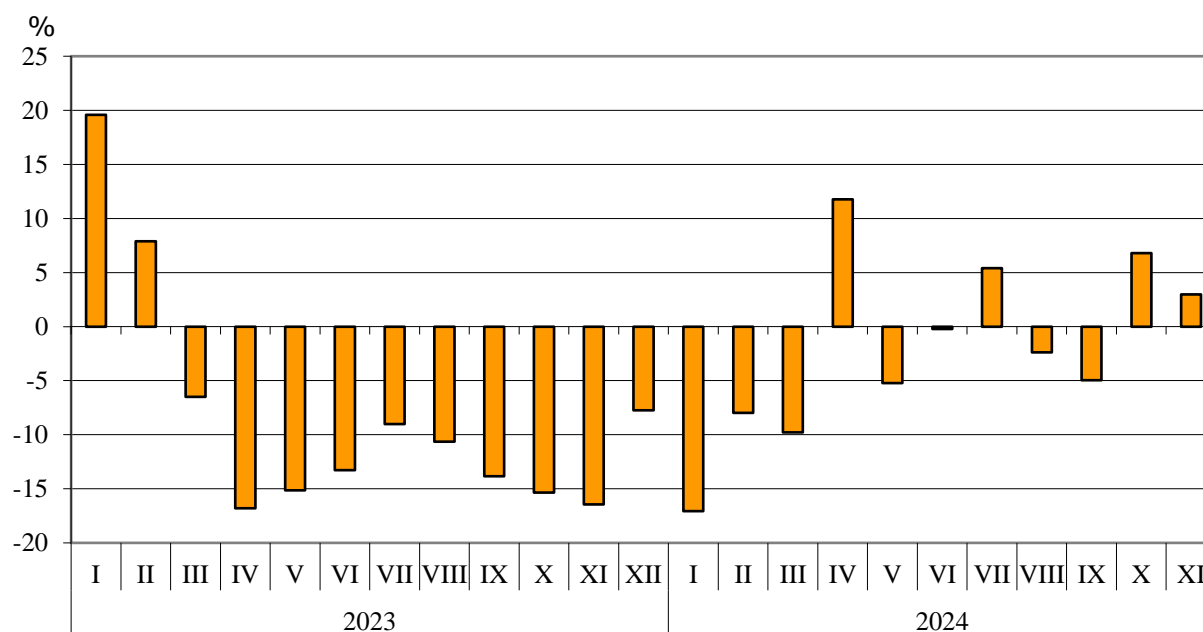




**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - November 2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria to the **EU** decreased by 2.1% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 50 173.3 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 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' (26.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (19.5%).

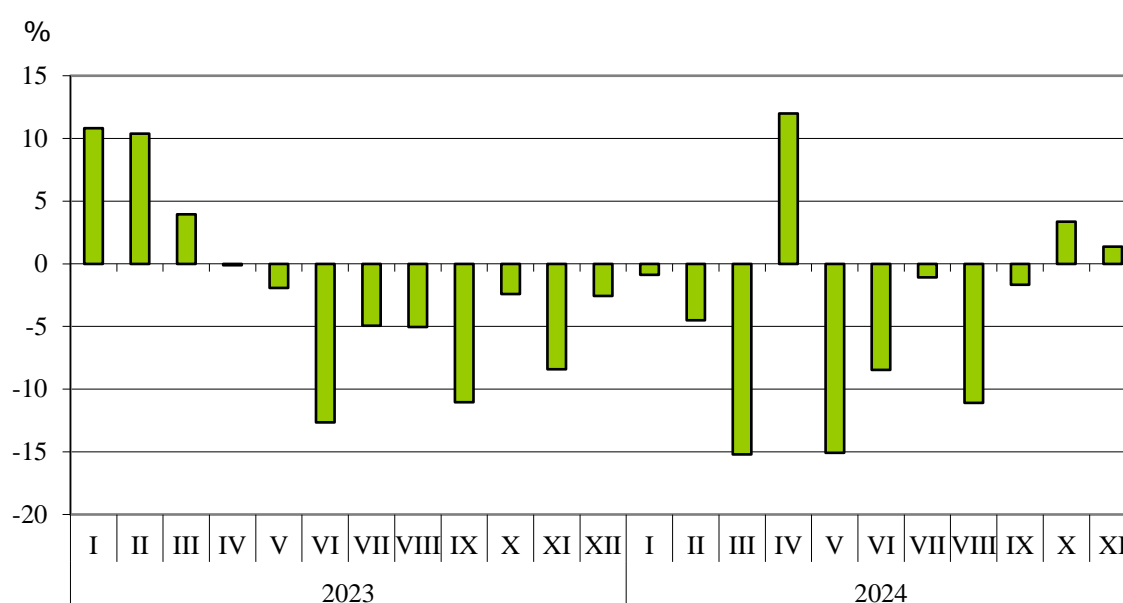
In **November 2024**, the exports to the EU increased by 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 659.4 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - November 2024** decreased by 3.9% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and amounted to 51 274.9 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 Poland (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' (74.9%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (11.1%).

In **November 2024**, the imports from the EU increased by 1.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 5 149.1 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - November 2024** was negative and added up to 1 101.6 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 - 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

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>).

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

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

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD
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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 - November 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	80440.7	77837.9	-3.2	89285.8	89505.3	0.2	-8845.1	-11667.4
EU	51256.0	50173.3	-2.1	53365.3	51274.9	-3.9	-2109.3	-1101.6
Austria	1684.6	1232.8	-26.8	2376.0	2201.0	-7.4	-691.4	-968.2
Belgium	2514.3	1617.4	-35.7	1985.8	1795.5	-9.6	528.5	-178.1
Croatia	584.1	923.8	58.2	232.1	300.7	29.6	352.0	623.1
Cyprus	253.7	238.9	-5.8	113.4	159.8	40.9	140.3	79.1
Czechia	1533.2	1484.7	-3.2	2418.9	2209.0	-8.7	-885.7	-724.3
Denmark	372.8	361.6	-3.0	578.5	452.6	-21.8	-205.7	-91.0
Estonia	128.3	69.3	-46.0	181.4	371.2	104.6	-53.1	-301.9
Finland	178.0	156.5	-12.1	234.4	216.0	-7.8	-56.4	-59.5
France	2653.6	2646.8	-0.3	2390.4	2084.8	-12.8	263.2	562.0
Germany	10991.1	12077.4	9.9	11087.6	10317.1	-6.9	-96.5	1760.3
Greece	4448.8	4074.0	-8.4	3933.4	4418.4	12.3	515.4	-344.4
Hungary	1030.7	1091.6	5.9	3132.2	3063.0	-2.2	-2101.5	-1971.4
Ireland	237.9	237.2	-0.3	353.8	403.4	14.0	-115.9	-166.2
Italy	5835.7	5470.5	-6.3	5978.9	5149.9	-13.9	-143.2	320.6
Latvia	103.6	87.3	-15.7	77.9	80.6	3.5	25.7	6.7
Lithuania	220.0	190.1	-13.6	230.7	246.2	6.7	-10.7	-56.1
Luxembourg	28.2	26.6	-5.7	62.6	67.1	7.2	-34.4	-40.5
Malta	36.3	32.1	-11.6	26.0	18.3	-29.6	10.3	13.8
Netherlands	1625.6	1389.3	-14.5	3672.4	3317.5	-9.7	-2046.8	-1928.2
Poland	1904.9	2021.8	6.1	3486.2	3368.6	-3.4	-1581.3	-1346.8
Portugal	226.8	226.1	-0.3	195.6	194.0	-0.8	31.2	32.1
Romania	7426.9	6933.1	-6.6	5958.5	6421.8	7.8	1468.4	511.3
Slovakia	948.7	836.8	-11.8	1074.2	1091.6	1.6	-125.5	-254.8
Slovenia	446.0	470.7	5.5	814.3	840.9	3.3	-368.3	-370.2
Spain	2172.7	1553.6	-28.5	1700.7	1539.7	-9.5	472.0	13.9
Sweden	725.6	671.6	-7.4	727.5	538.7	-26.0	-1.9	132.9
Not specified	2943.9	4051.7	37.6	341.9	407.5	19.2	2602.0	3644.2

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.

² Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

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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 - November 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	29184.7	27664.6	-5.2	35920.5	38230.4	6.4	-6735.8	-10565.8
CIS ³	1748.9	1699.7	-2.8	6949.7	3503.6	-49.6	-5200.8	-1803.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	155.5	163.5	5.1	15.5	1973.8	12634.2	140.0	-1810.3
Russian Federation	918.9	659.4	-28.2	6101.0	1159.4	-81.0	-5182.1	-500.0
OECD ⁴	10462.8	10767.4	2.9	11817.5	13634.5	15.4	-1354.7	-2867.1
of which:								
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
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
Korea, Republic of	403.1	304.9	-24.4	341.1	409.0	19.9	62.0	-104.1
Türkiye	4583.7	5237.8	14.3	7360.2	8555.0	16.2	-2776.5	-3317.2
United Kingdom ⁵	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

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

² Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

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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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	753.9	820.8	8.9	942.0	1597.5	69.6	-188.1	-776.7
of which:								
Norway	122.5	115.4	-5.8	236.2	816.8	245.8	-113.7	-701.4
Switzerland	625.0	699.0	11.8	700.3	777.9	11.1	-75.3	-78.9

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.

² Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

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

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(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 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	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
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
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
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
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
Taiwan ³	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
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
Viet Nam	94.2	93.3	-1.0	253.8	351.5	38.5	-159.6	-258.2

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

³ Separate territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria 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	
Total	80440.7	77837.9	-3.2	89285.8	89505.3	0.2	-8845.1	-11667.4
of which: EU	51256.0	50173.3	-2.1	53365.3	51274.9	-3.9	-2109.3	-1101.6
Food and live animals	10424.8	9018.0	-13.5	7608.3	8006.6	5.2	2816.5	1011.4
of which: EU	5325.8	4678.7	-12.2	5715.4	5897.1	3.2	-389.6	-1218.4
Beverages and tobacco	681.0	677.1	-0.6	1554.2	1714.5	10.3	-873.2	-1037.4
of which: EU	401.5	392.5	-2.2	1223.9	1388.7	13.5	-822.4	-996.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	4854.7	4467.2	-8.0	6714.6	8167.8	21.6	-1859.9	-3700.6
of which: EU	2920.6	2508.2	-14.1	1925.1	2097.7	9.0	995.5	410.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	6216.6	6167.1	-0.8	9810.6	11036.0	12.5	-3594.0	-4868.9
of which: EU	1662.0	2100.0	26.4	1373.2	2402.3	74.9	288.8	-302.3
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1569.4	1089.7	-30.6	825.6	949.6	15.0	743.8	140.1
of which: EU	733.8	591.0	-19.5	386.6	415.5	7.5	347.2	175.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	8490.4	8177.8	-3.7	12200.2	11664.9	-4.4	-3709.8	-3487.1
of which: EU	5191.7	4520.6	-12.9	8992.2	8321.8	-7.5	-3800.5	-3801.2

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - November 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	16360.3	17191.4	5.1	14392.6	13596.3	-5.5	1967.7	3595.1
of which: EU	11929.7	12588.4	5.5	7737.0	6876.2	-11.1	4192.7	5712.2
Machinery and transport equipment	19064.9	18189.2	-4.6	27999.8	25575.7	-8.7	-8934.9	-7386.5
of which: EU	13673.4	12797.3	-6.4	20400.4	18242.5	-10.6	-6727.0	-5445.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12322.0	12685.1	2.9	8076.3	8332.1	3.2	4245.7	4353.0
of which: EU	9363.7	9970.2	6.5	5526.5	5273.8	-4.6	3837.2	4696.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	456.6	175.3	-61.6	103.6	461.8	345.8	353.0	-286.5
of which: EU	53.8	26.4	-50.9	85.0	359.3	322.7	-31.2	-332.9

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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

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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.