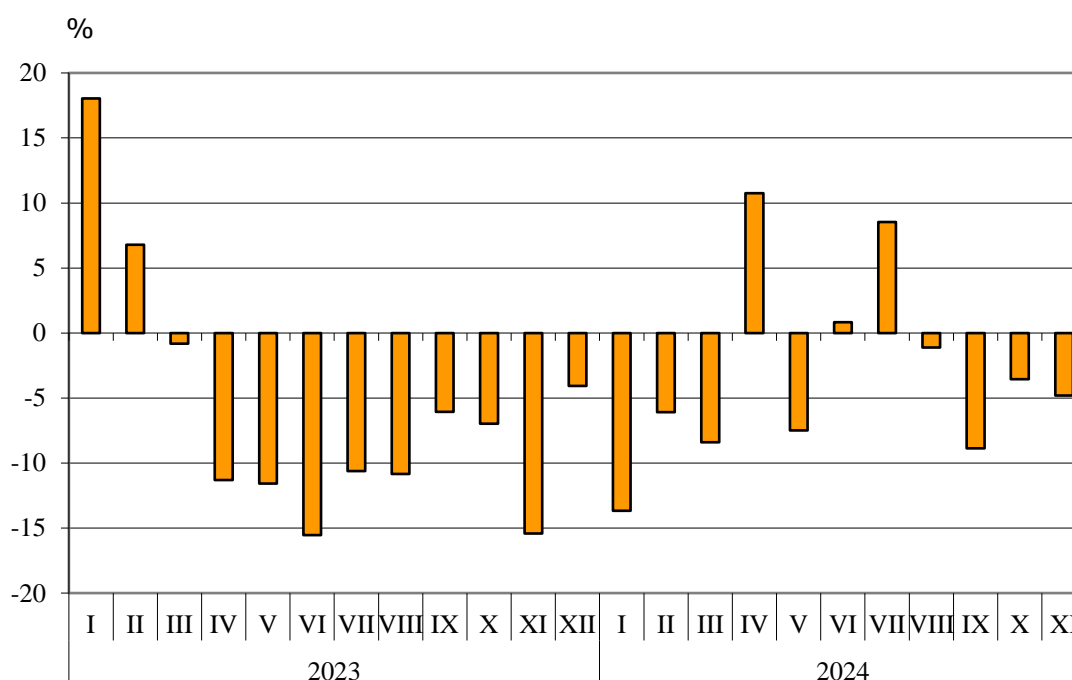
In November 2024 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 295.0 million BGN.

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

In the period January - November 2024, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 77 837.9 million BGN, which is 3.2% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In November 2024 the total exports of goods added up to 6 891.2 million BGN and decreased by 4.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



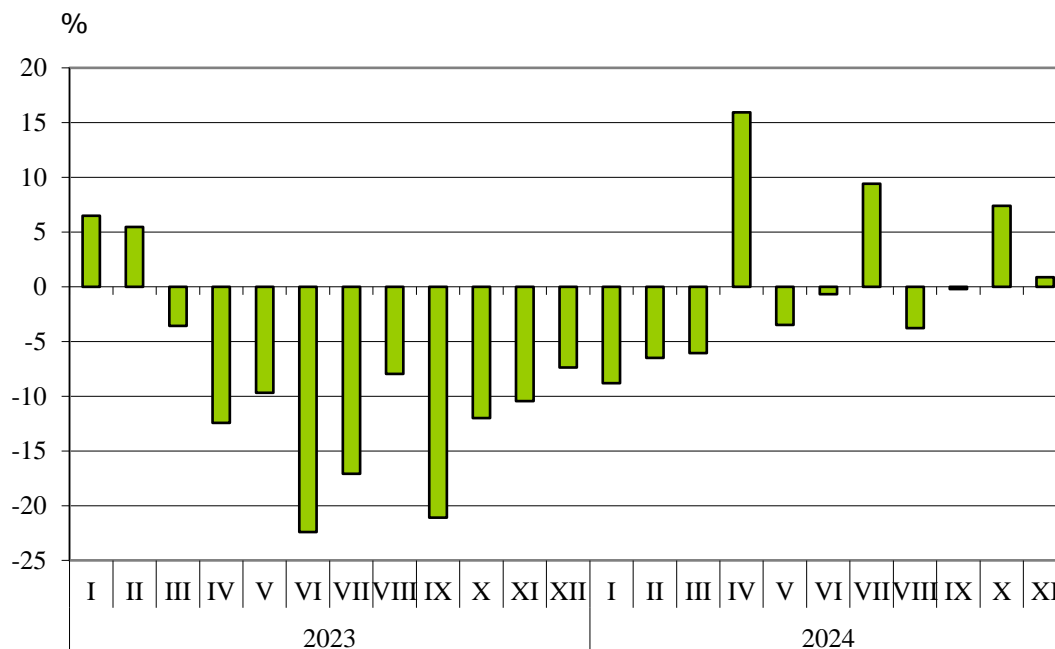
The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - November 2024** amounted to 89 505.3 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 0.2% more than the same period of 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In November 2024 the total imports of goods increased by 0.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 675.9 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - November 2024** and amounted to 11 667.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In November 2024 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 784.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - November 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
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
X.2023	7718.1	4609.9	3108.2	8643.9	5135.6	3508.3	-925.8	-525.7	-400.1
XI.2023	7239.8	4524.2	2715.6	8600.9	5080.3	3520.6	-1361.1	-556.1	-805.0
I - XI.2023	80440.7	51256.0	29184.7	89285.8	53365.3	35920.5	-8845.1	-2109.3	-6735.8
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
X.2024	7443.3	4923.6	2519.7	9283.5	5308.2	3975.3	-1840.2	-384.6	-1455.6
XI.2024	6891.2	4659.4	2231.8	8675.9	5149.1	3526.8	-1784.7	-489.7	-1295.0
I - XI.2024	77837.9	50173.3	27664.6	89505.3	51274.9	38230.4	-11667.4	-1101.6	-10565.8

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the
period January - November 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	-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
X	-3.6	6.8	-18.9	7.4	3.4	13.3
XI	-4.8	3.0	-17.8	0.9	1.4	0.2
I - XI	-3.2	-2.1	-5.2	0.2	-3.9	6.4

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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period January - November 2023 and 2024²

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	
Third countries -total	29184.7	27664.6	-5.2	35920.5	38230.4	6.4	-6735.8	-10565.8
of which:								
Albania	238.8	511.0	114.0	82.2	85.9	4.5	156.6	425.1
Algeria	986.1	940.5	-4.6	129.3	78.8	-39.1	856.8	861.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	173.1	161.2	-6.9	101.9	97.9	-3.9	71.2	63.3
Brazil	82.8	88.6	7.0	616.5	983.0	59.4	-533.7	-894.4
Canada	265.3	237.7	-10.4	302.7	270.5	-10.6	-37.4	-32.8
Chile	25.7	36.0	40.1	297.4	573.8	92.9	-271.7	-537.8
China	1928.9	1345.2	-30.3	4894.1	4985.6	1.9	-2965.2	-3640.4
Egypt	1276.6	1239.7	-2.9	691.4	1800.8	160.5	585.2	-561.1
Georgia	501.3	687.1	37.1	551.8	353.0	-36.0	-50.5	334.1
Gibraltar	336.2	970.4	188.6	0.1	0.3	200.0	336.1	970.1
India	407.8	292.7	-28.2	454.3	442.4	-2.6	-46.5	-149.7
Indonesia	505.6	161.3	-68.1	718.2	949.0	32.1	-212.6	-787.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	219.2	241.6	10.2	102.0	113.6	11.4	117.2	128.0
Israel	392.5	280.9	-28.4	227.6	127.0	-44.2	164.9	153.9
Japan	162.4	147.8	-9.0	350.5	295.2	-15.8	-188.1	-147.4
Kazakhstan	155.5	163.5	5.1	15.5	1973.8	12634.2	140.0	-1810.3
Korea, Republic of	403.1	304.9	-24.4	341.1	409.0	19.9	62.0	-104.1
Libya	261.1	72.8	-72.1	3.8	567.8	14842.1	257.3	-495.0
Morocco	327.8	376.1	14.7	162.8	233.6	43.5	165.0	142.5
Namibia	101.6	7.5	-92.6	8.5	185.2	2078.8	93.1	-177.7
Norway	122.5	115.4	-5.8	236.2	816.8	245.8	-113.7	-701.4
Peru	49.1	22.1	-55.0	367.3	592.8	61.4	-318.2	-570.7
Republic of North Macedonia	1580.3	1441.7	-8.8	925.5	966.2	4.4	654.8	475.5
Russian Federation	918.9	659.4	-28.2	6101.0	1159.4	-81.0	-5182.1	-500.0
Serbia	1744.1	1771.4	1.6	2106.1	2002.6	-4.9	-362.0	-231.2
Singapore	262.9	64.7	-75.4	69.6	39.5	-43.2	193.3	25.2
South Africa	230.1	221.9	-3.6	186.1	48.2	-74.1	44.0	173.7
Switzerland	625.0	699.0	11.8	700.3	777.9	11.1	-75.3	-78.9
Taiwan	252.0	78.0	-69.0	289.6	239.1	-17.4	-37.6	-161.1
Tunisia	219.7	217.0	-1.2	68.0	154.1	126.6	151.7	62.9
Turkey	4583.7	5237.8	14.3	7360.2	8555.0	16.2	-2776.5	-3317.2
Ukraine	1574.1	1108.0	-29.6	1747.7	2068.4	18.3	-173.6	-960.4
United Arab Emirates	323.1	263.7	-18.4	94.5	135.5	43.4	228.6	128.2
United Kingdom ³	1527.5	1382.7	-9.5	722.1	866.7	20.0	805.4	516.0
United States	2003.3	1992.1	-0.6	1022.3	776.0	-24.1	981.0	1216.1
Viet Nam	101.8	103.1	1.3	271.6	377.0	38.8	-169.8	-273.9

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

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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 - November 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	
Third countries - total	29184.7	27664.6	-5.2	35920.5	38230.4	6.4	-6735.8	-10565.8
Food and live animals	5099.0	4339.4	-14.9	1892.9	2109.5	11.4	3206.1	2229.9
Beverages and tobacco	279.5	284.5	1.8	330.2	325.8	-1.3	-50.7	-41.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1934.2	1959.0	1.3	4789.5	6070.1	26.7	-2855.3	-4111.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4554.6	4067.1	-10.7	8437.4	8633.8	2.3	-3882.8	-4566.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	835.6	498.7	-40.3	439.0	534.1	21.7	396.6	-35.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3298.7	3657.2	10.9	3208.0	3343.1	4.2	90.7	314.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4430.5	4603.1	3.9	6655.7	6720.1	1.0	-2225.2	-2117.0
Machinery and transport equipment	5391.5	5391.8	0.0	7599.4	7333.1	-3.5	-2207.9	-1941.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2958.3	2714.9	-8.2	2549.8	3058.3	19.9	408.5	-343.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	402.8	148.9	-63.0	18.6	102.5	451.1	384.2	46.4

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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 October 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 statistics of international trade in goods, 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.